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WAREHOUSING
MAR. - SEPT. 1944

SUBJECT: Warehouse Storage

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AMG ROE Eighth Army

CA PW 25

QV/180

16 Sep 44.

HQ 61 Area

Copies to:-

Q Rear Army

OC 1 District

PC Ancona Province

86 Area

HQ Allied Control Commission

Executive Commissioner's branch(2)

19 SEP Recd

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1. Att to this letter is a schedule of Consorzi Agrari in this area occupied by military units. In two cases (Osimo and Jesi) specific consent was given by AMG, but the rest were occupied as a matter of operational necessity and without consultation with this HQ.

2. The warehouse capacity under review represents one half of the total grain storage space possessed by the Consorzio Agrario in Ancona Province. This province is a large grain growing area scheduled to export over 40,000 tons of wheat during the coming season, and the occupation of such a large portion of the Consorzio's property is viewed with the gravest apprehensions.

3. It would therefore be appreciated if you could arrange:

(a) for a detailed review of the units using Consorzio Agrario premises in your area with the object of releasing them to their original use wherever and as soon as possible.

(b) that no further property of the Consorzio Agrario in your area be occupied or used for military purposes except after reference to this HQ.

(c) that in the event of any unit now in occupation of such premises moving forward, the space vacated should be turned back to the Consorzio.

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Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
1st Eighth Army.

L.P.M.

The following is a list of Consorzio warehouses occupied by troops:

		Capacit
	1. Chiaravalle-Via B. Cairoli	Qli. 25,000.-
	2. Magazzini di Fabriano in via Clementina della capienza di	" 20,000.-
X	3. Magazzini di Jesi-viale Trieste della capienza di	" 25,000.-
	4. Magazzini di Montecosaro Stazione della capienza	" 15,000.-
	5. Magazzini di Osimo stazione, della capienza di	" 20,000.-
	6. Magazzini di Piticchio di Arcevia della capienza di	" 15,000.-
X	7. Magazzino di Padiglione di Osimo della capienza di	" 8,000.-
	8. Magazzini di Genigallia, della capienza di	" 60,000.-
	9. Ciucci warehouses at Falconara leased to Consorzio for grain collection.	" 15,000.-
		<u>216,000.-</u>

X - Occupation previously agreed by AMG.

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WE HAVE REQUESTED 2 PARASOFTS IN FIGHTING SUITABLE FOR DEPTO.
REPORT FROM UNLOADING TO START MONDAY 3 JULY. UNABLE TO RUN ALL DEPTS
INCLUDING SIGMA UNLESS ADDITIONAL 5 MM/ ONS ARRIVE 3 JULY LATEST.
PLEASE CONFIRM.

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1ST. URGENT SEND WAREHOUSE HOME FOR ARMY 5 ARMY. MIATT ARRANGING
WAREHOUSE. SUGGEST BOXES AND TEAM SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY. CAN AFTER-
WARDS MOVE DIVITAVBONIA WHEN NEW TEAMS AVAILABLE FOR HOME OR WHEN MILLER
CAN MOVE UP. MILLER WILL BE REQUIRED ANZIO FOR TIME BEING TO HELP CA
SECTION. 2ND. AGC YPT WILL BE REQUIRED ANZIO IMMEDIATELY TO GET ARMY 5/
5 ARMY SUPPLIES TO HOME WAREHOUSE. 3RD. ALL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED 5 AND
5 ARMY TO DRAW TEMPORARILY FROM ANZIO. 4TH. FIDUCIARIO CAN RECEIVE 300
TONS PER DAY BY SCHOONER PROBABLY IN A WEEK.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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10 June 44

SUBJECT: Portable Warehouses

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner

1. Ref your 221/18/CA dated 9 Jun 44, it is regretted that the 6000 sq. metres of waterproof canvas have been allotted to the services since the dispatch of this section even number of 5 Jun 44.

2. If, however, supplies of such canvas are required at a later date, it may be possible to obtain the release of part of this stock or allocation of further stocks.

J. Bruce Thompson Maj. RA
J. BRUCE THOMPSON, MAJOR R.A.
S.O. 2, (C.A.), ECONOMIC SECTION

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SS

PTA

20.

Public Works & U. Spc (Lt Col Rhodes)

Ref 15 & 9. I have seen Col Hoff
who says that, owing to the new
situation, he does not need extra
warehouse space, so I am taking his
picture over.

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Full

Director

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| 1. | I expected this | <u>No action</u> |
| 2. | See letter X | } GSK.
11/6. |
| 3. | See details structures
in letter 9/6.
We never saw these
designs. | |
| 4. | File - back to RC & MS. | |

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/221/19/CA

9 June 1944

SUBJECT: Portable Warehouses.

TO : R.C.'s Regions IV, V, VIII and IX.
S.C.A.O. 8 Army AMG

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1. Attached are notes on a type of portable warehouse that has been successfully employed by AMG 5 Army.
2. The design and construction is commended. Capacity is approximately 200 tons.
3. It is suggested that salvaged materials can usually be employed. Assistance in obtaining canvas may be possible in special cases. Applications stating requirements should be made to this Headquarters. (R.C. & M.G. Section)

M. R. Fiske
 for
 MERRAN R. FISKE
 Colonel
 Deputy Executive
 Commissioner

Copy to:
 Economic Section (3)
 S.C.A.O. 5 Army AMG
 Additional copy for Supply Officers.

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*See
 any further action
 at 9.?*
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PORTABLE WAREHOUSE

In installments and operating depots, AMG Fifth Army have had to meet certain exceptional conditions, such as:

- (a) More or less complete destruction of existing warehouses.
- (b) The necessity for spotting, putting in operation and moving at short notice food depots according to the changing operations situation.
- (c) Summer weather, permitting the storage for limited periods of food supplies under light canvas protection.
- (d) Materials available: poles from local ravines and salvage canvas.

