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Evidence of Insufficient Supervision of Maintenance.....I
Class X Raincoats for Civilian Employees.....III -- EVIDENCE OF INSUFFICIENT SUPERVISION OF MAINTENANCE.

1. Spot Check Teams discovered the following deficiencies from 100 reports selected at random:

- 35% - bad horns or none at all
- 26% - brakes need adjustment or repair
- 35% - defective lights
- 38% - improper clutch adjustment
- 23% - hand brakes defective
- 30% - radiators low or leaking
- 42% - batteries dry or low
- 0% - radiator hose connection loose
- 16% - engine oil low or dirty
- 85% - tires flat or low air pressure
- 69% - lubrication needed
- 27% - winch and cable need servicing
- 34% - fan belts need adjustment
- 27% - governor and seals missing or broken

2. The above tabulation is indicative of a lack of proper supervision concerning echeloned maintenance operations. Accordingly, commanders of assigned and attached units to the Peninsular Base Section will give this matter their personal attention during the ensuing month to the end that remedial action obtains.

(AG 400.4 BPORD)

II -- CLASS X RAINCOATS FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

1. To further the efficiency of Italian civilians working at various supply installations under the control of this Base Section, Class X raincoats will be issued by the Quartermaster on shipping tickets to such installations.

2. Installation commanders receiving these coats will mark same distinctly and issue them during working hours only, taking same up at the end of each shift.

3. These raincoats currently being in limited supply, basis of issue at this time will be for 50% of the civilian employees normally working in the open

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at the various installations.

(AG 420 BPGDS)

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PLACING OF METROPOLITAN AREA OF NAPLES "OFF LIMITS"
RESPONSE TO U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL

1. Typhus fever has reached near epidemic proportions in Naples among the civilian population. No cases have as yet occurred among army personnel, however drastic measures must be taken to insure that it does not spread to troops. The measures to be adopted to prevent the spread are covered in previous circulars. We must rely primarily on vaccination against typhus, inspections, the proper use of louse disinfection, avoidance of contact with civilians, and personal cleanliness.
2. Effective 0300 hours 27 December 1943, the metropolitan area of Naples is placed off limits temporarily to all U.S. military personnel not stationed therein except for individuals entering the metropolitan area on official business of absolute necessity which cannot be transacted by any other means than their physical presence.
3. All individuals having authority to visit Naples on official business will be required to have in their possession at all times a special pass, as shown on the reverse side of this document, signed by the Regimental or separate Unit commander, stating the reason therefor.
4. Special medical and sanitary measures will be taken in order to allow the continuation in Naples of the present Fifth Army Rest Centers which are vitally necessary for the health and recuperation of front line combat troops.
5. Additional instructions for controlling typhus are contained in FBS Circulars #1 and #2.

(AO 720 HRCAP)

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Metropolitan Area of Naples from _____ to _____
on official business. This official business is of absolute necessity and cannot
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TYPHUS FEVER

1. References:

Section 4, MATOUSA Circular No. 224, 15 November 1943; Circular Letter No. 13, Office of The Surgeon, MATOUSA, 11 November 1943; Circular No. 30, Peninsular Base Section, 15 December 1943.

2. TYPHUS

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3. COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Commanding officers are responsible for:

- a. An immediate check to be made of all vaccination records of both officers and enlisted men. Individuals who have not been given typhus vaccine within four months will be given a stimulating dose immediately, followed by the remainder of the series if necessary. The headquarters commandant will be responsible for the check of all personnel of this Headquarters.
- b. A report on this check will be made to G-1, Peninsular Base Section when this has been accomplished and not later than January 1, 1944.
- c. Application of louse powder:
 - (1) LYL powder. This powder will be applied to all clothing (inner and outer) worn or about to be worn by all individuals once a week until such time as DDT powder is available.
 - (2) When DDT powder is available it will be applied once a month with discontinuance of the use of the LYL powder. DDT powder will be applied to all clothing (inner and outer) in the possession of the man and to his bed clothing.
 - (3) Medical officers of units will instruct key personnel of the line in the proper method of application of the powder as outlined in Circular Letter No. 13, Office of The Surgeon, MATOUSA, 11 November 1943.

