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TO: The Adjutant General  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Department of the Army letter, The AGAD-847 (17 Sep 48) (S), subject name as above, dated 18 October 1948, a copy of which is enclosed.

2. A copy of subsequent correspondence between Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command and Commanding General, Marikina-Bonina Command pertaining to personnel conditions as set out as indicated in referenced letter is also enclosed for your information.

3. This letter is being issued to the extent that has been made and additional corrective action that has been directed in view of unfavorable reply contained in the memorandum as indicated pending further information from Commanding General, Marikina-Bonina Command.

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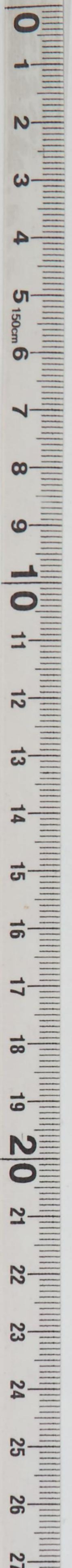
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MEMO FOR RECORD

1. Department of Army letter, file AGAO-S 471(17 Sep 48)CSGPA, subject: "U. S. Naval Magazine Saipan, M. I. - Hazard from adjacent Army Ammunition Dump," dated 13 October 1948 and subsequent correspondence between CINCPAC and CG, MARBO pertain to hazardous conditions existing between U. S. Naval Magazine on Saipan and Adjacent Army Ammunition Dump.

2. Pending reply from CG, MARBO to par 4, GHQ, WFO, 3rd Indorsement, this interim reply is made to D/A letter.

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The Adjutant General's Office  
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AGAO-S 471 (17 Sep 48)CSGPA

13 October 1948

SUBJECT: U. S. Naval Magazine, Saipan, M. I. -  
Hazard from Adjacent Army Ammunition Dump

To: Commander-in-Chief  
Far East Command

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, file AGAO-S 471 (9 Mar 48)CSGSP/D4, 12 March 1948, subject as above.
2. Reply from your command to referenced letter, dated 11 May 1948, indicated that hazardous conditions on Saipan would be corrected or eliminated on or before 31 July 1948.
3. Paragraph 3 of inclosed copy of letter from Chief, Navy Bureau of Ordnance, indicates that very little change has been made to eliminate the hazardous condition.
4. Comments and recommendations of your headquarters are desired as soon as practicable concerning the hazards still reported to exist in the ammunition dump at Saipan.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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(Pr6h)GER/clr,  
15 Sep 48, fm  
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OIC, US Naval Magazine,  
Navy #3245

/s/ B. Fourville  
B. FOURVILLE  
Adjutant General

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From: The Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance

15 Sep 48

TO: Officer in Charge,  
US Naval Magazine  
Navy #3245  
P.F.O., San Francisco, California

Subj: Naval Magazine, Saipan, M. I., Adjacent Army Ammunition Dump,  
Elimination of Hazards from

Refs: (a) CHO Conf ltr OF-411B/MSG (SC)S78-3 Sar. O139P411 dtd 15 June 1948  
(b) Dept of Army conf ltr CGSEP/D6 24003 dtd 7 June 1948  
(c) BuOrd Conf ltr NFI-51 (PL1)WPG dtd 11 February 1948

Encls: (A) Copy of reference (a)  
(B) Copy of reference (b)

1. Pursuant to the information contained in a report submitted by a special Board of Inspection representing the Bureau of Ordnance in a visit to Naval Magazine, Saipan, during December, 1947, reference (c) expressed the concern of this Bureau regarding the continued open storage of large tonnages of ammunition in the Army Ammunition Dump closely adjoining the magazine areas of the Naval Magazine, Saipan, and urgent representations were submitted to the Department of the Army, requesting that appropriate action be taken to alleviate the apparent hazards incident to the observed conditions of open storage.

2. It was stated in reference (b), which was forwarded to this Bureau by reference (a), that the Department of the Army had undertaken vigorous action to substantially eliminate the hazardous conditions which were outlined in reference (c), to the end that it was expected that the reported hazardous conditions would be corrected or eliminated by 31 July 1948.

3. However, a second special investigating Board visiting the Marianas during August, 1948, has noted in its report to the Bureau of Ordnance that conditions existing in the specified open storage area continued to be essentially as were observed and reported previously, and indicated that very little progress has been made in the correction of these hazards.

4. Therefore, the Officer in Charge is requested to maintain close contact with the proposed improvement program and the progress thereof, and report to the Bureau of Ord his observations, with such additional comment as may be pertinent to the subject and of interest to this Bureau.

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13 Oct 48

AG 471 (13 Oct 48)OR

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

To: Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APO 346

1. Reference is made to 2d Indorsement, Headquarters, Marianas-Bonins Command, file AG 471 (23 Apr 48)MBYDC, subject: "U. S. Naval Magazine, Saipan, M. I. - Hazard from Adjacent Army Ammunition Dump," dated 24 April 1948, in which it was reported that it was estimated that all remaining Army stocks would be at a safe distance from the Navy stores by 31 July 1948.

2. In view of information contained in basic letter and inclosure, it is requested that your comments and recommendations be furnished not later than 15 December 1948 concerning the hazards still reported to exist in August 1948.

3. In the event that corrective action remains to be taken and cannot be completed prior to the submission of above reply, it is also requested that General Headquarters, Far East Command, be informed by separate communication when the hazardous conditions reported have been eliminated.

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2nd Ind

HEADQUARTERS, MARIANAS-BONINS COMMAND, APO 246, 8 December 1948

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

1. The general situation described in the correspondence referred to in paragraph 1, 1st Indorsement, remains substantially the same except that the following progress has been made:

a. The total stocks estimated at 48,000 tons in April 1948, have been reduced by 12,000 tons at this time. An inventory is currently in progress which will establish the stockage figures more firmly.

b. Prior to 31 July 1948, all ammunition within 625 feet of the Naval magazines had been removed and the most hazardous conditions eliminated by destruction of WP loaded items, rockets and other similar sensitive types.

c. Substantial improvements were made in a wide variety of detailed activities in connection with police of the area, security restrictions, and inauguration of an inspection and surveillance program.

2. The hazards existing in August 1948 and still present are inherent in the very nature of the outdoor storage of large quantities of Army ammunition remaining in the field after the close of the war. These include but are not limited to danger of fire or explosion from deterioration of the smokless powder and explosives produced by excessive heat from exposure to the sun and in the presence of moisture. Such a fire and series of explosions could be expected to progress from pile to pile throughout the entire area. A portion of the Naval magazine area is within missile distance of the heaviest concentration of Army ammunition. This latter area represents an equilateral triangle, 1,000 feet in altitude and contains 60 stacks of ammunition, less than 50 feet apart plus other stacks more remotely segregated. The net high explosives content of all stacks in this general area is calculated at 436,925 pounds. The types are fixed and semi-fixed artillery ammunition, mortar ammunition and grenades, all generally Class 4, except that 16,000 pounds of explosives are represented by 75mm and 90mm HEAT rounds, understood to be pentolite loaded and therefore causing a Class 10 classification to be applied. The Army ammunition area is located generally on a plateau, some 240 feet in elevation above the Navy area. The closest Naval magazines contain smokless powder and are situated 60 feet from the foot of a steep cliff averaging about 45 degrees slope, 220 feet from the top of which is located the nearest stack of Army ammunition, Class 4, containing 3,200 pounds of explosives. The horizontal distance between storage points is 580 feet as taken from an aerial photograph, the vertical distance is 240 feet, the point to point distance is 625 feet and the point of the excarpment represents a natural barricade of some 75 feet, breaking the detonating wave

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but not affecting the missile distance. The intermagazine distance for 500,000 pounds of explosives contained in Class 4 ammunition is only 300 feet but for 436,925 pounds of Class 10 explosives, the distance is at least 1,300 feet (New Jersey State Laws). Considering the presence of the natural barricade and the fact that the two Naval smokeless powder magazines are currently being emptied, extending the inter-magazine distance by 300 feet to the next row of Naval magazines, the minimum requirements for safety distances between Army and Navy stocks may be considered as met. However, the Navy requirement of 1,500 feet between separate magazine areas has not been met.

3. It is understood informally that the Navy is currently moving substantial quantities of ammunition from their several storage areas, consequently, an inter-magazine area safety distance of 1,500 feet can eventually be accomplished by restorage of remaining Navy stocks in that area. By contrast, the removal and restorage of the several thousand tons of Army ammunition in unserviceable and deteriorated containers within a short space of time, presents a problem in manpower and transportation as well as in additional hazards incident to handling, which causes this Headquarters to regard continued storage in its present location as an operational necessity, and as a calculated risk.

4. Progress is being made gradually by the removal and destruction of the more hazardous items as they are discovered during the regular continued inspection, surveillance and inventory operations, supervised by commissioned officers and trained civilian Ordnance ammunition inspectors. These items are not necessarily found in the "Strip 7" area nearest to the Navy area, but the entire Army dump is constantly being searched and screened for reduction of hazards. Beginning about 1 August 1948, this program had slowed down due to a combination of several factors, including breakdown of the tug used for towing barges out to sea for dumping, employment of manpower to assist unloading roll-up cargo from Korea on Saipan, and supervising outloading of surplus items on the OFLC account. Moreover, a 33 1/3 percent turnover of operating personnel occurred, the replacement Philippine Scout troops from PHILCOM having lagged behind losses. All of the above factors of delay however, have now been overcome and an accelerated program is being initiated. A contract is under negotiation with a civilian firm looking toward a program of demilitarization and salvage of metal components of all artillery ammunition. Certain types, such as land mines, grenades and pyrotechnics will continue to be disposed of by burning, detonation and dumping at sea. Every effort will be made to reduce the concentration in the areas adjacent to the Naval storage site during the progress of the salvage and destruction programs.

5. Since it is impossible to evaluate the degree of deterioration of the several explosive components included in the various types of Army ammunition which have been exposed to outdoor storage in this tropical

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climate for a period of over three years, the only logical and realistic conclusion to be made is that some degree of instability is present. Accordingly, it must be stated that complete elimination of hazards will be effected only when the entire Army stockage has been disposed of. It is doubtful that this can be accomplished in less than a year's time. Reduction of hazards so far as Navy stocks are concerned, will occur as the distance between Army and Navy stocks is increased, i.e., by disposal of the former and restorage of the latter.

6. A conference was recently held with representatives of the Commander Marianas and it was mutually agreed that:

- a. Improvements made between October 1947 and August 1948 were considerable.
- b. Existing hazards remain essentially as outlined above.
- c. Specific criticisms were justified in point of improvement of security measures, concentrations of high explosives particularly pentolite in the "Strip 7" area, and the surveillance program.

7. As a result of this survey the general program has been augmented to include the following refinements:

- a. Security to be improved by detail of roving patrols and road blocks.
- b. Pentolite loaded ammunition to be removed and restored in remote locations.
- c. Surveillance tests of suspected smokeless powder samples to be run in Saipan Navy laboratory facilities.

8. In compliance with the directive contained in paragraph 3, 1st Indorsement, progress reports will be rendered monthly by this headquarters outlining in detail the progress made in the reduction of existing hazards.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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AG 471 (13 Oct 48) OR 3d Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

To: Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APO 246

1. The progress made in eliminating the hazardous conditions on Saipan, as indicated in paragraphs 1 and 7, 2d Indorsement, has been noted. However, the remaining ammunition still presents a definite hazard since, in the event an accidental explosion should occur in the Army open storage area, the safety of the ammunition in the Navy magazines would be seriously jeopardized due to flying missiles and/or exploding projectiles. The seriousness of this condition is lessened only by the fact that the Naval ammunition is stored inside earth covered quonsets which might tend to retard or prevent missiles from entering.

2. In order to comply with paragraph 9, Circular 32, General Headquarters, Far East Command, dated 19 March 1947, sufficient quantities of Class 4 ammunition will be removed from present Army site until the Navy requirement of 1,500 feet between separate magazine areas is met. Sufficient quantities of Class 10 explosive will be removed until a point to point distance from the nearest Naval magazine to the nearest pile of Army Class 10 ammunition is no less than 1,814 feet (quantity-distance based on 16,000 pounds of Class 10 explosives).

3. It is desired that the removal of ammunition as indicated in paragraph 2, above, be effected at the earliest practicable date and that monthly progress reports be rendered until the existing hazardous conditions have been eliminated.

4. It is requested that Commander-in-Chief, Far East be informed by return indorsement the estimated date of completion of above project and whether or not additional transportation will be required for dumping at sea activities.

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AG 471 (24 Nov 48)OR 3rd Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500 13 JAN 1949

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

With reference to paragraph 2 of 2nd Indorsement, it is requested that a percentage of these shells be tested on a different type of terrain. The nature of the soil at Camp McNair Firing Range, Japan, may have some effect upon the proper functioning of shell containing delay action fuzes. The comparison of firing these mortar shells on a more substantial terrain would prove valuable in arriving at a logical solution as to the cause of improper functioning of the ammunition lots in question.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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M/R: 1. The basic Report of Ammunition Malfunction was submitted in compliance with provisions of Section VII, AR 750-10, dated 22 January 44.

2. Par 1a of this report described the nature of malfunctioning as eleven of twenty four rounds failed to explode upon impact. The Officer in charge personally insured that safety pins were removed from fuzes and several observers verified the "duds". The impact area was inspected by an Ordnance Officer and reports that thirteen craters were noticed. No "duds" were recovered due to extremely soft soil which allowed the "duds" to penetrate to a minimum depth of seven feet.

3. The rounds being fired were Shell, HE, M56 w/fuze PD M53 (delay action) for 81mm Mortars. Two lots of ammunition were used. Twelve rounds from each of two lots. Prior to firing, visual examination of the ammunition showed the rounds to be serviceable. No previous malfunctions had been reported in these lots. All other lots of ammunition concerned are suspended from issue and use. Par 2, 2nd Ind. from CG Eighth Army to CINCPAC advises that test will be made in the near future.

4. The nature of the soil at Camp McNair Firing Range, Japan, is extremely soft, which allowed the duds to penetrate to a minimum depth of seven feet. The Chief of Ordnance has reported similar malfunction occurring when shells equipped with delay action fuzes are fired on soil of this nature. This Ind. requests Eighth Army to test a percentage of these shell on a more substantial terrain for a comparison.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, 4th SGT, 2nd Ind, 24 Nov 48  
TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, 4th SGT

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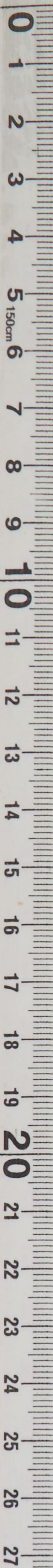
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FROM: CINCPH  
TO: CG PHILCOM . . . . . ROUTINE

(G-67014) Reurad S 40760 GSOS, dated 28 December 48.

1. The FEC stock level for ground combat ammunition is 45 days of supply and will not be exceeded by replenishment requisitions placed on ZI.
2. In addition to the ammunition authorized in par 1, above, major commands in FEC are authorized annual training allowances as set forth in AR 775-10. These allowances are requisitioned from the ZI as required.

