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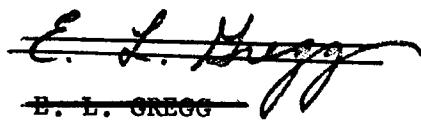
Subj: Supplementary items to be included in orders to personnel assigned to duty in Vietnam

Encl: (1) Copy of BUPERSINST 1300.37A of 25 Mar 1968

1. The following supplementary items in connection with your assignment to Vietnam are submitted for your information and/or action, as applicable.

- a. Physical examination requirements in accordance with Art 15-51, Manual of the Medical Dept.  
NON-AVIATORS CONTACT NAVHOSP WARCOL SICK CALL OFC, (ext 3161); AVIATORS CONTACT FLIGHT SURGEON'S OFC, NAVSTA DISPENSARY (ext 2417).
- b. Obtain a 1-month supply of Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets. Take the first weekly tablet at least 24 hours prior to entering Vietnam for protection against malaria.  
NON-AVIATORS CONTACT NAVHOSP WARCOL SICK CALL OFC (ext 3161); AVIATORS CONTACT FLIGHT SURGEON'S OFC, NAVSTA DISPENSARY (ext 2417). *Called 26 Oct 76 0415*
- c. Dental work should be completed to the maximum extent possible since dental facilities at CONUS training activities and in Vietnam are limited. CONTACT NAVHOSP DENTAL CLINIC, (ext 3516).
- d. If uncorrected vision is 20/70 or weaker, arrange for spectacle insert fittings for the MARK 17 CBR protective mask.  
CONTACT NAVHOSP EYE CLINIC (3675).
- e. Have Identification Tags (dog tags) in your possession.  
CONTACT NAVSTA PERSONNEL, (ext 3927).
- f. Complete a new Record of Emergency Data (NavPers 601-2).  
CONTACT NAVWARCOL ADMIN OFFICE, ~~208xx~~ Bldg #111.
- g. Have up-to-date Geneva Convention Identification Card.  
CONTACT NAVWARCOL ADMIN OFFICE, ~~208xx~~ Bldg #111.
- h. Those items of uniforms and other personal gear not required in Vietnam will be stored at Government expense as authorized by Joint Travel Regulations (Chapter 8). Storage can be arranged at any time prior to departure from CONUS.  
CONTACT HOUSEHOLD GOODS BRANCH, NSC (ext 2091/2092/2093).

1. Port calls are not requested except for straight line transfers.  
Port call is administered routinely by the intermediate duty stations.
- j. Attached is a copy of BUPERSINST 1300.37A.  
Enclosure (1) to the Instruction contains additional information of interest concerning training in preparation for duty in Vietnam, facilities available in-country, uniforms, housing, etc., in order that you may plan accordingly.

  
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BUPERSINST 1300.37A  
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BUPERS INSTRUCTION 1300.37A

From: Chief of Naval Personnel  
To: All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field addressees not having Navy personnel attached)  
  
Subj: Supplementary items to be included in orders to personnel assigned to duty in Vietnam  
  
Ref: (a) Manual of Medical Department  
(b) OPNAVINST 5510.1-series  
(c) SECNAVINST 7220.55-series  
(d) ~~NAVFACNOTE 11101 of 22 Aug-67~~  
(e) Joint Travel Regulations  
(f) Enlisted Transfer Manual  
(g) OPNAVINST 4600.16-series  
  
Encl: (1) Information for Personnel ordered to Vietnam

**1. Purpose.** The following list of supplementary items which are required in orders for personnel being assigned to Vietnam is published so that the length of individual transfer directives for such personnel may be reduced.

**2. Cancellation.** BUPERS Instruction 1300.37 is hereby canceled and superseded.

**3. Information.** This Instruction applies, all or in part, to personnel being ordered for duty to any unit or activity permanently located in Vietnam, regardless of the unit's home port, and to training in preparation for such duty except for Navy personnel serving with the Fleet Marine Force or Navy personnel serving with a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion.

**4. Action.** Upon receipt of orders to Vietnam for personnel attached to their commands, commanding officers will insure that the following action is taken prior to transfer.

- a. Insure that enlisted personnel have sufficient obligated service to complete training and serve 12 months in Vietnam.
- b. Comply with Article 15-51 of reference (a). Dental work should be completed to the maximum extent possible. Dental facilities at CONUS training activities and in Vietnam are limited.
- c. Verify secret clearance for personnel who are ordered to training of greater than 3 weeks duration and for personnel in receipt of orders which specify such clearance.

