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DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED ENEMY FORCES & EQUIPMENT
MAY 1945 - FEB. 1946

Subject:- Captured Enemy Material - Italian Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(N. H. I. A.) ROE.

Q. 150

14 February, 1946.

To:- Ministry of War.

1. The following instructions concerning the disposal of ammunition of Italian origin are forwarded for information and necessary action:

(1) The location and quantities of all ammunition of Italian origin situated in Italy will be made known to the Italian Government or, in the case of the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia, to the Allied Military Government concerned.

(2) The Italian Government or the Allied Military Government will make immediate arrangements to take over the ammunition and will be totally responsible for its safe custody until its final disposal. The Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will assume the responsibility, within a time limit to be set by mutual agreement with the competent Allied Military Commander, for safeguarding such ammunition.

(3) In the interest of internal security the Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will be instructed to concentrate for particular guarding all ammunition of 20 mm calibre and below including mines, grenades, etc. They will be further instructed to place special guards on ammunition of a dangerous nature until its disposal. Commanders will satisfy themselves, when handing over, that such arrangements are in fact in hand. Such handover will only be at their discretion having regard to any operational directives to the contrary and to the maintenance of internal security.

(4) The Italian Government, or Allied Military Government concerned, will make necessary arrangements, and be totally responsible for the disposal of all ammunition of Italian origin whether by destruction, dumping or breaking down into component

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(4) The Italian Government, or Allied Military Government concerned, will make necessary arrangements, and be totally responsible for the disposal of all ammunition of Italian origin whether by destruction, dumping or breaking down into component parts for use in the civil rehabilitation of the country. Products resulting from the breaking down processes will not be employed in the production of further armaments except as permitted by the Allied authorities. The Italian Government when making disposal will have regard to the requirements of the future Italian armed forces.

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(5) The Italian Government, or the Allied Military Government concerned, will be made finally responsible for the disposal of dangerous ammunition. However, present facilities for disposal afforded by the Allies will be continued as long as possible.

(6) Ammunition of Italian origin, located elsewhere than in Italy, will be disposed of as for captured ammunition of enemy origin.

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2. Attention is directed to the last sentence in paragraph (4).
3. Previous instructions issued by W.H.I.A. and in particular O/23/14 of 11 October 45, are cancelled.

Added
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General,
W.H.I.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 383.6 SACS-0

7 October 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline of Surrendered Enemy Personnel.

TO: All Concerned.

1. Since the dispatch of German service units to major commands, there has been an evident relaxation of the standard of discipline of surrendered enemy personnel. This has been particularly apparent in their bearing in the presence of Allied personnel, and in their behavior while traveling in motor vehicles. In the latter case surrendered enemy personnel have been observed:

- a. Driving German vehicles on other than essential assigned missions.
- b. Driving such vehicles in a reckless manner.
- c. Shouting to civilians when being transported in trucks.
- d. Parking vehicles in front of civilian premises.

2. While it is realized that the number of guards and work supervisors are inadequate for them to insure the necessary discipline under all circumstances, there are sufficient German officers and non-commissioned officers for the purpose.

3. Movement of German vehicles outside compounds or enclosures will be restricted to the absolute minimum and only specifically authorized journeys will be permitted. On such occasions each vehicle will be accompanied by a German officer or non-commissioned officer, who will be responsible for its proper use and for the discipline of all German personnel therein.

4. Commanders concerned will take steps to insure that all German officers and non-commissioned ranks make it their responsibility to effect and maintain a proper standard of discipline among surrendered enemy personnel. Such steps will include the use of Allied provost personnel to effect compliance with such orders as are issued to give effect to this letter.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AG
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AG 383.6/056 FEB-0

30 September 1945

SUBJECT: Release of German Prisoners of War and Surrendered Enemy
Personnel in Italy.

TO: All Concerned

1. German prisoners of war and surrendered enemy personnel will not be released in Italy unless they were domiciled in Italy prior to the war. Applications from German PW/SEP domiciled in Italy prior to the war, and who are due for release, may be forwarded for consideration, subject to the following procedure:

- a. Clearance by CROWCASS.
- b. Application in triplicate to this headquarters showing:
 - (1) Clearance by CROWCASS.
 - (2) Full details of previous domicile.
 - (3) Reason for application.
 - (4) Certificate by applicant to the effect that upon release in Italy applicant will not request repatriation to Germany at either United States or Italian expense.

