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ORIENTATION TRAINING COURSE ADJUSTMENT DIVISION PERIOD NO. 6

SUBJECT: Survey of Record Holdings AGPD And Their Significance

INSTRUCTOR: Captain Elmer L. Baker

The purpose of this instruction is to acquaint you with the operations of Project "J" with emphasis on the significance and use of its records.

Being unfamiliar with all the different phases of your operation I will give you a general outline of our record holdings and will expect questions from you as to whether or not we have records that will facilitate your operation.

The definition of Project "J".- Project "J" is comprised of all US military personnel who were on duty with the Armed Forces on Wake, Guam, Netherlands East Indies and in the Philippines prior to May 1942 (date of Philippine surrender), who were captured by the enemy, evaded capture or killed in action, died in line of duty from effects, aggravated by hostilities or the hazards of war or other causes before or subsequent to the Philippine surrender but not later than such territories were liberated by US military forces. This group includes personnel of three components: regular, AUS, and Philippine Scouts military personnel.

Project "J" also includes all living and deceased War Department civilian employees who were on duty with the Armed Forces in the aforementioned territory, exclusive of, part time or intermittent employees, or native labor casually hired on an hourly or per-diem basis. Added to this personnel are also the 14th Inf. Regt. Philippine Army which was given AUS status on 12 July 1942 and Troop C, of the 26th Cavalry, was given AUS status in early 1943 by orders of Gen. MacArthur, Commander in Chief of the Southwest Pacific Area. A few civilian technicians were also commissioned as AUS officers during the period of Japanese occupation and included as Project "J" personnel.

Under authority delegated to the Commanding General, PHILCOM, by the Secretary of the Department of the Army, Project "J" Branch acts for the Commanding General in returning this personnel to military control, making determinations as to their status during the period of Japanese occupation, initiates payments for all benefits determined to be due and makes disposition of the individuals which amounts to separation from the service and makes recommendations as to subsequent employment or enlistment, if so warranted.

Visualize, if you will, all the information that is necessary in order to make a correct determination as to status and activity of this personnel. Nearly all organizational records were destroyed or captured by the enemy. Some pay records were scuttled out by submarines, copies of which are now in Project "J". Military personnel that were in service in the zone of occupation was a matter of record to the Adjutant General in Washington. In May 1942 all this personnel was presumed to be in a missing in action status, a roster was prepared of this personnel which is known as The Casualty Roster. A copy of this roster is on file in Project "J" and is considered one of its most important documents. It carries the name, serial number, grade, organization, and we are filling in final status and disposition for each individual listed as far as the military service is concerned.

During the period of occupation there was limited communication by radio and some individuals were evacuated from time to time to the Theater Headquarters in Australia. The names of the outstanding guerrilla organizations and their leaders were known and their operations were taken into consideration in formulating plans for the reoccupation of the Philippines. Additional information as to unit operation was obtained during and after the reoccupation and histories of various military units were prepared and are on record in Project "J". Many individuals were able to maintain diaries which are very enlightening on unit and individual participation. If considered of military value they are on file with Project "J" Archives. Some records have been obtained from all

prisoners of war and internment camps. Incomplete death records have also been obtained.

During the processing of military personnel after the reconquest of the Philippines, individuals were required to prepare affidavits which include their name, serial number, residence, date and place of birth, nationality, physical description, marital status, number, name, age, relationship and location of dependents including parents if living, statement of military activities to include organization, duty performed, location, date, and names of commanding officers, financial statement, including date of last payment in full and any partial payments received and the name of disbursing officer if known. Subject were also required to give a detailed statement of all employments, if any, with the Japanese or Puppet agencies. They were required to procure affidavits from two or more individuals who were in a possession to know the facts pertaining to their activities during the period of occupation. These affidavits were used as a basis in making determination as to the individual's status and are included in his 201 file. Added to these individual files is an index to any other pertinent information contained in the Archives. The letter of determination made by this headquarters and all other correspondence pertaining to the subject are also included in the file. We have in our Archives rosters of personnel who were affiliated with pro-Japanese organization. During the operation of Project "J", records have been maintained of all payments made to personnel who were processed thru this headquarters. We have many miscellaneous records such as special orders, general orders, copies of radios, memorandum, etc., that were issued by military units. We also have special orders of evacuated or repatriated personnel that were not processed by this headquarters.