(1) Initiate a request for appropriate security investigation in accordance with reference (b) if required for secret clearance and designate the member's ultimate duty station as the command to receive the results.

(2) If for any reason it is readily apparent that the member in question cannot qualify for a secret clearance, hold his orders in abeyance and notify the Chief of Naval Personnel, (Pers B2122) for enlisted personnel and (Pers B1) for Officers, or EPDOPAC as appropriate.

d. If the member's uncorrected vision is 20/70 or weaker, arrange for spectacle insert fittings for the MARK 17 CBR protective mask at the nearest Navy spectacle dispensing unit. Submit via air mail the order form for insert (DD771) to OIC Navy Ophthalmic Support Activity, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, where inserts will be fabricated. It is essential that the size mask required be known at the time of fitting. Upon fabrication, inserts will be forwarded as follows:

(1) For personnel enroute activities in the Saigon area.

U.S. Army 17th Field Hospital  
APO San Francisco 96243

(2) For personnel enroute activities in the Danang area.

U.S. Naval Support Activity  
FPO San Francisco 96695

e. Insure that personnel complete a new Record of Emergency Data (NAVPERS 601-2).

f. Insure that personnel have an up-to-date Geneva Convention Identification card and identification tags in their possession.

g. Provide personnel with a 1-month supply of Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets and inform them that they should take the first weekly tablet at least 24 hours prior to entering Vietnam for protection against malaria.

h. Include the following statements in the standard transfer orders for enlisted personnel:

"TVL DEPNS AND SHIPMENT OF  
POV TO ULTDUSTA IS NOT AUTH.  
THE IMPORTATION OF PRIVATELY  
OWNED FIREARMS IS PROHIBITED.  
TAUTH BUPERSMAN ART C-5310.

GOVCOMLAIRAUTH PRIORITY II  
CERTIFIED. WHAP ART C-5317(3)(b)  
AUTH WITHIN CONUS TO FIRST  
TEMDU STATION. POV TVL NOT  
AUTH DURING CI AND SPL  
TRAINING. 165 BAGAIR AUTH  
OUTUS. TRAVCHAR ACCORD  
NAVPERS 15982."

- i. Advise personnel that those items of uniforms and other personal gear not required in Vietnam will be stored at Government expense as authorized by Joint Travel Regulations (Chapter 8). Storage can be arranged at any time prior to departure from CONUS.
- j. Advise personnel of the 10 percent interest benefits of the Savings Deposit Program implemented by reference (c).
- k. Advise all married personnel of the provisions of reference (d), which provides information on DOD Family Housing Units available to families of military personnel who are assigned unaccompanied tours, and the provisions of paragraphs M7005 and M7001 of reference (e) which authorize a point of selection for dependent travel.
- l. Except for straight line transfers, do not request port call. Port call is administered routinely by the intermediate, SERE, or specialized training commands.
- m. If SECNAVFIND required for enlisted personnel, submit individual requests direct to BUPERS (B21c).
- n. Commanding officers are directed to effect personnel transfers and detachments where possible, in time to permit the individual to take the maximum delay enroute prior to reporting to the training activity. Once predeployment training has commenced, leave, other than emergency leave, will not be granted.
- o. If personnel will not have attained their 18th birthday prior to the date of departure from

CONUS, hold orders in abeyance and advise the cognizant Distributional Commander by message ADCON.

b. In accordance with Article 1.51 k. of reference (f), no personnel shall be transferred to an OUTUS land-based activity during the first 4 months of naval service. ADCON if applicable.

c. Enlisted personnel, except for Hospital Corpsmen and Group VIII personnel, are not to be involuntarily assigned a second 12-month Vietnam tour with a shore-based activity in Vietnam or to non-rotated ships or units listed in enclosure (1) of reference (g) which are continuously deployed to Southeast Asia in support of operations in Vietnam, within 3 years of previous Tour Completion Date. Hospital Corpsmen and Group VIII personnel will be assigned in accordance with current BUPERS directives. If personnel are ineligible, ADCON by message.

6. Additional Information. Enclosure (1) contains information of interest concerning training in preparation for duty in Vietnam, facilities available in-country, uniforms, housing, etc. Personnel should be provided a copy of this enclosure in order that they may plan accordingly.

