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Disposition of Surrendered

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Disposition of Surrendered Enemy Forces

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SUBJECT:- Administration of Surrendered  
Enemy Forces in Italy.

Headquarters, Eighth Army.  
Headquarters, No. 1 District.  
Headquarters, No. 2 District.  
Headquarters, No. 3 District.  
CHQ., 2nd Echelon.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

GA(Br)/3251/4/A2.

16 Jul 45.

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classified until further directions are issued by this Headquarters.

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Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section.  
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1 - COMNAV  
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1 - Surgeon  
1 - Medical (B)  
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1 - Ord (5)  
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4 - Air C-in-C Med

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2 - Q(Maint)

2 - Q(AE)

3 - C-5

2 - Engr (A)

2 - Engr (B)

2 - Signals

2 - Liaison

2 - Works

1 - Surgeon (B)

1 - Medical (B)

1 - Crd (L)

1 - Crd (B)

1 - RME

1 - Tn (B)

1 - Tn (A)

1 - DMS

2 - PKG (A)

2 - Provost Marshal (B)

1 - JA

1 - DJAG (B)

1 - PAY

1 - Labor

1 - AG Postal

1 - Postal (B)

3 - QM

1 - CWS

1 - Vis Dir

1 - Fin Adv (B)

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SUBJECT:- Disposal of Austrian PW.

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No. 3 District.

G-1(Br)/3364/A-2.

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Reference this Headquarters G1(Br)/3364/A-2 of 4 Jul 45.

1. Para 5(d) provides as follows:-

"The remaining two copies of the nominal roll will be endorsed after departure of the PW concerned, with "Discharged to Residence" and forwarded to GHQ, 2nd Echelon, accompanied by the relevant third copies of the PW form".

2. The "relevant third copies of the PW Form" refer to the PW Forms, forwarded by G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon to all PW Camps and Hospitals under reference O2E/76125/EPW of 16 Jun 45. Instructions were issued that these forms should be completed in triplicate, and two copies forwarded forthwith to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon. It is assumed that this has now been done, and all PW Camps and Hospitals have retained one copy of the POW Form in respect of each PW, which is the relevant third copy of the PW form referred to in para 5(d) above.

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AG 386.3/163 LCG-O

SUBJECT: Administration of Surrendered Enemy Forces in Italy

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394  
 Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464  
 Commanding General, AFUSA PGH Command, APO 68  
 Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782  
 Headquarters, Eighth Army  
 General Officer Commanding, Number 1 District  
 General Officer Commanding, Number 2 District  
 General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District

1. References

- a. 15th Army Group Administrative Directive Number 3, 18 April 1945, subject: "Control and Administration of Surrendered Enemy Forces".
- b. Eighth Army Administrative Directive Number 2, subject: "Surrender of Enemy Forces".
- c. AFHQ letter, AG 386.3/163 LCG-O, 18 May 1945, subject: "Administration of Surrendered Enemy Forces in Italy".

2. Object - The object of these instructions is to incorporate in one document current policies for the handling of surrendered enemy forces in Italy.

3. Previous Instructions - The instructions contained in references a and b above remain in force except as modified by this letter. Reference c is hereby rescinded and the provisions of this letter substituted therefor.

4. Scope of Instructions

- a. The instructions contained herein are applicable to enemy forces taken or surrendering in Italy.
- b. Enemy personnel, except those of Italian Nationality, taken or surrendering in Austria will be held in that country pending repatriation, and not removed to Italy.

5. Generala. Status of Enemy Forces

- (1) All enemy personnel, including those of the Luftwaffe, who had not passed through Army cages before 1400 hours 2 May have been termed "Surrendered Enemy Forces", and have not been regarded as prisoners of war except on the specific authority of AFHQ/AFUSA.

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- (2) All enemy personnel remaining in Italy who have been taken and classified as prisoners of war are reclassified as "surrendered enemy forces" retroactive to 2 May 1945 and will be treated as such. Exceptions to this policy will be published separately by AFHQ/STCUSA as required.
- (3) All personnel of whatever nationality who surrendered or were taken while serving with the enemy will be regarded initially as surrendered enemy forces. Instructions concerning segregation are given in paragraph 7b.
- (4) SS Personnel will be confined separately, and will be classed as recalcitrants (see paragraph 7d below).
- (5) Enemy personnel at present in hospitals will, on discharge, be treated as surrendered enemy forces, and sent to final concentration areas. Those who cannot be disposed of in this manner will be classed as recalcitrants and confined.

b. Policy

- (1) Surrendered enemy forces and prisoners of war will be divided equally between British and US forces. Guard and administrative functions are the responsibility of the force having custody of the surrendered enemy personnel and prisoners of war.
- (2) Insofar as practicable consistent with their employment by the Allied forces, surrendered enemy forces will carry out their own administration and maintenance using their own administrative organizations under Allied supervision. To this end, enemy forces will be formed in 'ad hoc' formations and unit organizations as far as is necessary to enable them to be self-administering. This policy does not absolve Allied military authorities concerned from the ultimate responsibility for the administration of surrendered enemy forces.
- (3) The policy regarding the use of specially qualified technical troops will be furnished as required. Under no circumstances will any enemy personnel be regarded as co-operators.

c. Concentration and Accommodation

a. Concentration areas

- (1) The British main concentration area will be as shown at trace at Appendix "B". This does not preclude subsequent removal of enemy personnel to other locations as required.

