

ACC 10000/12015993 0/1/34 SUPPLY CONFERENCE REPORTS FOLIO 1-7

MUG. 1944 - MYR. 1945



CONFERENCE REPORTS FOLIO 1-7

2453  
2504

14 - MAR. 1945



RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
APO 528

SD-1-20

In reply:  
Refer to AG .091 (d)

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Equipment & Supplies for AAF/MTO US-ITI Units.

TO : Commanding General, 205th Division (Italian).

1. A recent conference of representatives of NMIA, Air Force Sub-Commission and G-4 MTOUSA with representatives of the Services Division, AAFSC/MTO, on the Supply and Maintenance of the US-ITI's disclosed the following:

a. The issue of Italian equipment and supplies in excess of scales as set forth by AFHQ is dependent upon the status of Italian supplies in Italian War Ministry and Air Ministry stocks and in the possession of all US-ITI Units.

b. NMIA and the Air Force Sub-Commission acting in their capacity as Supervisory and Technical Agencies for the control of Italian equipment and supplies furnished from the Italian War Ministry and Air Ministry to US-ITI Units, require copies of all requisitions submitted to these Italian Agencies for Italian equipment and supplies by US-ITI's, enabling NMIA and the Air Force Sub-Commission to make equitable allocation to US-ITI's employed by all Allied Agencies.

c. MTOUSA, prior to authorizing the release of US equipment (with the exception of Material Status Items authorized under U-47-44) in excess of AFHQ scale of use of US-ITI's, requires a Statement of NON-Availability of Italian equipment and supplies from either NMIA or the Air Force Sub-Commission.

2. In view of the policies set forth above by NMIA, the Air Force Sub-Commission and MTOUSA, and to inaugurate a uniform system of procurement, distribution, inventory, and control of Italian equipment and supplies for US-ITI Units assigned to the 205th Division (Italian), the Commanding General, 205th Division (Italian), is hereby delegated the following responsibilities:

a. The establishment of a uniform system for the procurement and distribution of Italian supplies and equipment for all AAF/MTO US-ITI Units.

2504

Copy sent to Air Forces Sub-Comm. HQ  
22 May  
RESTRICTED



RESTRICTED

COPY

Ltr, AAFSC/MTO, File AG 091 (1), 3D-1-20, cont'd.

b. The establishment of a uniform system of accounting and reporting of Italian equipment and Supplies for all AAF/MTO US-ITI Units, in order to insure the control of all Italian equipment and supplies within such authorized scales as may be determined by Hq 205th Division.

c. The issuance of necessary instructions and directives to all AAF/MTO US-ITI Units to accomplish the responsibilities set forth herein.

d. The periodic inspections of all AAF/MTO US-ITI Units to insure the maintenance of such uniform systems of supply, accounting and reporting of Italian equipment and supplies and the submission to Services Division, AAFSC/MTO, of a report of the findings of these inspections.

e. To ascertain the requirements of all AAF/MTO US-ITI Units for Italian equipment and supplies, expedite procurement, supervise distribution, and submission, when items from Italian sources are required, of consolidated monthly requisitions to the Italian War Ministry for AAF/MTO US-ITI Ground Force Units and to the Italian Air Ministry for AAF/MTO US-ITI Air Force Units on the 10th day of each month. Separate consolidated requisitions will be submitted for each type of supply, i.e. QM requisition for QM items, Medical requisition for medical items, etc. Attached to each consolidated requisition will be a copy of each unit requisition which forms a part of the consolidation. Unit requisitions will state location where delivery is desired, in order that NMIA or the Air Force Sub-Commission can set up release from nearest ITI depot. Two copies of each requisition thus submitted will be translated into English and forwarded simultaneously to the respective supply section of Hq AAFSC/MTO. Each supply section of AAFSC/MTO affected by the above will in turn forward one copy to NMIA or the Air Force Sub-Commission, dependent upon whether requisitions are for Ground or Air Force Units, and will maintain constant liaison with either NMIA or the Air Force Sub-Commission to insure prompt and equitable action by the Italian War Ministry or Italian Air Ministry.

f. To furnish Services Division, AAFSC/MTO, on the 1st of each month, a consolidated report in quadruplicate on the status of all non-expendable Italian equipment and supplies for all AAF/MTO US-ITI Units. Report to bear clearance number HASC-SD-R56, classified RESTRICTED, and rendered in English in the following manner:

| ITEM                                                                             | AUTH-<br>ORIZED<br>SCALE | ON HAND     |               | SHORTAGES | SHORTAGES<br>ON<br>REQUISITION |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                  |                          | SERVICEABLE | UNSERVICEABLE |           |                                |
| QM Items to be listed separately,<br>Ord Items to be listed separately,<br>etc.) |                          |             |               |           | 2368                           |

RESTRICTED



COPY

RESTRICTED

Ltr, AAPSC/NTG, AG 901 (d), SB-1-20, Cont'd.

Consolidated Totals of Ground and Air Force Units will be reported separately. All totals reported will represent the status of Italian supplies and equipment as of the 10th day of the previous month.

3. Respective supply sections of AAPSC/NTG will assist your Headquarters in whatever way possible to carry out the principles outlined above.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL WHITTEN:

JOHN E. RICE  
Captain, AGD  
Adjutant General

2502

RESTRICTED



## SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
NORTHERN BASE SECTION  
A.P.O. 386

SUPPLY CONFERENCE, G-4 NTOUSA - NORBASE  
BASTIA, CORSICA, 27 - 28 MARCH 1945

I OPENING GENERAL SESSION

1. The first meeting of the NTOUSA - NORBASE Supply Conference was held at 1700 hours, 27 March 1945, in the Officers' Lounge, Headquarters, Northern Base Section.

2. Colonel Blakeney, G-4 Section, NTOUSA, opened the meeting and explained its purpose was to assist in a mutual, cooperative spirit the operations to close out Northern Base Section and to seek the solution to any problems confronting the Base Section.

3. Colonel Lawley, G-4 Section, NTOUSA, announced the schedule of panel conferences for the evening and following morning. Colonel Lawley then introduced each representative from NTOUSA.

4. Major Montague, Chief of Staff, NORBS, introduced Major Kretsch, G-2 and G-3, NORBS, who briefly explained the mission and organization of the Base Section as follows:

The mission of NORBS to supply all U. S. Army Ground Forces and Air Corps Forces in operations from Corsica has been virtually completed, and its efforts are now directed to achieving an expedient close-out. The close-out schedule of NORBS depends on movement of the Air Corps. Present strength of NORBS: Assigned, 2,841, attached 884; Slaves, 3,887, total 7,612; less 289 personnel on detached service with other organizations. Based on completion of the Air Corps, 16 April 1945, the release of NORBS troops is projected as follows:

| DATE     | U. S. TROOPS | SLAV TROOPS |
|----------|--------------|-------------|
| April 6  | 653          | 336         |
| April 20 | 97           | 0           |
| April 30 | 211          | 0           |
| May 5    | 1,604        | 3,307       |
| May 31   | 1,169        | 591 2501    |

After close-out of NORBS there will be one installation on the Island, APO, approximately 75 to 100 troops. It is the desire of NORBS to reduce troop strength as rapidly as possible and release dates will be advanced whenever possible.



SECRET

5. Colonel Blakeney: What is the ultimate completion date except for the ATOT

Major Kretsch: May 31 or sooner if we can get it cleaned up.

Colonel Blakeney: What is the target date of May 5?

Major Kretsch: That will be the close-out of NORMS proper. What will be left will be engineer units including Slave plus transportation and about 115 men to take care of supplies for the detachments.

Major Montague introduced the NORMS panel members.

6. Major Montague reported estimated tonnage figures for shipments from NORMS as follows:

| DATE OF<br>AVAILABILITY<br>FOR SHIPMENT | ARS | HEGR | MND | ORD  | POL  | OK   | SIG | TFR | AIR CORPS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----------|-------|
| CURRENT                                 | 151 | 2860 | 2   | 248  | -    | 51   | 51  | 123 | 5853      | 9339  |
| 3 APRIL                                 | -   | 150  | -   | 20   | -    | 400  | 14  | -   | -         | 584   |
| 10 APRIL                                | -   | 200  | 41  | 20   | -    | -    | -   | -   | -         | 261   |
| 17 APRIL                                | -   | 250  | -   | 230  | -    | 300  | -   | -   | 10079     | 10859 |
| 24 APRIL                                | -   | 374  | -   | 250  | 1091 | 356  | -   | -   | 2500      | 4571  |
| 1 - 31 MAY                              | -   | 2048 | -   | 600  | 1237 | -    | 133 | 100 | -         | 4118  |
| TOTALS                                  | 151 | 5882 | 43  | 1368 | 2328 | 1107 | 198 | 223 | 18432     | 29732 |

There is a current backlog due to lack of "bottoms" of more than 5,000 tons and currently available 9,339 tons of supplies and equipment ready for movement. Tonnage listed for movement on 1 May represents pipeline and gasoline tanks for the most part and will not all be available at shipside until late in May, as it is estimated six weeks will be required to prepare all of the pierced steel planking and pipeline equipment after release by the Air Corps.

7. Colonel Blakeney: Supply discipline, supply security and pilferage is something very close to the heart of the Theater Commander and which has shown tremendous improvement in the over all. We are exerting every effort and spending dollars in order to prevent pilferage of our supplies. However, that is only one of the principle subjects of this conference, and we want to lay specific stress on the urgency of this close-out. It is going to be a matter of transportation. We have made in this theater a commendable record in closing-out North Africa. In fact, that is the

- 2 -  
SECRET



## SECRET

first base section of any theater in the world which has been closed out and closed out completely. It is essential to decide firmly that the necessity for maintaining NORBS is now over, and the effort must be made by everyone concerned to meet that target date of May 5th. We are interested in clearing out and getting the material off the Island as well as the Personnel. I can't urge upon you too much the necessity and pressure to meet those dates.

The meeting was recessed

II G-4 PANEL

5. MTOUSA representatives authorized reissue to Slav troops of one (1) additional OD wool trousers and one (1) fatigue suit, presently maintained in Slav warehouses. The scale as outlined by Circular 119 MTOUSA will be followed in the future for replacement issues.

In anticipation of the amendment of Circular 119, authority is granted to issue US - ITI (Slave) brushes, scrubbing brooms, corn, as necessary cleaning and preserving items on basis of 2 each brushes, scrubbin, and 2 each brooms, corn, per 100 individuals per 30 days. It is understood that NMIA will accept

9. The status of US - ITI (Slave) was discussed with respect to the prospective movement to France. NMIA is to give G-4 a written memorandum on the present status of these troops and a plan for pay and equipment thereof, and a suggested method of supervision on their move to MTOUSA.

10. It is essential that an immediate survey be instituted to insure that all property requiring disposition instructions by MTOUSA or by the War Department be reported to MTOUSA. This survey is recommended now to obviate the necessity of a hurried compilation of reports and haphazard disposition instructions at close-out time. A cable has been dispatched this date requesting that such a survey be instituted. It is recommended that the survey be expedited and that the results be furnished MTOUSA with the least practicable delay.