7. Additional Action. Commanding officers of applicable non-rotated ships continuously deployed to Southeast Asia in support of operations in Vietnam which occasionally depart from Vietnam waters on logistics lifts or short periods of upkeep/overhaul will, upon receipt of 1A cards, advise incoming personnel to provide necessary uniforms, in addition to those prescribed in enclosure (1), as deemed appropriate.

8. Changes. Commands concerned will submit recommended changes to this Instruction to the Chief of Naval Personnel (Attn: Pers-B211RVN) if deemed appropriate.

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Information for Personnel Ordered to Vietnam

**1. Counterinsurgency/Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (CI/SERE) Training:** The purpose of CONUS training in connection with a Vietnam tour is to insure that all personnel are fully prepared to meet the requirements of Vietnam assignments.

- a. All personnel ordered to Vietnam will normally be ordered to attend a minimum of 3 weeks training in Counterinsurgency, Weapons Indoctrination, and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape.** Training will include field problems which simulate combat conditions that will be encountered in Vietnam. These field problems often take place in localities away from the bases listed in paragraph c below.
- b. Unless otherwise specified, all personnel stationed East of the Mississippi will undergo training at U.S. Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Virginia, all personnel stationed West of the Mississippi will receive their training at U.S. Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, Calif.**

**c. A portion of the training received at NAVPHIBASE, Coronado, and at NAVPHIBASE, Little Creek, will consist of one week of SERE training.** This training will be conducted at one of four locations; Warner Springs, California; Whidbey Island, Washington; Camp A.P. Hill, Virginia; or Camp Pickett, Virginia. The following information will help in preparing for this training:

**(1) A wide annual range of temperatures (125° - 0° F) can be encountered.**

**(2) Equipment required:** All items of clothing shall be regulation clothing; civilian clothing items are prohibited. It must be remembered that cold weather and snow during winter months and extreme heat in summer may be encountered. Therefore, students should provide themselves with appropriate clothing daily. Temperature spreads of 50 degrees during a 24-hour period are not uncommon. Students must have an up-to-date Geneva Convention Identification Card and set of Identification tags in their possession prior to reporting for training. It is recommended that students report with the following minimum equipment in their possession.

Towel  
Extra socks  
Khakis and/or dungarees (at least 2 complete uniforms)  
Cap or hat

Jacket and/or jersey  
Toilet articles  
Sun glasses  
Flashlight  
Lip ice  
Gloves  
Long underwear (during November through March at NAVPHIBSCOL LCREEK)

**(3) Equipment in addition to the above listed items that is necessary for successful completion of the course will be provided by Fleet Airborne Electronics Training Unit, Pacific Fleet, and by the U.S. Naval Amphibious School, Little Creek, Virginia.**

**(4) Students are cautioned against the possession of food, candy, alcoholic beverages, pyrotechnics, firearms or issue survival kits.** Violators shall be subject to disciplinary action. Sleeping bags, air mattresses, and similar equipment are also prohibited.

**d. Liberty will normally be granted from 1630 to 0730 during the period of temporary duty under instruction on board the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, and from 1630 to 0745 on board the Naval Amphibious Base at Little Creek, Va.** There will be no liberty granted during the 6 consecutive days of the SERE training.

**2. Uniform requirements while in training in Fifth (Norfolk), Eleventh (San Diego), Twelfth (Mare Island), and Thirteenth Naval Districts (Whidbey Island), are as follows:**

**a. Service dress blue for all personnel**

5ND - 18 Sep - 31 Mar  
11ND - 24 Oct - 5 Jun  
12ND - All year  
13ND - 26 Oct - 16 May

**b. Service dress khaki for officers and CPO's**

5ND - 27 Apr - 22 Oct  
11ND - 5 Jun - 24 Oct  
12ND - 1 Apr - 31 Oct (Optional)  
13ND - 16 May - 25 Oct

**c. Service dress whites for other enlisted personnel**

5ND - 1 Apr - 17 Oct  
11ND - 5 Jun - 24 Oct

12ND - 1 Apr - 31 Oct (Optional)  
13ND - 16 May - 25 Oct

d. Working khakis or dungarees are required while undergoing training.

