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SERVICE NUMBERS

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SECTION I  
GENERAL

**1. Purpose.** *a.* These regulations allot service numbers to area commanders and establish procedures for assignment of service numbers to individuals, male and female, commissioned, warrant officer, and/or enlisted personnel. Service numbers allotted herein pertain to the Regular Army (enlisted personnel only), Army of the United States without component, and USAR.

*b.* The service number originally and properly assigned will not, under any circumstances, be changed or assigned to another individual. It will continue to be his or her number throughout their service in the Army.

*c.* Consecutive numbers will not be assigned to persons of the same surname. Canceled numbers will not be held available for reassignment.

*d.* Individuals assigned service numbers by the National Guard will carry such numbers in the Federal service. For assignment of service number to members of the National Guard, the provisions of section II, NGR 25-2 apply.

*e.* Individuals enlisted in the Army Reserve will be assigned the number under which last previous service was rendered. Those who have had no previous service in any component of the Army of the United States or the Air Force of the United States will be assigned a service number from the block allotted for enlistments in the Regular Army.

**2. Allotment.** Blocks of service numbers have been allotted by The Adjutant General to the army commanders who will suballot such numbers as may be necessary to commanding and other officers for assignment to individuals (sec. II). The army commanders will keep an accurate account of, and report to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPF, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., the blocks of numbers so allotted. Recruiting and other officers will keep an accurate account of numbers assigned.

**3. Assignment.** *a.* *Commissioned officers (other than Regular Army).* Male and female appointees, without prior commissioned service, will be as-

\*These regulations supersede AR 600-203, 3 December 1954, including C 3, 14 March 1960, and AR 135-108, 27 November 1956.

signed a service number without regard to branch to which assigned. The appropriate prefix (sec. III) will be used for means of identification. Individuals previously holding a commission in the National Guard of the United States, Army of the United States without component, Army Reserve, or in a reserve component of the United States Air Force, will be given the service number assigned them in their previous commissioned status.

*b. Warrant officers (other than Regular Army).* Male and female appointees, without prior warrant officer service, will be assigned a service number. Individuals previously holding appointments as warrant officers in the National Guard of the United States, Army of the United States without component, Army Reserve, or in a reserve component of the United States Air Force will be given the service number assigned them in their previous warrant officer status. Females with prior service as warrant officers, Women's Army Corps, who at time of such service retained their enlisted service number with change of prefix only, will, upon reappointment as warrant officers, be assigned new service numbers.

*c. Enlisted personnel.* The service number formerly borne by an enlisted person (National Guard, Air National Guard, AUS, RA, USAF, AFUS, USAR, USAF Reserve, or Philippine Scouts) will be retained by or reassigned to the individual upon reenlistment in any of the above-mentioned components or upon induction into the Army of the United States with the appropriate prefix. In order to facilitate identification, any other number previously assigned will be shown under previous service on the Enlistment Record (item 32, DD Form 4) or on the Record of Induction (item 8d, DD Form 47).

*d. Prefixes.* Prefixes for use preceding the

service numbers shown in section III will be assigned to each number allotted.

**4. Record.** *a.* The service number of an individual in the military service is the most essential part of his official identification. Since many members of the Armed Forces have identical names, the only expedient method of absolute identification is the service number.

*b.* The service number will ordinarily appear in every military record. It will be used at least once, preferably where the name first occurs, in all letters, telegrams, orders, reports, pay records, and similar records.

*c.* When the service number is used it normally will immediately follow the name of the individual, and will precede the statement, if any, of the grade, organization, and branch of service.

*d.* Special care will be taken that correct service number is used in every instance. Many records are filed not under the name of the individual but under his service number, and many accounts are paid on the basis of the service number alone.

**5. Information furnished relatives and friends.** As soon as possible after enlistment or induction the individual will inform appropriate relatives and friends of his or her correct service number and of the necessity for its use in any correspondence concerning him and in addressing mail to him. The importance of accomplishing this cannot be overemphasized since it may be difficult, if not temporarily impossible, because of change in assignment or incapacity of the individual in military service, for them to obtain the service number when needed. All official requests for information concerning persons in the military service as well as the forms which in certain instances have to be completed by relatives or friends should bear the service number.

