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PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING, RETURN & REASSIGNMENT OF RECOVERED PERSONNEL (EXTRA CY)



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## SECTION I

### INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this letter is to establish operating procedures for processing and disposition of Recovered United States military personnel; and War Department civilian employees, which will be uniform throughout the Army, and to define the responsibilities of all concerned in connection therewith. Basic WD policies as originally published on 3 October 1944 and 19 February 1945 on which these procedures are based remain unchanged. This document consolidates all existing operating directives on this subject and is the only document now in effect governing such procedures. Comments, and suggestions for improvement of this letter should be forwarded to The Adjutant General, Attention: SFGAM.

#### 2. Definition of terms used.

- a. The term "recovered personnel" where used in this letter is an all inclusive expression which includes all former prisoners of war regardless of the manner in which they return to United States military control and all evaders and internees.
- b. Prisoner of war installation.--Any enclosure, stockade, camp, or hospital utilized for the purpose of maintaining prisoners of war in custody or under control.
- c. Prisoner of war.--A member of the armed forces who is captured by the forces or people of an opposing belligerent.
- d. Liberated prisoner of war.--Any prisoner of war who is released from captivity by action of United States or allied forces.

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- e. Escaper.--Any person who, having once been taken prisoner, frees himself from enemy custody.
- f. Repatriated prisoner of war.--Any United States prisoner of war returned to the United States as a result of a simultaneous exchange through diplomatic channels.
- g. Evader.--Any person serving with or accompanying the armed forces who, while involuntarily in enemy or enemy controlled territory, avoids detection and capture by the enemy.
- h. Internee.--A member of the military forces who falls into the hands of a neutral power and is retained in the custody of that power, or a War Department civilian who falls into the hands of an enemy power and is retained in the custody of that power.
- i. United States port.--Any water port or port of aerial embarkation at which recovered personnel arrive in the United States.

## SECTION II

### DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

3. All United States military agencies, including military representatives in neutral countries, will make every effort to assist in the recovery of American personnel detained as prisoners of war, evaders, escapers, or internees, and to return them to United States military control at the earliest practicable moment.

4. Enemy prisoner of war camps located in areas that come under the control of United States forces will be examined for records pertaining to American personnel who may have been in custody therein. An intensive search will also be made to discover American personnel who may be confined elsewhere (e.g., under sentence of enemy civil or military courts) and to secure all records pertaining to them. All records, when found, will be secured, and the records or duly authenticated copies thereof promptly forwarded to The Provost Marshal General, Washington, D. C. Arrangements will be made for the exchange of data concerning American and Allied prisoners of war between the appropriate United States and Allied Headquarters concerned.

5. The commanding general each theater of operations, and the chief of each United States military mission are charged with the responsibility of establishing appropriate procedures, in cooperation with local Allied military authorities where necessary for orientation, feeding, housing, clothing, administering and disposing of recovered personnel. Contact teams should be set up to initiate these measures at the earliest possible moment. Theater commanders will effect necessary coordination with each other and with any other United States Theater commanders of military agencies necessary in the discharge of such responsibility and will prevent overlapping of processing. Direct communication between commands in interest is authorized for that purpose. They will also keep the War Department currently informed.



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6. The Commanding General each theater of operations will establish such procedures as may be necessary to insure that:

a. Five copies of complete rosters of all recovered personnel are forwarded by air courier to The Adjutant General, Attention: Casualty Branch, in time to arrive at least ten days prior to the arrival in the United States of those recovered personnel traveling by water. For recovered personnel traveling by air the rosters will be transmitted by radio three days prior to departure whenever possible or at the earliest possible moment and will include estimated time of departure and estimated time of arrival.

b. Orders, records, correspondence, and communications pertaining to recovered personnel are clearly marked to identify each individual by project group. See paragraphs 16, 17 and 18.

c. Recovered personnel are processed with respect to personnel records, individual clothing and equipment, partial or complete payment, hospitalization, and rehabilitation as indicated herein.

d. Necessary transportation is arranged by air or water for movement of recovered personnel to the United States.

e. Necessary travel orders are issued for movement to the United States.

f. Processing as set forth in Section IV of this letter is accomplished.

7. The Commanding General, Army Service Forces is charged with:

a. The administration and processing of all recovered personnel from the time they return to the United States until they receive their new assignment, or are otherwise disposed of, except that personnel arriving by air do not come under the control of the Commanding General, Army Service Forces until delivered to the debarkation hospital or reception station as appropriate in the case.

b. The establishment and operation of such rehabilitation programs as may be necessary to handle all recovered personnel except Army Air Forces.

c. Coordination of policies and procedures pertaining to the processing and disposition of recovered United States military personnel.

8. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces is charged with rehabilitation, reassignment and utilization or disposition of recovered Army Air Forces personnel.

9. The Commanding Officers of United States Ports will:

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- a. Receive recovered personnel in accordance with the provisions of this letter and extend appropriate ceremony of welcome.
- b. Accomplish minimum processing as set forth in Section VIII or deliver to debarkation hospitals as indicated herein.
- c. Forward personnel to such installations as are indicated herein according to status and category.
- d. Furnish reports on the arrival and departure of recovered personnel as indicated herein.
- e. Be responsible for compliance with security regulations.
- f. Insure that all individuals comply with United States border clearance requirements.
- g. Accomplish necessary indorsement of orders to forward personnel to proper station.
- h. Arrange for messing, billeting, and local transportation where required; arrange for transportation to new station and issue Government transportation requests when necessary.
- i. Notify the proper hospital or Reception Station as soon as possible after the arrival of recovered personnel, by telephone, telegraph, or teletype of the shipment of groups or individuals by the United States port, indicating approximate time and means of arrival, and number of officer and enlisted personnel being shipped.

10. Commanding Officers of Debarkation Hospitals will:

- a. Receive recovered personnel from United States port of entry.
- b. Accomplish physical examination adequate to determine immediate disposition of personnel involved.
- c. Accomplish initial processing as set forth in Section VIII.
- d. Accomplish complete processing as set forth in Section IX for personnel remaining at the Debarkation Hospital 15 days or longer.
- e. Forward personnel to appropriate reception station or hospital of definitive treatment.

11. Commanding Officers of Reception Stations will:

- a. Receive recovered personnel from Debarkation Hospitals, hospitals of definitive treatment, or from United States ports of entry.
- b. Accomplish processing as indicated in Section IX.

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c. Forward personnel to Redistribution Stations with authorized delay en route or temporary duty for rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery at leave or furlough address when appropriate, in accordance with provisions of this letter.

d. Accomplish personal affairs processing.

12. Commanding Officers of Hospitals of definitive treatment will:

a. Receive recovered personnel from debarkation or other hospitals.

b. Accomplish necessary definitive treatment.

c. Accomplish complete processing as set forth in Section IX.

d. Forward personnel to Reception Station for transfer to Redistribution Station with delay or temporary duty en route as may be appropriate, or make such other disposition of subject personnel as may be required.

e. Accomplish personal affairs processing.

f. Be responsible for preparation of claims for lost personal property. See Section III.

13. Commanding Officers of Redistribution Stations will:

a. Receive recovered personnel from temporary duty, leave or furlough.

b. Accomplish final processing including personal affairs and preparation of records prior to reassignment.

c. Provide appropriate assignment as directed or authorized.

d. Provide facilities to accommodate guests except at post type redistribution stations. (Not more than 2 each for Project J personnel; not more than 1 each for all others.) (Expenses at Redistribution Station to be borne by the individual.)

e. Forward recovered personnel to station of assignment, or to hospital for further treatment.

f. Be responsible for preparation of claims for lost personal property. See Section III.

14. Casualty Branch, AGO, is designated as the clearing house for all matters pertaining to recovered personnel. Responsibilities of Casualty Branch in this respect include:

a. Receipt and rerouting of correspondence pertaining to recovered personnel on which action cannot be taken by The Adjutant General.

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b. Notification.

- (1) Immediate dispatch of one (1) copy of complete roster of recovered personnel (Par. 6 a) to The Office of Special Settlement Accounts, 27 Pine Street, New York 5, New York.
- (2) Prompt notification of other interested agencies as to the impending arrival and actual arrival of all groups or individuals.

c. Project P personnel.

- (1) Receive from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, War Department General Staff, the final roster of the repatriated American prisoners of War embarking upon a designated vessel, including the information as to the number of ambulatory and litter patients and the type of case so far as practicable.
- (2) Receive from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, and from the theater commander by radio, the identity of repatriated personnel, if any, selected for return by aircraft from a designated point to the continental limits of the United States, the place and estimated time of departure and the place and estimated time of arrival within the continental limits; information as to the number of ambulatory and litter cases and the type of case so far as practicable.
- (3) Receive from the Chief of Transportation the name of the vessel and the time and place of arrival.
- (4) Dispatch to the emergency addressee an appropriate telegram (the opening phrase to be "The Chief of Staff of the Army directs me to advise you ---") advising of the return. This telegram will state that The Quartermaster General will take steps to return any personal effects of the recovered person, now in his possession without action on the part of the addressee. The emergency Addressee will be invited to send a twenty-five word message at Government expense, for attempted delivery to the recovered person when and if the vessel docks at a foreign port en route to the United States. The Adjutant General (Casualty Branch) upon receipt of such message from the emergency addressee, will dispatch such message for delivery if possible. No message from emergency addressee will be invited if the recovered person is to be returned to the United States by air.

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- (5) Furnish to the War Department Bureau of Public Relations and to The Provost Marshal General copies of the telegrams to the emergency addressees, immediately after dispatch has been completed.
  - (6) Make prompt notification to all interested War Department agencies of the list of repatriated personnel together with the time and place of arrival.
  - (7) Upon telephone advice from the Commanding Officer of a U.S. Port of the non-arrival of any of the listed personnel, immediately notify the emergency addressee of such non-arrival and that further information will be furnished upon its receipt.
  - (8) Secure, by radio, from the theater commander the reason for the non-embarkation of such personnel referred to in (7) above. Upon receipt thereof furnish the appropriate information to the emergency addressee.
- d. Project J personnel.

- (1) Receive from the theater commander, by officer courier, the passenger list by vessel, of such personnel including name, grade, serial number and arm or branch of service; the port and estimated time of departure, showing whether or not such personnel, who are entitled thereto, have received their one grade promotion. For that personnel who have been selected for return by air such information will be furnished by the theater commander, prior to departure, by radio. Such message will also furnish the place and estimated time of departure and the estimated time of arrival.
- (2) Receive from the Chief of Transportation the name of the vessel and the time and place of arrival.
- (3) Will carry out the same procedures as shown in paragraph (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) above except that in the telegram to the emergency addressee no reference will be made to the Quartermaster General.

e. Project R personnel.

Will carry out the procedures shown in paragraph d (1), (2) and (3) above with the further exception that in the telegram to the emergency addressee the twenty-five word message will not be invited.

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SECTION III

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15. For ease of identification of recovered personnel and to facilitate their reassignment in accordance with priorities and restrictions applicable to those classes of personnel there are established three distinct groups as indicated in paragraphs 16, 17 and 18.

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16. Project "J". This group includes only those United States military personnel who served with the armed forces on Wake, Guam, Netherlands East Indies, or in the Philippines, prior to May 1942 (Philippines surrender), and who were captured by the Japanese or evaded capture. Upon their return to United States military control, Project "J" personnel will be given special consideration and handled in accordance with the following:

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a. As soon as possible after return to United States military control all such individuals will be returned to the continental United States, unless the individual affirmatively elects in writing to remain in the overseas theater and the theater commander approves. An exception will be made in the case of persons native to the Philippines and whose homes are in the Philippine or Hawaiian Islands. Persons who never resided in the United States will not be sent to the United States for processing without prior approval of the War Department. Persons whose homes are in the Philippine or Hawaiian Islands may be processed there and will be granted so much of the privileges and benefits outlined herein as may be available in the area concerned. For the purpose of reassignment of such individuals the requirement of one year's service in the United States is waived.

b. Each officer below the grade of Colonel and each enlisted man below the grade of Master Sergeant will be promoted one grade above that held at the time of the 1942 surrender, upon his return to military control. This will be accomplished at earliest practicable date after arrival in the continental United States, if such action has not already been taken in the overseas theater. Enlisted promotions will be grade rather than technician promotions. Promotions will be without regard to position vacancies.

c. Enlisted men who have not received a one grade promotion prior to arrival in the United States will be promoted by the Commanding Officer of the Debarkation Hospital if OSSA records are available and such action is indicated. Specialist ratings will be converted in accordance with table shown in paragraph 10 d (4), AR 600-750 and promotion made accordingly. In the event OSSA records are not available at Debarkation Hospital promotion will be made by installation making final payment.

d. Immediately upon arrival at a Debarkation Hospital officers will be queried as to last promotion (and date of rank) and any other pertinent data regarding his status and qualifications for further promotion. This information will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, Attention: Officer's Branch, giving date of last promotion and Special Order number if possible. Upon receipt by

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The Adjutant General promotion will be made immediately if such action is warranted as indicated by officer's file and the Special Order and paragraph number sent to hospital by TWX. Actual orders will be mailed as soon as possible.

e. A 90-day period of temporary duty for purpose of rehabilitation, recuperation, and recovery will be granted by Reception Station commanders upon completion of hospitalization. A period of temporary duty not in excess of 10 days at home for purpose of rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery may be granted by Debarcation Hospital commanders while patient is enroute to a hospital of definitive treatment if the physical condition of the patient permits. Upon final completion of hospitalization individuals will be ordered to a Reception Station and orders will be issued by Reception Station commander as indicated above. Final period of temporary duty will be reduced by the number of days originally granted between debarcation hospital and hospital of definitive treatment.

f. Such individuals will be processed through Redistribution Stations of Army Air Forces if Army Air Forces personnel otherwise through Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Stations. In cases where the Reception Station to which an individual is sent has allotments from more than one Redistribution Station the individual may choose any one of the stations having such an allotment. They will be permitted to take their wife, or parents or emergency addressee (not to exceed two) with them if they desire, and invitational travel orders will be issued to such persons by the reception station.

g. When it is necessary to hospitalize such individuals away from the immediate vicinity of their homes, invitational travel orders for one visit may be issued to next of kin or emergency addressee, to visit these personnel.

h. Except when ordered to Washington for temporary duty at the direction of the War Department, these personnel will be ordered to Reception Stations in accordance with existing procedures governing the return of individuals from overseas.

i. The orders of all Project J personnel who have not been processed in accordance with the above will be amended to provide the benefits and privileges specified herein unless the individual elects to forego the additional items and so states in writing. Reception Stations and Redistribution Stations and all commanding officers will screen all records to insure that this is done.

