

HEADQUARTERS 411TH INFANTRY
Office of the Commanding Officer

Camp Howze, Texas,
24 June 1944

Subject: Your furlough.

To : Pvt. Robert A. Rathgeber, 39135256, Co G 411th Infantry.

1. Your furlough is about to start. A furlough is a privilege earned by good appearance and good conduct. The 103d Infantry Division has achieved a high reputation for the appearance and conduct of its members in public.

2. This furlough has been given you because your company commander has confidence in you and believes you will so conduct yourself in public as to be a credit to the uniform, your company, your unit and your division. Everyone will be looking at you as a representative of the army wherever you go and wherever you are. You wear the cactus on your shoulder. The entire Cactus Division will be judged by what you do. Protect its high reputation.

3. While away you may be under official observation where you least expect it. Remember always that any misconduct on your part in public and particularly on public carriers will bring immediate discredit to your outfit in the eyes of the high command, and hence react unfavorably on your comrades. It may bring about an official investigation of your unit and so prevent others in your company from going on furlough. Be particularly careful about keeping your coat and overcoat and pockets buttoned anywhere in public.

4. Keep yourself healthy at all times. You are a very important part of the Army and should you contract a venereal infection, another man will have to do your part of winning the war for you. The penalty for failure to take proper precautions is severe. Keep yourself and your organization free from venereal disease by doing your part. Know the location of the prophylaxis stations and go there at once should you expose yourself.

5. You are particularly cautioned not to discuss present or anticipated troop movements, or discuss the strength, composition or state of training of units with strangers or with persons not in the military service. You may state the name of your division and unit and where it is stationed. Answers to other questions should be made in a respectful and inoffensive manner, but discussion of these subjects is not permitted.

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Colonel, 411th Inf,
Commanding.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Staff
Washington

AG 250.1 (7-14-42)
MB-SPAA-PS-M

July 21, 1942

SUBJECT: Misconduct of military personnel while traveling
on public carriers.

TO : Commanding Generals:
Army Ground Forces.
Army Air Forces.
Services of Supply.
All Armies.
Chief of the Armored Force
Commanding Generals:
All Army Corps.
All Corps Areas.
The Inspector General.
Commanding Officers, all Exempted Stations.

1. Attention is directed to letters from the adjutant General, AG 250.1 (7-13-41) MB-A-F, September 26, 1941, subject, "Military police on furlough-fare train movements", AG 250.1 (3-25-42) MB-M, April 12, 1942 subject, "Conduct of military personnel on all public carriers"; AG 250.1 (6-6-42) MB-M, June 9, 1942, subject, "Misconduct of Military Personnel while Traveling on Railroad Trains."

2. Notwithstanding previous instructions on this matter, many complaints of misconduct by military personnel on public carriers continue to be brought to the attention of the War Department. This situation will no longer be tolerated.

3. Effective at once, all acts of misconduct on public carriers by military personnel will be reported by the military police or other service personnel to the commanding general concerned who has an inspector general on his staff. The report will contain the name, grade, and organization of the offender, and the circumstances concerning his misconduct. In aggravated cases, the same procedure will govern, except that prompt arrest will be made and the offender removed from the public carrier at the first depot where military police are stationed. The commanding general, upon receipt of report, will cause his inspector general to make a thorough investigation and forward his report through channels, indicating

Corrective measures taken or recommended, to the Inspector General. The latter will, when necessary, cause to be made an inspection of the company, battalion, regiment, division, or similar unit to determine for the War Department the state of training and discipline of the units concerned.

4. Corps area commanders are designated as the agency charged with coordinating the supervision of military personnel traveling on other than troop trains within their respective areas and adjacent corps areas. They are authorized to call on any commanding officer for assistance in enforcing this phase of military discipline.

5. Military Police will be placed on trains and in stations habitually used by military personnel. Those assigned to train duty should operate in pairs. In this connection there is attached a copy of an agreement reached between the American Association of Railroads and the War Department. A list of stations where military police are on duty will be furnished the Association.

6. All commanders to whom this directive is addressed will forward to the Adjutant General a copy of instructions issued to subordinate commanders concerning this subject.

By order of the Secretary of War:

G. C. MARSHALL
Chief of Staff

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OFFICIAL:

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

MEMORANDUM)
No. W600-2-42)

August 24, 1942

INFORMATION LEAKS THROUGH SOLDIERS
REGISTERING AT HOTELS

1. It has been brought to the attention of the War Department that a definite indication of impending troop movements is given by soldiers using their APO addresses in registering at hotels and other public accommodations.
2. Indications of recent troop movements have been given when soldiers registered in hotels near a port of embarkation, giving their addresses as, for example, APO 000, or c/o Postmaster, New York City.
3. It is directed that when Army personnel register at hotels or other public accommodations they give only name, rank, and "U. S. Army" or home address, taking care not to make any reference to unit, organization, or Army post Office address.

(AG 550.05 (8-23-42) MB-B-25)

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

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