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REPATRIATION OF GERMAN POW'S & SURRENDERED
PERSONNEL
JUNE 1945

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

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25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of German Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464
Commanding General, MTOUSA POW Command, APO 88

1. The return to SHAEF for repatriation of German prisoners of war and surrendered personnel, now in MTOUSA, will commence on 1 July 1945. The movement will be accomplished by rail from Verona to Munich by way of the Brenner Pass. Initially the rate of flow is to be 3,000 per day.

2. In connection with this movement, the POW Command MTOUSA will be responsible for the following details:

a. Selection of Personnel

- (1) Initially SHAEF will accept only German personnel whose homes are located in either the British or United States occupied zones of Germany. Personnel on each train will be divided into two groups, according to ultimate destination in either the British or United States occupied zone.
- (2) First priority will be given to shipment of miners, transportation workers, agricultural workers, persons 50 years of age and over, and reichspost workers. However, if not possible to complete a shipment from personnel of these categories, any personnel having other trade qualifications and otherwise eligible and available may be shipped.

b. Medical Inspection. Prior to shipment, all personnel will be inspected for contagious diseases. No personnel infected will be shipped.

c. Documentation. The following documents will be prepared for shipment of personnel:

<u>Form</u>	<u>No Copies</u>	<u>To SHAEF</u>	<u>File</u>
P-4 (Personal Data)	3	2	1
CR-1 (CROWCASS)	2	1	1
Nominal Roll	4	2	1 (1 cpy 1483 FWIB, MTOUSA)
D-2 (Discharge Cert)	1	1	0

In the event it is impossible to complete all forms, initially, the D-2 Form may be omitted. However, Third Army at Munich must be notified in advance if

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any shipment is short of these forms. Two copies of the P-4 and one of the D-2 for each individual and a nominal roll will be forwarded to SHAFF with each shipment. Care will be exercised that the D-2's are not delivered to the individual, but are shipped in a bundle to SHAFF for distribution. The Form CR-1 and one copy of the nominal roll will be mailed directly to CROWCASS as far in advance of shipment as is practicable.

d. Screening. All individuals will be screened against the current CROWCASS list or other lists of wanted persons prior to shipment. Persons in arrestable categories, as defined in separate instructions, will not be shipped except upon specific instructions of this headquarters.

e. Staging. POW Command will be responsible for operation of the staging camps for POW and surrendered enemy personnel at Ghedi. They will insure that adequate numbers are at that area to meet the daily call of the Fifth Army transportation officer at Verona.

3. Fifth Army will be operationally responsible for the movement north from Verona of this personnel. They will advise the POW Command liaison officer. A representative of the Transportation Section, AFHQ, and of such other sections of MTOUSA as may be required, will be available at Verona to assist and advise Fifth Army and the POW Command on such problems as may arise.

4. There has been organized a SHAFF - AFHQ joint disposal committee with representatives of G-1 (A & B), G-4 M&TN, G-5 (Displaced Persons), Allied Commission CATOR - MAAF of each headquarters. This committee will hold bi-monthly meetings to:

- a. Establish numbers of personnel by category to be moved.
- b. To give guidance and direction to the respective headquarters for feeding, reception, delivery and camps from a movements point of view.
- c. To establish inter-theater movement policies.
- d. To maintain, review and report on statistics of the program.
- e. To facilitate the flow of nationals through intermediate countries to their final destination.
- f. To coordinate the flow of prisoners of war, surrendered personnel and displaced persons.

5. From time to time the POW Command and Fifth Army will be asked to send representatives to the meetings of this committee, or the POW Command

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and/or Fifth Army may ask to be represented at certain meetings to discuss their problems. The Committee will advise all interested commands and sections of the agenda for the meetings, and of the decisions reached as expeditiously as possible.

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