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27 May 50

AG 471 (2 2 MAR 50 )OR

SUBJECT: Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff  
G-4, Logistics  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, Department of the Army, AGAO-S 471 (13 Mar 50)CSGLD/D4, subject as above, 22 March 1950.
2. Procedure proposed in referenced letter is considered feasible by this headquarters.
3. Class IV projects referred to in paragraph 5, referenced letter will be forwarded to the Department of the Army as directed.

FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

MAILED 800 MAY 29 50

CLARK MARSHALL  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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M/R: 1. Par 6, ltr, D/A, AGAO-S 471 (13 Mar 50)CSGLD/D4, subj, Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands, 22 March 1950 requests an answer if the proposed procedure appears feasible.

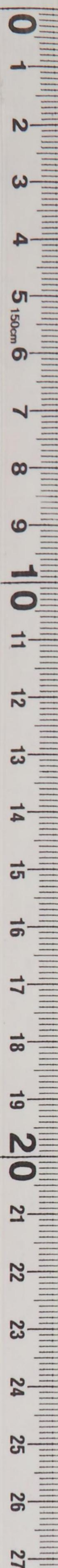
2. This ltr notified the D/A that the proposed plan appears feasible and that Class IV projects will be forwarded as directed.

3. Concurrences have been received from G-3, G-4 and JSPOG.

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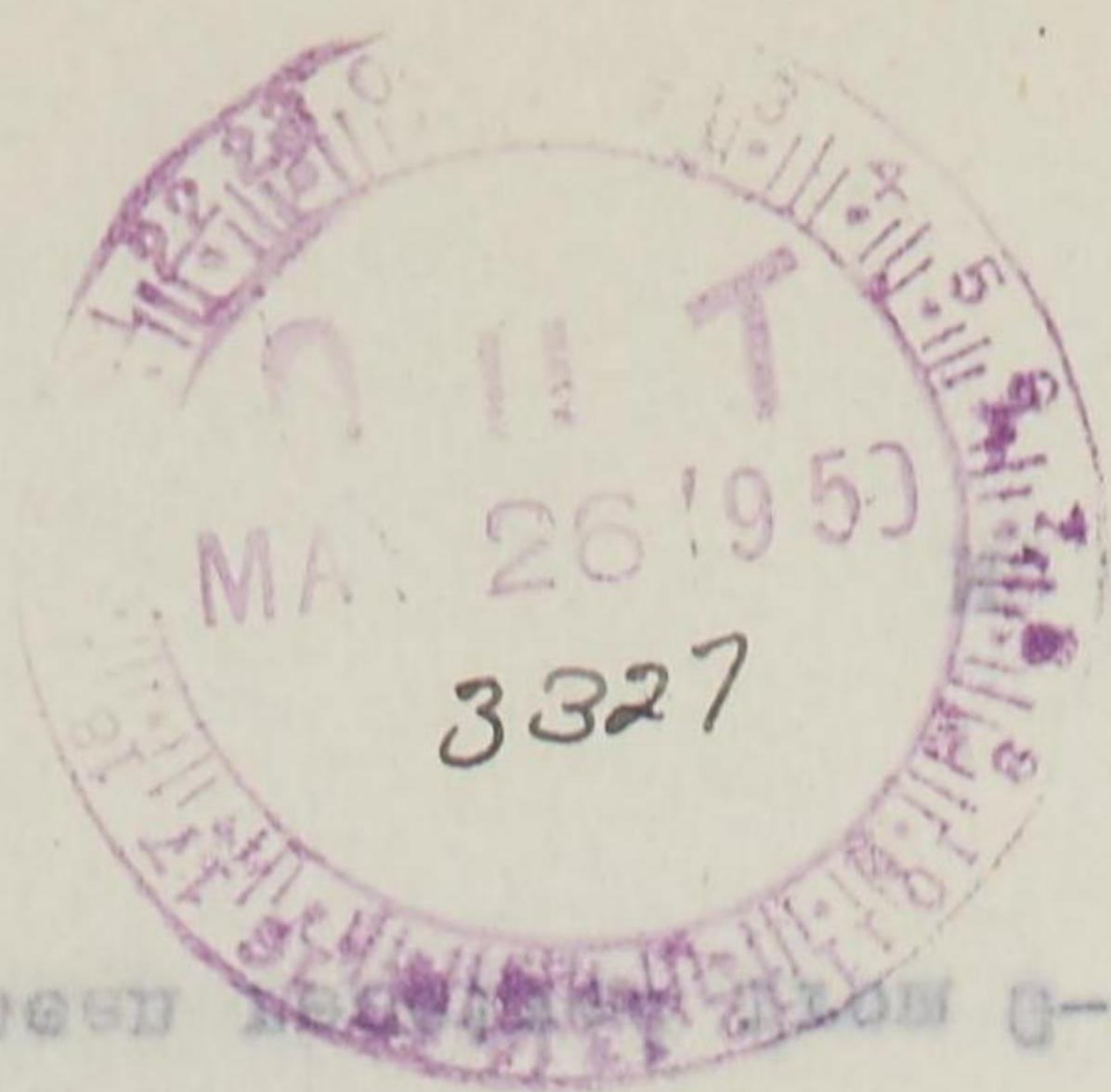
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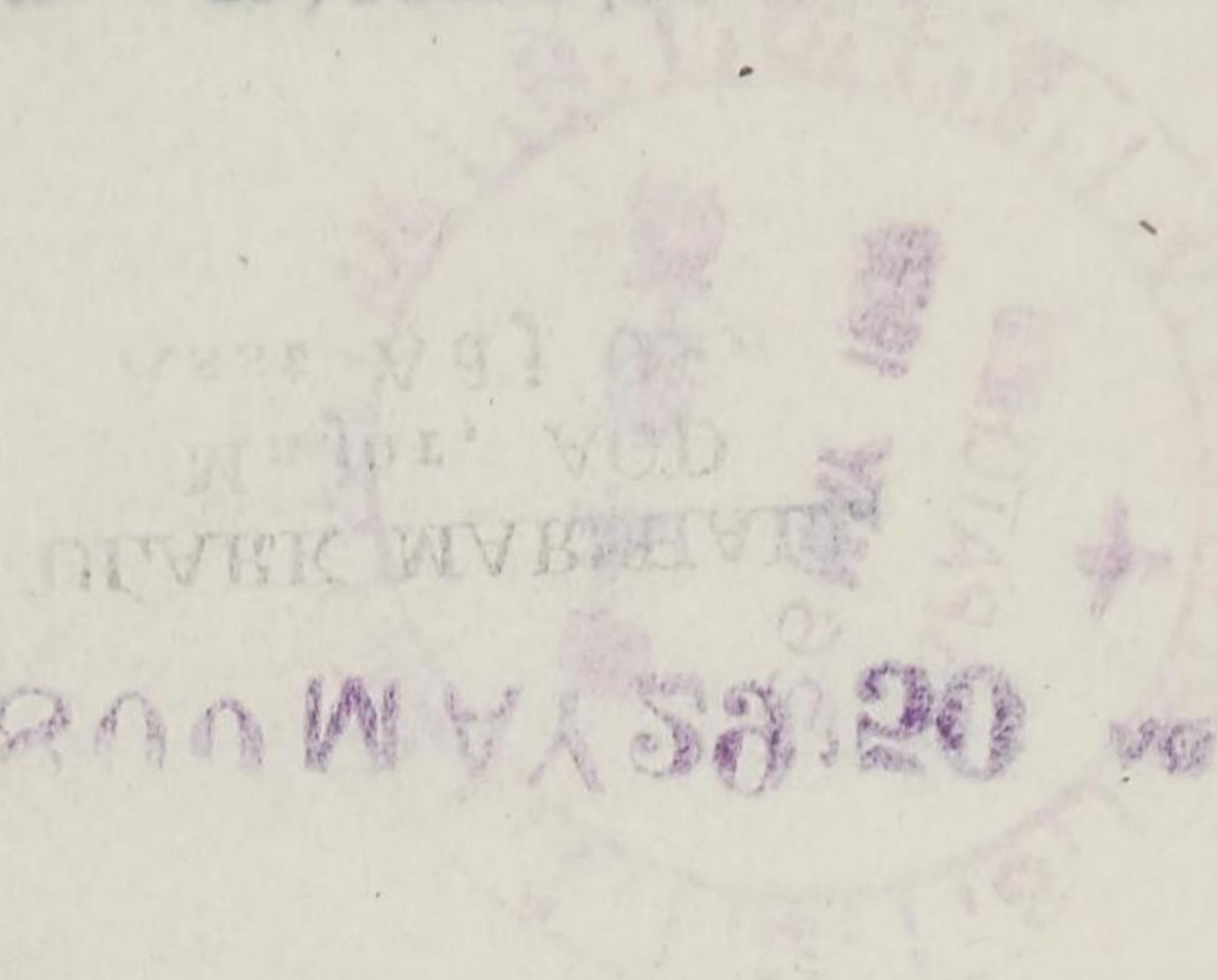
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2. Proceeds proposed in referenced letter...  
3. It is recommended that...  
4. It is recommended that...

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Special Agent in Charge

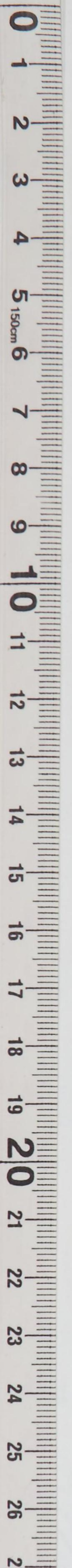
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ADJUTANT GENERAL  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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D AC/S G-4  
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CONST & FAC

② SUPPLY  
PETROLEUM

③ ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

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FROM: CINCFC TOKYO JAPAN

DEPT OF ARMY WASH 25 D C . . . . . ROUTINE

INFO: CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN . . . . . ROUTINE (COURIER)

CG SEPE FT MASON CALIF . . . . . ROUTINE

CX 56377

Reurmsg WCL 22201, 13 May 50, the fol msg received from CG RYCOM is quoted for your information:

"URMSG CX 56254. Suf dynamite exists within RYCOM to furn mil govt reqmts. Shpmt of add dynamite from Eighth Army to RMG not nec."

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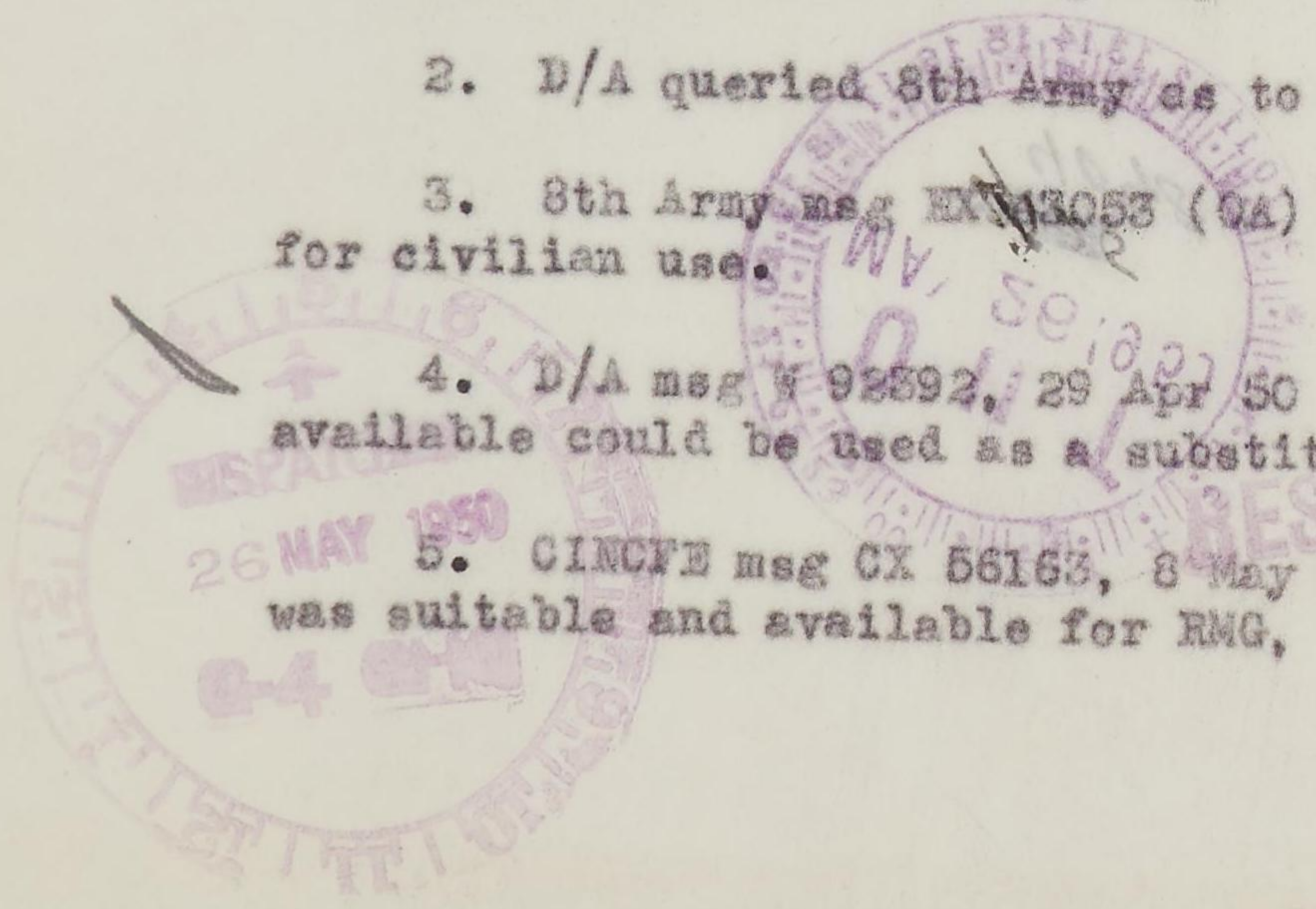
APPROVED:

E. B. BUSH  
Brigadier General, AGD  
Adjutant General

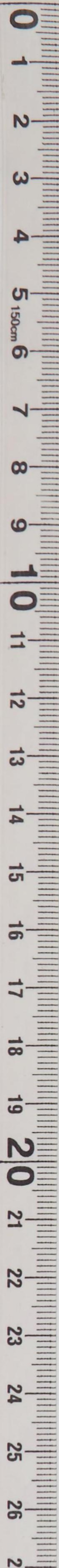
URBAN BIBLO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

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RMG Section

- M/R: 1. Eighth Army reported an excess of dynamite gelatin 75% on O'seas Forecast of Requirements Report.
2. D/A queried 8th Army as to availability of dynamite for civilian use.
3. 8th Army msg EXT 43053 (GA) confirmed the quantity as being available for civilian use.
4. D/A msg W 92892, 29 Apr 50 to CINCFC requested info if dynamite available could be used as a substitute for Item 2 as requisitioned by RMG.
5. CINCFC msg CX 56163, 8 May 50, notified the D/A that the dynamite was suitable and available for RMG, Okinawa.



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6. CINCPAC msg CX 56254, 16 May 50, notified D/A that action was being initiated to furnish dynamite in accordance with msg WCL 22201, 13 May 1950. Part II of this msg notified CG, 8th Army to ship the dynamite and Part III of above msg notified CG RYCOM to furnish marking and shipping instructions.

7. RYCOM msg Y 20426, 24 May 50 notifies CINCPAC that sufficient quantities of dynamite exists within RYCOM to meet to requirements of RMG Okinawa and shipment from Eighth Army is not necessary.

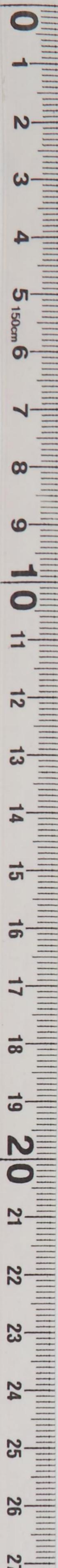
8. This msg notifies D/A of the situation with info copies to SPPE and CG Eighth Army.

9. RMG Section concurs (Col R. F. Gleim).

M. G. L.

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FROM: CINCOPAC TOKYO JAPAN  
 TO: CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN . . . . . ROUTINE (COURIER)  
 INFO: CG MARBO GUAM . . . . . ROUTINE

ZX46442

Re MARBO's msg CS 23001 MBDREP, 19 May 50, ship to CG MARBO on first available transportation approx 45,000 lbs of Composition C-2 or C-3 and 20,000 ft prima cord and also any other quantities of Composition C-2 or C-3 that can be made available. Replacements should be requisitioned from the ZI if needed. Shipment to be marked for CG 560th Composite Service Co, Saipan.

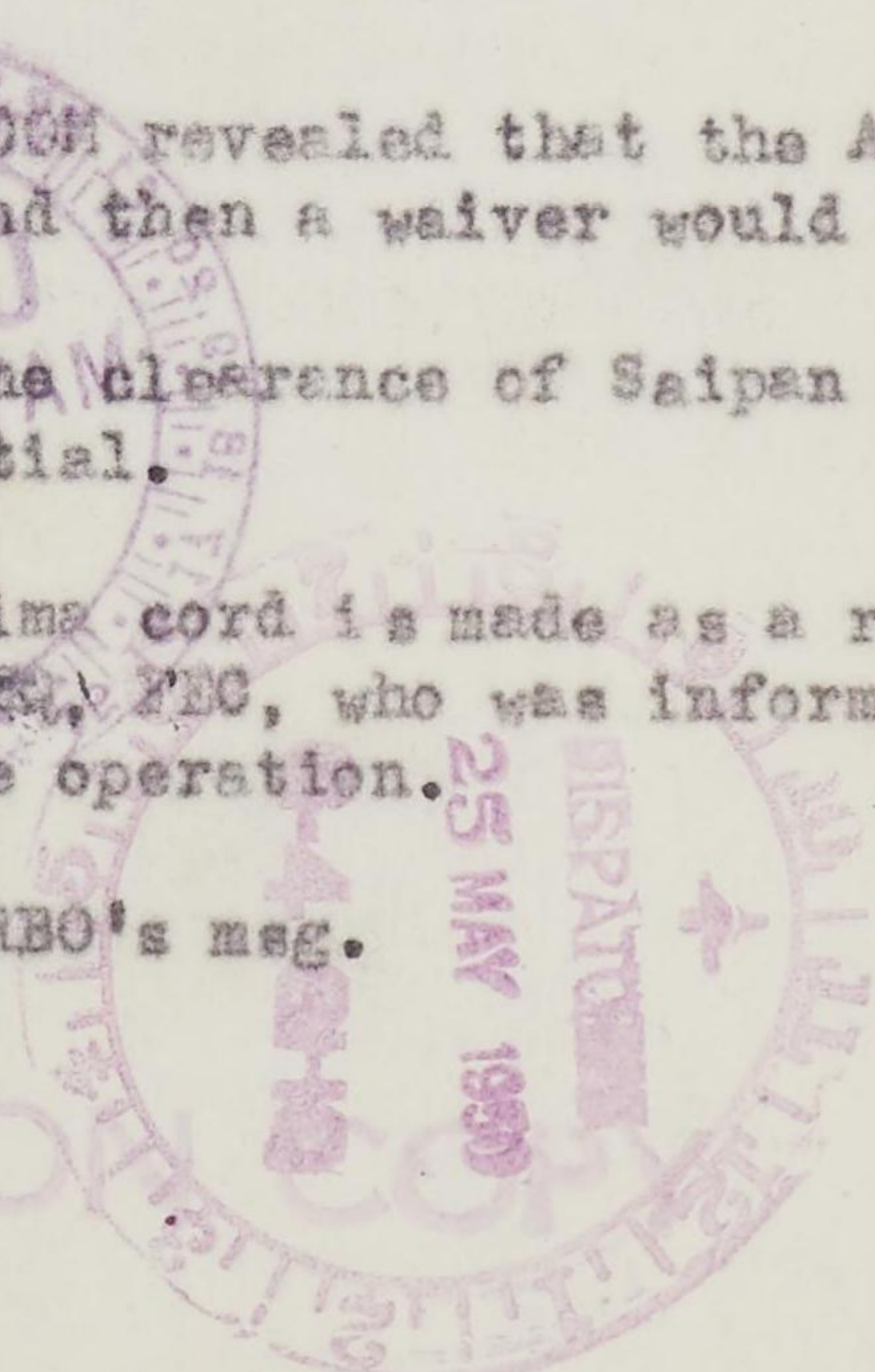
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 Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
 Ordnance Officer

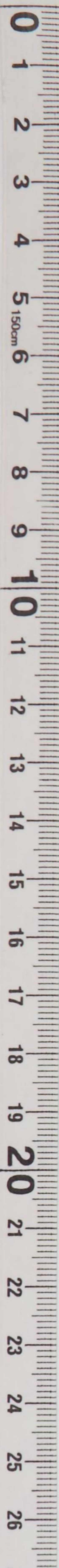
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- M/R: 1. MARBO's msg CS 23001 MBDREP, 19 May 50, requested 300 tons of Comp C-3 be furnished on first avail transportation and also requested that 6 tons be air lifted.
2. An informal check with FEAF & FEANCOM revealed that the Air Forces would only air lift 100 lbs of explosives and then a waiver would be required.
3. As this material is required for the clearance of Saipan ammunition area, the time element in shipping is essential.
4. The increase of the quantity of prima cord is made as a result of recent visit to MARBO by Rep of Ord Sect., GSC, FEAC, who was informed that 10,000 ft was not sufficient to complete the operation.
5. Eighth Army has an info copy of MARBO's msg.