2. This headquarters will forward such applications to the Allied Commission for submission to the Italian Government for their approval.

3. Applications for release in Italy will not be solicited nor will any publicity be given PW/SEP concerning consideration of such releases.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCARNEY:

R. H. Freese
R. H. FREESE
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Asst Adjutant General

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R.O.M.E.
6/23/44
23 July 1945

SUBS ST: Disposal of AmmunitionTO : MEPA L/O's

1. Reference AFHQ letter 10583.3/103 100-0 of 22 June 1945, subject, "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy" and further to this Headquarters letter 6/25 of 7 July 1945, subject "Ammunition Dumps."
2. The responsibility of the Italian Army for the destruction of German and Italian ammunition should not be overestimated. Reliance on the Italian Army, short in technicians, technical equipment and transportation facilities, to accomplish the destruction of more than small quantities of ammunition may have disastrous results in terms of property damaged and lives lost.
3. The Italian Army is authorized by Allied Force Headquarters to accomplish the destruction only of "small quantities of loose ammunition in unguarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property." As a general rule, the phrase "small quantities" of ammunition should be interpreted to mean such quantities of ammunition as would have been abandoned by individual soldiers or units of squad size. Battery and Company ammunition supply dumps may usually be presumed to fall within the "small dumps" category for which the Allies are responsible through the use of German technical demolition units. All such "small dumps" should be immediately reported to the pertinent Army headquarters for destruction. Liaison Officers must not accept responsibility for the destruction of such small dumps on behalf of the Italian Army.

JOHN J. SMITH, 1st Lt.
For Colonel, 101st
A. C. I. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel: 489081-365

11 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Ammunition Dumps

TO : Commanding General CG.RR

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1. The attached Q/95 dated 7 July 1945
from MMIA to the Ministry of War is forwarded to
you for necessary action please.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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Subject: Ammunition Dumps.Royal Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(S. M. I. A.) RDC.

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7 July 1945.

To: Ministry of War.

214042/11

Reference your 220410-21 of 29 June 45, subject "Depositi Munizioni".

1. The present orders of the Supreme Allied Commander on the subject of ammunition are as follows:-

(a) Ammunition of German manufacture if in "Category 3" (a list of category 3 items is attached) and in original containers will be centralized in a few selected parks under Allied arrangements. German transport and personnel are being used under Allied arrangements.

(b) Small quantities of loose ammunition in unguarded dumps which constitute a hazard to life or property will be reported by C.G.I.A. or other responsible persons to the nearest M.V.I.A. I.C. through C.G.I.A. or Italian Military channels. The M.V.I.A. I.C. will authorize the destruction by the Ministry of War of all such small quantities of German or Italian ammunition. The M.V.I.A. I.C. is authorized to obtain the necessary Allied help as regards suitable detectors explosives, etc. if not available at the dump under consideration. Salvage of certain materials such as brass, etc. may be made under authorization of the M.V.I.A. I.C.

(c) Small dump of German or Italian ammunition (other than that in category 3 in original containers) in dumps of 500 tons or less will be destroyed by the most suitable means by C.G.I.A. personnel under Allied supervision. Salvage of useful materials is under Allied control.

(d) Larger dumps of German or Italian ammunition in excess of 500 tons will be placed under guard under Allied arrangements. Allied instructions will be given covering disposal.

2. The above orders are now in process of implementation by the Allied Armies. It will be noted that the responsibility of the War Ministry is restricted to the small quantities covered by paragraph 1 (b) of this letter. The destruction or otherwise of dumps under 500 tons is an Allied matter and not Ministry of War, in this connection the letter 22631 of 16 June over

the signature of General Propoy requires correction. You are requested to issue this correction forthwith. In other respects the letter of General Propoy is agreed.

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5. The Supreme Allied Commander has NOT authorized the destruction of any ammunition by any civilian firm. The War Ministry will make no arrangements for any ammunition or explosives to be handled by civilian firms except the salvage authorized by the M.M.I.A. L.O. in paragraph 1 (b) of this letter.