The following is a description of this type of portable warehouse involved. These warehouses are arranged in rows with an entry and exit for trucks, to provide rapid and efficient operation. Each warehouse can be packed up and loaded on a 3 ton truck.

The warehouse has a square plan (8 metres x 8 metres) and a pentagonal front elevation in which the sides are 3m and the centre 5m high.

The construction is as follows:

Down each side are four poles 4m long buried 1m in the ground. These are strengthened by horizontal poles at the top (height 3m) and half-way up at a height of 1.5m.

The centre poles are 6m high (of which 1m is buried in the ground) and they are joined by a horizontal pole at the top (height 5m).

The centre horizontal is connected to the side horizontals by 12 poles (6 equally spaced on each side) and these with the centre horizontal support the roof.

The entire structure is covered with canvas.

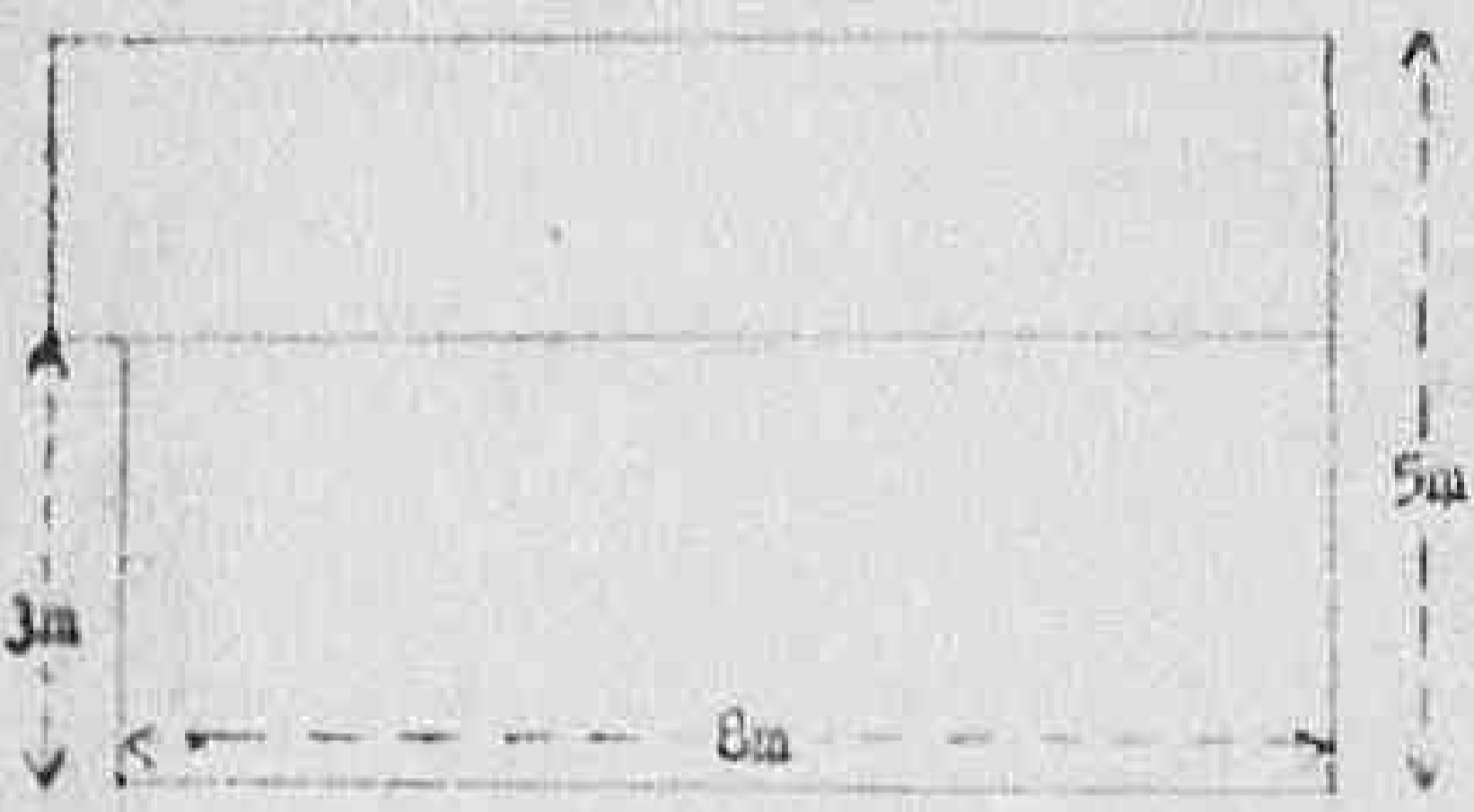
The entrance depot where this type of warehouse is erected is open to inspection at any time.

Each warehouse holds 300 tons of flour in sacks.

