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used to correct an erroneous entry in a Morning Report. The name of the individual whose status is to be corrected will be included with other initial casualties, with a remark after or on the line below his name showing the change in the casualty status. Examples: "From MIA to RTD", "From MIA to KIA", "From SIA to DOI", "From SIA to LIA", "correcting date of casualty from KIA 2 May to KIA 3 May 43", etc. Enter in the "Date of Casualty" column the date of the new or corrected status. Corrections to previously submitted Battle Casualty Reports will be made on NATOUSA Form 6 only. Accompanying letters of explanation will be stapled securely to the Battle Casualty Report, arranged so that the Form 6 is on top.

c. Personnel returned to duty status with any organization, including Replacement Depot, from a previously reported battle casualty status, will be reported on Battle Casualty Reports. Separate reports are not required; names may be included with other initial reports of battle casualties. The "Type of Casualty" will be "RTD" and "Date of Casualty" will be the date soldier returned to duty status. The effective "Date of Casualty" for escaped prisoners of war and interned personnel will be the date individual first returned to Allied military control.

p. Reports on Personnel of Other Units. Commanders will include individuals attached to their organization by competent authority on Battle Casualty Reports when such individuals become casualties while serving with the organization. Commanders having knowledge of casualties from other organizations will furnish the commanders thereof in writing with all information available, forwarding a copy to the next higher headquarters.

q. Check and Consolidation. Battle Casualty Reports will not be consolidated beyond the regiment or group without the approval of this headquarters. Each headquarters must maintain a card record of each battle casualty reported through that headquarters. All sources of casualty information must flow and be processed through these headquarters. Individuals reported Missing in Action on one report may be picked up by another organization as Killed in Action or Wounded. Each headquarters will process admission slips from hospitals and clearing stations against their files to prevent individuals being erroneously reported Missing in Action. Reports of Burial furnish valuable casualty information and will be processed by each headquarters.

r. Battle Casualty Reports Rendered By Hospitals.

(1) Commanders of hospitals in this theater will not submit Battle Casualty Reports, NATOUSA Form 6, except on casualties suffered by U. S. Army personnel carried on the Morning Report of the hospital they command, and on personnel, not members of the Detachment of Patients, but who are undergoing treatment at the hospital. In the latter case, the hospital commander will furnish copies of such report to the individual's organization commander.

(2) In the case of British Army personnel received for treatment by United States medical installations, appropriate

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British Army forms, furnished by the Surgeon, will be prepared and forwarded direct to DAG, GHQ, 2d Echelon, BNAF.

- (3) In the case of personnel of the RN, RAF, British Merchant Navy (any nationality) and the Canadian Army received for treatment in U. S. medical installations, the forms described in sub-paragraph (2) above will not be forwarded to GHQ, 2d Echelon but will be forwarded as follows:

RN - One (1) copy to Casualty Recording Officer, Commander in Chief's Drafting Office, Royal Navy, Malta.

RAF - One (1) copy to PMO, Headquarters NAAF, one (1) copy to BPSO, RAF, Northwest African Air Forces.

British Merchant Navy - One (1) copy to the British Consul (Shipping), 26 Boulevard Carnot, Algiers.

R Canadian Army - GIC Canadian 2d Echelon, Philippeville.

7. Routing of Battle Casualty Reports.

a. Unit personnel sections will secure accurate casualty information from company commanders and prepare typewritten reports.

b. Attached units will forward Battle Casualty Reports through the headquarters to which attached.

c. Under exceptional circumstances, due to distance or lack of communication facilities, original copies of Battle Casualty Reports of certain isolated units may be forwarded DIRECT to this headquarters. Information copies will be furnished the headquarters to which assigned or attached; these copies will bear a notation indicating disposition of the original.

d. Units of this command attached to Allied Forces will forward Battle Casualty Reports DIRECT to this headquarters. Detachments will forward reports through parent organization except as provided in c above.

e. All reports forwarded DIRECT will be accompanied by a receipt, will be forwarded under separate cover and addressed to the attention of the Casualty Section, Headquarters Seventh Army.

