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PERSONNEL SELECTION AND CLASSIFICATION

ASSIGNMENT IN THE ARMY ATTACHÉ SYSTEM

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1. General. *a.* The United States Army Attaché System is essential to the overall Army intelligence effort. It operates under the direct supervision of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence. The principal duties of military personnel assigned to Army Attaché duties are the collection of information required by the Department of the Army, the maintenance of good relations between the United States Army and Army officials of the country to which assigned, the furtherance of the interests of the Department of the Army in the country concerned, and the provision of military advice to the chief of the diplomatic mission.

b. Periodically the Department of the Army announces, in circular form, contemplated officer vacancies in the Army Attaché System. Training dates and grade requirements as outlined in these circulars are to be used as guides only and may not apply at the time final selections are made.

c. While applications for assignment to the Army Attaché System will be accepted by the Department of the Army, the selection of officers and warrant officers will be made by The Adjutant General based on the consideration of all eligible and qualified personnel in the Army.

d. Intelligence and administrative orientation is accomplished at the Strategic Intelligence School and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Washington, D. C. Normally, the period of training is from 4 to 16 months duration, depending upon whether or not there is a language requirement for the station.

e. In cases where language training is necessary, selected personnel will attend either a civilian institution or the Army Language School at Presidio of Monterey, California.

f. Officers and warrant officers assigned to the Army Attaché System are reimbursed for certain extraordinary and unusual expenses incident to such assignment.

2. Qualifications. *a.* Officers selected for assignment in the Army Attaché System must have the following prerequisites:

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- (1) Must be in grade of captain or higher.
- (2) Officers in the grade of colonel should have graduated from War College level senior service schooling (certain countries require this level of schooling for assignment) and must have graduated from or have credit for attendance at the Command and General Staff College; officers in the grade of lieutenant colonel must have graduated from or have credit for attendance at the Command and General Staff College; and officers in the grade of major or below must have graduated from or have credit for attendance at their branch advanced course.
- (3) Must be a combat arms officer or have experience in one of the combat arms if applying for assignment as the Army Attaché; possess the military background and experience necessary to perform as a member of his branch of service in the Army Attaché System; and, unless accepted for a recognized specialty, have a well-balanced career with reference to command and staff assignments.
- (4) Must possess a degree of Bachelor or higher from an accredited college or university.
- (5) Reserve component officers must have executed an active duty statement under the provisions of AR 135-215.
- (6) Officer must be of General Service physical classification. Additionally, officer and family will be required to complete a final-type physical examination under the provisions of AR 40-100 prior to departure from the continental United States. Any medical or dental defects which might reasonably be expected to require care during an oversea tour will be corrected prior to departure.
- (7) Officer and family must present a good appearance and bearing, and be free of embarrassing physical handicaps.
- (8) Officer, and, if married, his spouse must be citizens of the United States, preferably by birth, and should be free of any family, commercial, or other influencing relationships within a foreign country. All other dependents who accompany officer to station must be United States citizens who meet Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice and Department of State requirements for accreditation for United States passports. Extensive foreign education, long residence abroad, or a connection with foreign holdings or business may be considered as being disqualifying factors.

(9) If married, officer must be free of current or impending marital difficulty and from abnormal family ties or business implications which might divert his attention from military duty.

(10) Officer and his family must possess those personal qualities which will enable them to associate on equal and congenial terms with other members of the mission to which officer is assigned, to include dignity, personality, education, character, and loyalty to the United States. It is especially significant that because of the social and diplomatic relations inherent in the accomplishment of the Army Attaché mission, the wives of Army and Assistant Army Attachés play an important role, and therefore must possess the essential social graces and amenities.

(11) It is highly desirable that the Army Attaché be married and that his wife proceed overseas and be stationed with him. Assistant Army Attachés, warrant officers, and enlisted men need not be married, but if they are it is expected that their wives shall proceed overseas with them. However, in a certain few stations where accommodations and facilities are not conducive to the well-being of family life, it is preferable that the Army Attaché personnel be unmarried.

(12) After completion of a tour of duty in the Army Attaché System, an officer should have at least 1 year of active service prior to retirement.

