

State of Minnesota
Department of Military and Naval Affairs
Adjutant General's Office
Saint Paul

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September 3, 1942.

Honorable Mike Holm,
Secretary of State,
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

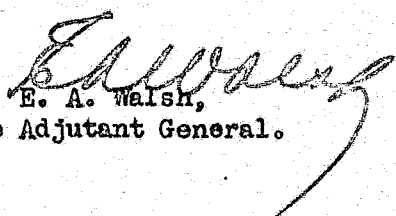
Under date of August 31, 1942 the Commanding General of the Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Nebraska advises as follows:

"It has been called to the attention of this office by The Adjutant General that in some states election officials send applications for absentee ballots to members of the United States Armed Forces, requesting listing of the unit, location, name and rank of the voter.

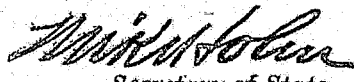
It is requested that this matter be taken up with the proper election officials of your state with the request that the ballot forms be prepared so as to require only the name, rank and approved APO number if voter is overseas, or approved Army camp or station address if serving within the continental limits of the United States. In addition, if the state laws require published lists of the names and addresses of absentee voters, they should be treated as CONFIDENTIAL material and the published lists should include only the name and station address of the Army personnel in order to guard against this information falling into the hands of the enemy."

It is requested that in conformity with the foregoing the Secretary of State advise the election officials of this State accordingly.

Very truly yours,


E. A. Walsh,
The Adjutant General.

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