11. Procedure to be followed in returning property acquired by Reciprocal Aid is covered by MTOUSA Administrative Memo Number 7, 1944. Reports on transfers made under MTOUSA Administrative Memo Number 7 should be made in the same manner as prescribed in MTOUSA Memo Number 15, 1943, "Reciprocal Aid" (Apr 7c).

2499

12. Colonel Dodenhoff: What is the status of requisitioned real estate in NORBS; that requisitioned by NORBS; and that requisitioned by the Air Corps?

Major Dryers: As concerns property requisitioned by the Air Corps, that is handled by Gerson Air Sub Area. They are responsible for their



## SECRET

requisitions and claims. As far as NORBS is concerned, we are all clear except for one piece in Calvi, clear in Ile Rousse, and clear in Ajaccio except for two pieces. We are not cleared in Bastia but are de-requisitioning all property as rapidly as possible.

Colonel Dedenhoff: Has the French Government settled with the individual owners of the land that was used by NORBS in the vicinity of Ajaccio for staging troops, and for depots in Calvi and Ile Rousse?

Major Dryer: Sir, we have repeatedly asked the French to notify us when they pay for the property. However, they will not tell us or give us any information about it whatsoever.

Colonel Dedenhoff: It is desired, if information can be obtained discreetly, to be advised of specific instances in which the property owner has not been compensated by the French Government, and specific instances, if any, where the land owner has been paid.

13. The Chief of Transportation has assured us that one liberty ship will be furnished as fast as possible to move out cargo. As far as procedure for our shipping is concerned the Theater Commander would like the maximum out of every available berth when ships are available for loading. In other words, if the ships are here, make arrangements to have them loaded or unloaded around the clock to get them out.

14. Colonel Blakeney: Engineer estimates that it will take six weeks from the time the Air Force flies its last mission to pick up the planking and tear down the pipeline before the last shipment from Corsica can be made.

The meeting was recessed.

### III CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

15. Colonel Dedenhoff: The French are claiming damages at Ile Rousse for the improvements made to the port for operations incident to and following the invasion of Southern France. The consensus of opinion was that it was an operational matter and without any basis for a claim. Some discussion was had as to the status of air fields in Corsica and the possibility of using the fields in future operations. We are informed that the areas no longer used by NORBS have been turned back by de-requisitioning. Another question discussed concerned property which had been de-requisitioned and whether the property owner had received the rent from the French Government. NORBS has been asked to check on the payment or nonpayment of this and advise NYCUSA.

2498

Colonel James, Commanding Officer, NORBS: Is there anything on our part necessary to see that the French pay their just debts?



## SECRET

Colonel Doderhoff: I think so. We can ask them to pay the debts. That is the reason we want specific cases. The situation in North Africa was very bad.

Colonel James: It is here, I know.

Colonel Doderhoff: The problem of gasoline for AFO at Poretta will be taken up by us in Caserta. It is noted that HORBS wants some tankers immediately to take off the POL stock when the Air Corps releases gasoline tanks at the air fields, as the tanks and line must be emptied before they can be dismantled. The HORBS Engineer reported that he was trying to get the Air Force to stop using Ghisonaccia as soon as possible in order to advance the removal of steel planking.

16. Colonel Blakeney: One other problem is the political implication of the utilization of Slav personnel in France, which needs some clarification at the present time.

Colonel James: I have no information on what repercussions, if any, the Slavs are causing. I would be very much interested in the situation.

Colonel Blakeney: We feel it needs some clarification and are interested to see if the requirements are being met.

17. Colonel Grebe, HORBS Surgeon: We have been working on an evacuation plan for all personnel not able to go back to their units by 15 May to be transported to the mainland in Italy. We are operating on that basis now. Our units are going to close up as service troops leave. That is just about the sum and substance of the evacuation situation. We are at a low patient level with no anticipated increase, and expect a decrease.

Captain Thomas, Medical Representative: The MTCUSA representative and I discussed the supply situation, and we are in complete agreement on all of our questions. We have arranged to move the Medical Depot by 6 April. We have arranged for medical supplies to be flown in for personnel remaining after the close out of HORBS.

18. Captain Dean, Ordnance Officer: All questions that came up were satisfactorily settled. With our excess list of 1 April, we will have our ordnance supplies down to the bare necessity for close out operations. We plan to close our depots on 22 April. Supplies necessary for the troops after that time will be issued by the maintenance company. Supplies for the troops here after 5 May will be provided by issuance to trucking companies of a small limited stock of maintenance parts. No maintenance troops will stay behind. To insure that these mechanics are qualified to do the work, we are training the trucking company mechanics in our shops now. A block of five shipping numbers are being assigned to Ordnance for completion of its out-loading. Theoretically our spare parts supply, except for maintenance requirements, should be reduced to zero after 1 April.



## SECRET

19. Captain Lyle, Quartermaster Representative: All questions and problems discussed were satisfactory to the NORMS Quartermaster and MTOUSA representative. In addition to the matters mentioned in the agenda there were minor problems which were discussed. In reference to impregnated clothing, the theater policy is to have enough on hand for all troops serviced. At present we have more than 100 tons of impregnated clothing and if we keep the impregnated clothing until our final closing out date it adds to the shipping problem. Colonel Wadsworth has given permission to ship the tonnage off by 15 April. In addition there are certain items that can be repaired in this theater such as shoes and salvageable ovens from the bakeries, which will be shipped. Colonel Wadsworth has laid down a policy whereby he concurred with Colonel Fink in keeping a minimum amount of subsistence and supplies for AFC at the time we close our depots. In addition, we have discussed with Colonel Rose from NMIA three problems. First, salvage of property bought by the Italian Government from the U. S. Army for the use of US - ITI troops. He confirms for the Italian Ministry that they do not desire to ship this back to the mainland. Salvage, including shoes that are repairable for reissue, will be released to the ITI without charge. Problem No. 2 is that of subsistence at the close-out. The Base Section has certain items that will be furnished for the US-ITI. The items will be shipped with the ITI troops to their new destination. The supplies will be signed for by the American Officer supervising and a copy of the tally-out and the shipping manifest sent to the NMIA for control purposes. The third problem is excess clothing. During last summer overdrawn clothing was issued to the ITI troops. At a later date MTOUSA put out a circular indicating these items were excess. They were gathered up by the 2698th Technical Supervision Regiment and placed in stock. They will be redistributed to the units. A problem came up on statement of charges in connection with supply and will be presented by Colonel Trummer.

Colonel Trummer: Procedure in the past has been to prepare a statement of charges against the individual concerned. Deductions were made on the monthly payroll under Government property lost or damaged. The Military Mission, Italy Army, has subsequently made arrangements, if agreeable to change this procedure since the Italian Government is charged with all clothing and equipment issued to the GIs from our Government. When further losses occur, no collection would be made on Government property lost or damaged by the Finance Officer. Instead, the Commanding Officer of the 2698th Technical Supervision Regiment would effect collections from the payrolls of the individuals concerned, forward the collection in one amount to the Finance Officer, who in turn will issue a Treasury check payable to NMIA for credit. The NMIA has requested the finance officer to refund previous collections made on Government property lost or damaged.

Colonel Dedeckhoff: I question if the MTOUSA Fiscal Officer will concur. The payment of Italian service personnel in this particular case is U. S. funds and the charge against the Italian government is a paper entry. I feel sure he would resist any payment.

Colonel Blakeney: That would not be paid in dollars but would be paid by NMIA.



## SECRET

Colonel Trummer: It is lira deposited to U. S. account and a check issued against that account in lira funds and not from Federal funds.

Colonel Britten: By the taking of statement of charges it makes a new basis for requisitions.

Colonel Blakeney: I think that is a matter of interest to all concerned.

Colonel Dedenhoff: It will have to be a matter to be reviewed by the fiscal officer. If Colonel Trummer will submit the plan through channels, it will be the best way.

Colonel Blakeney: I am interested not only in getting an answer to these people, I think that is sufficiently important that a directive should be issued to all concerned on how to handle this thing. I think it is a good question.

20. Captain Slepman, Signal representative: Relative to maintenance supplies to ATO after we move out, it has been decided that ATO can take care of its own needs. I have obtained five blanket shipping orders which will take care of outloading all signal supplies. The problem of expediting Air Corps requisitions for signal items was taken up. A little assistance on the other side is required. The Air Corps has agreed to pick up at Naples and Leghorn all items that they need for maintenance.

21. Lt Colonel Sulak, Transportation Officer: The transportation panel was concerned for the most part with the close-out of ports. It was decided to put a coaster in at Calvi, the latest date being the 15 April with the possibility of one there on April 9. Lieutenant Crossin of the British Navy is there today to make a check on conditions. Plans are to use a 900-ton coaster, which will necessitate three lifts to clear out Calvi. At Ajaccio we have 181 tons of cargo, including one 30-ton crane. Possibility of securing an LST to lift that cargo was discussed. It will take two lifts to clear out Porto Vecchio. We have drawn up a schedule for coasters to clear out Bastia. Three coasters will be here within the next three days. The cargo for these coasters has already been allocated. We are working to schedule all Air Corps cargo out by 27 April and NORMSS somewhere around the 5 May. In the G-4 Panel Colonel Lambert said it would take six weeks to clean up the pipeline. That will necessitate a schedule until 31 May.

Colonel Blakeney: You have set that schedule up tentatively.

Colonel Sulak: Yes, sir.

Colonel Blakeney: Would it be desirable before you leave to make any change, Captain Quinn?

Captain Quinn: On this schedule, we are prepared to make changes as notified.



## SECRET

Colonel Sulak: We have several questions on civilian travel on WSA ships. We have no WSA agent here. The collections of fees and also what personnel could use this service was brought up. The captain and I could not interpret circular 53-44, so he is going to give us an answer on that. For highway transportation furnished our Allies we are charging 11.5 cents per ton mile and this has met with NTGUSA approval.

22. Colonel Blakeney: There were two subjects not discussed in the G-4 panel that is of interest to all concerned. I should like to have a short discussion as to the plan for ATC. The other subject is that of overall results obtained on supply discipline.

Major O'Connell: Plans on ATC supplies have been tentatively scheduled. Colonel Lambert has prepared adequate storage for the facilities of non-perishable materials at Foretta and also a 650 cubic foot refrigerator for perishables. We discussed the possibility of bringing in other tonnage on schooners, but it is believed that it will be more expedient to fly the supplies here. The field situation is well taken care of. Colonel Lambert has been working in close coordination with ATC.

Colonel Blakeney: They will be actually based upon Penbase for supplies and submit their requisitions under Penbase requirements.

Major O'Connell: Yes, sir. There will be a 60-day supply of non-perishables left here. There is no need of loading out and bringing it back in again. I think that covers the supply situation with ATC.

Very stringent efforts have been exercised for supply discipline. The Commanding Officer of NORMS, after his recent trip to Italy, called all members of his command together, and I believe everyone present has read the letter Colonel James wrote regarding the illegal diversion of supplies. Every effort is made to protect supplies in depot to the port and port to depot operations. There is a complete record of all supplies.