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- (2) Surrendered enemy forces controlled by the US will be concentrated in an area or areas conveniently sited for supply and administration. Enemy personnel employed by MTOUSA major commands will be held in areas conveniently located to places of employment.

b. Scale of Accommodation - Surrendered enemy forces will be accommodated under field conditions. A guide to the British scales of accommodation which will be provided is at Appendix "A". The US scale has been announced in Administrative Memorandum Number 4, Headquarters MTOUSA, 20 May 1945, subject: "Scale of Accommodations and Standards of Construction for Enemy Personnel in Labor Camps". In all cases maximum use will be made of enemy stores in accordance with allocations made by AFHQ/MTOUSA.

c. Evacuation of Civilians - Civilians within the final concentration area will not be evacuated unless it is essential for their safety, and at the instigation of AC/AG.

d. Buildings

- (1) Buildings, or portions thereof, will not be used for the accommodation of surrendered enemy forces unless surplus to Allied and civil requirements and then only with the authority of the appropriate Allied Military Commander, and with the consent of the Allied Commission.
- (2) Buildings presently used as hospitals for surrendered enemy forces may continue to be so used at the discretion of Allied Commanders.
- (3) Buildings may only be requisitioned if they are to be used for hospitals or offices. Such requisitioning will be subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) There will be no eviction of civilian inhabitants.
  - (b) Permission must previously have been given by the appropriate Allied Commander and by Allied Commission.

e. Action to be taken Prior to Assembly in the Final Concentration

Areas

- (1) Primary disarmament of enemy personnel.
- (2) Preliminary concentration and formation of enemy personnel into units for administrative purposes. Such units should be capable of carrying out all internal administration.
- (3) Segregation and dispatch to concentration area of SS and other recalcitrant troops. These will be moved as soon as possible.

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(4) Movement of surrendered enemy forces to the final concentration areas.

(5) Administration of surrendered enemy forces.

f. Action to be Taken Inside the Final Concentration Areas

(1) Reconnaissance of the areas and allocation of localities to enemy forces.

(2) Reception and segregation of SS troops.

(3) Reception of surrendered enemy forces other than SS troops.

(4) Provision of guards.

(5) Administration of surrendered enemy forces.

g. Allocation of Responsibilities

(1) The MTOUSA POW Command will be responsible for any action remaining to be taken in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6a above, and for all surrendered enemy forces and prisoners of war under US control.

(2) Eighth Army will be responsible:

(a) For administering all enemy personnel in hospitals in the Army area.

(b) Arranging for the disposal of all enemy personnel discharged from hospitals in the Army area in accordance with paragraph 5 a (5) above.

(3) The MTOUSA POW Command and 1 District each will be responsible within their own spheres of responsibility for all actions to be taken in accordance with paragraph 6f above.

h. Movement to Main Concentration Areas - Details of movement between the British main concentration area under Number 1 District and the MTOUSA POW Command will be arranged locally by the Number 1 District and the MTOUSA POW Command. Movement between the major commands of MTOUSA and the MTOUSA POW Command will be arranged by the MTOUSA POW Command. Any differences which may arise will be adjusted by AFHQ/MTOUSA.

7. Administration

a. General

(1) The US final concentration areas will be the responsibility of the MTOUSA POW Command.

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- (2) The British main concentration area will be the responsibility of Number 1 District.

b. Segregation of Enemy Personnel

- (1) Italian Nationals will be concentrated separately. The number so held will be taken into consideration in adjusting the total holdings of enemy personnel by the US and British in accordance with the policy established in paragraph 5 b (1) above.
- (2) As far as practicable other personnel will be segregated by nationalities.
- (3) While the surrendered enemy forces are being held in the concentration areas the following directives will apply:

(a) Russian Nationals

Headquarters MTOUSA letter, file AG 383.7/414 D-O, 31 May 1945, subject: "Disposition of Soviet Citizens" as amended by Headquarters MTOUSA letter, same file and subject, dated 4 June 1945.

AFHQ letters, file CR/3491/2 G-1 (Br), 6 March, 7 March and 15 March, all 1945.

(b) Other Nationals (exclusive of the Italian Republican Army)

Headquarters MTOUSA letter, file AG 383.6/326 PKG-O, 26 February 1945, subject: "Administrative Instructions for the United States Prisoner of War Enclosures in MTOUSA", Chapter XVIII, paragraph 7.

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 60, 14 December 1944 except:

1. Where specific instructions to the contrary have been issued.
  2. Chetniks will be retained in the British concentration area and segregated into a separate enclave, to await disposal instructions which will be issued by AFHQ.
- (4) Separate instructions have been issued regarding the disposal of senior enemy officers.

c. Technical Troops - Technical troops used as such in accordance with paragraph 5 b (3) above will be distributed between the US and British in accordance with instructions from AFHQ/MTOUSA.

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d. Recalcitrant Enemy Personnel

- (1) Personnel named by Counter Intelligence Staffs as dangerous to security, or who prove troublesome, will be termed "recalcitrant".
- (2) Such personnel will be separated from the remainder of the surrendered enemy forces as early as possible, and held in confinement when specified by AFHQ/TOUSA. They will not be given PW status.
- (3) Recalcitrants will be segregated from any personnel granted PW status by competent authority.
- (4) All SS troops will be considered recalcitrant and treated in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above.

e. Employment - Instructions regarding the employment of enemy forces have been issued separately. (AFHQ letter, AG 386.3/163 GCT-O, 15 June 1945, subject: "Employment of German Prisoners of War and Surrendered Personnel - Priority List Ten").

f. Documentation

- (1) Detailed documentation will be carried out by Allied military headquarters concerned for:
  - (a) Recalcitrant personnel
  - (b) Personnel of Allied nationality.
- (2) Instructions concerning the documentation and maintenance of records for all surrendered enemy personnel held in this theater are contained in AFHQ letter, AG 386.3/163 G.P-O, 13 June 1945, subject: "Instructions for the Documentation of Enemy Surrendered Personnel".

g. Bounds

- (1) Concentration areas will be placed off limits to all Allied military personnel except those concerned in the administration of the areas.
- (2) No fraternization will be allowed between surrendered enemy personnel and Allied or co-belligerent personnel. In their respective areas, FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies, through A.G., will be responsible for insuring that civilians comply with this non-fraternization order. Headquarters Allied Commission will be similarly responsible in other areas.