(13) Must have an outstanding record of military service. Because of the importance of the functions of personnel assigned to Army Attaché duties, the number of applications normally received, and the relatively few selections made each year, only those individuals with records that indicate unusually high manner of performance, professional knowledge, and ability to work well with others will be selected. Owing to the highly competitive selections for assignment in the Army Attaché System, nonselection alone should not be construed as an indication of inefficiency.

b. Warrant officers and enlisted personnel selected for assignment in the Army Attaché System must have a demonstrated record of initiative, industry, maturity, intelligence, discretion, and sobriety which will give assurance of efficient performance of duty to the degree of bringing credit to the United States while on duty in the system. The provisions of a(6) through (11) above likewise apply.

(1) Enlisted personnel requirements within the Army Attaché System are generally for individuals proficient in typing and possessing an MOS code of Stenographer 712, Administra-

...tive Specialist 717, Cryptographer 722, or Disbursing Specialist 732. A combination of two or more of the above is highly desirable. Enlisted personnel possessing language fluency with other than the above MOS's are considered for assignment in the Army Attaché System, provided they are qualified to perform administrative duties.

- (2) Normally enlisted personnel over 25 years of age in the pay grades E-7 or E-6 only will be accepted.

3. Applications. *a.* Officers and warrant officers desiring to apply for assignment in the Army Attaché System will submit applications through channels to the commander of their major command or head of their administrative or technical service, who will then forward applications to The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: AGG-(branch of service concerned) with a statement as to officer's or warrant officer's availability for requested assignment. All applications will be forwarded to The Adjutant General for final action.

b. Applications submitted by enlisted personnel will be forwarded through channels to The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., ATTN: AGPA-NS.

c. Personnel serving in an oversea command or on a stabilized tour will not submit applications for assignment in the Army Attaché System more than 12 months prior to termination of tour.

d. Intermediate commanders will indicate date of availability and in cases where applicant is known to them, make recommendations as to suitability for requested assignment.

e. Applications of personnel who are qualified and available will be retained in Department of the Army for a period of 1 year or until selected for assignment, whichever is sooner. Applications of those not available or not qualified will be returned by The Adjutant General, and those retained for a period of 1 year will be returned for a restatement of desire for assignment in the Army Attaché System by the applicant.

f. Applications will include the following:

- (1) A statement of desire for assignment in the Army Attaché System to include reasons for desiring such assignment.
- (2) A listing of countries of assignment desired in order of preference. Applicant then should make a definite statement that no other countries are acceptable or that any other countries for which he might be selected are acceptable.
- (3) A listing of all languages studied to include institutions and/or places of study, inclusive dates of study, and degree of fluency in understanding, reading, and writing now retained.

If applicant has been tested, scores obtained in the Army Proficiency Tests (see SR 600-625-20) should be included. If applicant has not been tested and language tests are available, he should accomplish them prior to submitting application. In any event applicant should include a statement concerning his linguistic ability, to include indicated aptitude through service in an oversea command, how much additional study would be required to render applicant fluent, and any other information which would give an indication of linguistic ability or aptitude. Negative statements will be included.

- (4) A listing of dependents who will accompany applicant to station in the event he is selected.
- (5) Inclosures as indicated below:
- (a) DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History) completed in quadruplicate. If the 1 May 1955 revision of this form has not been executed previously, the statement of personal history will be completed in full. If the individual's DA Form 66 (Officer Qualification Record) or DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) indicates that the 1 May 1955 revision has been executed previously, the statement of personal history will be executed only for the period subsequent to the completion of the form. In addition, the following information will be included on Form 398: (item 15) include military stations as part of residence; and (item 20) a statement that subject has executed DD Form 98 (Loyalty Certificate for Personnel of the Armed Forces).
- (b) Accomplished FBI Fingerprint Card (FD Form 258).
- (c) A recent photograph (about 2½ by 2½ inches) of both applicant and, if married, his spouse.
- (d) A medical officer's certificate to the effect that the applicant (name, grade, service number, and branch of service) and his dependents (list each showing full name, sex, and date of birth) are free from inherent, latent, or incipient physical weaknesses which might make their residence in (insert the countries of assignment requested) inadvisable.
- (e) Reserve component officers who have not executed a voluntary active duty statement will forward such a request with their application for assignment in the Army Attaché System. If the applicant is not approved for assignment in the Army Attaché System, the application for active duty will be returned without action by The Adjutant General.
- (f) In the case of enlisted personnel, a certified true copy of Enlisted Qualification Record (DA Form 20), prepared in

accordance with paragraph 7, AR 640-203, in addition to those inclosures listed above.

4. Screening. Intermediate commanders will screen applications to insure compliance with these regulations and will indicate date of availability of applicants.

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