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Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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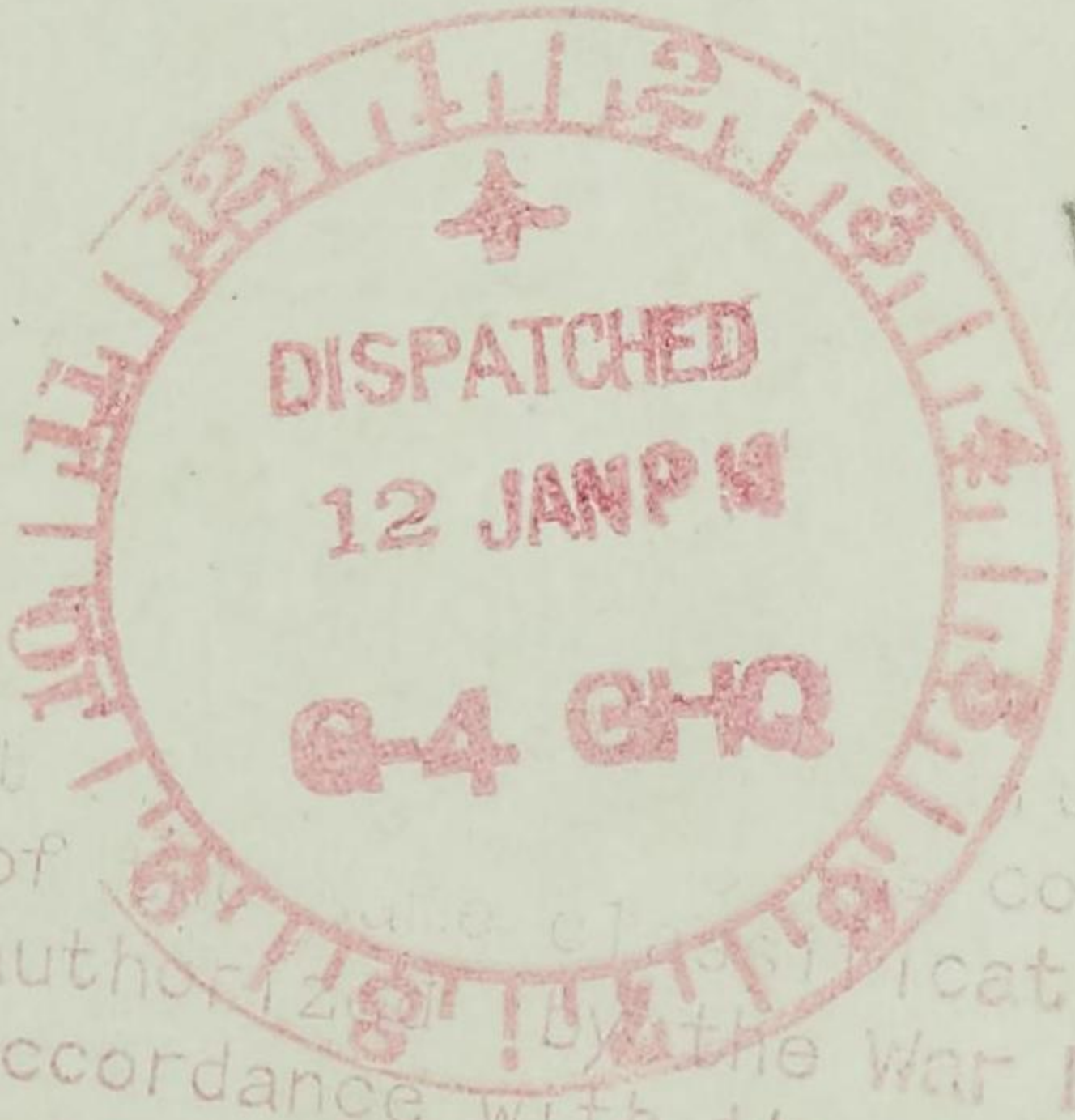
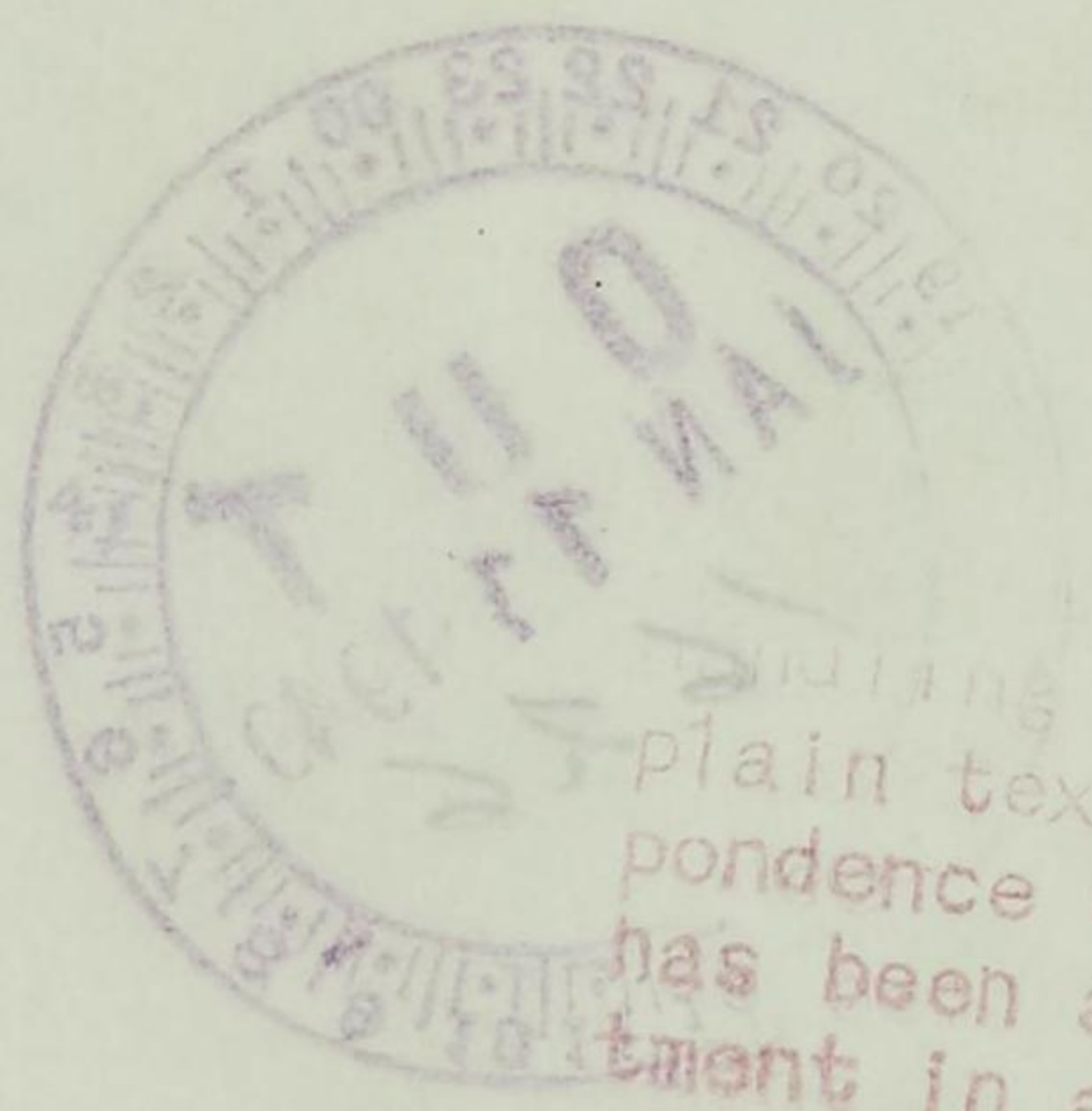
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- M/R: 1. PHILCOM rad S 40760 GSOS, dtd 28 Dec 48, requests clarification of requisitioning objective for ground ammunition. Should PHILCOM have in storage 165 days of supply (45 days of supply plus 120 days order-shipping time) or 45 days of supply and use such figure as requisitioning objective?
2. This rad answers PHILCOM's rad S 40760 and furnishes information that the FEC stock level for ground combat ammunition is 45 days of supply which will not be exceeded by replenishment requisitions placed on the ZI. This information is contained in par 6, Dept of Army letter, file AGAO-S 471 (18 Aug 48) CSGSP-M, subj: "Ground Ammunition Day of Supply," dated 26 Aug 48, and also par 3a (3), Annex 3 to Operations Instructions No. 6, dtd 1 Aug 48.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
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FROM: CINCINNATI

TO: CG PHILMOM . . . . . ROUTINE

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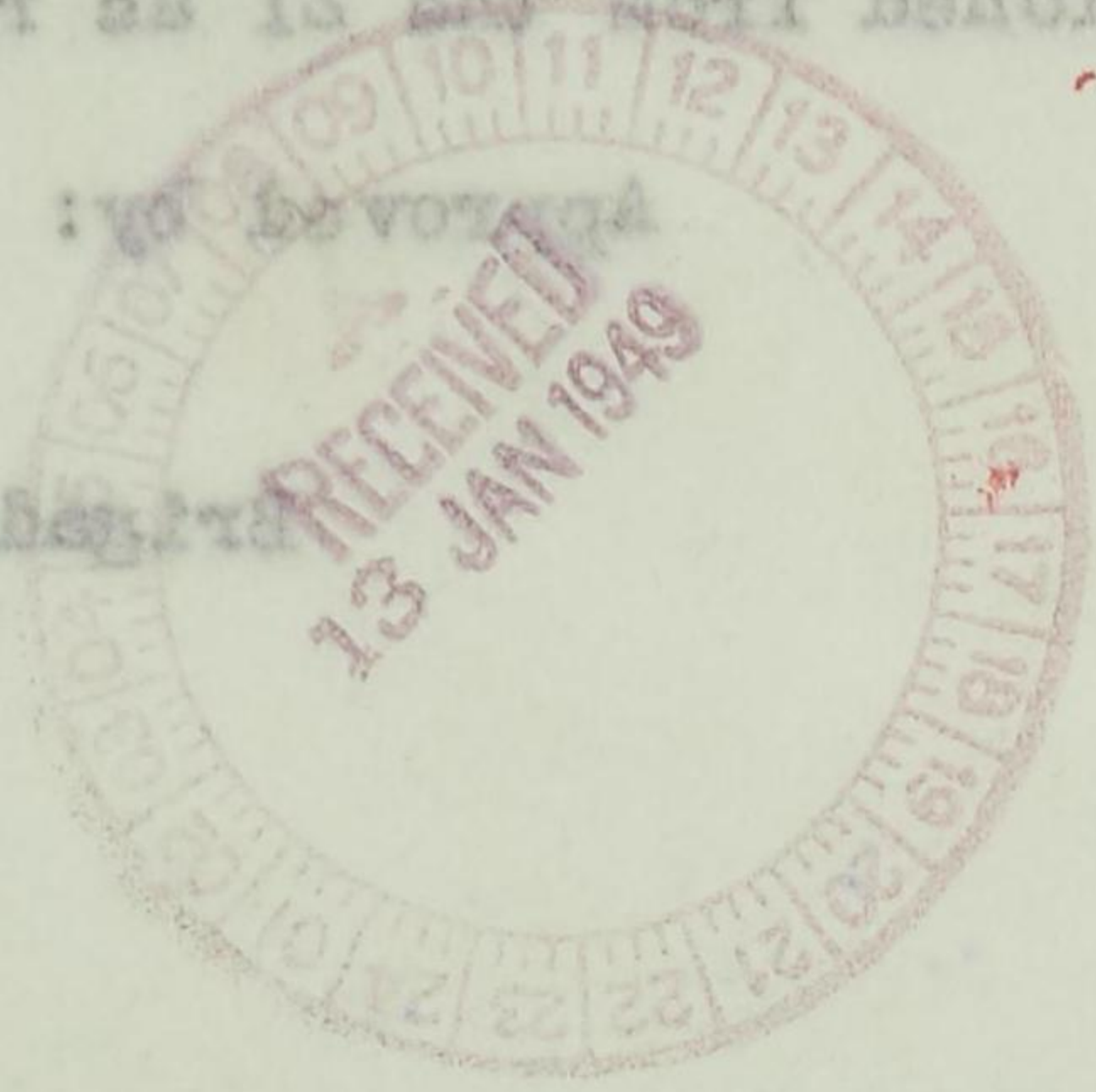
- The TEC stock level for ground combat ammunition is 45 days of supply and will not be exceeded by replenishment requisitions placed on the SI.
- In addition to the ammunition authorized in par 1, above, major commands in TEC are authorized annual training allowances as set forth in AR 735-10. These allowances are requisitioned from the SI as required.

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Assistant General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

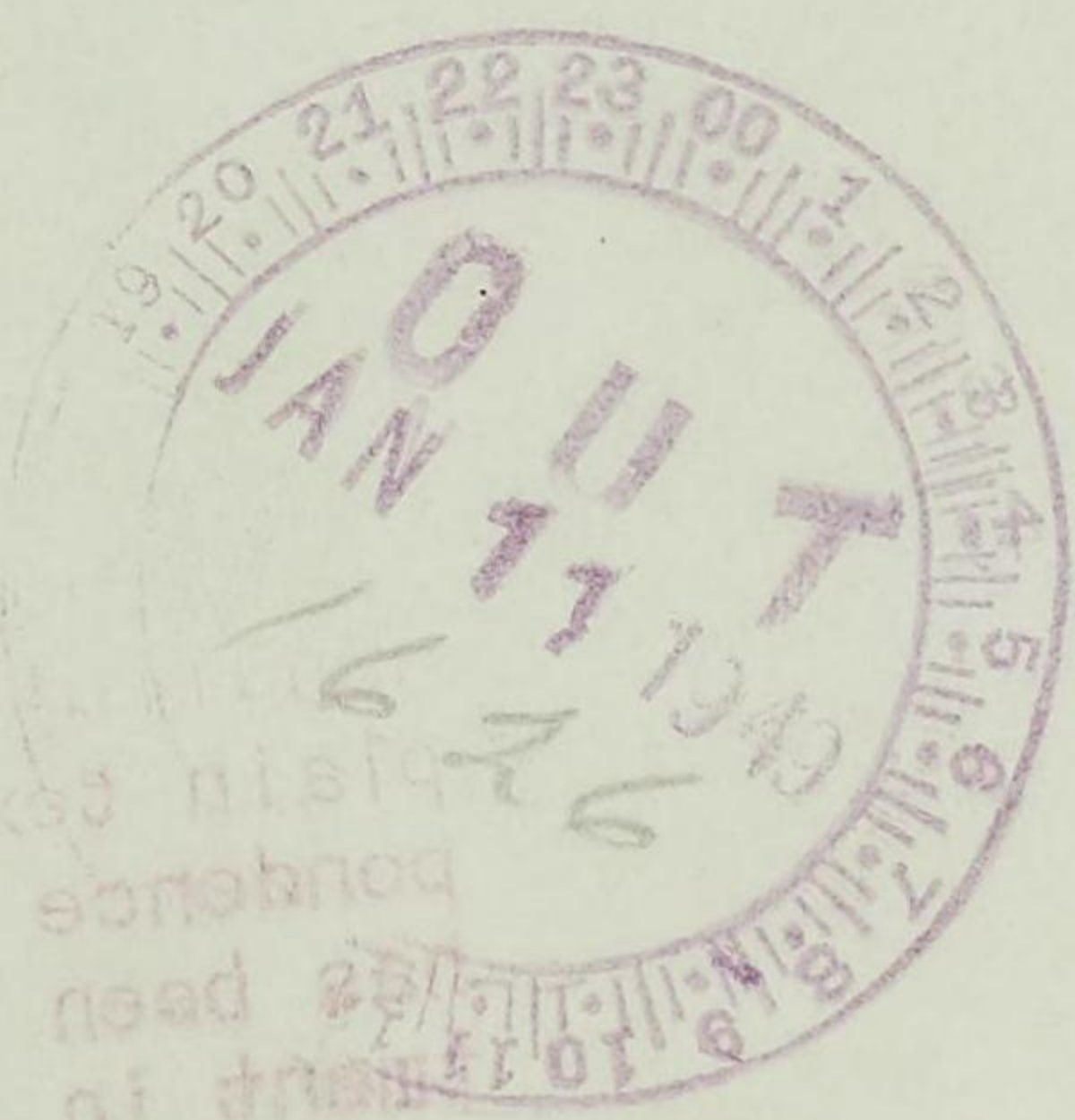
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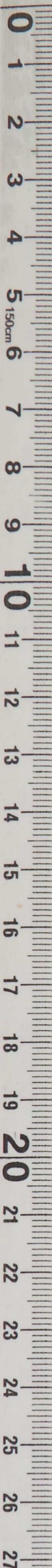
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2. This rad answers PHILMOM's rad 240750 and furnishes information that the TEC stock level for ground combat ammunition is 45 days of supply which will not be exceeded by replenishment requisitions placed on the SI. This information is contained in par 6, Dept of Army letter, file AGAO-8471 (18 Aug 48) 03227-N, subj: "Ground Ammunition Day of Supply," dated 28 Aug 48, and also par 3a (3), Annex 3 to Operations Instructions No. 6, dtd 1 Aug 48.



