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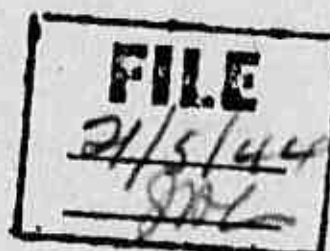
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10 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Destruction by Souvenir Hunters of Valuable Intelligence Data.

TO : The Commanding Generals,
Army Air Forces;
Army Ground Forces;
Army Service Forces;
Commander-in-Chief,
Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
Defense Commands;
Departments;
Northwest Service Command;
Military District of Washington;
Base Commands;
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands.

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1. It has been reported that the name plates on captured enemy material have been removed as souvenirs by Military personnel; also that radio parts and other valuable material have been removed, and that enemy material has been wantonly destroyed or appropriated by individuals for their own use.

2. Captured enemy material, in general, and serial numbers and documents in particular, are a source of valuable intelligence. Necessary orders will be issued providing for the instruction of all personnel under your command to the effect that enemy material is not to be stripped of identification marks or equipment, or documents to be taken by souvenir hunters until clearance is given by the proper headquarters.

3. Attention is invited to AGO memorandum No. W 570-2-43, No. W 570-3-43 and No. W 570-4-43 all 22 July 1943, and having to do with the shipment, retention, and disposition of captured material. Attention is also invited to the provisions of the 79th Article of War.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO
/t/ J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS, SOS MATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army, 13 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782.

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For compliance.

By command of Major General LARKIN:

/s/ John M. Brown
JOHN M. BROWN
CWO, U. S. A.
Asst. Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, 4 May 1944.

TO: See Distribution.

1. All personnel under your jurisdiction will be cautioned against the unlawful removal of identification marks or equipment from enemy material and appropriation of documents.

2. Reference paragraph 3, basic letter, AGO Memorandum No. W 570-2-43 is rescinded by Circular No. 104, WD, dated 13 March 1944; a copy of AGO Memorandum No. W 570-3-43 is inclosed; and AGO Memorandum No. 570-4-43 is not available at the present time. Distribution will be made upon receipt.

By command of Major General WILSON:

L. F. Nickel
L. F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., A.G.O.
Adjutant General

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AGO Memo No. W 570-3-43.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D.C.

MEMORANDUM
No. WS70-3-43 }

22 July 1943.

RETENTION OF CAPTURED MATERIEL TROPHIES BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.

1. Military personnel returning to the United States from theaters of operations may be permitted to bring back small items of enemy equipment excepting munitions removed from captured equipment, items which contain any explosives, and such other items the usefulness of which in the service or the value as critical scrap material outweighs their value as trophies as determined by the theater commanders.
2. Military personnel in the theaters of operation may be permitted to mail like articles to friends or relatives in the United States.
3. This authority is extended for the purpose of improving the morale of the forces in the theaters of operations. Retention by individuals of such small items of enemy equipment is therefore considered to be for the service of the United States and not in violation of the 79th Article of War.
4. In each case where an individual returning to the United States has in his possession any of the above-mentioned items, he will also have a certificate in duplicate signed by his superior officer stating that the bearer is officially authorized by the theater commander to retain as his personal property the articles listed on the certificate. Parcels containing captured materiel mailed from overseas will also contain a certificate in duplicate signed by his unit commander that the sender is officially authorized to mail the articles listed on the certificate. Arrangements have been made with the Bureau of Customs officials to accept the signed duplicate certificate. The original of the certificate will be released to the individual involved or left inside the parcel, as the case may be.
5. Captured Army materiel otherwise brought or shipped to the United States will be seized by the customs and released to the commanding general of the nearest port of debarkation for shipment to the addresses listed in paragraph 3b, Memorandum No. WS70-2-43, this office, 22 July 1943, subject, "Shipment of Captured Materiel to the United States for Intelligence Purposes." Any naval materiel included in this category will be disposed of as directed by the Navy. Items of enemy aeronautical materiel will be shipped to the Commanding General, Materiel Command, Attention, Technical

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Data Laboratory, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio; and notification of the shipment, to include a description of the items shipped, will be mailed to the Chief of Information Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff Intelligence, War Department, Washington, D. C.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ H. B. Lewis;
H. B. LEWIS,
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.