Colonel Blakeney: What has been the overall loss on pilferage?

Major O'Connell: It has been negligible. There was a discrepancy on the Genesepca recently of 73 cases, but the exact loss due to pilferage could not be determined as the manifest, portside and depot records were all at variance.

23. Colonel James: Relative to the statement of charges for Slav equipment, it is my understanding that the equipment and supplies as issued to Slavs are charged to the Italian Government. Now, when these items are lost they are replaced by us. It seems to me that there is no reason why we could not reimburse the United States for that equipment lost and damaged, just the same as you do in the case of an American. It is replaced right here. A pair of shoes, a coat, or \$200 damage to a truck, there is no reason why that man could not pay for it right now. That is the way I am



## SECRET

going to recommend we continue. Relative to the outloading of our close-out tonnage I would like to mention that this matter has been discussed for the past two and a half months. We have asked for coasters to pick up supplies at Calvi but nothing has happened. We cannot close out unless the supplies are taken away. You have promised me that you would bring me coasters but results have been negligible. What we need now is shipping in the port of Calvi that will lift 3,400 tons. The port is open, the water is seaworthy, troops are waiting to load it on, and the port can take a ship that will draw 15 feet of water. We must move that tonnage. So please send us a ship that will take 3,400 tons at Calvi. At Porto Vecchio we have 1,300 tons now waiting. It is pipeline and gas tanks, critical items doing us good here and should be taken someplace else. We must have a ship.

The steel planking at Ghiscaccia cannot be taken up and shipped until the Air Force ceases operations. That represents about one month to six weeks work. In addition, there is about 100 miles of pipeline and 14 tanks. There is a lot of work involved. We would like to move now the supplies available so that the port will not be cluttered up later.

Colonel Dedenhoff: I appreciate very much Colonel James' interest in pushing this thing.

Colonel James: There is approximately 120 tons of transportation operating gear at Ajaccio that should be moved to a place where it is needed. There are new ports on the continent that could use it.

Colonel Dedenhoff: Other services mentioned have shipping orders for some items regardless of the fact that the Air Force will operate to 27 April. We would like to know what those items are, such items held on temporary shipping tickets will be brought in and moved. I understand from discussion that Air Force units are getting under canvas to facilitate packing, and they will cooperate with you. G-4 will approve T/A items for the Air Force to take with them as organizational equipment.

Captain Quinn: I would like to say that a coaster will move into Calvi on 5 May.

Colonel James: Another point is the AFG supply at Forêtta. We are in position to give them all the non-perishable rations they need. It is their responsibility to take care of their needs after we leave.

Colonel Blakemore: I have found this meeting to be of widespread value in ironing out problems, and we have some very helpful information. I move we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

2493



**SECRET**

HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

5 April 1945

SUPPLY CONFERENCE G-4 MTOUSA - ADRIATIC BASE COMMAND

AGENDA

DATE : 12 - 13 April 1945  
TIME : 1700 hours 12 April, 1700 hours 13 April 1945  
PLACE : Adriatic Base Command Headquarters BAGO  
PURPOSE : To Discuss Mutual Supply Problems.

1. Conference will be opened by a meeting of all conference representatives at 1700 hours 12 April 1945.

a. A brief summary of the purpose of the conference and the benefits derived therefrom will be given by the presiding officer.

b. Outline of conference procedure.

c. Introduction of representatives.

d. Discussion of the Adriatic Base Command's mission, organization and functions will be given by an appropriate officer of Adriatic Base Command.

e. Discussion of Supply Discipline, Supply Security and Pilferage by the presiding officer.

f. Presentation of proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on War Department approved projects by a MTOUSA representative.

g. Summary of supply action for redeployment by a MTOUSA representative.

2. Topics of interest to the individual services will be discussed at panel meetings, 13 April. Panels will consist of G-4 and Special Staff representatives of MTOUSA and Adriatic Base Command (See Tab "A" for list of Topics by Service).

a. Chemical Warfare Panel, MTOUSA representative - Capt. Gladstone.

b. Engineer Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Lt. Col. LeVan and Major Johnson.

c. Medical Panel, MTOUSA representative - Major Laft.

d. Ordnance Panel, MTOUSA representative - Colonel Pratt.

e. Quartermaster Panel, MTOUSA representative - Colonel Finks.



## SECRET

1. Topics for discussion in the Chemical Warfare Panel, LTCUSA representative: Captain Gladstone; Adriatic Base Command representative Lt. Breake.

a. Consolidation of AFWD, 5 C'S Depot and Adriatic Base Command C'S Depots. (ABC)

b. Disposition of ointment, protective, LI (obsolete), in depot stocks and in hands of troops upon receipt of Kit, ointment, protective, LS (ABC)

c. Review of individual items in stock to eliminate "dead stocks". (ABC)

d. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (LTCUSA)

e. Proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on War Department approved projects. (LTCUSA)

2. Topics for discussion in the Engineer Panel, LTCUSA representative Lt. Col. Le Van and Major Johnson; Adriatic Base Command representative Major Martin.

a. LTCUSA Directive on Standard of Accommodations. Possible revision to ensure more comfort for troops. (ABC)

b. Status and availability of pipeline spare parts, particularly spare parts for the pumps. (ABC)

c. Rehabilitation of pipeline equipment in the redeployment period (ABC)

d. Basis of issue and means of checking requests for building supplies required for Supply Discipline and Security program. (ABC)

e. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (LTCUSA)

f. Proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on War Department approved projects. (LTCUSA)

g. Method of reporting quarterly requirements for Air Force units in Adriatic Base Command Area. (LTCUSA)

h. General discussion of Engineer problems during redeployment period, to include housing and grading requirements, construction requirements, and maintenance and repair of Engineer equipment. (LTCUSA)

3. Topics for discussion in the Medical Panel, LTCUSA representative Major Luft; Adriatic Base Command representative Captain Nelson.

a. Back order of non-essential expendable items for units other than hospitals. Recommend that these items be re-evaluated rather than placed on back orders. (ABC)

2491



# SECRET

b. Discussion of paragraph 2 c (2) "Classification of Medical Department Equipment Lists," LTUSA Supply Directive Number 7. (ABC)

c. Methods to expedite movement of vaccine and biological stocks from PHEPAB to AMOCHA. (ABC)

d. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (LTUSA)

e. Proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on War Department approved projects. (LTUSA)

f. Basis for determination of requirement objectives of Medical stocks. (LTUSA)

g. Clarification of initial issues, maintenance issues, transfers, and stock adjustments. (LTUSA)

h. Methods of recording and reporting intrastock stocks. (LTUSA)

4. Topics for discussion in the Ordnance Panel, LTUSA representative Colonel Brett; Adriatic Base Command representative Major Goldsmith.

a. Cannibalization, by Adriatic Base Command, of motor vehicles which are not considered economically repairable. (ABC)

b. Exchange of civilian vehicles under War Emergency Replacement program. (ABC)

c. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (LTUSA)

d. Proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on War Department approved projects. (LTUSA)

e. Ordnance T/O & L shortages now being filled by items on Memorandum Receipt from Air Corps. (LTUSA)

f. Use of 1 ton trailers. (LTUSA)

5. Topics for discussion in the Quartermaster Panel, LTUSA representative Colonel Finks; Adriatic Base Command representative Lt. Col. Haddington.

a. Arrangements for feeding, clothing and quartering POWs and repatriated Allied personnel at end of hostilities. Will Adriatic Base Command be expected to handle POWs other than those assigned as labor for use in Adriatic Base Command? (ABC)

b. Equipment accompanying troops on redeployment. (ABC)

c. 60 day level of supplies. (ABC)

(1) Critical items.

(2) How soon can Adriatic Base Command expect 60 day levels?



SECRET

(3) Effect of Officers and enlisted clubs on balance of rationals.

d. Present operation of issues to brigadier a soon as draw on a cash basis. (ABC)

e. Turn-in of weapons by units. (ABC)

✓ f. Issue of cottons to US-ITI units. (ABC)

g. Issue of C & P and stationery to be authorized on redeploy-  
ment. (ABC)

h. Shortage of officers mess outfits and uniforms. (ABC)

i. Improvement of back order supply position. (ABC)

j. Increase of C & P for Officers and enlisted clubs, theaters,  
and headquarters buildings. (ABC)

k. Increased demands for laundry and dry cleaning facilities. (ABC)

l. Anticipated surpluses. (ABC)

(1) That which will be received as salvage and scrap and  
although new, loses its original identity.(2) That which is received as a component or new item and  
may be disposed of as such without utilization.m. Air Force requests that scrap aluminum and scrap iron be dis-  
posed of "as is, where is" without further handling or transport to cen-  
tral dumps. (ABC)n. Additional facilities and personnel, other than those  
requested, for processing the large volume of salvage arising as a result  
of redeployment. (ABC)o. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater  
Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTCUSA)p. Proposed handling and porting of equipment provided on  
War Department approved projects. (MTCUSA)q. Handling of routine matters by telephone with confirmation  
by IRS rather than by the use of cables. (MTCUSA)r. Necessity of acceptance that exercises must be held at  
Adriatic Base Command pending instructions by MTCUSA. (MTCUSA)s. Consolidation of Ancona and Adriatic (Berl) inventories.  
(MTCUSA)

(MTCUSA) t. Location of five 1500 cubic ft refrigerated boxes in Ancona.

2490

SECRET



# SECRET

- u. Sale of food to Army Exchange Service. (ITCUSA)
  - v. Food conservation program. (ITCUSA)
  - w. Does Annex "A" of ITCUSA Supply Directive Number 7 read that tentage or other T/A items on T/A may be shipped? (ABC)
  - x. Should Section 6 of I/A 20 "Quartermaster Equipment for Posts, Camps and Stations", be added as an annex to Supply Directive Number 7? (ABC)
  - y. Should GCS ITCUSA Circular Number 70, 1944, authorizing the purchase of cutlery for officers' messes, be amended to include bases of issue and authority to issue in lieu of "Outfit, Officers' Mess", or establish T/A for officers' messes? (ABC)
6. Topics for discussion in the Signal Panel, ITCUSA representative Lt. Col. Albee, Capt. in Keller; Adriatic Base Command representative Lt. Col. Grunley.
- a. Present method of reporting "Stock Level and Balance" information. (ABC)
  - b. Use of Stock Record Card, for Department APO Form 421, in Signal Depots. (ABC)
  - c. Concern results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (ITCUSA)
  - d. Proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on Theater Department approved projects. (ITCUSA)
  - e. Procedure on provision of substitutes for items not available. (ITCUSA)
  - f. Order and shipping time factor on material normally received from Panama. (ITCUSA)
  - g. Present status of standby power unit program. Study of maintenance requirements for power units designed for unavailble parts. (ITCUSA)
7. Topics for discussion in the Transportation Panel, ITCUSA representative Major Hatch; Adriatic Base Command representative Lt. Col. Gleason.
- a. Results of investigation of building railroad side track at Senegallia. (ABC)
  - b. Request for direct leave train to Rome. (ABC)
  - c. Discussion on utilization of Bari-Ancona rail line. (ABC)
  - d. Transportation responsibility for movement of Russian nationals. (ABC)