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h. Guards - FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies will be responsible for the provision of guards for enemy forces while under their control. The MTOUSA POW Command and Number 1 District similarly will be responsible for the provision of guards in the concentration areas under their respective jurisdiction. The necessary troops will be allotted by AFHQ/MTOUSA to Number 1 District and the MTOUSA POW Command for this purpose. Arrangements for guarding when enemy forces are employed in accordance with letter referred to in paragraph 7c will be in accordance with paragraph 11 of above reference letter.

i. Discipline -

- (1) Surrendered enemy forces will be responsible for maintaining a high standard of discipline.
- (2) All Allied commanders will insure that the persecution of non-Nazis, non-Germans and non-Fascists is prevented.
- (3) Such summary jurisdiction as may be necessary to maintain discipline in the final concentration areas may be left to enemy commanders within the discretion of Allied commanders concerned. Enemy courts martial may be permitted to function under Allied supervision.
- (4) All crimes, of whatever nature, may at the discretion of the appropriate Allied commanders be tried in AMG courts established for the purpose or by courts martial, notwithstanding any powers of summary jurisdiction which may have been given to enemy commanders.
- (5) Available enemy military police and provost personnel will be distributed as necessary among concentration areas.

j. Maintenance

- (1) Enemy Service Units - Such units as are required to enable forces to maintain themselves will be formed by the headquarters concerned. The MTOUSA POW Command will make available to MTOUSA major commands and Number 1 District such service units as are required, if available, to maintain enemy forces. The obligation of the MTOUSA POW Command to provide enemy service units to Number 1 District ceases when the principal adjustment in holdings of enemy forces by the British and US has been made as provided in paragraph 5 b (1) above. Co-ordination and allocation of enemy service units between the US and British will be the responsibility of AFHQ/MTOUSA.
- (2) Enemy stocks of maintenance supplies - FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies will obtain details of locations and quantities of enemy stocks of maintenance supplies located in their areas. Surrendered personnel required to operate enemy dumps or depots may continue to be so employed subject to the provisions of paragraph 7 c above.

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(3) Use of enemy maintenance stocks

- (a) Maximum use of enemy stocks will be made for the maintenance of surrendered enemy forces. Overall allocation of enemy stocks will be the responsibility of AFHQ/LTCUSA.
- (b) Subject to particular circumstances which may arise, Allied stocks of rations (Class I Supplies), Engineer and Ordnance stores (Class II and IV Supplies of all Technical Services) will not be used for this purpose, until enemy stocks have been exhausted.

(4) Allied assistance in the maintenance of surrendered enemy forces - In the interim stage, pending the locating of enemy stocks and the organization of the necessary service units, Armies, LTCUSA, PGW Command and Number 1 District will perform such maintenance activities for surrendered enemy forces as are necessary.

k. Transport

- (1) In order to economize in motor transport, enemy forces will be maintained as far as practicable by animal transport.
- (2) Animal, in preference to motor, transport will be used for local details within the concentration areas. This is desirable for security reasons as well as to economize on motor fuel and vehicles.
- (3) Subject to the limitations of (1) and (2) above, surrendered enemy forces will be allowed to retain minimum scales of motor transport as laid down by Allied military headquarters concerned. Enemy units required to work under Allied supervision will be allowed to retain such transport and equipment as are necessary to carry out their task.
- (4) Enemy transport units in excess of requirements for enemy administration, may be used in relief of Allied administrative resources and for the movement of civil supplies. Allocation of this transport will be the responsibility of AFHQ/LTCUSA.

1. Rations - Surrendered enemy forces whether fed from enemy or Allied stocks will be provided with a ration of approximately 2000 calorific value. A ration of approximately 2900 calorific value will be allowed for heavy workers. (Heavy workers are those working more than 4 hours daily for the Allied armies). Detailed scales have been issued separately.

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m. Forage - The scale to be issued for captured animals will be as follows:

Animals in work - full scale.

Animals not in work - scale to be governed by the condition in which animals are found. Normally this will be fifty per cent (50%) of usual scale.

n. Surrendered Enemy Material - Separate instructions have been issued in AFHQ letter, file AG 386.3/163 LCG-O, dated 22 June 1945, subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy".

o. Medical - In view of the danger of malaria:

(1) Personal and unit anti-malarial precautions will be enforced.

(2) General anti-malarial precautions throughout the concentration areas will be carried out as required.

p. Welfare - Enemy welfare services may be permitted to function under supervision. No Allied material or entertainment will be provided.

q. Postal Facilities - Initially no postal facilities will be provided for surrendered enemy personnel. Further instructions will be issued later if required.

r. Pay of Enemy Forces - Separate instructions will be issued.

s. Local Purchase and Use of Currency

(1) Surrendered enemy forces will not be permitted to make any local purchases on their own account. Should it be found economical to supply them with such local products as may not be required for civilian or Allied military use, such products will be purchased by Allied military authorities, in conformity with existing AFHQ/STOUSI instructions as to method of procuring local resources. For the purpose of accounting, separate records will be maintained of all such purchases.

(2) Accounts outstanding against the enemy in respect of purchases made previous to surrender will be forwarded to AG for such investigation or other action as may be considered appropriate.

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t. Allowance of Resale/EFI Items - Separate instructions are being issued to provide the minimum allowance of Resale/EFI items necessary for sanitation and health.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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Adjutant General

- 2 Incls  
1 - Appendix "A" - Suggested scales of accommodation.  
2 - Appendix "B" - Trace showing British concentration area for surrendered enemy forces.

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ltr, AFHQ, AG  
386.3/163 LOG-O,  
dtd 7 July 1945. (5)SUGGESTED SCALES OF ACCOMMODATION  
(German scales may be used but will NOT exceed  
those given below).

1. General area to be 50-sq yards per man.
2. Staging Camp or Bivouac scales for all ranks will be all tentage except as follows:

|                                                                        |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Deep Trench latrine seats.....                                         | 5%                 |
| Field Urinals 10' long.....                                            | 1%                 |
| 8-ft Double Sided Ablution Benches.....                                | 2%                 |
| Kitchen Wash-up Benches.....                                           | 1%                 |
| Duck Board 6'6" long.....                                              | 5%                 |
| Incinerator.....                                                       | 0.1%               |
| Litter Cages.....                                                      | 1%                 |
| Grease Interception Boxes.....                                         | 1%                 |
| Showers.....                                                           | Mil                |
| Mobile equipment to be used.                                           |                    |
| Static water reserve storage.....                                      | 2-gals<br>per head |
| Water supply to give 5-gals per head per day                           |                    |
| Flyproofed food store and food preparation room, at 1-f-s. per<br>head |                    |

NOTE: Screen surrounds are required to Ablution Benches and to latrines and urinals, and Proof cover is required before October. Water points should be established for mobile showers, near kitchen wash-up in food preparation room and near ablutions.