17. a. Project "p". This group includes all protected personnel and all sick and wounded prisoners of war, repatriated as a result of special negotiations and special repatriation procedures.

b. All Project P personnel will be returned to the United States and processed as generally provided for Project R (see paragraph 18 below) except that no personnel in Project P will be assigned to duty in an active theater outside continental United States during the course of the present war.

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18. a. Project "R". This group includes all recovered personnel other than project J and project P.

b. Project R personnel eligible for return to the United States (see paragraph 20) will be returned as generally provided in Section V. All project R personnel returned to the United States will be accorded treatment as follows:

- (1) Upon arrival in the United States and completion of processing as set forth in Section IX each such individual will be granted 60 days temporary duty at his home for rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery, with orders to report to a designated redistribution station upon expiration thereof.
- (2) Upon reporting to the redistribution station any individual found not physically qualified for duty will be hospitalized and given such treatment, sick leave, or convalescent furlough as may be necessary to effect proper disposition.
- (3) Personnel physically fit for duty will be processed for reassignment in accordance with current instructions and requirements (see also paragraph 80.1).

c. An exception to b(1) above will be made in the case of project R patients who will be given such treatment and hospitalization as may be necessary (including sick leave or convalescent furlough where appropriate) prior to being processed as indicated in b above. See paragraph 83.

18.1. So much of any orders issued prior to 2 June 1945 which granted leave to officers in projects R or P, except leave in the interest of the public service, is amended to authorize TDY for RR&R. (Reference: WD letter, AG 210.711 (25 Jul 45) OB-S-SFGAM-M, 7 August 1945, Subject: Amendment of Leave Orders of Recovered Personnel, Projects "P" and "R".)

18.2. a. Promotion of Personnel of Projects P & R--Reference is made to paragraph 4d(5), Change 2, AR 605-12; paragraph 11c, Change 2, AR 610-15; and paragraph 1e, Change 6, AR 615-5. All projects P and R personnel except those in the grade of colonel will make an official statement or be interviewed in order to secure information for consideration by the appropriate appointing or promoting authority in determining qualifications for an immediate one grade advancement of those individuals who presumably would have been advanced in grade but for their loss to U. S. military control. The attached WD AGO Form R5072 (see Appendix 11)\* will be used in preparation of statements or reports of interview. Local reproduction of this form is authorized. This statement or report of interview with the required inclosures will be the principal basis for initiating consideration of each individual case and must be prepared carefully and in detail.

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(1) For those individuals returned as patients--The interview will be conducted and the form prepared at the hospital of definitive treatment. Except for personnel of the Army Air Forces, the personal affairs officer on duty at the hospital will conduct the interview and prepare the form and other necessary supporting documents. The Army Air Forces Liaison Officer assigned to the installation will perform these functions for personnel of the Army Air Forces.

(2) For personnel not returned as patients--Copies of the attached form and full instructions will be made available to such personnel at ports and reception stations upon their return to the United States. These statements will be prepared and signed by each individual and mailed to the Army Ground and Service Forces or Army Air Forces Redistribution Stations to which they are ordered prior to return to duty status. In the event that a statement has not been accomplished or is not satisfactory or complete (and cannot be completed by correspondence) an interview will be conducted when the individual reports to the redistribution station upon completion of his period of temporary duty. Statements or reports of interview and other necessary supporting documents will be prepared by redistribution stations and carefully processed as below. For instructions governing the interrogation of escapees, evaders, and internees see paragraph 77.1 and directions on WD AGO Form R5072 (Appendix 11).

b. Eligibility. Enlisted personnel below the first grade included in one of the categories listed in paragraph 1e, AR 615-5 (C6, 23 May 1945), may be promoted one grade provided:

(1) There is a reasonable presumption that they would have been so promoted at some prior date but for their loss to United States military control.

(2) The circumstances surrounding loss to United States military control were honorable.

(3) The enlisted person concerned has not been promoted subsequent to his return to United States military control.

(4) The enlisted person concerned can reasonably be expected to perform efficiently in the higher grade.

c. Forwarding of statements or reports of interview.

(1) From hospitals--reports of interview will be forwarded for processing to Headquarters, Personnel Distribution Command, Army Air Forces for Army Air Forces Personnel, and to the headquarters of the numbered service command in which the hospital is located for all other personnel. Reports of interview on other than Air Force personnel prepared at Walter Reed General Hospital will be forwarded to Headquarters, Military District of Washington, for processing.

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#### (2) From Redistribution Stations.

(a) AAF personnel--Reports of Interview or statements on all individuals of the first enlisted grade and above will be forwarded through Headquarters, Personnel Distribution Command to Headquarters, Army Air Forces.

(b) All other personnel--Reports of interview or statements will be forwarded for processing to the headquarters of the numbered service command in which the redistribution station is located.

(c) Redistribution stations will review reports of interview or statements prior to forwarding. Those which lack essential obtainable information will be completed by re-interview, or other investigation if necessary. All reports or statements will be checked against available records, and discrepancies noted in forwarding indorsements.

#### d. Processing of reports of interview or statements.

##### (1) Enlisted personnel except those of the first grade.

(a) AAF personnel--AAF Redistribution Station Commanders and the Commanding Officer of the Personnel Distribution Command are delegated authority to take final action on promotion of enlisted men under the Joint Army-Navy Policy on returned prisoners of war based on the merits of the case as presented by the report of interview or statement and other available records.

(b) Other personnel--Commanding Generals of service commands and the Military District of Washington, the chiefs of technical services and the following major subordinate commands:

Office, The Judge Advocate General.  
Office, The Provost Marshal General.  
Office, The Chief of Chaplains.  
Office, Fiscal Director.  
Command and General Staff School.  
United States Military Academy.

are delegated authority to take final action on promotion of enlisted men under the provisions of (a) above.

(2) Commissioned, Warrant and Flight Officers, and Non-Commissioned Officers of the first-grade--the headquarters of the numbered service commands and Military District of Washington and the Personnel Distribution Command, Army Air Forces, will after careful study of each report of interview or statement to include re-interview and further investigation, if necessary, forward it, with their recommendation concerning the appointment or promotion under the Joint Army-Navy policy of returned prisoners of war, direct to the major force headquarters concerned for review and for recommendation to The Adjutant General in the cases of commissioned, Chief Warrant or Flight Officers or for final action in cases of Warrant Officers, Junior Grade and enlisted men of the first grade.

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(3) After final action has been taken the appointing or promoting authority will forward the report of interview or statement with attached supporting documents, to The Adjutant General for filing and will notify each individual by letter--

(a) That he has (or has not been promoted, or--

(b) That he is (or is not) recommended for favorable consideration for appointment as a second lieutenant or Warrant Officer (if he is a Chief Warrant Officer, Flight Officer or enlisted man in the first pay grade). If favorably recommended, he should initiate application for appointment in accordance with existing Army Regulations.

e. Recommendations that promotions or appointments be approved or disapproved may be forwarded without regard to the restrictive requirements of applicable Army Regulations. In order to prevent undue delay in completing action under the above and to facilitate reassignment, processing of reports of interview or statements will be expedited by all headquarters concerned.

f. Chief Warrant Officers, Flight Officers and enlisted men of the first pay grade will be told at reception and redistribution stations of the opportunities available for appointment as officers or warrant officers, or selection as officer candidates. To avoid raising false hopes, care will be taken at both reception and redistribution stations to realistically inform these individuals that their advancement depends upon an appointment to a new status and that only a relatively limited number of such appointments are available. Each case will be considered carefully by the appropriate appointing or selecting authority and action taken on its individual merits and the needs of the service.

19. Claims for private property lost, damaged, destroyed, captured or abandoned in military service.

a. Upon arrival at the redistribution station or medical installation of definitive treatment, the recovered individual will be advised as to his right to make claim under the provisions of AR 25-100. Each recovered person desiring to file claim will present such claim on WD Form JAG FC-100.

b. The post judge advocate, or if none, the claims officer, at the redistribution station or medical installation will furnish such assistance as is necessary in the preparation of the above forms and upon submission of the claim to him will make certain that the claim is properly prepared and then mailed, in triplicate, direct to The Judge Advocate General, Washington, D. C.

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SECTION IV

OVERSEAS PROCESSING

20. All recovered personnel who have been away from United States military control 60 days or more will be returned to the United States for final processing and disposition as provided in this letter unless they affirmatively elect to remain overseas or request reassignment to their former units. See Section XI. Approval or disapproval of such election or request is discretionary with the theater commander concerned except as stated in Section XI.

21. Personnel who have been absent from United States Military control less than 60 days shall be processed in accordance with existing theater regulations, except that theater commanders are authorized, in their discretion and where exceptional circumstances require, to apply the provisions of this letter to such personnel.

22. Orientation.

a. Orientation will be instituted at the first feasible concentration point after return to the United States military control and should be a continuing process thereafter. The following is offered as a guide:

- (1) Impress upon returnees that the United States appreciates what they have been through and is happy to have them back.
- (2) Inform personnel of their itinerary and as to the various steps in their processing to include information as to probable date of return to United States.
- (3) Explanation of procedures in processing in the United States, either as a member of temporary duty group or as a patient to include presentation to each individual of War Department pamphlet 21-21 "Welcome Back Soldier".
- (4) Inform personnel that future military service will be based on a careful consideration of physical condition and military qualifications.

23. It is not intended that the evacuation and return to the United States of prisoners of war shall be retarded by reason of rehabilitation activities overseas. However, initial reorganization and administration, as well as transportation and shipping limitations, may cause some time to elapse before these personnel can be returned. Accordingly, the respective theater commanders will initiate rehabilitation activities, and set up appropriate rehabilitation procedures, to cover such period.

24. All recovered personnel will be given final type physical examination (WD AGO Form 63) at the earliest practicable moment.

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a. Particular attention will be given to the psychiatric examination which will be conducted by a qualified psychiatrist if available. Experience has shown that even though a clearcut psychiatric disorder is not present the majority of recovered personnel suffer from significant psychological or attitudinal disturbance which make subsequent adjustment difficult. It is desired, therefore, that a careful record be made in each case of the degree and nature of these problems so as to provide a basis for subsequent determination of disposition whether for discharge or duty. The particular points to be noted and recorded are as follows:

- (1) Depression.
- (2) Resentment and bitterness.
- (3) Sense of guilt.
- (4) Apathy, lack of interest, restricted initiative.
- (5) Attitude toward authority.
- (6) Attitude toward further service.
- (7) Anxiety.
- (8) Self confidence and self respect.
- (9) Concern over health.
- (10) Existence of domestic troubles.

b. Findings of the medical examination will be recorded on WD AGO Form 63, both for officers and enlisted men, and will be made a part of the records of the individual. Medical records will not be made available to the individual examined.

c. Each individual will be given as much reassurance as to the state of his physical and mental health as is justified on the basis of this examination.

25. Classification.--On the basis of the medical examination recovered personnel will be classified as patients or nonpatients according to the following criteria:

- a. Patients. -- This class includes all those individuals who -
  - (1) Require hospital treatment and care. In the case of neuropsychiatric disorders, however, the individual will not be put in this class unless the disorder is sufficiently serious to require hospital care for the individual's own welfare.

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- (2) Suffer from a disease entity which although not requiring hospital care, would nevertheless prevent the individual from performing duty or lead to a certificate of disability discharge or appearance before an Army retiring board.

b. Nonpatients. Nonpatients will be classified by medical officers and appropriate notation made on the Form 63 as follows:

- (1) Class A: Those individuals who in medical judgement will be ready for reassignment following a rehabilitation period of approximately one month in the United States, which includes temporary duty for rehabilitation, recuperation and recovery and period of time at a redistribution station. Such personnel will have participated in an orientation program designed to assist them in their adjustment.
- (2) Class B: Those individuals who because of psychologic or attitudinal problems will not be ready for a full time assignment without additional special rehabilitation following the program mentioned for Class A. This Class will include those individuals manifesting psychiatric disorders not sufficiently urgent to require classification as patients.

