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AG 386/119 GBI-0

SUBJECT: Treatment of Enemy Diplomatic and Consular Property.

TO : All Concerned.

Adjutant	4 October 1944
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Chief Clerk	

1. The bona fide diplomatic and consular property of enemy governments (including their diplomatic and consular archives) and the property of enemy diplomatic and consular personnel, found in the territory of third powers occupied in the course of hostilities, will be accorded the following treatment:

a. If any such property is in the custody of the protecting power, that custody will be respected in every way.

b. If any such property is not in the custody of the protecting power, it will be safeguarded until such time as the governments represented by the occupying forces may give specific instructions as to its disposition. In such cases, important diplomatic and consular archives may be copied, pending disposition, but not confiscated.

2. This policy with respect to bona fide diplomatic and consular establishments does not preclude the Theater Commander, at his discretion and on his responsibility, from entry and search of premises allegedly diplomatic or consular in character, which he has substantial reason to believe to be, or to have been recently used for clandestine, warlike operations against his own forces, or examination of which he believes to be essential to the security of his own forces, communications, and operations.

3. In the case of property in the custody of the protecting power, the Theater Commander will request the representatives of that power for permission to search the premises. If such permission is refused or unreasonably delayed, however, entry and search by the Theater Commander is not precluded. In all such cases a full report must be rendered to the governments to which he is responsible, justifying the entry and search.

By command of General WILSON:

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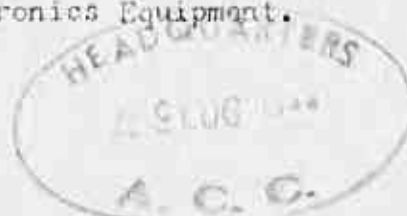
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9 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Policy Relative to Disclosure of Information on
Captured Enemy Communications and Electronics Equipment.

TO : * * * * *
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations
* * * * *



1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have adopted the following combined policy with respect to the disclosure of information on captured enemy communications and electronics equipment when such equipment is forwarded for inspection and analysis:

a. Such captured equipment shall be forwarded to a suitable establishment(s) controlled by or designated by the Armed Forces for inspection and analysis and information shall be promptly given to all appropriate interested activities of the Armed Forces to permit immediate preliminary examination.

b. Representatives of pertinent civilian committees (such as the War Standards Committee of War Production Board in the United States) shall be given an opportunity to work on such equipment under conditions imposed by the appropriate Armed Service.

c. These civilian representatives shall inform the service authority as to what information revealed by their inspection and analysis would be beneficial to the industrial firms concerned with such equipment. The Service authorities only may authorize the release of such information.

d. No general publication shall be made of data on captured enemy equipment until, in the opinion of the appropriate Service, the need for security has passed.

e. When it is determined that data on captured enemy equipment may be released for general publication, the release shall be effected, after timely notification of intention to act, through combined action of Joint Security Control in the United States and the Radio Board in the United Kingdom, who are authorized to implement their agreed decisions without reference to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

2. It is desired that all Commands disseminate the above information to their subordinate units as may be deemed necessary to effect compliance with the above policy.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Reproduced by NATOUSSA, 5 July 1944.

/s/ J. A. Ullo
/t/ J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General's Office

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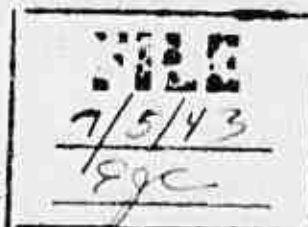
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALLOCATION AND ASSIGNMENT
OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL

Circular Number 63, this Headquarters, 1943, is hereby rescinded. The following instructions outline the organization, and prescribe in general the procedure to be followed in the allocation and assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy materiel.

1. Definitions.

a. Captured Enemy Materiel. For the purpose of this directive all equipment, stores, and supplies previously belonging to all arms and services of the Ground Forces of the enemy. (Equipment, stores and supplies previously belonging and peculiar to Naval and Air Forces of the enemy will be dealt with in accordance with directives to be issued by C-in-C Mediterranean Naval Forces and CG, MAAF).

b. Italian Materiel. All Italian Materiel belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian materiel and, except as otherwise directed by this headquarters is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

2. Organization.

a. The responsibility for the assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy materiel and the maintenance of necessary records pertaining to such materiel and supplies is placed upon a Special Staff Sub-Section of the Quartermaster Section this headquarters, known as Captured Enemy Materiel Section (previously called Captured Enemy Materiel Executive Committee). It is an integrated section consisting of American and British officers.

b. Captured Enemy Materiel (C.E.M.) Sub-Section representing C.E.M. Section this headquarters will be attached to Headquarters of Armies, Districts, Areas, and Base Sections whenever the presence of captured enemy materiel renders it necessary.

c. The instructions contained herein are not to be interpreted in any way as relieving Commanding Generals of Armies and Areas of their responsibility for collecting, sorting, classifying, safeguarding and evacuating captured enemy materiel in accordance with existing instructions to specified parks, dumps, etc.

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3. Duties and Responsibilities.

a. G-3 (Org), this headquarters.