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12 Jan 49

FROM : CHIEF ADV DIV JUSMAG, NANKING  
TO : CINCFE  
NR : 111645 Z

Request availability of 50 cal ammo links. Col Pan,  
Chinese AF, request this information.

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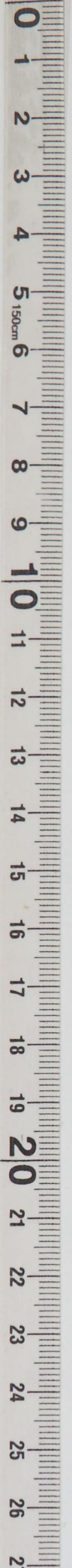
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ROUTINE

15 JAN 49

FROM : CHIEF ADV DIV USMACV, WASHINGTON

TO : CINCPAC

INFO : J10422

Request availability of 50 cal ammo stocks, Col Pan, Chinese AP, request this information.

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FROM: CINCPAC  
TO: CG PHILCOM, . . . . . ROUTINE

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Reurad S 40795 GSOS, 6 Jan 49, request ammunition items reported be retained in storage in PHILCOM pending further instructions from CINCPAC.

OFFICIAL : R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

Approved by: URBAN NIBLO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. PHILCOM rad S 40795 GSOS, 6 Jan 49, requests shipping instructions for 178,746 VT fuzes excess to PHILCOM requirements.
2. As these fuzes are stored in the Statsenburg Area under favorable storage conditions it is not desired that they be moved at this time. These fuzes are not required elsewhere in FEC.
3. This rad directs PHILCOM to retain VT fuzes in storage pending further instructions from CINCPAC.

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ADDENDUM TO  
MEMO FOR RECORD:

RHV/EHM/ra  
11 Jan 49

These fuzes must be stored under special conditions due to the security classification assigned. No storage for the quantity is available in FEC except in PHILCOM. Alternatives are (1) retaining in PHILCOM storage or (2) returning to ZI. Since it is Ordnance opinion (based upon recent physical inspection) that retention will not interfere seriously with the PHILCOM roll-up and since it is desirable to retain these ammunition items in FEC, this action directs CG PHILCOM to hold the items pending further instructions.

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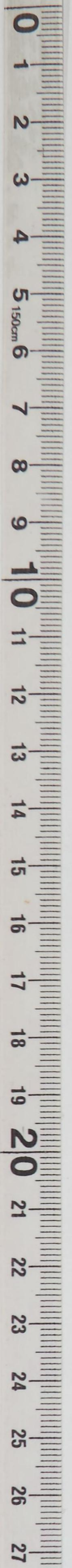
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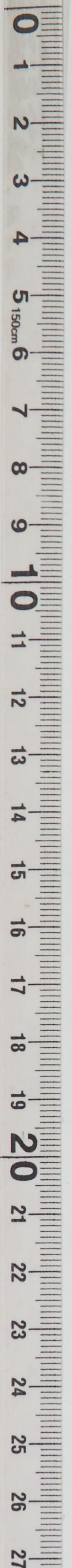
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ORIGINAL HEADQUARTERS  
VAF EAST COMMAND

OUTGOING MESSAGE

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FROM: CINCPAC

TO: CG PHILCOM . . . . . ROUTINE

Items retained in storage in PHILCOM pending further instructions from CINCPAC. Request for ammunition items reported.

OFFICIAL: Approved by:

URBAN MIBLO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

H. S. LAY  
Colonel, AGO  
Adjutant General

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. PHILCOM and 8 4075 GSOS, 8 Jan 49, requests shipping instructions for 178,748 VT fuses excess to PHILCOM requirements.

2. As these fuses are stored in the Statesburg Area under favorable storage conditions it is not desired that they be moved at this time. These fuses are not repaired elsewhere in FEG.

3. This and direct PHILCOM to retain VT fuses in storage pending further instructions from CINCPAC.

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These fuses must be stored under special conditions due to the security classification assigned. No storage for the quantity is available in FEG except in PHILCOM. Alternatives are (A) retaining in PHILCOM storage or (B) returning to FEG. Since it is Ordnance opinion (based upon recent physical inspection) that retention will not interfere seriously with the PHILCOM roll-up and since it is desirable to retain these ammunition items in FEG, this action directs CG PHILCOM to hold the items pending further instructions.

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CROSS REFERENCES OTHER THAN RADIOS

Date: 10 Jan 49

FROM: G-4

TO: GPA

SUBJECT: Cn #4 Services ~~fm~~ of a contractor ~~in~~ to furnish Facilities  
for transportation by water of bombs and ammunition between  
Japanese ~~Ports~~ Ports

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND

OUTGOING MESSAGE

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FROM: CINCPAC

UN/WOM/prc

To: CG EIGHTH ARMY . . . . . PRIORITY  
CG RYCOM . . . . . PRIORITY

8 JAN 1949

X35664 This rad in two parts.

080401

Part I to CG RYCOM. Reurad C 16041 AIO, 5 Jan 49, furnish CG Eighth Army with Requisition number for 1000 cap, blasting non-electric, AIC R7 HRA.

Part II to CG Eighth Army. Request immediate air shipment to Ordnance Officer, RYCOM of 1000 cap, blasting non-electric, AIC R7 HRA. Notify CG RYCOM flight and plane number.

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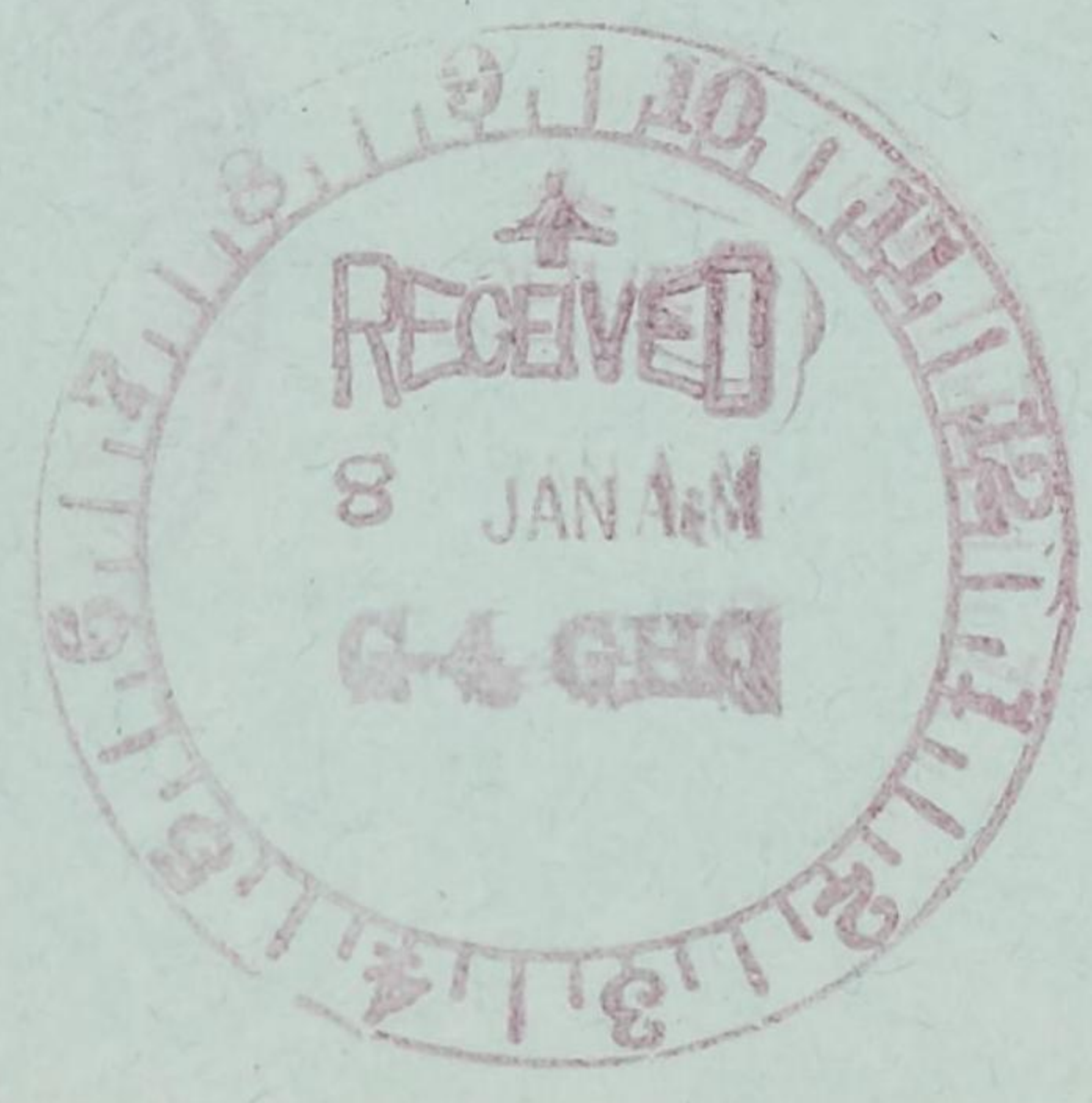
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R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

URBAN NIBLO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

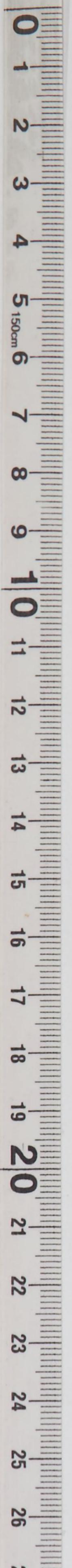
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- M/R:
- RYCOM rad C 16041 AIO, 5 Jan 49, requested immediate air shipment 1000 cap, blasting non-electric, AIC R7 HRA.
  - USAF T.O. 00-85-9 dated 25 June 47, authorizes air shipment of 1000 cap, blasting as class "C" cargo.
  - Eighth Army informally advises availability of 1000 caps, blasting.
  - This rad directs air shipment of 1000 caps, blasting from Eighth Army to RYCOM.

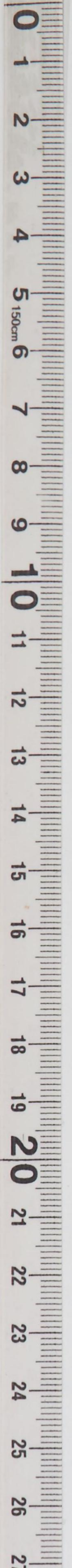


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THE EAST COMMAND

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

UN/AM/PTC

FROM: CINCER

8 JAN 1949

To: CG EIGHTH ARMY . . . . . PRIORITY  
CG RYOM . . . . . PRIORITY

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X3580 This is in two parts.

Part I to CG RYOM. Request 6 18041 AIO, 5 Jan 49, for 1000 cap, blasting non-electric, AIO RV HRA.

Part II to CG Eighth Army. Request immediate air shipment to Ordnance Officer, RYOM of 1000 cap, blasting non-electric, AIO RV HRA. Request CG RYOM flight and plane number.

Approved by: OFFICIAL:

URBAN WIND  
Brigadier General, 6th Dept  
Ordnance Officer

R. E. RYAN  
Colonel, ACD  
Adjutant General

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M/R: 1. RYOM and 6 18041 AIO, 5 Jan 49, requested immediate air shipment 1000 cap, blasting non-electric, AIO RV HRA.

2. EARL E.O. 00-88-9 dated 23 June 47, authorizes air shipment of 1000 cap, blasting as class "C" cargo.

3. Eighth Army informally advises availability of 1000 caps, blasting.

4. This request directs air shipment of 1000 caps, blasting from Eighth Army to RYOM.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM: CINCFE

TO: CG MARBO . . . . . ROUTINE

(C-66933) Reurad SP 8851 MBYDO, dated 5 Jan 49, military guards will accompany vessel loaded with VT fuzes in order to prevent disclosure of confidential information. See GHQ, FEC letter, file AG 471.8 (19 May 47)GD, subject, "Security of VT fuzes," dated 19 May 47 and pars 74 a and h, AR 380-5, dated 15 August 46.

