

WAR DEPARTMENT READJUSTMENT REGULATIONS

PERSONNEL

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1. Definition.

The Army Education Program is that part of the training program not related directly to the performance of military duties or supervised recreation.

2. Objectives.

a. To assist in the maintenance of military discipline and morale.

b. Without delaying the separation from service of any individual to prepare each man for his return to civilian life by imparting—

(1) So far as practicable, not less than the equivalent of a fifth grade general education to all military personnel who have not received such education previously.

(2) One or more useful vocational or professional skills or basic education leading toward such skills.

3. Responsibility of the Theater Commander.

The responsibility for the initiation and execution of this program rests with the theater commander (see par. 5, RR 1-1).

4. Scope.

a. Following the close of hostilities in any theater, commanders of all inactive theaters, departments, and defense commands outside the continental United States (hereafter referred to as theater commands) will cause all training programs, except for units to be transferred to other theaters, to be revised for the purpose of including the maximum amount of education consistent with the performance of and training for current and projected military duties. (See par. 5, RR 1-1.)

b. When it is determined under paragraph 5, RR 1-1 that the program is to be applied in an

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element all personnel therein will participate in either the Educational or the Athletic and Recreation Program. Nothing in the foregoing prohibits an individual from participating in both programs.

5. Activities.

The Army Education Program will include such of the following activities as are considered practicable by the theater commander.

a. Educational advising, i. e. providing advice for military personnel as to types of instruction available and suitable for individuals on the basis of previous education, experience, and contemplated vocations.

b. Instruction in general educational subjects, as well as in various trades and occupations.

c. Supervised on-the-job training in such occupational fields as are available within the command.

6. Schools.

The theater commander will cause to be established such of the following types of schools and instruction as in his judgment are necessary in view of educational requirements and available facilities.

a. Unit schools serving units of 1,000 men or less (battalion level), and including, so far as possible, vocational training (including supervised on-the-job assignments), general education up to and including the second year of college education, and literacy training. Separate unit schools may be established on a regimental level to meet the needs and interests of men not normally served by basic unit schools.

b. Technical schools established in or near installations of the technical services or locations where similar facilities are available and including specialized vocational training (including supervised on-the-job assignments) for which equipment and instructor personnel are not available in unit schools.

c. Courses of study in civilian colleges or universities at which arrangements can be made to provide instruction at college and university level to qualified military personnel.

d. Army university study centers in civilian colleges or universities or localities where suitable facilities are available to provide general, preprofessional, and professional courses to

qualified military personnel at college and university level.

7. Individual Records.

Theater commanders will issue directions to insure that all military personnel attending schools under the Army Education Program are issued individual certificates showing the courses attended (including supervised job assignments), total hours of attendance per course, and grades upon completion of courses, and that the same information entered on individual certificates is entered upon the Soldier's Qualification Card (WD, AGO Form No. 20) and Officers' and Warrant Officers' Qualification Card (WD, AGO Form No. 66-1).

8. Education Officers.

a. Theaters of operation.

(1) The theater commander will assign a qualified staff officer, of appropriate grade, to be responsible for planning and supervision of the Army Education Program, with such officer and enlisted assistants as appear necessary.

(2) The duties of the education officer may include the following:

(a) Preparation of plans for—

1. The establishment of schools.
2. Selection, training, and assignment of instructor personnel.
3. Procurement, storage, and issue of necessary educational supplies and equipment.
4. Determination of quotas to be allotted at technical schools, courses at civilian colleges and universities, and Army university study centers.

(b) Supervision of education programs within the command.

(c) Coordination with special staff officers representing technical services regarding technical schools.

(d) Coordination of education program with supervised athletic and recreational activities.

b. Subordinate commands.

(1) A qualified staff officer of appropriate grade and with such officer and enlisted assistants as may be necessary will be appointed in each subordinate command, as prescribed by the theater commander.

(2) Duties of this officer will be similar to those in a (2) above.

9. Instructional Materials and Equipment.

a. Items of government property which are available in the theater and suitable for instructional purposes will be utilized to the fullest extent compatible with other military requirements.

b. The Commanding General, Army Service Forces, will make the arrangements necessary to provide—

- (1) Texts and instructional material.
- (2) Visual aids—motion pictures, film strips, charts, and other graphic materials.
- (3) Phonograph and radio broadcast recordings.

c. Phonographs, public address systems, projection equipment, classroom furniture, chalk, pencils, and stationery not available will be improvised, purchased locally or requisitioned through channels as directed by the theater commander.

d. Stockpiles of texts (b(1) above) and visual aids other than motion pictures (b(2) above) will be established and maintained in accordance with the provisions of WD Circular No. 68, 1944, in the following oversea branches of the USAFI and such additional branches and subbranches as may be established—

- (1) Alaska Branch, USAFI, Headquarters, Alaskan Department, Rear Echelon, Alaska.
- (2) Central Pacific Area Branch, USAFI, Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Central Pacific Area, Territory of Hawaii.
- (3) European Branch, USAFI, Headquarters, Services of Supply, European Theater of Operations, England.
- (4) Middle East Branch, USAFI, Headquarters, United States Armed Forces in Middle East, Egypt.
- (5) Southwest Pacific Area Branch, USAFI, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Australia.
- (6) South Pacific Area Branch, USAFI, Headquarters, United States Armed Forces, New Caledonia.
- (7) North African Branch, USAFI, Headquarters, United States Armed Forces, North African Theater of Operations, Algeria.
- (8) China, Burma, India Branch, USAFI, Headquarters, U. S. A. F. in China, Burma, India, Rear Echelon, India.

e. Controversial issues subject to political criticism will be excluded from materials furnished by the Commanding General, Army Service Forces.

10. Responsibility of Commanding General, Army Service Forces.

The Commanding General, Army Service Forces, will—

a. Make the necessary arrangements for publication of the following:

(1) A catalogue of courses each not over two months in duration available for the Army Education Program to include—

- (a) A short description of each course.
- (b) Prerequisites of each course.
- (c) Educational material necessary for conduct of each course.

(d) Professional qualifications essential for instructors assigned to each course.

(2) A manual for education officers, to include—

(a) Information necessary to staff officers in planning and supervision of education programs.

(b) Suggested instructor-training programs.

b. Designate a limited number of specially trained and qualified education officers for assignment to theaters within their then current troop basis upon requisition by theater commanders upon the War Department, to provide technical assistance in the establishment of the program. The Army Education Program will not be made a basis for requests for increases in personnel allotments.

11. Publications.

To assist commanding officers in establishing the Army Education Program and for the information of all concerned, the following bibliography is furnished:

a. War Department publications.

TM 28-205—Army Education Program for Inactive Theaters (Tentative) (In preparation).

TM 21-250, Army Instruction.

TM 1-1000, Vocational Teaching.

FM 21-5, Military Training.

FM 21-6, List of Publications for Training.

FM 21-7, List of Training Films, Film Strips, and Film Bulletins.
Quartermaster Handbook—Methods of Teaching.

b. Army Service Forces publications. Supplied by Army Service Forces and available on request:

Catalog of Courses and Publications for the Army Education Program.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

OFFICIAL:

J. A. ULIO,

Major General,

The Adjutant General.

Educational Advisory Manual (In preparation).

Vocational Information Kit.

Pamphlet on "Your Post War Job" (In preparation).

USAFI Catalog (Second Edition);

USAFI Branch Catalogs.

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