**3. Uniforms for duty in Vietnam:**

a. The unusual working and climatic conditions in Vietnam require that special consideration be given to the items of uniform which will be of most use while assigned in Vietnam.

b. The items listed below are intended as an estimate of the total clothing required during a 1-year tour in RVN to offset inadequate laundry facilities and lack of clothing resale activities in some areas; quantities are recommendations only.

c. The need for white uniforms at the Naval Support Activity Danang and the 30th Naval Construction Regiment is minimal. Otherwise it is recommended that all naval personnel reporting to RVN for a tour ashore bring the following:

(1) Officer/CPO:

2 - Tropical White Long Uniforms  
(except for Seabee CPO)  
6 - Tropical Khaki Long Uniforms  
(wash khaki trousers and short-sleeve khaki shirts)

(2) Enlisted, E-6 and below:

4 - Tropical White Long Uniforms  
(except 2 for Seabee personnel)  
6 - Dungaree Uniforms

d. All Navy personnel assigned to field activities are normally issued two sets of lightweight, green fatigue uniforms and lightweight combat boots, during check-in processing in Vietnam. All items issued prior to departure from CONUS and utilized while undergoing training, which remain in member's possession upon completion of training, must be taken to Vietnam.

e. Construction Battalion personnel on straight-line transfers, and those CB personnel passing through CB Centers enroute to in-country construction battalions are advised that work uniforms will be issued by the NCR effecting the transfer. Minimum uniform requirements are: 1 dress blue, 2 undress whites. Recommend other uniforms be stored in accordance with provisions of paragraphs M8003 and M8008, Joint Travel Regulations.

f. Certain non-rotated ships which are continuously deployed to Southeast Asia in support of operations in Vietnam, occasionally depart

from Vietnam waters on logistics lifts or for short periods of overhaul or upkeep. It is recommended that personnel ordered to these ships take the following minimum uniforms in addition to those listed in subparagraph c above, as advised by commanding officers:

(1) Officer/CPO

1 - Service Dress Khaki  
1 - Service Dress Blue

(2) Enlisted

1 - Service Dress Blue  
2 - Undress Blue

g. This Instruction is authorization to travel and perform duty in connection with a Vietnam assignment ashore, without complete minimum outfit of clothing as required by U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations. Although it may be desirable to travel with a full seabag, personnel are encouraged to use the authorization accorded under the Joint Travel Regulations to place in storage or ship home, those uniform items which will not be needed for duty in or travel to Vietnam.

Winter uniforms are not required. One or two sets of washable slacks, two sport shirts, and/or lightweight suit/sport coat, are recommended for R & R/liberty purposes.

h. Due to climatic conditions, it is recommended that personnel arrive in Vietnam in tropical khaki long uniform for Officer/CPO's and tropical white long uniform for other enlisted personnel.

4. The Bank of America and the Chase Manhattan Bank have opened branch offices in the Republic of Vietnam at the below listed addresses:

Bank of America  
Saigon, Republic of Vietnam  
Box 30  
APO San Francisco 96243

Chase Manhattan Bank  
Saigon, Republic of Vietnam  
Box 20  
APO San Francisco 96243

a. Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces may open a checking account at either of these banks. "Savings" or "Time" accounts are neither authorized nor available.

b. Payment of interest on money deposited in the military banking facilities of these banks is presently being made at the rate of 5 percent, paid quarterly on the basis of the minimum balance in the account during the calendar quartet

which did not fall below \$100 during the quarter. No interest will be paid on any account, the balance of which falls below \$100 on any day during the calendar quarter.

c. No service charge will be made against individual checking accounts and checks are free.

d. U.S. Savings Bonds, travelers checks, bank money orders, and bank drafts may also be purchased at these banks subject to local regulations specified by Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

e. Checks drawn against these accounts are negotiable for piasters at the current rate, or for military payment certificates. Checks may also be cashed for dollars in the United States or the local currency in rest and recreation cities. Additionally, these checks are also negotiable for the local MPC in other overseas areas.

f. Upon transfer from Vietnam, accounts must be closed or transferred to stateside accounts in accordance with the requirements specified by the U.S. Treasury Department.

5. It is recommended that officer personnel have at least \$100 and enlisted personnel have at least \$50 in personal funds upon arrival in Vietnam. X

6. Every effort will be made prior to commencement of training to insure that official affairs (Service Record, etc.) are in order. All personnel are encouraged to take action to insure that their personal affairs (allotments, will, legal arrangements, family affairs, etc.) are current to insure that no unnecessary hardships occur during their tour of duty in Vietnam.

7. Dependents should be advised that in those situations which constitute an emergency, considerable time, mental anguish, and confusion can be avoided by soliciting the assistance of the American Red Cross first, and thereby obtain the required verification that a bona fide emergency exists. Additional assistance will be provided upon request by any major military installation.

8. No passport is required for personnel ordered to duty in Vietnam or for personnel participating in authorized R & R trips.