(ABC)

Annex "A"

SECRET



SECRET

e. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (ITCUSA)

f. Proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on Theater Department approved projects. (ITCUSA)

8. Topics for discussion in POL Panel, ITCUSA representative Major Lovell; Atlantic Base Command representative Major McGarry.

a. Responsibility of Atlantic Base Command for POL products and services in northern area. (ABC)

b. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (ITCUSA)

c. Presentation of proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on Theater Department approved projects. (ITCUSA)

d. Responsibility for the importation and issue of 5 million returnable containers in ITCUSA. (ITCUSA)

e. Are product losses due to operational factors or to acts of pilferage? (ITCUSA)

f. Coordination of the supply of aviation fuels and lubricants required by various consuming agencies. (ITCUSA)

9. Topics for discussion in Army Exchange Service Panel, ITCUSA representative Major Zieg; Atlantic Base Command representative Lt. Col. Muller.

a. Establishment of a newspaper to be printed from notes from New York Times. (ABC)

b. Purchase of additional items of quality merchandise. (ABC)

c. Direct purchase of items from United States. (ABC)

d. Utilization of local industries in manufacture of cameras. (ABC)

e. Establishment of Central Purchasing Department for gift items. (ABC)

f. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (ITCUSA)

g. Proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on Theater Department approved projects. (ITCUSA)

h. Snack bar program and expansion of Army Exchange Branches. (ITCUSA)

i. Simplified and convenient plan for keeping records to control

2489



**SECRET**

*Tommy T. Rose*

issue of "back order" supplies to branch stores and unit warehouses. (MTCUSA)

10. Topics for discussion in the Special Service Panel, MTCUSA representative Captain Sardin; Adriatic Sea Command representative, Major Marble.

a. Status of supply of radio tubes. (ABC)

b. Adjustment of left hand athletic equipment between commands. (ABC)

c. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's Directive on Supply Discipline. (MTCUSA)

d. Proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on War Department approved projects. (MTCUSA)

e. Recommended radio receiver requirements to complete issue to all hospitals in Adriatic Sea Command. (MTCUSA)

f. Proposed revision of MTCUSA (DGS) Circular #83 dated 24 July 1944 which will delegate the storage and distribution of donated items including cigarettes and other tobacco products to Special Service. (MTCUSA)

g. Proposed revision of paragraph 1 d, Section III, MTCUSA Circular 3, 5 January 1945. This paragraph charges the major commands with providing the personnel and facilities necessary to handle and account for Special Service supplies. (MTCUSA)

h. Discussion of quality of items and equipment issued by Special Service by usage in the field. (MTCUSA)

11. Topics for discussion in the G-4 Panel, MTCUSA representatives Colonel Blakney, Colonel Evans, Colonel Hendley, Colonel Liberty, Lt. Col. Simons, Lt. Col. Korteke, Lt. Col. Allen, Major Brock, Capt. Kitz.

✓ a. Accountability of Italian Government for wrecked vehicles of a U. S. GI Truck Company on loan to Italian Truck Company (US-ITI). (ABC)

b. Should issues of excess property to Air Force depots or supply groups be on shipping ticket or memo receipt? (ABC)

c. Discussion of Stock Record Cards, ref. Par 60, Supply Directive No. 2. (ABC)

d. Reference MTCUSA Supply Directive No. 19, "Supply of the Red Cross", does par 3b (2) mean that expendable supplies may be issued to the Red Cross from U.S. Army stock? (ABC)

e. Can the provisions for handling back order acquisitions, as outlined in par 3f MTCUSA Supply Directive No. 11, apply to Air Force units or only to those troops assigned to Adriatic Sea Command? (ABC)

JAN 1945

0

-8-

0

**SECRET**



SECRET

f. Basis of issue for equipment to be used in "SAMI" course, now and after hostilities cease. (AMC)

g. Should items requisitioned by Air Force depots and service groups to replenish stock levels (Medical and Quartermaster) be placed on back order? (AMC)

✓ h. Policy concerning deferment of young Americans from military service. (AMC)

i. Application of Supply Directive No. 7, Issues of Supplies and Equipment in Support of Authorized Allowances, to locally procured items. (AMC)

j. Transit training program, especially as concerns transportation of inmates to factory. (AMC)

k. Cotton cloth production program, especially production of wrapping. (AMC)

22878

SECRET

SECRET



HEADQUARTERS  
NORTHERN BASE SECTION  
A. P. O. 386

Copy No.

INCOMING MESSAGE

2 April 44

CLASSIFICATION : SECRET  
SERVICE : ROUTINE  
FROM : CG MATOUSA  
TO : FOR ACTION CG SOS MATOUSA  
INFO : CG HORBS  
TIME OF ORIGIN : 021639B  
REF. NO. : F 26582  
CITE : HAVIN

## « Edited Literal Text »

Chief Administrative Officer Allied Force Hqs reports that there is difficulty in paying Italian Units in Corsica. Report if Italian Finance Service is available to receive funds and pay troops, including name and location of officer concerned. Outline procedure followed and difficulties encountered in securing funds and any recommendations which will assist in expediting payment.

## DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION : 1 - Finance  
2 & 3 C/S  
INFO : 4 - G-3  
5 - Lt Col Maguire

1667

Our Ref No.

2486



SECRET

ROUTINE

SOS NATOUSA

CG NORBASE

CG NATOUSA

041401B

L 13831

SSPIN 6

MAKING REFERENCE CABLE P-26582, NATOUSA, 3 APRIL 1944. REQUEST PROCEDURE FOR PAYING ITALIAN UNITS AND NATURE OF DIFFICULTIES IF STILL EXISTANT.

2485

~~2485~~ 1704



6 April 1944

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL BOS NATOUSA  
FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER NORBS

BELIEVE FEASIBLE FOR PAYROLLS TO BE MADE BY FRENCH AND EXCHANGED ON RECIPROCAL AID XXX CITING YOUR SSFIN-6 AND REFERENCE NUMBER F-26582 CITE NAFIN. ITALIAN COMMAND NOW PREPARING DETAILED STATUS OF FUNDS ON HAND AND AMOUNT OF MONTHLY PAYROLLS. ALL PAYMENTS TO ITALIAN UNITS ARE UNDER SUPERVISION OF GENERAL LAZZARINI, ITALIAN COMMANDER, CORSICA. AS SOON AS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN COMMAND FRENCH LEND LEASE DIRECTOR CORSICA WILL REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS IN ALGIERS. THIS OFFICE WILL FORWARD INFORMATION AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN COMMAND.

916

2484



785020

Orig. 8 May 44  
28 March 45

SECRET

ROUTINE

CG MR NTOWSA

CG SOS NATOWSA

AAO CG PBS

071607B

F 42697

MAYIN

Reference your F 1382 May 4th cite BHAAO. Military government section has wired AOC  
I  
MADN for AFA to pay up to eighteen million francs per month, effective this month, for  
pay of Italian troops in Corsica. Money to be paid to designated United States finance  
officer and charged to Italian government. Funds received on this arrangement are not  
to be reported as advances to the United States. Reciprocal aid does not apply to  
payments of Italian Army in Corsica.

2483



9 May 1944

1. COMMAND GENERAL NATOUA,  
THROUGH: COMMANDING GENERAL BOS NATOUA  
OM: CO NORB S

ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED FOR IN YOUR CABLE F-42697 CITE NAFIN ARE  
SATISFACTORY. ITALIAN COMMAND AGREES TO PAY ALL ITALIAN TROOPS  
UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY LEAVE CORSICA. WE WILL HANDLE PAY FOR  
ITALIAN TROOPS ~~XXXX~~ OF YUGO SLAV ORIGIN FROM MAY 1 AND ALL ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
SUBSEQUENT MONTHS. EXPENDITURES REQUIRED WILL BE APPROXIMATELY  
FIVE MILLION FRANCS PER MONTH. RECOMMEND CAPTAIN B O DUNCAN,  
DISBURSING OFFICER, 90 AIR DEPOT GROUP, SYMBOL NUMBER 211-188,  
BE DESIGNATED AS FUNDING OFFICER TO HANDLE ALL FUNDS PERTAINING  
TO ABOVE. REQUEST FINANCE ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE INVOLVED.

1432

2482



CONFIDENTIAL

PRIORITY

CG NATOUA

NORBS FOR COL RATAY

KONE

131748B

F 45372

NAPIN

DISREGARD PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING PAY OF ITALIAN TROOPS. FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED TO ADVANCE NECESSARY FRANCS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITALIAN TROOPS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN WITH THE STIPULATION THAT IT WILL NOT PREJUDICE FINAL SETTLEMENT. THEY ARE INSTRUCTION FRENCH TRESORIE PAYEUR GENERAL, AJACCIO, TO CONTACT COLONEL RATAY FOR NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS. COLONEL RATAY SHOULD MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENT FOR PAYMENT TO BE MADE DIRECTLY TO AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF TROOPS THAT ARE TO BE RETAINED. NO AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE TO ACCEPT FRANCS IN AN AMERICAN ACCOUNT EITHER DIRECTLY OR IMPLIED. REFERENCE YOUR N-1342 DATED 14 MAY. UNCOMMITTED FRANC BALANCE CANNOT BE TAKEN BY EVACUATING ITALIAN TROOPS.

2401



Orig. 13 June 44  
28 March 45

CONFIDENTIAL

ROUTINE

CG HQUUSA

AAO CORSICA

131625B

P 52764

NAFIN

Letter from Allied Administrative Officer Corsica, 24 May, subject: "Payment of Italian Troops of Yugoslav origin in Corsica is referred to. Request rate of pay used to pay Italian troops in Corsica and also statement of the payments actually made to these troops since November last year.

2480

5284



19 JUNE 1944

TO : CG NATOUSA

FROM: CG NORBS

REFERENCE PAYMENT OF ITALIAN TROOPS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN IN CORSICA,  
REURAD F 58764 CITE XXX NIPIN, LETTER BEING FORWARDED 20 JUNE  
WITH COMPLETE INFORMATION

2241

2419



11 JULY 1945

TO : CG NATOUA, ATTENTION FISCAL DIRECTOR  
FROM: CG NORBS

SUBJECT IS PAY STATUS OF SLAV TROOPS ON CORSICA, REOURLET FILE  
AG 091.713 BNFIN DATED 20 JUNE 1944. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES  
STATE BALANCE OF FUNDS IN BANK OF FRANCE WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT  
TO MEET PAYROLLS FOR MONTH OF JULY FOR SLAV TROOPS. ESTIMATED  
REQUIREMENTS PER MONTH FOR PAY IS 1,600,000 LIRE CONVERTED  
AT 2.63 FRANCS PER LIRE. INFORMATION DESIRED AS TO ACTION TO  
BE TAKEN.