3. Water supply to be 5-gals per head per day for all purposes with 2-gals per head storage.

4. HOSPITALS IN AREA

Scale as for Bivouac/Staging camps above.

5. VEHICLES

100 - sq yards per vehicle. No hard standings or wash down points to be constructed.

6. ANIMALS

50 - sq yards per animal. No hard standings will be constructed and only the minimum construction to give paddocks and uncovered lines. Water supply - 10 gals per animal per day.

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To be existing covered accommodation where authorized, standing and roads. Covered accommodation will only be used for goods that would deteriorate if stored in the open.

8. ANCILLARY BUILDINGS

Bath-houses, laundries, bakeries, cookhouses, etc, are not authorized for initial occupation to Bivouac/Staging Camp scales in final concentration area.

9. LIGHTING

Lighting will be only that which can be made available from surrendered forces mobile equipment. Firstly for hospitals, secondly Workshops Depots and Offices.

10. TRANSIT CAMPS FOR RECALCITRANT PERSONNEL

These will be required for 5,000 in British and US areas. They should be constructed to Bivouac/Staging Camp scales and fenced with guard-walks as PW compounds, divided internally into 1,000-men pens.

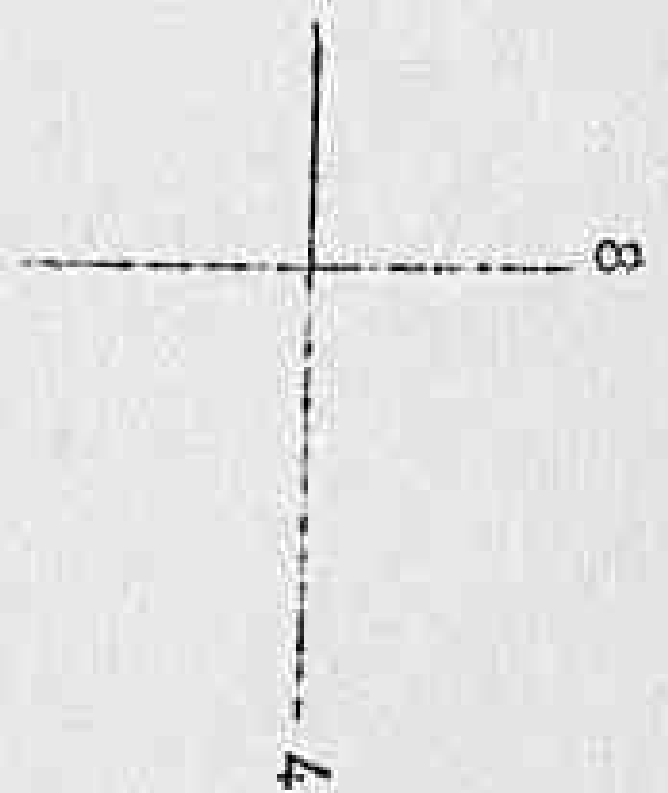
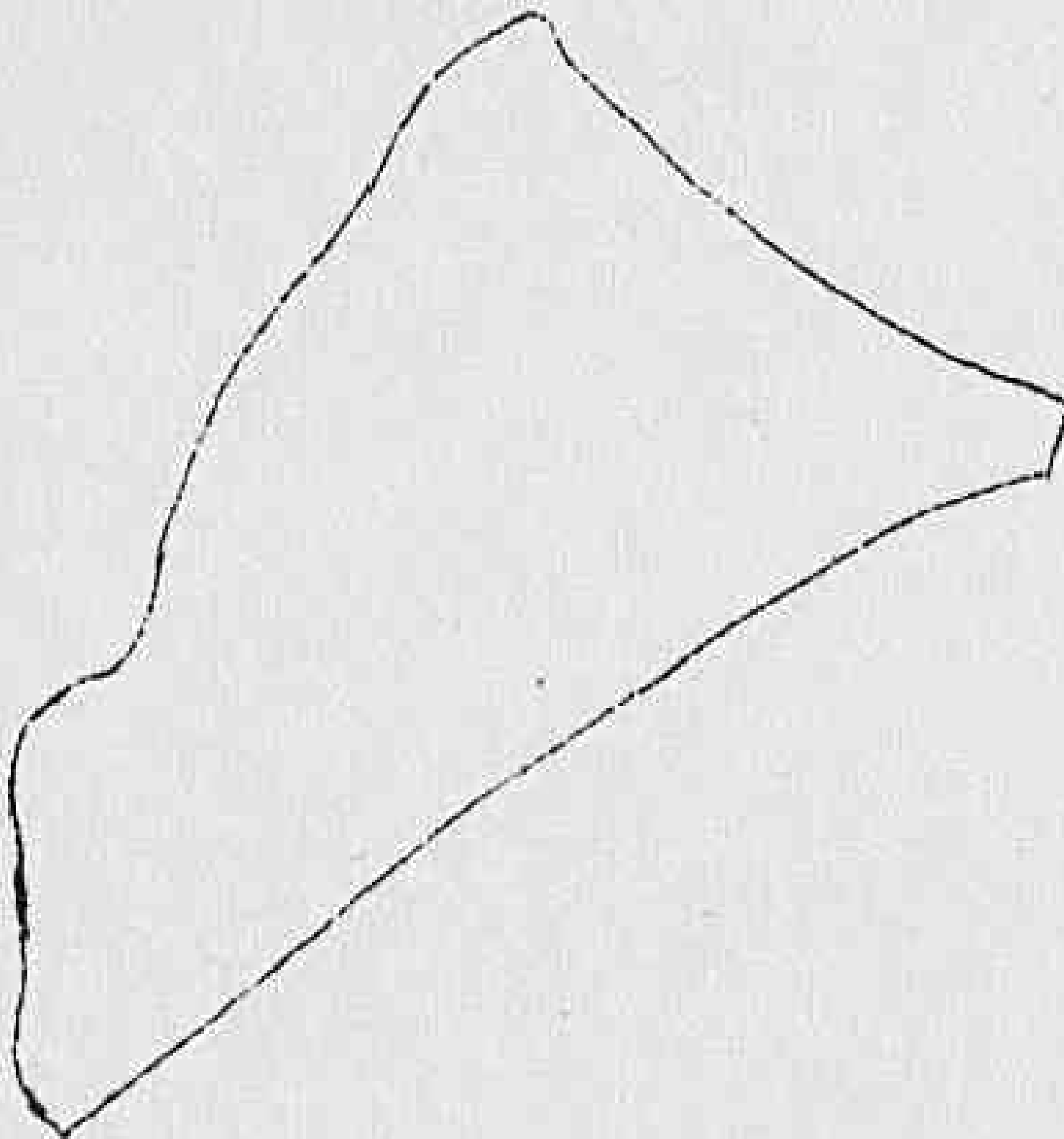
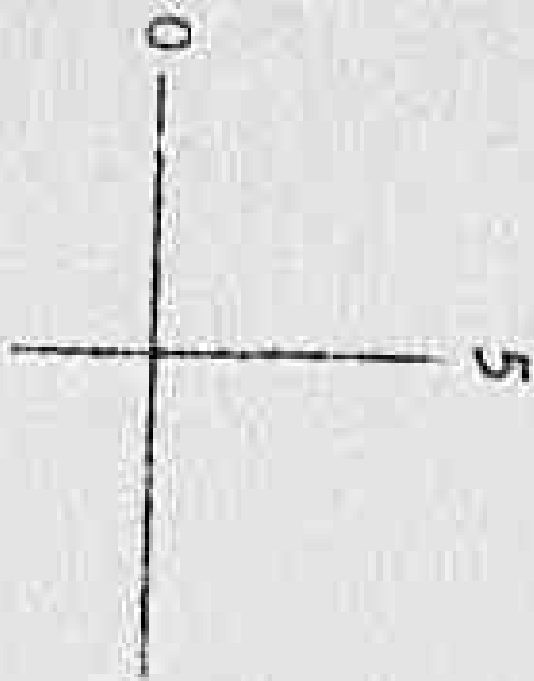
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TRACE SHOWING BRITISH CONCENTRATION AREA