- (1) Formulates and assigns priorities for captured enemy material.
- (2) Processes all communications with higher authorities.

b. Quartermaster C.E.M. Section, this headquarters.

- (1) Formulates policies for the operation and controls C.E.M. Sub-Sections at subordinate headquarters.
- (2) Calls for, receives, and collates all reports from C.E.M. Sub-Sections at subordinate headquarters.
- (3) Lists separately serviceable and repairable materiel and obtains allocation instructions from G-3 (Org).
- (4) Receives all demands for allocations of captured materiel and processes such demands to G-3 (Org) for allocation instructions.
- (5) Issues disposition instructions based on G-3 allocations.

c. C.E.M. Sub-Sections at other headquarters.

- (1) Forwards to this headquarters (C.E.M.) lists of captured enemy materiel. These lists will, as far as practicable differentiate between serviceable and repairable materiel, and will normally be prepared by the special staff or service concerned.
- (2) Advises and cooperates with Special Staff or Service on matters pertaining to the collection, classification, listing and servicing of captured enemy materiel.
- (3) Makes inspections of dumps or parks containing captured enemy materiel to determine whether instructions for collection, sorting, classification, and safeguarding are being followed.
- (4) Renders reports called for by higher authority.
- (5) Obtains and processes disposal orders on serviceable and repairable captured enemy materiel from Quartermaster C.E.M. Section this headquarters. (For disposal of salvage (British) or unserviceable materiel (U.S.) see paragraph 4 below).

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4. Procedure for collection and Disposal of Salvage (British definition) and unserviceable material or scrap (U.S. equivalent). This will continue under normal procedure. The basic document in the case of United States Forces is Circular Number 18, Headquarters NATOUSA, 1944.

5. Demands for Captured Enemy Material. These will be addressed to C.E.M. Quartermaster Section, this headquarters, through the following channels:

Inside the Theater

For Intelligence Research through G-2, this headquarters.
For Operations through G-3 Operations, this headquarters.
For Training through G-3 (Trg), this headquarters.

Outside the Theater


For Intelligence Research through G-2, this headquarters.
For all other purposes through London Munitions Assignment Board.

6. Removal of Material or Supplies. When an agency or supply service is allocated captured enemy material or supplies, it must assume the responsibility for identifying material or supplies for which they have approved allocation instructions and to arrange for their removal from area, park, or dump in which located, and for their preparation for shipment within the theater or for destinations outside the theater. (AG 400.93-1-D-0)

By command of General WILSON:

J. A. B. GAMMELL,
Lieutenant General, Chief of Staff

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Colonel, AGO,
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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.

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 memoranda 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 1908 Articles of War.

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

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HEADQUARTERS, 308 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.

AG 386.3 BRAGO-3 (10 Mar 44)

2nd Ind.

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 WISCK:

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

MEMORANDUM
No. W570-3-43 }

22 July 1943.

RETENTION OF CAPTURED MATERIAL THROUGHTS 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 nameplates 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 19th 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 material 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 material 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. W570-3-43, this office, 22 July 1943, subject, "Shipment of Captured Material to the United States for Intelligence Purposes." Any naval material included in this category will be disposed of as directed by the Navy. Items of enemy aeronautical material will be shipped to the Commanding General, Materiel Command, Attention, Technical

(7570-1-13)

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.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394

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10 March, 1944

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Subject : Release of Captured War Materials

TO : Comm. G. Lovatelli
Liaison Officer to Italian Govt., Hq.A.C.C.

1. In reference to our conversation of 9 March 1944, kindly transmit the attached letter from Sicily Region Hq., File RTC 386.3, to the Italian Air Ministry for their advice and action on the subject matter. We would appreciate their earnest effort to comply with the material release.

2. Please keep this office advised for subsequent action taken by the Air Ministry.

L.A. JENNY
Lt.Col., C.E.
Director

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1. Request for Release of Captured War Materials
2. List of Materials
3. Letter to Sicily Region Hq.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

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File : RTC 386.3

4 March 1944

SUBJECT : Release of Captured War Materials.

TO : Chief, Public Works & Mines Sub-Commission.
(Attention : Lt. Col. Lapper).

1. Upon proper authorization by the Allied Military Government of Agrigento Province, the S.G.E.S. obtained a quantity of electrical material from a warehouse in the town of Naro. This warehouse was formerly the property of the Italian Air Force.

2. Of the material obtained and placed in the S.G.E.S. warehouse at Agrigento, a portion has been already utilized. Of the remainder, a large quantity was taken away by an Italian Air Force unit which is stationed at Via Buonriposo N°. 11, Palermo, on 27 February 1944, upon an order issued by the Italian Air Ministry, dated 1 February 1944.

3. Since this materials is of vital necessity for the maintenance of electric power transmission throughout Sicily, and since this material is now lying in the Italian Air Force warehouse in Palermo, we would like to receive an authorization from higher headquarters for the release of said material to the S.G.E.S.

4. We have already taken the liberty to freeze the remaining material which is still in the S.G.E.S. warehouse in Agrigento.

5. Inclosed is a copy of the material for which release is requested.

INCL (1)
1. List of Material.

A.W. HANCOCK
Lt. Colonel
Regional Commissioner