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At semi-monthly physical inspections troops will be inspected with all clothing removed with particular attention to evidence of louse infestation. In addition, the seams of all under clothing removed for the inspection will be carefully examined for the presence of lice. The results of such inspection will be incorporated in The Monthly Sanitary Report.

5. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Civilians who are more or less permanently employed will be vaccinated against typhus fever. This vaccination will be in accordance with the initial vaccination prescribed for troops.

6. Additional instructions for controlling typhus are contained in Peninsular Base Section Circulars 41 and 43.
(AG 720 EPSAP)

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PLACING OF HOUSES OF PROSTITUTION "OFF LIMITS" TO
U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL

1. The increase in venereal disease among military personnel and in typhus among civilians are a menace to military operations.
2. Military personnel are cautioned to keep out of the following type of place in order to combat these diseases:
 - a. Houses of prostitution.
 - b. Areas or districts in which houses of prostitution are known to be operating.
 - c. Cafes, bars and other establishments known as places where contacts with prostitutes are made.
 - d. Cafes, bars and other personal service establishments where unclean and unsanitary conditions prevail.
3. Effective 2400, 31 December 1943, all houses of prostitution in the area under the command of Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, will be placed "OFF LIMITS" to United States military personnel.
4. Additional instructions for controlling typhus are contained in PIS Circulars 42 and 43.
5. This circular will be read to all units under command of this Headquarters and will be posted on company bulletin boards for one week.

(AG 250.1 BPSAP)

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25 December 1943.

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Air Freight Priority Requests I
Prevention of Respiratory Disease II
Precaution for Protection of Naples Aqueduct III

I -- AIR FREIGHT PRIORITY REQUESTS

1. Authority: SOS, NATOUSA, Message L-4750, cite SSTPM-1585, dated 23 December 1943.

2. The authority cited in Paragraph 1 requires the following be included in connection with Air Freight Priority requests:

- a. Definite information explaining urgency of request to justify employment of aircraft.
- b. Deadline date when shipment must reach destination.
- c. Copy of cable to AFHQ (Attention G-3). (AG 580 BPGDS)

II - PREVENTION OF RESPIRATORY DISEASE

1. With the advent of cooler and wet weather in this area, the incidence of respiratory disease has risen. Some of these diseases are the common cold, influenza, bronchitis, pneumonia, diphtheria, measles, meningitis, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, etc. In addition, overcrowding and closer contact of human beings tends to increase the chance for spreading lice, and favors the development of louse-borne disease such as typhus fever, the prevalence of which is now increasing in the civilian population.

2. The rate of spread and extent of respiratory disease are largely dependent upon closeness of contact between infected and susceptible persons. The control of crowding or close contact is, therefore, the most important factor in the control of respiratory disease.

3. Unit commanders must be especially watchful during the winter months to avoid overcrowding and lack of ventilation. Poor ventilation of barracks or quarters causes the occupants to exchange micro-organisms by rebreathing air, the germ content of which has been increased by coughing and sneezing. The danger of inhalation of any poisonous or semi-poisonous substances which may accidentally be present is also enhanced thereby. To this end, the following precautions will be observed:

- a. A minimum floor space of 40 sq. ft. per bed will be observed. Each man will sleep separately.

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b. Head to foot sleeping will be instituted throughout. When necessary staggering of beds will aid in securing a distance of six feet between the heads of men.

c. Insofar as possible adequate clothing, footgear, and bedding should be provided to keep personnel clean, dry, and warm.

d. Dishwashing should be carried out in accordance with Par. 15, AR 40-205, or Par. 41, FM 21-10 (Disinfection by immersion in boiling water or disinfectant chemical). This will prevent spread of infectious agents from one mess kit to another by way of the dishwasher. (AG 720 BPLMD)

III - PRECAUTIONS FOR PROTECTION OF NAPLES AQUEDUCT

1. Naples and the surrounding municipalities are supplied with water almost entirely by one aqueduct, the Acquedotto del Serino. Damage to it will have serious consequences.