FOR SURRENDERED GERMANY FORCES

Ref Map 1 : 250,000 ITALY Sheet 19 RAVENNA



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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
G-5 SECTION  
APO L64 US ARMY

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3 July 1945

SUBJECT: Neo Fascists

TO : See Distribution

1. Since instructions were last sent out by this HQ with regard to the treatment of Neo-Fascists by our cable #F235 dated 16 June 1945, additional instructions have been received from AFHQ which may be summarized as follows:

a. Except as otherwise expressly directed by AFHQ, Neo-Fascists military personnel in Italian custody on charges of atrocity, collaboration and the like against Italians or of other specific crimes will be left in Italian custody for trial and disposition in Italian Courts according to Italian law without regard to their possible status as prisoners of war. This is true even if such Italians not in Italian custody may formerly have been in Allied custody. On the other hand prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel in Allied custody including former Fascist republican troops (Neo-Fascists) required by the Italian Government for trial by them should NOT be handed over without prior authority from AFHQ.

b. It is understood that numbers of Italian Fascist Republican troops are trying to surrender themselves to local Allied military authorities. If the surrender is accepted by such Allied authorities such Fascists will be retained as surrendered personnel as directed by AFHQ letter AG 306.3/163 LOC-C of 13 May 1945. On the other hand, if the surrender is accepted by Italians and not by Allied authorities such Fascists will be confined by the Italian authorities and held and tried etc., under Italian law.

2. Instructions have been given by the Provost Marshal to all MP units not to accept Neo-Fascist POWs from Italian custody except on the express application of the Provincial Commissioner concerned.

Such applications will in future only be made if previous authorization has been obtained from AFHQ through proper channels.

3. If Neo-Fascists, who have been accorded POW status and are in Allied custody, are required by the Italian authorities for trial for specific crimes, a report of the relevant facts should be forwarded to AFHQ for consideration.

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and authorization for the PW concerned to be returned to Italian custody for trial.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*Thomas J. Michie*  
 THOMAS J. MICHEL,  
 Lt. Colonel, A.C.,  
 Executive.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM )

NUMBER

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1 July 1945

Use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel . . . . . I  
 Joint Disposal Committee . . . . . II

I--- USE OF GERMAN POW AND SURRENDERED PERSONNEL

1. It is the policy of this headquarters to make full use of German POW and Surrendered Personnel. At the same time, due consideration of the effect of such labor on Italian labor and economy will be given, provided it does not impede the progress of the redeployment program. To insure uniformity of procedure and policy the following will govern:

a. Presently hired civilians will not normally be discharged in order to permit replacement by POW/SP. This is not intended to prevent replacement with POW/SP in the case of employees who are discharged for cause or who leave employment voluntarily.

b. Italian Cooperator Service Units will be replaced by POW/SP labor, except that the loss of skilled, key personnel caused by the withdrawal or demobilization of Italian Cooperator Service Units may, in so far as is practicable, be avoided by the hiring of such individuals as civilian employees.

c. Where an Italian business, factory or facility is presently operating or may in the future be operated by or for the Allies the civilian employees of such concern will not in general be replaced by POW/SP. Augmentation of labor may be by civilian labor or POW/SP as considered preferable.

d. POW/SP's and civilian labor will not be intermingled in work gangs. POW/SP work gangs may, however, work on the same job with civilian laborers provided it is practicable to avoid close contact. Individual POW/SP's may work on administrative and clerical duties in offices provided avoidance of close contact with civilian employees is practicable.

e. On new projects, such as depots and rest areas, the use of POW/SP will be the general rule. Consideration will be given to the local civilian unemployment situation in all such cases. If such situation is acute, civilian labor should where practicable be employed at least on a supplementary basis, but the mere availability of local labor imposes no urgent obligation to hire.