2746

24.5



4 AUGUST 1944

TO : CG NATOUSA, ATTENTION FISCAL DIRECTOR  
FROM: CG NORBS

ALLOTMENT OF \$420,00 FOR FISCAL QUARTER ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 1944,  
REQUESTED BY CG NORBS FOR PURPOSE OF PAYING APPROXIMATELY  
5,000 SLAV TROOPS. AUTHORITY IS NATOUSA LETTER DATED 1 AUGUST  
1944, FILE AG 091.711-1 (ITALIAN) PD-O. FUNDS REQUESTED  
IMMEDIATELY AS JULY SLAV PAYROLLS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PAID.  
FURTHER REQUEST APPROPRIATION APPLICABLE TO SUCH PAYMENT.  
LETTER OF CONFIRMATION FOLLOWS.

3264

2477



16 AUGUST 1944

TO : SOS NATOUA, CG  
FROM: CG NORB S

OBLIGATIONS ON PAYMENT OF SLAV TROOPS HAVE BEEN INCURRED AND ARE  
OUTSTANDING SINCE 1 JULY 1944. PAYMENT HAS BEEN WITHHELD  
PENDING ISSUANCE OF FUNDS REURAD CABLE L-37246 CITE SSFIN 2666  
DATED 15 AUGUST WHICH AUTHORIZES OBLIGATIONS TO START EX AS OF  
14 AUGUST, CABLE AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO PICK UP OBLIGATIONS  
INCURRED SINCE 1 JULY.

3560

2446



785020

*Col. Riva for information*

SECRET

Subject: Italian Troops in Corsica

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AG (MIA)  
Rome  
6/2-71  
30 March 1968

MEMORANDUM: for G-4 (A) AFHQ

As per your request to Lt Col Riva during the Supply Conference at BORDABU, the following information is given:

1. a. About June 1943 all Italian troops in Corsica, except those of Slav origin, were withdrawn to Sardinia; and certain Italian troops of Slav origin in Sardinia were sent to Corsica, making a total of Italian troops of Slav origin in Corsica of about 4000.
- b. These Italian troops in Corsica had not been officered by Italian Army officers. A small detachment of Italian Army officers remained in Corsica but without command and only for the purpose of representing the Italian War Ministry in paying and documenting this personnel. The troops are actually commanded by acting officers appointed by BORDABU from the Slavs in the units, and BORDABU requested that their appointments be commissioned in the Italian Army; this was not possible under Italian Law.
- c. Up until July 1944, these troops were paid by the Italian Government on the regular Italian pay scale. BORDABU letter, 1 August 1944, file AG 001.711-1 (Italian) FD-0, subject Italian (Slav) troops addressed to Allied Administrative Officer, Corsica, which stated in part: "If Italian funds are not available in payment, you are authorized to make current payments at the prescribed rates and payroll forms agreed between your Base Purchasing Agent and the Fiscal Director, this Headquarters. These payments are to be made under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 51, 1943." The Commanding General, BORDABU, under letter dated 8 August, addressed to Finance Officer, BORDABU, directed the payment of these troops from United States funds as civilian employees and set the rates of pay from \$0.00 to \$5.00 per day. It appears that these troops are now being paid under this authority. There is no record, in this Headquarters, of any request made by BORDABU to the Italian

SECRET

5



SECRET

Government for funds to pay these troops; and had such a request been made, the Italian Government would have supplied the funds in accordance with the terms of the armistice. At this time it would be rather difficult to place these troops on the Italian Army pay scale inasmuch as the pay being drawn from the United States is about double the Italian Army pay.

d. Prior to 1 August 1944 all of the Italian troops in Corsica were rationed through United States depots at a scale approximately 1-1/3 the U. S. Army "D" ration, plus certain Post Exchange supplies. In addition the Italian Army shipped certain Italian-provided items to Corsica. The vouchers for the United States rations and Post Exchange supplies for these troops, which have been submitted by SHARF, have been accepted as a charge against the Italian Government. Since 1 August 1944, these troops have been on the authorized Italian ration scale with certain items provided from U. S. depots, and the Italian-purchase items being shipped from Italy.

e. Clothing for these troops have been provided from U. S. stocks in Corsica, generally Class "A", and the vouchers submitted by SHARF have been accepted as a charge against the Italian Government.

2. From the above, you will see that we have the peculiar position of co-belligerent troops being paid by the United States as civil labor but rationed and clothed at the expense of the co-belligerent Government. Invite attention to Par 13 of AFHQ letter of 16 November 1944, file AG 091.711/105/GCT-0, subject: Command and Administration of Italian Army.

3. It had been decided by AFHQ that these troops are to be transferred to France. About 1,000 have already been shipped to France.

4. The Italian Government has been concerned about these troops, especially in regard to its responsibility for the expenses and its control of these troops, who are legally still Italian citizens. The Italian Government has requested that some officers of the Italian Army accompany these troops to France in order to handle documentation, pay, and supplies charged against the Italian Government. One Italian officer is in Corsica, and he does sign the vouchers for supplies issued by SHARF, but no authority has been received for these regular officers of the Italian Army to go to France. A request was received from France that one of the acting Slav officers be given authority to sign for the Italian Government, but the Italian Government did not agree to this. No vouchers, charging any rations or supplies have been received from France. G-3 Org (foreign) is handling the matter with SHARF.



SECRET

5. From the supply and accounting standpoint, the following is recommended:

- a. A small Italian Headquarters be sent to France to handle the administrative and supply matters.
- b. These troops be placed on the authorized Italian ration scale, and the U. S. items be substituted for the Italian-provided items inasmuch as it is not practicable for the Italian-provided items to be shipped from Italy. The cost of the entire ration to be borne by the Italian Government. Vouchers covering the rations issued to be signed by an authorized Italian officer and forwarded to WHIA for charge against the Italian Government.
- c. Clothing and equipment items on the authorized scale to be issued from United States depots as is done for other US-ITL's and vouchers be forwarded to WHIA for charge against the Italian Government.
- d. Pay - no recommendations.

6. The matter of discipline of these troops has not been considered. It is supposed that any serious crimes would be handled by U. S. Courts Martial under the "camp follower" provisions. However, the legality of such a procedure is doubtful as these are actually troops of a co-belligerent nation.

CPK/lak

CLAYTON P. KERR  
Colonel, Infantry

cc: General MacBrien, AFHQ  
G-3 Org (Foreign) AFHQ

2473



785020

SECRET

Subject: Italian Troops in Corsica

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AG (MRIA)  
Rome  
4/2-71  
March 1945

MEMORANDUM: For G-4 (A) AFHQ

As per your request to Lt Col Rose during the Supply Conference at MORRIS, the following information is given:

1. a. About June 1943 all Italian troops in Corsica, except those of Slav origin, were withdrawn to Sardinia; and certain Italian troops of Slav origin in Sardinia were sent to Corsica, making a total of Italian troops of Slav origin in Corsica of about 4800.
- b. These Italian troops in Corsica had not been officered by Italian Army officers. A small detachment of Italian Army officers remained in Corsica but without command and only for the purpose of representing the Italian War Ministry in paying and documenting this personnel. The troops are actually commanded by acting officers appointed by MORRIS from the Slavs in the units, and MORRIS requested that their appointments be commissioned in the Italian Army; this was not possible under Italian law.
- c. Up until July 1944, these troops were paid by the Italian Government on the regular Italian pay scale. MATROSA letter, 1 August 1944, file AG 031.711-1 (Italian) ST-0, subject Italian (Slav) troops addressed to Allied Administrative Officer, Corsica, which stated in part: "If Italian funds are not available in payment, you are authorized to make current payments at the prescribed rates and payroll forms agreed between your Base Purchasing Agent and the Fiscal Director, this Headquarters. These payments are to be made under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 21, 1943." The Commanding General, MORRIS, under letter dated 8 August, addressed to Finance Officer, MORRIS, directed the payment of these troops from United States funds as civilian employees and set the rates of pay from \$0.80 to \$3.00 per day. It appears that these troops are now being paid under this authority. There is no record, in this Headquarters, of any request made by MORRIS to the Italian

SECRET



SECRET!

Government for funds to pay these troops; and had such a request been made, the Italian Government would have supplied the funds in accordance with the terms of the armistice. At this time it would be rather difficult to place these troops on the Italian Army pay scale inasmuch as the pay being drawn from the United States is about double the Italian Army pay.

d. Prior to 1 August 1944 all of the Italian troops in Corsica were rationed through United States depots at a scale approximately 1-1/2 the U. S. Army "B" ration, plus certain Post Exchange supplies. In addition the Italian Army shipped certain Italian-provided items to Corsica. The vouchers for the United States rations and Post Exchange supplies for these troops, which have been submitted by MONBASS, have been accepted as a charge against the Italian Government. Since 1 August 1944, these troops have been on the authorized Italian ration scale with certain items provided from U. S. depots, and the Italian-purchase items being shipped from Italy.

e. Clothing for these troops have been provided from U. S. stocks in Corsica, generally Class "X", and the vouchers submitted by MONBASS have been accepted as a charge against the Italian Government.

2. From the above, you will see that we have the peculiar position of co-belligerent troops being paid by the United States as civil labor but rationed and clothed at the expense of the co-belligerent Government. Invite attention to Par 15 of AFHQ letter of 16 November 1944, file AG 001.711/100/GCT-0, subject: Command and Administration of Italian Army.

3. It had been decided by AFHQ that these troops are to be transferred to France. About 1,000 have already been shipped to France.

4. The Italian Government has been concerned about these troops, especially in regard to its responsibility for the expenses and its control of these troops, who are legally still Italian citizens. The Italian Government has requested that some officers of the Italian Army accompany these troops to France in order to handle documentation, pay, and supplies charged against the Italian Government. One Italian officer is charged against the Italian Government. One Italian officer is in Corsica, and he does sign the vouchers for supplies issued by MONBASS, but no authority has been received for these <sup>24</sup> officers of the Italian Army to go to France. A request was received from France that one of the acting Slav officers be given authority to sign for the Italian Government, but the Italian Government did not agree to this. No vouchers, charging any rations or supplies have been received from France. G-3 Org (foreign) is handling the matter with SHARP.



SECRET

5. From the supply and accounting standpoint, the following is recommended:

- a. A small Italian Headquarters be sent to France to handle the administrative and supply matters.
- b. These troops be placed on the authorized Italian ration scale, and the U. S. items be substituted for the Italian-provided items inasmuch as it is not practicable for the Italian-provided items to be shipped from Italy. The cost of the entire ration to be borne by the Italian Government. Vouchers covering the rations issued to be signed by an authorized Italian officer and forwarded to USA for charge against the Italian Government.
- c. Clothing and equipment items on the authorized scale to be issued from United States depots as is done for other US-III's and vouchers be forwarded to USA for charge against the Italian Government.
- d. Say - no recommendations.

6. The matter of discipline of these troops has not been considered. It is supposed that any serious crimes would be handled by U. S. Courts Martial under the "camp follower" provisions. However, the legality of such a procedure is doubtful as these are actually troops of a co-belligerent nation.

CPS/122

CLAYTON F. LARK  
Colonel, Infantry

cc: General Hadden, AFHQ  
G-3 Org (Foreign) AFHQ

2470



285020

SECRET!

HEADQUARTERS  
NORTHERN BASE SECTION  
APO 386

AG 091.711-1 (Italian) FD-0

8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Payment of Slav Labor Units.

