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## **FAMILY HOUSING/FURNISHINGS**

A Working Bibliography of MHI Sources

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**"RANKING OUT" OF QUARTERS CUSTOM**

The 19<sup>th</sup> century practice of superior officers "ranking out" junior officers from assigned quarters was not only authorized by published regulations, but extended well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The earliest authority found the superior's prerogative to choose any quarters appears in the 1821 General Regulations (p. 189). Explicit authority for the junior's displacement first appeared in 1835 General Regulations (pp. 147-48) and this provision remained in the regulations virtually unchanged until the 1920s. See:

Revised Regulations, 1861, p. 161.

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Army Regulations, 1923, p. 573.

A concise explanation of the term "to rank out" appears in Dictionary of Soldier Talk by John R. Elting (NY: Scribner's Sons, 1984). Although the compilers state that after 1918 the practice vanished, there appears to be a lingering right of displacement in Army Regulations 210-70 (20 Aug 1934), p. 12. All editions of this regulation from 1925 through World War II contained the proviso that an officer's quarters assignment could be terminated when those quarters were required by a superior officer. This proviso finally disappeared in 1947 when AR 210-10 was published, as can be noted on p. 11.

**See also:**

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**NOTE: HEAVY FURNITURE**

Heavy furniture was not furnished by US Government before 1908. See:  
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