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OFFICE TOKYO JAPAN

TO: CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN . . . . . (ROUTINE)

INFO: CG MARBO GUAN . . . . . (ROUTINE)

Re MARBO's msg CG 28001 MWER, 19 May 50, ship to CG MARBO on first available transportation approx 45,000 lbs of Composition G-2 or G-3 and 30,000 lb prime cord and also any other quantities of Composition G-2 or G-3 that can be made available. Replacements should be requisitioned from the AI if needed. Shipment to be marked for CG 28001 Composite Service Co., Saigon.

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APPROVED:

OFFICIAL:

URBAN HING  
Brigadier General, 5th Regt  
Ordnance Officer

K. E. BURN  
Brigadier General, 400  
Adjutant General

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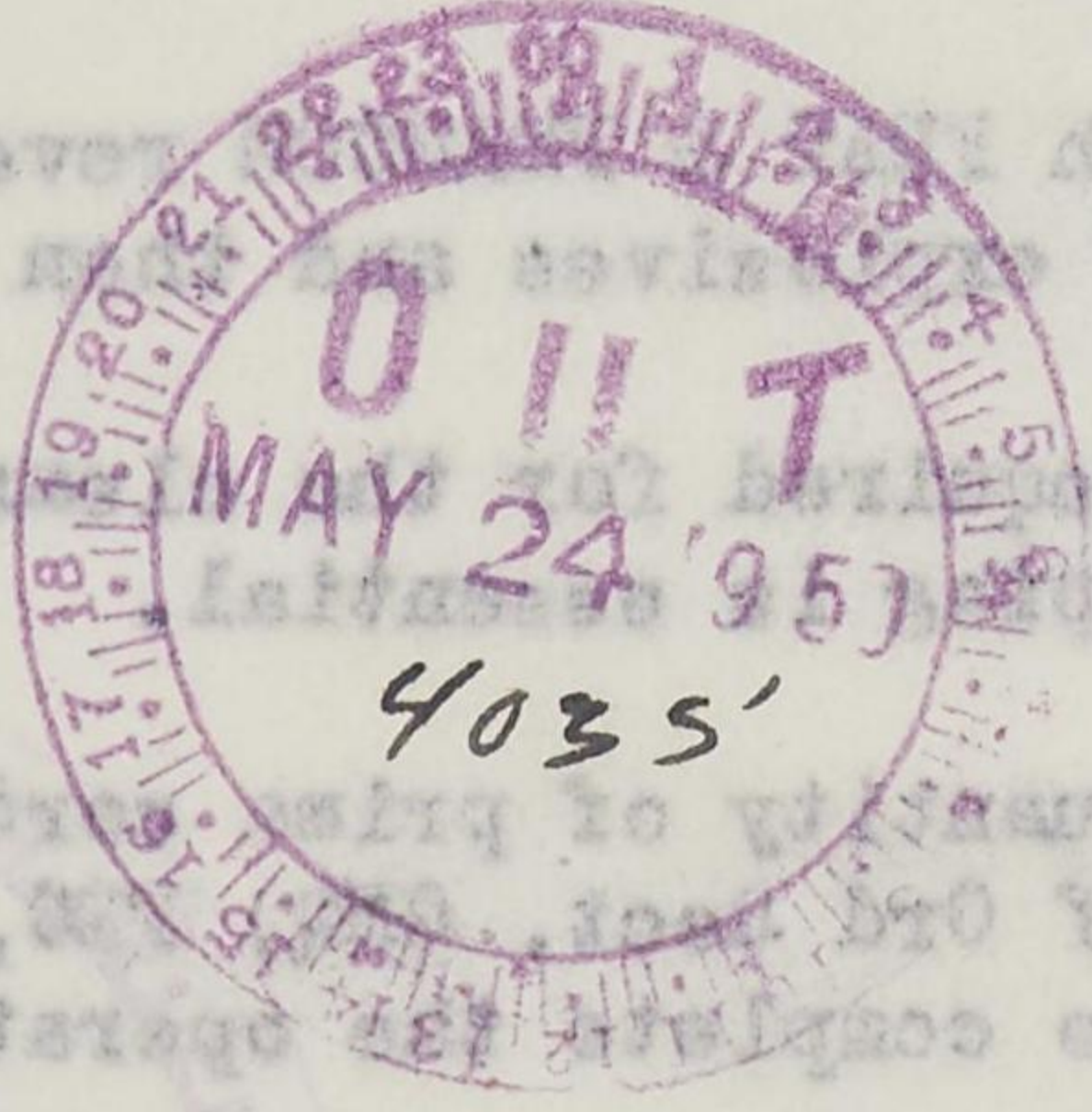
M/1: 1. MARBO's msg CG 28001 MWER, 19 May 50, requested 300 tons of G-2 or G-3 be furnished on first available transportation and also requested that 6 tons be air lifted.

2. An informal check with the Air Force revealed that the Air Force would only air lift 100 lbs of G-2 or G-3 unless a waiver would be required.

3. As this material is required for the defense of Saigon ammunition area, the time element in shipping is critical.

4. The increase of the quantity of prime cord made as a result of recent visit to MARBO by Rep of Ord. Regt. 400, who was informed that 10,000 lb was not sufficient to complete the operation.

5. Eighth Army has an info copy of MARBO's msg.



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6. Eighth Army has informally concurred in the release of 45,000 lbs of Comp C-3 which is over and above their requirements. Any additional amount would have to be removed from the reserve stocks which requires an approval of Eighth Army's G-4. The urgency of this shipment prohibits further delay and this msg requests Eighth Army to ship 45,000 lbs of Comp C-3 which is sufficient for approx 3 weeks demolition work on Saipan as an interim measure.

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ROUTINE

24 May 50

FROM : CG RYCOM OKINAWA

TO : CINCPAC (PASS TO RMGS AND PROC) TOKYO JAPAN

NR : Y 20426

URMSG CX 56254. Suf dynamite exists within RYCOM to  
furn mil govt reqts. Shpmt of add dynamite fr Eighth Army  
to RMG not nec.

NO SIG

ACTION : ~~ORDNANCE~~

INFORMATION : ~~G-4~~, RYUKYUS MG, TRANS

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G-4 ROUTING	
A C/S G-4	_____
D AC/S G-4	_____
EXECUTIVE	<i>MB</i>
OPERATIONS	<i>DFW</i>
CONST & FAC	_____
SUPPLY	_____
PETROLEUM	_____
ADMINISTRATION	<i>A</i>

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ROUTINE  
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TOO : 232300 Z  
MCN : 60225

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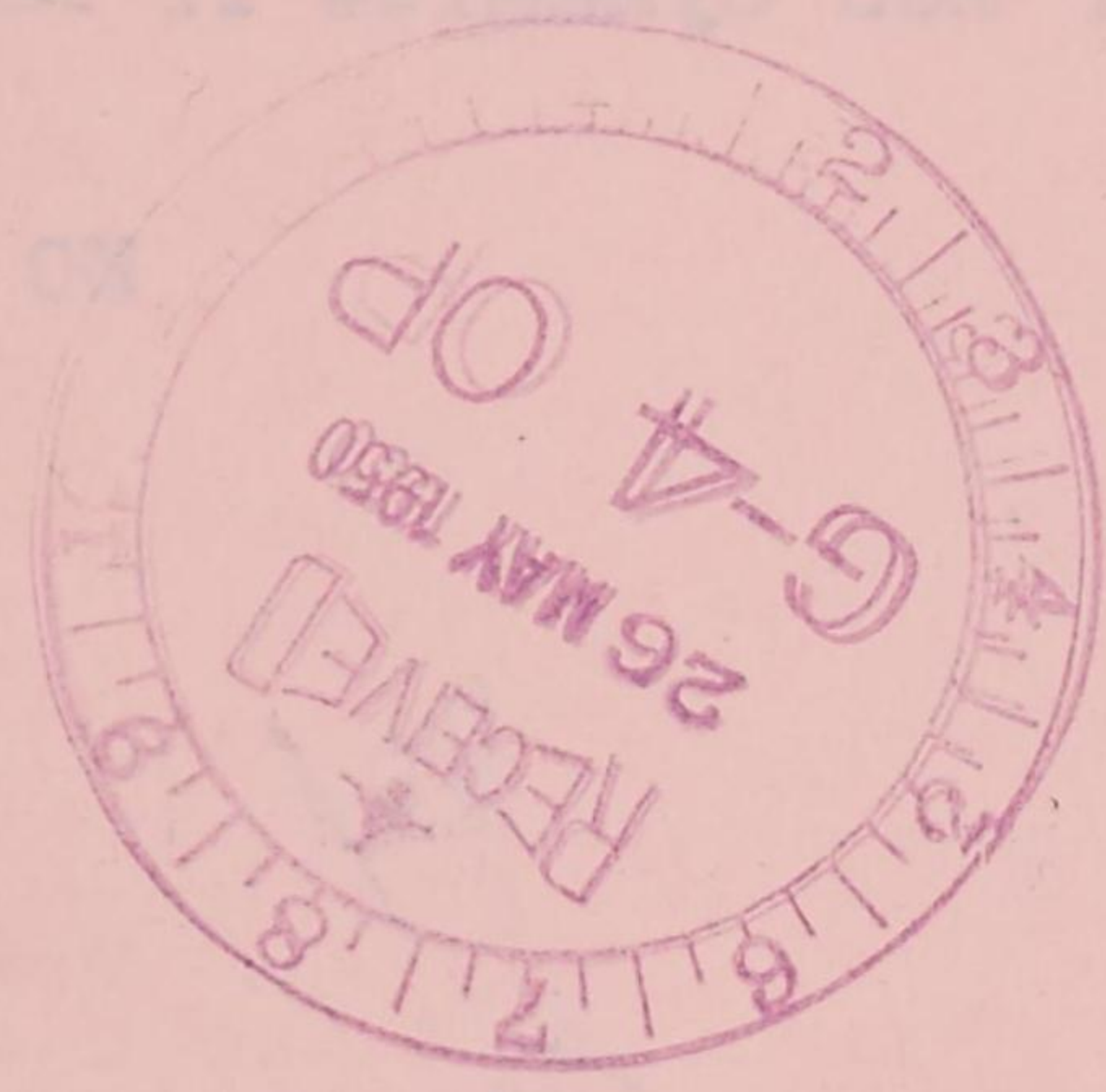
26 MAY 1950

FROM : CE BYRON CARRAN

TO : GINCHU (PASS TO RICE AND PROC) TOKYO JAPAN

REF : Y 2022

URGENT 04 2550. See duplicate status within 1000 to  
Tokyo and pass to Rice and Proc. (Y 2022) to  
Tokyo and Proc.



COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
AIR FORCE

INFORMATION : O-4, RICKUS HQ TRAF

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ROUTINE

FROM : CHIEF KMAO SEOUL KOREA

TO : DA (G-4/D 3) WASH DC

INFO : CINCPAC TOKYO JAPAN, CG SPPE FT MASON CALIF

NR : ROB 067

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Ref to W 83178.

Ref Part 1: Brass discs reqst should be 24.5mm in diameter and 4.2mm in thickness. Also should be 70% copper and 30% zinc. Other tech spec unknown due to lack of ref data.

Ref Part 2: Our reqst was for cancellation of Rqn K-3-44/0 through K-3-50/0.

Ref Part 3: Reduction arsenal program and cancellation Rqn K-3-29/0 and K-3-40/0 irrespective of decision relative sup of M 1903 rifles is desired.

Ref Part 6: Rqn for Engr UNA AF and Coast Guard are in the mail.

NO SIG

INFORMATION : COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3, G-4, AG, ORDNANCE

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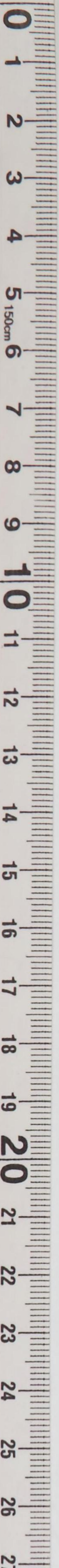
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MCN : 60198

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Class IV Projects Ammunition and Reserves.

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23 May 50

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1. References:

a. Letter GHQ FEC AG 471 (22 Mar 50) GD, subject; Theater Reserve - Ammunition, 18 May 1950, TAB "D".

b. Letter GHQ FEC AG 471 (22 Mar 50) GD, subject; Theater Reserve - Ammunition, 18 May 1950, TAB "E".

2. Above references require addressee commanders to submit to CINCPAC the ammunition and storage requirements for a Class IV Project to provide for 120 days supply of ammunition as outlined in D/A letter AGAO-S 471 (13 Mar 50) CSGLD/D4, subject: Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands, 22 Mar 50, TAB "A". Receipt of this data will cover the requirements set forth in sub-paragraph a. and b. of paragraph 2 of C/N 1.

3. Upon receipt of requested data, further action will be taken, in coordination with all interested parties, to develop a completed Class IV Project for presentation to the D/A.

4. G-4 concurs in proposed letter TAB "C".

5 Incls

- Incl 1 -- TAB "A"
- Incl 2 -- TAB "B"
- Incl 3 -- TAB "C"
- Incl 4 -- TAB "D"
- Incl 5 -- TAB "E"

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ADMINISTRATION	_____ <i>(initials)</i>

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. Ord, in C/N 1, referred to conference on contents of D/A ltr, subj "Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands," 22 Mar 50, which proposed to distinguish between oversea command normal peacetime ammunition requirements for training and emergency requirements, and further proposed that a Class IV Project be initiated to provide for the acquisition, storage and maintenance of ammunition for theater emergency plans, expressed in type of rounds and quantities. At the conference it was decided to include the ammunition requirements of Army, Navy and Air Force for an overall reserve to support the Theater Emergency Plan, to have a determination made as to total ammunition and storage requirements and existing facilities, etc. and develop the Class IV Project as proposed by D/A. In C/N 1 Ord also asked concurrence in draft of ltr to D/A, giving notice of CINCFE's agreement to the basic proposal.

2. On 18 May 50, G-4 prepared and dispatched two letters - one to 8th Army, MARBO and RYCOM, the other to COMNAFE and FEAF - each on the subj; Theatre Reserve - Ammunition. Letters gave criteria, as established by JSPOG, for figuring ammunition requirements, and requested addressees to compute and report total ammunition and storage requirements and facilities.

3. Instant checknote furnishes copies of subj two letters to Ord and informs that office that a Class IV Project will be developed upon receipt of requested data; also, that G-4 concurs in letter to D/A as drafted by Ord.

4. No further action required at this time. No Journal number.

AKA AKA 26-6055

EHM GM 26-6043 (Div Chief)

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FROM : CNO WASH DC  
TO : DA WASH DC  
INFO : CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN  
NR : 192039 Z

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Re ASTARMAT Taipei Formosa 280938 Z.  
Request by air mail detailed data concerning use of VT fuzes. Indicate basis for conclusion that they were used. Type and caliber of gun. Information which may be available on source of such fuzes. Samples of whole units or components thereof, even though fragmentary would be of extreme value.

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INFORMATION : COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, AG, DIPLOMATIC, JSPOG, FEAF, COMNAVFE

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TOO : 192039 Z  
MCN : 60146

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ADJ. AC/S G-4	
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OPERATIONS	
CONST & FAC	
SUPPLY	
PETROLEUM	
ADMINISTRATION	<i>[Signature]</i>

FROM : DA (G-4/D-8) WASH DC  
 TO : CHF KMAG SEOUL KOREA  
 INFO : CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN, CG SFPE FT MASON CALIF  
 NR : W 83178

Msg in 6 parts. Ref ROB 064.

Part 1. Ref item brass discs for cartridge cases: Furn imm further ident as to diameter and weight needed to fit die being used by Koreans. Tech spec of brass most suited also desired.

Part 2. Rqns K-3-44/03 K-3-50/0 cancelled as per your rqst.

Part 3. Do you desire reduction arsenal program and canc Rqns K-3-29/0 and K-3-40/0 irrespective of decision relative sup of M 1903 rifles?

Part 4. Will advise acceptability of proposed changes on rect info reqstd Parts 1 and 3.

Part 5. Rqns rec for Ord and Sig spare parts all classified "Secret". Rqst future rqns be unclassified.

Part 6. Rqns for spare parts for equip on hand for Engr, AF and Navy portion program not rec. Receipt desired earliest date.

NO SIG

INFORMATION : COMMANDER IN CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3, G-4, AG, ORDNANCE

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TOO : 191522 Z  
MCN : 60113

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19 May 50

FROM : CG RYCOM OKINAWA  
TO : CINCPAC (RMGS) TOKYO JAPAN  
NR : Y 20414

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URMSG CX 56254 reqtd info will be fwd soonest.

NO SIG

ACTION : ORDNANCE

INFORMATION : G-4, RYUKYUS MG, TRANS

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FROM : CG MARBO GUAM  
TO : CINCFE TOKYO JAPAN  
INFO : CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN  
NR : CS 23001 MBDEP

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Additional explosives required to complete decontamination of Saipan ammo area. Block TNT too fast and tends to scatter undetonated shells necessitating repeated dud collection and detonation. General Niblo recent visit developed recommendation we requisition 300 tons block, demolition, composition C-3 reputedly in Eighth Army Maintenance Stock. Request expedite air lift 2 weeks supply 6 tons composition and 10,000 feet primacord direct to Saipan. Further request expedite water delivery balance above requisition also direct to Saipan. Mark for CO 560th Composite Service Co, APO 244.

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**SECRET** Major W. F. Englert, 26-6055/1g

471

Additional Ammunition Allowances  
for Training Purposes

G-3

19 May 1950

(4) **PERSONNEL** 1. Reference C/N 2, G-4 to G-3, subject "Increase in Ammunition Allowances", 18 May 1950, with one inclosure.

2. G-4 has no objection to the issue of additional training ammunition where adequate stocks exist after all requirements have been taken into consideration, however, the recommendation made by reference para 1 above applies to instant situation.

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*Major*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Basic ltr, AGFE 471, subj Additional Ammunition Allowance for Training Purposes, 25 Apr 50, is request from 8th Army for additional allowance of ammo for training purposes which states that the allowances prescribed in AR 775-10 are insufficient for units currently operating under 8th Army due to extensive combat effectiveness program and the constant rotation of personnel.

2. C/N (1), G-3, thru G-4 to Ord, states that G-3 feels the desirability to approve the additional allowances and requests comments and recommendations. C/N (2), G-4 to Ord, requests that theater emergency plan requirements of the items listed on basic 8th Army ltr be indicated in order to reflect availability after all known requirements are included.

