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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Cape May, NJ 08204

Dear Petty Officer BROWN:

Since you have just received orders to Coast Guard Activities Europe, London Uk I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you on board and provide you with both some general information on Coast Guard Activities, Europe and some specific information on your new unit.

Coast Guard Activities, Europe is a special regional command established to accomplish the Coast Guard's role in the European area. The command office is located in the U. S. Embassy, London, England. The Coast Guard has a role in Europe due to two factors, the first being the statutory authority to provide electronic aids to navigation as required for the Department of Defense. DOD has requested this service for Europe and associated areas. Secondly, the Department of State has requested assistance in the area of Merchant Marine Safety for several European ports which ties in with the Coast Guard's statutory requirements for marine safety.

The area of jurisdiction for Activities, Europe is quite substantial as it stretches from the tip of Newfoundland eastward to Iran and from the northern countries of Africa to the North Pole. Within this area we operate three Loran-C chains consisting of 16 stations. We also operate one Loran-A transmitting station and a Marine Inspection Office. Our operations include facilities in Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Faeroe Islands, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Greece and the United Kingdom.

The Loran-A transmitting station in Spain (ESTACA DE VARES) and the Marine Inspection Office in Rotterdam, Netherlands, and nine of our Loran-C stations are manned by Coast Guard personnel. The other seven are manned by the host nation personnel of Canada, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland.

As far as people go we have about 30 people on the London Staff and a total of about 225 people on the Coast Guard operated stations, with approximately the same number of indigenous personnel at the host nation manned stations.

I have enclosed an article on Coast Guard Activities, Europe and our organizational chart to give you a more complete picture of the overall scope of the Coast Guard role in the European area.

Enclosure (3) is an excerpt from an Activities Europe Instruction providing information on your new unit. More detailed information will be provided directly from the unit and a sponsor will be assigned if you so desire. Please pay particular note to the routing information in Enclosure (3). This information is also available in COMDTINST 1300.2F. When your present unit prepares your travel arrangements they should route you accordingly. Unfortunately we have had occasions where personnel have been improperly routed and ended up in the wrong city without tickets or money to continue on to their proper destination. Remaining overnight in a European city while awaiting a connecting flight can be a considerable expense, but it is seldom necessary if correct routing procedures are followed.

Another important item which I would like to bring to your attention is the importation of privately owned vehicles equipped with catalytic converters. Unleaded gas is not generally available in overseas areas, and you are cautioned to consider the potential problems associated with the use of 1976 and later catalytic converter equipped POV's.

All stations have a small exchange or access to a larger exchange of one of the other Services. It is generally rather difficult to cash your regular pay check for dollars on the local economy so it is advantageous to maintain your own U. S. checking account to pay bills.

I hope that you will find this information helpful in planning for your new assignment; and as you move on to other future assignments, you will look back on this tour as one of the highlights of your career.

Sincerely yours,



JOHN C. FUECHSEL
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Coast Guard
Activities Europe

- Encl: (1) CGAA Bulletin Article
(2) USCG Activities, Europe Organization Chart
(3) ACTEUR INST 1300.2D (Enclosure (2))

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION



AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON

| No. | Subject | Date |
|------------|---|---------------|
| 72 | RABIES: Importation of Dogs, Cats and other Mammals into the United Kingdom | July 22, 1976 |
| References | | |

The importation of any warm blooded animal into the United Kingdom is strictly prohibited by U. K. Law except where an import licence has been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) and the animal detained and isolated in approved quarantine premises at the owner's expense for a period of at least six calendar months from the date of landing in Great Britain.

These requirements apply equally to any animal carried on a ship or aircraft which had called at an overseas port or airport, even though the animal had not been landed - e.g. a cross-Channel yachting trip. They also apply to any native British animal which has been taken out of the country. An anti-rabies vaccination provides no exemption from these requirements.