2. When specific questions arise which are not covered by these instructions, the following generalities will be given consideration. Italian civilian labor has been of great assistance to the Allies. Faithful workers should not suffer by the introduction of free labor. The Allies are definitely concerned that there shall be no wide spread disturbances because of Italian unemployment. The adoption of a fair employment policy and consideration of the right of the individual will do much not only to inculcate a receptive attitude toward Allied democratic institutions but also to introduce such policies into Italian labor relations.

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II--JOINT DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

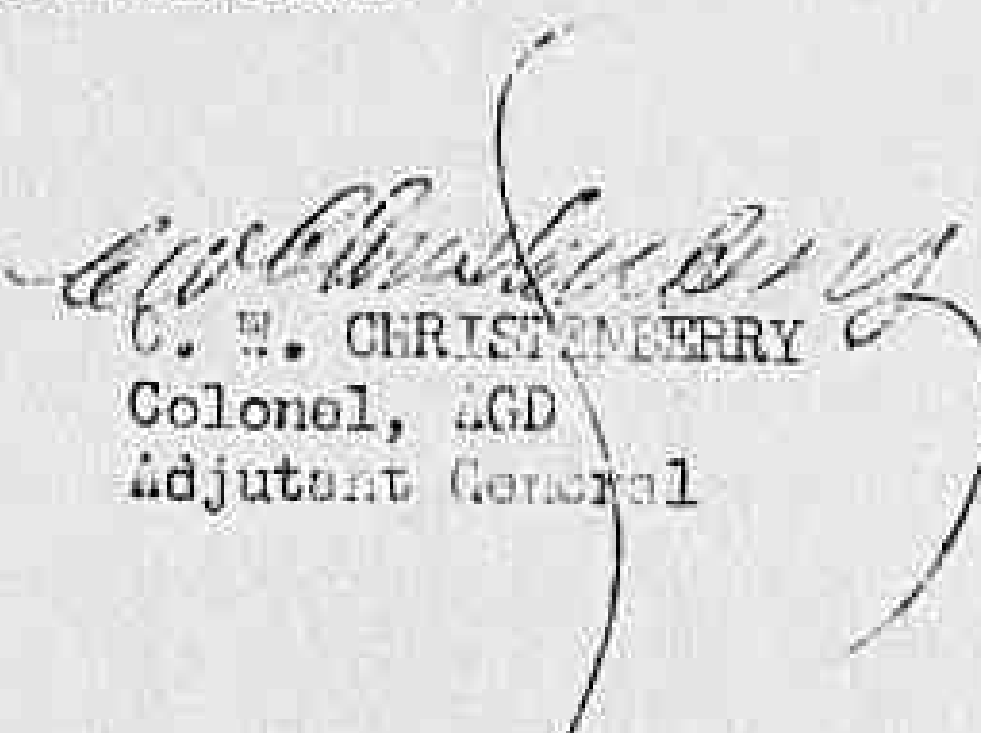
Paragraph 3, AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 8, 1945, is amended as follows:

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HEADQUARTERS COMMAND ALLIED FORCE  
APO 512, US ARMY

383.6/S

21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Employment of German and Austrian Prisoners of War.

TO : All Concerned.

1. All previous requests for Prisoners of War will be disregarded.
2. All units and staff sections of this command will make an immediate survey of their requirements for German and Austrian prisoners of war. This survey will include prisoner personnel required at the present time. It is anticipated that an early shipment of prisoners of war can be expected.
3. Report will be made so as to reach this headquarters not later than 30 June 1945, as follows:
  - a. Number of prisoners of war by classification, which can be utilized by your unit and/or section.
  - b. Length of time prisoners may be usefully employed.
4. In the event no report is received from your unit and/or section, it will be assumed that no prisoners of war are desired.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL RANSEY:

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14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Minutes of Conference Held at Headquarters 15th Army Group on  
Disposition of Surrendered Enemy Forces.

TO: See Distribution.

1. Attached are copies of minutes of a conference held at this Headquarters on 12 May 1945 on the above subject. It is requested that action on each point covered in the conference be taken as indicated in the attached minutes, without further instructions.
2. It is important that surrendered forces be disposed of at an early date. Accordingly, it is requested that prompt action be taken to implement responsibilities accepted at the conference.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLARK:

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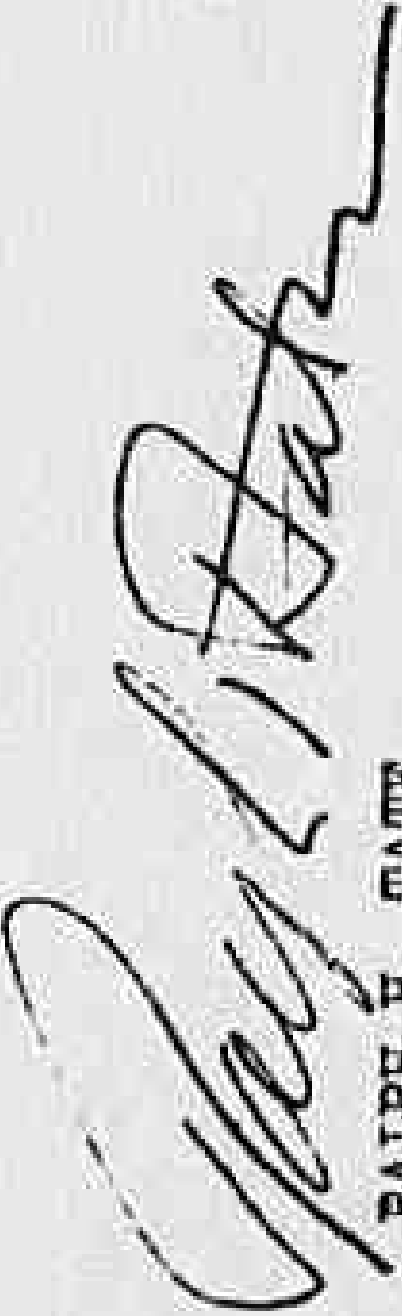
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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

ON 12 MAY 45 ON DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED ENEMY FORCES

1. PRESENT.

Presiding - Brig. Gen. R.H. TATE, A.C. of S., G-4, 15th Army Group.