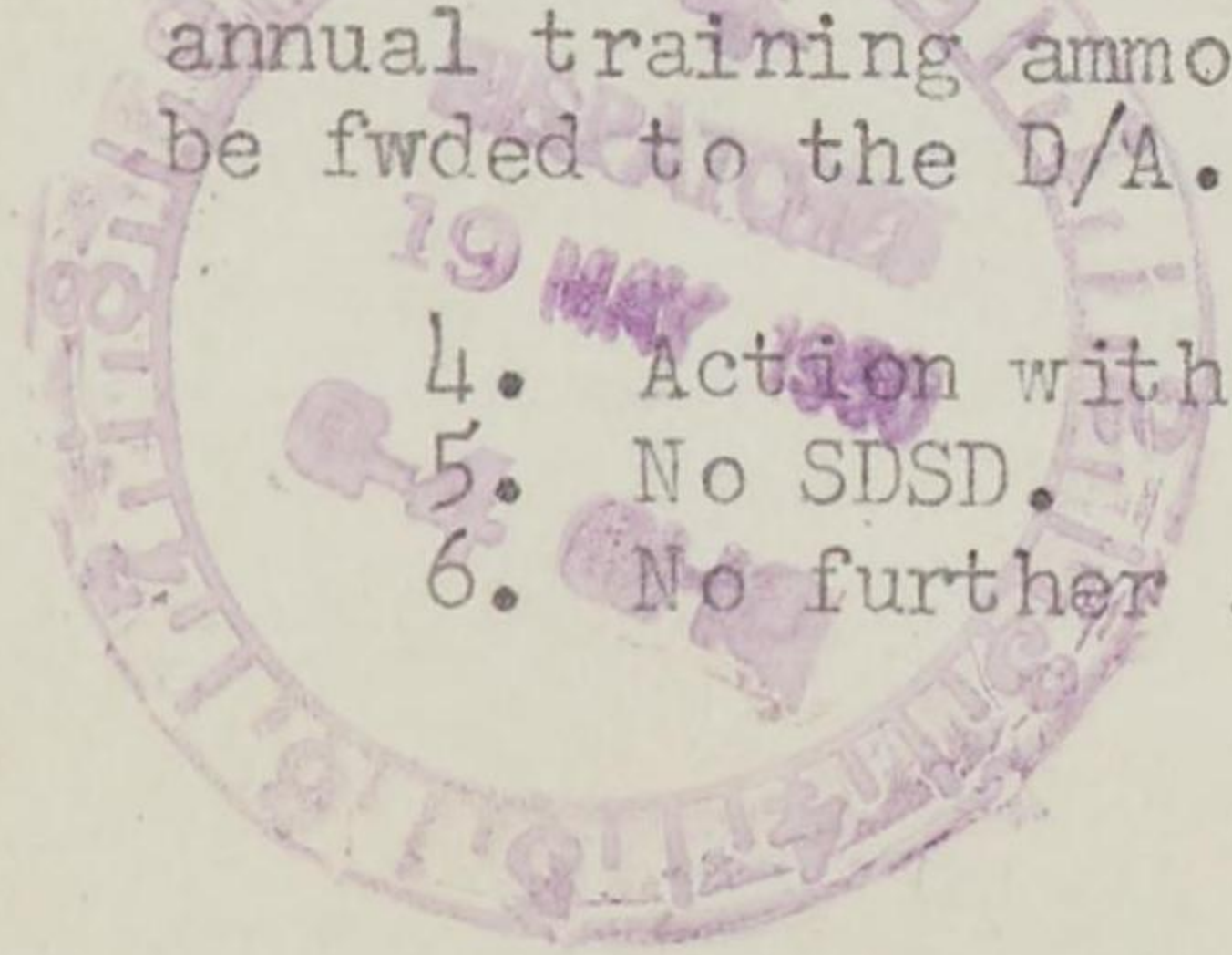
3. C/N 3, Ord to G-4 indicates theater emergency requirements for the items listed on basic 8th Army ltr and states that the following requirements have been considered in establishing retention quantities:

- One basic load.
- Supply for 120 days (as required to meet theater emergency requirements).
- One years training allowance, as authorized by AR 775-10.
- Requirements for the CINCFE Project.

Ord also recommends that request be fwded to DA for final approval.

4. G-4 concurs in Ord remarks and recommendations therefore instant C/N to G-3 informs that G-4 has no objection to the issue of additional training ammunition where adequate stocks exist after all requirements have been taken into consideration, however, it is recommended that all comds of FE be surveyed for additional annual training ammo requirements and a consolidated request for justifiable items be fwded to the D/A.

- Action within established policy.
- No SDS.
- No further action required on G-4 Journal 5714.



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From: Ord 0

To: G-4

Mr Legare 57-8196

Date: 18 May 1950

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1. Pursuant to request contained in C/N 2, the theater emergency plan requirements for the items listed on Incl 1 to attached Eighth Army letter as computed in the Ordnance Section are as follows:

	<u>FEC Reqmts</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
*Shell, HE, 37mm, AA Guns	94,080	99,156
Shell, HE, 105mm, How, M2A1 & M4	1,165,320	749,576
Shell, HE, Lt & Hvy, 81mm Mortar	464,520	499,331
Shell, HE, 60mm Mortar	268,492	220,586
Cart, Ball, Cal..30, Carbine	51,253,040	48,940,439
Cart, Cal..30 (5 & 8 rd clips and Ctn)	56,705,462	40,588,227 - Ball 17,688,974 - AP

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Additional Ammunition Allowances for  
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3 (Cont'd)	Item	FEC Rqmts	On Hand
	Gun, MG, Cal..30 (LK)	15,635,140	11,641,951 - Ball 30,545,917 - AP-T
	Gun, MG, Cal..50 (LK)	37,589,530	8,357,111 - Ball 8,181,111 - API-T
	Pistol (includes sub-machine guns)	24,724,443	13,052,820

\*These weapons are substituted for the 40mm AA guns.

2. Total retention requirements indicated in paragraph 1 above are based on the following:

a. One (1) basic load. Pending the publication by D/A of Tables of Equipment prescribing quantities, the basic load for ammunition as set forth in FM 101-10, August 1949 has been used as a guide in computing quantities required. This may result in a reduction from the old "unit of fire" quantities by approximately 1/3 or more for some types of ammunition.

b. Supply for one hundred twenty (120) days as required to meet theater emergency requirements as established by G-3. This is an increase over presently authorized reserve of forty-five (45) Days of Supply as authorized by the D/A. This reserve (120 D/S) should be established and justified as a Class IV Project to be in consonance with present D/A policy.

c. One (1) year's training allowances as authorized by AR 775-10, 17 Sep 47.

d. In addition to 2a, b and c above, requirements for small arms ammunition for the CINCPAC project have been considered.

3. Items 5, 17, 18 and 19 listed on Incl 1 to Eighth Army letter are practice items only and no requirements exist under theater reserve requirements, therefore, the quantities on hand could be issued for training.

4. Reference is made to paragraph 4c, AR 775-10, 17 Sep 47, which states that the allowances prescribed for training are not cumulative from year to year.

5. If the basic request for increases in ammunition training allowances is favorably considered by GHQ, FEC, it is recommended that the request be forwarded to the Dept of Army for final approval.

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Major W. F. Englert, 26-6055/1g

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Ammunition Allowance for RYCOM

G-3

19 MAY 1950

(2) G-4 concurs in Ordnance remarks and recommendations contained in preceding C/N, however, it is recommended that all commands of the Far East be surveyed for additional annual training ammunition requirements and a consolidated request for justifiable items be forwarded to the Department of the Army.

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G.L.E.

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: GD SP WFE/AKA/EHM/1g 18 May 50

1. Basic ltr, file AIC 471, subj Antiaircraft Artillery Ammunition Stocks, 26 Apr 50 is a request from CG RYCOM for the increase in ammo allowances for various types of guns and request for additional training amo for AAA Bns stating that these organizations could not utilize their authorized allowance during the current year 49 because of various reasons.

2. Instructions are presently being issued by CINCFE for the establishment of an overall theater reserve of ammo therefore the specific question of RYCOM is not considered in the present reply to G-3.

3. C/N 1, G-3 thru G-4, contains Ord comments and recommendations concerning the basic request for increased training allowances and a recommendation that total retention requirements should include:

- a. One basic load.
- b. 120 days of supply (as required to meet theater emergency requirements).
- c. One years' training allowance as authorized by AR 775-10, 17 Sept 47.

4. Ord recommends that if basic request for increase in training allowances is favorably considered, request should be fwded to D/A for final approval.

5. G-4 concurs in remarks and recommendations of Ord, however, instant C/N 2 to G-3 recommends that the over-all annual training allowances of the be surveyed and recommended justifiable increases be consolidated and submitted to D/A for final approval. Action within established policy.

6. Action complete on G-4 Journal 5620.

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Mr Legare 57-8196

## Ammunition Allowances for RYCOM

Ord 0

G-4

16 May 1950

G-3 (In turn)

1. Reference is made to C/N from Ord 0 to CofS, subject, Class IV Projects, Ammunition and Reserves, 24 April 1950. It is recommended that any increase in the ammunition reserve to be authorized RYCOM be handled as a Class IV Project in accordance with the procedure outlined in referenced C/N and inclosures.
2. Regarding the request for approval to expend additional quantities of ammunition over and above that authorized by AR 775-10 for 40mm and 120mm gun training, the following comments are furnished:
- a. FEC status of these two (2) types of ammunition is as follows:
- |                      | <u>FEC Rqmts</u> | <u>On Hand</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 40mm gun ammunition  | *607,080 rds     | 85,531         |
| 120mm gun ammunition | 66,452 rds       | 65,079         |
- \*Includes ammunition authorized for carriages, motor, twin 40mm gun, M19A1 authorized.
- b. Total retention requirements indicated in paragraph 2a, above are based on the following:
- (1) One (1) basic load. Pending the publication by D/A of Tables of Equipment prescribing quantities, the basic load for ammunition as set forth in FM 101-10, August 1949, with Change 1 dated March 1950 has been used as a guide in computing quantities required. This may result in a reduction from the old "unit of fire" quantities by approximately 1/3 or more for some types of ammunition.
  - (2) One hundred twenty (120) days of supply as required to meet theater emergency requirements as established by G-3. This is an increase over presently authorized reserve of 45 days of supply as authorized by the D/A. This reserve (120 D/S) should be established and justified as a Class IV Project to be in consonance with present D/A policy.
  - (3) One (1) year's training allowances as authorized by AR 775-10, 17 Sep 47.

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## Ammunition Allowances for RYCOM

Ord O

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16 May 1950

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(Cont'd) c. Ammunition for 120mm AA guns is listed in current list of ammunition items desired for return to ZI if excess to command requirements.

d. Paragraph 4c, AR 775-10, 17 Sep 47 states that the allowances prescribed in AR 775-10 are not cumulative from year to year.

- e. (1) The Ordnance Section is not wholly in accord with the statement of the Commanding General, Ryukyus Command that "Ryukyus Command was unable to conduct firing practice during calendar year 1949 due to the absence or non-operating condition of materiel". It is believed that this may also be attributed to the lack of adequate basic training of personnel replacements received.
- (2) The Ordnance Officer recommends that training allowances be increased for RYCOM as the constant turnover of personnel at this command creates a very definite training problem. The increases in ammunition training allowances should be on an overall scope and also should be projected based on long range considerations.

3. If the basic request for increase in ammunition training allowances is favorably considered at GHQ, FEC it is recommended that the request be forwarded to Dept of Army for final approval.

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Ltr RYCOM, Subj, AAA Stocks,  
26 Apr 50, w/1 Incl

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
APO 500

AG 471 ( 22 MAR 50 ) YGD

SUBJECT: Theater Reserve - Ammunition

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925  
Commander, Naval Forces, Far East, Navy Number 1165

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18 MAY 50

1. Reference: FEOP 1-50, 1 February 1950.

2. Commander-in-Chief, Far East, desires to obtain authority from Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, and Department of the Air Force to requisition a reserve of ammunition to be stored in the Far East Command, in support of the Theater Emergency Plan FEOP 1-50.

3. It is desired that each addressee submit to Commander-in-Chief, Far East, the number of rounds of ammunition by type for each area command, required to support current Air Force and Navy units at full T/O strength for one hundred twenty days. This should be in proper form for forwarding to Department of the Air Force and Department of the Navy for approval.

4. In computing daily expenditures consider an average expenditure over a twelve month period for the type and degree of combat contained in paragraph 11c, Volume II, FEOP 1-50.

5. Annual training allowances will not be included in project submitted for approval.

6. It is desired, where applicable, to effect joint ammunition storage for Army, Navy, and Air Force, therefore storage space requirements by area command for all ammunition included in the project will be computed and forwarded with report of ammunition requirements.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

30 MAY 18 1950 AG. - GHO

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Brigadier General, USA  
Adjutant General

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**SECRET**SP GD AKA/EHM/ra  
18 May 1950

MEMO FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Theater Reserve - Ammunition

1. By letter dated 22 March 1950, subj: Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands, DA proposed to distinguish between oversea command normal peacetime ammunition requirements for training and related purposes and emergency requirements. In line with this proposal, letter stated that requirements for training ammunition shall constitute the oversea command normal peacetime Class V requirement, made available by annual requisitions, with the proposal that the balance of oversea command requirements for Class V supplies planned in support of Theater Emergency Plans be determined and expressed in types of rounds and quantities and to be handled as a Class IV Project.
2. At a G-4 conference, attended by Ord, JSPOG, FEAF and G-3, it was concluded that the resolution of the problem should include requirements of Army, Navy and Air Force for an overall reserve to support the Theater Emergency Plan. Steps to implement the project were outlined, including determination of ammunition requirements by command, computation of storage space required, determination of existing facilities, and recommendations on action necessary to meet the requirements of fulfilling the Class IV Project by redistribution, requisitioning of items in short supply and disposal of items excess to available storage and maintenance facilities.
3. As a first step in the implementation of the program, G-4 forwarded to C/S draft of proposed letters to 8th Army, MARBO and RYCOM, FEAF and COMNAVFE, requesting the first three to submit a Class IV operational project and requesting the last two to submit the number of rounds of ammunition by type for each area command required to support AF and Navy units at full T/O strength for 120 days. Criteria were also furnished to FEC major commands for a computation of rate of expenditure on the subject ammunition.
4. On 17 May, Chief of Staff approved draft of two letters as presented by G-4. Subj letters are being dispatched herewith.
5. G-4 action complete on Journal No. 5672.

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Class IV Projects Ammunition and Reserves

G-4

Chief of Staff

15 May 1950

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1. Reference is made to:

a. C/N (1) in which Ordnance outlines a plan for establishing Class IV projects to obtain and store Class V supplies in support of the Theater Emergency Plan, FEOP 1-50.

b. C/N (2) in which JSPOG proposes to extend the Ordnance plan for storage of Class V supplies to all classes of supplies and further stated that JSPOG was unable to give any information, other than that contained in FEOP 1-50, concerning ammunition requirements.

2. Since the storage of ammunition is a separate problem from the storage of other classes of supplies and in view of the fact that the Ordnance C/N is prepared for the purpose of implementing the Dept of Army proposal, G-4 does not consider it advisable to include any supplies other than Class V. Other classes of supplies will be handled by separate action.

3. To determine the ammunition storage requirement, G-4 proposes to dispatch a letter to COMNAVFE, CG FFAF, and subordinate commands in the Far East outlining the criteria for computing ammunition requirements in support of FEOP 1-50 and directing that Class IV operational projects be submitted authorizing the requisitioning of ammunition as determined to be required.

4. Upon receipt of Class IV projects they will be reviewed and matched against storage facilities available. If necessary pro rata cutbacks will be made for all three services in order to reduce the requirements to conform to available storage facilities. The Class IV projects as adjusted and approved by CINCFE will be submitted to the Dept of Army for supply action.

5. G-4 recommends that:

a. Ordnance be authorized to proceed with the plan outlined in C/N (1) as modified by this G-4 C/N.

b. Proposed command letters (TAB D) prescribing the submission of Class IV projects be approved and returned to G-4 for action.

6. Concurrences:

a. G-3 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Ordnance \_\_\_\_\_

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
APO 500

AG 471 (22 Mar 50 )GD

18 May 1950

SUBJECT: Theater Reserve - Ammunition

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925  
Commander, Naval Forces, Far East, Navy Number 1165

1. Reference: FEOP 1-50, 1 February 1950.

2. Commander-in-Chief, Far East, desires to obtain authority from Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, and Department of the Air Force to requisition a reserve of ammunition to be stored in the Far East Command, in support of the Theater Emergency Plan FEOP 1-50.

3. It is desired that each addressee submit to Commander-in-Chief, Far East, the number of rounds of ammunition by type for each area command, required to support current Air Force and Navy units at full T/O strength for one hundred twenty days. This should be in proper form for forwarding to Department of the Air Force and Department of the Navy for approval.

4. In computing daily expenditures consider an average expenditure over a twelve month period for the type and degree of combat contained in paragraph 11c, Volume II, FEOP 1-50.

5. Annual training allowances will not be included in project submitted for approval.

6. It is desired, where applicable, to effect joint ammunition storage for Army, Navy, and Air Force, therefore storage space requirements by area command for all ammunition included in the project will be computed and forwarded with report of ammunition requirements.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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Brigadier General, USA,  
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
APO 500

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SUBJECT: Theater Reserve - Ammunition

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343  
Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APO 246  
Commanding General, Ryukyus Command, APO 331

- References: a. FEOP 1-50, 1 February 1950.  
b. Department of the Army letter AGAO-S 471 (13 Mar 50) CSGLD/D4, subject: Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands, 22 March 1950 (copy attached).

2. Based on mission assigned in FEOP 1-50 and considering current authorized units (plus one, 120mm AA Gun Bn, Eighth Army) at full T/O strength, it is desired that each command submit to Commander-in-Chief, Far East, a Class IV operational project for the number of rounds by type of ground ammunition to support operations for one hundred twenty days.

3. One day of supply will be considered the average rate of expenditure of ammunition for the type and degree of combat contained in paragraph 11c, Volume II, FEOP 1-50. For example, Eighth Army, one-fourth of a day at the rate of expenditure in an attack of a hastily organized position and three-fourths of a day at the rate of expenditure in an inactive situation (see Field Manual 101-10, August 1949). The one hundred twenty day level for items whose expenditure rate is not contained in Field Manual 101-10 will be computed from Department of the Army letters AGAO-S 471 (18 Aug 48) CSGSP-M, subject: Ground Ammunition Day of Supply, 26 August 1948, AGAO-S 471 (3 Jan 49) CSGLD/D2, subject: Ground Ammunition Day of Supply, 11 January 1949, and AGAO-S 471 (2 Feb 49) CSGLD/D2-M, subject: Ground Ammunition Day of Supply, 21 February 1949.

4. The basic load and annual training allowance will be deducted in showing theater availabilities for the operational project. The basic load as outlined in Field Manual 101-10, August 1949, as amended by Change 1, March 1950, is prescribed as the basic load for Far East Command units.

5. It is desired, where applicable, to effect joint ammunition storage for Army, Navy and Air Force, therefore

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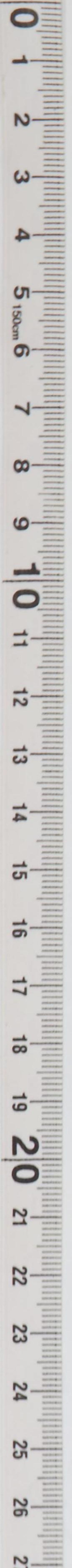
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AGAO-S 471 (13 Mar 50)CSGLD/D4

22 March 1950

SUBJECT: Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East  
Commanding General, United States Army, Caribbean  
Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific

1. Reference is made to the following:
  - a. AR 775-10, subject, "Qualification in Arms and Ammunition Training Allowances."
  - b. SR 730-5-1 - AFR 67-22, subject, "Oversea Supply," Section IV, Basis for Supply.
  - c. Supply Supplement, Part II of The Troop Program, U. S. Army, 1 February 1950.
2. The present system of establishing supply levels in oversea theaters, expressed in days of supply, essentially is based upon the frequency of the requisition or replenishment cycle for all classes of supply as necessitated by geographic considerations and the availability of shipping facilities. It is believed that this concept of supply should not continue to be applied to ammunition items under peacetime conditions, since ammunition is not susceptible to a steady cycle of peacetime consumption, or replenishment, being expended principally for authorized seasonal training programs or special purposes authorized by the Department of the Army directives.
3. It is proposed to distinguish between oversea command normal peacetime ammunition requirements for training and related purposes, and emergency requirements.
4. Oversea requirements for training ammunition will continue to be based upon AR 775-10. These annual requirements shall constitute the oversea command normal peacetime Class V requirement, and continue to be available for use beginning 1 January of each year as prescribed in the referenced regulation.
5. It is proposed that the balance of the oversea command requirements for Class V supplies planned in support of appropriate theater emergency plans be determined and expressed in types of rounds

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and quantities, and forward as soon as practicable to the Department of the Army, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Logistics, as an Operational Project in the form prescribed for Class IV Projects in paragraph 26c (1), Section IV, SR 730-5-1 - AFR 67-22. Detailed data in justification of the project, including a statement of assumptions regarding necessary resupply time, are required. In arriving at quantities recommended for approval, every consideration must be given to assigned theater mission under current emergency plans, full utilization of total theater resources, and the availability of adequate storage facilities, as well as funds and qualified personnel with which to provide proper in-storage maintenance. The quantities of each ammunition item recommended for approval will not exceed those amounts necessary to meet requirements for theater emergency operations during the period oversea commanders estimate to be required to effect resupply from the Zone of Interior. It is planned that theater emergency stocks of ammunition, when approved as an Operational Project, will consist of stocks balanced by requisition on the Zone of Interior. Authority to requisition to meet shortages under the proposed Operational Project will be withheld pending receipt of the Bill of Materials, required by reference lb, above, for edit by appropriate Technical Services and final action by the Department of the Army. The required Bill of Materials should be annotated to reflect United States Air Force requirements. In addition, theater excesses of ammunition items, if any, will be subject to disposal action, return to the Zone of Interior, or retained in accordance with existing instructions.