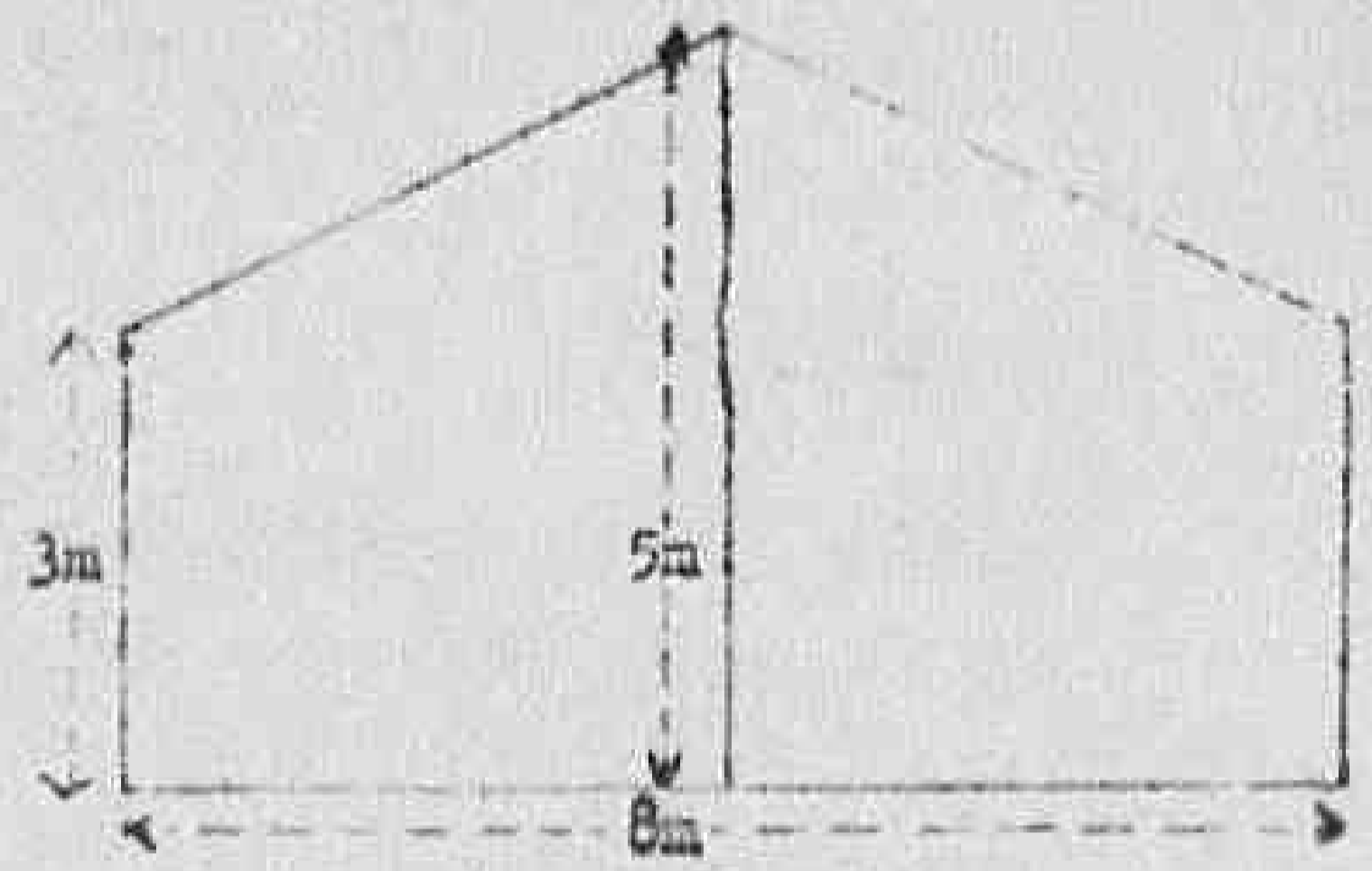
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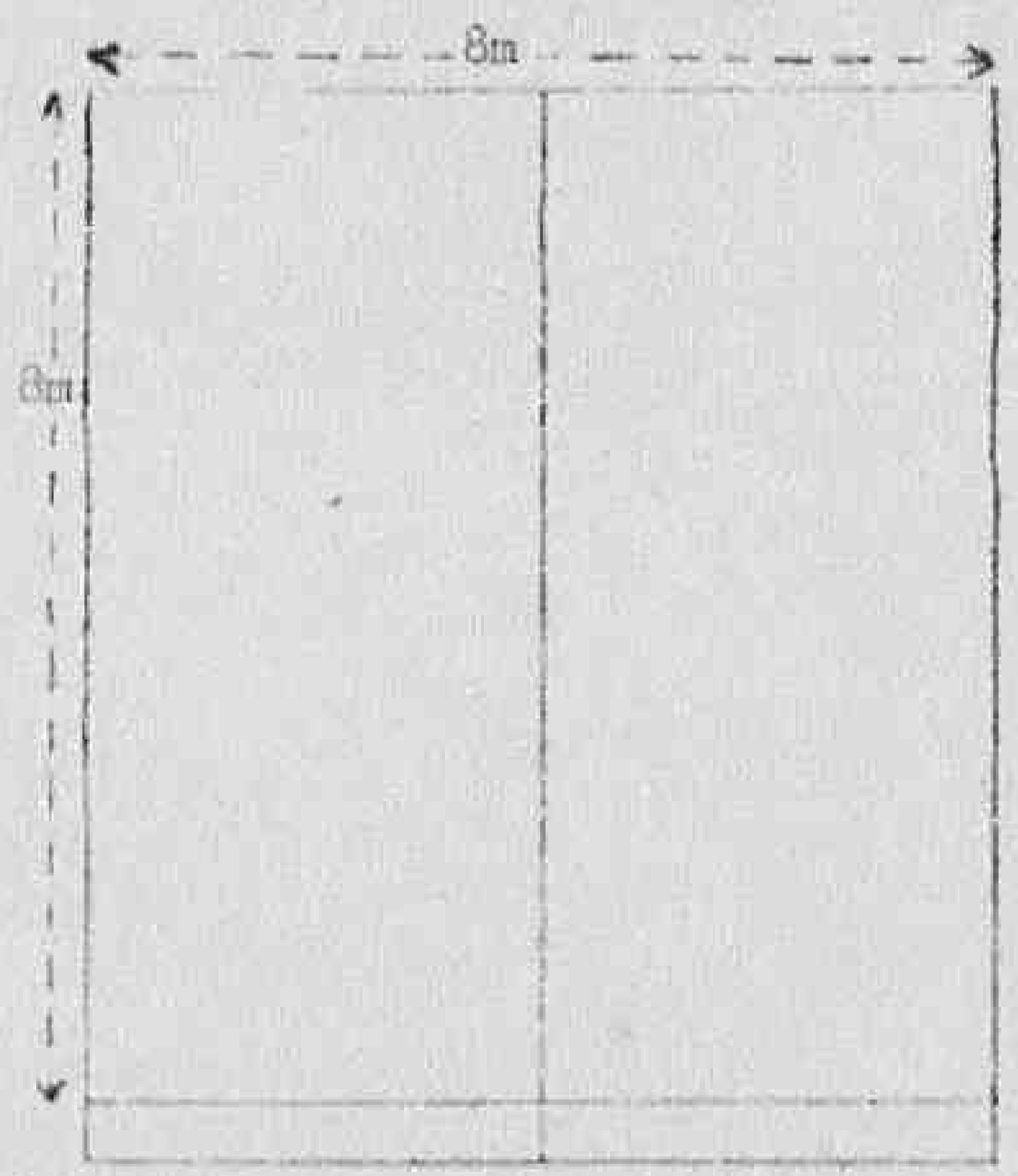