AFHQ

- Major Gen. M.W.A. MacLEOD, DAG.
- Major Gen. M.G. WITTS, G-1 (A)
- Major Gen. C.B. MAGRUDER, G-4(A)
- Brig. Gen. I.L. FOSTER, G-3
- Colonel W.A. Hardie, PIG
- Lt. Col. H.R. Hunt, Q(Maint)
- Lt. Col. F.L. Jagger, G-4 (Mov & Tn)

15 Army Gp-

- Brig. Gen. W.C. McMAHON, G-1
- Brigadier W.H.D. RITCHIE, DA & JIG
- Brig. Gen. E.B. MORAN, CSO
- Colonel, C.C. Sloane Jr., G-2
- Colonel C.S. D'Orsa, G-4
- Colonel N.J. Montfort, G-5
- Colonel J.R. Guinness, DCE
- Colonel T.R. Horn, DCSO(A)
- Colonel C.H.K. Smith, DMS
- Lt. Col. W.D. Gibson, GSI(b)
- Lt. Col. W.J. McConnell, G-3 (Plans)
- Lt. Col. T.D. Gerrett, AAG
- Lt. Col. F.K. Eberhard, G-4 (Plans)
- Lt. Col. G.J.F. MacKay, AQMG
- Lt. Col. H.D. Philip, AQMG (Mov)
- Lt. Col. H.C.L. Terzin, G-4 (Tn)
- Lt. Col. D.H. Cameron, SORZ.1
- Major I.M. Scott, G-1
- Major F.D. Lake, G-4

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- Lt. Col. V.L. Olsen, G-1
- Lt. Col. J.H. Kenyon, Engrs.
- Major A.E. Coven, G-3

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Commission - Colonel C.P. Kerr, MMIA  
 Lt. Col. C.F. Fothergill, DP & RSC

## 2. INTRODUCTION.

a. Brig. Gen. TATE drew attention to the minutes of the meeting held at BOLOGNA on 7 May 1945, which considered the Final Concentration Area for surrendered Enemy Forces. These minutes were circulated for preliminary study by all present.

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Other Categories

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| PW in Fifth Army Area          | 33,319        |
| In hospitals (German & Allied) | 40,000        |
| Czechs                         | <u>10,000</u> |

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| <u>GRAND TOTAL</u> | <u>88,319</u> |
|                    | 216,699       |

e. Instructions from AFHQ have stated that US and British will assume equal responsibility for surrendered forces in the final Concentration Areas. No. 1 District will be responsible for the final Concentration Area for surrendered forces under British control, and the area RIMINI - CESSINA - CERVIA has been selected. No final Concentration Area for surrendered forces under US control had yet been chosen, nor had the Headquarters which will be responsible for such area yet been designated. The area north of BOLOGNA selected from the map prior to 9 April 1945, had been abandoned as unsuitable.

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b. As a general uniform principle it was agreed that PW in the Army areas, who were disorganized and could not be reorganized into their units, would be evacuated to base as PW. Organized units and as many personnel as could conveniently be reorganized into units could be reclassified as surrendered personnel and put in the final concentration areas.

c. The 40,000 PW of Eighth Army have now almost completely been evacuated to 1 District. These are largely disorganized and, with the exception of any organized units, will be evacuated to Base on a phased programme to be agreed between AFHQ and 1 District.

ACTION - AFHQ  
1 District

d. The principle at b above will be applied to the 33,000 PW held by Fifth Army at MODENA, but MTOUSA are anxious that as many as possible should be treated as surrendered personnel by getting them reorganized into units. MTOUSA agreed to issue a directive on classification.

ACTION - MTOUSA  
Fifth Army

e. Personnel in hospitals will be treated as PW but should be returned to organized formations where possible (see also para 2j).

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d. Following is estimate of surrendered forces and PW in the area under control of Fifth Army:

Surrendered Personnel

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
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| Fourteenth German Army      | 58,858       |
| Miscellaneous               | 35,064       |
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ACTION - Fifth Army

4. FINAL DISARMAMENT AND DISARMAMENT.

Major General WHITE stated that SHAFF Disbandment Directive No. 1 planned for the early return to Germany of key personnel for industry and agriculture. AFHQ will issue an instruction for registration of such personnel to take place in the Final Concentration Areas. This will not apply to SS or non-German personnel. SHAFF are being informed of our action, but otherwise nothing firm can be stated.

5. SELECTION OF CONCENTRATION AREAS - GERMAN VIEW.

a. Brig. Gen. TATE read for information a memorandum submitted by the German C-in-C Southwest requesting that concentration should take place in the South Tyrol on the principal grounds of:

- (1) Avoidance of move of hospitals.
- (2) Available accommodation.
- (3) Better climate.
- (4) Hostility of PO Valley population.
- (5) Threat of desertion becoming uncontrollable in event of move.

It was decided to ignore this request.

6. SEPARATION OF GERMANS AND ITALIANS IN FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

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ACTION - Fifth Army

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- e. AFHQ will issue policy directive on rules of employment, pay, clothing, etc. This will probably be on the same basis as for Italian co-operator units.
- f. There is no policy yet for release and use of other than Czech units, but they should be kept intact.

#### ACTION - AFHQ Fifth Army DMRS

#### 8. RESPONSIBILITY OF US AND BRITISH IN FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

Agreed this should be on 50-50 basis taking a cross section of all categories as far as possible, except in the case of Italians (see para 6 above).

