

ALARACT 161/2007 REMOVAL OF AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES PRIOR TO SHIPMENT OF PERSONEL EFFECTS, DTG 182006Z JUL 07. This message reminds commanders and certified unit Summary Court Martial Officers (SCMO) of the critical need to remove all ammunition and explosives prior to the shipment of personal effects (PE) for all Soldiers from the CENTCOM AOR. PE continues to arrive at the Joint Personal Effects Depot (JPED) containing un-exploded ordnance. For the safety of everyone involved, all ammunition and explosives must be removed prior to packing and shipping. A thorough check of all uniform pockets, compartments, containers, clothing, footwear, equipment, etc., must be conducted to remove any type of un-exploded ordnance. See the message for more specifics.

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REF A: ALARACT 153/2006 091926Z AUG 2006 MESSAGE, SCMO CHECKLIST.

REF B: ARMY REGULATION (AR) 638-2, DATED 22 DEC 00, CARE AND DISPOSITION OF REMAINS AND DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REMIND COMMANDERS AND CERTIFIED UNIT SUMMARY COURT MARTIAL OFFICERS (SCMO) OF THE CRITICAL NEED TO REMOVE ALL AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES PRIOR TO THE SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS (PE) FOR ALL SOLDIERS FROM THE CENTCOM AOR.
2. PE CONTINUES TO ARRIVE AT THE JOINT PERSONAL EFFECTS DEPOT (JPED) AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, MARYLAND CONTAINING UN-EXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO). FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE INVOLVED, ALL AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES MUST BE REMOVED PRIOR TO PACKING AND SHIPPING. A THOROUGH CHECK OF ALL UNIFORM POCKETS, COMPARTMENTS, CONTAINERS, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, EQUIPMENT, ETC., MUST BE CONDUCTED TO REMOVE ANY TYPE OF UXO.
3. THE SCMO CHECKLIST IN REF A MUST BE FOLLOWED TO ENSURE THAT THE PE OF ALL SOLDIERS IN THE CENTCOM AOR IS INVENTORIED AND PROCESSED CORRECTLY, AND THAT THE CUSTOMS PRE-CLEARANCE REQUIRMENTS ARE MET.
4. THE SCMO CHECKLIST NEGATES FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURES IN REF B IN THE CENTCOM AOR. REF B WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE THE ACTIONS OF REAR AREA SCMOS.
5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCMO CHECKLIST, THEATER SCMOS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM CERTIFYING THAT THERE IS NO UXO INCLUDED WITH THE PE WHICH THEY HAVE INVENTORIED, PACKED, AND SHIPPED.
6. THE MAILING OF PE OUT OF THEATER TO ANY LOCATION IS PROHIBITED. AFTER SCMO INVENTORY, PE IS HAND DELIVERED TO THE MORTUARY AFFAIRS COLLECTION POINT. THEY SHIP THE PE FROM THE CENTCOM AOR TO THE JPED BY AIR.

7. REF A ALSO REQUIRES ANY CLOTHING OR OTHER ARTICLES CONTAMINATED BY BLOOD OR OTHER FLUIDS BE BAGGED AND TAGGED SEPARATELY. USE RED BIO-HAZARD BAGS IF AVAILABLE. ADDITIONALLY, THE PE CONTAINER MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED ON THE EXTERIOR WITH "BIO-HAZARD ENCLOSED".
8. POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS MESSAGE IS ARMY CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS OPERATIONS CENTER, LTC DAVID MARTINELLI, E-MAIL: DAVID.MARTINELLI@CONUS.ARMY.MIL. PHONE IS 703-325-0069, OR DSN 312-221-0069.
9. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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