I have given you a brief description of the most important records on file in Project "J". We are now in the process of retiring all completed 201 file claims and shipping them to the Demobilized Personnel Records Office, St. Louis, Missouri. Archives and organizational records will be retained until

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the operation of Project "J" is fazed out.

I will now entertain and attempt to answer any question pertaining to the record holdings of Project "J".

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Vet's Br.

FROM : Aestf

SUBJECT: Training.

DATE: 5 Mar 52

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Lt. Miller has been contacted and is establishing a program for his clerks to take a three day orientation with adjudicators in this section. This will familiarize them with procedure but will not make them adjudicators. I believe the period is long enough. WDW

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TO :
FROM :
SUBJECT:

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Capt. J.

for your info.

*CP. Ex mins have already
been investigated.*

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REMARKS

FROM NAME OR TITLE

Maj. Espinos

DATE

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*3*DD FORM 94
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REPLACES NME FORM 94, 1 FEB 49, WHICH MAY BE USED.

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FILE NO. AGRD-VJ	SUBJECT Report on Screening Program		
TO Lt. Col. Rinaldi	FROM Proj "J" Section	DATE 11 Feb 52	COMMENT NO. 1

THRU: Major Esparros *ES*

Recent screening program of files in Records Branch for Project "J" files initiated by this Section has resulted in some interesting sidelights.

Although it is too soon after initiating such a project to make accurate estimates of recovered files, percentage of 201's sent to Project "J" as "possibles" are far in excess of estimated figure, running at present close to one third. Out of first 340 cards sent to Records Branch, Project "J" Section received 109 files to check.

In checking one of our cards on which it indicated 201 file was shipped to St. Louis, Records Clerk was puzzled as the charge out card of that Branch indicated 201 file had been sent to the defunct Adjustment Section and was one of the several files still unaccounted for. It was evident that such file had passed from Adjustment Section to Project "J" Section and subsequently forwarded from this Headquarters to Records Administration Center, St. Louis. Later, when Records Branch made an inventory of their holdings, the Adjustment Section was canvassed for the files they were charged with and apparently there was nothing to indicate they had forwarded the file to Project "J" Section, therefore 201 was "lost". In this same connection Project "J" Section recently received back from Kansas City (present location of files of the former Adjustment Section) one of our 201 files which was erroneously included in Wage Claims files shipment. This file contained unanswered "States" correspondence and we were being strongly queried as to where the file was. It was only a "hunch" in asking Kansas City for our record to be returned. A check of this 201 showed Project "J" had sent file to Adjustment Section for review and return, but file had instead found its way into wage claim shipment to Kansas City Depository.

One medical file of a post war Philippine Scout was sent to Project "J" Section by a records clerk which was "spotted" while screening for our records. This medical record comprised the complete history of a Philippine Scout mental case and is considered very important for VA purposes. Such a file certainly should not be mixed together with Records Branch holdings.

Shortly after liberation forces returned to the Philippines, several thousand Filipinos were inducted into what is called the post war Philippine Scouts. Many of such individuals had previous guerrilla service. It is known that there are many cases wherein some of the records pertaining to such post war Scout service ARE in the Records Branch, in some instances mixed together with the guerrilla 201 record. It is my recommendation that such Scout records be segregated and forwarded to Records Administration Center, St. Louis. Lt Miller also felt that

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Report on Screening Program (Cont'd)

11 Feb 52 Comment #1

this recommendation was in order as Philippine Scout Records holdings were definitely matters pertaining to U. S. interests. In this same connection it was noticed that RAC, St. Louis, in returning 14th Inf files to this Headquarters after final review of AUS status, always extracted medical and other related papers from PA file, which covered period individual was in subsequent AUS status, after MPA period was erroneously determined to have been AUS by this Headquarters.

Many files are reviewed each day by R & A Section personnel, either as individual file concerned in claim or as affiants in some particular case. It is suggested such adjudicators while reviewing case always check for any "post war" Philippine Scout material and if any is found, turn such file or matter over to Project "J" Section (whichever is deemed most desirable). After such review and clearance of record of Philippine Scout material, a symbol number could be placed on outside of folder and no subsequent checking would have to be made of such folder. No 201 file should be accepted back into Records Branch without this symbol number on it. Personally I think a similar system should be inaugurated for misfiled papers, duplicate folders, etc. It would appear to me that straightening out a record is more of an adjudicators responsibility than a Records Clerk, as the adjudicator is required to make a thorough review of each case examined and become familiar with each claim as it is worked.