6. If the proposed procedure is feasible, it is desired that the provisions of preceding paragraph 5 be implemented by each addressee. If the above procedure cannot be implemented comments and recommendations are desired.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

/s/ Edward F. Witsell

/t/ EDWARD F. WITSELL  
 Major General, USA  
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
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AG 471 ( 22 Mar 50 )GD

18 May 1950

SUBJECT: Theater Reserve - Ammunition

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343  
Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APO 246  
Commanding General, Ryukyus Command, APO 331

1. References: a. FEOP 1-50, 1 February 1950.

b. Department of the Army letter AGAO-S 471 (13 Mar 50) CSGLD/D4, subject: Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands, 22 March 1950 (copy attached).

2. Based on mission assigned in FEOP 1-50 and considering current authorized units (plus one, 120mm AA Gun Bn, Eighth Army) at full T/O strength, it is desired that each command submit to Commander-in-Chief, Far East, a Class IV operational project for the number of rounds by type of ground ammunition to support operations for one hundred twenty days.

3. One day of supply will be considered the average rate of expenditure of ammunition for the type and degree of combat contained in paragraph 11c, Volume II, FEOP 1-50. For example, Eighth Army, one-fourth of a day at the rate of expenditure in an attack of a hastily organized position and three-fourths of a day at the rate of expenditure in an inactive situation (see Field Manual 101-10, August 1949). The one hundred twenty day level for items whose expenditure rate is not contained in Field Manual 101-10 will be computed from Department of the Army letters AGAO-S 471 (18 Aug 48)CSGSP-M, subject: Ground Ammunition Day of Supply, 26 August 1948, AGAO-S 471 (3 Jan 49)CSGLD/D2, subject: Ground Ammunition Day of Supply, 11 January 1949, and AGAO-S 471 (2 Feb 49)CSGLD/D2-M, subject: Ground Ammunition Day of Supply, 21 February 1949.

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5. It is desired, where applicable, to effect joint ammunition storage for Army, Navy and Air Force, therefore

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storage space requirements for all ammunition included in operational project will be computed and forwarded with the operational project.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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AGAO-S 471 (13 Mar 50)CSGLD/D4

22 March 1950

SUBJECT: Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East  
Commanding General, United States Army, Caribbean  
Commanding General, United States Army, Pacific

1. Reference is made to the following:

a. AR 775-10, subject, "Qualification in Arms and Ammunition Training Allowances."

b. SR 730-5-1 - AFR 67-22, subject, "Oversea Supply," Section IV, Basis for Supply.

c. Supply Supplement, Part II of The Troop Program, U. S. Army, 1 February 1950.

2. The present system of establishing supply levels in oversea theaters, expressed in days of supply, essentially is based upon the frequency of the requisition or replenishment cycle for all classes of supply as necessitated by geographic considerations and the availability of shipping facilities. It is believed that this concept of supply should not continue to be applied to ammunition items under peacetime conditions, since ammunition is not susceptible to a steady cycle of peacetime consumption, or replenishment, being expended principally for authorized seasonal training programs or special purposes authorized by the Department of the Army directives.

3. It is proposed to distinguish between oversea command normal peacetime ammunition requirements for training and related purposes, and emergency requirements.

4. Oversea requirements for training ammunition will continue to be based upon AR 775-10. These annual requirements shall constitute the oversea command normal peacetime Class V requirement, and continue to be available for use beginning 1 January of each year as prescribed in the referenced regulation.

5. It is proposed that the balance of the oversea command requirements for Class V supplies planned in support of appropriate theater emergency plans be determined and expressed in types of rounds

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Subject: Levels of Ammunition for Oversea Commands

and quantities, and forward as soon as practicable to the Department of the Army, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Logistics, as an Operational Project in the form prescribed for Class IV Projects in paragraph 26c (1), Section IV, SR 730-5-1 - AFR 67-22. Detailed data in justification of the project, including a statement of assumptions regarding necessary resupply time, are required. In arriving at quantities recommended for approval, every consideration must be given to assigned theater mission under current emergency plans, full utilization of total theater resources, and the availability of adequate storage facilities, as well as funds and qualified personnel with which to provide proper in-storage maintenance. The quantities of each ammunition item recommended for approval will not exceed those amounts necessary to meet requirements for theater emergency operations during the period oversea commanders estimate to be required to effect resupply from the Zone of Interior. It is planned that theater emergency stocks of ammunition, when approved as an Operational Project, will consist of stocks balanced by requisition on the Zone of Interior. Authority to requisition to meet shortages under the proposed Operational Project will be withheld pending receipt of the Bill of Materials, required by reference 1b, above, for edit by appropriate Technical Services and final action by the Department of the Army. The required Bill of Materials should be annotated to reflect United States Air Force requirements. In addition, theater excesses of ammunition items, if any, will be subject to disposal action, return to the Zone of Interior, or retained in accordance with existing instructions.

6. If the proposed procedure is feasible, it is desired that the provisions of preceding paragraph 5 be implemented by each addressee. If the above procedure cannot be implemented comments and recommendations are desired.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

/s/ Edward F. Witsell

/t/ EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

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Attn: Chief, Supply Division (6)

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Major W. F. Englert, 26-6055/lg

Increase in Ammunition Allowances

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18 May 50

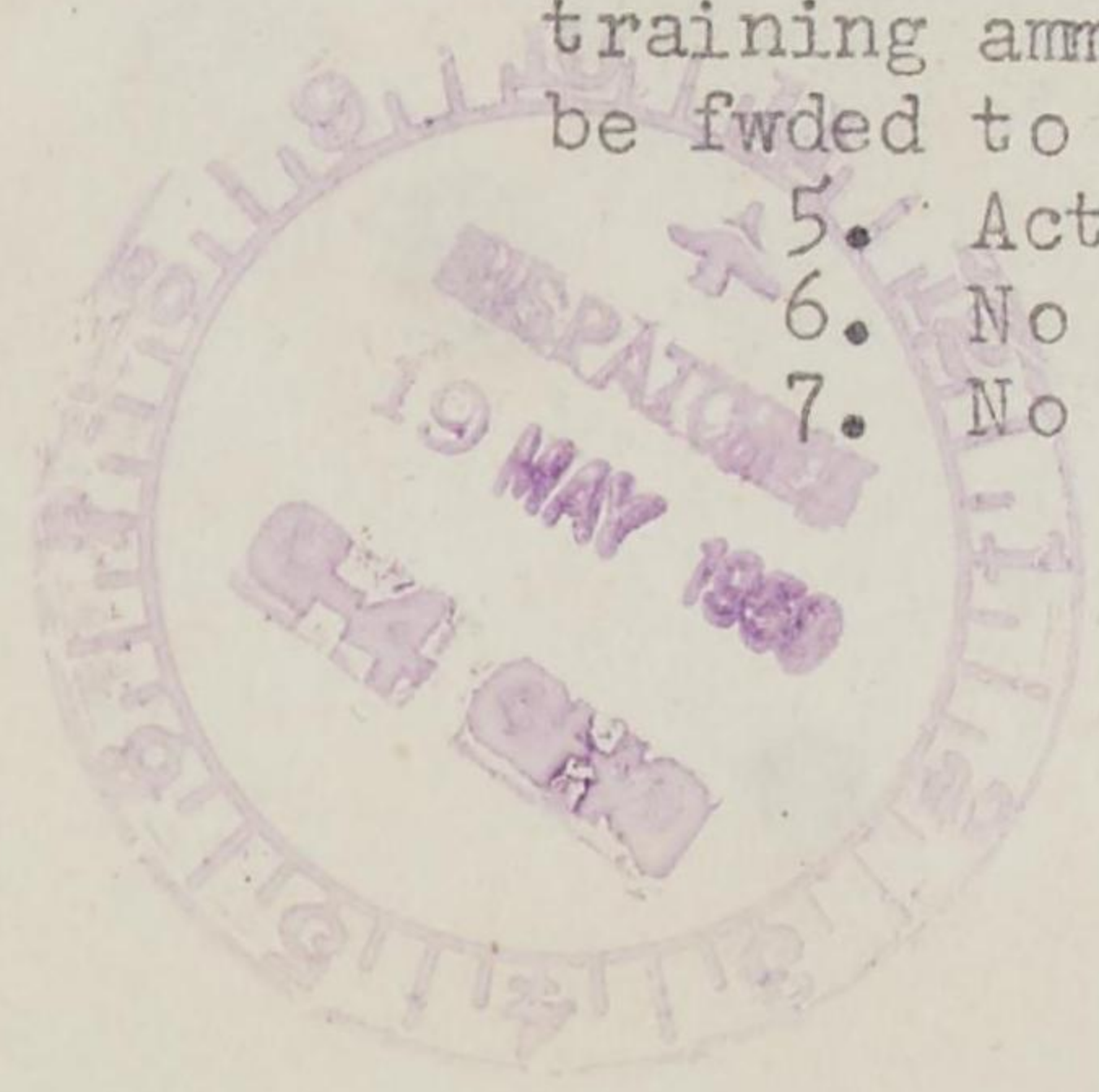
G-4 concurs in Ordnance remarks and recommendations contained in preceding C/N, however, it is recommended that all commands of the Far East be surveyed for additional annual training ammunition requirements and a consolidated request for justifiable items be forwarded to the Department of the Army.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: GD SP WFE/AKA/EHM/lg 18 May 1950

1. Basic ltr, AGFE 471, subj "Increase in Ammunition Allowances" 8 May 50, is request from CG 8th Army for additional annual training allowances of specific types of ammunition to provide for additional familiarization firing, qualification firing and service practice due to the intense combat effectiveness training program and the constant flow of replacement personnel.
2. C/N 1 to G-3 thru G-4 contains Ord remarks and recommendations. Ord considers that the total retention requirements for the types of ammo listed in basic ltr should be:
  - a. One basic load.
  - b. 120 days of supply (as required to meet theater emergency requirements).
  - c. One year's training allowance as authorized by AR 775-10, 17 Sept 47.
3. Ord recommends that if the basic request is favorably considered, same should be forwarded to D/A for final approval.
4. G-4 concurs in Ord remarks and recommendations. However instant C/N to G-3 recommends that all comds of FE be surveyed for additional annual training ammo requirements and a consolidated request for justifiable items be fwded to D/A.
5. Action within established policy.
6. No SDSD.
7. No further action required on G-4 Journal 5651.



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(Div Chief)

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Mr Legare 57-8196

Increase in Ammunition Allowances

Ord O

G-4

16 May 1950

G-3 (In turn)

1 1. The attached correspondence addressed to CINCPAC, Attn: AC/S, G-3 was forwarded by AG to Ordnance Section.

2. The items requested in paragraph 3a, b and c of basic letter, are in short supply within the Far East Command based upon the present authorization of one (1) B/L, 45 D/S and one (1) year's training.

3. It is considered by the Ordnance Section that total retention requirements for the types of ammunition listed in basic letter should be as follows:

a. One (1) basic load. Pending the publication by D/A of Tables of Equipment prescribing quantities, the basic load for ammunition as set forth in FM 101-10, August 1949, with Change 1 dated March 1950, has been used as a guide in computing quantities required. This may result in a reduction from the old "unit of fire" quantities by approximately 1/3 or more for some types of ammunition.

b. One hundred twenty (120) Days of Supply as required to meet theater emergency requirements as established by G-3. This is an increase over presently authorized reserve of forty-five (45) Days of Supply as authorized by the D/A. This reserve (120 D/S) should be established and justified as a Class IV Project to be in consonance with present D/A policy.

c. One (1) year's training allowances as authorized by AR 775-10, 17 Sep 47.

4. If the basic request for increases in ammunition training allowances is favorably considered at GHQ, FEC, it is recommended that the request be forwarded to Dept of Army for final approval.

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Ltr, Increase in  
Ammo Allowances,  
8 May 50

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
APO 500

AG 400 ( 16 Jan 50 )GD

18 May 1950

SUBJECT: Disposal of Ammunition Scrap Brass

TO: Commanding General  
Ryukyus Command  
APO 331

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1. References:

a. Letter, General Headquarters, Far East Command, AG 400 (16 Jan 50)GD, subject, Supply and Servicing Procedures and Salvage Operations, 16 January 1950.

b. Special Regulations 755-60-5, Department of the Army, 1 February 1950.

2. Information available to this headquarters indicates that there are an estimated eight thousand (8000) tons of ammunition scrap brass on hand in the Ryukyus Ammunition Depot on which disposal action has not been initiated.

3. Since this scrap falls within the classification of strategic and critical materials per reference 1b, above, it is desired that action be taken to transfer all of subject scrap to the local salvage account and report same for disposition in accordance with the above referenced special regulation.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

*MAILED 1430 MAY 18 1950*

CLARK MARSHALL  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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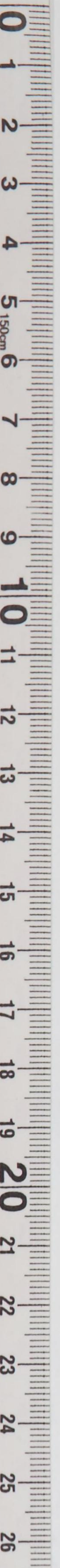
M/R: Staff visit by Mr. Legare, this headquarters, April 1950, determined RYCOM Ammunition Depot had on hand an estimated 8000 tons of ammunition scrap brass on which no disposal action had been taken. This ltr directs that disposition be initiated by RYCOM.

*Para 41 Copper Reportable (Refined in primary form 20 tons 5641  
(all copper alloy materials having net salvage value are to be reported.) J. V. D.*



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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MACARTHUR:

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Subject: Basic Loads of Ammunition

Note No.

From: Ord O

To: G-4

Date: 16 May 1950

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Attached for your information and file is a copy of Eighth Army letter, AGOA 471, subject, Basic Loads of Ammunition, 9 May 1950.

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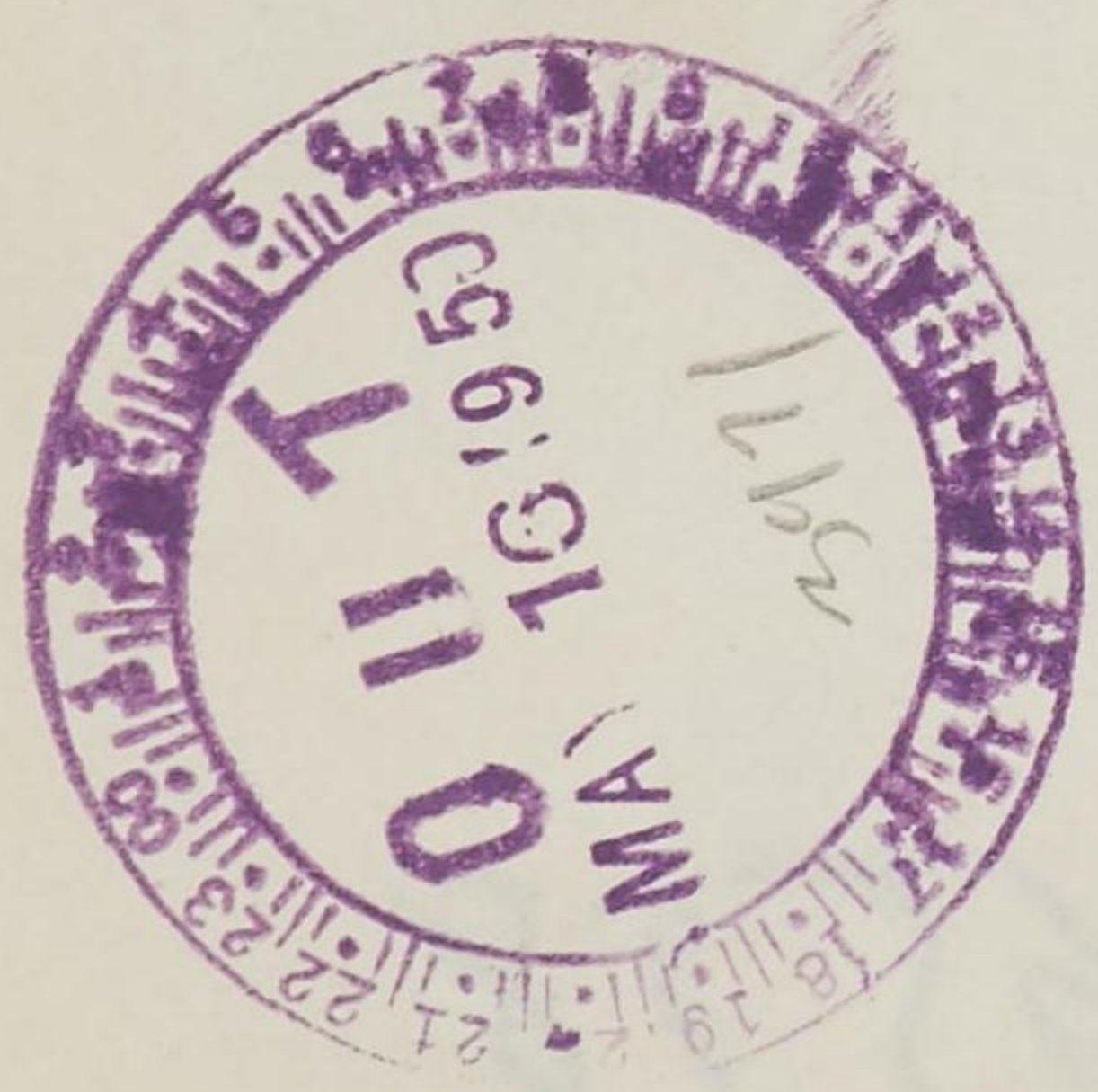
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1	Ord 0	0-4	16 May 1950
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AGCA 471, subject, Basic Loads of Ammunition, 8 May 1950.			
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY  
United States Army  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 343

S - 1 June 1950

AGOA 471

9 May 1950

SUBJECT: Basic Loads of Ammunition

TO: See Distribution

1. Present basic load of ammunition as prescribed by General Headquarters, Far East Command, and listed in Circular 4, this headquarters, 18 January 1950, is too large a tonnage in some cases to be carried in every unit's organic transportation without seriously overloading the vehicles.

2. In view of above, it is desired that each addressee commander submit plans as follows:

a. Detailed plans showing how the basic load of ammunition that is prescribed in FM 101-10 will be carried in authorized T/O&E vehicles. These plans should include a specific plan for each type of divisional unit (infantry, artillery, engineers, etc.).