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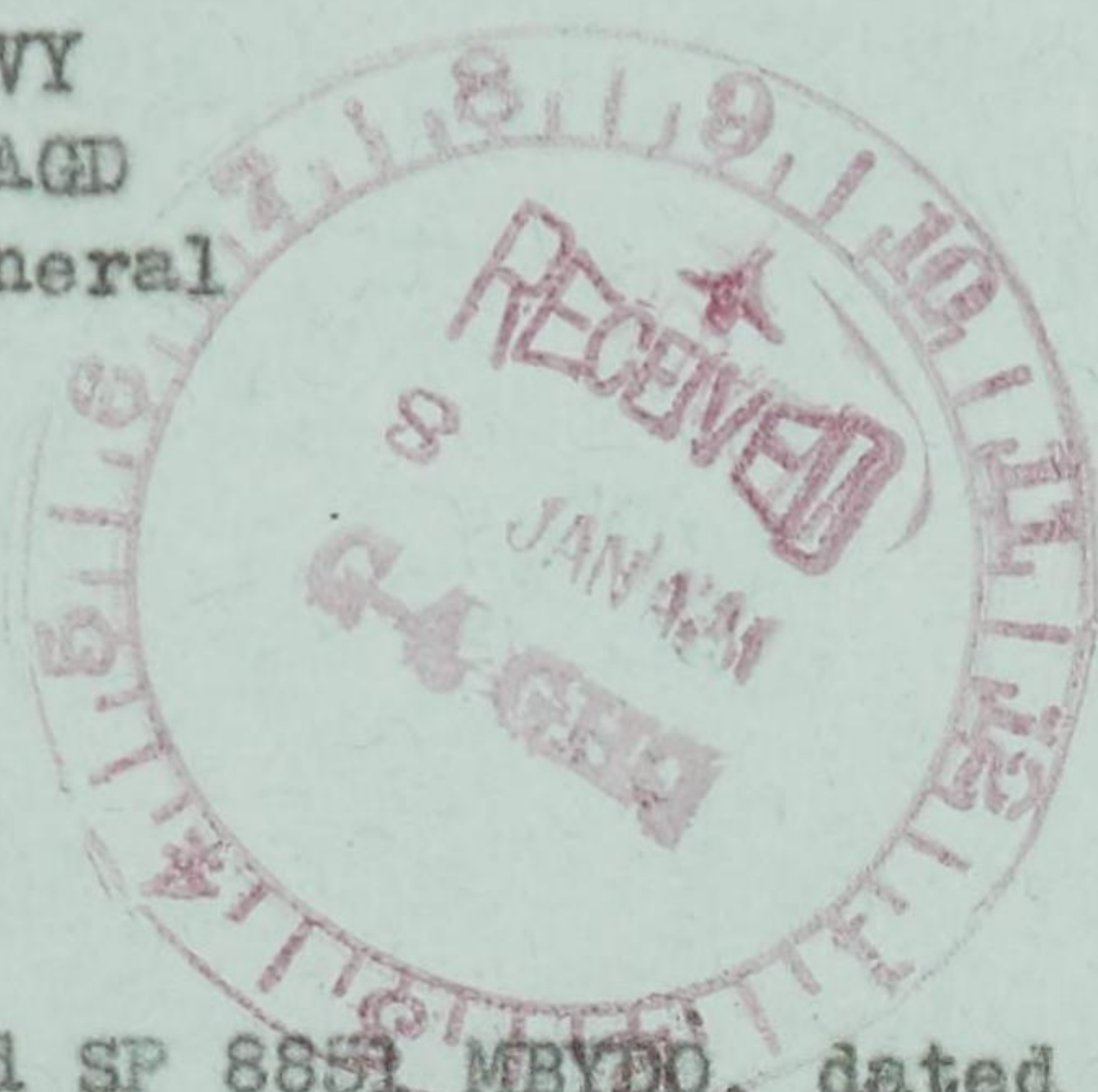
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Approved by:

R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGD  
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URBAN NIBLO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

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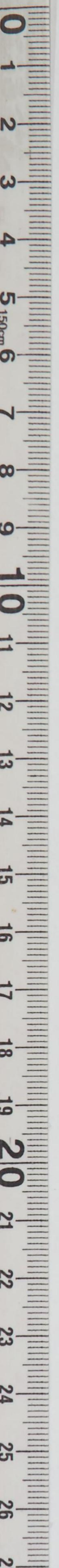
- MARBO's rad SP 8851 MBYDO, dated 5 Jan 49, refers to GHQ, FEC 3rd Ind, file AG 471 (25 Oct 48)OR, subj: "Disposition of Ammunition Items," dated 13 Dec 48, which directs shipment from MARBO of VT fuzes desired by Eighth Army, and queries CINCFE as to whether guards shall accompany vessel loaded with VT fuzes.
- GHQ, FEC letter file AG 471.8 (19 May 47)GD, subject, "Security of VT fuzes," dated 19 May 47 refers to Dept of Army letter, file AGAO-S-B-M 471.82 (1 May 46), subject, "Classification of VT fuzes," dated 6 May 46, which requires a security classification of confidential for VT fuzes.
- Pars 74 a and h, AR 380-5, dated 15 August 46, state that disclosure of information pertaining to classified material will be prevented during transportation by water freight service by military guards.
- This rad informs MARBO that military guards will accompany vessel loaded with VT fuzes.

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 dential information. See GPO, TNO letter, file AG 471.8 (18 May 47) subject,  
 "Security of VT fuses," dated 19 May 47 and para 74 a and b, AR 380-5, dated  
 15 August 46.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
THE EAST COMMAND

OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: CG MABCO . . . . . ROUTINE

FROM: CIMOVE

Approved by:

OFFICIAL:

URBAN RINLO  
 Brigadier General, 6th Dept  
 Ordnance Officer

H. E. LEVY  
 Colonel, ASD  
 Adjutant General

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SEND FOR RECORD:

1. MABCO's and the 6th Dept, dated 5 Jan 49, refers to GPO, TNO 2nd Lab, file AG 471 (25 Oct 48), subj: "Disposition of Ammunition Items," dated 13 Dec 48, which directs shipment from MABCO of VT fuses desired by Eighth Army, and queries CIMOVE as to whether guards shall accompany vessel loaded with VT fuses.
2. GPO, TNO letter file AG 471.8 (19 May 47)OD, subject, "Security of VT fuses," dated 19 May 47 refers to Dept of Army letter, file AGAO-2-2-471.83 (1 May 46), subject, "Classification of VT fuses," dated 6 May 46, which requires a security classification of confidential for VT fuses.
3. Para 74 a and b, AR 380-5, dated 15 August 46, state that disclosure of information pertaining to classified material will be prevented during transportation by water freight service by military guards.
4. This and informs MABCO that military guards will accompany if loaded with VT fuses.



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Ltr, Dept of Army, AGAO-S 471 (17 Sec 48)CSGPA, subj: "U. S. Naval Magazine, Saipan, M. I. - Hazard from Adjacent Army Ammunition Dump," 13 Oct 48.

AG 471 (13 Oct 48)OR 3d Ind

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500

TO: Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APO 246

1. The progress made in eliminating the hazardous conditions on Saipan, as indicated in paragraphs 1 and 7, 2d Indorsement, has been noted. However, the remaining ammunition still presents a definite hazard since, in the event an accidental explosion should occur in the Army open storage area, the safety of the ammunition in the Navy magazines would be seriously jeopardized due to flying missiles and/or exploding projectiles. The seriousness of this condition is lessened only by the fact that the Naval ammunition is stored inside earth covered quonsets which might tend to retard or prevent missiles from entering.

2. In order to comply with paragraph 9, Circular 32, General Headquarters, Far East Command, dated 19 March 1947, sufficient quantities of Class 4 ammunition will be removed from present Army site until the Navy requirement of 1,500 feet between separate magazine areas is met. Sufficient quantities of Class 10 explosive will be removed until a point to point distance from the nearest Naval magazine to the nearest pile of Army Class 10 ammunition is no less than 1,814 feet (quantity-distance based on 16,000 pounds of Class 10 explosives).

3. It is desired that the removal of ammunition as indicated in paragraph 2, above, be effected at the earliest practicable date and that monthly progress reports be rendered until the existing hazardous conditions have been eliminated.

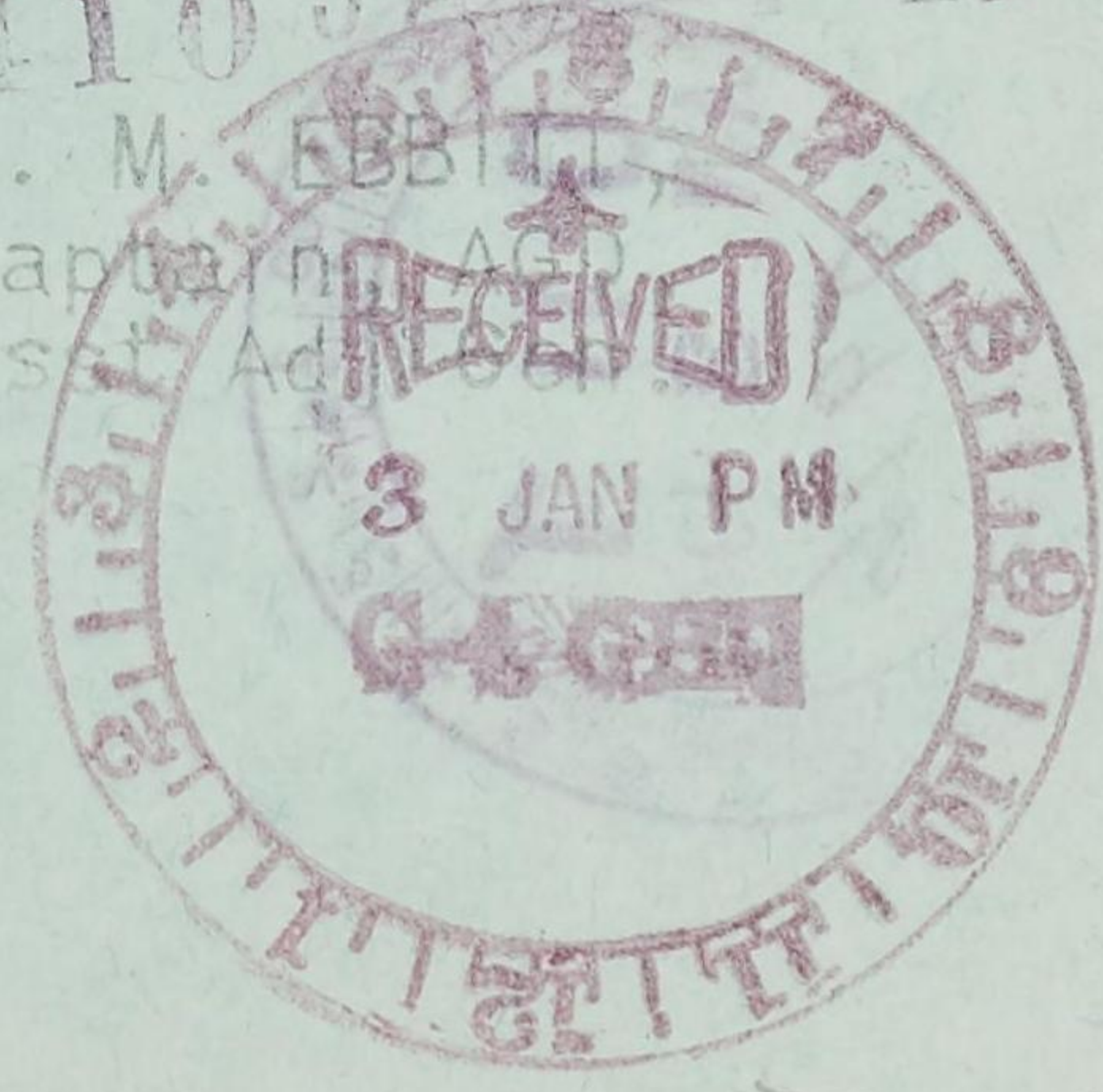
4. It is requested that Commander-in-Chief, Far East be informed by return indorsement the estimated date of completion of above project and whether or not additional transportation will be required for dumping at sea activities.

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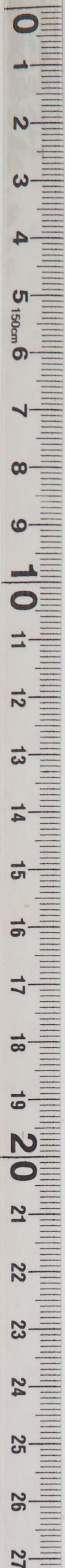


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Captain AGO  
Asst. Adm. Officer



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The Dept of Army, GAO-8-471 (17 Dec 1957), was: "U. S. Naval Ordnance, Major, N. I. - Hazard from Adjacent Army Ammunition Dump," 15 Dec 57.

AS 471 (13 Dec 48)02

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, THE EAST DISTRICT, THE ARMY

FOR Commanding General, Munitions-Storage Command, 410 248

1. The program made in eliminating the hazardous conditions on bases, as indicated in paragraphs 1 and 7, of the memorandum, has been noted. However, the remaining conditions will present a definite hazard since, in the event an accidental explosion should occur in the area open storage area, the safety of the munitions in the Navy magazine would be seriously jeopardized due to flying missiles and/or exploding projectiles. The seriousness of this condition is lessened only by the fact that the Naval ammunition is stored inside earth covered magazines which might tend to retard or prevent missiles from entering.

2. In order to comply with paragraph 9, Circular 52, General Headquarters, The East District, dated 19 March 1957, entitled quantities of Class 4 ammunition will be removed from present Army sites until the Navy requirement of 1,000 feet between separate magazine areas is met. Additional quantities of Class 10 explosive will be removed until a point to point distance from the nearest Naval magazine to the nearest pile of Army Class 10 ammunition is no less than 1,000 feet (quantity-distance based on 10,000 pounds of Class 10 explosives).

3. It is desired that the removal of ammunition as indicated in paragraph 2, above, be effected at the earliest practicable date and that monthly progress reports be submitted until the existing hazardous conditions have been eliminated.

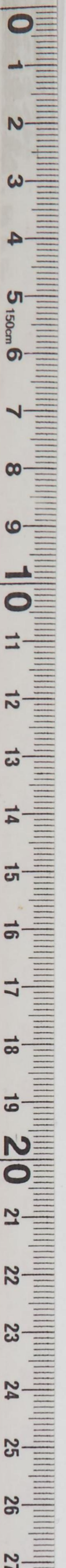
4. It is requested that Commander-in-Chief, The East District, be informed by return memorandum the estimated date of completion of above project and whether or not additional transportation will be required for dumping of explosives.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL HEADQUARTERS:



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## MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. Par 9, Cir 32, GHQ, FEC, dtd 19 Mar 47, states that in instances where Army and Navy ammunition and explosives are stored in adjoining areas collaboration with Naval Commanders will be maintained to insure that the safety of either area is not jeopardized. All magazines or storage sites and explosive handling operations within the Army area will be separated from the nearest Navy stores, in accordance with the quantity-distance tables contained in Ordnance Safety Manual, OO Form 7224 unless the required Navy safety distances are greater, in which case the Navy distances will apply. As the Navy requirement of 1,500 ft between separate magazine areas exceeds the Army requirement of 1,400 ft (par 8ld, Ordnance Safety Manual, dtd 3 May 45), the Navy distance will apply.
2. The safe unbarricaded missile distance for 16,000 lbs of Class 10 explosive is given in the Ordnance Safety Manual as no less than 1,814 ft.
3. This 3d Ind informs CG MARBO of the desire of CINCPAC that safe missile distances be obtained between the Army and Navy ammunition storage areas on Saipan and requests information as to the estimated date of completion of removal of sufficient Army ammunition to comply with those safe missile distances.

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Subject: U.S. Naval Magazine, Saipan, M. I. - Hazard from Adjacent Army  
Ammunition Dump

AG 471 (13 Oct 48)MBYDO

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HEADQUARTERS, MARIANAS-BONINS COMMAND, APO 246, 8 December 1948

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, APO 800

1. The general situation described in the correspondence referred to in paragraph 1, 1st Indorsement, remains substantially the same except that the following progress has been made:

a. The total stocks estimated at 48,000 tons in April 1948, have been reduced by 12,000 tons at this time. An inventory is currently in progress which will establish the stockage figures more firmly.

b. Prior to 31 July 1948, all ammunition within 625 feet of the Naval magazines had been removed and the most hazardous conditions eliminated by destruction of WP loaded items, rockets and other similar sensitive types.

c. Substantial improvements were made in a wide variety of detailed activities in connection with police of the area, security restrictions, and inauguration of an inspection and surveillance program.

2/ The hazards existing in August 1948 and still present are inherent in the very nature of the outdoor storage of large quantities of Army ammunition remaining in the field after the close of the war. These include but are not limited to danger of fire or explosion from deterioration of the smokeless powder and explosives produced by excessive heat from exposure to the sun and in the presence of moisture. Such a fire and series of explosions could be expected to progress from pile to pile throughout the entire area. A portion of the Naval magazine area is within missile distance of the heaviest concentration of Army ammunition. This latter area represents an equilateral triangle, 1,000 feet in altitude and contains 60 stacks of ammunition, less than 50 feet apart plus other stacks more remotely segregated. The net high explosives content of all stacks in this general area is calculated at 436,925 pounds. The types are fixed and semi-fixed artillery ammunition, mortar ammunition and grenades, all generally Class 4, except that 16,000 pounds of explosives are represented by 75mm and 90mm HEAT rounds, understood to be pentolite loaded and therefore causing a Class 10 classification to be applied. The Army ammunition area is located generally on a plateau, some 240 feet in elevation above the Navy area. The closest Naval magazines contain smokeless powder and are situated 60 feet from the foot of a steep cliff averaging about 45 degrees slope, 220 feet from the top of which is located the nearest stack of Army ammunition, Class 4, containing 3,200 pounds of explosives. The horizontal distance between storage points is 580 feet as taken from an aerial photograph, the vertical distance is 240 feet, the point to point distance is 625 feet and the point of the excarpment represents a natural barricade of some 75 feet, breaking the detonating wave

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but not affecting the missile distance. The intermagazine distance for 500,000 pounds of explosives contained in Class 4 ammunition is only 300 feet but for 436,925 pounds of Class 10 explosives, the distance is at least 1,300 feet (New Jersey State Laws). Considering the presence of the natural barricade and the fact that the two Naval smokeless powder magazines are currently being emptied, extending the inter-magazine distance by 300 feet to the next row of Naval magazines, the minimum requirements for safety distances between Army and Navy stocks may be considered as met. However, the Navy requirement of 1,500 feet between separate magazine areas has not been met.