8. Establishment of Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

a. A Prisoner of War Information Bureau is established in the Office of the Provost Marshal General, SOS, NATOUSA. The Bureau is charged with the collection and transmission of information concerning enemy casualties and prisoners of war.

b. The following information concerning enemy casualties and prisoners of war will be promptly collected and transmitted to the Bureau:

- (1) List of enemy killed in action and those dying in United

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- (2) Number of unidentified enemy dead, including all information which might enable the enemy to identify deceased.
- (3) Completed PMG Form No. 2 from camps where prisoners of war are processed.
- (4) Report of Death.
- (5) Report of Escapes and Recapture to include circumstances concerning escape and date of recapture.
- (6) In cases of death occurring from unusual causes a report of investigation will be submitted through base section commanders to Prisoner of War Information Bureau.

c. The address of the Bureau is: Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Office of the Provost Marshal General, SCS, NATOUSA, APO 534, United States Army.

9. Personal Effects. See Section V, this circular.

10. Mail of Wounded, Missing, or Deceased Personnel, and Personnel Returned to United States. (See Section VI, this circular).

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Section. This report will be submitted at the earliest possible date and will precede the Service Record and Allied Papers. A copy of the Letter Report of Death will accompany the Service Record and Allied Papers. Reports will not be held awaiting the action of investigating officers. When death occurs in a hospital and the individual at time of death has an organization assignment, the commanding officer of the hospital will prepare as much of the Letter Report of Death as can be furnished from the information available. The report will then be forwarded DIRECT to the individual's unit where it will be completed and forwarded through channels to this headquarters. If the deceased has no unit assignment at time of death or is a member of the detachment of Patients, the commanding officer of the hospital will prepare the complete Letter Report of Death and forward it through channels to this headquarters. Radio reports are encouraged but must contain all information required in the written report. The information to be included in the Report is as follows:

- (1) Full name of deceased.
- (2) Army Serial Number.
- (3) Grade and organization, arm or service if unassigned.
- (4) Date and place of death, (specific country, state or territory).
- (5) Nature of injury or disease, and direct cause of death.
- (6) Whether or not in pay status at time of death.
- (7) Description of circumstances surrounding the casualty in all cases where death is accidental or self-inflicted. Status of individual at time of death, whether in barracks, performing military duties, riding in government vehicle, AWOL or authorized leave, etc.
- (8) Whether or not on flying status. In the case of paratroops whether or not on jump status. Crew position or classification of all individuals on flying status will be given, i.e., "Pilot", "Navigator", etc. (See codes, Par. 6d (9) Section I, this circular).
- (9) Whether death was or was not in line of duty, and was or was not the result of deceased's own misconduct. If undetermined, so state.
- (10) Statement as to whether the line of duty and misconduct status is or is not to be determined by an investigating officer.
- (11) Qualifications for which soldier received additional pay other than for flying, jump or overseas status; awards, diving pay, etc.
- (12) Military Occupational Specialty (MOS).

b. Report of Missing or Interned Personnel, Non-battle Casualties.

- (1) "Missing" and "Interned" personnel of the Air Forces will be reported on "Missing Air Crew Reports", in compliance with War Department secret letter, AG 360.33 (5-21-42) OB-S-AF-M, subject: "Missing Air Crew Reports", dated 23 May 1943. These reports will be rendered within 48 hours after the individuals have been officially dropped as "Missing" or "Interned". Reports will be forwarded to

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Casualty Branch, AGO, NATOUSA, and will be classified "CONFIDENTIAL".

- (2) "Missing" and "Interned" personnel other than Air Force will be reported by letter to this headquarters. Reports will be rendered within 48 hours after individuals have been officially dropped as "Missing" or "Interned". Reports will give the full particulars and circumstances surrounding disappearance, place and date of departure and destination. Reports of internment will show place interned. Full name, rank, serial number and organization will be shown. Duty status at time of disappearance will be given.

c. Statement Surrounding Disappearance of Missing Personnel. A statement giving details and circumstances surrounding the disappearance of all individuals reported missing or missing in action will accompany service record and allied papers when forwarded to this headquarters. Statements will give type of mission at time of disappearance, duty assignment or crew position, if aboard ship give name and type of craft, whether or not ship was torpedoed, bombed or known to have sunk. From the available facts include an opinion as to the probable fate of the individual and any other pertinent facts that will assist the War Department, acting under Public Law 490, to make final determination of casualty status at the expiration of one (1) year.

d. Reports Required on Non-Military Personnel. In addition to military personnel, the provisions of this circular apply to all persons subject to military law accompanying or serving with the Army of the United States. Such reports will be prepared separately, will include agency by whom employed and nature of duties. These reports will be forwarded direct to this headquarters.