### 26. Disposition.

a. Individuals classified as patients will be admitted to hospitals and evacuated through medical channels in accordance with Section V.

b. Nonpatients, both Class A and Class B will be kept on duty status and processed, rehabilitated and evacuated to the United States in accordance with Section IV and V.

c. Nonpatients who expressly desire to be returned directly to either full or limited duty within the theater instead of being evacuated to the United States may, at the discretion of the theater commander as provided herein, receive this disposition if their medical condition warrants. Flying personnel who remain assigned in a theater of operations will be physically examined for flying prior to resumption of flying duties.

27. Rehabilitation of patients. Attention of hospital commanders is directed to the fact that in addition to the existing reconditioning program provided for all patients, recovered personnel will require certain additional rehabilitation measures. These will include the following phases:

a. Personal affairs. Immediate attention will be given to providing for each individual's personal affairs in regard to pay, decorations, and awards, Promotions, mail and opportunity to communicate with relatives.

b. Orientation. Special provisions will be made to inform recovered personnel who are patients as to:



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(1) What is ahead for them. In this respect attention will be given to avoid statements which will subsequently be construed as false promises.

(2) The progress of this war.

(3) What has been going on at home.

c. Psychologic or Psychiatric treatment. Experience suggests that even though the presenting disability may be surgical rather than psychiatric the majority of recovered personnel who are patients suffer from significant psychologic problems. Attention should be given to this matter in each patient regardless of the primary diagnosis and opportunity provided for the therapeutic interviews by the medical officers handling the case. Consultation with a qualified psychiatrist should be provided if indicated.

28. Medical care of nonpatients.

a. Medical dispensary or hospital outpatient services will be provided to nonpatients during the period prior to embarkation.

b. Although suffering from psychologic problems recovered personnel usually do not desire the services of neuro-psychiatrists. An effort will be made, however, to provide opportunity for psychiatric consultation to those nonpatients desiring it.

c. Immunization records will be brought up to date in accordance with AR 40-120 and TB Med 114 (restricted), subject: "Immunization," and existing theater directives.

d. Separate orientation measures have been established for these personnel.

29. Medical requirements of Circular No. 276, War Department, 1943, (Restricted) and Circular No. 449, War Department, 1944, (Restricted) will be fulfilled prior to embarkation. Instructions for the application of WD Circular No. 276 are contained in Paragraph 17, "Prevention of Dissemination of Disease," RR 1-2, dated 15 September 1944.

30. Gratuitous issues of clothing and canteen supplies necessary for health and comfort are authorized and directed.

31. Individual personnel records, including fiscal and medical, will be established in the overseas theater, and, to the extent practicable, will be complete and accurate. These records will especially include: WD AGO Form 66-1 for officer personnel; WD AGO Form 20, WD AGO Form 24, and C & E Adjustment Form as required in War Department Circular No. 72, 1945, for enlisted personnel. Complete list of individual records, forms and allied papers will accompany recovered personnel upon return to the United States insofar as practicable.

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When personnel are returned in groups by water, records will be in the custody of a group commander; when personnel are returned by air each individual will carry his own records, forms and allied papers. The personnel records of patients will be carried by the Flight Nurse or Medical Attendant.

32. Travel Orders.

a. Group travel orders will be issued by overseas commanders for movement of recovered personnel to United States by water; individual travel orders will be issued by overseas commanders for movement of recovered personnel to the United States by air.

b. Group travel orders for personnel other than patients will indicate United States reception station serving the State of residence of personnel returned (For list of reception stations and appropriate numbers see WD Letter AG 370.5 PRI, 16 August 1944, as changed).

c. All travel orders will indicate:

- (1) The oversea command from which the individual or group is being returned.
- (2) Name, grade, serial number, arm or service and Military Occupational Specialty number (MOS).
- (3) Category of recovered personnel: Whether Project J, P or R, and class of patient if appropriate. Also any special remarks such as "evader" or "escaper" when appropriate.
- (4) Assignment to proper Reception Station, by number, if movement is by water or group travel orders, or to United States Airport of Entry if movement is by individual air-travel status.
- (5) EDCMR in accordance with Circular No. 415, War Department, 1944.
- (6) Per diem or other allowances as authorized by Army Regulations.
- (7) Cite this letter as authority for return to United States.
- (8) Statement that return is permanent change of station (PCS).
- (9) If movement is by air; authority for air travel (Theater Air Priority Designator); maximum baggage allowance permitted.

d. Disposition of travel orders:

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- (1) Provisions of WD letter AG 370.5 (20 Mar 45) OB-S-SPMOT-M, dated 26 March 1945, subject: Procedure for use of Dual Mimeograph stencils for Group Movement Orders, will apply. In event dual stencils are unavailable, fifty copies of group movement orders, and any amendments thereto, will be turned over to group commander for delivery to proper authorities, in the United States (At Reception Station, Hospital or Port of Entry.
- (2) Twenty (20) copies of individual travel orders, and any amendments thereto, will be turned over to individual concerned when travel is by air. Fifteen (15) copies are for use of individual concerned, and five (5) copies are to be turned over to the Debarkation Officer at the United States Airport of Entry.

33. Settlement of Pay Accounts of Military Personnel When Retained for Duty in Oversea Theater.--The re-establishment and full settlement of the pay accounts of recovered personnel retained for duty in oversea theaters are the responsibilities of theater commanders concerned. Such commanders will request by direct radio to OSSA (see paragraph 59 b) all pay data relative to each recovered person, the radio to contain the name grade, and serial number of such person, and the name and location to which such pay data are to be sent by OSSA. Full settlement of the account of any such individual will not be made until an OSSA Form 139 (or other similar authorization) is received from OSSA by the theater commander.

34. Partial Payments. Partial Payments, in amounts as determined by the theater commander concerned, are authorized to be made for the period intervening between date of the person's return to United States military control and the date full settlement of his account is made. Such partial payments will be charged against accrued pay when full settlement is made.

## SECTION V

## RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

35. Recovered personnel will be accorded priority in return to continental United States over all other casual personnel, except sick and wounded. Return of the sick and wounded by air is encouraged.

36. Recovered personnel, except those who remain in the theater, (see Par. 20) will be considered as surplus to theater requirements. They will not be considered as coming within the purview of the War Department plan for the Readjustment of Army Personnel (RR 1-1), until after their return to the United States.

37. Those individuals classed as patients will be returned in accordance with War Department Letter AG 704.11 (3 Jun 44) OB-S-E-SPMOT-M, 8 June 1944, subject: Procedure for Evacuation of Patients by Water or Air From Overseas Commands.

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38. Those individuals not classed as patients will be returned in reception station groups in accordance with Readjustment Regulations 1-2 (RR 1-2) 15 September 1944, subject: Procedure for Readjustment Movements.

SECTION VI

RECEPTION IN THE UNITED STATES

39. Reception.--

a. The commander of the United States Port of Entry will arrange an appropriate welcoming ceremony for each returning group of recovered personnel and if possible furnish an outline of the immediate disposition to be made of them; (e.g., where they will go, to reception stations for leave or furlough or to hospitals for further treatment). At aerial ports where recovered personnel are likely to arrive individually or in small groups at irregular intervals throughout the day the welcoming ceremony may be held up until a group is assembled. Exploitation of recovered personnel by any commercial enterprise or by radio press or screen will not be permitted; however, the participation of press, radio, newsreel, and civic groups, if consistent with security regulations and Bureau of Public Relations policies, may be permitted as deemed appropriate by the installation commander.

b. Care will be exercised by all commanders concerned with welcoming ceremonies to the end that initial celebrations will not be allowed to assume proportions that it will not be possible to continue for subsequent groups. Full cooperation of civil authorities and constant concerted effort on the part of public relations officers will be necessary in this connection.

40. For each individual the following action will be required prior to debarkation if returning by water or immediately upon landing if returning by air:

a. Furnish an approximate schedule of processing to show the steps which must be completed prior to departure for reception station for temporary duty or to hospital of definitive treatment, and the disposition to be made of the individual after completion.

b. A brief orientation talk outlining the necessity for certain types of processing and clearly explaining the reason for not sending the returnee directly home from the port.

41. At aerial ports of entry the commanding officer thereof will be responsible for compliance with paragraphs 39 and 40 and will take such steps as may be necessary to insure the rapid handling of all recovered personnel.

42. All returnees will be afforded an opportunity to telephone or wire their families or friends. Cost of messages will not be borne by the Government.

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43. The Commander of the U. S. Port of Entry will check the roster of all recovered personnel arriving in the U. S. and after debarkation will notify The Adjutant General of any change in the roster or in the composition of specific reception station groups. Such notification will be made by electrical means within two hours after debarkation has been completed.

44. Personnel arriving in United States in an unauthorized manner: Upon arrival of recovered personnel who have assumed false identities, arrived without orders, used unauthorized means of transportation, or otherwise arrived in the United States in an authorized manner, the following procedures will be taken:

a. The fact of their arrival in the U. S. and the circumstances surrounding their departure from overseas will be reported by the Commanding Officer of the U. S. Port to the theater commander for his information and recommendation as to disposition.

b. Statements will be taken from each of the individuals concerned as to the particular circumstances in his case, the originals of which will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, who will route these statements through the major command concerned to the appropriate station of control for information and such action as is considered appropriate.

c. Such personnel will be retained at the port of debarkation for at least seven days in order to give the War Department an opportunity to secure from the theater verification of the circumstances of their departure. At the end of this period, they will be processed on to reception stations in accordance with procedures set forth in this letter.

SECTION VII

IMMEDIATE DISPOSITION IN THE UNITED STATES

45. Recovered personnel arriving in the United States by water will be disposed of as follows:

a. Patients will be moved from shipside direct to the debarkation hospital serving the port, for processing and disposition.

b. Nonpatients will be given minimum processing by the port and shipped on to reception stations for complete processing. Movement from the port should be as rapid as possible consistent with efficient operation.

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46. Recovered personnel arriving in the United States by air will be disposed of as follows:
- a. Patients will be moved directly from the plane to the debarkation hospital serving the serial port for processing and disposition.
  - b. Nonpatients will be given minimum processing by the serial port and sent on to reception stations.
47. a. Recovered personnel arriving in Washington, D. C., or vicinity as point of arrival in the United States.--Those in a patient status will be moved directly to Walter Reed General Hospital for initial processing and disposition.
- b. Nonpatients will be moved directly by Government motor vehicle to Reception Station No. 3, Fort Meade, Maryland, for processing and disposition. Those individuals who would not ordinarily be completely processed through Reception Station No. 3 will be given minimum processing and transferred by Reception Station No. 3 to the Reception Station serving the state in which is located the place at which the individual desires to spend his period of temporary duty, leave, or furlough except when other disposition is directed as provided in Section X.

48. An exception to the preceding paragraphs of this section will be made in case of Project "J" personnel. All Project "J" personnel whether returning by air or water will be initially processed through debarkation hospitals. For this purpose, Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis, Washington; Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California; and Camp Hean Station Hospital, Camp Hean, California, are designated to receive Project "J" personnel arriving in the United States thru West Coast Ports.

SECTION VIII

MINIMUM PROCESSING

49. Minimum processing at United States Port or debarkation hospital will include the procedures outlined in paragraphs 50 to 57 inclusive.
50. Security briefing.--This will be performed by officers of the intelligence division of the command having jurisdiction over the U.S. port or debarkation hospital, except when otherwise directed by higher authority, and will include instruction in the provisions of WD letter, 29 March 45, (Appendix 1), and execution in duplicate of the security certificate, (Appendix 2). One copy of the security certificate will be retained by the individual, the other will be forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, WDGS, Attention: CPM Branch.

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## 51. Casualty Interrogation.

a. Each recovered person will be furnished a copy of the Casualty Branch, AGO, briefing letter (Appendix 3) for the purpose of obtaining information which will assist the War Department in determining the correct status of persons who have been reported missing in action or prisoner of war. The letter will be reproduced locally.

b. When the individual being interrogated was formerly a member of an air crew, information will be sought bearing on the known or probable fate of the other crew members.

c. All individuals will be requested to furnish any information they may possess concerning the known or probable death of any member of the armed forces including information concerning any death which occurred during imprisonment.

d. In each case a signed statement (Appendix 4) will be obtained containing the information outlined above. Such statements will also be reproduced locally. The statement should be as specific as possible as to the name, grade and organization of the deceased; the date, place and cause of death; the place of burial, if known; and should state whether the information submitted is based on the personal observation of the individual or on hearsay. If the statement is based on hearsay information, the identity of the person from whom the individual received his information, the circumstances under which the information was received and an evaluation of the veracity of the informant should be included in the statement.

e. Each statement will be forwarded directly to: The Adjutant General, Attention: Chief, Casualty Branch, Washington 25, D. C.

52 War Crimes interrogation. Each recovered person will be required to fill out a War Crimes questionnaire (Appendix 5) which when completed will be forwarded as follows:

a. For personnel initially processed through aerial ports of entry; to: The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C., Attention: Air Judge Advocate, Through: AC/AS Intelligence.

b. For all other personnel, To: The Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Attention: Director of Intelligence.

c. Thereafter such individuals as may be designated by the War Crimes Office, Judge Advocate General's Department, will be interrogated in detail at their respective places of residence or at other convenient place.