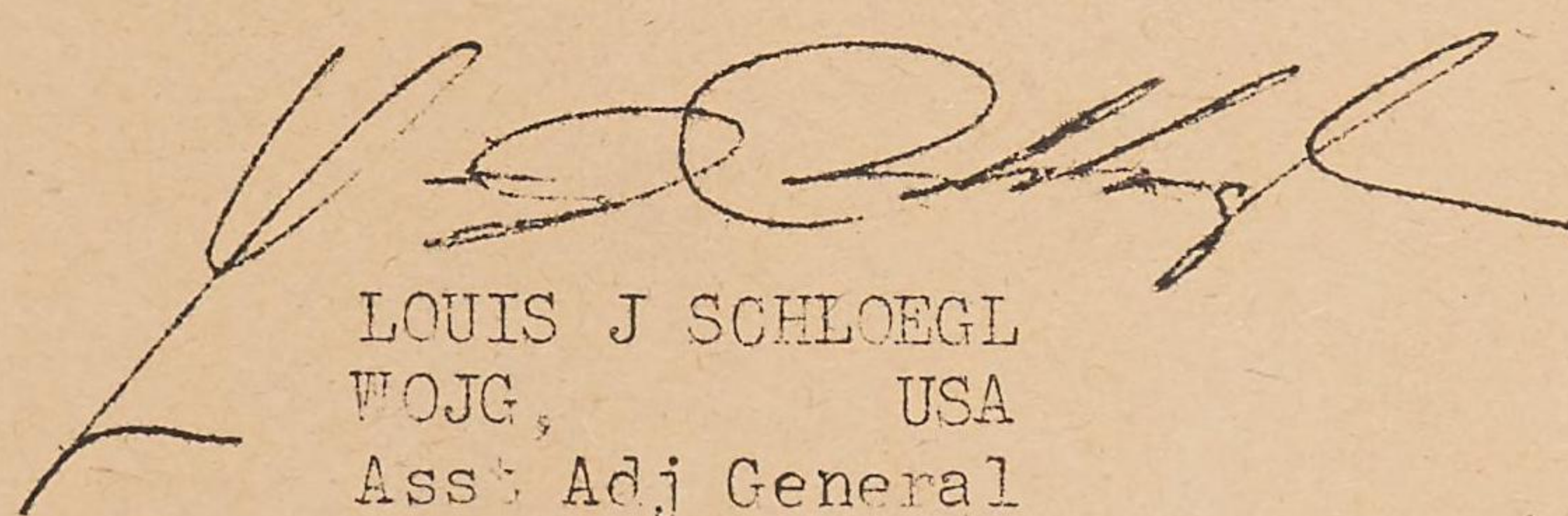
b. Specific plans as to the disposition to be made of ammunition that is over and above that prescribed in FM 101-10 but authorized by Circular 4.

3. The basic load of ammunition prescribed in FM 101-10 will be the minimum amount carried by units during maneuvers and alerts.

4. Above plans will be prepared and submitted to this headquarters not later than 1 June 1950.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

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Less Medical Units

  
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WOJG, USA  
Ass't Adj General

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS FAR EAST COMMAND  
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SUBJECT: Basic Loads of Ammuni-  
tion (c/n fr Ord)

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Gen Eberle \_\_\_\_\_

Col. Forsyth \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Col. Laux \_\_\_\_\_

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FAR EAST COMMAND

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16 MAY 1950

FROM: CINCFC TOKYO JAPAN

TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASHINGTON D C . . . . . ROUTINE

CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN . . . . . ROUTINE (COURIER)

CG RYCOM OKINAWA . . . . . ROUTINE

CX56254 This msg in three parts.

Part I to Dept of Army. Action in Part II below to furnish dynamite for Ryukyus Military Government is being taken in accordance with urmeg WCL 22201, 13 May 1950.

Part II to CG Eighth Army. Desire you ship to RYCOM for Civ Sup Program TOG 59-3-404, 35,000 pounds 75% dynamite. Advise action taken.

Part III to CG RYCOM. Furnish CG Eighth Army soonest marking and shipping instructions for dynamite referred to in Part II above.

OFFICIAL:

APPROVED:

K. B. BUSH  
Brigadier General, AGD  
Adjutant General

URBAN NIBLO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

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CG EISON OKINAWA . . . . . ROUTINE

CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN . . . . . ROUTINE (COPIES)

DEPT OF ARMY WASHINGTON D C . . . . . ROUTINE

This was in three parts.

Part I to Dept of Army. Action in Part II below to furnish documents for Japanese Military Government is being taken in accordance with message WOL 22301, 13 May 1950.

Part II to CG Eighth Army. Desire you ship to EISON for CIV SUP Program 206 50-2-404, 22,000 pounds 75% quantity. Advise action taken.

Part III to CG EISON. Furnish CG Eighth Army nearest working and shipping instructions for documents referred to in Part II above.

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OFFICIAL:

URBAN HIRLO  
Brigadier General, G-3 Dept  
Organize Officer

K. B. BUSH  
Brigadier General, AGO  
Adjutant General

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Eighth Army reported an excess of dynamite gelatin 75% on Oversea Command Forecast of Requirements Report.
2. The D/A queried 8th Army as to availability of the dynamite for civilian use.
3. 8th Army msg EX 43053 (OA) confirmed the quantity of dynamite as being available.
4. D/A msg W 82392, 29 Apr 50 to CINCPAC requested info if the dynamite available could be used as a substitute for Item 2 as requisitioned by RMG.
5. CINCPAC msg CX 56163, 8 May 50 notified the D/A that the dynamite was suitable and was available for RMG, Okinawa.
6. The 8th Army Ammo Supply Officer was informally notified, when msg CX 56163 was prepared, to earmark the 35,000 lbs of dynamite for RMG.
7. This msg directs 8th Army to ship the dynamite in accordance with marking and shipping instructions to be furnished by CG RYCOM and informs D/A of action being taken.
8. Concurrence from RMG for proposed msg has been obtained 15 May 50 (Mr. Cleland).

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*8 A excess dynamite approved by D/A for issue to RMG. 8A informed to ship 35,000 lbs. as per instructions CG RYCOM.*

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Class IV Projects Ammunition and Reserves

Chief of Staff

15 May 1950

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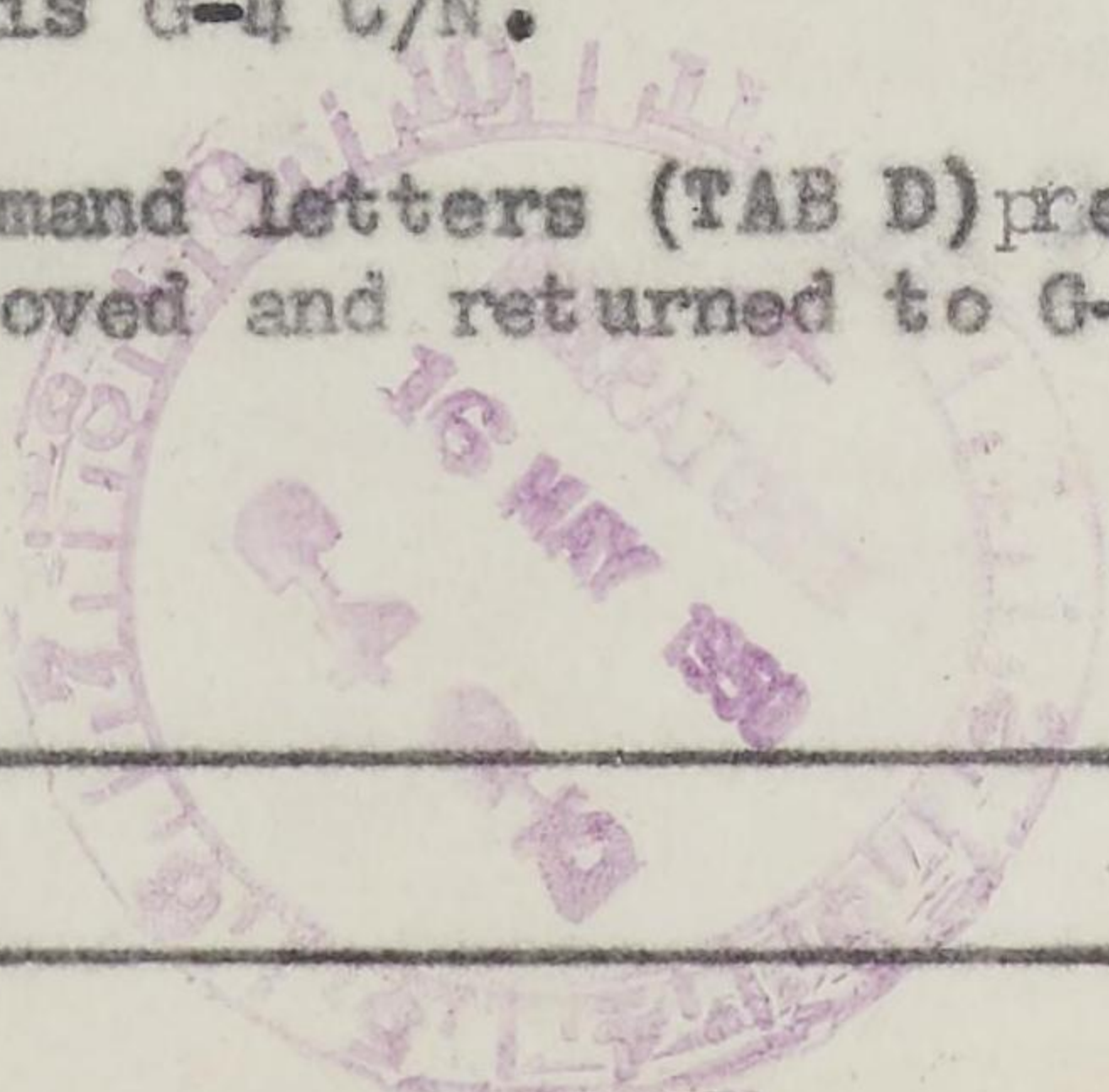
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1. Reference is made to:
  - a. C/N (1) in which Ordnance outlines a plan for establishing Class IV projects to obtain and store Class V supplies in support of the Theater Emergency Plan, FEOP 1-50.
  - b. C/N (2) in which JSPOG proposes to extend the Ordnance plan for storage of Class V supplies to all classes of supplies and further stated that JSPOG was unable to give any information, other than that contained in FEOP 1-50, concerning ammunition requirements.
2. Since the storage of ammunition is a separate problem from the storage of other classes of supplies and in view of the fact that the Ordnance C/N is prepared for the purpose of implementing the Dept of Army proposal, G-4 does not consider it advisable to include any supplies other than Class V. Other classes of supplies will be handled by separate action.
3. To determine the ammunition storage requirement, G-4 proposes to dispatch a letter to COMNAVFE, CG FFAF, and subordinate commands in the Far East outlining the criteria for computing ammunition requirements in support of FEOP 1-50 and directing that Class IV operational projects be submitted authorizing the requisitioning of ammunition as determined to be required.
4. Upon receipt of Class IV projects they will be reviewed and matched against storage facilities available. If necessary pro rata cutbacks will be made for all three services in order to reduce the requirements to conform to available storage facilities. The Class IV projects as adjusted and approved by CINCFE will be submitted to the Dept of Army for supply action.
5. G-4 recommends that:
  - a. Ordnance be authorized to proceed with the plan outlined in C/N (1) as modified by this G-4 C/N.
  - b. Proposed command letters (TAB D) prescribing the submission of Class IV projects be approved and returned to G-4 for action.

6. Concurrences:

- a. G-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Ordnance \_\_\_\_\_

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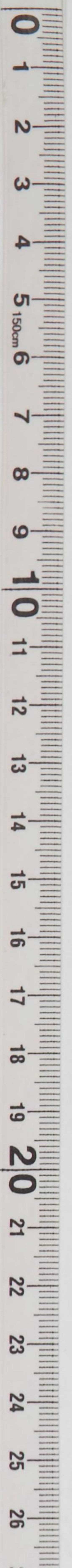


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Class IV Projects Ammunition and Reserves.

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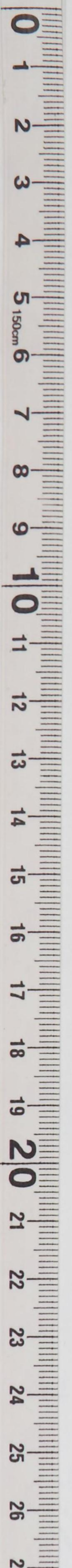
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- 2. 1. References: a. FEOP 1-50, Volumes II, III and IV (Distributed to GHQ General Staff Sections and to Technical Service Sections by AG).
  - b. JSPOG C/N to G-4 and Ordnance Officer dated 24 April 1950, subject: "FEC Army War Troop Basis".
- 2. With reference to the Ordnance Officer's proposal at C/N No. 1, the views of JSPOG are as follows:
  - a. JSPOG guidance for the determination of ammunition requirements is contained in FEOP 1-50, Volumes II, III and IV as amended by reference 1 b, revised, phased Army war troop basis. Specific reference is made to:
    - (1) "Logistic Priority Groups", (paragraph 5, page 4, Volume II, FEOP 1-50)
    - (2) "Supply Requirements", including type and degree of combat anticipated (paragraph 11, page 12, Vol II, FEOP 1-50).
  - b. Storage requirements, either joint or unilateral, should not be considered for Class V separately, but should be considered for all classes of supply concurrently.
  - c. Pre-D-Day implementation of the Logistic Annex to FEOP 1-50 involves current supply actions on a continuing basis. This implementation includes the establishment of a strategic reserve. These actions have an impact on current budget allocations and current utilization of facilities and services. It is considered that G-4, GHQ, is the staff section having primary interest in these operations. If, in the course of these operations, it is determined that the guidance contained in FEOP 1-50 is not in fact adequate, JSPOG will develop additional guidance, if it is feasible to do so.
  - d. It is considered that G-4 should issue the necessary instructions leading to the implementation of paragraph 4 c., page 3, Vol II, FEOP 1-50.
- 3. JSPOG concurs in proposed letter (Tab C) to C/N No. 1.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
APO 500

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SUBJECT: Theater Reserve - Ammunition

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343  
Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APO 246  
Commanding General, Ryukyus Command, APO 331

1. References:

- a. FEOP 1-50, 1 February 1950.
- b. Department of the Army letter AGAO-S 471 (13 Mar 50)

CSGLD/D4, subject: Levels of Ammunition for Overseas Commands,  
22 March 1950 (copy attached).

2. Based on mission assigned in FEOP 1-50 and considering current authorized units (plus one, 120mm AA Gun Bn, Eighth Army) at full T/O strength, it is desired that each command submit to Commander-in-Chief, Far East, a Class IV operational project for the number of rounds by type of ground ammunition to support operations for one-hundred twenty days.

3. One day of supply will be considered the average rate of expenditure of ammunition for the type and degree of combat contained in paragraph 11c, Volume II, FEOP 1-50. For example, Eighth Army, one-fourth of a day at the rate of expenditure in an attack of a hastily organized position and three-fourths of a day at the rate of expenditure in an inactive situation (see Field Manual 101-10, August 1949).\*

4. The basic load and annual training allowance will be deducted in showing theater availabilities for the operational project. The basic load as outlined in Field Manual 101-10, August 1949, as amended

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by Change 1, March 1950, is prescribed as the basic load for Far East Command units.

5. It is desired, where applicable, to effect joint ammunition storage for Army, Navy and Air Force, therefore storage space requirements for all ammunition included in operational project will be computed and forwarded with the operational project.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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FROM : CG RYCOM OKINAWA  
 TO : CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN  
 INFO : CINCPAC TOKYO JAPAN  
 NR : YX 20396

Ref CINCPAC msg CX 55675 Part I sufficient quantities of serviceable shell, fixed HE, M 71, with supply chg, with fuze mech time M 43 A 2 and Fuze VT, M 92 (T 74 E 6) are avail and are being screened for shipment. Other 2 items have been screened and the folg quantities will be shipped:

275 shell fixed smoke, WP, M 312 and 1026 projectile fixed, APCT, M 82 with fuze, BD, M 68. Will notify date of shpmt.

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13 May 50

FROM : DA (G-4/D 8) WASH DC

TO : CINCPAC TOKYO JAPAN (PASS TO RYUKYUS MIL GOV AND CG  
EIGHTH ARMY FOR INFO)

INFO : CG SFPE (OSD) FT MASON CALIF

NR : WCL 22201

URMSG CX 56163 dtd 8 May cable in 2 parts.

Part 1. Civ Sup Program TOG 59-3-404 being issued author-  
izing sup to Ryukyus 35,000 pounds 75% dynamite earmarked from  
Eighth Army excesses.

Part 2. TOG 59-3-215 Revision 3 being issued deleting  
Item 2, 75% dynamite 35,000 pounds.

NO SIG

ACTION : ORDNANCE

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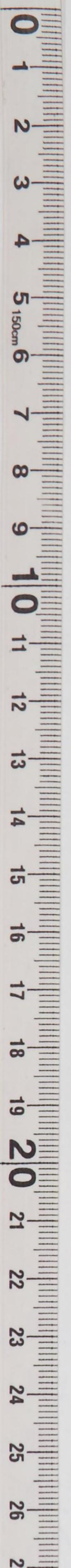
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to MIL GOVERNOR RYUKYUS for info.

NOTE : This msg passed by AG Rad Unit via Courier to CG EIGHTH  
ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN for info.

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Ltr. Commanding General, Hq 24th Inf Div, subj: Waiver of Ammunition Safety Requirements, 22 March 1950

AG 471 (22 Mar 50)OR 2d Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500 12 MAY 50

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. A revised waiver is granted for the storage of ammunition in the present area of the 24th Division Artillery, Camp Hakata, Kyushu.

2. This revised waiver is granted for an indefinite period, and is applicable to the storage of ammunition types and quantities as listed on Inclosure 1.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

MAILED 16 00 MAY 12 '50 AG. GHQ.

2 Incls  
n/c

H. FRAZIER  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. A waiver was granted to store certain quantities of ammunition within the 24th Division Artillery Ammunition Storage Area in September 1948.

2. 8th Army requested a revised waiver to cover certain increases in quantities of ammunition allocated to the 24th Division Artillery

3. This area does not fully comply with quantity-distance requirements, however sand barricades are in existence which lessens the potential hazards.

4. GHQ, FEC, Circular 11, 21 Feb 49, provides for the granting of waivers covering ammunition storage requirements for a period of time determined appropriate by GHQ, FEC. An indefinite waiver is considered justified.

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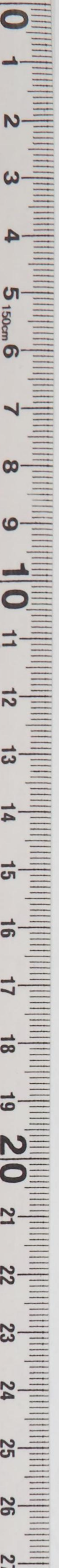
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- 1. A market was granted to store certain quantities of ammunition...
- 2. This does not fully comply with quantity-distance requirements...
- 3. This does not fully comply with quantity-distance requirements...

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Chief, VAD  
H. BARNER

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RECOMMENDATION:

...to the storage of ammunition...  
...this market is intended for an indefinite period...  
...the present plan of the 34th Division...  
...to provide for the storage of ammunition...

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SUBJECT: Waiver of Ammunition Safety Requirements

- c. There are no violations of inhabited building distances.
- d. No other storage area is available without major construction.
- e. Magazines as shown are temporary shelters only. Magazines 3, 7, 8, and 9 have shed roof and canvas sides with concrete floors, other magazine have wood or tin sides and wood floor.
- f. Storage as proposed will be complete agreement with the Storage Combination Chart, paragraph 183, TM 9-1900, except that shell, illuminating, 155mm is listed in that paragraph as separate loading shell rather than as pyrotechnics.
- g. Overlay of area inclosed as inclosure 2.

FOR THE COMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls  
 1 - Qty by Mag  
 2 - Overlay

/s/ FRANCIS B. FRANK  
 WOJG USA  
 Asst. Adj. Gen

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, APO 343

To: Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500

Recommend approval of waiver requested in basic letter.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls: n/c

/s/ Melvin M. Kernan  
 Lt Colonel, AGD  
 Asst Adjutant Gen

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HEADQUARTERS, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Kokura, Kyushu, Japan

AG 471 - 0

APO 24

SUBJECT: Waiver of Ammunition Safety Requirements

THRU: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 7, Circular No. 11, GHQ FEC, 21 February 1949, it is requested that permanent waiver be granted for storage of ammunition by the 24th Division Artillery, Camp Hakata, Kyushu, in the quantities and types as listed on inclosure 1.

2. Waiver was previously granted for storage of ammunition in this storage area by 5th Ind, GHQ, FEC, 20 September 1948, to letter, Headquarters, Eighth Army, 3 August 1948, subject: "Waivers for Ammunition Storage Violations", file AGOA 471 (classified). This waiver was granted, however; covers only the quantity of ammunition that was actually in storage at the time the waiver was requested. The revised waiver is requested only to permit this unit to store the following:

a. One basic load of Ordnance Ammunition as authorized by current weapons and ammunition authorization.

b. One basic load of Chemical Corps Ammunition.

c. Temporary storage of 10% of explosive weight to cover storage of training ammunition for periods not to exceed 30 days.