Where an import licence has been issued by the MAFF for an animal covered by rabies control, the animal may be imported only at one of the following ports or airports:

PORTS

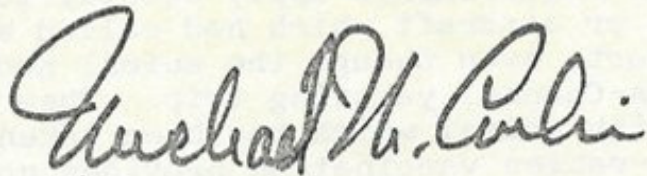
Dover
Folkestone
Harwich
Hull
Liverpool
London (including Tilbury)
Newhaven
International Hoverport,
Ramsgate (Regwell Bay)
Southampton

AIRPORTS

Birmingham
Edinburgh
Gatwick
Glasgow
Heathrow
Leeds
Manchester
Prestwick

Applications for import licences, lists of quarantine premises and carrying agents, and further information may be obtained from MAFF Office, Animal Health 1B, Hook Rise South, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7NF (telephone number 01-337-6611, extension 559). For Diplomatic personnel the Foreign Office, Protocol and Conference Department, has advised us that their staff would be happy to assist in any way if any difficulties arise (telephone numbers 01-233-3426 or 01-233-3017).

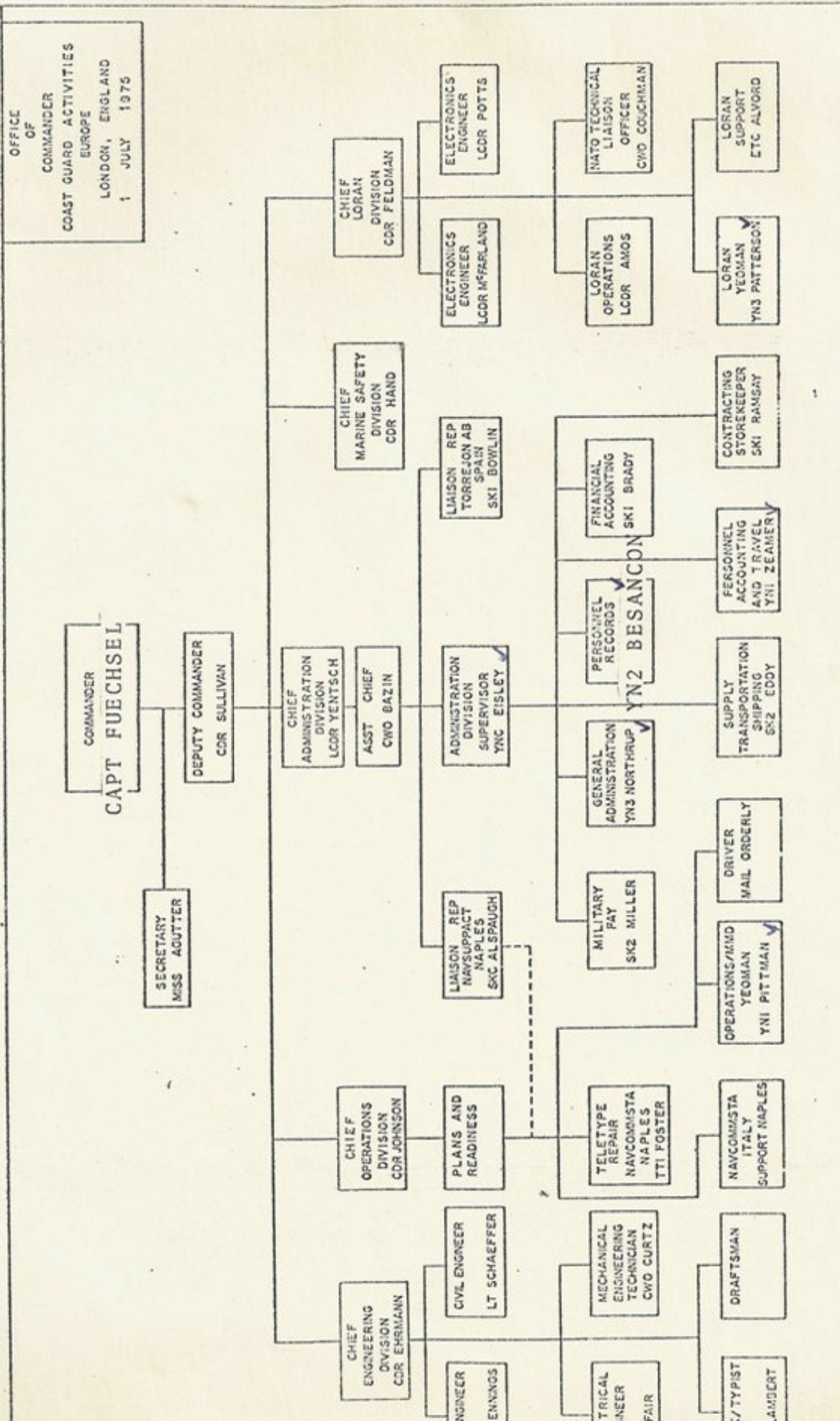
In view of the great and recently increasing concern that this peculiarly horrible disease should not spread to the United Kingdom, Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations have been requested by the Foreign Office to make their staffs aware of the foregoing.