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53. Interrogation of Project "P" personnel as to the eligibility of other prisoners of war for repatriation by reason of disability. Each recovered person in Project "P" will be furnished a copy of The Provost Marshal General's letter (Appendix 6). The letter will be reproduced locally. Each such individual will be interviewed for the purpose of obtaining information which will assist the War Department in determining whether or not other prisoners of war are eligible for repatriation by reason of disability. All individuals will be requested to complete and sign The Provost Marshal General's letter showing any information they may possess regarding name, grade, arm or service, disability date and last known location of other prisoners of war. If statement is based on hearsay information the identity of the person from whom the individual received his information and an evaluation of his veracity should be included in the letter. Each statement will be forwarded directly to The Provost Marshal General, Attention: Director, American Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Washington 25, D. C.

54. Partial payment.--For detailed procedure for making partial payment see paragraph 60.

55. Clothing.--a. Enlisted men.--Circular No. 72, War Department, 1945, will apply. (For clothing at reception stations see paragraph 63).

b. Officers will be afforded an opportunity to purchase necessary items of clothing. Officers who do not wish to purchase clothing immediately will be authorized to travel to their homes in field uniform and their orders will so indicate.

56. Disposition of personal effects.--a. For each recovered person there will be prepared a 3 by 5 inch form in triplicate on which will be set forth the following information:

FORM PREPARED AT:

FULL NAME OF OWNER:

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER:

GRADE:

LAST ORGANIZATION AND ITS APO ADDRESS:

NAME OF PERSON TO WHOM PROPERTY CONSIGNED:

ADDRESS TO WHICH PROPERTY TO BE SENT:

b. Immediately upon completion the forms will be sent by air mail to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri.

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c. The Effects Quartermaster will ship the personal effects of the recovered person to the address shown on the form.

d. If no effects are on hand or if the Effects Quartermaster has no knowledge of effects being en route, the individual will be so notified at the address shown on the form.

57. PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS.-- Presidential letter will be delivered to repatriated and liberated prisoners in Project "J" and Project "P" as follows:

The Adjutant General (Casualty Branch) will mail to such personnel, at the address of the emergency addressee, a letter, properly dated, and signed by the President of the United States. The letter will be mailed on or about the day following the time of arrival of the personnel in the United States.

#### SECTION IX

#### COMPLETE PROCESSING

58. Complete processing will be performed at reception station or hospital of definitive treatment and will include the procedures outlined in paragraphs 59 to 70 both inclusive.

59. Settlement of accounts.--a. As used in this and succeeding paragraphs the term "Finance Officer" is defined to mean either the paying agent or accountable disbursing officer.

b. The Office of Special Settlement Accounts, 27 Pine Street, New York 5, New York, will be referred to as CSSA.

c. Personnel officer: Represents the Commanding Officer and carries out so much of his responsibility as pertains to personnel matters.

60. Action at United States ports of entry and debarkation hospitals.

a. Settlement. No attempt will be made to settle the pay accounts of recovered personnel in full at air and water ports of debarkation or debarkation hospitals except in cases where recovered personnel are to remain at such ports of debarkation or debarkation hospitals for a period of at least 15 days after arrival. A further exception to the above rule will be made in the cases of recovered personnel classified as "repatriates" moving to United States ports on "protected" vessels. The accounts of such personnel will be settled in full at ports of entry or debarkation hospitals, as appropriate. In the cases of recovered personnel who are

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to remain at a port or debarkation hospital 15 days or more after arrival, the commanding officer thereof will request the Office of Special Settlement Accounts to forward pay data for such personnel to such installation instead of following the procedure outlined in b (5) below.

b. Action by commanding officer.--(1) Immediately upon arrival of recovered personnel at the installation concerned, the commanding officer thereof will cause the form illustrated below to be prepared in triplicate by each individual. The Commanding officer will safeguard the distribution and preparation of the forms in such a manner as to prevent fraudulent execution or execution by unauthorized personnel.

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- (2) The upper half of the above form will be executed in triplicate (including signature) as soon as possible in every case regardless of whether or not the recovered person desires to receive a partial payment. If after execution it is indicated that substantial sums have been paid to the individual concerned, or where recovered personnel classified as patients debarking at airports are moved therefrom (by air or otherwise) with extreme rapidity, the partial payment otherwise to be made by the table shown below will be reduced proportionately or not made according to circumstances as determined by the commanding officer. When a partial payment is not to be made, the word "none" will be entered in the space provided for the entry of amount on the lower half of all copies of the form and the recovered person will sign the original copy in the space provided below the double line. When it is indicated that a partial payment should be made, the amount thereof will be entered in the space provided on the lower half of all copies of the form in accordance with amounts shown in the table appearing below or such lesser amount as the individual may desire.

Grade at Date of entry into "Missing" status	Duration of Absence in months							
	0-3	3-6	6-12	12-18	18-24	24-30	30-36	Over 36
General Officers	\$250	\$275	\$300	\$325	\$350	\$375	\$400	\$500
Field Grade or 4th 5th & 6th Pay Period	150	175	200	225	250	275	300	400
Company Grade or 1st 2nd & 3d Pay Period and Warrant Officers and Flight Officers	125	125	150	175	200	225	250	325
Enl Men--1st, 2d, 3d grade	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	300
Enl Men--4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th grade	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	250

(Note: All personnel will be advised that partial payments are made small to protect them from overdrawing, and placing their accounts in the red, in case they have large allotments, previous partial payments, or other deductions. In every case payments are large enough to allow for personal needs until full settlement can be made.)

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- (3) The officer who is present at the time the form is executed and signed will indicate that he has identified each individual by initialing the original form just above the double line on the right side. This will enable the personnel officer who certifies the voucher, as provided in c below, to establish the fact that proper identification of each individual has been made.
- (4) All copies of the forms required to be prepared by (1) above will be transmitted to the finance officer for necessary action. The commanding officer will arrange for recovered personnel eligible for partial payments to receive the same, at which time the payee will acknowledge receipt thereof in the space provided on the lower half of the form for his signature (original copy only to be signed).
- (5) In order that OSSA may be advised of the names and locations of reception stations and hospitals of definitive treatment designated to receive recovered personnel after clearance from United States ports of entry or debarkation hospitals, the Commanding Officer or essential air mail, whichever assures most expeditious delivery, immediately upon issuance thereof, and in no event later than their departure therefrom, two copies of each travel order and all indorsements thereto showing hospital of definitive treatment or reception station to which such personnel are ordered. In those cases where the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment as to any individual, is changed after the above required information has been furnished OSSA, the commanding officer of the port of entry will furnish, by radio, or telegram, the name of the new reception station or hospital to OSSA and to the originally designated installation, so that the form 189 will be forwarded immediately to the proper installation. Commanding officers of air and water ports of debarkation and debarkation hospitals will take the necessary action to see that local finance officers are also furnished such information.

c. Action by finance officer.--In accordance with arrangements made by the commanding officer (see b (4) above) the finance officer will make partial payments to those entitled thereto. The original and all copies of the forms described in b (1) above will be disposed of as follows:

- (1) Where partial payment is made, original and duplicate copies of the forms will be assembled in separate groups for officers and enlisted men, not exceeding 100 in number and will be used as sub-vouchers to a Standard Form 1034. The finance officer will obtain the following certificate of the personnel officer on the Standard Form 1034:

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"I certify that partial payments in the amounts indicated on the attached sub-vouchers numbered \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive are authorized to the persons named therein, under the provisions of POW, War Department, 1945."

The finance officer will execute the following certificate on the voucher:

"I certify that I have notified appropriate authorities to charge the partial payments shown on the attached sub-vouchers numbered \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ inclusive against the accounts of the persons named therein."

On the duplicate and triplicate copies of each sub-voucher on which a partial payment is made, the word "PAID" will be stamped by the finance officer (any stamp indicating that payment has been made is acceptable). The Standard Form 1034 will be headed "Partial payments to recovered personnel per attached sub-vouchers" and the accounting classification will be completed in the usual manner. The duplicate copies of such forms will support the duplicate voucher and the triplicate copies will be disposed of as indicated in (3) below.

(2) Where partial payment is not made, the original and duplicate will be filed, and the triplicate disposed of as provided in (3) below.

(3) The triplicate copies of the forms mentioned in (1) and (2) above will be inclosed with a letter of transmittal in duplicate all of which will be given to the reception station group leader for delivery, immediately upon arrival at the reception station, to the finance officer. For recovered personnel going to a hospital of definitive treatment, the triplicate copies will be carried by the medical officer or attendant escorting the patients. The delivering group leader or officer will receipt for the triplicate copies and the receiving finance officer will receipt for the original letter of transmittal and mail it to the sending finance officer.

61. Action by the Office of Special Settlement Accounts. Promptly upon receipt of the information called for in paragraph 60 b (5), or upon receipt of travel orders issued by the oversea commander (see paragraph 14 b (1)), whichever is received first, OSSA will prepare an account settlement letter (hereinafter referred to as OSSA Form 189) for each individual covered by this letter and will forward same by air mail special delivery to the Commanding Officer (Attention: Finance Officer) of reception station or hospital of definitive treatment to which the individual is ordered.

62. Action at reception station or hospital of definitive treatment.

a. Action by finance officer.--(1) Distribution of OSSA Form 189 and partial payment forms. Upon receipt of OSSA Forms 189 from OSSA or of the partial payment form forwarded by the finance officers at U. S. Ports or debarkation hospitals, the finance officer will retain those applicable to officers and will deliver those applicable to enlisted personnel to the personnel officer.

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(2) Action concerning accounts of officers.--

(a) Form to be executed by each officer. The finance officer at the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment will have each officer covered by this letter prepare the following form:

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NAME OF RECEPTION STATION OR  
 HOSPITAL OF DEFINITIVE TREATMENT  
 (Location)

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PAY DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please Print)  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ ASH \_\_\_\_\_

RETURNED TO U.S. MILITARY CONTROL \_\_\_\_\_ RETURNED TO UNITED STATES \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date) (Date)

LAST PAID IN FULL TO \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Month and Year)

I DESIRE TO HAVE THE FIRST SETTLEMENT OF MY ACCOUNT INCLUDE PAY AND ALLOWANCES  
 THROUGH THE LAST DAY OF:

- : \_\_\_\_\_ : Prior Month
- : \_\_\_\_\_ :
- : \_\_\_\_\_ : Current month (with the understanding that payment will  
 be delayed until the expiration thereof.)
- : \_\_\_\_\_ :

REQUEST THAT SETTLEMENT BE IN THE MANNER I HAVE INDICATED BELOW:

- : \_\_\_\_\_ : First \$100 in cash, remainder by check.
- : \_\_\_\_\_ :
- : \_\_\_\_\_ : Entire payment by check.
- : \_\_\_\_\_ :
- : \_\_\_\_\_ : Other - Explain \_\_\_\_\_
- : \_\_\_\_\_ :

NAME AND ADDRESS FOR DEPENDENTS, IF APPROPRIATE (Required only if increased  
 allowances for dependents are claimed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name) (Relationship)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street Address) (City) (State)

ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES (This address must be one at which mail will be  
 received while you are absent from this installation. Furnishing improper  
 address will delay full settlement of your account)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street Address) (City) (State)

I certify that the statements made above, to the best of my knowledge and  
 belief, are correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date) (Signature)

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- (b) When OSSA Form 189 received prior to departure on temporary duty or leave. If OSSA Form 189 for an officer is received by the finance officer of the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment sufficiently far in advance of the departure of the officer to permit such action, his account will be settled in full prior to departure. The finance officer will prepare WD Form 336, which will be based primarily on information shown on OSSA Form 189, supplemented by partial payment forms received from U.S. Ports or debarkation hospitals, and by the information shown in the form illustrated in (a) above.
- (c) When OSSA Form 189 received after departure on temporary duty or leave. If OSSA Form 189 is received by the finance officer after the officer to whom it is applicable has departed on temporary duty or leave, the finance officer will prepare a pay voucher (WD Form 336) based on the information shown on OSSA Form 189, supplemented by partial payment forms, and the information shown in the form required by (a) above. The Form 336 will be forwarded immediately to the officer at the address shown on the pay data questionnaire, for signature and return to the finance officer. Immediately upon receipt of the certified voucher, the finance officer will draw a check for the appropriate amount, which he will mail to the officer. If OSSA Form 189 indicates that the credits of the officer concerned are not of record, the finance officer will compute a tentative settlement of the amount, covering such credit items as may be readily paid on the basis of information available, and will forward prepared WD Form 336 for the officer's signature and return to the finance officer for appropriate action leading to settlement. In addition, the finance officer will send a blank certificate to the officer concerned, the execution of which will furnish the information necessary to prepare a complete settlement, together with a WD Form 336 for the officer's signature, such voucher form to refer to the certificate as a basis for the settlement. Upon receipt of the completed voucher and the accompanying certificate a supplemental check will be mailed to the officer, thereby completing settlement in full. In such case the final settlement voucher will contain an appropriate reference to the tentative settlement voucher.
- (3) Action concerning accounts of enlisted personnel. Upon receipt of a properly certified pay roll from the personnel officer covering accounts of recovered personnel, the finance

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officer will settle such pay roll. If the pay roll so indicates, the finance officer will mail a check for the balance paid to the recovered person at the temporary duty or furlough address.

