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SUBJECT: Special Equipment for General Officers

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TO: Brigadier General Richard T. Knowles 035418, USA
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Fort Benning, Georgia

1. Officers newly appointed to the grade of brigadier general are authorized certain special equipment items, as enumerated in paragraph 3, AR 725-78, copy attached.

2. Arrangements have been made to furnish you gratuitously through supply channels with the enumerated items. However, you are responsible for taking actions described in paragraph 4a(1), (a) and (b), in connection with the pistol and the belt. The belt is designed to have an extreme adjustment of five inches, but care in obtaining normal size is necessary since the adjustment is designed to accommodate heavy clothing. Waist measurement should be taken over the trousers, not including belt, while wearing normal underclothing.

3. The belt may be worn with or without the holster. The uniform with which the belt will be worn and the occasions when it may be worn are entirely at the discretion of each general officer.

4. Regarding replacement, accountability and funding, your attention is invited to paragraphs 4c(4), 5 and 6, attached regulation.

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1. DD Form 1A
2. Ext cy DASO
3. AR 725-78

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ISSUE OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR GENERAL OFFICERS ON EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY

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1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes responsibilities and procedures for effecting issue of certain items of special equipment to general officers.

2. Applicability. This regulation is applicable only to general officers on extended active duty. Provisions for general officers in the National Guard and Army Reserve are contained in AR 135-15.

3. Authorized items. The items listed in *a* through *c* below are authorized upon nomination to general officer grade. In the event of subsequent nomination for promotion, only the items listed in *a*(2) through (5) below are authorized.

a. Flags and accessories.

- (1) 1 each Flag, National, United States of America, rayon with fringe, 3 feet by 4 feet.
- (2) 1 each Flag, Distinguishing, general officer (applicable grade), rayon with fringe, 3 feet by 4 feet.
- (3) 1 each Flag, Distinguishing, general officer (applicable grade), nylon and wool, 3 feet by 4 feet (for boat and field use).
- (4) 1 each Flag, Distinguishing, general officer (applicable grade), wool felt, 6 inches by 9 inches (automobile).
- (5) 1 each Plate, Distinguishing, general officer (applicable grade), 6 inches by 9 inches (automobile).
- (6) 2 each Flagstaff, wood, 8 feet with spearhead and ferrule.

- (7) 2 each Case, flag, cotton duck (for flags listed in (1) and (2) above).

b. Belt, buckle, and case, attaché.

- (1) 1 each Belt, coat, man's, leather, black, general officer.
- (2) 1 each Buckle, general officer's belt, gold plated.
- (3) 1 each Case, attaché, black. (Automatic issue will be effected when item becomes available.)

c. Pistol and holsters.

- (1) 1 each Pistol, automatic, caliber .32, Colt, w/e, Federal stock number 1005-317-2469.
- (2) 1 each Holster, pistol, black, .38 caliber, general officer (will accommodate pistol listed in (1) above).
- (3) 1 each Holster, pistol, black, .45 caliber, general officer.

4. Responsibilities. *a. The Adjutant General.*

The Adjutant General is responsible for—

- (1) Advising each officer nominated for promotion to, or within, general officer grade, by letter as to the specific items of equipment he is authorized. When initially nominated to general officer grade, the general will be requested to notify—
 - (a) The commanding general, U.S. Army Weapons Command, Rock Island, Ill., as to whether the pistol (par. 3c(1)) is desired.
 - (b) The commanding officer, U.S. Army Support Center, Philadelphia, Pa., of

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his waist measurement in order to insure supply of the correct size belt.

- (2) Furnishing the commanding officer, U.S. Army Support Center, Philadelphia with the name, grade, and mailing address of each officer nominated for promotion to, or within, general officer grades.

b. Commanding General, U.S. Army Weapons Command, Rock Island, Ill. The commanding general, U.S. Army Weapons Command is responsible for—

- (1) Effecting issue of the pistol and holsters listed in paragraph 3*c*, upon receipt of notification from the officer initially nominated that he desires these items.
- (2) Registering the general officer's name, Army service number, serial number of the pistol, credit voucher number, and date of issue. The issue document and/or shipping document will cite "Authorization AR 725-78" as authority for issue.

c. Commanding officer, U.S. Army Support Center, Philadelphia, Pa. The commanding officer, U.S. Army Support Center, Philadelphia, is responsible for effecting—

- (1) Automatic issue of the items listed in paragraph 3*a* and *b*(3) upon notification by The Adjutant General of an officer's nomination to general officer grade.
- (2) Issue of the appropriate size belt with buckle (par. 3*b* (1) and (2)) upon receipt of waist measurement from an officer initially nominated to general officer grade.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

J. C. LAMBERT,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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USAR: None.

- (3) Automatic issue of the items listed in paragraph 3*a* (2) through (5) upon notification by The Adjutant General of officer's nomination to a higher general officer grade.

- (4) Replacement issue of the items listed in paragraph 3 *a* and *b* upon receipt of a valid request.

5. Accountability. With the exception of the pistol, the special equipment items contained in this regulation are items of personal issue and will be dropped from accountability at the time of issue. The pistol when issued to a general officer under authority of this regulation will be dropped from accountability; however, title remains with the Department of the Army. On termination of the general officer's active service, the pistol will be returned to the accountable property officer for cancellation from the registry. In the event a general officer desires to retain the pistol on termination of his active service, he may submit an application to purchase as provided in AR 700-100.

6. Funding. *a.* Reimbursement for the items cited in paragraph 3 *a* and *b* will be accomplished from funds available to the U.S. Army Support Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

b. Reimbursement for the items cited in paragraph 3*c* (2) and (3) will be accomplished from funds available to the U.S. Army Weapons Command, Rock Island, Ill.

c. Requests for general officer's pistol (par. 3*c* (1)) will not require citation of funds.

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