

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 61

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SUBJECT: Immigration Border Patrol.

The Border Patrol is an auxiliary branch of the regular Immigration Service. The Patrol is established primarily to prevent and detect the surreptitious entry of aliens into the United States. It will, however, aid in the enforcement of all federal laws designed to safeguard our country against the introduction of contraband. The Patrol will, in general, operate along and in the vicinity of the international and maritime borders of the United States.

ORGANIZATION

For administrative purposes the territory in which the Border Patrol operates will be divided into districts known as "Border Patrol Districts," the respective boundaries and numbers thereof to be identical with the immigration districts now established.

Each Patrol district will in turn be appropriately divided into subdistricts numbered consecutively, beginning with No. 1 in each district.

The Patrol force will consist of:—

Supervisors (Border Patrol);
Officers in charge of districts;
Assistant Superintendents, who shall be qualified immigrant inspectors;
Chief Patrol Inspectors, who shall be qualified immigrant inspectors;
Senior Patrol Inspectors;
Patrol Inspectors;
Clerks, and Motor Mechanics.

Supervisors:

Supervisors of Border Patrol are the special representatives of the Secretary of Labor and Commissioner General of Immigration. They will from time to time, as directed, investigate all matters affecting the Border Patrol Service and all matters in relation to its administration; visit the various districts; confer with officers in charge of districts and other officers in the Border Patrol; and in cooperation with the officers in charge of districts put into effect such practices, not inconsistent with law and regulations, deemed best calculated to secure uniformity of procedure, coordination of effort and generally to promote the efficiency of the Border Patrol. Officers in charge of districts and other officers and employees identified with the Border Patrol are subordinate to Supervisors when the latter are acting in the scope of their duty and employment, but no arbitrary power is

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conferred upon them. All patrol officers and employees shall afford such Supervisors every facility for the prompt and proper discharge of their duties, including the granting of access to all official records, books and papers having to do with the Border Patrol. Supervisors will report and make recommendations direct to the Commissioner General of Immigration, mailing a copy under separate cover to the Assistant Secretary.

Officers in Charge of Districts:

Officers in charge of immigration districts in which patrol forces operate will have charge and general direction of the Border Patrol forces operating therein, respectively. They may, with the approval of the Commissioner General of Immigration, prescribe rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or regulations for the Border Patrol and will submit such reports as are hereinafter provided for, or otherwise required, by the Commissioner General of Immigration. All such reports, correspondence and matters pertaining to Border Patrol shall be kept in files separate and apart from the regular immigration files.

Assistant Superintendent:

In the districts where found necessary there will be appointed an Assistant Superintendent of the Border Patrol, who will devote all of his time to Border Patrol work and will perform such duties as shall from time to time be assigned to him by the officer in charge of the Border Patrol district.

Chief Patrol Inspectors:

Chief Patrol Inspectors will have immediate supervision and direction of all patrol employees in their respective subdistricts. They will be charged with the preparation of all required reports and will be accountable for the proper use and care of all Government property entrusted to them or assigned by them to subordinates.

Senior Patrol Inspectors:

Senior Patrol Inspectors will perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the respective Chief Patrol Inspectors under whom they serve.

PATROL INSPECTORS:

Patrol Inspectors will be expected to familiarize themselves with all Federal statutes designed to prevent the unlawful entry of aliens and introduction of

contraband. Law violators apprehended, together with any contraband seized by patrol inspectors, will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and proper receipt therefor, on Form 644, secured when delivery is made to other than immigration officers. They will be charged with the proper use and care of all Government property entrusted to them.

Forms and Reports

Daily Report:

All patrol officers subordinate to the Chief Patrol Inspector will submit to the latter a daily report on Form 650. These reports will be retained in the sub-district headquarters and filed for ready reference.

Receipts for Persons and Contraband:

Receipts on Form 644 shall be obtained for all persons or contraband turned over to other law enforcement agencies. These receipts will be executed in ~~dupli-~~cate, the duplicate copy to be given to the officer to whom delivery is made and the original delivered to the Chief Patrol Inspector for transmission with weekly reports to district headquarters for filing.

Weekly Reports:

Chief Patrol Inspectors will submit to their respective district headquarters a report on Form 643, to be compiled from data obtained from daily reports, Form 650, submitted by patrol inspectors. Each report will be for a seven-day period, beginning on the first day of the respective calendar months, the fourth or last report to include all remaining days of the month. This report will be retained in the files of the district headquarters.

Monthly Reports:

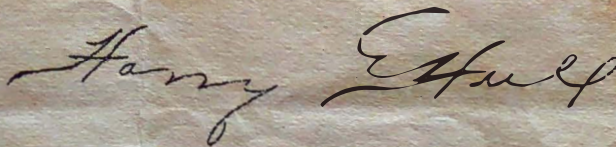
Patrol District Headquarters will submit to the Commissioner General a report on Form 643 for each calendar month, to be compiled from data obtained from the weekly reports of chief patrol inspectors. These reports will be executed in duplicate, the duplicate copy to be retained at the district headquarters, and the original to be transmitted to the Commissioner General on or before the tenth day of the succeeding calendar month.

Uniform

Patrol officers who have received their absolute appointment will be required to provide themselves with the official uniform prescribed in General Order No. 42. The patrol force is fundamentally a uniformed organization, and patrol officers, therefore, when on official duty will be required to wear the uniform, unless otherwise ordered by the officer in charge of the district to which they are respectively assigned.

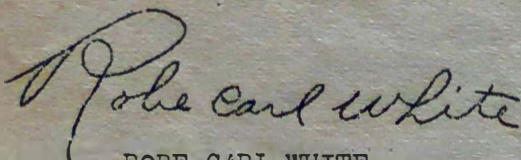
Conduct

The good name and standing of any organization is dependent in large measure upon the conduct of the officers who comprise it. Patrol officers should possess a natural pride in creating and retaining for the organization of which they are a part a reputation for efficiency, courageousness, honesty, zealousness, and courtesy and they will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect to the credit of themselves and their Government. To accomplish this officers should refrain from associating, except in the line of duty, with known violators of law, frequenting disorderly resorts, indulging in the use of intoxicating beverages, and doing the many other things which might bring discredit upon themselves, their official associates, and the organization to which they belong.



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