TO : Finance Officer, NORBS.

1. Pursuant to authority contained in letter, Headquarters, NATOUSA, file AG 091.711-1 (Italian) FD-0, 1 August 1944, subject: "Italian (Slav) Troops", Slav personnel will be paid under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 21, 1943, from United States funds at the following rates:

| <u>Designation</u>               | <u>Daily rate</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Laborer (Private)                | \$0.80            |
| Semi-skilled workman (Corporal)  | 1.00              |
| Skilled workman (Corporal Major) | 1.20              |
| Assistant foreman (Sergeant)     | 2.40              |
| Foreman (Sergeant Major)         | 2.80              |
| Head Foreman (1st Sergeant)      | 3.00              |

2. Payment should be based on a detailed civilian employee payroll. The units should be designated, for payroll purposes as "Slav Mobile Labor Unit" and the rolls should be signed by an officer with name, grade and branch of service shown plus the designation "Employing Officer".

3. The following certificate should appear on each such payroll:

"I certify that the payment to the Slav personnel named on the within payroll is made under the provisions of W.D. Circular No. 21, 1943, by direction of the Theater Commander to meet an emergency war situation.

"I further certify that the employees named on the within payroll were identified by me, and that payment was witnessed by me.

2469

NAME, RANK and TITLE of U.S. ARMY  
EMPLOYING OFFICER

-1-

SECRET!

4



785020

SECRET

- Ltr, Hq NORBS, file AG 091.711-1 (Italian) FD-C, subj: "Payment of Slav Labor Units", dated 8 August 44.

4. You are directed to take whatever steps are necessary to secure or set up an allotment of funds for this purpose.

By command of Brigadier General RATAY:

THOMAS F. GUNN,  
Lt Col, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

C. M. CHRISTIE, /s/  
C. M. CHRISTIE, /t/  
Major, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

2465

-2-  
SECRET



SECRET

To: Major Trummer

A.P.O. 386

Subject: Payment of Labor Companies and Funds for payment of Claims.

Following our letter n.0275/S.M. of July 7, 1944 and your oral request, I notify you the following data:

- 1.- Approximate sum necessary to liquidate all claims valuated at the present date is 52 million francs.
- 2.- The balance of our credit account with the bank of France and Post-Office is 15 million francs, from which we must deduct 17 million already liquidated but not yet paid; therefore there is already a deficit of 2 million francs between our credit account and the amount to liquidate to date.
- 3.- It is not possible, therefore to pay the Labor Companies for the month of July.
- 4.- With the 10 million francs drawn to pay the Labor Companies for the months of May and June 2 million have been used to pay the bonuses for furloughs not received during the preceeding year.

Yours truly

signed  
Ten.Col.Rocco Balestra /t/  
Ten.Col.Rocco Balestra /s/

Ajaccio, 11 Luglio 1944

28 March 1945

*A true copy**R. Trummer  
Lt Col 2.D*

2467

SECRET



SECRET

To: Major Trummer

A.P.O. 386

Subject: Payment of Labor Companies and Funds for payment of Claims.

Following our letter n.0275/S.M. of July 7, 1944 and your oral request, I notify you the following data:

- 1.- Approximate sum necessary to liquidate all claims valuated at the present date is 52 million francs.
- 2.- The balance of our credit account with the bank of France and Post-Office is 15 million francs, from which we must deduct 17 million already liquidated but not yet paid; therefore there is already a deficit of 2 million francs between our credit account and the amount to liquidate to date.
- 3.- It is not possible, therefore to pay the Labor Companies for the month of July.
- 4.- With the 10 million francs drawn to pay the Labor Companies for the months of May and June 2 million have been used to pay the bonuses for fourloughs not received during the preceeding year.

Yours truly

signed  
Ten.Col.Rocco Balestra /t/  
Ten.Col.Rocco Balestra /s/

Ajaccio, 11 Luglio 1944

*28 March 1945*

*A true copy  
of Trummer  
Lt Col. F. D.*

2468

SECRET



SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 534

AG 091.711-1 (Italian) FD-O

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian (Slav) Troops.

TO : Allied Administrative Officer, Corsica, APO 386.

1. Reference your recent discussions with the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, and the Fiscal Director, this headquarters, on the subject of the future use of Italian (Slav) Troops and their pay and allowances, this matter has been given proper consideration by the interested staff sections.

2. Decision has been made that these units be continued on their present status for the time being. If Italian funds are not available for payment, you are authorized to make current payments at the prescribed rates on payroll forms agreed between your Base Purchasing Agent and the Fiscal Director, this headquarters. These payments to be made under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 21, 1943.

3. Final decision on the use of these troops will be made about two weeks before it is desired to move them into the ANVIL Area, at which time we will ask the Italian Government to authorize it, and at that time will state that we are agreeable to paying and maintaining them.

4. You should advise this headquarters in ample time before planned movement so the question may be discussed with the Italian Government, and final decision reached.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

JACK CARTER /s/  
JACK CARTER, /c/  
Capt, AGD,  
Asst Adjutant General.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

2465

A. J. TRUBBER,  
Lt Colonel, FD.

SECRET



**CONFIDENTIAL**

HEADQUARTERS

NORTHERN BASE SECTION

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate  
APO 386

11 September 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment of Courts for Slav Units, NORBS.

To : Colonel James, Acting Chief of Staff.

1. Pursuant to our conversation of yesterday, in which instructions were given the undersigned to prepare a scheme of courts for the Slav units of this headquarters, the following is submitted:

a. It is suggested that a special court be set up for each group of three or more companies, the court to consist of not less than five Slav officers, plus a trial judge advocate and a defense counsel. This court will be instructed to follow the procedure outlined in our Manual for Courts-Martial (1928) and may give sentences up to six months confinement at hard labor and forfeiture of 2/3 pay of the convicted up to the same period. The table of maximum punishments, WCM, 1928, will apply.

b. A separate stockade for the incarceration of convicted prisoners will have to be established and maintained.

c. The unit commanders should be acquainted with the provisions of Article of War 104 and company punishment, and each company should have appointed at least one summary court officer, said appointment to be made by the appropriate group commander.

d. The senior group commander will receive and store all court records involving Slav personnel.

e. Appropriate group commanders will appoint the courts, review the proceedings, publish the orders, and execute all sentences.

2. It is pointed out, however, that unless the consent of the protecting power be previously obtained, no sentence against a Slav by a special or general court can be legally sustained. Administrative and disciplinary action up to and including summary court-martial are at present authorized by existing interpretation of present regulations; however, the first Inspector General who examines the morning reports of Slav units and notes therein any reference to a conviction or action by any special or general court, will probably demand an explanation thereof which would prove embarrassing to the Commanding General. It is therefore respectfully reiterated and recommended that no such courts be constituted without

**CONFIDENTIAL**



CONFIDENTIAL

prior authority, and that any Slav personnel that, by their recalcitrant actions have earned such punishment as might be meted by such a court as is desired, be sent back to Italy or Sardinia and returned to the control of the Italians rather than be tried. If this contemplated action is given proper publicity in the units, it is believed that the effect upon delinquency will be most beneficial, and no such courts without the law will have to be resorted to.

W. B. H. JONES,  
Lt. Col., Inf.,  
Staff Judge Advocate.

A TRUE COPY:

*Arthur T. Ratcliffe*  
ARTHUR T. RATCLIFFE,  
Captain, JAGD,

2463

- 2 -  
CONFIDENTIAL



**CONFIDENTIAL**HEADQUARTERS  
NORTHWEST BASS SECTION  
APO 386

091.713

19 September 1944

SUBJECT: Enforcement of Discipline.

TO : Commanding Officer, Detachment 2615th Technical Supervisory  
Regiment (Overhead), APO 386.

1. For the purpose of maintaining discipline and preserving law and order among the Slav personnel who are working under the supervision of this Headquarters, you will appoint a court-martial of acting Slav officers within your command for the purpose of trying Slav personnel and adjudging suitable punishment to those accused who are found guilty of misconduct. The court will consist of not more than five (5) or not less than three (3) Slav officers. Findings of the court and the sentence adjudged in each case will be determined by secret written vote of the members of the court, the concurrence of a majority of the members present being required to decide these issues. Charges will be brought in writing against each offender, describing accurately the time, place, and nature of the offense; the charges will be signed and sworn to and will be personally considered by the group commander concerned before reference to court for trial. Each case will be decided on the basis of the competent evidence presented by the prosecution and defense; without regard for personal favor or dislike for the accused. The accused will be represented by defense counsel appointed by the group commander or by counsel of his own selection if desired. The accused will be allowed to make a sworn or unsworn statement to the court or to remain silent if he so chooses. The court, the trial judge advocate, and the witnesses will be sworn or affirmed. The senior acting Slav officer will review all proceedings, will act upon each sentence, will publish a report of the proceedings in each case to all Slav units attached to the 20th Port (Mbl), and will render a report of action taken to the Commanding General, 20th Port (Mbl).

2. The following offenses and suggested maximum penalties therefor are published for the guidance of all Slav personnel concerned:

a. Minor offenses, including (1) Drunkenness, (2) being in an off-limits area, (3) failure to obey the orders of noncommissioned officers, (4) disorderly conduct, and similar offenses, the punishment may consist of forfeitures of not to exceed 9/10th of pay per month for not more than six (6) months.

b. Intermediate offenses, including (1) insubordination, (2) simple assaults, (3) theft of any article under the value of \$20.00, (4) AWOL and (5) offenses of sentries and guards, the punishment may consist of reduction in rank, forfeitures of all pay and allowances due or to become due, and return to the control of the Italians.

**CONFIDENTIAL**



# CONFIDENTIAL

c. Serious offenses, including murder, rape, assaults with criminal intent, willful disobedience of the orders of a commissioned officer, wrongfully damaging, neglecting or losing property of the United States Government in an amount greater than \$20.00, and similar offenses, each and all of these matters will be formally investigated by American officers, charges thereupon preferred, and the accused, with all charges, facts, and allied papers, will be summarily returned to the Italians for trial and punishment by them.

By command of Brigadier General RATAY:

C. M. CHRISTIE,  
Major, AGD.,  
Adjutant General.

*True Certified Copy:*  
*Arthur J. Ratcliffe*  
*Captain, JAGC*

# CONFIDENTIAL



CONFIDENTIAL

INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: CG MTOUSA

Mar. 23 2204

TO FOR ACTION: CO NORBS

Cite NAGDS

TO FOR INFO: MMIA

FX-48689

REFERENCE YOUR 7512 OF 22 MARCH (FX-48689 ACTION TO CO NORBS  
INFO TO MMIA SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE NAGDS) LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
TOMMY T. ROSE WILL REPRESENT MMIA AT CONFERENCE

3

2462



**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**INCOMING MESSAGE**

MMIA  
1124  
SIGNALS

MSG Center No : N146/23  
Classification : CON  
Precedence : CG MTOUSA  
From : MMIA for info  
To : MMIA

N/T

Date Time Rec'd : 232209  
Date Time Sent : 231953  
Reference No : FX-48689  
Cite : NAGDS

7 5 1 2 of 22 lines  
REFERENCE YOUR SEVEN FIVE ONE TWO OF TWO TWO MARCH/PAREN FOX XRAY  
FOUR EIGHT SIX EIGHT NINE ACTION TO GO NORDBS INFO TO MMIA SIGNED CO  
MTOUSA CITE NAGDS ~~FOR NAGDS~~ PAREN LIEUTENANT COLONEL YON ROSE WILL  
REPRESENT MMIA ~~AT MMIA~~ AT CONFERENCE

**CONFIDENTIAL**



**SECRET**

HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

FILE

15 March 1945

SUPPLY CONFERENCE G-4 MTOUSA - FIFTH ARMY

AGENDA

DATE : 20 - 21 March 1945

TIME : 1700 hours 20 March, 1700 hours 21 March 1945.