3. It is understood informally that the Navy is currently moving substantial quantities of ammunition from their several storage areas, consequently, an inter-magazine area safety distance of 1,500 feet can eventually be accomplished by restorage of remaining Navy stocks in that area. By contrast, the removal and restorage of the several thousand tons of Army ammunition in unserviceable and deteriorated containers within a short space of time, presents a problem in manpower and transportation as well as in additional hazards incident to handling, which causes this Headquarters to regard continued storage in its present location as an operational necessity, and as a calculated risk.

4. Progress is being made gradually by the removal and destruction of the more hazardous items as they are discovered during the regular continued inspection, surveillance and inventory operations, supervised by commissioned officers and trained civilian Ordnance ammunition inspectors. These items are not necessarily found in the "Strip 7" area nearest to the Navy area, but the entire Army dump is constantly being searched and screened for reduction of hazards. Beginning about 1 August 1948, this program had slowed down due to a combination of several factors, including breakdown of the tug used for towing barges out to sea for dumping, employment of manpower to assist unloading roll-up cargo from Korea on Saipan, and supervising outloading of surplus items on the OFLC account. Moreover, a 33 1/3 percent turnover of operating personnel occurred, the replacement Philippine Scout troops from PHILCOM having lagged behind losses. All of the above factors of delay however, have now been overcome and an accelerated program is being initiated. A contract is under negotiation with a civilian firm looking toward a program of demilitarization and salvage of metal components of all artillery ammunition. Certain types, such as land mines, grenades and pyrotechnics will continue to be disposed of by burning, detonation and dumping at sea. Every effort will be made to reduce the concentration in the areas adjacent to the Naval storage site during the progress of the salvage and destruction programs.

5. Since it is impossible to evaluate the degree of deterioration of the several explosive components included in the various types of Army ammunition which have been exposed to outdoor storage in this tropical

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climate for a period of over three years, the only logical and realistic conclusion to be made is that some degree of instability is present. Accordingly, it must be stated that complete elimination of hazards will be effected only when the entire Army stockage has been disposed of. It is doubtful that this can be accomplished in less than a year's time. Reduction of hazards so far as Navy stocks are concerned, will occur as the distance between Army and Navy stocks is increased, i.e., by disposal of the former and restorage of the latter.

6. A conference was recently held with representatives of the Commander Marianas and it was mutually agreed that:

- a. Improvements made between October 1947 and August 1948 were considerable.
- b. Existing hazards remain essentially as outlined above.
- c. Specific criticisms were justified in point of improvement of security measures, concentrations of high explosives particularly pentolite in the "Strip 7" area, and the surveillance program.

7. As a result of this survey the general program has been augmented to include the following refinements:

- a. Security to be improved by detail of roving patrols and road blocks.
- b. Pentolite loaded ammunition to be removed and restored in remote locations.
- c. Surveillance tests of suspected smokeless powder samples to be run in Saipan Navy laboratory facilities.

8. In compliance with the directive contained in paragraph 3, 1st Indorsement, progress reports will be rendered monthly by this headquarters outlining in detail the progress made in the reduction of existing hazards.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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/s/ Osmyrn A. Vining  
OSMYN A. VINING  
Major, AGD  
ACTG ADJ GEN

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Date: 6jJan 49

FROM: Operations Div

TO: Col Patton

SUBJECT: Memo subj US Naval Magazine, Saipan -Hazard from Adjacent  
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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6 Jan 49

FROM: CG PHILCOM

TO : CINCFE (PASS TO ORDFA)

NR : S 40795 GSCS

Re is Ltr File OG 400,703/8547-MISC dtd 15 Nov 48, subj:  
"Ord items required in the ZI." For ammo items listed in re ltr  
excess to PHILCOM reqmts:

- R 3 F AA, 51960;
- R 3 FBA, 35202;
- R 3 BWB, 46044;
- R 3 FSA, 42060;
- R 3 FQA, 3480.

Rqst shipping instructions be furnished covering above items.

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circular prohibits future use of the term "Unit of Fire" and using units are now concerned with the term "Basic Load". Since the D/A has not yet published the actual quantity of ammunition contained in the basic load of any given unit, the term has no factual meaning as far as D/A authorized ammunition stock levels are concerned. In line with this is the fact that CINCFE has given the term "Basic Load" the same definition as was previously given the term "Unit of Fire" in order to place the new term in use without disturbing current stock levels.

5. References considered in the review of this proposed radio are listed below:

a. Ltr, WD, subj "Levels of Supply for Oversea Commands" file AGAO-S-D-M 400 (16 Oct 46) dated 21 October 1946.

b. Ltr, CINCFE, subj "Class V Supply, Ordnance Ammunition", file AG 471 (6 Feb 47)GD, Dtd 6 February 1947.

c. Ltr, CINCFE, subj "Ammunition Supply for Army Forces, Far East Commands", file AG 471 (8 Nov 48)OR, dtd 8 November 1948.

d. Ltr, D/A, subj "Ground Ammunition Day of Supply", file AGAO-S 471 (18 Aug 48)CSGSP-M, dtd 26 August 1948.

e. WDFM 100-10 "Field Service Regulations, Administration" dtd 15 November 1943, with three changes (par 1 d).

f. D/A Circ 31 "Ammunition Supply Policies, Ground Forces in Active Operations", dtd 9 February 1948 as amended by D/A Circ 155, dtd 26 May 1948.

g. GHQ FEC OI 6, dated 1 August 1948.

6. By this C/N the action indicated in par 3 above is accomplished. G-4 Journal 74846 is closed.

7. Supply Division suspense date - 10 January 1949.

8. Ordnance Section furnished a copy of this M/R.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
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FROM: CINCFE

TO : CG PHILCOM . . . . . ROUTINE

( ) Reurad S 40760 GSOS, dated 28 December 48.

1. The FEC stock level for ground combat ammunition is 45 days of supply and will not be exceeded by replenishment requisitions placed on ZI. This stock level includes all ammunition in depots but does not include basic loads in the hands of troops.

2. In addition to the ammunition authorized in par 1 above, major commands in FEC are authorized annual training allowances as set forth in AR 775-10. These allowances are requisitioned from the ZI as required.

OFFICIAL:

Approved by:

R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

URBAN NIBLO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

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M/R: 1. PHILCOM rad S 40760 GSOS, dtd 28 Dec 48, requests clarification of requisitioning objective for ground ammunition. Should PHILCOM have in storage 165 days of supply (45 days of supply plus 120 days order-shipping time) or 45 days of supply and use such figure as requisitioning objective?

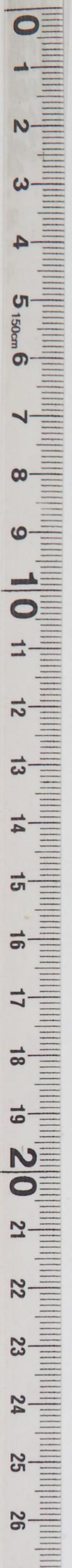
2. This rad answers PHILCOM's rad S 40760 and furnishes information that the FEC stock level for ground combat ammunition is 45 days of supply which will not be exceeded by replenishment requisitions placed on the ZI. This information is contained in par 6, Dept of Army letter, file AGAO-S 471 (18 Aug 48) CSGSP-M, subj: "Ground Ammunition Day of Supply," dtd 26 Aug 48, and also par 3a(3), Annex 3 to Operations Instructions No. 6, dtd 1 Aug 48.

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FROM: GINCOE

TO : CG PHILCOM . . . . . MOUTON

( Revised 2 40700 8202, dated 22 December 48 )

1. The YEC stock level for ground combat ammunition is 45 days of supply and will not be exceeded by replenishment requisitions placed on SI. This stock level includes all ammunition in depots but does not include basic loads in the hands of troops.

2. In addition to the ammunition authorized in par 1 above, major commands in PAC are authorized annual training allowances as set forth in AR 775-10. These allowances are requisitioned from the SI as required.

APPROVED BY: OFFICIAL:

URBAN HIRSH  
Brigadier General, G-4 Staff  
Ordnance Officer

R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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M/R: J. PHILCOM and 2 40780 8202, dated 22 Dec 48, requests clarification of replenishing objective for ground ammunition. Should PHILCOM have in storage 165 days of supply (45 days of supply plus 120 days order-shiping time) or 45 days of supply and use such figure as replenishing objective?

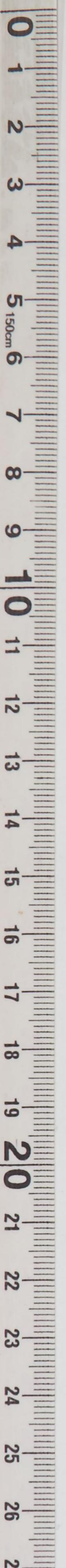
2. This request answers PHILCOM's and 2 40780 and furnishes information that the YEC stock level for ground combat ammunition is 45 days of supply which will not be exceeded by replenishment requisitions placed on the SI. This information is contained in par 6, Dept of Army letter, The AGO-2 471 (18 Aug 48) GAGEP-M, subj: "Ground Ammunition Day of Supply," dated 22 Aug 48, and also par 2a(3), Annex 3 to Operations Instructions No. 6, dated 1 Aug 48.

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FROM : CG RYCOM  
TO : CINCFE  
NR : C 16041 AIO

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Request immediate air shpmt from any available source within the comd 1,000 cap blasting non-electric, AICR 7 HRA. Native breaking and entering resulted in complete loss of stocks this comd. Further request flight and plane nbr be furnished if shipped by air.

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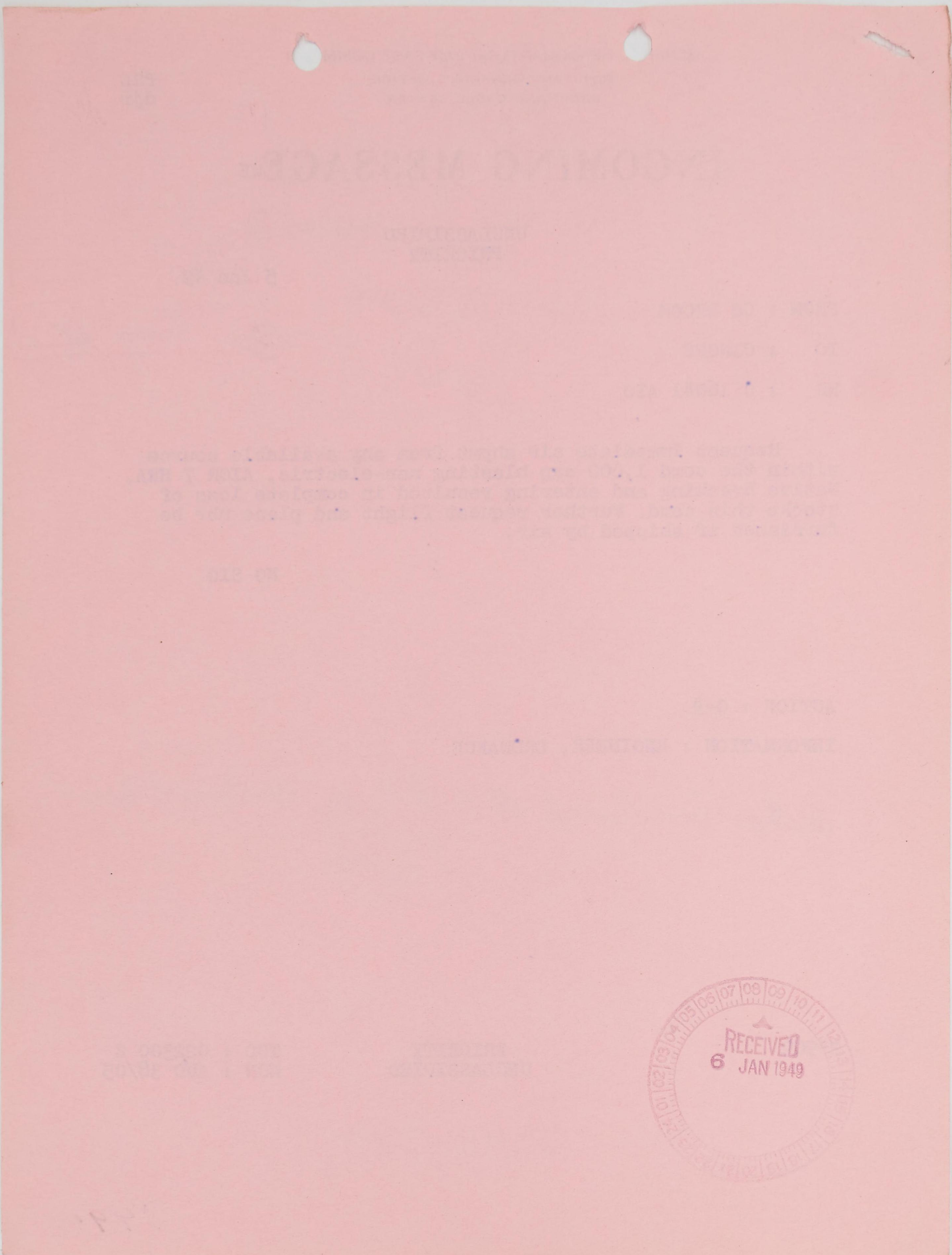
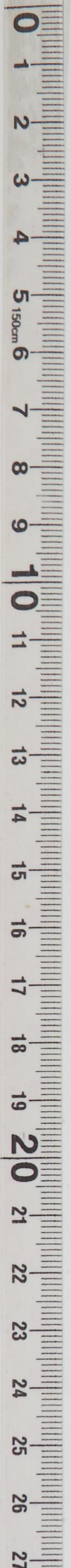
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ROUTINE

FROM : CG MARBO  
 TO : CINCFE  
 INFO : CG EIGHTH ARMY  
 NR : SP 8851 MBYDO

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Material ordered shipped to Eighth Army by third indorsement to MARBO letter, subj: Disposition of ammo items, File, AG 471 (25 Oct 48) MBYDO is being loaded aboard SCAJAP vessel ETD 25 Jan and kept under security guard. Shall guards accompany vessel to destination?