- (4) Limitation of cash payment. Recovered personnel may be paid \$100 in cash and the remainder by check. If the net amount to be paid, as indicated on the pay roll, is less than \$125, the entire amount may be paid in cash.
  - (5) Action if OCSA Form 189 is not received.--If an individual arrives at the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment for whom OCSA Form 189 has not been received, the finance officer will notify OCSA by radio or other similar means requesting that such form be forwarded.
  - (6) Action if OCSA Form 189 is received but corresponding individual does not arrive.--If an OCSA Form 189 is received but the individual named thereon does not arrive, the finance officer will keep such form until such person arrives or until instructions as to the disposition thereof are received from OCSA. When such instructions are received they will, in every case, be complied with at the earliest possible moment.
  - (7) Date of Settlement.--Subject to the availability of records and the further provisions of this section accounts of military personnel will be settled in full at reception stations or hospitals of definitive treatment within 7 days after date of arrival of the individual at the installation except that when so desired by the individual the account may be held and settled as of the last day of the current calendar month. In any such case the check payment will be mailed not later than 4 days after the close of the period for which payment is made. In cases where credits are insufficient to effect settlement, it will of course be necessary to delay settlement until the end of the first month in which credits are sufficient. Notification of such a situation will be furnished the individual concerned at his leave or furlough address.
- b. Action by Personnel Officer.--(1) Form to be executed by each enlisted person. The personnel officer at the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment will require each recovered enlisted person to execute the form shown in paragraph 62 a (2) (a) above.
- (2) Action when OCSA Form 189 received prior to departure on temporary duty or furlough. Where OCSA Form 189 is received by the personnel officer sufficiently far in advance of the departure of the enlisted person concerned to permit such action, the personnel officer will prepare WD Form 366 for a full settlement of the individual's account. Such settlement will be based primarily on the information contained on

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OSSA Form 189, supplemented by partial payment forms received from air and water ports of debarkation and debarkation hospitals and information obtained on the form required by paragraph b (1) above. Where OSSA Form 189 shows that the credits of the returned enlisted person are not of record, the personnel officer will obtain from the returned enlisted person an affidavit as outlined in AR 345-155 upon which to base the credit information shown on the pay roll. (In such case, form required by paragraph b (1) above need not be used.) The completed pay roll will be delivered immediately to the finance officer for payment.

- (3) Action when OSSA Form 189 received after departure on temporary duty or furlough. If OSSA Form 189 is received by the personnel officer after departure of the enlisted person on temporary duty or furlough, the procedure in (2), above, will be followed except that payment of pay rolls so prepared will be accomplished by checks mailed to the addresses furnished by the enlisted personnel concerned on their respective pay data questionnaires. In cases where OSSA Form 189 shows that credits are not of record, the personnel officer will prepare WD Form 366, making a tentative settlement of the account covering credit items as may be readily paid on the basis of information available, such pay roll will be forwarded to the finance officer for immediate check payment as indicated above. In addition, the personnel officer will forward an affidavit form as shown in AR 345-155 to the enlisted person at the address shown on pay data questionnaire for signature and return to the personnel officer. Upon receipt of the completed affidavit, a supplemental final settlement will be made immediately on WD Form 366, on which reference will be made to the tentative settlement voucher. Such pay rolls prepared by the personnel officer will show the address to which checks are to be mailed.

- c. Action if OSSA Form 189 appears to be incorrect or incomplete.  
 (1) General.--(a) If a recovered person claims items of pay and allowances which accrued during the period in a missing status not covered by or at variance with OSSA Form 189, the disbursing officer, in the case of an officer, or the personnel officer, in the case of an enlisted person, will prepare in quadruplicate a letter to the Office of Special Settlement Accounts in the form shown below. The original and duplicate will be forwarded to the Office of Special Settlement Accounts, the triplicate furnished the returnee, if he is an officer, or filed in his service record, if he is an enlisted person, and the quadruplicate will be retained by the preparing officer. Paragraph 4 of the letter will be completed if the information is available; however, forwarding of the letter will not be delayed because such information is not available at time of preparation.

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SUBJECT: Request for Corrective Action--OSSA Form 189

TO: The Office of Special Settlement Accounts  
27 Pine Street,  
New York 5, New York  
Attention: Master Pay and Allotment Accounts Branch

Re: Name of Recovered Person and Serial Number

1. In the settlement of the account of the above named re-  
covered person, information contained on the OSSA Form 189, dated  
\_\_\_\_\_, is incomplete in the following respects or is in  
conflict with other available information as described below.

2. Details of the discrepancies are as follows:

- a.
- b.
- c.

3. A copy of this letter has been furnished the recovered per-  
son, in case he is an officer, or in the case where he is an en-  
listed person, a copy has been fastened to his service record and  
an entry made therein as required by POW.

4. The recovered person will be transferred on or about  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the following organization and station \_\_\_\_\_.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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- (b) Tentative settlement of the recovered person's account will be made at the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment and will be in an amount that will properly protect the Government. For example: if the amount of a credit item computed on the basis of information contained on the OSSA Form 189 is \$100 and the amount of such item as claimed by the recovered person is \$105, the recovered person will be paid \$100 and a letter as described above will be written. The letter will also show, for every item in question, the amount paid on the settlement voucher or pay roll and the basis on which the computation was made, i.e., OSSA Form 189 or statement of the recovered person.
- (c) If the recovered person is an officer he will be advised that he should deal directly with the Office of Special Settlement Accounts until the discrepancy is settled, and to furnish the Office of Special Settlement Accounts with all changes of address until the discrepancy is settled. If he is an enlisted person, the personnel officer will make the following entry in the service records in "Remarks -- Financial" section:
- Discrepancy ltr copy attached  
Notify OSSA C of address.  
See POW
- (d) Each personnel officer who receives a service record with a notation as provided in (c) above which has not been settled, will promptly notify the Office of Special Settlement Accounts of the recovered person's new address. The preparing officer at the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment is not required to take further action after the person departs from such station or hospital.
- (e) As soon as the Office of Special Settlement Accounts can make a determination as to the correct amount payable, it will authorize a supplemental settlement if proper, to be made at the current station of the recovered person.
- (f) When a personnel officer receives a settlement of a discrepancy letter from OSSA which authorizes payment of an additional amount to the recovered person, or otherwise closes the case, he will indorse in the service record beside the notation provided for in (c) above the words "Settled auth OSSA (date) \_\_\_\_\_".

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- (2) United States Savings Bonds.--In case a recovered person claims that he had a regular WD AGO Form 29-6 in effect at the time he entered a missing status which he had not requested be discontinued (thereby, in effect, authorizing continuance of the allotment in case of entry into a missing status), or if he claims that a contingent WD AGO Form 29-6 had been filed, and if the OCSA Form 189 shows that no bonds have been issued for the period in a missing status, the statement of the recovered person as to the existence of such authorization will be accepted. In such case, bonds will be issued at the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment under the provisions of Circular 290, War Department, 1944, as amended, and the amount of the settlement to the recovered person will be reduced by the total purchase price of the bonds. Such bonds will bear retroactive effective dates according to date of accrual of monthly pay against which they are chargeable.

d. Amounts received from enemy government.--No deduction will be made for payments received from enemy governments or authorities.

e. Receipt of OCSA Form 189 after recovered person has departed to another reception station or hospital of definitive treatment.--If the finance officer at a reception station or hospital of definitive treatment receives OCSA Form 189 after the recovered person (either officer or enlisted) has departed to another reception station or hospital of definitive treatment, or if such form is received too late for preparation of a pay roll or voucher prior to departure, the finance officer will forward such form to the proper officer at the new station, together with all available pay data (including partial payment forms and pay data questionnaire) necessary to the proper settlement of the account. The above action will not be taken in case a recovered person departs to any place other than another reception station or hospital of definitive treatment.

f. Emergency partial payments.--In emergency cases, as determined by the commanding officer of the reception station or hospital of definitive treatment, partial payments in a nominal amount in addition to those authorized in paragraph 60, above, may be authorized for personnel departing on leave or furlough prior to receipt of OCSA Form 189. Inasmuch as the procedure prescribed herein contemplates full settlement of individual pay accounts at the time of or immediately subsequent to the payee's departure on temporary duty, leave or furlough, partial payments authorized by this subparagraph should be held to a minimum consistent with estimated traveling expenses to temporary duty, leave or furlough addresses.

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63. Clothing. - a. Enlisted Men - War Department Circular No. 72, 1945, will apply except as stated herein. Prior to departure of recovered personnel from reception stations, reception station commanders will insure that each recovered individual has been issued one (1) Class A uniform suitable for the season, if not already in the possession of the enlisted man. In determining whether wool or cotton uniform is required consideration will be given not only to the season of the year but also to the climatic area to be visited.

b. Officers. - Officers will be given every opportunity to purchase all necessary items of clothing.

64. Decorations and Awards.---a. Appropriate theater ribbons, bronze service stars, and Purple Heart and Good Conduct ribbons to which recovered personnel are entitled will be issued by the reception station or debarkation hospital. In the absence of records, determination as to the individual's eligibility for these awards will be based upon his written statement (certificate or affidavit) as to pertinent facts governing the award.

b. Any recovered person who claims decorations and awards other than those which may be supplied will be directed to submit a certificate or affidavit to The Adjutant General (thru the Commanding Officer, Redistribution station concerned) reciting in detail the basis for any such award claimed.

c. Every effort will be made to insure that each recovered person has all awards (a above) to which he is entitled in his possession prior to departure from the reception station or debarkation hospital.

d. Reception stations and debarkation hospitals will forward two copies of all orders transferring recovered personnel to redistribution stations or general hospitals to the following agency:

The Adjutant General,  
Decorations and Awards Sub-Branch,  
72 Wall Street,  
New York 5, New York.

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65. Personal Affairs.--All recovered personnel will be given Personal Affairs processing at reception stations or hospitals of definitive treatment. Such processing will include:

- a. Information as to the Personal Affairs mission, the name and location of the Personal Affairs Officer at the installation and the address of the Personal Affairs Officer nearest the leave or furlough address of the recovered person.
- b. An explanation of the pertinent provisions of The Missing Persons Act (Circular No. 305, War Department, 1944).
- c. Information with respect to National Service Life Insurance. All patients will be informed of the provisions for waiver of insurance premium (Paragraph 21, AR 600-110). When applicable (all Project "J" personnel), recovered personnel will be informed of the gratuitous insurance provisions of National Service Life Insurance (paragraphs 31 1/2 and 33 b, (3), AR 600-110).
- d. The opportunity to discuss personal problems with the Personal Affairs Officer.

66. Issuance of orders--Personnel in Project "J" will be issued orders in the form illustrated in Appendix 7.

67. Orders for invitational guests, will be in the form illustrated in Appendix 8.

68. Personnel included in Project "R" will be issued orders in the form illustrated in Appendix 9.

69. Personnel included in Project "P" will be issued orders in the form illustrated in Appendix 10.

70. All recovered personnel will be given a routine physical inspection at the reception station prior to departure on temporary duty, leave or furlough. When hospitalization is indicated proper disposition will be made.

70.1 For additional data on records processing, see Appendix 12.

## SECTION X

## DUTY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

71. a. Occasionally it will be necessary to order individuals or groups to Washington, D.C., for a short period of temporary duty. In any such case, the War Department General Staff agency desiring the individual's presence will issue instructions to The Adjutant General to issue necessary orders to bring the individual to Washington, D. C., on temporary duty, for duty with the designated agency.

b. Orders will call for a period of temporary duty of three (3) days in Washington unless otherwise specified by the War Department agency with which ordered to duty.

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- c. Officers will be paid per diem for period of travel and temporary duty as provided in AR 35-4820.
- d. Enlisted men will be paid monetary allowance in lieu of quarters and rations as provided in AR 35-4810 and AR 35-4520.
- e. The agency with which ordered to duty will notify the War Department Billeting Officer who will make appropriate billeting arrangements for such personnel. No other special arrangements will be made for individuals on temporary duty in Washington, D. C.

## SECTION XI

## REASSIGNMENT

72. Medical Processing at Redistribution Stations.

a. Medical examination will be performed in accordance with current instructions applicable at redistribution stations. Psychiatric examination will be done on each recovered person by a qualified psychiatrist if available. Experience has shown that even though a clearcut psychiatric disorder is not present, the majority of recovered personnel suffer from significant psychological or attitudinal disturbances, which make subsequent adjustment difficult either as soldiers or civilians. Furthermore, there is evidence that such disturbances often do not become manifest until approximately one month after return to the United States. The particular points to be noted and evaluated include the following:

- (1) Depression
- (2) Resentment and bitterness
- (3) Sense of guilt
- (4) Apathy, lack of interest, restricted initiative
- (5) Attitude toward authority
- (6) Attitude toward further service
- (7) Anxiety
- (8) Self confidence and self respect
- (9) Concern over health
- (10) Existence of domestic troubles
- (11) Duration of incarceration
- (12) Conditions under which capture occurred

b. Recovered personnel received a preliminary medical classification while overseas as a result of the medical examination conducted immediately following recovery. A record of this classification and the medical examination on which it was based is contained in the individual's record and will be considered in determining the individual's classification and disposition at the redistribution station.

c. Redistribution stations will immediately take steps to complete all incomplete WD AGO Form 63's by accomplishing the previously omitted examinations when recovered personnel having such forms arrive at the station. Complete final type physical examination will be accomplished for all recovered personnel for whom WD AGO Form 63 has not been prepared by the theater concerned subsequent to return to military control.