If above system was adopted now, it would obviate any last minute rush to work over several hundred thousand records to keep purely U. S. military papers from being forwarded to an erroneous depository at some later date and would forestall any "Stateside" query on just such a matter.

Elvard L. Davis
 ELVARD L. DAVIS, DAC

So. Ch. Det. Bc

Noted. any action on par 6 above?

E. KRALDI
 E. KRALDI; Lt Col. AGC

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CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

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REMARKS

Saying OK + initialing original report (your copy attached here - should have been w/ known when you noted) does not appear to be adequate

note 6th par. a definite recommendation is made for some action. Thus when the paper comes to my office I want your comments as to what your plan is. As it stands I don't know what your doing about it except to specifically ask about it.

FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE <i>13 Feb</i>
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>E. RINALDI, Lt Col. AGC</i>	TELEPHONE <i>2</i>

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FILE NO.	ACRD-V	SUBJECT	Comments on Screening Program
TO	Lt. Col. Rinaldi	FROM	Chief, Veterans Branch
		DATE	26 Feb 52
		COMMENT NO.	1

In reply to your query at the bottom of the original DD Form 96 originated by Mr. Davis, the following is submitted for your information:

1. There is no action to be taken in regard to Per. 6 insofar as "post war" Philippine Scouts are concerned at the present time. This was only a suggestion advanced by Mr. Davis in connection with the file that all Officers and Civilians were required to read in your office, that in the event that this headquarters would have to relinquish all record files, the records pertaining to "post war" Philippine Scouts (which are strictly U.S. Army Records) would have already been withdrawn, thereby resulting in time-saving and the utter confusion that always accompanies a last minute rush job. Another aspect of the existing situation was to call to your attention the fact that in the 201 files there are some bona fide Army records combined with other papers necessary in the adjudication of claims.
2. The elimination of duplicate files is handled by the R&A Section in the following manner:
 - a. Whenever a work unit is received, the Claims Examiner receiving the work unit and the basic file requests from Records Branch all 201 files of persons having the same first and last names as the subject. In cases where more than one spelling of the name is probable, a request for all 201 files under each probable spelling is made.
 - b. The 201 files received are all examined. In those instances in which it is found that there is more than one 201 file pertaining to the subject of a claim, the 201 files are consolidated/^{an} check sheet is made to Records Branch to inform them of this consolidation.
 - c. All the 201 files are also screened to see whether there are any papers in the other files that may pertain to the subject.
 - d. At the same time the 201 file (or files) of the subject are screened to see whether there are any papers therein that pertain to persons other than the subject. If so, these papers are removed and placed in the proper file (if available) or sent to Records Branch for interfiling in the proper file.
 - e. No effort is made, however, to screen the files of other persons of the same name for presence of papers that do not belong in that file, but belong in still another file of the same name unless those papers pertain to the subject of the case under examination. The reason we do not do this is that it seems beyond the mission of the R&A Section.

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*See D memo
#6, 1951
concern this*

3. In regard to arranging misfiled papers in their proper order, it is the opinion of the undersigned that all 201 files should be arranged in sequence (chronologically, if no other system has been devised or is under consideration) by the personnel of the Records Branch. This opinion is advanced for consideration by virtue of the following reasons:

a. Inasmuch as the personnel of Records Branch are supposedly functioning as record clerks, it should be their responsibility to see that all files are in proper order at all times.

b. Adjudicators are not being paid as file clerks - they have enough to do on their own particular job without assuming the functions of another section.

c. The expense in salaries alone would not warrant the use of an adjudicator's time, as all of them are GS-5's while file clerks in Records Branch are GS-2's. Why use the higher salaried employees to do a job that a lower paid worker is supposed to do?

L. J. Esparraco
L. J. ESPARRACO
Major AGC
Chief, Veterans Branch

To, OIC Inqmnt Unit

27 Feb 52

for info + any comment

(Signature)
E. RINALDI, Lt Col AGC

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SUBJECT: Comments on Screening Program

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TO: Executive Officer

FROM: OIC, Management Unit

29 Feb 52

COMMENT #2

1. It is believed that whenever, in the course of certification, a claims examiner discovers papers pertaining to a "Public Law 190" Philippine Scout in a 201 file, the file should be routed to Project "J" when the R&A Section is through with it.

2. Concur with para 3 that the function of R&A Section is to certify, not to file. Believe that adoption of para 1 above would not hinder accomplishment of this function.