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14. Wounded Progress Reports, NATOUSA Form 7, will be submitted by commanders of all hospitals of this command. These reports will be submitted direct from the hospitals to this headquarters. (For instructions on preparation of these reports see Circular 80, AFHQ, 4 December 1943.)

15. Admission and Disposition Reports.

a. Purpose. The purpose of the Daily Admission and Disposition Report is to furnish commanders with information concerning the status of personnel evacuated to medical installations.

b. Submission. A report on admissions and dispositions, on the form attached as inclosure 2, will be submitted by the commanding officer of

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each hospital and clearing station in operation. This report will cover all admissions and dispositions of patients, both battle casualty and non-battle casualty, for the preceding twenty-four hours and will show the last name, first name, middle initial, grade, organization, army serial number, date of admission or disposition, and short diagnosis. In the case of dispositions the medical installation to which transferred will be shown. Diagnosis of battle casualties will be preceded by (BC) to indicate those cases hospitalized as a result of enemy action. Reports from divisional medical installations will be forwarded to divisional headquarters for processing. Reports from hospitals and other medical installations assigned or attached to corps or army will be attached to the morning report and forwarded daily to the Machine Records Unit servicing the Army. All Admission and Disposition Reports will be authenticated by a commissioned officer or warrant officer. (See Section VII of this circular for instructions on Disposition of Hospitalized Personnel.)

SECTION IV

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

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16. Action Taken - Deaths.

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

(1) Immediately upon the death of an officer, the commanding officer concerned will notify the Finance Disbursing Officer regularly paying the officer's account, giving the date of death and furnishing a certificate of nonindebtedness reading substantially as follows: "I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, _____, is not accountable nor responsible for public funds or property; that he is not indebted to the United States or any of its instrumentalities except as follows: _____".

(Note: List in space provided any indebtedness or property accountability, Board of Officers Proceedings, if available should be inclosed. Care will be taken to state the number of field rations for which the officer is indebted). This notice will not be furnished unless the officer has been officially reported on either a Battle Casualty Report or a Letter Report of Death.

(2) If the deceased officer was on a flying status entitling him to flight pay, copies of his personnel orders and flight certificate should be furnished with the notification to the Finance Disbursing Officer. In the event that personnel orders are not available, the commanding officer will submit with the notification of death, a certificate substantially as follows: "I certify that _____ hold an aeronautical rating as _____; that during the period for which aviation pay is claimed, he was, by competent authority, required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights, and, in consequence of such

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orders, he did participate in regular and frequent aerial flights, while in a duty status sufficient to meet the requirements of Executive Order Number 9195, 7 July 1942."

- (3) If the deceased officer was on parachute duty entitling him to parachute pay, certificate so stating should be furnished.
- (4) If the deceased officer was qualified as a diver, copies of orders covering each period of detail to diving duty, together with schedule of dives performed, will be furnished the Finance Disbursing Officer. Reference: AR 35-1485 and AR 775-50.
- (5) Information of known unpaid credits, i.e., uniform allowance, per diem for travel, travel vouchers, etc., will be furnished the Finance Disbursing Officer.

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

- (1) Immediately upon the death of an enlisted person, the commanding officer concerned will cause the unit personnel officer to submit a Final Statement on each enlisted person, in triplicate, to the Disbursing Officer who regularly pays the unit. The Final Statement will be prepared from the Original Service Record, Temporary Service Record, or any other information available to the officer having custody of same. This Final Statement will not be furnished unless the enlisted person has been officially reported on either a Battle Casualty Report or a Letter Report of Death.
- (2) If the deceased enlisted person was on flying status entitling him to flight pay, the following certificate will be entered on the Final Statement: "I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of the enlisted person claiming aviation pay on this voucher; that, during the period for which aviation pay is claimed, he was, by competent authority, required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights; and, in consequence of such orders, he did participate in regular and frequent aerial flights, while in a duty status, sufficient to meet the requirements of Executive Order Number 9195, 7 July 1942."
- (3) If the deceased enlisted person was on parachute duty entitling him to parachute pay, certificate so stating will be furnished the Disbursing Officer.
- (4) If the deceased enlisted person was assigned to diving duty by orders of competent authority, such orders, together with schedule of dives performed, showing the date and number of dives and the total depth and period of each dive, will be furnished. The schedule will be certified by the commanding officer. Reference: AR 35-1485 and AR 775-50.