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ACTION - Fifth Army

9. DISPOSITION OF SS AND OTHER SPECIAL CATEGORY PERSONNEL.

a. G-2, 15th Army Group, stated that about 60,000 SS and other Special category personnel were now held, of which approximately 55,000 were SS and a very small proportion Italian. It was agreed that it was most essential that there should be no further delay in evacuating the SS personnel to PW cages out of the Army area.

b. It was agreed that movement would take place approximately as follows:

|     |                 |        |
|-----|-----------------|--------|
| (1) | To PBS - 14 May | 5,000  |
|     | 15 May          | 10,000 |
|     | 16 May          | 10,000 |

(2) To 1 District - Commencing 17 May as rapidly as possible at rate of approximately 10,000 per day, dependent on movement facilities and 1 District capacity to accept.

c. GOC 1 District stressed that his ability to accept would depend on his being able to commence building cages immediately on certain sites now occupied by the Air Force. AFHQ agreed that they would press clearance of these sites with MAAF as of operational necessity.

d. Responsibility for movement and escorts will be as in para 14 a, b, and c below.

e. Fifth Army agreed to increase the guard over SS troops in the Army area once movement had started in order to prevent attempts at desertion.

f. Agreed that all such personnel will be classified as PW and should be disarmed prior to movement to PW cages.

ACTION - AFHQ  
Fifth Army  
PBS  
1 District

10. DISPOSITION OF LUFTWAFFE PERSONNEL.

It was agreed these should be treated exactly the same as other surrendered forces, and no special priority would be given to their evacuation. They would be split 50-50 between US and British.

ACTION - Fifth Army

11. REMOVING SURRENDERED PERSONNEL INTO UNITS PRIOR TO EVACUATION

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#### 11. REFORMING SURRENDERED PERSONNEL INTO UNITS PRIOR TO EVACUATION TO FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

a. Brig. Gen. TATE stated it had been ruled that:

- (1) In the case of combat troops depleted units could be reorganized so as to make up standard type German units. Details to be worked out with G-in-C Southwest to keep personnel records in order.
- (2) Service units would not be reorganized but would retain their identities. Their strength might, however, be built up by drafting suitable combat personnel.

ACTION - Fifth Army

#### 12. MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS FROM FINAL CONCENTRATION AREAS.

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a. No eviction of civilians to take place except for their own protection and after agreement with AC. In order to avoid delays AC were asked to ensure a reasonable policy would be adopted and that powers of decision on such matters be delegated to Regional Commissioners.

ACTION - 1 District  
AC

b. MRS desired to place on record that there was unlikely to be any capacity for movement of civilians by rail.

13. PHASING OF SURRENDERED FORCES INTO FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

a. It was agreed that the following priorities should be observed:

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ACTION - Fifth Army  
1 District

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ACTION - 15th Army Group  
Fifth Army  
1 District  
MTCUSA

#### 15. USE OF BUILDINGS BY SURRENDERED FORCES IN FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

- a. No eviction of civilians for surrendered forces except for hospitals.

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- b. Any vacant buildings or buildings becoming vacant as a result of movement of tenants out of the area may be used.
- c. Any buildings previously requisitioned by the Allies and not yet derequisitioned may be used.
- d. Otherwise German or Allied tentage or improvised shelters must be used.

ACTION - 1 District  
MTOUSA

**16. DISPOSITION OF SENIOR GERMAN OFFICERS.**

Fifth Army or other Headquarters concerned will furnish AFHQ with a list of names and appointments of officers of the rank of Colonel and above. AFHQ will decide disposition and issue necessary instructions.

ACTION - Fifth Army  
AFHQ

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ACTION - AFHQ

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b. It was agreed that units so employed would count against the overall US allocation of surrendered personnel.

c. CSO, 15th Army Group, stated there would be a requirement for employment of certain signal construction units under CSO L of C. It was agreed that if possible these should not be brought into the Final Concentration Area, but would be counted against the British allocation and be a British commitment. CSO undertook to give further details of the units required.

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d. It was agreed that Nine Clearing personnel and equipment should be divided equally between British and US.

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OSO 15th Army  
Group

20. DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED FORCES IN PRESENT EIGHTH ARMY ZONES OF ACTION.

Eighth Army are holding some 40,000 Germans and 50,000 Cossacks, of which latter 20,000 are women and children, in their present Zone of Action. CAC has been informed and has stated that AFHQ will issue a policy decision on disposal. Meanwhile Eighth Army will be responsible for maintenance of these personnel.

ACTION - AFHQ  
Eighth Army

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b. Responsibility for the administration and guarding of German personnel is being withdrawn from the Provost Marshal General of MTOUSA and is being placed in the hands of General BOLFE, US 34th Division Commander. General BOLFE's responsibilities will be two fold. One: To continue control, classification and the formation of required units from German PW and surrendered personnel.

c. It was emphasized that classification of German personnel by civilian occupation must proceed as rapidly as possible. General MCNARNEY has directed that conversion of the units must not require longer than six weeks. This time limitation is necessary in order that staging areas at PBS can be cleared for redeployment of troops. Some 90,000 German personnel must be provided for by that time in order to clear these staging areas. The German personnel will take over the equipment and the accommodation now being utilized by the Italian units. When the conversion of an Italian unit has been accomplished so that the personnel can be released, the organization which now has operational control of such a unit will report this fact to G-3, AHCQ, for disposition of the Italian personnel. German personnel will not be used to release Italian civilian personnel. Also it is considered impracticable to work the Germans along-side Italian civilians.

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d. The surrendered personnel may be used on any type of work including clearing of mines, after the proper training and the provision of equipment. For the present, German personnel classified as PWs can only be used on work as provided by the Geneva Convention. Within these limitations General MACGRUDER pointed out that maximum use of the German personnel could be used for units to be redeployed. He cautioned about the use of German personnel in maintenance units at the moment, inasmuch as the maintenance program is critical and it is desired that nothing be done which would retard the progress of the present program.

e. It was announced that the technical service regiments would remain at present under the command of PBS and Fifth Army for the control of the Italian PW and military units which remain, and, for the German units, which are formed.

f. Under this program no change is contemplated in the present instructions for the disposition of enemy captured materials.

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