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d. Results of this examination will be recorded as provided in current instructions applicable at redistribution stations.

e. Classification. As a result of the medical examination, the chief medical examiner will report to the commander of the redistribution station that the individual:

- (1) Is or is not qualified for general or limited military service.
- (2) Is or is not in need of hospitalization.
- (3) Should go before a hospital disposition board (officers) or CDD board (enlisted men)

73. Rehabilitation of Patients. Attention of hospital commanders is directed to the fact that in addition to the existing reconditioning program provided for all patients, recovered personnel may require certain additional rehabilitation measures. These include the following:

a. Personal affairs. Immediate attention will be given to providing for each individual's personal affairs in regard to pay, decorations and awards, promotions, mail, and opportunity to communicate with relatives as directed herein.

b. Orientation. Special provisions will be made to inform recovered personnel patients as to:

- (1) What is ahead for them. In this respect, attention will be given to avoiding statements which may subsequently be construed as false promises.
- (2) The progress of this war.
- (3) What has been going on at home. Assistance in such orientation will be provided by the Information and Education Division, Army Service Forces.

c. Psychologic or Psychiatric Treatment. Experience suggests that even though the presenting disability may be surgical rather than psychiatric the majority of recovered personnel patients suffer from significant psychologic problems. Attention should be given to this matter in each patient regardless of the primary diagnosis and opportunity provided for therapeutic interviews by the medical officers handling the case. Consultation with a qualified psychiatrist should be provided if indicated.

74. a. Repatriated, wounded and sick American prisoners of war, who are retained on active duty will be reassigned subject to the limitation imposed by paragraph 17b.

b. Repatriated wounded and sick American prisoners of war, who are retained on active duty, will have the following notation made under "Remarks, administrative" in WD AGO Form No. 24 for enlisted men, and under "Remarks" on WD AGO Form 66-1, 66-2, or 66-3 for officers:

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"Repatriated POW, not to be assigned to an active theater outside continental United States (exclusive of Alaska)."

c. Appropriate remarks will be entered on the qualification card (WD AGO Form No. 66-1, 66-2 or 66-3) for officers and warrant officers, and the soldier's qualification card, prior to reassignment, specifying upon arrival at redistribution station, WD AGO Form 20 for enlisted men, that each is either eligible or ineligible for further combat duty in theater concerned. Copy of interrogation report or summary of facts on which determination of eligibility or ineligibility has been made will be forwarded by the theater commander to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, Washington, D. C., under "Secret" classification.

d. Overseas service remark.

"Left control United States 16 March 1944; returned 25 November 1944 Project "P"

e. Remarks as to specific eligibility.

"Not eligible for further assignment, SWPA (Authority)"

(Authority, letter \_\_\_\_\_ from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff).

75. The return to combat duty in the same theater of military personnel who have escaped from enemy or enemy-held territory will be governed by the security considerations involved in each individual experience. The final decision made by the theater commander will assure the protection of:

a. Persons and/or organizations within enemy or enemy-held territory who may have assisted escapees.

b. Escaped personnel who might be subject to criminal prosecution by the enemy for acts alleged to have been committed within enemy controlled territory.

c. Escaped personnel who may be readily identified by the enemy as former prisoners of war.

d. Security of unusual and extraordinary methods or circumstances of escape.

76. If such personnel are not eligible for security reasons, they may be retained for other duty within the theater or returned to the United States at the discretion of the commanding general of the theater concerned.

76.1. Assignment of personnel recovered from Europe who escaped from or evaded capture in enemy or enemy-held territory.--The following provisions are applicable to recovered personnel who escaped from or evaded capture in enemy or enemy-held territory in Europe:

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a. Determination of eligibility or ineligibility for further combat duty or further assignment to the European Theater of such recovered personnel from Europe is not required as far as security reasons are concerned.

b. Oversea service remarks for recovered personnel absent from United States control less than 60 days, for whom specific project is not indicated, may be written as follows:

"Left control United States 16 March 1944; returned 6 April 1944 - Escapee (or evadee) - Processed in theater."

77. The War Department approves of the utilization for further combat duty in the discretion of the theater commander concerned of personnel who have escaped from enemy or enemy-held territory, unless they are determined ineligible for security reasons. This policy also applies to internees who have been recovered from neutral countries. Considerations of security will not ordinarily prevent assignment to combat duty in a theater in which personnel have not served previously.

77.1. Interrogation of escapees, evaders, and internees will be in accordance with War Department letter, AG 383.6 (24 Mar 45) OB-S-B-M, 29 March 1945, Subject: Publicity in Connection with Escaped, Liberated, or Repatriated Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries (Appendix 1), as amended.

78. All such personnel who, for security or other reasons, are not reassigned to duty in the theater will be returned promptly to the United States.

79. Recovered Personnel Processed Through Reception Stations. Recovered personnel upon arrival at reception stations will be processed as set forth in Section IX. This includes assignment to a redistribution station to which the recovered individual will report upon expiration of period of temporary duty, leave, or furlough. The following disposition will be made of the records of recovered personnel:

a. Temporary qualification cards of officers and temporary service records and allied papers of enlisted men will be forwarded to the redistribution station immediately upon completion of processing. Pending the completion of records processing at the reception station and in no event later than 24 hours after departure of the recovered personnel from the reception station, rosters or copies of the orders pertaining to such personnel, showing the redistribution station to which assigned, will be forwarded to The Adjutant General requesting that the permanent records of the individuals concerned be forwarded to the redistribution station indicated.

b. The Adjutant General upon receipt of such a request will forward records of the individuals concerned direct to the redistribution station. Should the records of the individual not be available in the Adjutant General's Office, The Adjutant General will forward, in lieu thereof a statement showing correct name, serial number, component, total service, and total oversea service of the individual and any other information which may be available.

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79.1. Decorations and awards.--a. The Adjutant General (Decorations and Awards Branch) will maintain an up-to-date record of all prisoners of war who have been awarded decorations, Infantry-men or Medical Badges. Upon receipt of 2 copies of orders transferring such individuals to a general hospital or a redistribution station the Decorations and Awards Sub-Branch, 72 Wall Street, New York 5, New York, will forward copies of orders announcing awards to the commanding officer of the redistribution station or general hospital concerned.

b. Each such individual will be interviewed and if the decoration or award called for by the copy of orders received from The Adjutant General has not been presented, presentation of unengraved medals will be made under the provisions of AR 600-45; Circular No. 408, War Department, 1944, as amended by Section II, Circular No. 93, War Department, 1945, and Section III, Circular No. 151, War Department, 1945 or Section II, Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, as amended by Section IV, Circular No. 151, War Department 1945.

c. An adequate supply of unengraved medals will be maintained at redistribution Stations and general hospitals for this purpose. If presentation has been made through the use of a ribbon covered bar only or if the medal was previously presented but lost, unengraved medals will be issued.

d. Since each individual is entitled to an engraved medal, the redistribution station or general hospital, upon the request of the recovered person will prepare WD AGO Form 286 "Requisition for Engravings" in an original only. Form 286 will be prepared to authorize the engraving of the medals issued at the redistribution station or hospital, but not for any other medals issued to the individual which have not been engraved. Requisitions for requirements of Form 286 at redistribution stations and hospitals will be submitted through normal distribution channels to Adjutant General Depots. Supplies of the form are now available. If the recovered person so desires, the hospital or redistribution station will send the original of Form 286 and the medal to the appropriate Quartermaster Depot (see Circular No. 46, War Department, 1945) for engraving.

80. Processing Procedures at Redistribution Stations. At redistribution stations the procedures outlined below will be followed during the processing, separation, or reassignment of recovered personnel for whom rehabilitation has been completed:

a. Upon receipt of the permanent records, or statements from The Adjutant General, and the temporary records from the reception station, the redistribution station will prepare adjusted service rating cards and upon arrival of such personnel will process them for separation or reassignment.

b. AAF Redistribution Stations.

(1) Officer personnel processed at Army Air Forces Redistribution Stations will have their essentiality determined thereat and either assigned or separated in accordance with current instructions issued by the CG, AAF.

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(2) Enlisted personnel processed at Army Air Forces Redistribution Stations will have their essentiality determined thereat. Those above the critical score currently announced by the War Department and having an MOS indicated as currently separable by Headquarters, Army Air Forces will be forwarded to appropriate separation centers upon expiration of their stay. All other enlisted personnel will be assigned in accordance with current instructions issued by the Commanding General, Army Air Forces

## c. AG &amp; SF Redistribution Stations

## (1) Officer Personnel

(a) Army Ground Forces officer personnel processed at AG & SF Redistribution Stations will be reported to the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces who will determine such individuals to be essential or nonessential. Essential personnel will be assigned through the Army Ground Forces liaison officer at AG & SF Redistribution Stations. Non-essential personnel will be transferred to appropriate separation centers upon expiration of their stay.

(b) The qualification cards of Army Service Forces officer personnel will be forwarded to The Adjutant General for determination of essentiality. Individuals found to be essential will be assigned as directed by The Adjutant General. Individuals determined to be non-essential will be transferred to appropriate separation centers upon expiration of their stay.

## (2) Enlisted Personnel:

(a) Enlisted personnel of the Army Ground Forces and Army Service Forces processed at AG and SF Redistribution Stations will have their essentiality determined thereat. Those above the critical score currently announced by the War Department and not having an MOS as indicated in the War Department list of critical shortages will be forwarded to appropriate separation centers upon expiration of their stay. Enlisted personnel of the Army Ground Forces determined to be essential will be assigned by the Army Ground Forces liaison officer in accordance with current instructions issued by the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces. Essential enlisted personnel of the Army Service Forces will be assigned as currently directed by the Commanding General, Army Service Forces.

80.1. Special procedures for certain recovered personnel-a.  
American military personnel who were recovered from German prisoner of war installations by armed forces of the United States, Great Britain and Russia, to include forces of other nations under the tactical control of these countries subsequent to 22 April 1945 will be assigned under the following provisions:

(1) Will not be assigned to an active theater.

(2) Will be assigned to the Zone of the Interior or to an inactive theater.

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(3) All officers in this classification will have the following remark made under "Remarks" on WD AGO Form No. 66-1, 66-2, or 66-3:

"Eligible for assignment to Zone of Interior or to an inactive theater only"

(4) All enlisted men in this classification will have the remark in (3) above shown under "Remarks" on WD AGO Form No. 20.

(5) Information on which to determine whether recovered personnel should be classified in this category may be obtained from records available at the redistribution station supplemented by certificates for officers and affidavits for enlisted personnel where necessary.

b. All redistribution station commanders will take the necessary steps to insure that the provisions of this paragraph are followed.

c. Exceptions will be granted by name only on specific War Department authority.

81. Reassignment of Essential Project "J" Personnel. The reassignment of Project "J" personnel will be further governed by the following:

a. Unless the individual affirmatively elects otherwise in writing, he will not be assigned to overseas duty for a period of at least one year subsequent to his return to the continental United States.

b. Upon return to the continental United States, the individual concerned will be given his first duty assignment in accordance with his expressed desires, insofar as is practicable. Prior to his first duty assignment, such schooling and retraining as may be necessary will be accomplished. Transfers between major commands are authorized, where necessary, to accomplish such assignments and will be effected expeditiously.

(1) Each individual will be given his choice of available assignments. Should the individual be not qualified for the assignment chosen, training or retraining at an appropriate service school is authorized. Demonstrated inaptitude for training of first choice and written request for reassignment to a second choice for training will be considered and reassignment made when appropriate; however, failure to complete the second choice training will render the returnee ineligible for further service school attendance for a period of one year.

(2) The first station of assignment will be the station selected by the returnee, insofar as it is militarily possible to conform to the desires of the individual. In general when it is not possible to assign an individual in his choice of work to the station of choice, a selection between station and work will suffice. No

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individual will be reassigned from his station of choice prior to completion of three months service thereat except for reasons of military urgency.

81.1. Recovered Personnel Following Assignment to duty. a. Attention of unit commanders will be invited to the fact that, in some instances, recovered personnel as a result of their imprisonment or other hardships may suffer from certain psychological and attitudinal problems which made their subsequent adjustment difficult. For this reason they may constitute leadership problems somewhat different from those encountered in other individuals.

b. The general characteristics which may be present are as follows:

(1) A deep and serious bitterness arising from the feeling of being "Out of the picture" and from the sterility, deprivations and enforced passivity of prison life.

(2) A habit of resisting authority.

(3) Easily damaged self respect.

c. These psychological difficulties may last for several months and will require intelligent leadership to overcome.