3. The following additional information is furnished:

a. Magazine to magazine distances are less than those prescribed by paragraph 172, TM 9-1900.

b. Magazine to public highway distance is less than that prescribed by paragraph 172, TM 9-1900. This highway is used almost solely for transportation to and from Camp Hakata and is not normally used by any other personnel.



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Ltr. Commanding General, Hq 24th Inf Div, AG 471, subj: Waiver of  
Ammunition Storage Regulations, 22 March 1950

AGC 471 (22 Mar 50) OR 2d Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500 12 MAY 50

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

Reference is made to paragraph 2 basic letter. The requested  
waiver for violations of magazine to magazine distances and interline  
distances from magazines to operating buildings are approved and will  
extend for an indefinite period.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

MAILED 1600 MAY 12 '50 AG. - GHO

2 Incls  
n/c

H. FRAZIER  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

The basic letter requests a waiver on certain violations of the  
quantity distance requirements.

This indorsement grants the waiver as requested.

M.G.L.

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Mr. Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Div, Ft. Cav, Ind. 471, Subj: Waiver of  
Admission Storage Regulations, 22 March 1950

1001 571 (22 Mar 50) OR

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, 1ST CAVALRY DIV, FT. CAV, IND. 471

TO: Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Div, AGO 343

Reference is made to paragraph B basic letter. The requested  
waiver of violation of regulation re magazine distance and inventory  
distances from magazines to operating buildings are approved and will  
extend for an indefinite period.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL HEADQUARTERS:

MAILED 600 MAY 18 1950

J. FRASIER  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

The basic letter requests a waiver on certain violations of the  
quantity distance requirements.  
This indorsement grants the waiver as requested.

M.G.I.

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d. All magazines are in an excellent state of repair and provide for excellent storage of ammunition.

e. Operating buildings are of frame structure. Building 25, Surveillance and Renovation Building, has spark proof flooring.

f. Plot plan of the storage area is inclosed herewith as inclosure 2.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL.

2 Incls:  
1- Qty by Mag  
2- Plot Plan

/s/ Francis B Frank  
WOJG USA  
Asst Adj Gen

AGOA 471 1st Ind 5 May 1950

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, APO 343

To: Commander-in-Chief, FAR East, APO 500

Recommend approval of waiver requested in basic letter.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:  
n/c/

/s/ Melvin M. Kernan  
Lt Colonel AGD  
Asst Adjutant Gen

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HEADQUARTERS, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Kokura, Kyushu, Japan

AG 471 - 0

APO 24  
22 March 50

SUBJECT: Waiver of Ammunition Storage Regulations

THRU: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Commander-in-chief, Far East Command, APO 500

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 7, Circular No. 11, GHQ, FEC, 21 February 1949 it is requested that waiver be granted for storage of ammunition and explosives at Tomino Ammunition Supply Point, Kokura, Kyushu, Japan, in the quantities by magazine as listed in inclosure 1.

2. Waiver is required for violations of paragraph 81, Ordnance Safety Manual, OO Form No 7224, 3 May 1945 for certain violations of magazine to magazine distances and interline distances from magazines to operating buildings. There are no violations of inhabited buildings distances.

3. The following additional information is submitted:

a. All magazines are under ground storage tunnels. Three (3) steel doors are between the storage of ammunition and the outside area.

b. Magazines 1, 2 and 3 are connected by a lateral tunnel which is located between the first and second doors of the entrance to each magazine. Steel doors are provided at the side of each magazine entrance so that each magazine is protected from the other by six (6) steel doors. The remaining magazines are so constructed that a similiar lateral passage was is provided between each two magazines. These laterals are also provided with door at each end.

c. Magazines are so constructed as to provide passage was completely around each inner tunnel. The inner tunnel is of concrete construction, copper lined with spark proof floors. Tow of the three steel doors are on this tunnel. The outer tunnel of some magazines is of concrete structure and of others is rock only without concrete facing.

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Ltr, CO, Hqs 2d Trans Med Port, AGOA 471, subj: Ammunition Waiver for Kurihama Port Facility, 5 April 1950

AGOA 471 (5 Apr 50)OR 3rd Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

11 MAY 50

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference is made to paragraph 2, 2d Indorsement. An indefinite waiver is granted for the violations of Inhabited building, Public railway and Public highway quantity distances as requested in paragraph 7 c, d and e of basic letter.

2. This waiver is granted under the following conditions:

- a. That only one (1) barge loaded with ammunition, ammunition-components, and/or explosives will be anchored or tied at each buoy.
- b. That not more than two (2) barges loaded with ammunition, ammunition components and/or explosives will be tied or spotted at the pier at any one time.
- c. That only five (5) cars either empty or loaded will be spotted on the pier at any one time.
- d. That only ten (10) cars containing class 9 or 10 explosives or twenty-five (25) cars containing classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 materials will be held in the consolidating yard at any one time.
- e. That the consolidating yard be under constant guard during the time that loaded rail cars are being held either for consolidation or shipment.
- f. That the applicable provisions of Section XIV, OSM 7224, 3 May 1945 as amended by Ordnance Department Safety Bulletins, will govern the handling and safety of cars containing ammunition, ammunition components and/or explosives while in the consolidating yard.
- g. That under no circumstances will any of these safety provisions outlined above or in the basic letter be sacrificed or jeopardized to gain increased production or to increase the amount of tonnage handled.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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Captain, AGD  
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Ammunition War Dept, Wash DC, 25 Apr 1950  
Kwajalein Port Facility, 5 April 1950

AGOA 471 (2 Apr 50) OR  
3rd Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference is made to paragraph 2, 2d Indorsement. A waiver is granted for the violation of inhibited building, public highway and public highway quantity distances as requested in paragraph 7, 2 and 3 of basic letter.

2. This waiver is granted under the following conditions:

a. That only one (1) barge loaded with ammunition, ammunition components, and/or explosives will be anchored or tied at each pier.

b. That not more than two (2) barges loaded with ammunition, ammunition components and/or explosives will be tied or spotted at the pier at any one time.

c. That only five (5) cars either empty or loaded will be spotted on the pier at any one time.

d. That only ten (10) cars containing class 2 or 10 explosives or twenty-five (25) cars containing classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 materials will be held in the consolidating yard at any one time.

e. That the consolidating yard be under constant guard during the time that loaded rail cars are being held either for consolidation or shipment.

f. That the applicable provisions of Section XIV, OSM 1934, 3 May 1948 as amended by Ordnance Department Safety Bulletin, will govern the handling and safety of cars containing ammunition, ammunition components and/or explosives while in the consolidating yard.

g. That under no circumstances will any of these safety provisions outlined above or in the basic letter be sacrificed or jeopardized to gain increased production or to increase the amount of tonnage handled.

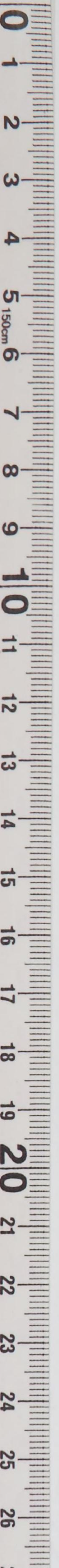
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MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. The basic letter from Hqs 2d Medium Port requests waivers on certain violations of the quantity distance tables that presently exist at Kurihama.

2. This Ind. approves the requests but includes certain stipulations that should be included in the safety provisions for the Port of Kurihama. The basic letter indicated that these provisions would be placed into effect, however it is believed that an outright expression would relieve any doubt as to the requirements for safety.

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AGAO 471 2nd Ind  
SUBJECT: Ammunition Waiver for Kurihama Port Facility

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, APO 343

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500

1. References:

a. Letter, Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500, AG 413.44 (18 Oct 49) SC-SS, 15 December 1949, subject: "Signal Corps Reclassification and reconditioning Program", and 1st indorsement, this headquarters, 9 Feb 50.

b. Letter, Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500, AG 471 (20 Mar 50)OR-GD, 20 March 50, subject: "Ammunition Safety Precautions at Kurihama Harbor".

2. It is recommended that waivers requested in par 7 c, d and e of basic letter be granted. These waivers involve a reduction of quantity distance requirements in "Inhabited Building Distance", "Public Highway Distance" and "Public Railway Distance".

3. In order to accomplish the reclassification and reconditioning of Signal supplies and equipmentt required by reference la above and in order to properly warehouse valuable signal equipment which is now in open storage, this headquarters is assigning to the Yokohama Signal Depot warehouse building of the former Yokosuka Japanese Nval Storehouse at Kurihama (marked on inclosure 4 as Civil Property Custodian Warehouses). No other adequate warehouse area is available within economical transportation range of present Signal storage and maintenance activities. However, no waivers are necessary to permit the use of these buildings.

4. Survey directed in paragraph 4 of reference lb is being accomplished.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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/s/ Thomas A. Mitchell  
1st Lt. AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS  
2d TRANSPORTATION MEDUIM PORT  
APO 503

AGTB 471

5 April 1950

SUBJECT: Ammunition Waiver for Kurihama Port Facility

THRU: Commanding General  
Yokohama Command  
APO 503TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

## 1. References:

- a. Circular 11, General Headquarters, Far East Command, dated 21 February 1949.
- b. Ordnance Safety Manual, O.O. Form 7224, dated 3 May 1945.
- c. United States Coast Guard Regulations, NAVCG 108 (Revised), dated 6 September 1945.
- d. Army Regulation, 55-470, dated 30 December 1942.

2. In compliance with requirements of paragraph 7, Circular 11, General Headquarters, Far East Command, dated 21 February 1949, this letter is submitted for the purpose of reporting specific situations and conditions under which it has been found necessary to depart from the regulatory provisions of Section 10, paragraph 77, Tables of Quantity Distance Ordnance Safety Manual, O.O. Form 7224 dated 3 May 1945, at the Kurihama Port facility, a responsibility of Headquarters, 2d Transportation Meduim POrt, APO 503.

3. Cognizance is made of the spirit and requirements of paragraph 4d, Circular 11, and this headquarters commits itself to adherence within limits prescribed by pertinent directives insofar as it is possible to do so.

4. Local action has been initiated on or about 12 March 1950 by this headquarters for the purpose of improving control of "in and out" movement of rail cars, barges and vessels carrying ammunition.

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5 April 1950

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ammunition components and explosives.

5. The following specific improvements have been made after a comprehensive study of the overall requirements of safety and operation were considered:

a. A plan has been formulated whereby the necessity for holding rail cars loaded with ammunition, ammunition components, and/or explosives will be reduced to five (5) cars. In the past as many as twenty-five (25) cars were so held pending themmaking up of a train.

b. A rearrangement of the Barge-Holding\*buoys in Kurihama Bay (Incl #5) will permit more strict compliance with safety requirements in that it will provide widely spaced buoys at which proper hazard segregations may be made in compliance with appropriate compatability requirements of AR 55-470 and United States Coast Guard Regulations, NAVCG 108 (Revised).

c. A Ship Anchorage one (1) mile out, has been provided in area 35 13' 20" N and 139 45' 20" E, (Incl #3) for the anchoring of vessels carrying Class 9 and 10 explosive ammunition in amounts totaling over 40,000 pounds net of explosives filler and propellant. This anchorage will also be utilized if and when Class 12 hazardous cargo, such as Ammonium Nitrate, is handled through Kurihama Port Facility.

d. A consolidating Yard (Incl #6) has been provided about 1200 feet north of the city of Kurihama and about 1000 feet west of the highway leading into Kurihama from the direction of Yokosuka. This consolidating yard shall be utilized for the holding of cars in preparation for the making up of trains to ammunition depots. The following controls will govern the holdings of loaded cars in the Consolidating Yard:

- (1) A restriction for the holding of no more than ten (10) cars loaded with Class 9 and 10 explosives ammunition is in effect.
- (2) A restriction for the holding of no more than twenty-five (25) cars of Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 combined is likewise in effect.
- (3) It is not recommended to hold/rail cars of explosive ammunition overnight.
- (4) It shall be required that the OIC of the Kurihama port facility furnish the necessary number of guards.

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to adequately patrol the holding area as a safeguard against trespass and/or acts of sabotage.

6. To the extent possible under the confining limitations of nearby industrial establishments and population density every effort has been expended to minimize the hazards pertaining to the handling and movement of explosives and ammunition at and about the Kurihama Bay and City of Kurihama. However, despite all that can be done, violations of quantity distance cannot be completely eliminated. In the following paragraph specific mention of violations as well as a specific adequacy is set forth.

7. a. Ship Anchorage (Incl #3) located in area  $35^{\circ} 13' 20''$  N and  $139^{\circ} 45' 20''$  E at a distance of not less than one (1) mile from any land point is considered adequate and conforms will all regulations covering any class of ammunition in any amounts, likely to be carried aboard vessels.

b. Ship Moorings (Incl #4) located at distances 2,120 feet and 3,040 feet are considered adequate for the handling of ammunition of classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8; and such limiting quantities of ammunition of classes 9 and 10 as follows:

(1) Mooring #1 (Incl #4) is limited to the handling of 25,000 pounds net of explosives and propellant charges of classes 9 and 10.

(2) Mooring #6 (Incl #4) is limited to the handling of 40,000 pounds net of explosives and propellant charges of classes 9 and 10.

c. Barge-Holding-Buoys (Incl #5). Request waivers on distances (Incl #1) marked with asterisk (\*) in columns "Inhabited Building Distances", "Public Railway Distances", and "Public Highway Distances".

d. Ammunition Dock Chart (Incl #2). Request waivers on all distances shown in Quantity Distance Chart (Incl #1) in columns "Inhabited Building Distances", "Public Railway Distances", and "Public Highway Distances".

(1) Attention invited to preceding paragraph 5a.

e. Consolidating Yard (Incl #6). Request waiver on distances indicated in Incl #6 which do not comply with distance requirements on

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SUBJECT: Ammunition Wiaver for Kurihama Port Facility.

Incl #1, columns "Inhabited Building Distances", "Public Railway Distances" and "Public Highway Distances".

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1. Quantity Distance Chart
2. Map showing Ammunition Pier
3. Map showing location of ship anchorage
4. Map showing location of ship moorings
5. Map showing location of barge-buoys
6. Schematic drawing of area northwest of Kurihama station

/s/ EDW. A. KLEINMAN  
Colonel TC  
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Headquarters Yokohama Command, APO 503, 12 April 1950

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 543

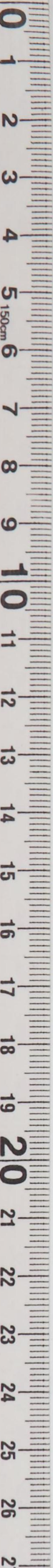
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
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FROM: CIRCULAR TOKYO JAPAN

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- CG RYCOM OKINAWA . . . . . ROUTINE
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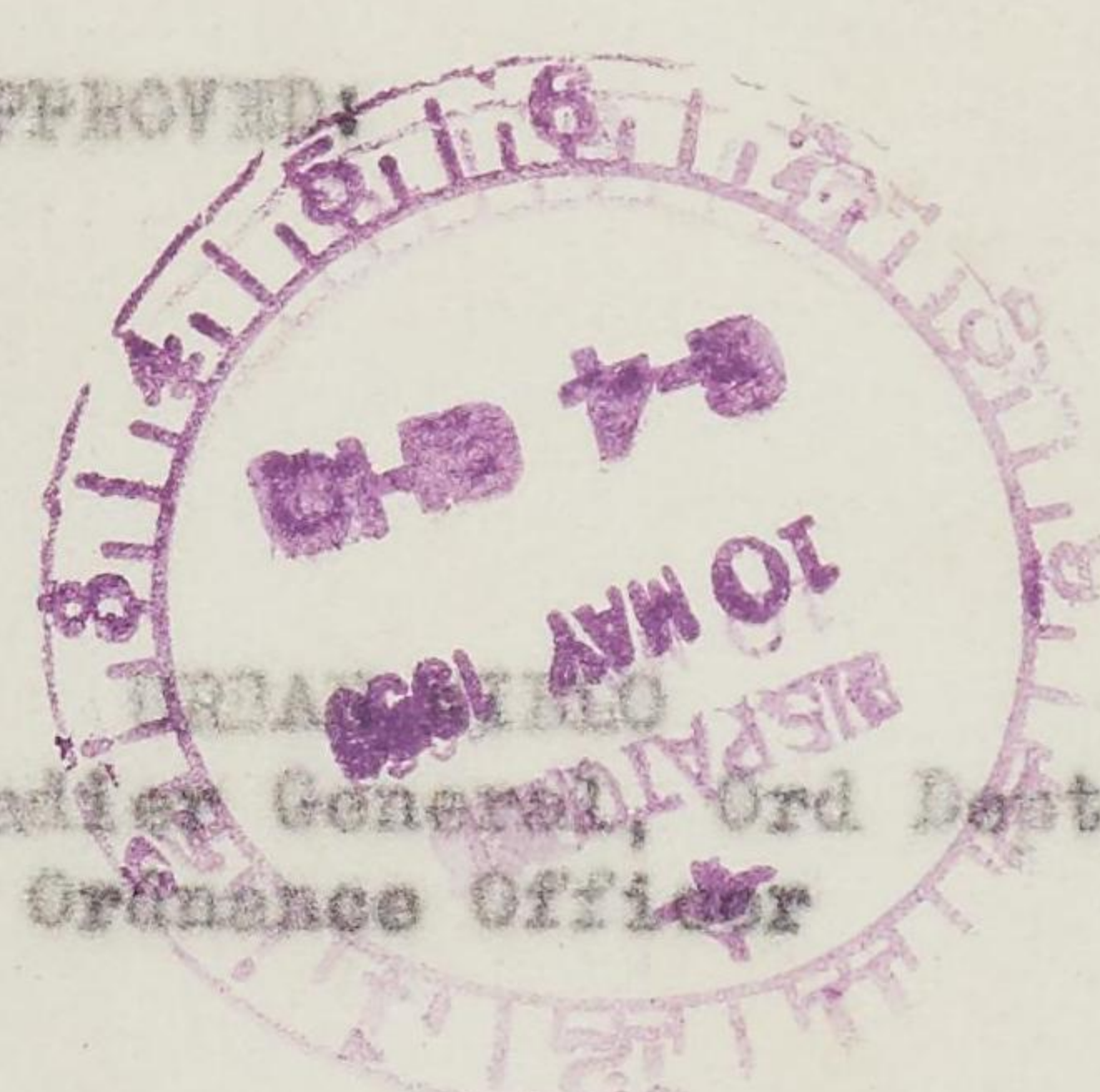
"Due to recent malfunctions request all lots shell, fixed, HE  
TSD, M54, w/ fuze, M56 for 37mm guns, all models be suspended  
from issue and training use until further notice. No sus-  
pension numbers required."

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K. B. BUSH  
Brigadier General, Adjutant General

Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer



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M/R: 1. Msg ORDJR-QTS, Sabol 2972, 6 May 50 requests that all lots and  
models of shell, fixed, HE, TSD, M54 w/ fuze M56 for 37mm guns be sus-  
pended from issue and training use until further notice.

2. Inst. msg to all commands quotes the above msg for info and  
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AG 471 (6Jan 50)OR 3d Ind

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500 9 MAY 50

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925

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2. The Ordnance Officer, General Headquarters, Far East Command, will initiate action to ship the demolition explosives to Iwo Jima on the first available transportation. The substitution of Composition C for TNT blocks will be made within the limits of availability. The technically trained personnel will also be furnished.

3. The Commanding General, Far East Air Forces is assigned primary responsibility for completion of the plan; it is not contemplated that the Army will furnish unskilled laborers for this operation.

