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SECTION I

"A. 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ERRORS IN RECORDS OF PERSONNEL PROCESSED FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE.

Information in possession of this headquarters indicates that there is a general upward trend of administrative errors in personnel records of casual replacements and personnel of units processed at ports of embarkation. It is desired that commanders concerned take the necessary action to insure completeness and accuracy of all records prior to departure of units or replacements from home stations. In this connection attention is invited to letter, Hq AGF, 220.3/277 (AGFRD)(16 May 44) GNGAP, 16 May 1944, Subject: "Administrative Errors in Records of Replacements," and War Department Technical Manual, TM 12-230, 18 October 1944, Subject: "Service Record".

(220.3/277(AGFRD)(16 May 44)GNGAP)

B. 2. ORIENTATION OF MAP BY COMPASS

a. One of the methods of orienting a map by means of a compass given in FM 21-25 and FM 21-75 prescribes that the map be moved until the magnetic needle of the compass is pointing in the same direction as the arrow representing magnetic north in the declination diagram in the marginal information. On many maps the declination diagram is only schematic. A notation to this effect appears on some of these maps. Therefore the diagram can not be used in the manner prescribed.

b. The map should be oriented by placing the compass on it so that the index or front sight (hairline) of the compass coincides with a vertical grid line. The map should then be turned in such a manner that the compass needle will point to the right or left of the index an amount corresponding to the magnetic declination.

c. Training literature is being changed to include this method.

(061(12 Dec 44)GNGBI)

C. 3. ARMY GROUND FORCES AUTOMOTIVE DISABILITY REPORT.

a. Percentages of vehicles deadlined in Army Ground Forces extracted from Automotive Disability Reports through 16 November 1944 are published for information and comparison.

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Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
5.4	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.1	3.0

b. The tabulation below shows the relative standings of Army Ground Forces commands over a six months' period, 16 May 1944 to 16 November 1944:

<u>Relative Standing</u>							<u>Vehicles Deadlined in All Shops for More Than Three (3) Days</u>		
							<u>Veh. Reported</u>	<u>Veh. Deadlined</u>	<u>% Deadlined</u>
Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	<u>Commands</u>	18,310	145	0.8
2	1	1	2	1	1	Second Army			
-	-	-	-	-	2	1st Hq & Hq Det	1,099	13	1.2
						Sp Trs, AGF			
5	4	6	5	5	3	AA Comd	3,141	61	1.9
6	6	5	4	4	4	Fourth Army	23,319	577	2.5
4	5	2	3	3	5	Misc Asgd Units	3,391	88	2.6
7	8	7	7	6	6	Repl & Sch Comd	19,793	1,192	6.0
-	7	8	6	7	7	Abn Cen	173	22	12.7
Total AGF							69,226	2,098	3.0

(451(12 Dec 44)GNGDS)

D. 4. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN FIRING GROUND SIGNALS WITH GRENADE LAUNCHERS.

When discharging ground signals M17A1 through M22A1, M51A1, and M51A2 from rifles or carbines, personnel are cautioned to keep their heads down when launching the signal and not watch it in flight as a slight "blow back" from the propelling charge may be expected.

(353.4(12 Dec 44)GMRQT)

B. 5. TRAINING LITERATURE AND VISUAL AIDS.

The following training literature and visual aids of interest to Army Ground Forces units have been distributed.

Field Manuals

- 17-32 - Nov 44, Tank Company. Supersedes FM 17-32, 2 Aug 42
- 30-21 - 27 Sep 44, Aerial Photography Military Application. Supersedes FM 30-21, 1 Nov 40 and FM 1-35, 3 Dec 42.
- 44-38 - Nov 44, Service of Directors M9 and M10. Supersedes FM 4-138, 3 Sep 44, and C1, thereto.

Technical Manual

- 10-275 - 26 Oct 44, Principles of Cold Weather Clothing and Equipment.

Training Films

- 11-1397 - Facsimile Equipment RC-120 - Part I - Theory & Description 16-mm - 35-mm
- 11-1398 - Facsimile Equipment RC-120 - Part II- Operation 16-mm
- 1-3357 - Recognition of the L-4 16-mm
- 1-3363 - Recognition of the B-29 16-mm
- 1-3369 - Recognition of Aircraft-AAF Quizcraft #11 16-mm
- 1-3370 - Recognition of Aircraft-AAF Quizcraft #12 16-mm
- 1-3371 - Recognition of A-26 16-mm
- 1-3374 - Recognition of the P-61 16-mm
- 1-3378 - Recognition of the Japanese "Oscar" Airplane 16-mm

Training Films

- 1-3397 - Recognition of Aircraft-AAF Quizcraft #14 16-mm
1-3607 - Recognition of the Martlet (U. S. Navy
Wildcat F4F) 16-mm

Combat Bulletions

- No. 27 16-mm - 35-mm
No. 28 35-mm

Film Bulletins

- 146 - Medical Service in the Invasion of Normandy 16-mm - 35-mm
159 - 50-Gallon Mechanized Flame Thrower 16-mm - 35-mm