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Appendix "A" to LHM
letter 3/25 of 1 July 1945

LIST OF CATEGORY 3 MATERIAL

Serial 1 PISTOLS

9mm Pistols (Luger and Walther automatics)
27 mm Signal pistols (unrifled)

Serial 2 RIFLES

7.92 mm (bolt operated)
7.92 mm (Gewehr 41 (S) and 41 (S) (self loading rifles)
7.92 mm Sniper rifle

Serial 3 MACHINE GUNS

7.92 mm L. M. G. 34

Serial 4 AMMUNITION

All ammunition to fit weapons in Serial 1-3 above

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letter 3/25 of 7 July 1945

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NSC/2937
13 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Capture of German Soldiers. 313

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) Letter
13954/2 of 12 July 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information.

(Sgd) G. L. WARDEN†

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 12 July '45
Ref.: 13954/2

Subject: Capture of German Soldiers.

Herewith is forwarded, for information, telegram
No. 4023 from Marisicilia Messina, dated 10th inst.

"Marisicilia 4023 - on the 2nd inst., a lighter
was recovered from Sciacca Gulf, 2 miles from land,
with 2 German soldiers on board, namely NULLER
SLIHERTN, age 36 and ALBERT FRILT, age 22, coming
from Tunisia. STOP. They have been turned over to
the Italian Police.

for CHIEF OF CABINET

C. di V. F. Baslini

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1. Understand numbers of Italian Fascist Republican troops are trying to surrender themselves to local Allied Military authorities.
2. If surrender accepted by Allied authorities they will be retained as surrendered personnel as directed by this Hq letter AG 305.3/163 LOG-0 of 18 May 45.
3. If surrender accepted by Italians and not by Allied authorities they will be confined by Italian authorities held and tried etc under Italian law.
4. Essential that any PW and surrendered enemy personnel in Allied custody required by Italian Government for trial by them should not be handed over without prior authority this Hq.

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AG 305.3/163 LOG-0 (18 May) of
which 5 copies sent to Ex Commissioner
office refers to same subject.)**SECRET**DIST

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HEADQUARTERS
15TH ARMY GROUP
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CG, 15th AG
Intls: *15th*
Date: 5/14/45

14 May 1945

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

TO: See Distribution.

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

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLARK:

OFFICIAL:

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RALPH H. TATE
Brigadier General, GSC
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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 15 ARMY GROUPON 12 MAY 45 ON DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED ENEMY FORCES1. PRESENT.Presiding - Brig. Gen. R.H. TATE, A.C. of S., G-4, 15th Army Group.AFHQ.

- Major Gen. M.W.A. MACLEOD, DAG.
 Major Gen. H.G. WHITE, G-1 (A)
 Major Gen. C.B. MAGRUDER, G-4(A)
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2. INTRODUCTION.

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

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b. Fifth Army has been charged with responsibility for initial concentration of all surrendered forces of Army Group "C", wef 0001 hours, 13 May 1945. This task was given Fifth Army because the bulk of the surrendered forces is in Fifth Army's sector, and Eighth Army is engaged in occupying VENEZIA GIULIA and southwestern AUSTRIA.

c. Fifth Army is now engaged in concentrating surrendered forces in initial concentration areas. This task is about completed. It is now necessary to move enemy troops to final concentration areas.

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

Surrendered Personnel

Tenth German Army	34,458
Fourteenth German Army	58,858
Miscellaneous	35,064
In present Eighth Army Zone	<u>5,000</u>
	133,380

Other Categories

PW in Fifth Army Area	33,319
In hospitals (German & Allied)	40,000
Czechs	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>83,319</u>
	<u>216,699</u>

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

3. CLASSIFICATION OF ENEMY PERSONNEL AS PW OR SURRENDERED FORCES.

a. Major General MACLEOD stated that in their JAN 331 the combined Chiefs of Staff had made it clear that PW could be reclassified as surrendered personnel, if required. MTOUSA said they were not previously aware of this ruling.

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Czechs 10,000

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a. Major General MACLEOD stated that in their JAN 331 the combined Chiefs of Staff had made it clear that PW could be reclassified as surrendered personnel, if required. MTOUSA said they were not previously aware of this ruling.