NO SIG

ACTION : ORDNANCE

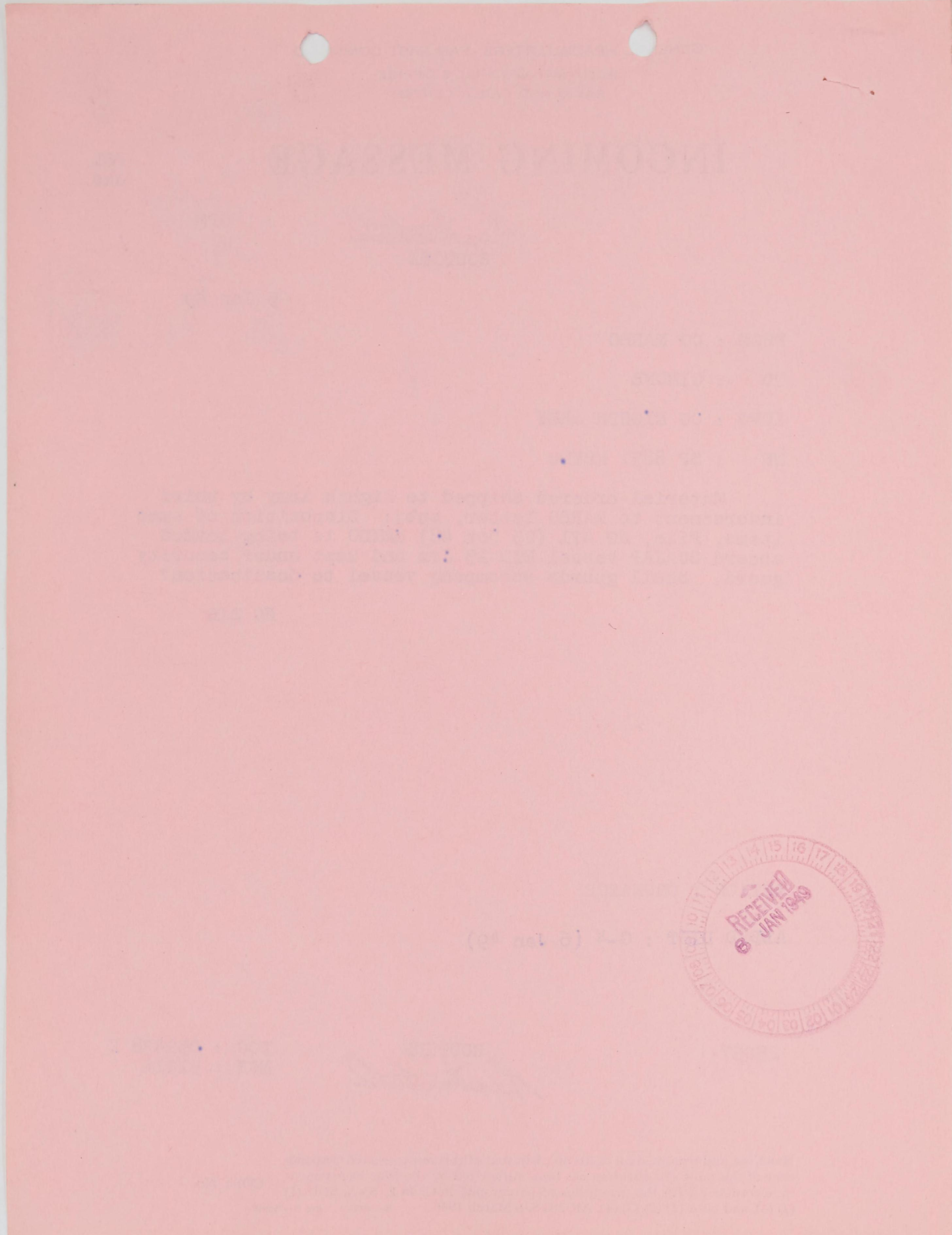
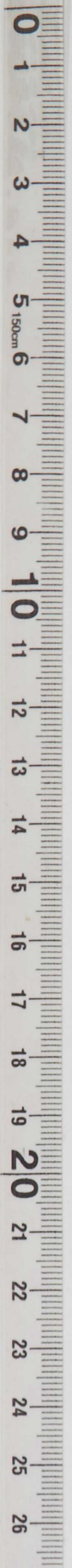
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FROM : CG FRAF

TO : CSAF, CINCPAC, CG FEAMCOM, FLC SHANGHAI, CHIEF AAG HANKING

NR : AX 1443 ORD-4

Reoured <sup>470</sup> AX 1419 ORD-4. Avazmo indicated in cited red is available at Okinawa instead of Guam as shown.

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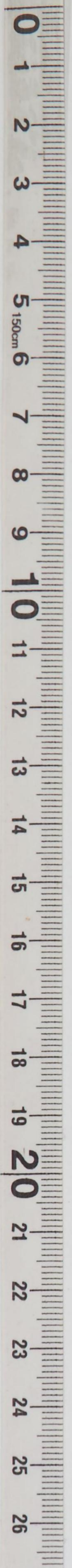
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FROM: CINCFE

TO : CG EIGHTH ARMY . . . . . ROUTINE

INFO: CG PHILCOM . . . . . ROUTINE

( **CIX66820** ) Reference is made to CINCFE rad CX 66268, dated 13 December 48, and PHILCOM rad SX 40767 GSOS, dated 29 December 48. Request action on PHILCOM requisition ZC 393 for 12,500 grenades, hand, fragmentation, S4GLA be suspended pending early visit to PHILCOM of Ordnance staff representative.

OFFICIAL:

Approved by:

R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

URBAN NIBLO  
Brigadier General, Ord Dept  
Ordnance Officer

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- M/R: 1. CINCFE rad CX 66268, dtd 13 Dec 48, referred to PHILCOM letter, GSOS 471.6, subj: "Surveillance Functioning Test of Grenade, Hand, Fragmentation, Mk2 with Fuze, M204," dtd 24 Nov 48, and granted PHILCOM authority to dispose of rejected grenades locally and directed PHILCOM to requisition replacement grenades from 8th Army.
2. PHILCOM rad SX 40767 GSOS, dtd 29 Dec 48, furnished 8th Army with Req ZC 393 for 12,500 grenades, hand, fragmentation, S4GLA.
3. This rad requests action on PHILCOM Req ZC 393 be suspended pending early visit to PHILCOM of Ordnance staff representative.
4. Action on Req ZC 393 is suspended pending investigation in PHILCOM by Ordnance staff representative of future requirements for combat ammunition items.

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FROM: GINGER

TO: CG NIGHT ARMY

INFO: CG PHILCOM

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Reference is made to GINGER and CX 8828, dated 12 December 48, and PHILCOM and CX 40767 G202, dated 22 December 48. Request for PHILCOM registration SC 293 for 12,500 grenades, hand fragmentation grenades, pending early visit to PHILCOM of Ordnance staff representative.

Approved by:

OFFICIAL:

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Brigadier General, G-2 Staff  
Ordnance Officer

R. M. LEVY  
Colonel, AGO  
Adjutant General

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1. GINGER and CX 8828, dated 12 Dec 48, referred to PHILCOM letter, 22 Dec 48, subj: "Surveillance Functioning Test of Grenade, Hand, Fragmentation, M50, and M51, and granted PHILCOM authority to dispose of rejected grenades locally and directed PHILCOM to registration requirements from 8th Army.

2. PHILCOM and CX 40767 G202, dated 22 Dec 48, furnished 8th Army with Reg SC 293 for 12,500 grenades, hand, fragmentation, M50, M51.

3. This requests action on PHILCOM Reg SC 293 be suspended pending early visit to PHILCOM of Ordnance staff representative.

4. Action on Reg SC 293 is suspended pending investigation in PHILCOM by Ordnance staff representative of future requirements for combat ammunition items.

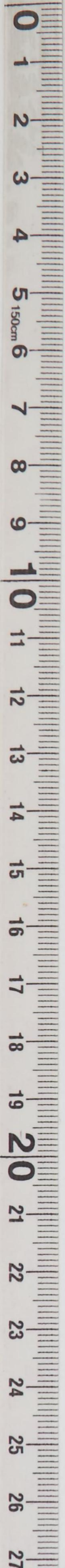
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AG 471.8 ( 28 May 48 )OR

4 January 1949

SUBJECT: Fuzes, Chemical, AT, M600, M601, or M602

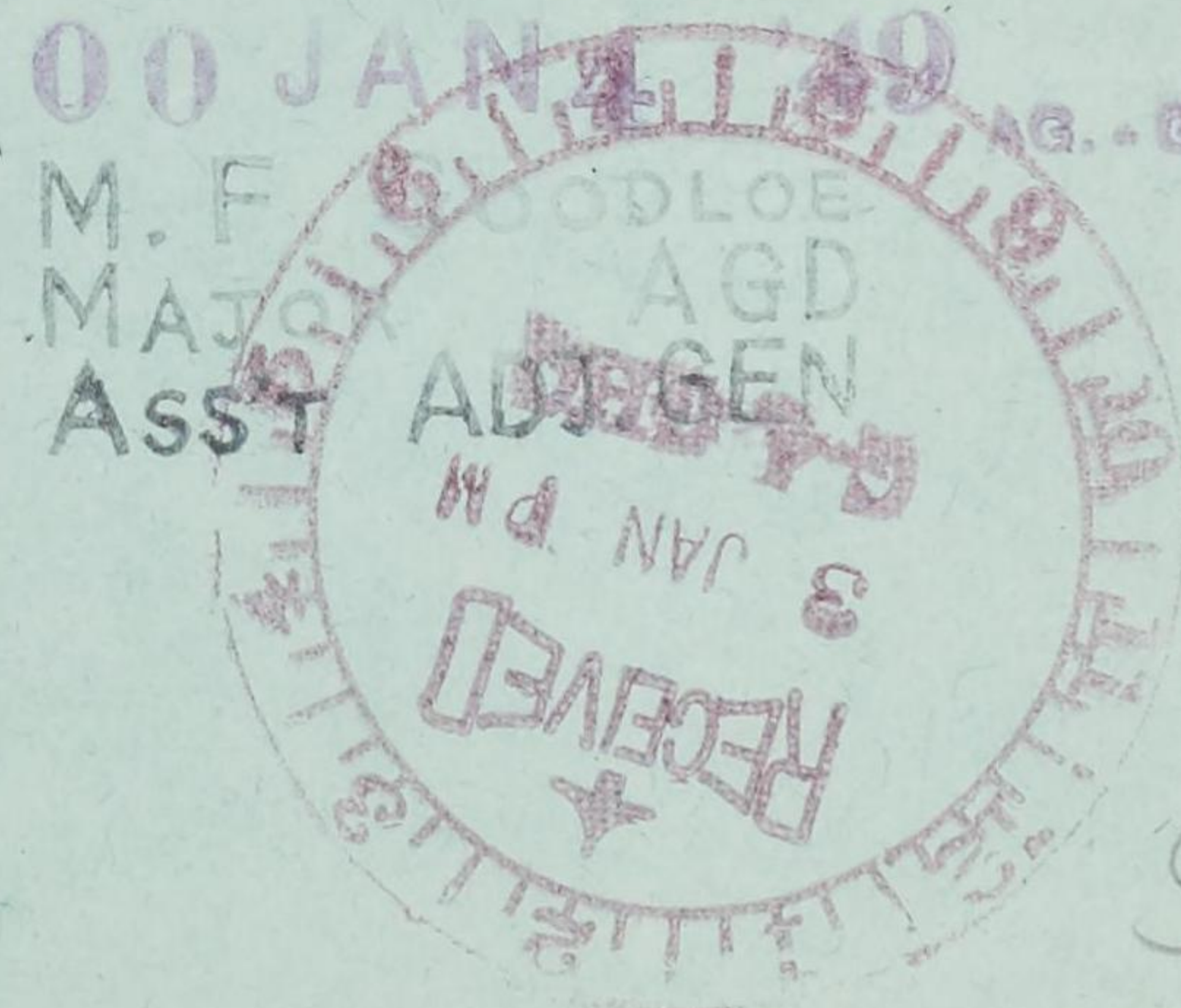
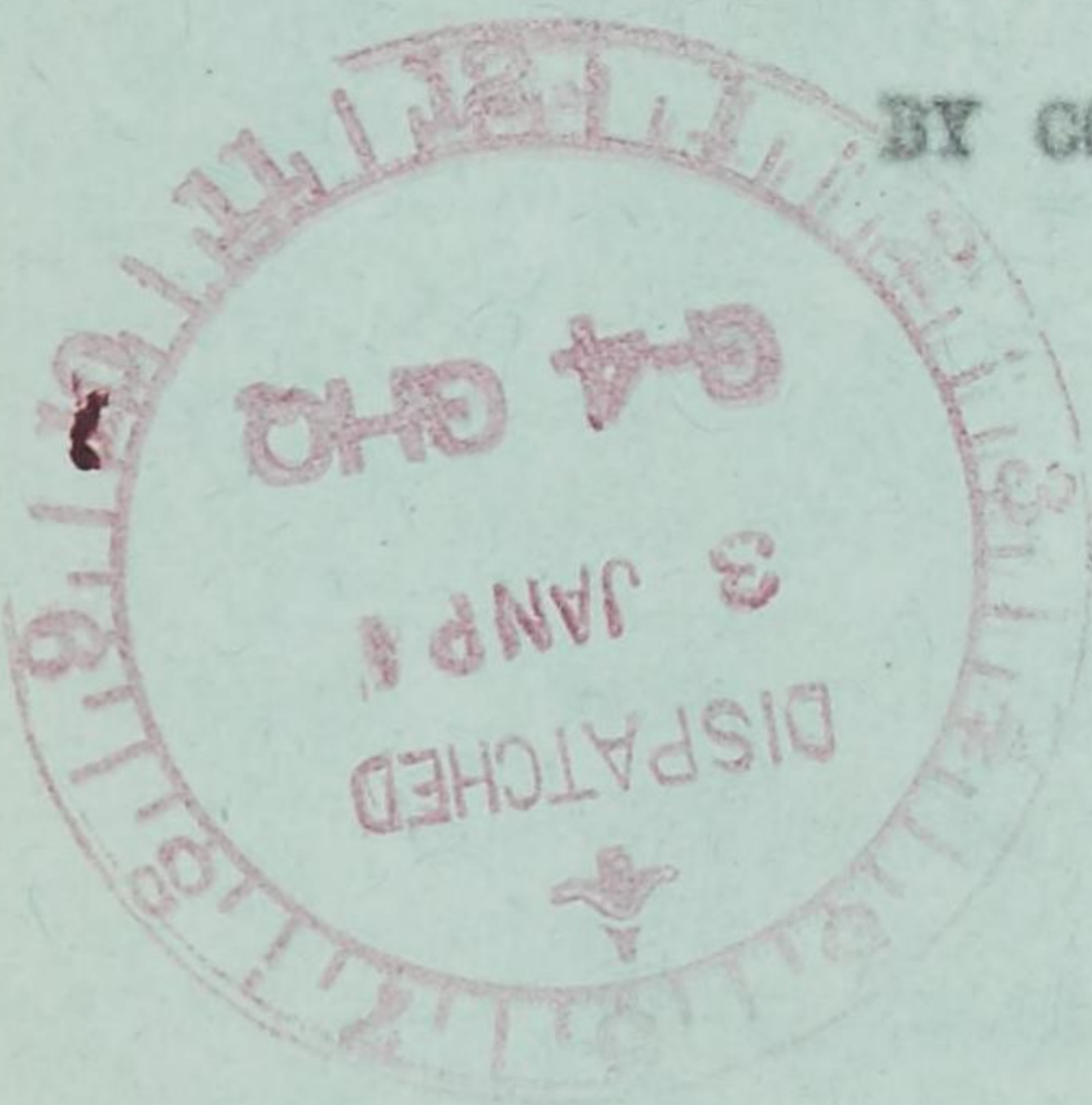
TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