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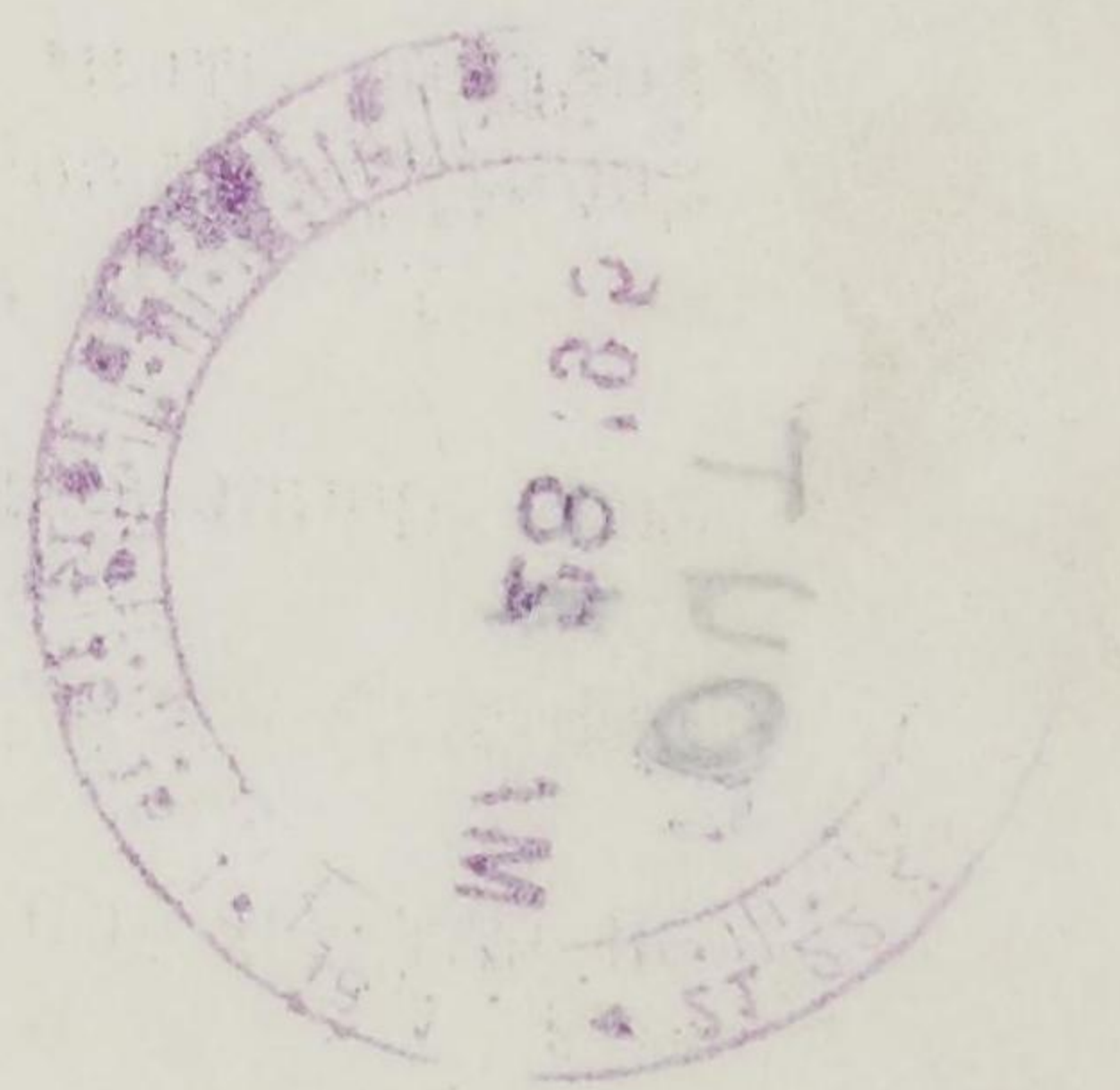
BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

MAILED 0930 MAY 10 '50  
CLARK MARSHALL  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925  
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 900  
AG 471 (24 Jan 50) 34 Ind  
8 Jan 1950  
Ltr, 7547, AG 471, 8 Mar 49-8, subj: Two Line Ammunition Disposal

1. The recommendations contained in 2d Indorsement appear to be feasible except for paragraph 1 a (4), and will be incorporated in the revised plan.
2. The Ordnance Officer, General Headquarters, Far East Command, will initiate action to ship the demolition explosives to two lines on the first available transportation. The substitution of composition 3 for TNT blocks will be made within the limits of availability. The technically trained personnel will also be furnished.
3. The Commanding General, Far East Air Forces is assigned primary responsibility for completion of the plan; it is not contemplated that the Army will furnish unskilled laborers for this operation.
4. It is requested that General Headquarters, Far East Command be advised as to the maximum number of unskilled laborers that will be furnished and also a firm date that the technically trained personnel will be required to start this operation.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL HEADQUARTERS:

MAJOR MARSHALL  
Asst Adj Gen  
Major, AGD

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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. The basic letter from CG FFAF reported certain quantities of Army ammo that remain on Iwo Jima and requested the current status of the disposal and also future plans for disposal of this unserviceable ammo.
2. The 1st Ind from GHQ, FEC, notified FFAF that the disposal operation was discontinued during June 1949, and inclosed a proposed plan for the clearance of Iwo Jima and also requested concurrence or comments.
3. The 2d Ind from FFAF contained their comments.
4. This Ind notifies CG FFAF that GHQ, FEC agrees with their comments except for paragraph 1 a (4), and notifies FFAF that the Ord O will initiate action to ship the explosives required and also that the Army does not contemplate furnishing unskilled labor for this operation. This Ind requests FFAF to establish a definite date to start the operation and the maximum number of unskilled laborers that can be made available.

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BASIC: Ltr fr Hq FEAF, file AG 471.6 Mat-Armt-S, subj: "Iwo Jima  
Ammunition Disposal", dtd 6 Jan 1950.

AG 471 Mat-Armt-S

2nd Ind.

Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, APO 925

24 Apr 1950

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500

1. Returned for further consideration and possible incorporation  
of the following recommendations:

a. Reference Inclosure 1, Iwo Jima Ground Ammo Disposal Plan.

- (1) Paragraph 3 b, the bomb disposal officer in charge should determine which caves should be cleared and which should be sealed.
- (2) Paragraph 3 c (1), movement of demolition material should begin as soon as practicable.
- (3) Paragraph 4 a (2), the tools and equipment to be furnished by Commanding General, FEAF, should be itemized or indicated to be of a general purpose nature to differentiate from special tools such as galvanometers or blasting machines.
- (4) The forty-five (45) unskilled laborers required are not available. It is recommended that the personnel used in operation be taken from the group now cleaning up the ammunition area in Saipan which will provide experienced personnel.
- (5) It is recommended that Composition C be used instead of TNT.

4. Paragraph 4 a (5), recommend deletion of 1/4 ton truck as this type of transportation is deemed unnecessary. Recommend deletion of 2 1/2 ton trucks and substitution of 3/4 ton trucks plus three (3) trailers, 1 ton. The roadnet and the surrounding ammo areas will only support this type of vehicle without extensive road building.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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EARL E. FRINK  
Maj USAF  
Asst Adj Gen

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Ltr, FRAF, AG 471.6 Mat-Armt-S, subj: Iwo Jima Ammunition Disposal,  
6 Jan 1950

AG 471 (6Jan 50)OR 3d Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500 : 9 MAY 50

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MACARTHUR:

REC-10830 MAY 10 50 AG. - GHO.

CLARK MARSHALL  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, FAR EAST AIR FORCE, APO 938  
FROM: GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 900 : 9 MAY 50

1. The recommendations contained in 3d Indorsement appear to be feasible except for paragraph 1 a (4), and will be incorporated in the revised plan.

2. The Ordnance Officer, General Headquarters, Far East Command, will initiate action to ship the demolition explosives to the line on the first available transportation. The substitution of composition for TNT blocks will be made within the limits of availability. The technically trained personnel will also be furnished.

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4. It is requested that General Headquarters, Far East Command be advised as to the maximum number of unskilled laborers that will be furnished and also a firm date that the technically trained personnel will be required to start this operation.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL HEADQUARTERS:

830 MAY 10 50 AG-600

CLARK MARSHALL  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

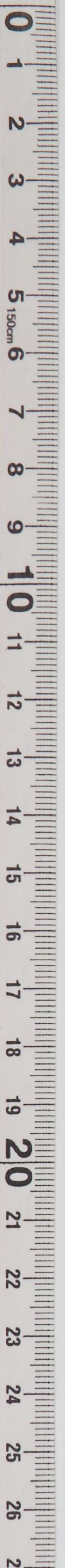
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AG 471 Mat-Armt-S

2nd Ind.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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EARL E. FRINK  
Maj USAF  
Asst Adj Gen

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G-4 OPERATIONS

GD OP NMW/DTW/JET/erf  
8 May 1950

MEMO FOR RECORD:

SUBJ: Iwo Jima Ammunition Disposal, 6 Jan 50

1. Basic was letter from CG FEAF to CINCFE, 6 Jan 50, reporting certain quantities of ammo on Iwo Jima. Information was requested as to the current status of disposal of this ammunition and contemplated future plan.

2. First Ind from GHQ (Ord) to CG FEAF, 14 Apr 50, stated that the disposal of ground ammunition on Iwo Jima was discontinued in June 1949 and enclosed the proposed plan for the disposal operation on Iwo Jima. Ord also requested concurrence or comments on the plan.

3. Second Ind, Hq FEAF to CINCFE, 25 Apr 50, returned the disposal plan with certain recommendations.

4. Proposed third Ind from GHQ (Ord) to CG FEAF stated that their recommendations were feasible and will be incorporated in the revised plan. Ord Officer took exception to paragraph 1a (4) in the 2nd Ind which stated that the 45 unskilled laborers required are not available. CG FEAF recommended that the personnel used in the operation be taken from the group now cleaning up the ammunition area on Saipan which will provide experienced personnel. Proposed indorsement states in rebuttal that it is not contemplated that the Army will furnish unskilled laborers for this operation. Proposed third Ind requests FEAF to establish a definite date to start the operation and the maximum number of unskilled laborers that can be made available.

5. Inasmuch as the action is of primary concern to Ordnance, and the plan has been coordinated with FEAF, it is felt that G-4 should interpose no objection to the additional information requested.

6. Recommend that G-4 indicate concurrence by initialing the Routing Slip opposite "G-4".

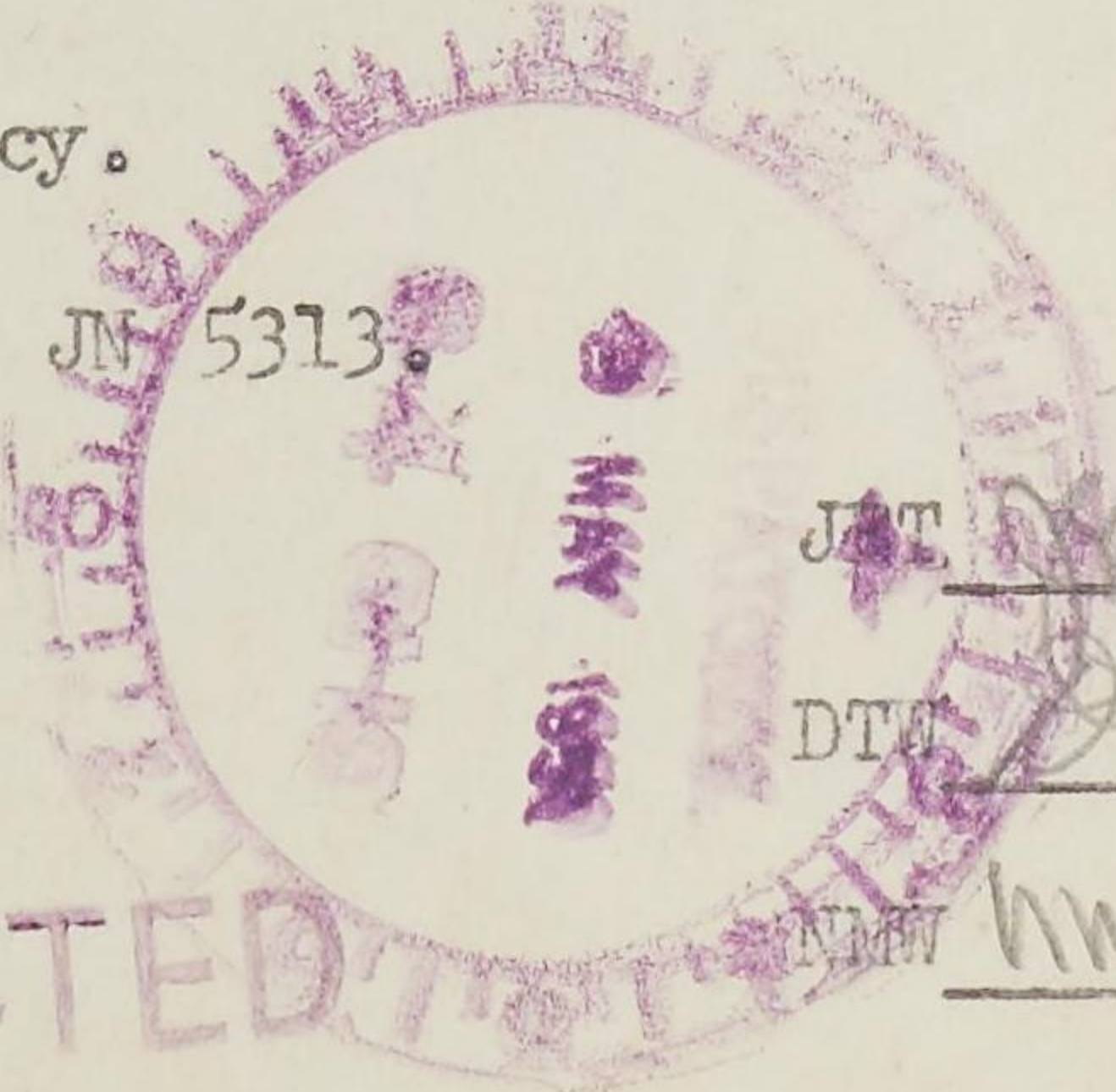
7. Within established policy.

8. Completes action on G-4 JN 5313.

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NMW            26-6414

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CROSS REFERENCE OTHER THAN RADIO

DATE: 9 May 50

FROM: GB

TO: C/ S

SUBJECT: Memo: subj: A proposed SCAPIN, to return to the Japanese Government the responsibility for control of weapons, ammunition and explosives in the possession of Japanese civilians.

(With related papers attached)

DOCUMENT IN . . . . . 387.7 Proc.

Jo. No. 5656 Div P&P



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CROSS REFERENCE OTHER THAN RADIO

DATE: 9 May 50

FROM: CINCFE

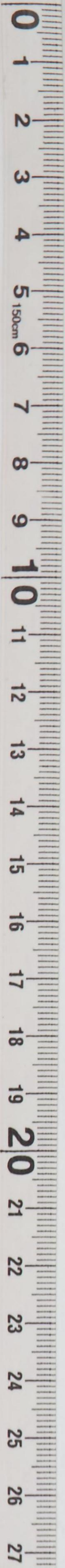
TO: CG EIGHTH ARMY

SUBJECT: Msg/form AG 471 (5 May 50) GD Subj; Ammo Aboard 27 Vessels  
Beigg Received by Yokosuka Under US-USSR Agreement

(With M/R and 8th Army rad attached)

DOCUMENT IN . . . . . 334 Russia

Jo. No. 5245 Div P&P





GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
RADIO AND CABLE CENTER

# INCOMING MESSAGE

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6 May 50

FROM : FS AM DIV RARITAN ARS METUCHEN NJ

TO : CG USARAL FT RICHARDSON ALASKA, CINCPAC TOKYO  
JAPAN, CG ORD SVC USARPAC HONOLULU TH, CG EUCOM  
(REAR) FRANKFURT GERMANY, CG USARCARIB FT AMADOR CZ

NR : ORDJR QIS SABOL 2972

Due to recent malfunctions request all lots shell fixed  
HE T SD M 54 w/fuze. M 56 for 37mm guns all mds be  
suspended from issue and training use until further notice.  
No suspension numbers required.

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ACTION : ORDNANCE

INFORMATION : G-4

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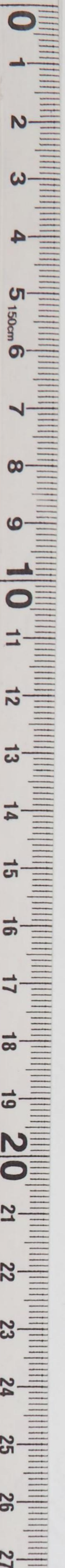
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND

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8 May 50

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FROM: *K* CINCFFE TOKYO JAPAN

TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASH D C . . . . . ROUTINE

INFO: CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN . . . . . ROUTINE (COURIER)

CG RYCOM OKINAWA . . . . . ROUTINE

CG SFPE FT MASON CALIF. . . . . ROUTINE

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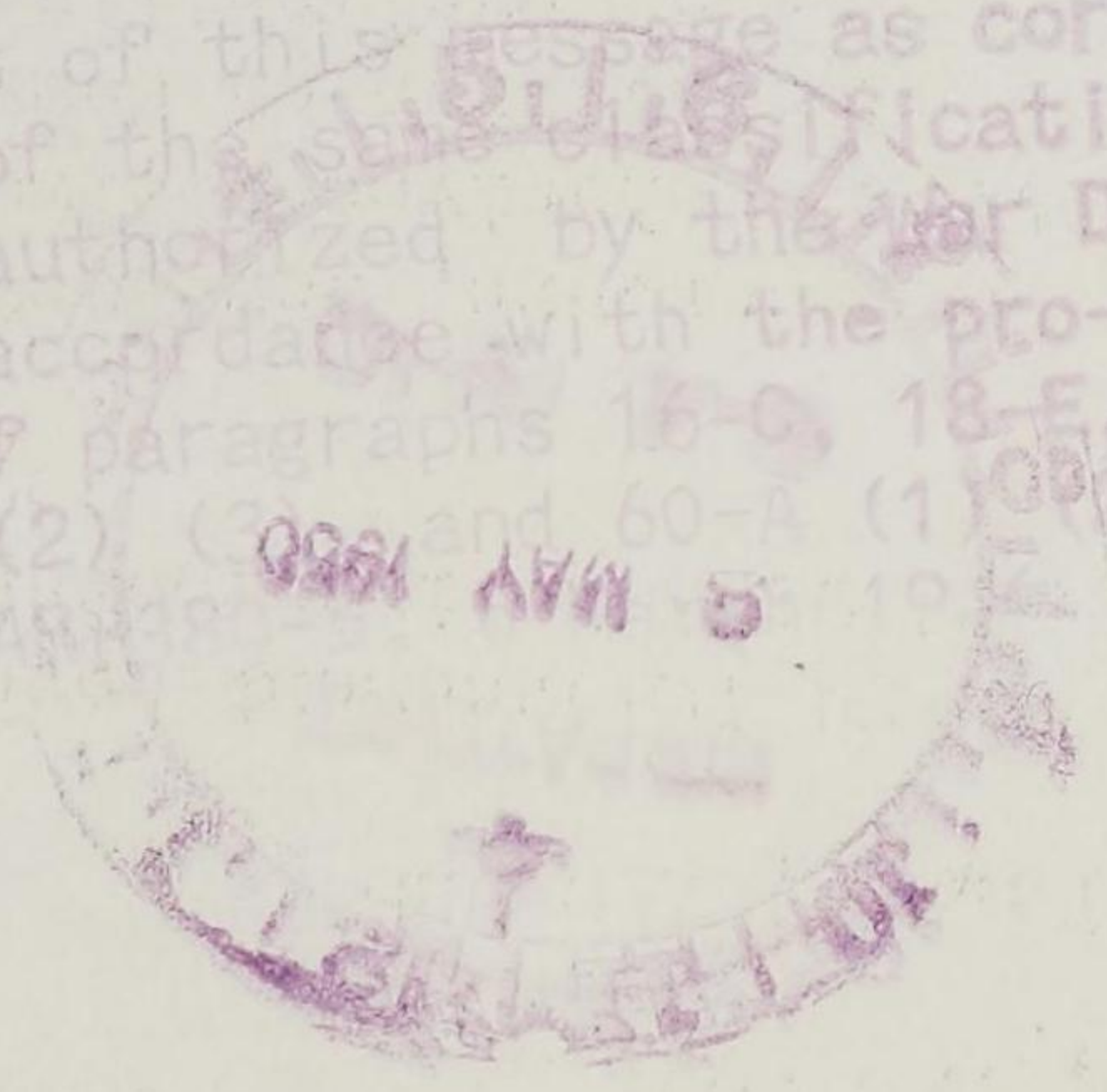
Attn: G-4/D-8. Reurmsg W 82392, 29 April 1950.  
The subject dynamite is suitable and has been earmarked for Ryukyus  
Military Government, Okinawa.