2. The Aqueduct is mostly underground but, except at established road crossings, is not sufficiently protected to insure against breakage from traffic across or along it. Vehicles operating in open country in the vicinity of the aqueduct will cross it only at established crossings and will not be operated along it.

3. The Serino aqueduct is indicated by the conventional aqueduct symbol on maps of the Naples, Benevento, Avellino area, scales 1/25,000, 1/50,000 and 1/100,000. The aqueduct extends from Capodichino (N230536) northeastward south of Cancellio (N355657) through Arpaia (N460703) and Altavilla (N655674) to a point five miles southeast of Avellino at (N730520).

4. The aqueduct is most susceptible to damage between Capodichino and Cancellio where it consists of four (4) large cast-iron pipes carrying water under high pressure.

5. Unit Commanders will take necessary steps to warn all vehicle drivers against driving along or over this aqueduct. (AG 671 BPGDS)

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Payable to the Officer in Charge, Central EFM Station, in amount sufficient to cover cost of the messages, should be enclosed with the dispatch. All APOs will dispatch the EFM packages in official pouches to APO 698. (AG 311.22 BPAGO)

III - RECLASSIFICATION

Section I, Circular No. 31, this Headquarters, dated 3 December 1943, subject: "Reclassification", is hereby rescinded. (AG 220.01 BPRED)

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a. When an investigation is necessary the immediate responsibility for the investigation rests upon (sec. III, Cir. 100) the commanding officer of the detached company, battalion, regiment, post, camp, station or higher echelon directly concerned with the accident or incident requiring investigation, and all such commanding officers are empowered (par. 2, sec. V, Cir. 100) to appoint investigating officers.

b. Where an accident or incident involves two or more commands, the senior of the commanding officers of the units involved will decide which of them will be responsible for the investigation, and the commanding officer decided upon will refer the matter to the investigating officer for his command. After the investigation has been completed, the investigating officer will deliver his report to the officer who appointed him. The appointing officer will approve or disapprove the report (including VD AGO Forms No. 15 and 51, when applicable) and institute whatever administrative action is necessary.

9. FORM OF ORDER APPOINTING INVESTIGATING OFFICER UNDER CIRCULAR NO. 100

Under the provisions of AR 25-20 and Circular No. 100, MATOUSA, 30 May 1943, Major JOHN DOE, O-323232, Infantry, Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, is appointed investigating officer. Major DOE is also designated as a board of one officer under Article of War 105, and as the investigating officer, board of officers and surveying officer required by Army Regulations for the investigation of any accident or incident involving death, personal injury, or property loss or damage.

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remaining copies to the officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction over the command. The latter will refer the report to his Staff Judge Advocate, who will review the said report for legal sufficiency. After any corrective or supplemental action found necessary has been taken, the commanding officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction over the command will approve or disapprove the report and forward the same, with the review of his Staff Judge Advocate, to The Judge Advocate General, Washington, D. C.

VIII -- REGULATIONS SUPERSEDED

This circular supersedes Section II, Circular No. 49, NATOUA, cs., which is rescinded, and Section III, Circular No. 12, AFHQ, cs., which is being rescinded.

By command of the Theater Commander:

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guarded in partially ruined buildings where they may be further damaged or lost by subsequent activities. Often damage is done by souvenir hunters and others who do not recognize the true value or irreplaceable nature of the objects taken or diverted to every day use.

4. Unit commanders will caution their men and take the initiative in protecting and preserving such objects encountered in their activities and will report situations where assistance is needed by this headquarters.

(AG 600.3 BPFCS)

IV - ATTACHMENTS FOR ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1. Reference: Section II, Circular No. 34, this Headquarters, dated 16 December 1943, same subject.