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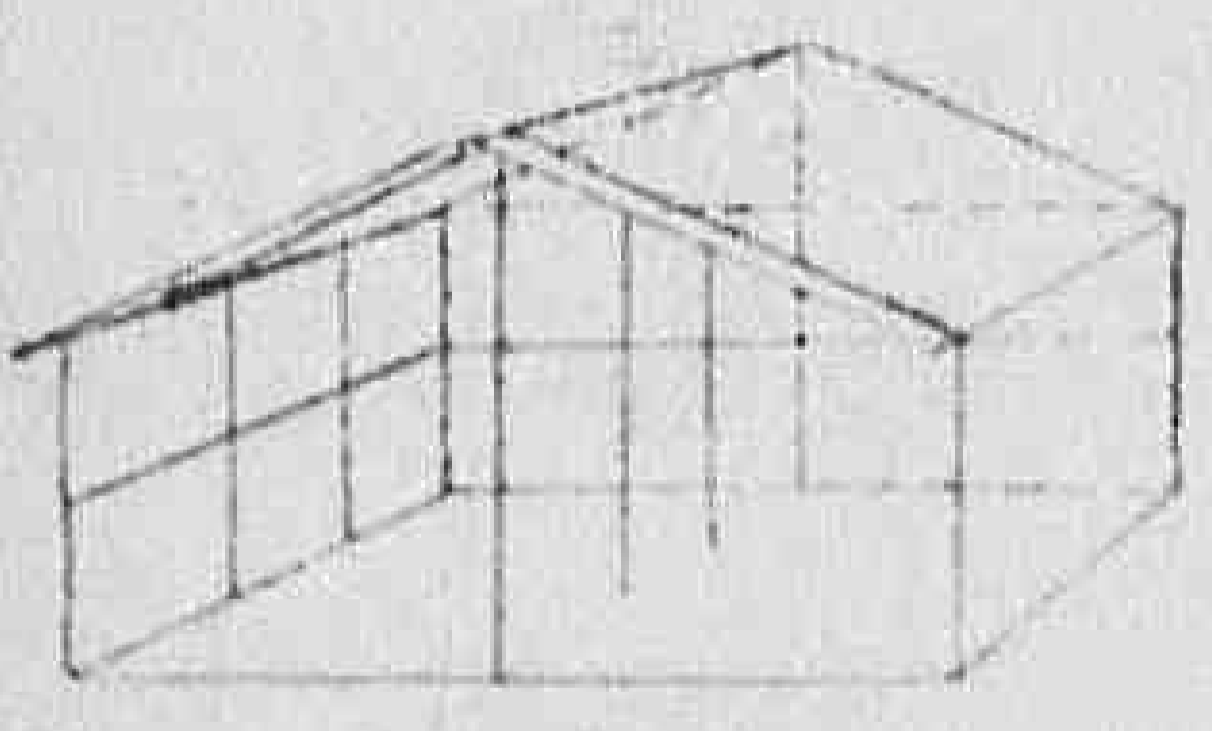


Front elevation

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 39A

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Ref /221/18/CA

9 June 1944

SUBJECT: Portable Warehouses.

TO : Economic Section.

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1. Reference EB/31 of 5 June 44. Attached is copy of letter sent to forward Regions.

2. May the 6000 sq. meters of water-proof canvas referred to in your para 3 be frozen temporarily to meet any demands that may be received.

3. Bidding forms are returned herewith for your use.

HENRY E. VINE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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ES/31

5 June 44.

SUBJECT : Portable Warehouses.

TO : Executive Commissioner - Civil Affairs Branch.

1. Ref. attached notes, the structures referred to therein have been inspected, and the design and construction is commended.
2. Capacity is approximately 200 tons as stated and is very suitable for storage of ACC supplies.
3. It is suggested that stores of timber and part worn canvas be obtained locally for their construction. If part worn canvas cannot be obtained, there is available at the moment 6000 sq. metres of water proof canvas which can be frozen if you so desire.

Self

J. B. Thompson
J. B. THOMPSON, Major R.A.
G.S.C. 2, Economic Section.

- Incls:
- ~~1- Food Sub-Commission letter ACC/60-177000.~~
 - ~~2- Sub-Com - U.S.I. Sub-Commission letter ACC/225/270~~
 - ~~3- Sub-Com - P.W. & U-Sub-Commission letter ACC/225/270~~
 - 4- 4 Copies I & C Sub-Comm Requisition Form

See 19 1345

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Naples - Warehouse Space.

FBI No. ACC/115/PRU

TO: Capt. Talbot. (R.C. & M.G.).