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

17. Action Taken - Other Cases.

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

- (1) The same action will be taken by the commanding officer as is prescribed in 16a (1) above, giving the status of the officer as "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured", instead of "Deceased".

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

- (1) Immediately following determination of status of enlisted person reported "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", "Captured", one (1) copy of WD Form 370 (Final Statement) will be prepared and forwarded to the Finance Disbursing Officer regularly paying the unit. Such statements will be identical in all respects to Final Statements issued in cases of death, except that the word "Final" will be deleted and status "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" will be shown as the reason for preparation of such statement in lieu of "Discharged", "Retired", or "Died". The number of years, months and days of service to be credited for longevity pay purposes on the date the enlisted person was reported "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" will be shown. Information affecting the rights of the individual to additional allowances such as flying pay, monetary allowance in lieu of quarters because of dependents, travel and per diem vouchers will be furnished the Finance Disbursing Officer. Soldier's deposits, if any, will be listed as in case of deceased enlisted men but the soldiers' deposit book will not be forwarded with the Final Statement, but will accompany the service record. The Final Statement will not be furnished unless the enlisted person has been officially reported on a Battle Casualty Report.

c. Change in Status.

- (1) Commanding officers will, immediately upon the return of an officer and/or enlisted person to a duty status from a "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" status give notice to the Finance Officer who prepared the Transcript Statement of Account in the case of an officer or to whom the Final Statement was submitted by the Personnel Officer in the case of an enlisted person, setting forth the date of return to duty and the status from which the officer and/or enlisted person returned.

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Immediately upon the determination that the status of an officer and/or enlisted person is changed from "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" to "Deceased" notification will be given to the Finance Disbursing Officer, setting forth the date on which the status changed.

d. Allotments.

(1) Elimination of Use of WD AGO Forms for Discontinuance of Allotments and Deductions in Cases of Deceased, Missing and Missing in Action Personnel:

- (a) The preparation and submission of forms for discontinuance of allotments and deductions of deceased, missing, and missing in action military personnel are no longer required, when casualty reports have been properly submitted. The forms referred to herein are:

WD AGO Form 30 - Notification of Discontinuance of Allotment.

WD AGO Form 30-7 - Request for Discontinuance of Class "B" Allotment - War Savings Bonds.

WD AGO Form 641 - Report of Change of Status and Address (Class "F" Deduction for Family Allowance.)

- (b) Upon receipt of casualty reports, the War Department will immediately inform all interested War Department agencies and all existing allotments and deductions will be automatically cancelled. (See par. 13c (3) C7, AR 35-5520, dated 6 July 1943, and par. 11c AR 35-5540, dated 5 January 1944.)

- (2) Requests will not be submitted to this headquarters for radio notification to discontinue allotments and deductions of deceased personnel.

e. Responsibilities:

- (1) Commanding officers will be held responsible that every effort is made to expedite the required information and reports so that there will be as little delay as possible in the submission of these final papers to the Fiscal Director.
- (2) It is essential that name, grade, serial number, and casualty classification indicated on Transcript Statement of Accounts and Final Statements agree with that shown on Basic Casualty Report, Service Record and/or Officers' Qualification Card. Many delays in settlement of final pay accounts have been caused by disagreement of these records.

F. All Transcript Statements of Account and Final Statements will be forwarded by letter of transmittal in sufficient number of copies to insure that two copies will reach the Office of the Fiscal Officer, Headquarters, SOS, NATOUSA, APO 750. Subordinate headquarters will not withdraw copies of the letter of transmittal. Letters of transmittal will list the inclosures by name, including rank, serial number, and status.

