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Army Form O.1617
R.A.F. Form 1617

PART 1.

CERTIFICATE OF SURRENDER TO THE CIVIL POLICE OF A DESERTER OR ABSENTEE WITHOUT LEAVE.

This Form is ONLY applicable where a person surrenders to a Constable as being a Deserter or Absentee.

Instructions for the Guidance of the Police.

When a person surrenders himself to a constable as being a deserter or absentee without leave, the officer of police in charge of the police station to which he is brought shall forthwith inquire into the case, and if it appears to him from the confession of that person that he is a deserter or absentee without leave he may cause him to be delivered into military or Air Force custody without bringing him before a court of summary jurisdiction.

In such a case a telegram should be despatched to the Officer Commanding the Man's Unit*† in the case of soldiers and in the case of airmen the O.C. the station at which the airman last served, notifying that he has surrendered, and stating the number, rank, name and unit of the man, and that officer will at once arrange to send an escort for the man to be taken into military or Air Force custody. Where an absentee's unit is stationed overseas (outside Great Britain, Northern Ireland District and the Channel Islands) the telegram will be despatched to the O.C. Regimental Depot in the case of a soldier and in the case of an airman to the O.C. No. 1 R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, who will arrange escort. This certificate will be handed to the escort on arrival.

* Stations of Units and Depots are shown in the Monthly Army List.

† NOTE.—Special instructions apply in war for the disposal of absentees and deserters from the Army, who surrender to the civil police; *e.g.*, such personnel will be taken over from the civil authorities by the O.C. the nearest military unit or the O.C. Troops at the nearest military station. (A.C.I. 469/1940).

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