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1. Reference is made to CINCPAC radio OX 61015, dated 28 May 1948, which placed a suspension on Fuzes, chemical, anti-tank, M600, M601, or M602.
2. The suspension on shipment of Mines, HE, anti-tank, light, M7A1, not packed in complete accordance with Ordnance Drawing 20-4-435, Revision 1, of 15 August 1945, remains in effect.
3. The suspension on handling and shipment of Mines, HE, anti-tank, heavy, M6A1, and light, M7A1, packed with Fuze, chemical, anti-tank, M600 and M601, when packed in accordance with Ordnance Drawings 20-4-440 and 20-4-435, Revision 1, of 15 August 1945, is lifted.
4. When M6 and M7 type mines with chemical mine fuzes are not packed in accordance with quoted drawings, fuzes may be removed and packaged separately providing normal safety regulations to assure safety for personnel are observed and packaging of fuzes provides at least one inch of separation between fuzes. Fuzes so packed may be considered safe for storage, handling, and issue.
5. The suspension on Fuzes, M602, is lifted. Such fuzes are considered safe for storage, handling, and issue when in standard pack.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:



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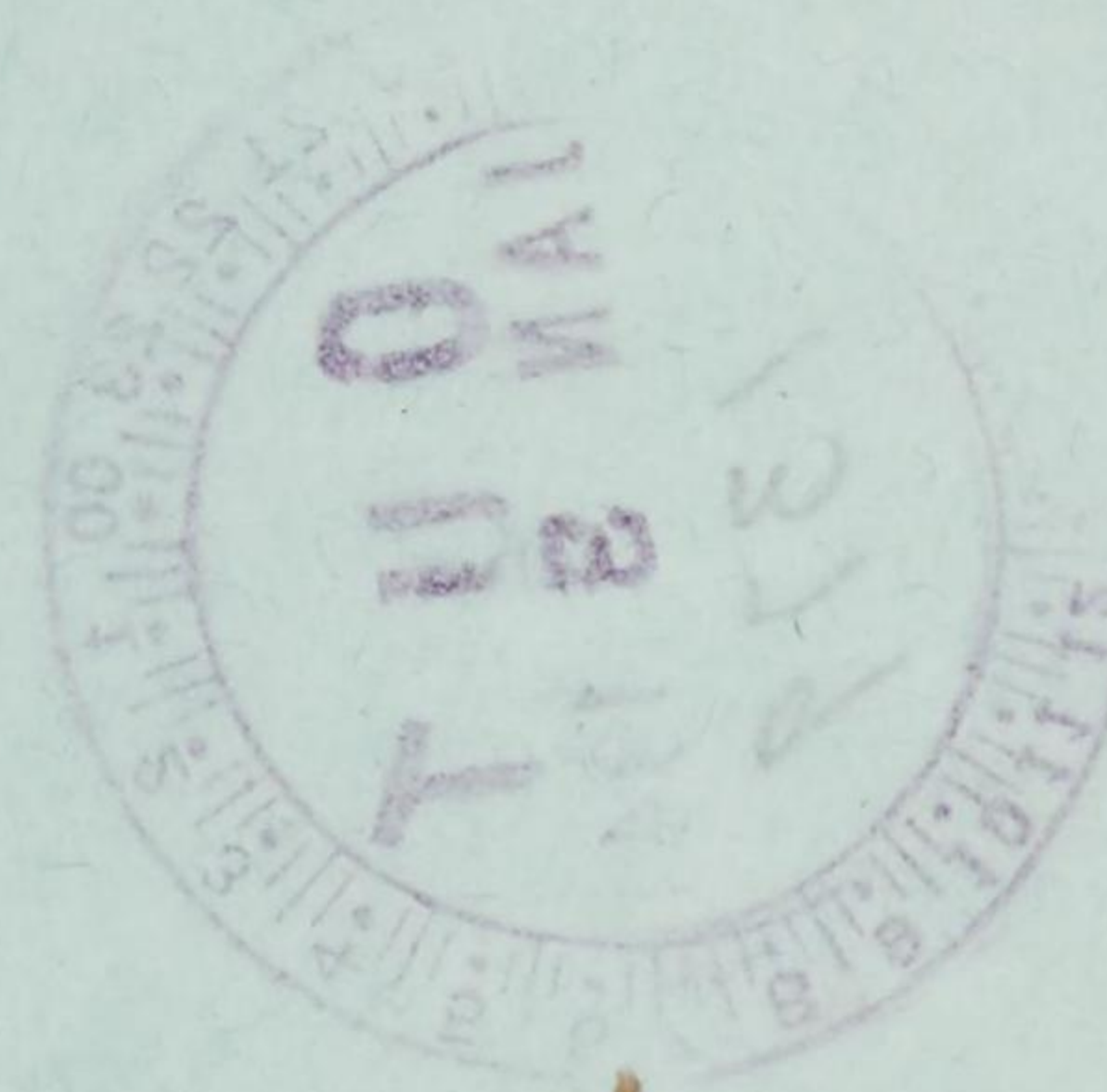
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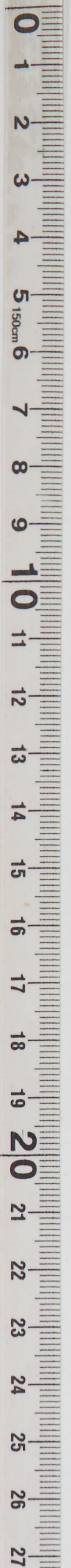
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## MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. CINCPAC rad CX 61015, dtd 28 May 48, first disseminated information to all commands pertaining to the hazards encountered in handling fuzes, chemical, M600, M601, or M602. Subsequent correspondence amends the above radio.
2. Dept of Army letter, file 00 471.82/3416, dtd 8 Dec 48, subj: "Fuze, Chemical, AT, M600, M601 or M602, lifts the suspension of handling and shipment of the M6A1 and M7A1 mines containing chemical mine fuzes. Certain provisions are stated that must be complied with before shipments are made. The full suspension of Fuze, chemical, AT, M602 is lifted.
3. This letter disseminates the information to 8th Army for their information and appropriate action.
4. Copies of the Ordnance Drawings 20-4-435 and 20-4-440 are available within 8th Army; therefore, additional copies are not furnished.

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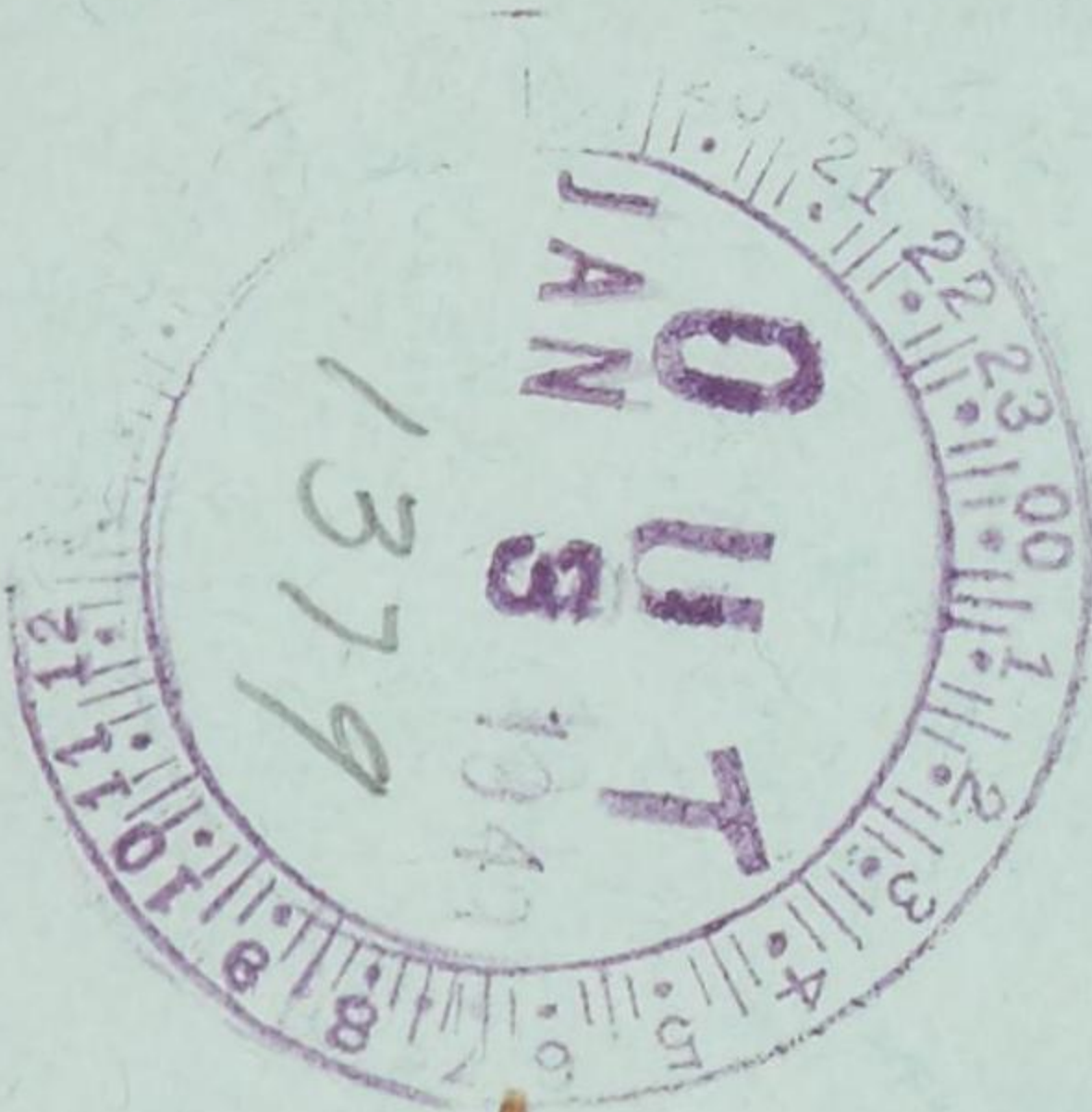




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1. CINCORV had CX 61016, dtd 28 May 48, first disseminated information to all commands pertaining to the hazards encountered in handling fuses, chemical, M800, M801, or M802. Subsequent correspondence amends the above radio.
2. Dept of Army letter, file 00 471.82/3418, dtd 8 Dec 48, subj: "Fuses, Chemical, AT, M800, M801 or M802, lists the suspension of handling and shipment of the M8A1 and M8A2 mines containing chemical mine fuses. Certain provisions are stated that must be complied with before shipments are made. The full suspension of fuses, chemical, AT, M802 is listed.
3. This letter disseminates the information to 8th Army for their information and appropriate action.
4. Copies of the Ordnance Drawings 20-4-435 and 20-4-440 are available within 8th Army; therefore, additional copies are not furnished.

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AG 471.8 ( 28 May 48 )OR

4 January 1949

SUBJECT: Fuses, Chemical, AT, M600, M601, or M602

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Forces in Korea,  
APO 335  
Commanding General, Philippines Command, APO 707  
Commanding General, Marianas-Bonins Command, APO 246  
Commanding General, Ryukyus Command, APO 331  
Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925

1. Reference is made to CINCPAC radio CX 61015, dated 28 May 1948, which placed a suspension on Fuses, chemical, anti-tank, M600, M601, and M602.

2. The suspension on shipment of Mines, HE, anti-tank, light, M7A1, not packed in complete accordance with Ordnance Drawing 20-4-435, Revision 1, of 15 August 1945, remains in effect.

3. The suspension on handling and shipment of Mines, HE, anti-tank, heavy, M6A1, and light, M7A1, packed with Fuse, chemical, anti-tank, M600 and M601, when packed in accordance with Ordnance Drawings 20-4-440 and 20-4-435, Revision 1, of 15 August 1945, is lifted.

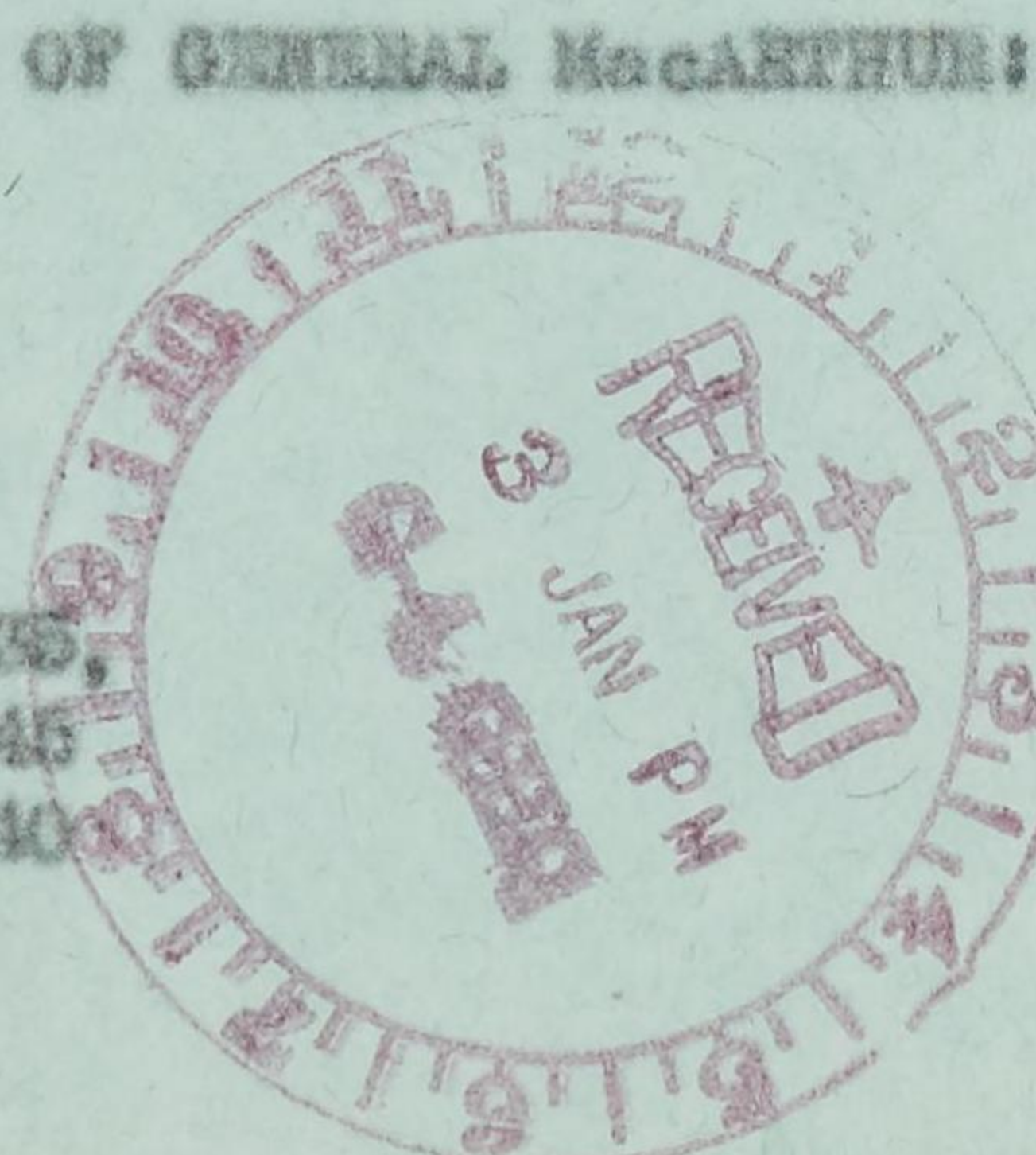
4. When M6 and M7 type mines with chemical mine fuses are not packed in accordance with quoted drawings, fuses may be removed and packaged separately providing normal safety regulations to assure safety for personnel are observed and packaging of fuses provides at least one inch of separation between fuses. Fuses so packed may be considered safe for storage, handling, and issue.