Film Strips

- 4-94 - Fire Control and Position Finding For Seacoast Artillery-
Part XXXI - Fire Adjustment by the Bracketing Method
4-266 - The SCR-682A - Part III - Erection of the Tower TR-42-1
5-60 - Stell Treadway Bridge M-2 - Part II - Fixed Bridge & Rafting
6-70 - 155-mm Howitzer M1A1 and 4.5-Inch Gun M1A1 - Part I -
Description and Characteristics
6-72 - 155-mm Howitzer M1A1 and 4.5-Inch Gun M1A1 - Part III -
Authorized Disassemblies (First Echelon)
8-83 - River Crossings for Medical Units
9-246 - Preventive Maintenance; Automotive Half Tracks - Part I
9-247 - Preventive Maintenance; Automotive Half Tracks - Part II
9-248 - Preventive Maintenance; Automotive Half Tracks - Part III
9-251 - Truck 2½-Ton 6x6, GMC, Preventive Maintenance, 1000 and
6000-mile, Part I - Lubrication
9-253 - Truck 2½-Ton 6x6, GMC, Preventive Maintenance, 1000 and
6000-mile, Part III - Lubrication
10-149 - Care and Use of Jungle Equipment
11-68 - Telephone Central Office, Set TC 12, Part II - Installation
11-82 - Spiral Four Carrier Telephone Systems
18-16 - 76-mm Gun Motor Carriage, M-18, Part VII - Care, Cleaning
and Lubrication of the Piece
18-17 - 76-mm Gun Motor Carriage, M-18, Part VIII - Inspection and
Adjustment of the Piece
21-3 - The Organization of the Army
(w/Sound)

(353(12 Dec 44)GNROT)

F. 6. REIMBURSEMENT FOR STUDENT OFFICERS ATTENDING SERVICE
SCHOOLS ON TEMPORARY DUTY.

So much of paragraph 4, Memorandum No. 35-44, WD 23
September 1944, subject as above, as reads "Course in Meat and Dairy
Hygiene, Chicago Quartermaster Depot," is amended to read "Courses at
Chicago Quartermaster Depot."

(245/115(23 Sep 44)GNAGS)

G. 7. WARRANT OFFICER CLASSIFICATION.

a. Pending amendment to TM 12-425, Personnel Classification, W.D., A.G.O. Forms 66-1 of all warrant officers will be reviewed, and an entry will be inserted under Remarks (Item 31) showing each warrant officer's classification number from AR 610-15, 15 September 1944.

Example: "WO Clfn #20."

b. These instructions in no way affect the procedure for awarding MOS's to warrant officers as outlined in Appendix C, TM 12-407.

(210/436(WO)(20 Nov 44)GMLCR)

H. 8. RETEST ON OFFICER CANDIDATE TEST.

a. Reference: Provisions of paragraph 8 b (2), AR 625-5, 12 September 1944, regarding AGCT retest for officer candidate applicants.

b. Information has been received from the War Department to the effect that pending revisions of AR 625-5, only one retest on the officer candidate test is authorized.

(352/543(OCS)(20 Nov 44)GMLCR)

I. 9. TEST OF MORTAR SHELL FUZES BEFORE FIRING.

a. Safety features of mortar shell fuzes will be tested before shells are fired from either the 60-mm or 81-mm mortar. Test procedure will be as follows:

- (1) After the safety wire has been removed hold the round in a vertical position fuze end up.
- (2) Check the tension of the safety pin spring by pressing and releasing the pin with the thumb.
- (3) If the safety pin becomes unseated during the test, the round will be placed in a safe location for destruction by ordnance personnel. Extreme care will be taken in handling such rounds since they are armed and detonation will result if pressure is applied to the firing pin.

(471.8(12 Dec 44)GNORD)

J. 10. INDIVIDUAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT RECORD.

a. Information received in this headquarters indicates that Individual Clothing and Equipment Records, W.D., A.G.O. Form 32, are not being maintained up-to-date as to the proper size of clothing worn by the soldier.

(Weekly Directive No 17 Par J 10, Cont'd)

b. Deficiencies referred to in paragraph a above, have necessitated that the individual be remeasured upon arrival at replacement depots, thus creating a greater burden on supply facilities when a time factor is involved. Correct up-to-date W.D., A.G.O. Form 32 will not only permit supply agencies to expedite the fitting of the soldier, but will assist in determining requirements prior to the arrival of the individual.

c. It is desired that commanders concerned take necessary action to insure that W.D., A.G.O. Forms 32 reflect correct sizes of clothing at all times.

(420(12 Dec 44)GNQMC)

K. 11. CANCELLATION OF STATION CONTROL LEVELS ON SELECTED EQUIPAGE ITEMS.

Paragraph 13 b, Weekly Directive No. 48, Hq AGF, 28 November 1944, is amended to include the following items with asterisk:

*Shovels intrenching; M10 (74-S-160)
*Shovels intrenching; M43 (74-S-162)

(426(28 Nov 44)GNQMC)

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