30 May 1944

Dear Talbot,

Any progress on our letter of 15 May 44? We await a decision. I queried Region III figure of 3,600 sq. ft., as I was sure it was inadequate. Their reply, 24 May, now says 15,000 sq. ft.

You said on 22 May that we might get instructions in three to four days.

G. E. Rhodes

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20 MAY cd
E. B. Mayne
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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

26th May 1944.

Subject: Portable Warehouse.

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To : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

With reference to our recent conversation, attached are 50
copies of a type of portable warehouse.

E B Mayne
E. B. MAYNE,
Lt. Col., U.D.P.,
Chief of Staff.
AMG FIFTH ARMY.

45 May
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PORTABLE WAREHOUSE

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- (c) Summer weather, permitting the storage for limited periods of food supplies under light canvas protection.
- (d) Materials available: poplar poles from local ravines and salvage canvas.

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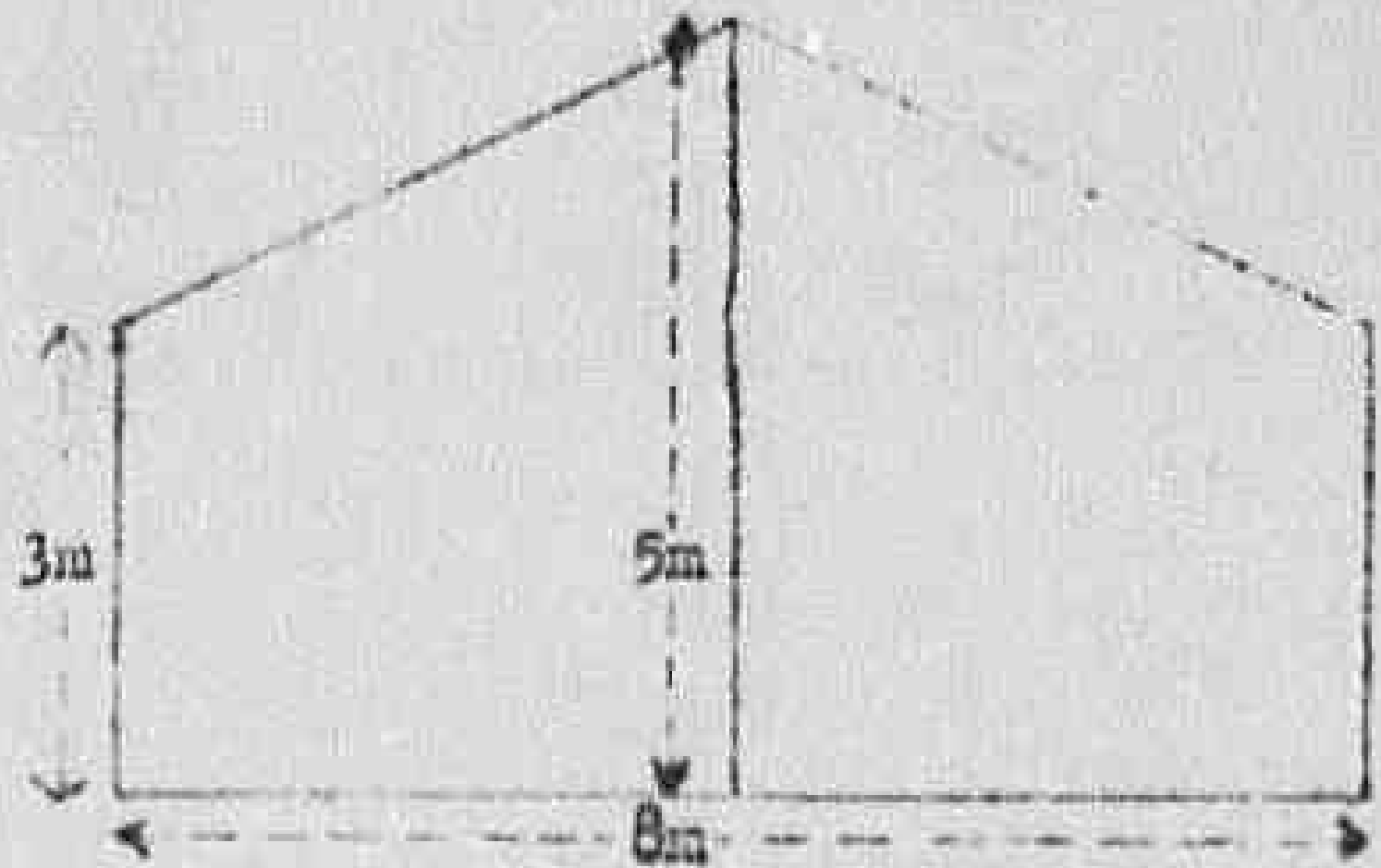
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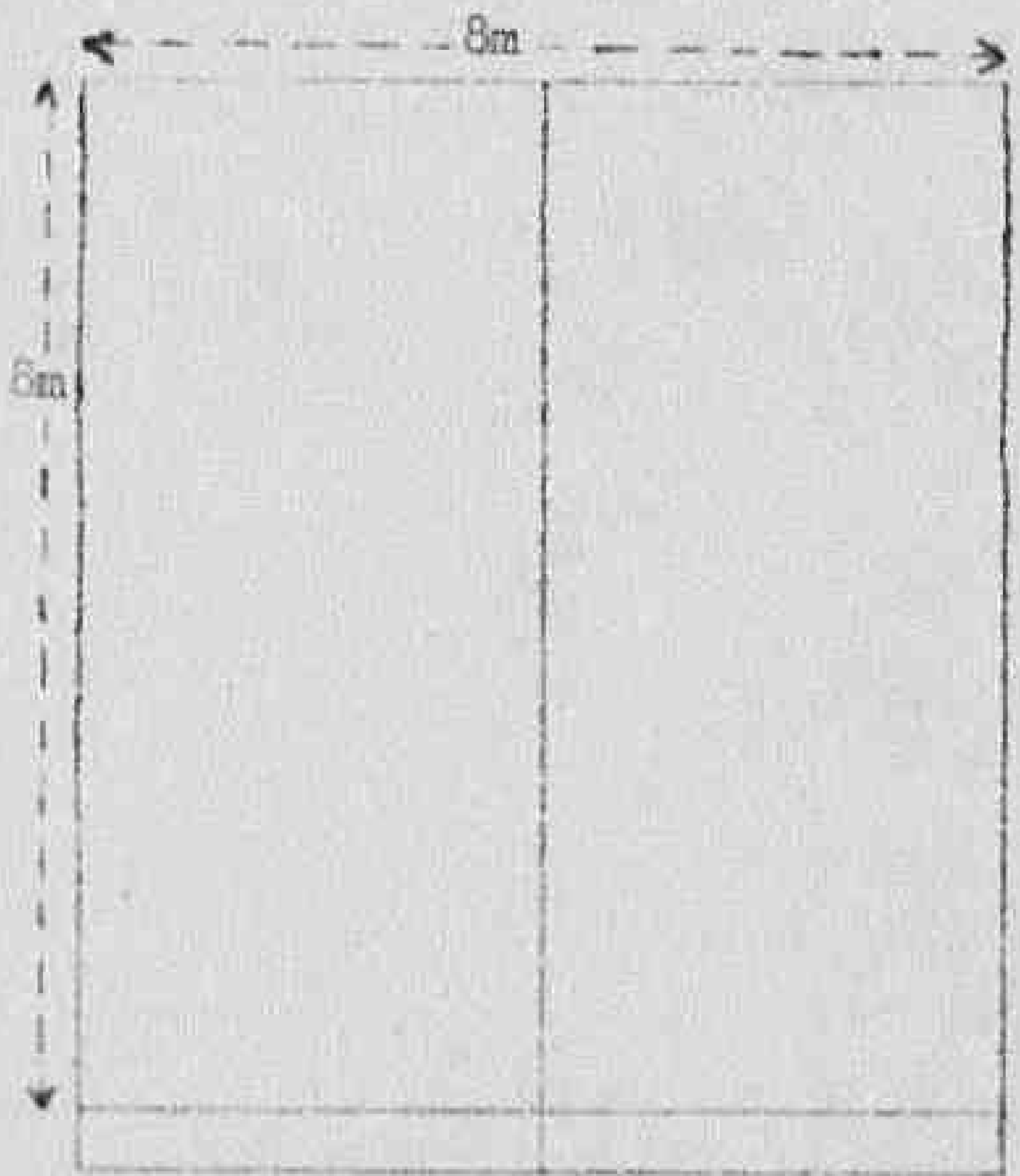