SECTION II

SERVICE NUMBER BLOCKS

**6. Commissioned officers.**

<i>a.</i> First Army area .....	5,000,000 to 5,199,999, inclusive.
<i>b.</i> Second Army area .....	5,200,000 to 5,299,999, inclusive.
<i>c.</i> Third Army area .....	5,300,000 to 5,399,999, inclusive.
<i>d.</i> Fourth Army area .....	5,400,000 to 5,499,999, inclusive.
<i>e.</i> Fifth Army area .....	5,500,000 to 5,699,999, inclusive.
<i>f.</i> Sixth Army area .....	5,700,000 to 5,799,999, inclusive.
<i>g.</i> United States Army, Pacific .....	5,800,000 to 5,824,999, inclusive.
<i>h.</i> United States Army, Caribbean .....	5,825,000 to 5,849,999, inclusive.
<i>i.</i> United States Army, Alaska .....	5,850,000 to 5,874,999, inclusive.

<i>j.</i> United States Army, Europe .....	5,875,000 to 5,899,999, inclusive.
<i>k.</i> United States Army, Far East .....	5,900,000 to 5,924,999, inclusive.
<i>l.</i> Southern European Task Force .....	5,925,000 to 5,949,999, inclusive.

**7. Warrant officers.**

<i>a.</i> First Army area .....	3,000,000 to 3,099,999, inclusive.
<i>b.</i> Second Army area .....	3,100,000 to 3,149,999, inclusive.
<i>c.</i> Third Army area .....	3,150,000 to 3,199,999, inclusive.
<i>d.</i> Fourth Army area .....	3,200,000 to 3,249,999, inclusive.
<i>e.</i> Fifth Army area .....	3,250,000 to 3,349,999, inclusive.
<i>f.</i> Sixth Army area .....	3,350,000 to 3,399,999, inclusive.
<i>g.</i> United States Army, Pacific .....	3,400,000 to 3,409,999, inclusive.
<i>h.</i> United States Army, Caribbean .....	3,410,000 to 3,419,999, inclusive.
<i>i.</i> United States Army, Alaska .....	3,420,000 to 3,429,999, inclusive.
<i>j.</i> United States Army, Europe .....	3,430,000 to 3,439,999, inclusive.
<i>k.</i> United States Army, Far East .....	3,440,000 to 3,449,999, inclusive.
<i>l.</i> Southern European Task Force .....	3,450,000 to 3,459,999, inclusive.

**8. Regular Army enlisted personnel.** *a.* Service numbers from the blocks shown below will be assigned to men enlisted in the Regular Army to whom a number has not been assigned previously.

(1) First Army area .....	11,000,000 to 12,999,999, inclusive.
(2) Second Army area .....	13,000,000 to 13,999,999, inclusive.
	15,000,000 to 15,999,999, inclusive.
(3) Third Army area .....	14,000,000 to 14,999,999, inclusive.
(4) Fourth Army area .....	18,000,000 to 18,999,999, inclusive.
(5) Fifth Army area .....	16,000,000 to 17,999,999, inclusive.
(6) Sixth Army area .....	19,000,000 to 19,999,999, inclusive.
(7) United States Army, Pacific .....	10,100,000 to 10,199,999, inclusive.
(8) United States Army, Caribbean .....	10,200,000 to 10,299,999, inclusive.
	10,400,000 to 10,499,999, inclusive.

*b.* Service numbers from the blocks shown below will be assigned to women enlisted in the Women's Corps of the Regular Army to whom a service number has not been assigned previously.

(1) First Army area .....	8,100,000 to 8,199,999, inclusive.
(2) Second Army area .....	8,200,000 to 8,299,999, inclusive.
(3) Third Army area .....	8,300,000 to 8,399,999, inclusive.
(4) Fourth Army area .....	8,400,000 to 8,499,999, inclusive.
(5) Fifth Army area .....	8,500,000 to 8,599,999, inclusive.
(6) Sixth Army area .....	8,600,000 to 8,699,999, inclusive.
(7) United States Army, Pacific .....	8,000,000 to 8,009,999, inclusive.
(8) United States Army, Caribbean .....	8,010,000 to 8,019,999, inclusive.

