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OFFICER SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS - PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) REASSIGNMENTS

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1. Policy

a. Repatriated prisoners of war (POW) are, as a general rule, initially assigned to the duty of their choice, provided they can perform a useful service in that area. Primary emphasis is on the individuals' preference of duty assignment.

b. Repatriated POWs are not reassigned to units which would expose them to recapture in the same area by the same country, or by nations sympathetic to that country, prior to cessation of hostilities with the capturing country.

2. Assignment

a. Assignment officers will monitor returnee assignments very closely and provide the necessary counseling for an early return to the established sea/shore career pattern.

b. Returnees who are not physically qualified or do not desire to return to a previous operational status should be counseled to whatever extent necessary to make them qualified and competitive for subspecialty career, if practical.

c. The following phrase will be added to the personnel screen of each repatriated POWs Officer Assignment Information System (OAIS) file: "Ref: Geneva Convention Art 117 not to be assigned to combat or a combat support billet without clearance."