SECTION XII  
MISCELLANEOUS

82. Hospitalization.--Any recovered person who while on temporary duty requires hospitalization and is hospitalized in an Army hospital, upon release therefrom will revert to the status of temporary duty existent at the time of admission to the hospital. The period of temporary duty originally granted will not be reduced by hospitalization. Appropriate action will be taken to extend the reporting date in each case by the number of days spent in the hospital.

83. An individual upon whom a determination is made that he be retired, released from active duty or discharged, will be disposed of in accordance with current policies and regulations without regard to the provisions of this letter.

84. Any case which has been improperly processed according to this letter, and in which the commanding officer of the station or installation concerned is unable to make correction, may be referred to The Adjutant General, Attention: SPGAM, Washington 25, D. C.

SECTION XIII  
WAR DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

85. The provisions of all parts of this letter will apply to War Department civilian employees except where inappropriate.

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86. Report by overseas commands.--Will be as required by paragraph 5, Circular No. 52, War Department, 1945.

87. Continuation of Duty Status.--a. Employees returned to United States military control continue their status as War Department employees until terminated.

b. Employees who meet the provisions of Civilian Personnel Circular No. 59, 1943, are eligible to be returned to their point of hire in the United States in a duty status. Travel time will not be charged to accumulated leave. The person will be eligible to enter a leave status upon arrival in the United States at his former place of engagement or post of duty.

c. Employees who do not meet the conditions prescribed in Civilian Personnel Circular Number 59, 1943, will not be eligible for return to the United States in a duty status. Unless arrangements are made for such personnel to continue work in the theater, they will enter a leave status effective the date they are returned to the jurisdiction of the War Department.

88. Transportation Costs to the United States. - Civilian employees returned to United States military control from a missing status are eligible for return transportation to the United States at government expense under the conditions outlined in Civilian Personnel Circular 59, 1943.

89. Settlement of Pay Accounts of Civilian Personnel - When returned to the United States.- In connection with the settlement of the pay accounts of civilian employees of the War Department who come under the provisions of this letter, no attempt will be made to effect full settlement thereof, except by direction of OCSA (Office of Settlement of Special Accounts) as indicated in c below. However, in order that such personnel may have funds available for their use immediately after arrival in the United States, commanders of air and water ports of debarkation will take the action indicated in a below, upon completion of which OCSA will take action as indicated in b below.

a. Port commanders will furnish OCSA with the following information concerning such personnel by electrical means of transmission or air mail immediately after their arrival at such ports.

- (1) Name and grade (if known), employing agency at time of entry into a missing status (e.g., "Quartermaster, Cebu, P.I.").
- (2) Address of installation or agency to which civilian employee is attached for administration.
- (3) Permanent mailing address at which civilian employee may be contacted.
- (4) Amount of partial payment desired by individual concerned.

b. Upon receipt of information required in a above, OCSA will, in accordance with the facts in individual cases, authorize, by teletype or other electrical means of transmission, the agency or installation concerned to make a partial payment in a stated amount to be charged to an allotment furnished by OCSA, together with such additional instructions as may be necessary. Advice and instructions will be confirmed in writing by air mail.

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c. Immediately upon completion of the action indicated above, OSSA will take the necessary steps to effect full settlement of the pay accounts of such civilian personnel in accordance with existing law, regulations and War Department policies.

90. When retained in overseas theaters. In instances where a civilian covered by this letter is retained in an overseas theater, the commanding officer having jurisdiction over such person will furnish OSSA with the information required in 89, a above, accompanied by a request for instructions governing the full settlement of the account of the civilian concerned during the period of his absence in a "missing" status, and periods immediately prior thereto during which the individual was not paid. Partial payments, to be charged against the full settlement, are authorized to be made in the discretion of such commanding officer.

91. Final Salary Payments and Travel Accounts. -- Theater Commanders will designate a port of embarkation to effect final salary payments and travel accounts of personnel being returned to the United States in accordance with Civilian Personnel Circular 18, 1944. Advice should also be furnished of appropriations chargeable for this purpose. After settlement of accrued pay the Office of Special Settlement Accounts will furnish the port of embarkation designated with the following information:

- a. Designation of position, grade and salary.
- b. Normal tour of duty: Hours per day \_\_\_\_\_; hours per week \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Pay roll deductions, such as retirement, withholding tax, and allotments, including class B allotments for the purchase of War Saving Bonds.
- d. Last paid data, to include: Name and symbol number of disbursing officer by whom last paid; date through which last paid; and voucher number of last pay roll.
- e. Amount of accumulated and accrued annual and sick leave as of date last paid.

92. Project "J" Civilian Personnel in the Philippines. a. The theater commander will make determinations under the Missing Persons Act, as amended, of civilian employee status.

b. The theater commander will effect payments of accrued pay due such employees.

c. The provisions of Section V of this letter will be followed. Necessary CA Forms will be completed: Forms CA 1 and CA 2 will be completed in all cases.

d. Project J employees returned to United States military control will be considered as employees of the theater until terminated. The provisions of paragraphs 87, b and 87, c above are applicable.

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e. Civilian employees returned to United States military control from a missing status are eligible for return transportation to the United States at government expense under the conditions outlined in Civilian Personnel Circular Number 59, 1943.

f. The provisions of Civilian Personnel Circular Number 18, 1944, will be followed in effecting final salary payments.

g. In the event personnel are returned to the United States from the Philippines prior to final settlement of accrued pay accounts as authorized under the Missing Persons Act, the provisions of paragraphs 85 to 91 inclusive, above, will be followed.

SECTION XIV  
RECLASSIFICATION AND  
RESCISSION OF PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

93. All material contained herein which is now contained in letters, circulars or other communications is hereby classified "restricted", under the provisions of AR 380-5.

94. The following publications are rescinded:

POW dated 21 April 45  
C-1 " 2 June 45  
C-2 " 22 June 45  
C-3 " 12 July 45

By order of the Secretary of War:

*Edward F. Witsell*

EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
Acting The Adjutant General

12 Inclosures:  
Appendices 1 through 12.

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Washington 25, D.C.

AG 383.6 (24 Mar 45) OB-S-B-M

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29 March 1945

SUBJECT: Publicity in Connection with Escaped, Liberated, or Repatriated  
Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or  
Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries

TO: The Commanding Generals,  
Army Air Forces  
Army Ground Forces  
Army Service Forces  
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area  
The Commanding Generals,  
Theaters of Operations  
Defense Commands  
Departments  
Independent Commands under War Department  
Base Commands; Military District of Washington  
The Commanding Officers,  
Base Commands  
Director, Bureau of Public Relations.  
American Military Attaches in All Foreign Countries

1. Letter, AG 383.6 (31 Jul 43) OB-S-B-M, 6 August 1943, subject:  
Amended Instructions Concerning Publicity in Connection with Escaped  
Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied  
Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries, is hereby rescinded and the  
following is substituted therefor.

2. Publication or communication to any unauthorized persons of  
experiences of escape, release, or evasion from enemy or enemy-occupied  
territory, activities or equipment in connection therewith, internment  
in a neutral country, or release from internment, furnishes useful informa-  
tion to the enemy, jeopardizes future escapes, evasions and releases, and  
under Army Regulations, must not be disclosed to anyone except to military  
officials specifically designated.

3. a. Personnel who have evaded, escaped, or have been released  
from LIBERATED ARFAS may relate stories of their experiences after clearance  
with WDBFR, but no reference may be made to:

(1) Existence of unannounced organizations established to  
assist evaders, escapers or to methods employed by the organizations.

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(2) Names, pictures, or any other means of identification of helpers of escapers or evaders.

(3) Treacherous actions of Allied Prisoners of War or evaders.

(4) Sabotage activities of Allied Prisoners of War whether escaped or detained.

(5) Briefings and equipment for evasion and escape and other intelligence activities within the camps which constitute intelligence information.

b. All other personnel will not, unless authorized by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, WDGS, publish in any form whatever, or communicate either directly or indirectly to the press, radio, or any unauthorized person, any account of escape, release, or evasion of capture from enemy or enemy occupied territory or internment in a neutral country before or after repatriation.

4. Subject personnel shall not be interrogated on the circumstances of their experiences in escape, evasion, release or internment, except by the proper agency designated by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, WDGS, or the corresponding agency in overseas theaters of operations. In allied or neutral countries, American Military Attaches are authorized to interrogate on escape, evasion, release and internment matters.

5. Requests for the services of subject personnel, deemed necessary for lecturing and briefing, will be cleared by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, WDGS, or the corresponding agency in overseas theaters of operations.

6. Commanding Officers will be responsible for instructing all subject personnel in the provisions of this directive, and insuring that the attached certificate be executed.

By order of the Secretary of War:

1 Incl.  
Certificate.

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

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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I have read and fully understand all the provisions of War Department letter, Subject: Publicity in Connection with Escaped, Liberated, or Repatriated Prisoners of War, to Include Evaders of Capture in Enemy or Enemy-Occupied Territory and Internees in Neutral Countries, and will at ALL TIMES hereafter comply fully therewith.

I understand that disclosure to unauthorized persons will make me liable to disciplinary action for failure to safeguard MILITARY INFORMATION.

I realize that it is my duty during my military service, and later as a civilian, to take all possible precautions to prevent disclosure, by word of mouth or otherwise, of military information of this nature.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ A.S.N. \_\_\_\_\_ DATED \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington 25, D. C.

AGPC-E 350.05 (23 Jul 45)

17 August 1945

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Casualty Information

1. The Casualty Branch of The Adjutant General's Office is the sole agency authorized to initially communicate information concerning casualties occurring among members of the Army of the United States and persons accompanying such forces.

2. Occasions are known where persons have been reported to have been killed in action, or to have died of other causes, by individuals present at the time of the alleged death. These persons have later been found to be alive. For this and for other security reasons, it is absolutely necessary that all initial casualty reporting be done only through authorized channels.

3. Information concerning casualties communicated directly to relatives, next of kin and other parties by individuals who are not charged with this function has been the source of embarrassment to the War Department. It has resulted in a considerable volume of correspondence between the War Department and the persons who were furnished this unauthorized casualty information. Directives issued in all theaters specifically forbid communication of information concerning casualties through other than official channels. Censorship regulations also forbid inclusion of such information in communications from individuals overseas.

4. In order that the public may receive initial official casualty reports from the War Department only, it is mandatory that any individual who possesses information concerning other individuals believed to be casualties refrain from communicating this information to anyone other than The Adjutant General and the Casualty Branch of The Adjutant General's Office until 45 days after the date the casualty occurred.

5. This restriction is not applicable to official communications sent by commanding officers, chaplains or hospital personnel in accordance with Section I, paragraphs 6a(2) and 7e, Circular 2, War Department, 1945, as amended.

6. Communications of any nature, whether by personal visit, telephone, telegraph, letters or any other means, received by such persons from next of kin, or from any persons whomsoever they may be, interested in securing information on persons believed to be casualties, will be handled in the following manner if received prior to 45 days from the date of casualty. All such requests will be placed in writing, if originally made by any other means.

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All such communications with envelopes, etc., together with any reply the person receiving such communications desires to make, will be forwarded to: The Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington 25, D. C. Anyone seeking official casualty information may be informed that such inquiry must be referred by the person receiving it to the Casualty Branch of The Adjutant General's Office which is the sole agency authorized to release official casualty information, and that further reply will be made by the Casualty Branch, A. G. O.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/s/ Daniel J. Reidy  
Adjutant General

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## CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED

HOME TOWN OR STATE

GRADE OR RANK

ORGANIZATION

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

PLACE OF BURIAL

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS  
DEATH

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO  
HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY  
GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR  
INFORMANT

SIGN HERE \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Serial Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your home address

NOTE: THIS FORM IS FOR USE BY CASUALTY BRANCH, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE WASHINGTON 25, D.C. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE FORM ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU. PLEASE FILL ONE OUT FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHOM YOU KNOW OR BELIEVE TO BE DEAD.

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## WAR CRIMES OFFICE

When completed this document  
must be classified as SECRET

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

1. YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)
2. RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(If civilian, write in word "Civilian"). (Armed Forces personnel only)
- PERMANENT
3. HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street No. City State
4. AT WHAT ENEMY CAMPS AND HOSPITALS WERE YOU CONFINED AND WHEN WERE YOU AT EACH? (If never a prisoner of war or internee, then state principal places you have been from time to time while overseas).
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
5. DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ATROCITIES AGAINST, OR MISTREATMENT OF AMERICANS, PRISONERS OF WAR, CIVILIAN INTERNEES, OR THE CIVILIAN POPULATION FOR WHICH YOU THINK THE PERPETRATORS SHOULD BE PUNISHED: (Answer by stating YES or NO in the spaces provided below).
- (a) Killings or executions----- yes or no
- (b) Torture, beatings or other cruelties ----- yes or no
- (c) Imprisonment under improper conditions ----- yes or no
- (d) Massacres, wholesale looting or burning of towns ----- yes or no
- (e) Use of prisoners of war on enemy military works or operations-- yes or no
- (f) Exposure of prisoners of war to danger of gunfire, bombing, torpedoing, or other hazards of war ----- yes or no
- (g) Transportation of prisoners of war under improper conditions ----- yes or no
- (h) Public exhibition or exposure to ridicule of prisoners of war-- yes or no
- (i) Failure to provide prisoners of war with proper medical care, food or quarters----- yes or no
- (j) Collective punishment of a group for offense of others ----- yes or no
- (k) Any other atrocities not specifically mentioned above for

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which you think the guilty persons should be punished-----  
yes or no

IF ANY QUESTION IS ANSWERED YES, THEN STATE THE FACTS BRIEFLY ON THIS SHEET.