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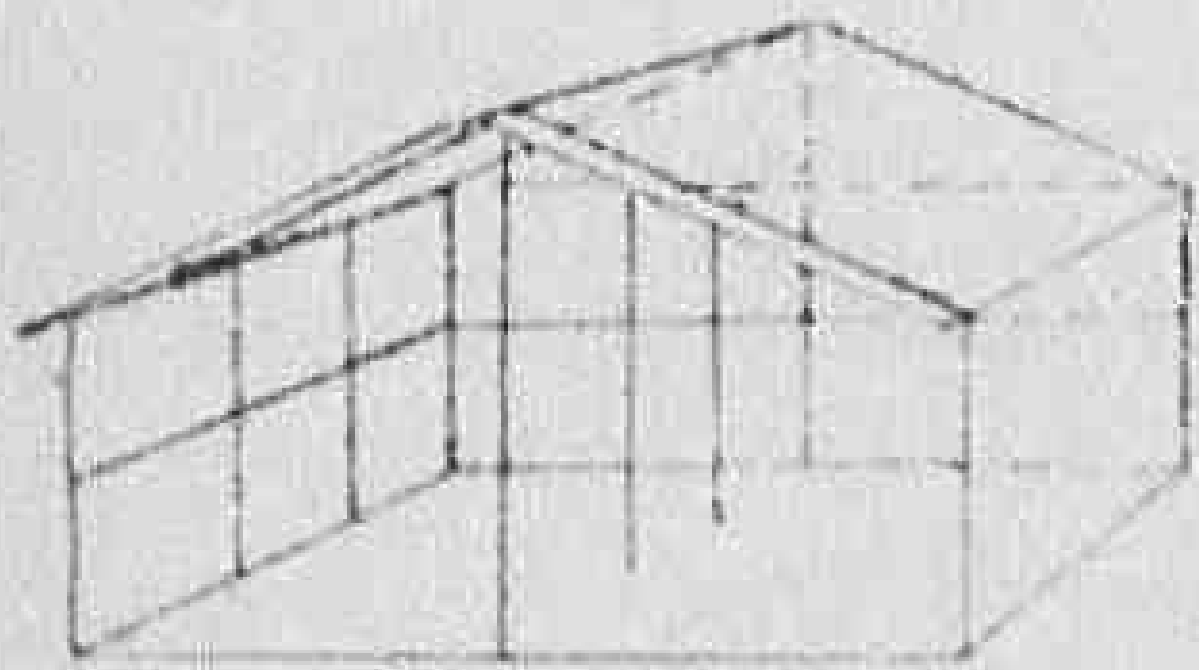


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20 MAY 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

26 MAY 1944
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24 May 44

SUBJECT: Warehouse Space in Naples.