OFFICIAL: *K. B. BUSH*  
Brigadier General, AGD  
Adjutant General

APPROVED: *URBAN NIBLO*  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

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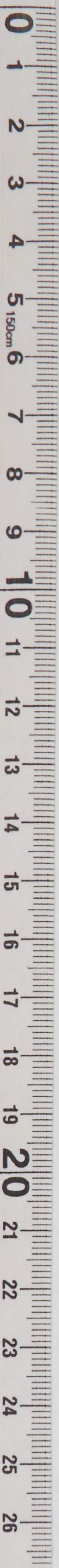
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FOR EAST COMMAND

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FROM: CINCPAC TOKYO JAPAN

TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASH D C . . . . . ROUTINE

INFO: CG EIGHTH ARMY YOKOHAMA JAPAN . . . . . ROUTINE (COURIER)

CG HYCOM OKINAWA . . . . . ROUTINE

CG 5TH FT MARON CALIF. . . . . ROUTINE

The subject dynamite is suitable and has been earmarked for Hyakuryu  
Military Government, Okinawa.

Attn: 2-4/B-8, Rooming W 82302, 29 April 1950.

APPROVED: OFFICIAL:

URBAN NIBIO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Grange Officer

K. B. BUSH  
Brigadier General, AGD  
Adjutant General

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Ord Bureau



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in accordance with the pro-  
visions of paragraph 18-2, 2-4  
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## MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. 8th Army reported an excess of dynamite gelatin 75% on Oversea Command Forecast of Requirements Report.
2. The D/A queried 8th Army as to availability of the dynamite for civilian use.
3. 8th Army msg EX 43053 OA, 17 Apr 50, ~~confirmed~~ <sup>confirmed</sup> the quantity of dynamite as being available.
4. D/A msg W 82392, 29 Apr 50 to CINCPAC requests info if this dynamite could be used as a substitute for Item 2 as requisitioned by RMG.
5. This msg notifies D/A that the dynamite is suitable and available for RMG, Okinawa.
6. Action on D/A msg W 82392 was passed from RMG, Tokyo to Ord Sect, GHQ, FEC, 5 May 50. *(Mr. Chiland)*
7. Concurrence on Ord action has been received from RMG (Tokyo).
8. 8th Army Ammo Supply Officer has informally notified the Ord Sect, GHQ, FEC that 35,000 lbs of dynamite has been earmarked for RMG, Okinawa.

M. G. L.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COM. AND  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM : CG RYCOM OKINAWA  
TO : CINCPAC (PASS TO RMG) TOKYO JAPAN  
NR : Y 20366

Msg W 82392 dtd 29 Apr 50 concur.

*Dynamite for RMA.*

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ACTION : RYUKYUS MG  
INFORMATION : G-4, ORDNANCE, TOECA PO

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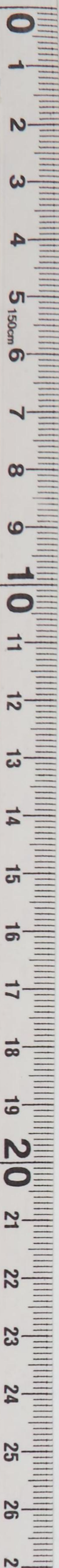
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HEADQUARTERS  
560TH COMPOSITE SERVICE COMPANY  
APO 244

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~~323 memo~~  
~~1337 units~~

4 May 1950

SUBJECT: Report of Progress on Cleaning of Saipan Ammunition Area.  
Reports Control Symbol QOR-22

THRU : Commanding General  
Marianas Bonins Command  
APO 246

TO : Commander-in-Chief  
FAR EAST  
APO 500

1. Subject report covers the period 3 January through 3 May 1950.

2. Disposition of Ammunition:

a. Dumped at Sea - - - - -	2452 Tons
b. Powder burned - - - - -	856 Tons
c. Burned in Pit - - - - -	908 Tons
d. Serviceable Ammunition shipped off Island - - - - -	619 Tons
e. Duds removed from area or consoli- dated within the area and destroyed by the B. D. Squads - - - - -	2286 Tons
f. Duds stacked but not blown (Awaiting explosives) - - - - -	300 Tons

TOTAL 7419 Tons

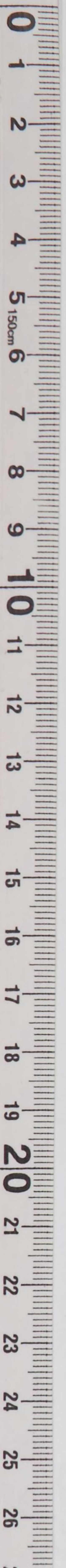
3. Miscellaneous activities:

a. New roads cut - - - - -	13 Miles
b. Firebreaks cut and maintained - - -	25 Miles
c. Flat Tires - - - - -	1643

4. Personnel:

a. Number of man hours expended - - -	54,079
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5. Between the first and 15th of April 1950 approximately 64,000 gallons of diesel fuel pumped by fire engines into area heavily contaminated with grenades. Approximately 100 tons of grenades and artillery ammunition destroyed in this manner.





6. During the week of 24 April approximately 140,000 gallons of Ammate Weed Killer was sprayed on heavily vegetated areas. The weed killer "browmed" weeds rapidly. However, the vegetation appears to be so saturated with moisture that it does not burn readily even when it appears dead. We have resorted to clearing vegetation by exploding a pattern of eight inch H. E. shells. This is clearing the vegetation in a satisfactory manner and we do get some "burn-out" from the vegetation that has been sprayed.

7. Two officers, Capt. Jesse Donovan and 1st Lt. Robert F. Sill are supervising the final clean-up phases. Both officers are fully qualified bomb disposal officers. Capt. Donovan has had years of experience with this type work and both officers are graduates of Bomb Disposal schools. Mr. Charles Knoles, Civilian Chief Ammunition Inspector will remain on the job until about 17 May 1950, when he is scheduled to depart for the ZI. Ninety enlisted men are on Special Duty in the Ammunition Area. Thirty of these men comprise three Bomb Disposal Squads. An additional thirty have had sufficient training to pick up and stack artillery duds.

8. At the conclusion of this project there will be considerable scrap metal scattered throughout the area. As much of this metal as is feasible is being hauled to dumps and buried in the area with bulldozers. There will unquestionably be dud ammunition remaining in the general area at the conclusion of the project. These will be unlocated duds, particularly in the heavy vegetation on the sides of mountains and cliffs. Also there will be under the surface contamination. It is not believed that the contamination will be any worse than that of a large portion of the rest of the Island of Saipan, resulting from the island being a former battlefield.

9. Estimated date of completion - - - - - Approximately  
30 May 1950.

W. C. FARMER  
Lt. Col. Ord. Dept.



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## C-4 PLANS AND OPERATIONS DIVISION

NMW/DTW/HLC/sat  
23 May 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: General G. L. Eberle

SUBJECT: Report of Staff Visit to MARBO, Saipan, PHILCOM (AF),  
and RYCOM

1. Mission and Purpose: At 0800, 14 May 1950, Lt. Colonel R. L. Cornutt, Plans and Operations Division, C-4, departed Haneda by GHQ staff plane on a staff visit to Guam, Saipan, Luzon and Okinawa. The primary purpose of this visit was to accompany the Ordnance Officer, FEC, (Gen Wible) on an inspection of ammunition disposal operations at the Ammunition Area on Saipan. A second mission was to observe the bus operation on Okinawa and to investigate a report from the Transportation Officer, FEC, that buses were deadlined due to lack of parts or to a backlog for maintenance.

AMMO DISPOSAL ON SAIPAN2. Facts and Background:

a. DA letter AG AO-S 323.31 (1 Mar 50) OSOLD/B2, Subject: Closeout of Army Activities - Saipan, 17 March 50, requires that DA be advised if the closeout activities get behind schedule sufficiently to jeopardize the completion of the operation by 31 Dec 50. This letter also requests advice when all Army activities and personnel have been removed from Saipan and all Army installations disposed of. DA msg W-91614, 6 April 50, modifies these instructions to "Advise if unable to close out same time as Navy." i.e. 30 June 50.

b. MARBO msg S-2844 HOCDS, 24 April 50, advised that MARBO plan at that time was to evacuate Saipan by 15 May 50. No msg has since been received from MARBO to modify this plan. The DA was advised 26 April 50, by CINCPAC msg CX 56001, of this plan to evacuate Saipan by 15 May 50.

3. Observations at Saipan:

a. Lt Col Cornutt accompanied the Ordnance Officer, FEC, on an inspection of the Ammo Area on Saipan between 0800 and 1300, 15 May 50. The Ammo Area on Saipan covers an estimated 2,000 acres. None of this area had been completely cleared of visible ammo. Vegetation up to 12 inches high, with occasional patches of higher vegetation, covered the

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shop on Okinawa from 1400 to 1800, 18 May 1950. At this time, 15 buses were deadlined in the bus motor pool and 11 additional buses were in ordnance for repair. This is a deadline of 26, a reduction of 19 from those deadlined when Colonel Miller observed this bus operation one month ago. Five of the buses were deadlined for lack of small body bolts. These bolts are being airmailed to RYCOM by the Ordnance Officer, Eighth Army. However, they are a small bolt of standard design and could undoubtedly have been promptly obtained on Okinawa.

b. The parts room in the bus motor pool was small and not sufficiently stocked to adequately support 88 buses.

c. No lights were installed in the maintenance sheds of the bus motor pool thereby precluding night maintenance. The installation of lights is planned, however.

d. Six operable buses were stationed in the pool at 1830, normally a period of peak requirements.

e. The visit to the bus motor pool left the general impression that sufficient impetus was not being initiated to get and keep all buses on the road.

f. Approximately 18 buses were observed in operation on the road between 0630 and 1000, 19 May 50. None of these were carrying more than four passengers; and three of these buses carried no passengers.

g. The above points were discussed with the G-4, RYCOM. The G-4 advised that action would be taken to obtain sufficient spare parts to get and keep a larger percentage of buses in operation. However, he was well satisfied with the Ordnance support given the bus operation on Okinawa. The G-4 further advised that the CG, RYCOM, was not satisfied with the motor vehicle operations under the Transportation Officer. He stated that RYCOM would welcome the assignment of a qualified officer to command the RYCOM bus system.

h. Action is being taken by RYCOM to reduce the number of 1/4 ton vehicles assigned to individuals and some reductions have been accomplished. No drastic reductions will be made in 1/4 ton vehicles, however, until more buses are placed and maintained in continuous operation.

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e. Captain Donovan, the senior bomb disposal officer on Saipan, was orally directed to complete the ammo cleanup by 1 June 50. Captain Donovan replied that this could not be done. However, he was directed that it would be done.

f. The Ordnance Officer, FEC, estimated approximately six months will be required to clear the Saipan ammunition area of all visible (not buried) ammo. The CG NYCOM was advised of this estimate.

4. It is anticipated that a separate report on the ammo disposal operations on Saipan will be submitted to G-4 by the Ordnance Officer, FEC.

5. Conclusions: It is concluded that ammo disposal operations on Saipan will proceed more slowly, in tons destroyed, than the past. Several months will be required to clear the area. The area cannot be cleared of all visible ammo by 1 June 50.

5. Recommendations: It is recommended that Plans and Operations Division request the Ordnance Officer, FEC, to prepare and forward through G-4 to the AG for dispatch, a message to CG, MARBO:

a. Referring to MARBO previous message (S-9844, 8 April 50), which advised of the plan to evacuate Saipan by 15 May 50.

b. Advising that information obtained by representatives of this headquarters during a recent visit to Saipan indicates the ammunition explosion area cannot be cleared for several months.

c. Directing that CINCPAC be advised of the estimated date of completion.

#### BUS OPERATIONS ON OKINAWA

7. Facts and Background: During a recent staff visit to Guam and Okinawa, the Transportation Officer, FEC (Col Miller), observed that vehicles were being deadlined for lack of small parts such as fan belts. Of 58 buses operated under the Transportation Officer, NYCOM, 45 were deadlined, mostly for small parts such as fan belts.

#### 8. Observations at NYCOM:

a. Lt Col Cornutt accompanied the Ordnance Officer, FEC, on a brief inspection of the bus motor pool and the new preventive maintenance

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entire area except for four concentrated areas each some 100 - 200 yards in diameter. These four areas had been nearly bared of vegetation by weed killer, burning with Napalm, and/or by exploding ammunition. These same areas, (referred to as Areas No. 6, 7, 8, and 9) contain the bulk of the ammo and duds to be destroyed. Duds and unfused ammo were being collected and piled in each of these areas for subsequent detonation. All piles were to be blown in the next day or two. MARBO representatives reported that approximately 850 tons were stacked ready to detonate (as of 15 May 1950) and that approximately 1200 tons remained in the area.

b. It appeared that the bulk of the ammo remaining to be destroyed consisted mainly of hand grenades, fuses, mortar and 75 mm projectiles. Past performance recorded disposals of about 600 - 700 tons per week, however, this record has been established by disposing largely of 105 mm, 155 mm and larger calibre ammo. The same disposal crews will not be able to destroy the smaller types of ammo at this rate. The handling of grenades, fuses and mortar ammo is much more dangerous than handling the larger calibre ammo, most of which is unfused.

c. An unknown amount of ammo is scattered in the grass throughout the ammunition area. Approach of the Saipan rainy season within the next week will considerably thicken the grass in this area and make further search operations exceedingly difficult. The weed killer used produced only temporary results. Approximately 140,000 gallons of weed killer was used during the week of 24 April 50. This rapidly "browned" the vegetation, but did not dry it up sufficiently to permit burning. The vegetation is now gradually growing up again and will become even thicker during the coming rainy season. MARBO has been clearing the area of weeds by exploding a pattern of eight inch H. B. shells. This procedure has resulted in the clearing of only a limited area, and has possibly caused numerous duds to be covered with several inches of dirt.

d. MARBO has been giving some consideration to a proposal to fence off the most dangerous area (an area about 300 yards in diameter and referred to as Area 7) and concentrate disposal operations on the other areas. No such proposal has been submitted to this headquarters for approval, and no indications were given the CG, MARBO, during this staff visit, that such a proposal would be approved. The Ordnance Officer, FSC (Gen Nible), did recommend to CG, MARBO, however, that disposal operations be concentrated in areas other than this area 7 in order to clean up the ammo scattered in grassy areas as soon as possible.

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i. Army and Air Force bus routes on Okinawa are being coordinated and consolidated.

9. Conclusions: It is concluded that a majority of difficulties being encountered with the bus operation on Okinawa can be overcome by the institution of improved operational procedures within the motor command. Action is being taken to overcome these difficulties, however, due to the pressure of other higher priority projects, active and detailed daily supervision of the bus operation is not being exercised by G-4. It is concluded that when all buses on Okinawa are in operation, a considerable reduction can be made in 1/4 ton vehicles authorized. Such a reduction would also reduce the maintenance workload.

10. Recommendations: It is recommended that the CG, RYCOM, be offered the assistance of a GHQ staff team, consisting of one representative each from G-4 Plans and Operations, Transportation Section and Ordnance Section, GHQ, FEC, and a senior representative from the Headquarters and Service Group Motor Battalion or from the Yokohama Motor Command, for approximately five days in late June to observe, in greater detail, motor vehicle operation on Okinawa, and make recommendations to the CG, RYCOM. Transportation (Maj Riley) and Ordnance (Col Billingsley) informally concur.

SUBMITTED BY:

M. L. CORNUTT  
Lt Col, GSC

RECOMMEND APPROVAL:

H. M. WISH  
Colonel, GSC

APPROVED:

G. L. SBERLE  
Maj Gen, GSC  
Asst C/S, G-4SECRET  
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Ltr, Hqs 1st Cav Div (Inf), subj, Report of Accidental Explosion of Ammunition RCS Ord 3, 30 Mar 50

AG 471 (30 Mar 50) OR 2d Ind **471**

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500 3 MAY 50

TO: Chief of Ordnance, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: OKDFA

This headquarters concurs in findings contained in report of investigation attached, and considers it unnecessary to suspend this ammunition from issue and use in this command.

FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

**MAILED 0830 MAY 4 '50** AG. - GHO.  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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M/R: 1. By 1st Ind, Hq 8th Army to CINCPAC, 21 Apr 50, a Report of Accidental Explosion of Ammunition, RCS CSGLD-248 was transmitted. Explosion involved a parachute flare, M48, Lot No. USF 1-102 and resulted in injury to an enlisted man of 1st Cav Div (Inf). Investigation revealed that explosion was not the fault of the ammunition and it was not suspended from issue and use in 8th Army.

2. This indorsement concurs in findings and forwards report to Chief of Ordnance per paragraph 39, SR 385-310-1, 4 Mar 49.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (INFANTRY)  
APO 201

SUBJECT: Report of Accidental Explosion of Ammunition

TO : Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

Transmitted herewith is Report of Accidental Explosion of Ammunition, RCS CSGLD - 248, dated 20 March 1950

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/t/ G. F. EVANS  
Captain AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY, APO 343

To: Commander-in-Chief, Far East, APO 500

1. This headquarters concurs in the attached report of investigation of an accidental explosion.

2. The only possible corrective action in this case is further training in the use of subject trip flare. This headquarters will publish this accident report with an appropriate cover letter, stressing the importance of safety in conjunction with field problems, to all subordinate Eighth Army units.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Report of Accidental Explosion of Ammunition

s/t/ DEWITT M. MILES  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen.



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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (INFANTRY)  
APO 201REPORT OF ACCIDENTAL EXPLOSION OF AMMUNITION

20 March 1950

1. In compliance with paragraph 13f, GHQ Circular 11, 21 February 1949 and paragraph 39, SR 385-310-1, 4 March 1949, the following report is submitted:

a. Unit -- 16th Reconnaissance Company, 1st Cavalry Division (Inf),  
APO 201, Unit 1.

b. N/A

c. N/A

d. N/A

e. Weather conditions -- clear

Time of accident -- 1530 hours, 13 March 1950

f. Ammunition involved -- FLARE, trip, parachute, M48  
Lot No USF 1-102  
Manufactured 10-44

g. Investigation revealed that an accidental discharge of a flare, trip, M48 occurred when Sgt Charles A Jones, ASN 16133784, 16th Reconnaissance Company, 1st Cavalry Division, (Inf), during a routine training problem, investigated the reason for failure to function of subject flare after the trip wire had been operated several times. Statement of the injured, describing the preparation, installation and accidental explosion of the flare, is attached as an inclosure.

h. It is believed that the accident resulted from lack of sufficient knowledge of the operation of subject flare in that the Safety Screw was not removed from the fuze as is stated in pertinent publications. No definite conclusions can be reached as to the direct cause of the accident in that the injured can not recall what he touched when he investigated the cause of failure to fire.

i. Extent of injury -- Severe laceration of right hand and fingers, resulting in total loss of the right index finger.

j. Subject ammunition was serviceable prior to the accident and none of the subject lot remains on hand in Division. Inspection of all other lots of the same type reveal that they are all serviceable. No action has been taken to withdraw this ammunition from issue and use.

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/s/t/ CHARLES L. RUSSELL,  
1st Lt., Ord Dept,  
Director Ammunition Office



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STATEMENT:

Charles A. Jones, Sgt. ASN 12 133 784  
16th Recon. Co.

I had a knife and I cleared a spot in the embankment and previous to digging a hole I took the flare out of the box. I didn't check the fuse, I presumed that it would operate normally. I stuck the flare in the hole to see if it would fit, then I took the fuse and screwed it on the flare and attached the trip wire. I loosened the wire, maybe five feet of it, so that I'd have plenty of slack - - then I loosened the safety screw, stretched the wire across the road, and tied it about six inches from the ground. I pulled out the cotter pin with the tag on it and left it there. A short time later, Major Morrison's jeep ran over the trip wire and it didn't go off. So I went back to see what was wrong and discovered the wire was broken. I didn't touch the flare - - I just spliced a new wire to the wire and stretched it back across the road. Later, another jeep from the school ran over the wire and the flare failed to function again. I went back to see what was wrong with the flare, figuring the wire was broken. I checked the wire but it wasn't broken, then I looked at the flare. I saw the pin still in it (pull release pin), I figured the pin had to come out and that the flare was safe. I reached over to check if the wire was still tied to the ring and when I touched it, it went off. I can't recall what I touched. All I remember after that is seeing finger all over the place and running towards the ambulance which was a hundred yards or so up the road.

s/b/ CHARLES A JONES  
Sgt, U S Army