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Administrative Affairs

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ENCLOSURE (2) to ACTEURINST 1300.2D dtd 1 August 1975

1. Staff: Commander, Coast Guard Activities, Europe

a. LOCATION: London, England (U.S. Embassy)

b. POSTAL ADDRESS:

U.S. MAIL U.S. Coast Guard Activities, Europe

Box 50

FPO, New York 09510

INTERNATIONAL U.S. Coast Guard Activities, Europe

Box 50

7 North Audley Street

London, W1Y 1WJ, England

c. TELEPHONE: Commercial - 01-629-9222, Ext. 381 or 209
AUTOVON - (314) 235-4381 or 4209

d. DUTY CATEGORY: Non-restricted

e. TOUR LENGTH: Accompanied - 36 months
All Others - 24 months

f. ENTRY APPROVAL: Not required. Member must advise Commander, Coast Guard Activities, Europe by letter, including two copies of change of station orders, the expected date of arrival, names of dependents, date of marriage, sex and date of birth of children.

g. ROUTING: Upon arrival at Heathrow Airport, London, take the airport bus to the West London Air Terminal, and then a taxi to the American Embassy, Grosvenor Square.

During office hours (0800 - 1630 Monday thru Friday) report to the Commander, Coast Guard Activities, Europe Room 445, American Embassy or telephone 629-9222 extension 209 or 381.

After hours report to the Command Duty Officer, Navy OPCON Center in the U.S. Naval Headquarters Building, 7 North Audley St. London W1 or telephone 629-9222 extension 454. The Command Duty Officer can provide the home phone number of the ACTEUR Duty Officer if assistance is needed.

h. HOUSING:

(1) No government quarters available.

(2) Typical metropolitan private housing market.

(3) Supplemental Housing Allowance and Cost of Living Allowance paid.

i. SCHOOLS: DOD and British, all grades.

j. MEDICAL: DOD facilities

k. REMARKS:

(1) Civilian clothing allowance authorized for all enlisted personnel.

(2) Civilian clothes required for all personnel.

(3) Passport required for all officers and Electronic Technicians due to official travel to non-NATO Countries.

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Hello -

My name is Russ Besancon, and I am your sponsor for Activities Europe.

First of all, make your travel plans as soon as possible. You will be arriving during the Christmas season, flights and hotel reservations should be arranged for as early as possible. I will make hotel reservations for you as soon as I know when you are arriving. Flight number please.

Government quarters and mess is not available. You will receive station allowances to help defray the cost of living. The Navy offers a housing service which can help in locating suitable quarters. There are also many rental agencies which for a small fee can turn you on to available housing. Until you find a house, TLA (Temporary Lodging Allowance) is sufficient for hotel and restaurant living.

It is possible to live and enjoy London for as little as £5.00 a day upwards to unlimited expenses.

¹¹
\$8.50

You will be working personnel. More than likely dealing with civilian employees at the various LORAN stations. Morale Fund accounting, Officer Candidate Applications, reenlistments, relads and the like.

Activities Europe is at the American Embassy, Grosvenor Square, London W.1. We are in the process of changing to accounting by the Diplomatic Corps, but all is not settled on that yet.

Civilian clothing^{*} is the work uniform. A clothing allowance of approx \$300.00 will enable you to purchase sport clothes shirts, ties, etc. Suits are quite inexpensive here, but the fit is different. You are authorized to travel in civilian clothes and report aboard in civilian clothing.

Enclosed is a business card for a local DATSUN dealer. Be advised that "No-Lead" gas is not available here in the U.K. I do not have a car, finding that public transport suits my travel requirements. You will need insurance coverage to ship your car, and insurance to drive in the U.K. is cheaper to purchase here. Your valid state drivers license enables you to drive, driving habits are eccentric.

I am sure that you have specific questions, drop me a line and I will try to help with some information.



Civilian clothes -
* Sport clothes =
COAT & TIE -
NO "LEISURE" SUITS