5. The suspension on Fuses, M602, is lifted. Such fuses are considered safe for storage, handling, and issue when in standard pack.

6. Copies of Ordnance Drawings referred to are inclosed for your information.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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1. Ord Drg 20-4-435,  
Rev 1, 15 Aug 45  
2. Ord Drg 20-4-440



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4 January 1949  
28 May 48  
Commanding General, 1st Air Force, Hq. USAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
Commanding General, 3rd Air Force, Hq. USAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
Commanding General, 4th Air Force, Hq. USAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
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Commanding General, 6th Air Force, Hq. USAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
Commanding General, 7th Air Force, Hq. USAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
Commanding General, 8th Air Force, Hq. USAF, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1. Reference is made to LTR 51012, dated 28 May 1948, which stated a shipment of 1000 anti-tank, 88mm, M20, and M21.

2. The shipment on shipment of 1000 anti-tank, 88mm, M20, and M21, was packed in accordance with instructions LTR 51012-4-48. Revision 1, of 15 August 1948, remains in effect.

3. The shipment on shipment of 1000 anti-tank, 88mm, M20, heavy, M21, and light, M21, packed with 1000 anti-tank, 88mm, M20 and M21, when packed in accordance with instructions LTR 51012-4-48 and Revision 1, of 15 August 1948, is listed.

4. When M20 and M21 type mines with chemical mine fuses are not packed in accordance with stated drawings, fuses may be removed and replaced with standard safety regulations to ensure safety for personnel and packaging of fuses provided as noted on such of separation between fuses. Fuses on packed may be considered safe for storage, handling, and issue.

5. The shipment of 1000 M20, is listed. Such fuses are considered safe for storage, handling, and issue when in standard pack.

6. Copies of Ordnance drawings referred to are enclosed for your information.

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MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. CINCPAC rad CX 61015, dtd 28 May 48, first disseminated information to all commands pertaining to the hazards encountered in handling fuzes, chemical, M600, M601, or M602. Subsequent correspondence amends the above radio.

2. Dept of Army letter, file 00 471.82/3416, subj: "Fuze, Chemical, AT, M600, M601, or M602," dtd 8 Dec 48, lifts the suspension of handling and shipment of the M6A1 and M7A1 mines containing chemical mine fuzes. Certain provisions are stated that must be complied with before shipments are made. The full suspension of Fuze, chemical, AT, M602, is lifted.

3. This letter disseminates the information to all commands for their information and appropriate action.

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AG 471 (23 DEC 1948)OR

SUBJECT: Policy on Issue of Small Arms Ammunition to Air Force Service Units

TO: Commanding General  
Far East Air Forces  
APO 925

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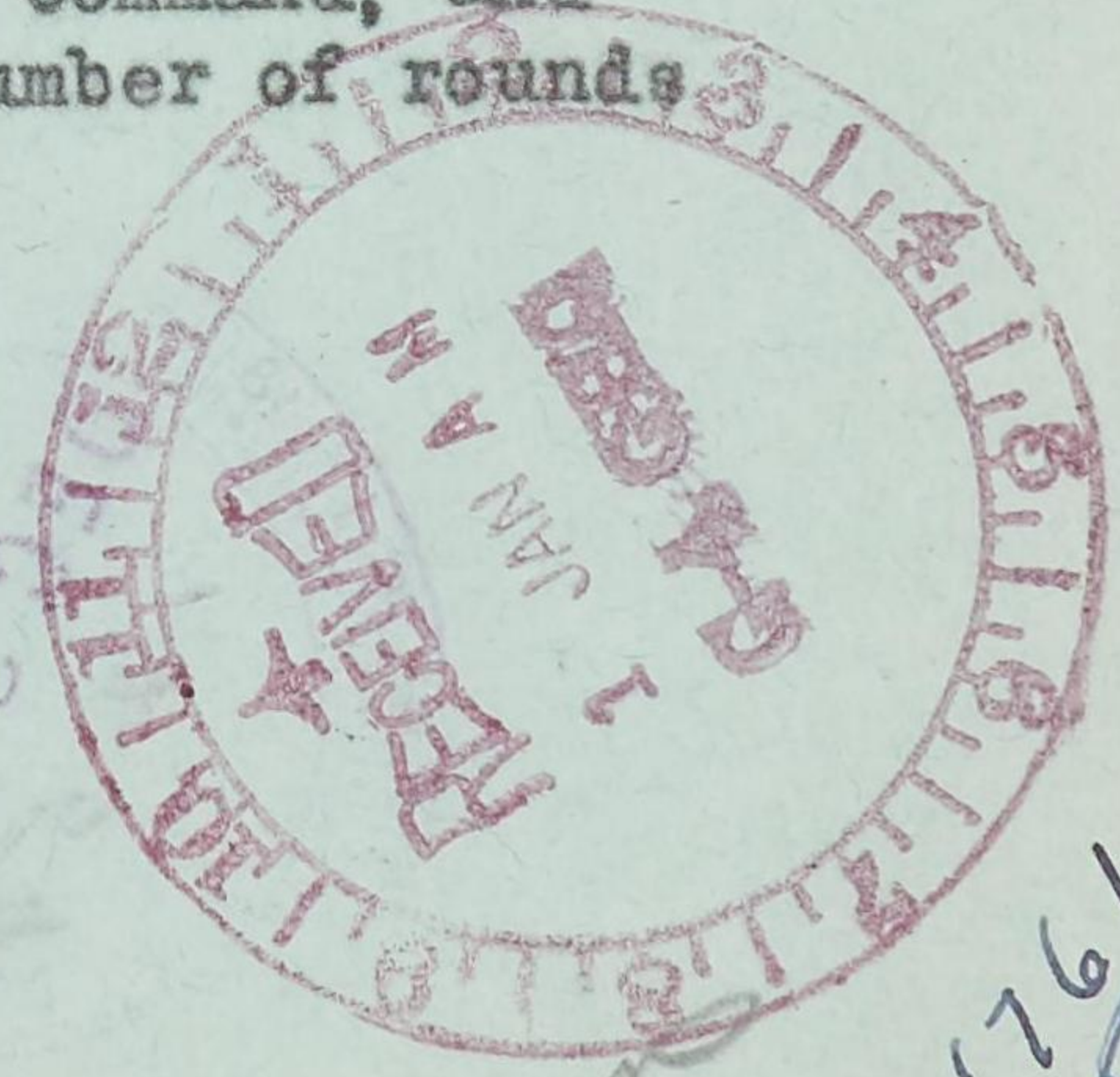
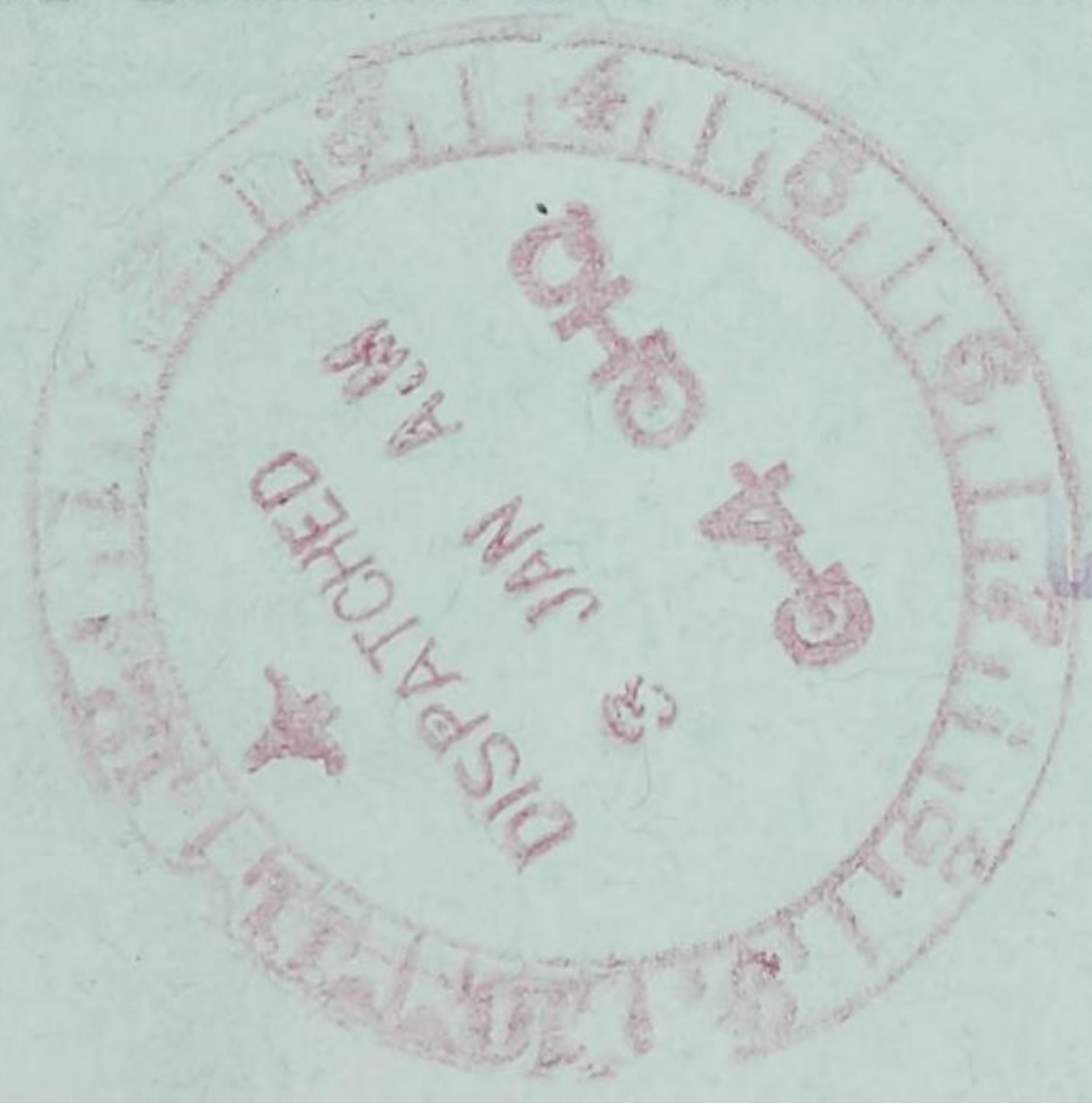
a. Far East Air Forces Messageform 9299 ORD-4, dated 23 December 1948.

b. Letter, General Headquarters, Far East Command, file AG 471 (8 Nov 48)OR, subject: "Ammunition Supply for Army Forces, Far East Command," dated 8 November 1948.

2. It is considered highly desirable that small arms ammunition be issued to Far East Air Forces service units to the extent authorized Army tactical units in order that Far East Air Forces service units may assist in the ground defense of Air Force installations in emergencies.

3. Army tactical units in Philippines Command, Marianas-Bonins Command, and Ryukyus Command are authorized one basic load to be maintained at the level prescribed in paragraph 3, reference 1b. Forty-five days of supply (see paragraph 3d, reference 1b) are maintained in depot stocks to provide adequate reserves for these tactical units, and annual training allowances are authorized as set forth in AR 775-10.

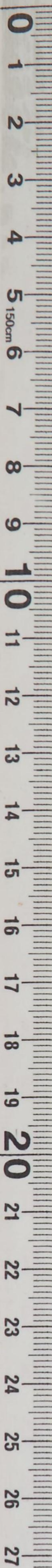
4. In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3, above, Air Force service units in Philippines Command, Marianas-Bonins Command, and Ryukyus Command are authorized to maintain the same number of rounds



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AG 471 (23 DEC 1948)OR

SUBJECT: Policy on Issue of Small Arms Ammunition to Air Force Service Units

TO: Commanding General  
Far East Air Forces  
APO 925

1. References:

a. Far East Air Forces Message Form 9209 ORB-4, dated 23 December 1948.

b. Letter, General Headquarters, Far East Command, File AG 471 (8 Nov 48)OR, subject: "Ammunition Supply for Army Forces, Far East Command," dated 8 November 1948.

2. It is considered highly desirable that small arms ammunition be issued to Far East Air Force service units to the extent authorized Army tactical units in order that Far East Air Force service units may assist in the ground defense of Air Force installations in emergencies.

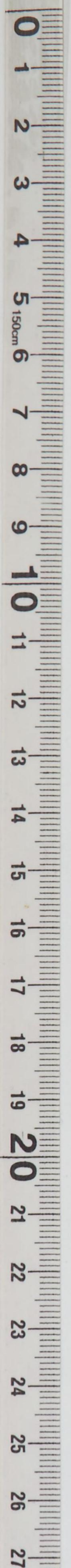
3. Army tactical units in Philippines Command, Marianas-Bonins Command, and Ryukyu Command are authorized one basic load to be maintained at the level prescribed in paragraph 3, reference 1b. Forty-five days of supply (see paragraph 3d, reference 1b) are maintained in depot stocks to provide adequate reserves for these tactical units, and annual training allowances are authorized as set forth in AR 775-10.

4. In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3, above, Air Force service units in Philippines Command, Marianas-Bonins Command, and Ryukyu Command are authorized to maintain the same number of rounds

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of ammunition per T/O&E ground type weapon as authorized for Army tactical units in those commands.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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1. FEAF Message Form 9299 ORD-4, dated 23 December 1948, is quoted as follows:

" 1. References.

a. Letter, Hqs, FEAF, file AG 373.24, subj: "Policy on Issue of Small Arms Ammunition to Air Force Service Units", which stated that service units within FEAF had been assigned the same ground defense mission as tactical units and should therefore be issued small arms ammunition on the basis.

b. Hqs, Eighth Army 1st Indorsement, 373.24, 21 April 48, to reference 1a above, to your headquarters, indicating concurrence in above mentioned policy.

c. Your headquarters 2d Indorsement, 471 (22 Mar 48) OR-GD, 7 Jun 48, to reference 1 a above, addressed to Eighth Army, indicating concurrence in above policy for Japan and Korea.

2. In view of the ground defense missions which have been assigned to service units of this command, it is requested that all such units in the RYCOM, PHILCOM and MAEBO areas be authorized to maintain the same number of rounds of ammunition per weapon as authorized for tactical units. "

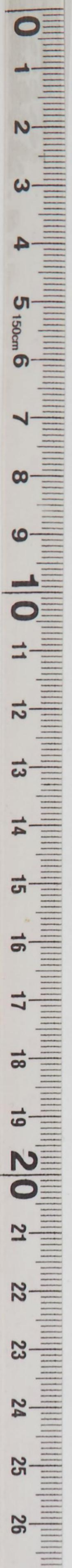
2. In view of request made in par 2, FEAF Message Form 9299, this letter authorizes Air Force service units in RYCOM, PHILCOM, and MAEBO to maintain the same number of rounds of ammunition per weapon as authorized for Army tactical units in these commands.

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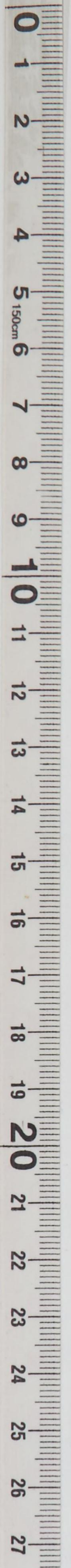
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