DETAILS OF ATROCITIES

<u>KIND OF CRIME</u>	<u>WHERE IT HAPPENED</u>	<u>WHO WAS THE VICTIM</u> (include name, nationality & whether military personnel or not).	<u>STATE IF YOU SAW IT YOURSELF. IF YOU DID NOT SEE IT, WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT IT?</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN QUESTIONED BY ANY MILITARY OR NAVAL AUTHORITIES ABOUT ATROCITIES OR MISTREATMENT?  
yes or no. If YES by WHOM, WHERE, WHEN

DID YOU MAKE A SIGNED STATEMENT?  
yes or no

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Sign your name here.

TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR  
 INFORMATION BUREAU PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Do you know of an American prisoner of war who may be eligible for  
 repatriation by reason of disability--(any of the following: (a) loss of hand,  
 foot or fingers (b) shell fragment in the brain or lungs (c) tuberculosis  
 (d) Chronic neuritis (e) nervous disorders (f) stomach trouble (g) loss of  
 fluid through lungs (h) bronchitis (i) kidney trouble (j) paralysis (k)  
 Dysentery (l) shortening of one leg (m) typhoid fever (n) inflammation of  
 bone (o) diabetes (p) severe loss of weight)

NAME	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	DISABILITY	LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND DATE

Information based on: (1) Personal knowledge  
 (2) Hearsay

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade                      Serial No.

List all names you can. Use back of page if this space is not sufficient.

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Pol off and EM (Project "J") are rlvd from atchd unassigned Det of Patients this hosp and from further obsn and treatment and WP Reception stas indicated for processing and disposition as set forth in WD letter AG 383.6 dated 17 August 1945, (Short Title: POW, (Second Edition). TC will ship baggage of pers to place designated by individuals UP AR 55-160 cost exceeding that auth will be borne by the traveler. Provisions of AR 35-4820 apply for tvl of off. TC will issue necessary rail T, determine and issue to EM concerned, number of meal tickets necessary for journey UP AR 30-2215 and furnish such lower berth, compartment or drawing room accommodations as may be necessary because of physical condition of patient UP par 4 AR 55-125. TPA TDN PCS 601-31 P 431-02-03 212/60425 Auth WD Ltr AG 383.6 (17 Aug 45) OB-S-A-SPGAM-M dated 17 Aug 45, Short Title POW, (Second Edition).

<u>Names</u>	<u>RECEPTION STATIONS</u>	<u>EDCMR</u>	<u>IMF</u>	<u>PLACE OF TDY</u>	<u>MODE OF TVL</u>
CAPT JOSEPH Q JOICK 0123456 Inf Unasgd	Camp Atterbury, Indiana	19 May 45	--	814 Fetter Ave Louisville Ky	Commercial acft
Sgt Ford H Nash R1026880 Inf Unasgd	Cp Devens, Mass	21 May 45	Noon, 1945	Pease St 19 May Boston, Mass	Rail

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington 25, D. C.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Pursuant to the authority contained in Orders L, 21 November 1941, and at the direction of the Secretary of War, you are invited to perform the following travel in the interest of the military service, such travel being for the purpose of accompanying your (husband, son, brother, father)(name) \_\_\_\_\_, a former Prisoner of War recently liberated from the custody of the Japanese Government: From \_\_\_\_\_ and return to \_\_\_\_\_

Travel by rail is authorized. The Transportation Corps will furnish necessary government transportation upon request.

Reimbursement for transportation not furnished in kind is authorized.

In order to secure reimbursement for transportation and Pullman accommodations procured at your own expense receipts must be obtained and attached to reimbursement voucher.

The travel involved is necessary in the public service and chargeable to 601-1 P 432-02 212/60425.

Sincerely yours,

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RESTRICTEDHEADQUARTERS SERVICE COMMAND UNIT 7495  
Reception Station No. 15  
Fort McPherson, Georgia\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)SPECIAL ORDERS )  
Number )E X T R A C T

3. Pol Off and EM (Project R) held fr dy this sta and trfd in gr Redistribution Stas indicated for processing and reasgmt. 60 days TDY for rehabilitation, recuperation, and recovery plus travel time auth as indicated. Auth is granted to visit such additional places within the U.S. as may be desired at no expense to the Government. Indivs will report to new stas on or before dates indicated. Provs of AR 35-4820 apply for tvl of officers. In accordance AR 35-4810 FD will pay in advance prescribed monetary alvs in lieu rats for tvl a/r \$1.00 per meal per EM for number meals indicated. TPA TDN PCS 501-31 P 431-02-03 212/60425. Auth WD Ltr AG 383.6 (17 Aug 45) OB-S-A-SPGAM-M dated 17 Aug 45, Short Title: POW, (Second Edition), EDCMR \_\_\_\_\_

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>DAYS</u>			<u>RPTG</u> <u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESS ON TDY</u>
	<u>MEALS</u>	<u>TVL</u>	<u>LMF</u>		
<u>AGSF REDISTRIBUTION STA MIAMI BEACH FLA</u>					
Pvt William T Jenkins	3	2	Noon,	_____	1903 Clairmont Rd Decatur, Ga.
*	*	*	May 45	_____	*
<u>AGSF REDISTRIBUTION STA ASHEVILLE NC</u>					
CAPT JOHN P DOE	_____	3	_____	_____	1019 S Unika St Johnson City, Tenn.
0146679 Inf Unasgd	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
T Sgt Jimmy E Addington	2	2	Supper,	_____	40 S 2d St Calhoun, Ga.
34266989 CE Unasgd	_____	_____	May 45	_____	_____
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Reception Station No. 15  
Fort McPherson, Georgia

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<u>NAMES</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>RPTG</u>	<u>ADDRESS ON TDY</u>
	<u>MEALS TVL IMF</u>	<u>DATE</u>	
<u>AGSF REDISTRIBUTION STA MIAMI BEACH, FLA</u>			
Pvt William T Jenkins	3    2	Noon, May 45    Jun 45	1903 Clairmont Rd Decatur, Ga.
*	*	*	*
<u>AGSF REDISTRIBUTION STA CAMP BUTNER, NC</u>			
CAPT JOHN P DOE 0146879 Inf Unasgd	—    3	—    Jun 45	1019 S Unika St Johnson City, Tenn
T Sgt Jimmy E Addington 34266989 CE Unasgd	2    2	Supper May 45    Jun 45	40 S 2d St Calhoun, Ga.

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SUBJECT: Consideration for Promotion of Project P & R Personnel

1. The Army has adopted a policy of giving special consideration toward promotion of recovered prisoners of war. Briefly, if the Army considers that you presumably would have been promoted during the past months had you not been a prisoner of war, and if you are qualified for a higher grade, you will be given a one grade promotion. If it considers you presumably would have been promoted more than once, a further opportunity for advancement will be given after you are assigned at your new station.

2. In order to secure information for use of the Army in considering your case, the attached form has been prepared. Use care in filling in each item, follow directions and sign it after "Remarks" to signify that it is true and correct. Then send it by mail to the Redistribution Station to which your orders direct you to report after your period of temporary duty for rest, etc. There it will be carefully checked against all available records. If more information is needed, you will be questioned or interviewed by a trained officer who will help you state your case.

3. The proper authorities will study your individual case and make a decision as to its merits. No attempt will be made to give you an extra advantage because you were a prisoner of war, but they will give you the considerations and chances that you have lost while held prisoner.

4. If you are a Chief Warrant Officer, Flight Officer, First Sergeant or Master Sergeant, your advancement, as you know, depends upon an appointment to a new status. Direct appointments to officer or warrant officer status are now somewhat limited by the present situation and the needs of the Army. The proper appointing authorities must keep those needs in mind when your case is studied; however, you may be sure they will give you every consideration, based on those needs, to which the merits of your case entitle you.

5. Remember that the attached form if sent through the mails must not include any military information which would require classification of this paper under AR 380-5. You may mention, however, that your story includes confidential details which can be checked by other reports if you think that they are important in your case.

APPENDIX 11  
w/WD AGO Form R5072 (1 Sep 45)

## STATEMENT OR REPORT OF INTERVIEW OF RECOVERED PERSONNEL

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL

ARMY SERIAL NO.

GRADE

## AS OF DATE OF LOSS TO UNITED STATES MILITARY CONTROL

Under "Remarks" on reverse side give signed, complete statement in narrative form of the circumstances leading up to and immediately following his capture or other separation from his unit or organization.

UNIT OR ORGANIZATION

NAME AND GRADE OF IMMEDIATE COMMANDING OFFICER AND ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES

POSITION OCCUPIED OR DUTY BEING PERFORMED

## FOR PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM UNITED STATES MILITARY CONTROL

IF TAKEN PRISONER OF WAR

NAME OF PRISONER OF WAR CAMP OR CAMPS IN WHICH IMPRISONED, AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED IN EACH

NAMES OF SENIOR UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICERS IN EACH SUCH PRISONER OF WAR CAMP

DUTIES PERFORMED WHILE IN PRISONER OF WAR CAMP OR CAMPS (Do not disclose nature of any secret intelligence activities; but if you participated therein, you may so state)

## IF EVADING CAPTURE IN ENEMY-HELD TERRITORY OR IF ESCAPING FROM IMPRISONMENT

DATE, PLACE AND NAME OF AGENCY (Officer) WHICH INTERROGATED YOU ON YOUR EXPERIENCE (If not interrogated, so state)

## IF FORMERLY INTERNED IN SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, EIRE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL OR TURKEY

NAME OF INTERNMENT CAMP OR CAMPS IN WHICH INTERNED, AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED IN EACH

NAMES OF SENIOR UNITED STATES ARMY OFFICERS IN EACH SUCH INTERNMENT CAMP

DUTIES PERFORMED WHILE IN INTERNMENT CAMP OR CAMPS

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INTERVIEWED OR CHECKED BY

GRADE

STATION

DATE

## INDORSEMENTS

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2ND INDORSEMENT

3RD INDORSEMENT

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERVIEWING OR CHECKING OFFICER

1. If individual concerned is --
  - a. A commissioned, warrant or flight officer, - a copy of WD AGO Form 66-1, 2 or 3 will be attached to report of interview.
  - b. An enlisted man, - a copy of WD AGO Form 20, an extract copy of service record showing dates of promotions, reductions, courts-martial, if any, and character and efficiency ratings.
2. If no service record, Form 66-1, 2 or 3, or Form 20 is available, then a signed statement by the individual concerning pertinent data will be attached.
3. If individual concerned is a flight or chief warrant officer or enlisted man of the first grade a signed statement that he does or does not desire to make application for appointment as warrant officer junior grade (*in cases of enlisted men of first grade*) or 2nd lieutenant (*in cases of chief warrant and flight officers*).

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
Office of The Adjutant General  
Washington 25, D. C.

SPKMP-M 383.6 (21 May 45)  
SFGAM

24 May 1945

SUBJECT: Processing recovered personnel

TO: Commanding Generals, First to Ninth Service Commands  
Commanding Officers:  
Reception Stations  
Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Stations

1. Recovered personnel, upon arrival at reception station in the United States, will be processed as set forth in WD letter (AG 383.6), 21 April 1945, short title, POW. This includes assignment to a redistribution station to which the recovered individual will report upon expiration of period of temporary duty, leave, or furlough.

2. Recovered personnel will not be screened for essentiality at the reception station. Screening of recovered personnel will be accomplished at the redistribution station upon reporting thereto. In order to enable the redistribution stations to accomplish this action expeditiously, the actions indicated herein are prescribed in connection with all recovered personnel.

3. Temporary qualification cards of officers and temporary service records and allied papers of enlisted men will be forwarded to the redistribution station immediately upon completion of processing. Pending the completion of records processing at the reception station, and in no event later than 24 hours after departure of the recovered personnel from the reception station, rosters or copies of the orders pertaining to such personnel, showing the redistribution station to which assigned, will be forwarded to The Adjutant General requesting that the permanent records of the individuals concerned be forwarded to the redistribution station indicated.

4. The Adjutant General upon receipt of such a request will forward records of the individuals concerned direct to the redistribution station. Should the records of the individual not be available in The Adjutant General's Office, The Adjutant General will forward in lieu thereof a statement showing correct name, serial number, component, total service, and total overseas service of the individual and any other information which may be available.

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5. Upon receipt of the permanent records, or statement from The Adjutant General, and the temporary records from the reception station, the redistribution station will prepare adjusted service rating cards, and upon arrival of such personnel at the redistribution station will screen them for separation. Those round eligible for separation will be given thorough physical evaluation and any individual in need of further rehabilitation will be given such treatment as may be indicated prior to separation. Those not needing further treatment will be ordered to the appropriate separation center for processing.

6. Those recovered personnel not eligible for separation upon completion of any necessary rehabilitation will be utilized in accordance with current requirements.

/ BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SOMERVILL:

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

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