PLACE : Headquarters FIFTH ARMY Rear

PURPOSE : To discuss Mutual Supply Problems.

1. Conference will be opened by a meeting of all representatives at 1700 hours 20 March 1945.

a. A brief summary of the purpose of the conference and the benefits derived therefrom will be given by the presiding officer.

b. Outline of conference procedure.

c. Brief discussion of the FIFTH ARMY mission and organization will be given by an appropriate officer of FIFTH ARMY.

d. Discussion of Supply Discipline, Supply Security and Pilferage by the presiding officer.

e. Presentation of proposed handling and reporting of equipment provided on War Department approved projects by a MTOUSA representative. (Comments raised by individual services will be included in report of panel discussion.)

2. Topics of interest to the individual services will be discussed at panel meetings, 21 March. Panels will consist of G-4 and Special Staff representatives of MTOUSA and FIFTH ARMY (See Tab "A" for List of Topics by Service).

a. Chemical Warfare Panel, MTOUSA representative - Capt. Gladstone

b. Engineer Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Lt. Col. LeVan,  
Lt. Col. Davis

c. Medical Panel, MTOUSA representative - Maj. Luft

d. Ordnance Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Col. Pratt, Maj. Tobin

e. Quartermaster Panel, MTOUSA representative - Colonel Vinks

f. Signal Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Lt. Col. Lyster, Capt. Controll

g. PCL Panel, MTOUSA representative - Maj. Lovell

h. Army Exchange Panel, MTOUSA representative - Lt. Col. McIlvray



**SECRET**

1. Special Service Panel, MTOUSA representative - Maj. Bridwell
2. G-4 Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Colonels Blakeney, Lawley; Lt. Colonels Allen, Fish; Majors Steiner, Morrison; and Captain Klets
3. Concluding conference to be attended by all conference representatives, will be held at 1700 hours 21 March 1945.
  - a. Discussion, not to exceed five (5) minutes, will be received from the senior FIFTH ARMY representative of each panel on matters considered and solutions reached during panel meetings.
  - b. G-4 representatives will discuss matters of general interest taken up in the G-4 panel.
  - c. Receive recommendation for improvement in conference procedure from FIFTH ARMY representatives.
4. The MTOUSA representative of each panel will, upon returning to Headquarters, MTOUSA, submit a brief written report on the subject considered.

For the AC/S, G-4:

*Douglas N. Lawley*  
 DOUGLAS N. LAWLEY  
 Colonel, G.S.C.  
 G.I.C., Conference Gp.  
 G-4 Opns. Branch



# SECRET

1. Topics for discussion in Chemical Warfare Service Panel, MTOUSA representative - Captain Gladstone

a. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)

b. Limited Assignment Personnel. (MTOUSA Topic)

(1) Percentage of Limited Assignment replacements assigned.

(2) Assignment to units by M.O.S. numbers based on these vacancies.

(3) Training program set up to include job rotation to determine adaptability.

(4) Overall effects on operational efficiency by assignment of replacements.

(5) Steps taken to return those obviously unsuitable.

c. Re-working of fuzes for M3, 4.2 Chemical mortar shell. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

d. Replacement of M2 Smoke Generator with Navy type Bosler Smoke Generators. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

e. Storage of 1 1/2 quart decontaminating apparatus and shoe impregnate in Army or Base Depots. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

2. Topics for discussion in Engineer Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Lt. Col. LeVan, Lt. Col. Davis

a. Submission of monthly requirements to PRIBAGE 100 days in advance. (MTOUSA Topic)

b. Use of WD AGO Form Number 421 in keeping stock records in FIFTH ARMY Engineer Depot. (MTOUSA Topic)

c. Engineer Class IV items on FIFTH ARMY Project A and appendments thereto. (MTOUSA Topic)

d. Accuracy of reports and records on heavy engineer equipment to enable proper supply level of spare parts to be maintained. (MTOUSA Topic)

e. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)

f. Limited Assignment Personnel. (MTOUSA Topic)

(1) Percentage of Limited Assignment replacements assigned.

(2) Assignment to units by M.O.S. numbers based on these vacancies.



# SECRET

(3) Training program set up to include job rotation to determine adaptability.

(4) Overall effects on operational efficiency by assignment of replacements.

(5) Steps taken to return those obviously unsuitable.

a. MTOUSA letter "Reports on Inventory and Transfer of Engineer equipment". (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

b. Excess property. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

c. Supply of certain critical materials to and maintenance of equipment of Non-Army units located in the Army Area. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

3. Topics for discussion in Medical Panel, MTOUSA representative - Major left

a. Concrete results obtained on the matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)

b. Plans for training of personnel in packing and crating of Medical Department equipment and supplies. (MTOUSA Topic)

c. Discussion of MTOUSA Supply Directive Number 7 as pertains to medical Department equipment lists. (MTOUSA - FIFTH ARMY Topic)

(1) Additional equipment list items authorized for FIFTH ARMY units.

d. Accounting for Medical supplies issued to US-ITL units from U.S. stock and from Italian military stock. (MTOUSA Topic)

e. Repair and maintenance of Medical Department items. (MTOUSA Topic)

f. Standard Stock Record Card (AGO Form 421) for use in Army Medical Depot. (MTOUSA Topic)

g. Limited Assignment Personnel. (MTOUSA Topic)

(1) Percentage of Limited assignment replacements assigned.

(2) Assignment to units by M.O.S. numbers based on these vacancies.

(3) Training program set up to include job rotation to determine adaptability.

(4) Overall effects on operational efficiency by assignment of replacements.

(5) Steps taken to return those obviously unsuitable.



# SECRET

h. Disposition of old type gas mask canisters and procurement of the new type. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

4. Topics for discussion in Ordnance Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Colonel Pratt and Major Tobin.

a. Recommendation that PHEBASE be the action addressee of all FIFTH ARMY cables regarding specific items of supply. (MTOUSA Topic)

b. FIFTH ARMY's future requirements for waterproofing material. (MTOUSA Topic)

c. PHEBASE proposal to fill 1-ton tractor shortages upon request instead of by monthly allocation. (MTOUSA Topic)

d. Specific progress made in the salvage of war weary vehicles since Ordnance conference on 26 February. (MTOUSA Topic)

e. Anticipated requirements of Class V supplies. (MTOUSA Topic)

f. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)

g. Limited Assignment Personnel. (MTOUSA Topic)

(1) Percentage of Limited Assignment replacements assigned.

(2) Assignment to units by M.O.S. numbers based on these vacancies.

(3) Training program set up to include job rotation to determine adaptability.

(4) Overall effects on operational efficiency by assignment of replacements.

(5) Steps taken to return those obviously unsuitable.

h. Replacement of M41 vehicles in hands of troops. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

5. Topics for discussion in Quartermaster Panel, MTOUSA representative - Colonel Finks

a. Shortage of AGGY Packs. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

b. Italian Military Ration. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

c. Replacement of War Dogs. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

d. Status of mascot animals for 10th Mountain Division. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

e. Replacement of combat serviceable uniform after V-Day. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

f. Availability for issue to FIFTH ARMY Troops of the following decorations: (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

SECRET

TAB "A"



# SECRET

(1) Bronze Arrowhead.

(2) Combat Medical Badge.

g. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)

h. Limited Assignment Personnel. (MTOUSA Topic)

(1) Percentage of Limited Assignment replacements assigned.

(2) Assignment to units by M.O.S. numbers based on these vacancies.

(3) Training program set up to include job rotation to determine adaptability.

(4) Overall effects on operational efficiency by assignment of replacements.

(5) Steps taken to return those obviously unsuitable.

6. Topics for discussion in Signal Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Lt. Colonel Iyster and Captain Cottrill

a. Necessity for completeness, accuracy, and inclusion of project items and Army stocks in MHT report. (MTOUSA Topic)

b. Results of study of, steps taken to advance shipments for, and shortage items requisitioned for, Army operational needs. (MTOUSA Topic)

c. Utilization of components of major items to complete the major items rather than allow excess stockpile as components. (MTOUSA Topic)

d. Return of excess crystals to the Zone of Interior. Discussion of feasibility of shipping radios from the Zone of Interior less crystals. (MTOUSA - FIFTH ARMY Topic)

e. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)

f. Limited Assignment Personnel. (MTOUSA Topic)

(1) Percentage of Limited Assignment replacements assigned.

(2) Assignment to units by M.O.S. numbers based on these vacancies.

(3) Training program set up to include job rotation to determine adaptability.

(4) Overall effects on operational efficiency by assignment of replacements.

(5) Steps taken to return those obviously unsuitable.



# SECRET

- g. Status of critically short items. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - h. Moisture and Fungus Proofing Program. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - i. Use of Sig 7 and 8 Maintenance lists. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - j. Excess Technical Signal Publications being received. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - k. Status of new items of equipment. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - l. Availability of parts for Receiver R-100 and other new items introduced into the theater. General status of Receiver R-100. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - m. Repair and maintenance of projectors by Library Units. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - n. Status of Special Service agreement to take over repairs of all non-signal procured and issued Special Service receivers. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - o. Redeployment plans with regard to Signal supply. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - p. Status of U-33/C Bridging Access Plug for use in testing Spind-4 Code. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - q. Review of Modification Work Orders to determine essentiality. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - r. Plan to be followed in handling Carrier and Radio Relay Equipment by Army Units. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - s. Signal Wire Dispenser requirements. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - t. Spare parts for Presimile Equipment RD-98. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - u. Use of new stock cards. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - v. Equipping of the 442nd Infantry Regiment. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - w. Excess equipment required for 36th and 442nd Infantry Regiments. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
  - x. Equipping 10th Mountain Division on comparable basis with other Infantry divisions. (FIFTH ARMY Topic)
7. Topics for discussion in Petroleum Section Panel, MTOUSA representative - Major Lovell 2457
- a. Status of returnable containers in the Army area, to be returned to PMS for repair. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - b. Future tank truck requirements. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - c. Future requirements for 5 gallon returnable containers. (MTOUSA Topic)

SECRET

TAB "A"



