

used in the dissemination of news or information, and also of the War and Navy Departments and the Office of War Information, or of any other Federal offices or agencies.

246. Handling of Application. *Upon receipt of each application for an Absentee Ballot, it shall be the duty of the respective Boards to enter the fact that such application has been made, the name and address of the applicant, the date the application was received and any other relevant information in books to be kept especially for that purpose. The Boards shall verify from the registration books whether such applicant is registered, and, if he is, the record of such application and the precinct and ward or district in which he is registered shall be entered in a book or books marked "Applications of Registered Absentee Residents". If the applicant is not registered, or if the Board cannot determine whether or not the applicant is registered, such record and the precinct and ward or district in which his home residence is located shall be entered in a book or books marked "Applications of Unregistered Absentee Residents". Such books shall also show the date on which an Absentee Ballot was mailed to the applicant. Upon receipt of an Absentee Ballot from an unregistered Absentee Resident, said Boards shall determine from the oath on said Ballot Envelope whether said applicant is entitled to be registered under the provisions of this sub-title, and, if such applicant is entitled to be registered, he shall at once be registered and the letters "A. R." placed after his name in or on the appropriate registration book or card. His registration and the date thereof also shall be noted in the book marked "Applications of Unregistered Absentee Residents". The books herein provided for shall be open to the inspection of any candidate or his duly authorized representative and to the War Ballot Commission or its representatives.*

247. Mailing Ballots. *(a) It shall be the duty of the several Boards to meet as frequently as may be necessary to examine promptly applications for Absentee Ballots, and unless a Board, in any case, shall be unable to ascertain from an application the identity of the applicant or the address to which the Ballot requested is to be sent, or unless the Board determines to its satisfaction that the applicant is not an Absentee Resident it shall, as soon as possible after receipt of the application, mail each Absentee Resident a State Absentee Ballot, Ballot Envelope, Return Envelope and the Instructions.*

(b) Not more than one State Absentee Ballot shall be mailed to any one applicant unless the Board has reasonable grounds to believe that the Absentee Ballot previously mailed has been lost, destroyed or spoiled.

248. Personal Application for Ballot. *Any absentee resident, as herein defined, who is eligible to receive a ballot under the provisions of this sub-title and who may be at home on leave during the period of 50 days preceding an election, may deliver in person a written application to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the County or Baltimore City, as the case may be, in which he resides, for an absentee ballot, and the Board shall deliver such ballot together with a ballot envelope and instructions to the applicant; such applicant shall thereupon mark said ballot and execute the oath on the ballot envelope before any member of the Board, who shall administer the*