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2. Prisoners of War Interrogation

a. Applicable Regulations

Current regulations promulgated by authorized agencies of the Army, Navy, Air Force or Department of Defense, shall govern, where appropriate, the interrogation of prisoners of war for all activities of the Pacific Fleet, unless otherwise directed by the Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet. The following directives currently apply: OPNAV Instructions 003860.4 and 003461.1.

b. Definition of Prisoner of War

While operations are in progress, all non-allied combatant personnel, regardless of their connections with the enemy establishment, will be considered to be, and handled as prisoners of war.

This includes, in addition to the individuals of the opposing armed services, the following categories of belligerents:

(1) Militia and volunteer personnel fulfilling the following conditions:

- (a) Commanded by a person responsible for his subordinates;
- (b) Having a distinctive emblem recognizable at a distance;
- (c) Carrying arms openly; and
- (d) Conducting operations in accordance with the laws and customs of war.

(2) Inhabitants of a territory not yet occupied, who spontaneously take up arms and openly resist the invader, provided they respect the laws and customs of war.

c. Responsibility for Interrogation

(1) The Commander in Chief Pacific, through the Joint Operational Intelligence Agency Pacific, will coordinate and direct the prisoner of war interrogation program in the Pacific command. These programs in the Pacific Fleet will be directed by the Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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(2) Commanding Officers are responsible for impressing upon their subordinates the importance of taking prisoners of war, and for acquainting their subordinates with the regulations governing the handling and treatment of prisoners of war, who are being interrogated.

(3) In accordance with ONI Instruction 003461.1 of 11 March 1952, any command of the Pacific Fleet in the Western Hemisphere, which captures, or obtains military custody of captured enemy personnel, will notify immediately, by the most expeditious means of communication:

- (1) CINCPACFLT
- (2) The Provost Marshall General, Washington, D. C.
- (3) The Operational Command

Notification reports will include, to the extent possible, the information indicated below:

- (1) Name
- (2) Serial Number
- (3) Unit
- (4) Nationality
- (5) Service
- (6) Rank
- (7) Place captured
- (8) Agency or individual (s) making capture
- (9) Circumstances of capture
- (10) Location of custody or confinement
- (11) Physical condition

(4) Certain captured personnel will from time to time be designated by the Director of the Armed Services Personnel Interrogation Center (ASPIC) through JOINPAC for further interrogation at the Armed Services Personnel Interrogation Center in the continental United States.

d. Interrogation Specialists

Interrogation Specialist Teams will be furnished as necessary and available by the Joint Operational Intelligence Agency Pacific, upon request through Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet. They will be responsible for and will conduct all interrogations other than initial battle field or battle area interrogations.

e. Interrogation Reports

(1) Any command obtaining custody of captured enemy personnel will notify CINCPACFLT immediately via most expeditious means. Notification reports will include the items listed in paragraph 2c(3) of this appendix.

(2) Interrogation reports containing information which appears to be of immediate operational intelligence value will be disseminated to interested commands expeditiously through intelligence channels.

SECRET (3) A complete record of all interrogations will be forwarded to
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Joint Operational Intelligence Agency Pacific.

(4) The Joint Operational Intelligence Agency Pacific, will evaluate, collate, and disseminate as necessary, information derived through the interrogation of Prisoners of War.

f. Security

Strict security will be maintained in every phase of activity pertaining to prisoner of war interrogation. The existence of the Armed Services Personnel Interrogation Center (ASPIC) is Secret and any reference to it will be so classified. The unclassified name for ASPIC is Army Security Center (ASC) which may be used in correspondence of Confidential or lower classification.

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