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TO: ALL ARC PERSONNEL

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SUBJECT: Return of Personnel to the United States Following
the End of the War

It is the sincere wish of the ARC Administration in Zone E that all personnel understand fully the Administration's personnel policy for the period following the end of the war. It is earnestly hoped, that everyone will understand that their wishes to get home - which are the wishes of every person in overseas service - are appreciated and understood. Plans will continue to change rapidly, and every effort will be made by this Headquarters to keep our personnel fully informed. In order to clarify everyone's understanding, this letter is being sent.

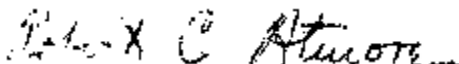
Already this Headquarters has received letters from ARC personnel in this zone indicating their intentions to fulfill their obligations to the organization and to continue their service to the men in those following months. To quote from one, "I had hoped when I came overseas to be able to go in with a Combat Unit with this organization. However since the war is technically over, as I see it, we have even a bigger job to do for the next year than before."

This Headquarters will try to return personnel to the United States in accord with the military plans for returning military personnel. Plans will be carried out on the basis of maintaining adequate zone coverage in all services. At the moment it is not known whether any personnel from this zone will be needed for service in occupied areas. Theatre Headquarters will probably make these requests, and this Headquarters will make every effort to secure such assignments for those who desire them.

For the next sixty days, due to the very uncertain military situation, it will be the policy of this Headquarters to act only on those requests for return to the United States under the following conditions: first, when a replacement is present, second, a verified home emergency.

From some knowledge of post-armistice ARC activities in Europe and the present news releases concerning re-deployment of military personnel, it is indicated that the military personnel will return home slowly and that Red Cross service will be needed increasingly in ratio to the number of military personnel remaining overseas. Recreation and Welfare activities will be of vital importance at overseas bases such as this one.

The American Public and the military will expect the American Red Cross to do this continued service. In order to carry out this expectation, this Headquarters can accept the responsibility only with the utmost cooperation, loyalty and responsibility of each individual member of the Red Cross staff.


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