## SECRET

- d. Future plans for the Pipeline system. (MTOUSA Topic)
- e. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)
- f. Discussion of the redeployment program. (MTOUSA Topic)
- g. Limited Assignment Personnel. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - (1) Percentage of Limited Assignment replacements assigned.
  - (2) Assignment to units by M.G.S. numbers based on these vacancies.
  - (3) Training program set up to include job rotation to determine adaptability.
  - (4) Overall effects on operational efficiency by assignment of replacements.
  - (5) Steps taken to return those obviously unsuitable.
8. Topics for discussion in Army Exchange Service Panel, MTOUSA representative - Lt. Colonel McGilvray.
  - a. Increased allowances authorized to War Department Circular 285. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - b. Maintenance of 30 day stock by Army Exchange Service. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - c. Submission of information relative to quality, desirability and solubility of items being distributed thru Army Exchange Service. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - d. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)
9. Topics for discussion in Special Service Panel, MTOUSA representative - Major Bridwell.
  - a. Repair of radio receivers turned in to Special Service Section, FIFTH ARMY, by units receiving new R-100 radio receivers. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - b. Use of funds received from the Theater Central Welfare Council for welfare of all personnel in FIFTH ARMY. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - c. Need for hand wound phonographs during 4th quarter of fiscal year 1945. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - d. Corrections to the stock inventory report submitted monthly from FIFTH ARMY Special Service. (MTOUSA Topic)
  - e. Return to PEG on shipping ticket out-of-season items for warehousing until next season. (MTOUSA Topic)

1.2.3

SECRET



# SECRET

f. Concrete results obtained on matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (MTOUSA Topic)

10. Topics for discussion in G-4 Panel, MTOUSA representatives - Colonels Hakeney, Lawley; Lt. Colonels Allen, Fish; Majors Steiner, Morrison; Capt. Klets.

a. Temporary authorization of non-expendable equipment for use in caring for Russian Nationals captured by our forces. (Operations) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

b. Responsibility of officers signing for expendable supplies issued to captured Russian Nationals. (General) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

c. Possible application of points covered in a and b above to other nationals of other Allies such as Turkish, Roumanians, Czechs etc.. (General) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

d. Generators for general purpose use in the combat zone. (Operations) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

(1) Manner of regularizing issues.

(2) Can FIFTH ARMY continue to take Class IV issues of generators, is there a limit on the quantity of each size?

e. Stabilization of wages and bonuses for civilians. (Civil) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

f. Equipment authorized for issue to Special Service Companies thru Special Service channels. (Supply) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

g. Supply and equipment for the American Red Cross. (Operations) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

(1) Inclusion of American Red Cross in policies relating to Army Supply, civilian wage scales, feeding of civilian employees from U.S. sources etc. (Civil)

h. Intended application of MTOUSA supply directives and other general publications forward of the Army Rear Boundary when a system accomplishing the desired results is in effect. (Supply) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

i. Application of policies on exploitation of local resources, claims, obligations etc. as applied to the Germans when and if they surrender in North Italy. (Civil) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

j. Policy with regard to MIA reporting shortages in the Italian rations and allowances? (MIA-Supply) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

k. Plans for establishing IRI-ITI depots in or near the Army area to supply and maintain IRI-ITI units operating in the FIFTH ARMY and to supply and maintain Italian equipment to US-ITI's operating in the Army Area. Present system is not satisfactory. (MIA-Operations) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

2456

l. Local resources. (Civil) (FIFTH ARMY Topic)

(1) Payment of bills

(2) Investigation and settlement of claims



SECRET

(3) Live account

(4) Army representation on AFLRS Board.

g. Status of approved equipment projects. Confusion arises from information regarding projects being furnished through technical channels that is not received through command channels. (Operations-Supply) (FIFTH AFHQ Topic)

h. Problems involved in Supply by Air. (Supply) (MTOUSA Topic)

i. Concrete results obtained on the matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline. (Operations) (MTOUSA Topic)

j. Limited Assignment Personnel. (General) (MTOUSA Topic)

(1) Percentage of Limited Assignment replacements assigned.

(2) Assignment to units by L.O.S. numbers based on these vacancies.

(3) Training program set up to include job rotation to determine adaptability.

(4) Overall effects on operational efficiency by assignment of replacements.

(5) Steps taken to return those obviously unsuitable.

*Letter for General Hoge  
Mountain Div.*

TAB "A"

SECRET

CO: MMIA

SECRET

15 March 1945

Report of Supply Conference with AAFSC/MTO, 23 February 1945.

1. Col. Ops  
Finks

1. The meeting convened in the office of A-4, AAFSC/MTO at 9 A.M. Opening remarks in the nature of a welcome were given by the Senior Air Force Officer which was followed by General McKay, STUGSA, explaining the purpose of the conference. He was followed

by General Thomas, A-4 of AAFSC/MTO who explained briefly the organization of MAF. This is briefly as follows:

- a. Mediterranean Army Air Force, which is divided into the Royal Air Force and USAAF/MTO.
- b. MAF consists of the Strategic Air Force which is Allied, and the Tactical Air Force which is Allied.
- c. The 15th Air Force is the U.S. portion of the Strategic Air Force, and has its own Service Command.
- d. The 12th Air Force is the U.S. portion of the Tactical Air Force, and has its own Service Command.
- e. There is also an Engineer Command whose responsibility is to construct air fields.
- f. The AAFSC is the Base Depot establishment to service the U.S. portion of all of the above. General Thomas emphasized that the Service Commands of the 15th and 12th Air Forces were like a Division's Service Troops in that they were part of the organization.

2. The conference then broke up into its respective panels. As the AAFSC did not have an Army Exchange Office, the STUGSA Army Exchange representative joined the conference of the Quartermaster, as the questions for discussion of the Army Exchange pertained directly to the Quartermaster. The following comments were made:

a. The Quartermaster, AAFSC is of the opinion that the Naples Area is not getting its full share of critical items.

(1) It was explained to the CM that this is a complaint that is heard all over the Theater and is caused primarily by such critical items not being furnished from the U.S. in sufficient quantities, due to limited production in the States. It was further explained that the Army Exchange Service will now carry 15-days' supply in its own warehouses and that back order systems are being established. The tendency, therefore, will be for an improvement in critical items distribution. The CM also brought up the problem of troops in the Naples Area having to consume bottled beer. It was explained to the CM that this beer is brewed on American standards, and due to the limited shipping space available for the transportation of beer from the U.S., it is still considered essential that local beer be consumed in the areas where it is produced in order to make available American beer to the areas of the Theater where local beer cannot be produced. To the extent possible, beer from the U.S. will be used to supplement U.S. type, bottled beer in the Naples Area.

(2) The question of sheets and pillow cases for rest camps were considered. The Army Exchange Officer stated that an effort would be made to secure more of these items.

SECRET



Page #2 -- Minute 1

12 March 1945

3. Reference paragraph 3 of the G-4 Agenda, dated 24 February 1945, the following points were discussed:

a. Concrete results obtained on the matters covered in the Theater Commander's directive on Supply Discipline (AFMORSA topic). The JG stated that such evidence as applicable would be presented through A-4.

b. Clothing for civilians employed by U.S. Forces (AAF/MTU topic). The policy for furnishing clothing for civilians employed by U.S. Forces is stated in AFMORSA cable YX-18021, dated 31 January 1945. It was emphasized that clothing of civilians is not an Army responsibility, but is that of A.G. and that is the provisions of the above referred to cable is only an emergency interim measure. Insofar as Base Sections cannot, or do not, furnish the requirements of the AAF organizations employing civilians, such exceptional cases may be submitted to this Headquarters for consideration. It was further emphasized that the tendency will be for a decrease in issues to civilians employed by the U.S. Army, which is necessary in view of the fact that we must build up stock piles of clothing for prisoners of war, repatriates, and other distinctly military obligations.

c. Supply of US-IFI Military Organizations (AAF/MTU topic). The JG of the AAFSG brought out the fact that certain items have not been furnished in adequate quantities by the Italian Military. These items are:

(1) Stationery.

(a) To the extent that stationery is required for organizational use, requisitions may be submitted through U.S. Army channels for the minimum essential quantities.

(b) Shipping Tickets will be sent to the Chief Accountant, A.G., through MMIA for charge against the Italian Government.

(2) Cleaning and Preserving Materials.

(a) To the extent that it is required to preserve the health of the US-IFIs of the Command, cleaning and preserving of material may be requisitioned as prescribed in (1) above.

(3) Officers' Clothing.

(a) There are two sources <sup>2454</sup> supply for clothing for US-IFI officers. One source is for them to be issued green dyed clothing that is made available for all US-IFIs. The other source is for them to requisition as a group for cloth to the Italian War Ministry through Italian channels. To expedite this, a copy of the requisition should be sent to MMIA. Limited quantities of cloth of Italian origin are available for this purpose. The cloth will be made into uniforms through facilities available to and at the expense of the Italian officer.

(4) Razor Blades. These items are being furnished by the Italian War Ministry. While the quantity is limited, it is noticed that shipments are being made. In addition to the furnishing of razor blades, the Italian War Ministry has available some company barber kits which are very appropriate in view of the practice of the Italian Army to use company barbers. These may be requisitioned through Italian channels to the Italian War Ministry, copy to be furnished MMIA.



Page 23 -- Minute 1

18 March 1945

(3) Toilet Soap. The Italian War Ministry is making considerable progress in the furnishing of soap for all IWI. There is only one type of soap made and will have to suffice for general use as well as toilet purposes.

d. Sleeping Bags (AAF/ETO topic). The G4, AAFSC stated that the AAF was very dissatisfied with the sleeping bag. It was explained that the War Department had agreed to allow this Theater to utilize the Bag, sleeping wool, as it saw most appropriate. The policy is, therefore, that two blankets will be considered in this Theater as the mandatory allowance, and that the Bag, sleeping, wool, will not be required to be issued until such time as additional warmth is required. This will mean that during summer months the Bags, sleeping, wool, may be turned in by those troops who so desire, and two blankets, wool, retained.

e. Winter Clothing and Equipment (AAF/ETO topic). It is recognized that there are now many reasons why it would be advisable for certain organizations of the Theater to retain their winter clothing. It is also recognized that unless this retention is carefully supervised, there is a danger of considerable loss through improper storage. Another handicap is that it would be most difficult for this Headquarters to estimate requirements for wool clothing to be issued next fall. The conclusion arrived at was that an official request would be submitted by the AAF and further study would be given to the matter by this Headquarters, with an official reply being made.

(1) Insofar as stores are concerned, it was concluded that it would be more economical for these to be turned in to Base Sections for repair and preservation.

f. Disposition of Flight Lunches (AAF/ETO topic). Disposition will be furnished in the near future.

g. Ration Variety (AAF/ETO topic). It is thought that with the establishment of a 60-day stock level in Adriatic Depot, that issues can be made which will permit a wider variety of items to be furnished. Quartermasters will be cautioned to follow the menu as closely as stock permits and to vary the issues in vegetables to the maximum extent possible.

4. In view of the wide interest in the matters discussed above, copies of this report are being sent to G4 Penbase, G4 Fifth Army, G4 Adriatic Depot, G4 AAFSC/ETO and MIA. Where necessary, amendments to existing supply directives will be made.

2403

JACK E. FINEG  
Colonel, G4.  
Executive Officer.

JEF:le



12921