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18. Deceased and Missing in Action.

a. The prompt collection, safeguarding, and proper preparation for shipment, of the personal effects of military personnel deceased or missing in action, is a command responsibility.

b. The provisions of paragraph 25, AR 600-550, 14 May 1943, are by the authority of the War Department suspended, except that when in respect of any deceased individual it is necessary to pay local debts of the deceased or to collect local debts, including bank accounts owing to the deceased, a summary court will be appointed for this purpose. A summary court is not authorized to sell any of the effects of a deceased either for payment of local debts or for any other purpose.

c. In battlefield burials and instances where the deceased are taken directly to a cemetery, the Graves Registration Service is responsible for the collection, inventory, and protection of effects found on the bodies.

d. The responsibility for effects found in the bivouac area, in billets, or in rear areas, rests with the unit commander. Property located in hospitals is the responsibility of the commanding officer of the hospital.

e. Effects will be sorted into the following groups:

- (1) Personal effects having intrinsic or sentimental value, including jewelry, fountain pens and pencils, spectacles, cameras, wallets, billfolds, medals, insignia, travelers checks, personal letters, photographs, diaries, keepsakes, Bibles, books, religious articles, and similar items. These will be handled meticulously as directed in paragraphs f to k, inclusive, below.
- (2) Money: The responsible officer will obtain from the local disbursing officer a treasury check, drawn in the United

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States dollars, for cash, for all the monies found. He will endorse it, "Pay only to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Trustee", and will note under "Object for which drawn": "Effects of _____" (giving name and serial number of the individual concerned). Description of the check, (number, date, amount and symbol number), will be entered on all copies of the Form 54, and the check itself will be sent by War Department Essential Official Air Mail to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Missouri, after the responsible officer has assured himself that the casualty has been officially reported on a Basic Casualty Report.

- (3) Items of no intrinsic or sentimental value, such as partly used cakes of soap, used tooth brushes, half empty toothpaste tubes, stubs of wooden pencils, used playing cards, candy, tobacco, funny books, magazines and newspapers. These items should normally not be given away or sold, but should be destroyed by burning or burying. The determination of what constitutes this class of items will be the duty of the unit commander, preferably with the advice and consent of the first sergeant or corresponding non-commissioned officer.
- (4) Items which might cause embarrassment by their presence among the deceased's effects, including dice, liquors, indecent pictures, prophylactics, hypodermic needles, compromising photographs, diaries or letters, will be withdrawn and disposed of by inventorying officers and effects quartermasters.
- (5) Bulky items, such as officers' uniforms, bedding, camp furniture, musical instruments, trunk lockers and similar effects should be handled in principle as indicated below, but by their very nature will require modifications of procedure dictated by common sense, facilities available, and shipping conditions.
- (6) Government property, other than the clothes necessary for burial, should be promptly withdrawn and returned to the proper supply officer; for salvage or re-issue.
- (7) A careful search will be made to insure that identification tags are not placed with the effects. If tags of the deceased person are found, they will be turned over to the Graves Registration Service for disposition.

f. An inventory will be made of the personal effects (as defined in paragraph e (1), (2) and (5) above) by the responsible officer, and listed on WD AGO Form 54, in triplicate. The following disposition will be made of Form 54:

- (1) Deceased: The original will remain with the effects; the

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duplicate will be mailed to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. with the personnel records through channels; and the triplicate to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri.

- (2) Missing in Action: The original will remain with the effects; the duplicate will be mailed to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri; the triplicate will be retained with the records of the organization concerned.
- (3) No copies of Form 54, or other inventories of effects, will be sent from this theater to the next-of-kin, or other relatives, of deceased, or of persons missing in action.

g. The personal effects will be placed in an effects bag, the drawstrings of which will be sealed, or placed in a box or package, which will be securely tied and sealed. Lead seals should be used when available.

h. Effects will be forwarded through supply channels to the quartermaster of base sections for water shipment to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri.

i. From the time effects are assembled to the time of their dispatch by base sections, there must be an unbroken chain of receipts, with notations thereon as to the condition of the container. The security of these effects will, at all times, be the responsibility of a commissioned officer, and they will be kept under continuous guard.

j. If, in the course of transmission, evidence of pilferage is noted, the receiving officer will immediately initiate an investigation, and forward a report of same to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Missouri, and a copy to the Theater Commander. The receiving officer of a package which indicates that it has been tampered with or pilfered, will repack the personal effects, and indorse the inventory list accordingly.

k. Effects of "Missing", "Interned", and "Captured" personnel will be handled in the manner prescribed above for personnel "Missing in Action".