3. Suggest that consideration be given the idea of sending Records Branch personnel to R&A Section for short periods of time in order to increase their knowledge of certifying processes. This knowledge, in turn, should result in 201 files being maintained in better order.



ROBERT J. BREARTON
Capt Arty
OIC, Management Unit

29 Feb 52

To: Ch 1st Lt

1) Comment No. 1, 26 Feb 52 noted

2) 1st Lt No. 2. approved. While no special efforts need be made it is obvious that all claims examiners during the course of their determination can readily identify such papers.

3) No question about functions of R & A Section

4) Suggestion in 1st Lt No 2 is good. Should be worked out between Ch 1st Lt Post Ch 1st Lt.

This a matter of cross trig or in-service trig.

E. RINALDI Col AGC

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Records

FILE NO.	ACRD-JV	SUBJECT	Project "J" Archives
TO	Chief, Veterans Branch	FROM	OIC, Proj "J" Sec
DATE	5 Jul 51	COMMENT NO.	1

1. The undersigned inspected the Project "J" Archives this date. Capt Rudell was present and showed us locator cards established by his Archives Section which record fully that all Project "J" Archives have been extracted as pertains to Philippine Army and/or guerrilla personnel and properly placed in the PA archives. The sole exception to this policy is the Manila Tribune. The method of accomplishment was as follows:

- Each Project "J" Archive was screened.
- If the Archive contained more pertinent Project "J" data than PA, the PA information was extracted and placed in the PA archives.
- If the Archive contained more pertinent PA data than Project "J", the Project "J" information was extracted and placed in the Project "J" Archive file and the original was transferred to the PA archives.
- Payroll data, both military and civilian, are purely Project "J" and constitute the only Archives which have not been screened for PA data. There is no necessity for screening these documents.
- The Project "J" Archive locator cards pertain to where in the Archives the names of Project "J" personnel appear. There is no need to screen these as they were originally carded using Project "J" files for reference.

2. Further check revealed that the Project "J" Archives are maintained separately from the PA Archives.

3. As a result of checking these Archives, it has been determined that the following may be accomplished immediately:

- Placing the Manila Tribunes in the PA Archives.
- Shipment of all Project "J" Archives as is.

4. Action indicated in paragraph 3 above, can be taken without violating orders from TAG and at the same time all data necessary for the operation of this headquarters has been placed in pertinent PA Archives.

Philip O. Thurmond
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Richard Evans
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 AGRD, subj: Routing Correspondence Concerning Project "J" Personnel Records,
 15 Feb 50

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 14 June 1950

THRU: Commanding General, Philippines Command (Air Force), APO 74

TO: Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository, Philippines
 Command (AF) and Thirteenth Air Force, APO 900

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HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE,
 CLARK AIR FORCE BASE, APO 74

21 JUN 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, Adjutant General Records Depository, APO 925

1. Forwarded.

2. The basic communication indicates that direct channels to
 The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., were used. It is desired
 that all future correspondence, except to individuals, be routed
 through this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TURNER:

Gustav A. Neuberg
 GUSTAV A. NEUBERG
 Lt Col, USAF
 Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Routing Correspondence Concerning Project "J" Personnel Records

AGO, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C. 22 MAY 1950

THRU: Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, APO 500, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California

TO: Commanding General, Philippines Command (Air Force) and Thirteenth Air Force, APO 900, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

1. The recommendation contained in paragraph 3, basic communication, is not favorably considered. Appeals relating to "resolved" Project "J" casualty cases will continue to be referred to the Adjutant General Records Depository for review and/or redetermination in the following instances:

- a. When an obvious error was made in the original determination.
- b. When the files in the custody of this office are incomplete and further information or investigation is required.
- c. When new evidence sufficient to support a change in the original determination has been submitted by the individual concerned or a qualified individual acting in his behalf.

2. In all instances in which this office refers "resolved" casualty cases to the Adjutant General Records Depository for review and/or redetermination, all available records pertinent to the case will be forwarded.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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B. F. Rose
Adjutant General

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400, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C.
THRU: Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command
San Francisco, California

TO: Commanding General, Philippines Command (Air Force) and Thirteenth
Air Force, APO 900, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California

1. The recommendation contained in paragraph 2, basic communication
is not favorably considered. Appraisals referred to "recovered" Project "7"
casualty cases will continue to be referred to the Adjutant General
Records Depository for review and/or reclassification in the following
instances:

a. When an obvious error was made in the original determination.

b. When the files in the custody of this office are incomplete
and further information or investigation is required.

c. When new evidence sufficient to support a change in the
original determination has been submitted by the individual concerned or
a qualified authority acting in his behalf.

