

HEADQUARTERS TWELFTH ARMY GROUP  
APO 655

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SUBJECT: Designation of Official for Execution of Spy by Hanging.

TO : The Commanding General, European Theater of Operations,  
APO 887, U. S. Army.

1. The Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, has been informed that a military commission, appointed by the Commanding General, First United States Army, has sentenced to death by hanging a German soldier convicted of the offense of spying. Such a sentence required confirmation by the army group commander as a prerequisite to execution.

2. In view of the tactical situation which does not readily permit combat units to carry out executions by hanging, it is requested that authority be granted to the Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group, in cases where he is the confirming authority for trials by military commission, to designate a base section commander or his appropriate representative as the official charged with execution of such sentence.

For the Army Group Commander:

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