**9. Army of the United States enlisted personnel.** Service numbers from the blocks shown below will be assigned to men inducted in the Army of the United States under the Universal Military Training and Service Act to whom a number has not been assigned previously.

<i>a.</i> First Army area .....	51,000,000 to 51,999,999, inclusive.
<i>b.</i> Second Army area .....	52,000,000 to 52,999,999, inclusive.
<i>c.</i> Third Army area .....	53,000,000 to 53,999,999, inclusive.
<i>d.</i> Fourth Army area .....	54,000,000 to 54,999,999, inclusive.
<i>e.</i> Fifth Army area .....	55,000,000 to 55,999,999, inclusive.
<i>f.</i> Sixth Army area .....	56,000,000 to 56,999,999, inclusive.
<i>g.</i> United States Army, Pacific .....	50,000,000 to 50,099,999, inclusive.
<i>h.</i> United States Army, Caribbean .....	50,100,000 to 50,199,999, inclusive.
<i>i.</i> United States Army, Alaska .....	50,200,000 to 50,299,999, inclusive.



## SECTION III

## PREFIXES

## 10. Male commissioned officers.

<i>Service number prefix</i>	<i>Designation</i>
O.....	Other than Army Nurse Corps and Army Medical Specialist Corps (dietitians and physical and occupational therapists).
MN.....	Army Nurse Corps.
MJ.....	Occupational therapists.
MM.....	Physical therapists.
MR.....	Dietitians.

## 11. Female commissioned officers.

<i>Service number prefix</i>	<i>Designation</i>
K.....	Other than Women's Army Corps, Army Nurse Corps and Army Medical Specialists Corps (dietitians and physical and occupational therapists).
L.....	Women's Army Corps.
N.....	Army Nurse Corps.
J.....	Occupational therapists.
M.....	Physical therapists.
R.....	Dietitians.

## 12. Warrant officers.

<i>Service number prefix</i>	<i>Designation</i>
V.....	Women's Army Corps Officer.
RV.....	Women's Army Corps warrant officer holding commissions in the active reserve.
W.....	Warrant officers.
RW.....	Warrant officers holding commissions in the active reserve.

## 13. Enlisted personnel.

<i>Service number prefix</i>	<i>Designation</i>
A.....	Army enlisted woman (WAC) without specification of component.
RA.....	Regular Army enlisted men.
RM.....	Regular Army enlisted men holding appointments as warrant officers in the active Army Reserve.

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Official:

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Major General, United States Army,  
The Adjutant General.

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<i>Service number prefix</i>	<i>Designation</i>
RO.....	Regular Army enlisted men holding commissions in the active Army Reserve.
RP.....	Retired enlisted men (applicable only to those transferred to Army Reserve (Retired) and recalled to active duty in retired status.
BR.....	Nonprior service numbers of Army Reserve enlisted under the provisions of par. 3c, AR 140-111, with agreement to service on ACDUTRA for a period of 6 months.
FR.....	Members of Army Reserve enlisted under section 261 AFRA, for 6 years including 2 years active duty, and members of Army Reserve enlisted under section 262, AFRA, for 8 years including ACDUTRA for a period of not less than 3 or more than 6 months.
ER.....	Prior service members of Army Reserve including those transferred from AUS, RA, or NGUS and those (age 26 yrs or over) who enlisted for 3 years with no service obligations under UMT&S Act.
UR.....	Inductees holding commissions or warrants in the active USAAR.
US.....	Army enlisted men without specification of component.
WA.....	Regular Army enlisted women (WAC).
WL.....	Regular Army enlisted women holding commissions in the active Army Reserve.
WM.....	Regular Army enlisted women holding appointments as warrant officers in the active Army Reserve.
WR.....	Enlisted women reservists (WAC).
NG.....	National Guard enlisted men (applicable only to personnel on active duty in NGUS status).

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