TO : Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, ACC Main. ✓

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1. Your letter ACC/115/PWU of 17 May enclosing copy of your report to Brigadier Lush on the warehouse situation in Region 3.
2. It is noted that further communication will be sent to this Regional Economic & Supply Division as soon as a decision has been taken on the suggestions made by you.
3. The area of 3,600 square feet mentioned in a previous letter as representing the space required to store 1000 tons of industrial materials must be corrected to read 15,000 square feet.

C. R. Merrill
C. R. MERRALL
Lt. Colonel
Regional Economic &
Supply Officer

CRM/rma

Copy to: Major Holmes, E&S Div. Region 3.

HEADQUARTERS
25 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

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24 May 1944

ACC/60-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Warehouse space at Naples

TO : Economic Section

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Ref ACC/115/PWU dated 5 May 44

1. If the proposal outlined in para 1 can be realized - it is agreed that the problem of warehousing will be solved.

Additional lighting and clearance of debris would be necessary.

The storage would be suitable for airtight commodities and most industrial supplies, but owing to inadequate ventilation, it would not be suitable for moisture absorbing commodities.

2. The arches at the Royal Palace were inspected, earmarked, routed with depot numbers and registered with P.B.S. by Food Sub-Commission as emergency storage in March 1944 and though facilities for discharging and loading trucks are restricted, the accommodation is suitable for certain classes of supplies.

The main objection is a single entrance and exit for all traffic, and the number of guards that would be required on account of the nature of the present occupancy i.e. NAAFI French Army Units.

In conclusion it is felt that there are still a number of buildings in the vicinity of Naples that could be acquired including the Art Gallery which has a capacity of approximately 30,000 to 40,000 tons.

Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission opposed the occupation for Food Storage in March of this year, but it is felt that the needs of Industry and Commerce have a greater claim.

W. J. Legg
H. J. LEGG
Colonel
Chief, Food Sub-Commission
Boyle
LCM B.36

Chief, Food Sub-Commission

Gen. Sect.

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Pl. Sec 9. Can you please get
the reactions of Food S/c and
anyone else concerned to CIA Jungs
supporters.

Edith G
17/5.

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 HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
 APO 394.

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ACC/115/PWU

15 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Warehouse space at Naples.

TO : Brigadier M. S. Lush
through Economic Section. *see 7*

Several days ago your office contacted this Sub-Commission in an effort to obtain our assistance in providing adequate warehouse space needed by the Food Sub-Commission and others. We have made a study of this situation and wish to make the following recommendation:

(1) If large space is needed as might well be the case in the near future and which may be far beyond present foreseeable needs, this entire problem could be solved by one bold stroke by closing the vehicular tunnel known as Galleria della Vittoria which runs from the base of the Royal Palace at the Piazza del Plebiscite in a southwest direction towards the Via Chiaramonte. This would give ample storage space fully protected from any kind of air attack or from the elements.

One of the three tunnels leading from the Mergellina section towards Posillipo is now used by Depot 760, General Depot No. 3 of the Air Force. It is doubtful if some space in that tunnel could be assigned to A.C.C. but it might be well to contact that unit to see if one end of this tunnel might be assigned to us.

While it is true that the taking over of the Galleria della Vittoria would transfer traffic from the tunnel to some of the other highways, it is felt that one way routes could be established to take care of the present traffic on these highways plus the traffic now going through the tunnel. Arrangements would have to be made with P.S.S. in order to carry out this program. This procedure would settle all of our storage problems.

(2) The Royal Palace at the Piazza del Plebiscite has been inspected with a view to obtaining some of the available space there. There are several covered galleries inside of this Palace leading to open courts which could be utilized for this purpose by either placing tarpaulins over the openings of the archways or building a few walls where the materials must be protected from rain. While it may not be possible to obtain all of the space that may be required, yet it is felt that a considerable area could be thus made available and might suffice for some time because of the fact that paper is now stored at the steel plant on El Via Bologna which was also inspected.

(3) Another site inspected was the overhead portion of the Autostrada

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in the southeast section of the city just north of the Meridionale Silk Factory where some 4,000 to 5,000 square feet of covered space could be made available by some grading and by extending the south wall further up towards the floor of the Autostrada and by providing some protection on the northeast side under the Autostrada. If necessary, other space could also be made available under the Autostrada but this would entail a good deal more work and it is doubtful if this would be warranted.

(4) Other sites have been inspected but it was found that either trucking access would be limited or too much work would have to be done.

In connection with all of this, it is necessary to do everything possible to obtain space where a roof covering exists, because it is practically impossible to obtain sufficient roofing material for the building of new structures. It is recommended that the parties interested in obtaining storage space visit the above named locations with a representative of this Sub-Commission so that prompt steps may be taken to provide the storage space needed.


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

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M. B.

1. Ref 3 of 6. I saw CIA Menalo & Al Jones.
 Latter said there were materials available
 & gave me questions to ask Ref. III.

I have asked them. They were

- (1) How many cubic feet of space
 required
- (2) Location.
- (3) open sides or closed.
- (4) Ground floor only or second
 floor required.
- (5) New structure or rehabilitated
 Structure.

CIA Menalo said he would start looking
 for warehouse space for Gov. trans - for
 newspapers & silk.

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Subject: Warehouse Space ⁶

Lt Col Shapiro

Major General
Stanley

Col Adams would like to come to see the
space held it became I wanted to
find out what Reg III were doing about it
and also about space in the Newport
(350 tons) (note 8-11)

2. I saw Reg III (Lt Col Merrill) this morning.
He can only warehouse 400 tons of being
it any one thing like the space he
has at present. This is plus an
average ship load. He has cleared
400 tons today with a ship. As
regards Newport he can take the 350
tons but it will be a tight fit.

3. There is no doubt there is a great
shortage of space at the docks. Has
anyone ever thought of creating
warehouses? What does Col Jones say?