2. In all instances in which this office refers "recovered" casualty
cases to the Adjutant General Records Depository for review and/or re-
determination, pertinent records pertaining to the case will be forwarded.

BY: *[Signature]* THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

[Signature]
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AF) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 900 JWP/ELB/edc

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15 FEB 1950

SUBJECT: Routing Correspondence Concerning Project "J"
Personnel Records

TO : The Adjutant General
Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: AGCM-M

1. Reference letter Headquarters PHILCOM (AIR FORCE) and 13th AIR FORCE, APO 74, subject as above, dated 16 Nov 49 and let indorsement thereto from your office, dated 19 Dec 49, wherein it was stated that effective 12 Dec 49 all correspondence pertaining to Project "J" personnel other than that pertaining to Unresolved Casualty Case would be retained at the Demobilized Personnel Records Branch.

2. Numerous pieces of correspondence indorsed by your office are currently being received at this headquarters for a review and/or redetermination. This procedure is not considered in keeping with the procedure outlined in reference communication and creates an unnecessary work load and considerable delay in obtaining the information or action required in that in nearly every incident the records have been shipped to Demobilized Personnel Records Branch and no action can be taken at this headquarters.

3. Since this headquarters has made a thorough review and careful determination in every case prior to its having been shipped to Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, it is recommended that the determination made by this headquarters be accepted and that redetermination be initiated with caution and only where it is obvious that an error was made in the original determination.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
Cpy 1tr Hq PHILCOM (AF)
& 13th AF, CAFB APO 74
dtd 16 Nov 49

John W. Page
JOHN W. PAGE
Maj AGP
Director, Service and
Certification Division

INFO COPY FURNISH TO: Commanding Officer, Demobilized Personnel
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Office of Assistant Administrator for Claims
Washington 25, D. C.

May 25, 1950

MEMORANDUM
NO. 1

Subject: Recertification of Certain Philippine
Service Reports

1. Information has been received from AGRD PHILCOM that they are conducting an "overall program of screening fraudulent cases", with a result that they "have been reexamining cases which have been completed and certified to" the Veterans Administration. Since as a result of this program, certificates have been received cancelling recognitions already certified in a number of USAFFE cases, where the serviceman was a member of the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines and was originally reported to have been inducted into the USAFFE under the Executive Order of the President dated July 26, 1941, awards of death compensation or gratuitous insurance in such cases will be approved only on the basis of certifications made on or after April 11, 1950. If the certification of service was made prior to April 11, 1950, the Department of the Army will be requested to recertify the service originally reported, before an award of death compensation or gratuitous insurance is approved. In running award cases, if information is received, which creates a doubt as to the correctness of the certification, payments will be suspended effective date of last payment and the Department of the Army will be requested to recertify the service originally reported.

2. Pending clarification incident to conferences with the Department of the Army which have been scheduled to examine the basis of certification of individual guerrilla service, no action should be taken on the basis of certifications of service of an individual as a guerrilla where the organization of which he was a member was

- (a) not certified or recognized at the time of his service; or
- (b) where recognition of the organization has been withdrawn, leaving his service alone to stand as a certification of individual service.

Such cases should be diaried for 60 days.

s/t/ WILLIS HOWARD
Assistant Administrator for Claims

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ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY
PHILIPPINES COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY
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CHECK SHEET

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FILE NO: GSXD-V
SUBJECT:

DATE: 17 Aug 49

FROM: Chief, Veterans Branch,
S & C Div

THRU:
TO: Chief, Living Section, Vets Br.
Chief, Deceased Section, Vets Br.

1. It is standard operating procedure to exhaust all possible sources of information within this headquarters before resorting to outside sources. All adjudicators, reviewers and final reviewers should therefore be instructed to make full use of files, records and archives in Project "J" Branch and Records Branch, this headquarters. The types of records and the nature of information available in Project "J" Branch and Records Branch should be disseminated to all personnel.

2. With particular reference to USAFFE status, a case which has insufficient proof of USAFFE identity will not be placed in suspense or submitted for field investigation until after a check has been made with Project "J" archives.

3. A case will not be determined negative for USAFFE status unless negative results of a check of Project "J" archives is of record in the file.

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