19. Sick and Wounded.

a. Effects of personnel who have been evacuated by reason of sickness or wounded or who are patients in hospitals will be disposed of as follows:

- (1) Personnel being sent to hospitals will take with them only such personal effects as will be required for reasonable needs and small luxuries. These should include one musette bag or haversack, toilet articles, one complete set of outer clothing, including a raincoat (or overcoat when indicated), one pair of shoes, and extra underwear, socks and handkerchiefs. Hospitals have no place to store and

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secure the personal effects of individuals.

- (2) The gas mask and helmet will normally be the only items of equipment to accompany hospital patients. Mess gear, arms and ammunition, blankets, and other items of equipment will not be sent with or to a patient. Commanding officers of hospitals will collect arms and ammunition from United States patients at the time of entry and turn this material over to the nearest United States Ordnance Depot or Maintenance Company. Other items of equipment collected from patients will be turned over to the nearest base section.
- (3) Unit supply officers will collect and inventory the effects of personnel who have been evacuated or are patients in hospitals. Items indicated in (1) above, will be sent to the individual, if possible. Unless it is known definitely that the soldier will not return, personal effects will be held in the unit for at least thirty (30) days and then transmitted with the inventory to the nearest base section. A statement will accompany the effects, setting forth the circumstances under which they are being forwarded. Unit commanders will assist individuals in locating their personal effects. Individuals in hospitals should assist by keeping their unit commanders informed of their whereabouts.
- (4) When effects are received by the base section Quartermaster, they will be held until such time as they are applied for by the owner, or the owner has been located by the base Quartermaster. In this connection, attention is invited to the facilities of the Central Postal Directory Service, APO 698, where inquiries as to location of individuals can be made.

20. Deserters.

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

21. Unknown Owners.

a. Effects of individuals not included in the above categories, who cannot be located, will be inventoried and sent to the base section serving the area. A statement setting forth the circumstances under which the effects are being forwarded will be transmitted with the effects.

b. Personnel who have become separated from their effects should

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promptly notify the commanding officer of their last station.

22. United States Navy, British and French.

a. All effects will be inventoried and forwarded with a letter of transmittal setting forth the circumstances, to the appropriate address following:

- (1) United States Navy (including U.S. Marines): Commander, United States Navy, ALGIERS.
- (2) British.
 - (a) Army: GHQ, 2d Echelon, Kouba, ALGIERS.
 - (b) Navy: Commodore, ALGIERS, Royal Naval Offices, Quai Transatlantique.
 - (c) RAF: BASE PERSONNEL OFFICE, NAAF, Ecole Pratique, Ruisseau, ALGIERS.
- (3) French:
 - (a) Army: 1er Bureau, Commandement en Chef Francais, Civil et Militaire, ALGER.
 - (b) Navy: Amiraute Francaise, 1er Bureau, ALGER.
 - (c) Air Force: Air Superieur, 1er Bureau, ALGER.

23. Enemy.

a. The personal effects of enemy deceased will be given the same care as that given those of our own personnel and will be sent to base section Quartermaster for consolidation and forwarding to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Provost Marshal General's Office, Headquarters SOS, NATOUSA, APO 534, United States Army. A copy of Graves Registration Service Form Number 1, and Inventory of Effects will accompany the effects and, in addition, a copy of the Inventory of Effects will be forwarded direct to the above office.

b. Personal effects of the enemy dead found on battlefield and those dying in United States custody will be turned over to Graves Registration Officer who will forward effects and QMC Form No. 1-GRS to Prisoner of War Information Bureau. (See Par. 8, Section I, this circular.) Commandants of prisons and medical units will keep a register of effects stored and dispatched.

SECTION VI

MAIL OF DECEASED, WOUNDED, OR MISSING PERSONNEL

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a. When mail is received at organizations, or unopened mail is found in the effects of an individual who is accounted for as "killed in ac-