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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter—Exhibition of Textiles, Original Clothing, and Equipment on Figures and Forms by Army Museums

1. Reference, AR 870-20 (U.S. Army Museums, Historical Artifacts, and Art), 11 Jan 99.
2. Background. A survey of certification reports and observation of exhibits in the Army Museum System indicates that museum standards for the preservation and conservation of artifacts are being compromised for the sake of display; this is in direct conflict with AR 870-20, paragraphs 3-15e and 3-18.
3. Guidance. To ensure compliance with the regulation and professional museum standards, the following instructions apply:
 - a. Textile objects will be rotated in and out of exhibits to prevent deterioration; the frequency of rotation will depend on the stability of the item. The conservation standard is to display such items for no more than 9 months before replacement.
 - b. Artifacts are to be displayed in such a way as to prevent mechanical and chemical damage.
 - c. As textile artifacts are particularly prone to damage from display, future development of figures or exhibit designs for pre-1914 clothing and equipment assemblages will use only Center of Military History-approved conservation forms for clothing. Equipment will not be displayed on or in direct contact with these pieces of early clothing. Post-1914 clothing and equipment assemblages displayed on figures will be exhibited in accordance with the general guidance in AR 870-20.
 - d. Museum activities currently displaying pre-1914 clothing for more than 9 months will immediately remove and replace these pieces.
4. The directives in this memorandum will be a priority area for inspection during museum certification. Waivers to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the procedures outlined in AR 870-20 and require approval by the Chief of Military History.

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5. Point of contact for this policy is Dr. Charles Cureton, Director, Museums Division, 202-685-2441 or charles.h.cureton.civ@mail.mil.



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