2. Paragraph 5 of the reference cited is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

5. Units not provided second echelon maintenance facilities for the servicing of their vehicles will request in writing on the Ordnance Officer, P83, necessary instructions as to attachment for such service.

(AG 451 BPODS)

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- (f) Number of cubic foot to be heated.
- (g) Hours during which heating is required.
- (h) Recommended allowance.
- (3) Such of the above organizations as are using M-1 tent stoves for heating will be given only an allowance of 25 lbs per stove per day. (AG 463.3 BGSBS)

II - ATTACHMENTS FOR ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1. 409th Car Company is responsible for the maintenance of motor vehicles in addition to its own as follows:

- a. 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance: Hq, FBS.
- b. 2nd echelon maintenance: American Red Cross.

2. 6th Port Motor Pool Garage is responsible for 1st and 2nd echelon to motor vehicles in addition to its own as follows:

- a. U. S. Navy.
- b. 2nd Group Regulating Station
- c. War Shipping Administration

3. The following are being requested to furnish motor vehicle maintenance for the units indicated:

- a. 57th Base Area (Br): Royal Navy
- b. 901st Base Hq (Fr): French Army Units
- c. III Air Service Area Command: AAF Units
- d. Hq Comdt, AFHQ: AFHQ Units and FLANCO
- e. Hq, Italian Military Command in Campania: Italian Army Units.

4. Civilian vehicles operated by Italian civilian agencies on FBS contracts will not be furnished motor maintenance.

See Cir 37
sec-4 5. When requesting motor vehicle maintenance, all other units will be referred to the Ordnance Officer, FBS, for instructions. (AG 451 FGSBS)

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- (1) Employing U. S. Army Services will dispatch letters to the Petroleum Section, PES, requesting authorizations for the contractors to draw the required products from C.I.P.
- (2) After verification of requirements, the Base Petroleum Officer will issue letters to contractors authorizing them to draw specific quantities of petroleum products for the ensuing month.

c. Contractors will present letters from the Base Petroleum Officer to the Regional Administrator of C.I.P., who will issue requirements at civilian prices, including taxes authorized by the Allied Governments. (AG 463 BGPOL)

III - DEFECTIVE ROCKETS.

So much of Paragraph 1, Section III, Circular No. 28, this Headquarters, dated 3 December 1943, as pertains to lot number DOD-1-13303-3 is rescinded.
(AG 471.94 (EGORD))

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4. Unopened bottles of atobrin will be turned in to the 4th Medical Supply Depot. (AG 710 BGMED)

III - DEFECTIVE ROCKETS

1. Commanders of all units assigned or attached to the Base Section will segregate and turn in all high explosive, anti-tank M-6 rockets of the following lot numbers to the Depot Commander, Ordnance Ammunition Depot No. O-451, location of which may be determined by consulting Administrative Order No. 11, this Headquarters, dated 30 November 1943:

DOD-1-23303-3
DOD-1-23303-35
DOD-1-13303-3

2. The above lots of subject rockets are defective and have been the cause of serious accidents.

3. After subject rockets have been modified by Ordnance personnel, the suffix "A" will be added to the lot number to signify that the ammunition has been rendered serviceable. (AG 471.94 BGSDS)

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Haversack	1 each
Helmet, steel, M-1, w/inner liner	1 each
Knife	1 each
Mask, gas	1 each
Pin, tent	5 each
Pole, tent	1 each
Pouch, first-aid	1 each
Spoon	1 each
Tags, identification, w/tape	2 each
Tent, shelterhalf	1 each

TOILET ARTICLES

Brush, shaving	1 each
Brush, tooth	1 each
Comb, rubber, hard	1 each
Razor, (safety)	1 each
Razor blades	3 each, or more
Towels, cotton, huck	2 each, or more
Towels, bath (large)	1 each, or more

(AG 253 BGSPM)

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| <u>3</u> Chemicals * | EXPOSURE |

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Prophylaxis Prevents Venereal Disease