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

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

ACTION - AFHQ
1 District

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

ACTION - MTOUSA
Fifth Army

e. Personnel in hospitals will be treated as PW but should be returned to organized formations where possible (see also para 21).

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ACTION - Fifth Army4. FINAL DISARMAMENT AND DISBANDEMENT.

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

5. SELECTION OF CONCENTRATION AREAS - GERMAN VIEW.

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

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

It was decided to ignore this request.

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ACTION - Fifth Army7. EMPLOYMENT ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS OF CZECHS, AUSTRIANS AND OTHER SUCH TROOPS.

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d. As far as possible they will be allocated by Fifth Army 50% to US and 50% to British.

e. AFHQ will issue policy directive on rules of employment, pay, clothing, etc. This will probably be on the same basis as for Italian co-operator units.

f. There is no policy yet for release and use of other than Czech units, but they should be kept intact.

ACTION - AFHQ
Fifth Army
DMRS

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

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

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ACTION - Fifth Army

9. DISPOSITION OF SS AND OTHER SPECIAL CATEGORY PERSONNEL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACTION - AFHQ
Fifth Army
PBS
1 District

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ACTION - Fifth Army

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

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

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

ACTION - Fifth Army

12. MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS FROM FINAL CONCENTRATION AREAS.

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

ACTION - 1 District
AC

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

13. PHASING OF SURRENDERED FORCES INTO FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

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

- (1) German HQ (probably Corps) with Engineer and Signal Recce parties.
- (2) Engineer units.
- (3) Hospitals and sanitary units.
- (4) Essential Service troops.
- (5) Remainder of Force.

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- (1) HQ Army Group "C".
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ACTION - Fifth Army
1 District

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c. Fifth Army will furnish escorts. 1 District and US HQ will be responsible for their prompt return. Fifth Army will ensure adequate feeding arrangements made for escort going to 1 District.

d. Disarmament will be completed by 1 District and US Headquarters before entering into the Final Concentration Areas.

ACTION - 15th Army Group
Fifth Army
1 District
WTOUSA

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

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

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

ACTION - 1 District
MTOUSA

16. DISPOSITION OF SENIOR GERMAN OFFICERS.

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

ACTION - Fifth Army
AFHQ

17. PAYMENT OF GERMAN TROOPS, LOCAL PURCHASE BY SURRENDERED FORCES.

a. Brig. Gen. MCMAHON drew attention to 15th Army Group signals G-1 3b and G-1 36 of 11 May. In these G-1 made certain recommendations to AFHQ on a request received from G-in-C Southwest for the release of certain blocked German Lire, which he required for the settlement of debts and to make "essential" local purchases. It was agreed that agreement to this request was undesirable, but it was decided to leave the matter for the official AFHQ reply.

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ACTION - AFHQ

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ACTION - AFHQ

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AFHQ stated this project was now dead, and no further action was required.

19. EMPLOYMENT OF GERMAN RAILWAY BATTALIONS AND OTHER SPECIALIST PERSONNEL.

a. It was agreed on MRS recommendation that German Railway Battalions as required should be employed on an organized basis on the BREMEN Route. MRS would be responsible for their technical employment and Fifth Army for their maintenance and for guards.

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

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

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

ACTION - Fifth Army
MRS
CSO 15th Army
Group

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

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

ACTION - AFHQ
Eighth Army

FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA (US)

At this point the British representatives withdrew and the conference was continued under US auspices only. The following policies and decisions are recorded.

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

c. It was emphasized that classification of German personnel by civilian occupation must proceed as rapidly as possible. General MCNARNEY has directed that conversion of the units must not require longer than six weeks. This time limitation is necessary in order that staging areas at PBS can be cleared for redeployment of troops. Some 90,000 German personnel must be provided for by that time in order to clear these staging areas. The German personnel will take over the equipment and the accommodation now being utilized by the Italian units. When the conversion of an Italian unit has been accomplished so that the personnel can be released, the organization which now has operational control of such a unit will report this fact to G-3, A-11Q, for disposition of the Italian personnel. German personnel will not be used to release Italian civilian personnel. Also it is considered impracticable to work the Germans along-side Italian civilians.

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

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

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

ACTION - MTOUSA
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