4. Another point is raised at 7. A. Smith
Lt Col said have replied saying that
there are no EM/DRS available for
purchase. Has AA1 150 or 100 been
tried? After Tami last year 24
pounds of... there were used for
every kind of purpose including
marching dumps etc. There must
be thousands of troops not fighting
and just idling about a waiting to salute
Officers in the streets of Naples! 1331

1000 Sq Feet
8/3/5
Major General Stanley
Lt Col Merrill
Col Adams
Col Jones
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8/3/5

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 22/s/CA

27th April 1944

SUBJECT: Warehouse Space for Newsprint.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region III.

1. Vice President, Economic Section has passed on your letter
105.33 RS dated 14th April regarding warehouses for newsprint.

2. It is essential that newsprint be imported and stored in
this country and I must ask you to make special efforts to find
accommodation for it. I am sure you will appreciate the importance
of this matter.

MEL/JRL

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Correspondence with Economic Sect.

Copy to Econ Section
Region III
At Home all says accommodation will
be found. W. 4/5
PIA
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
R.O. & M.O. SECTION
APO 394

Ref /221/h/CA

14 April 1944

SUBJECT: Warehousing Organizations.

TO : R.O. Region IV.

Ref. your Hq/633 dated 17 March 1944.

1. The policy of utilizing civilian organization and personnel remains unchanged, and earlier problems are being overcome by current plans for the promotion of necessary civilian organizations.
2. All warehouses will continue to be operated on a regional basis, the initial responsibility at the port of entry being assumed by AGO, but the sale to Italian authorities being made ex-ship or on deposit in warehouses.
3. Reference your paras. 2(d)(1) and 2(e), no undertaking can be given to supply personnel, but your suggestion that personnel trained in warehouses be subsequently transferred to regions responsible for operating those warehouses is considered reasonable and may be re-opened when such transfers are imminent.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
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1 April 1944

SUBJECT: Warehousing - Organization

TO : Economic Section

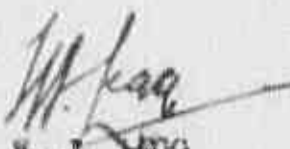
1. The policy of using civilian organizations and personnel is unchanged. Maximum use is being made of civilian organizations and personnel commensurate with security and control of bulk supplies. Due to exceptional circumstances on the West Coast it became necessary to assume temporary responsibility for main warehouses but negotiations and plans are proceeding to promote the desired civilian organizations and it is anticipated that the earlier obstacles have now been overcome. Established policy and planning should not be affected by the Naples precedent.

2. In Regions I and II all warehouses are operated on a Regional basis and the policy should be followed in Regions IV and V. Experience shows that at the port of entry the initial responsibility must be an ACC one, but normally the sale to Italian Authorities should be made ex ship or where this is not possible on deposit in warehouse.

(d) (1) The Food Sub-Commission is prepared to accept Regional Supply personnel for training, but cannot undertake to supply personnel from its present inadequate numbers.

(11) Chief Accountant has instituted a uniform method of Warehouse Recording and Accounting in all Regions and forward areas and measures to insure compliance.

(e) This proposal is covered in para 2 (d) (1). It is recommended that personnel previously trained in ~~main~~ warehouses be transferred to the Region responsible for operating the warehouses.



W. J. MCG
Colonel

Chief, Food Sub-Commission

*We agree
Economic Sub-Commission
WJL*

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18 MAR 1944

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HEADQUARTERS REGION 4
Allied Military Government
APC 394

TO : HQ, ACC (R.C. & M.G. Section)
FROM : HQ, Region 4 AMG
SUBJECT: Warehousing - Organisation
REF : R4/533
DATE : 17 March, 1944



Handwritten initials/signature

1. At recent conferences at your headquarters, it has frequently been emphasized that owing to the shortage of ACC/AMG personnel, the maximum possible use must be made of civilian organizations and personnel.

As regards civilian supplies, this policy agrees with that laid down in the AMGOT Manual, of using the regular distribution channels for food and essential commodities. There seems at present to be strong tendency to disregard this policy in the handling of civilian supplies.

2. As regards the operation of warehouses by ACC/AMG personnel, I have the following observations to make in the case of Region 4:-

- (a) In the past, Regional TO/WE has not included EX/OR for the purpose of operating a chain of warehouses in the Region.
- (b) Very successful courses of instruction in warehouse management have been held in Region 4 for both Officers and EM/OR. If this personnel is to be available for use in Region 4 warehouses, it will be necessary for them to be returned to the Region.

During these courses, inspections were made (with the prior approval of those concerned) of a number of warehouses in Naples, and certain criticisms were made by the assisting parties, but it is not proposed to pass them to

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(c) The number of warehouses which it will be possible for Region 4 to operate, will depend upon ACC/AMG personnel available.

It is clear that the Region could not satisfactorily operate the seven warehouses in Rome, and those which might be required at the ports of entry and in the provinces, unless the strength of the Region is increased by taking over the personnel in the warehouses commenced by the 5th Army AMG, plus additional personnel for any further warehouses which may be required.

(d) Subject of the above, it is hoped that by the time the region becomes responsible for Lazio and Umbria, the

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scheme envisaged in paragraph 4 of the Supplies Accounting sub-section on page 27 of the Report of the Finance Sub-Commission for February 1944, will be in operation, but if that is not found possible, the following proposals are put forward for consideration:-

(i) All warehousing personnel should receive proper practical training, so that when new warehouses are started, an experienced nucleus will always be available to be detached from the warehouses where they have been operating. This would mean that no warehouse would be opened with untrained staff, the additional staff being recruited to work at warehouses already in operation, and HQ, ACC, would be responsible for supplying the trained staff.

(ii) A uniform method of recording and accounting should be enforced in 5th and 8th Army areas and in Regions.

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