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APPENDIX XV TO ANNEX C

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL, DOCUMENTS AND PERSONNEL1. Captured Enemy Materiel

a. All captured enemy materiel shall be screened by the capturing unit. Captured enemy air equipment shall be turned over by the capturing unit to the nearest U.S. Air Force Command for disposition. Captured enemy ground equipment shall be turned over to the nearest U.S. Army Command for disposition. The location and description of captured enemy naval equipment shall be reported, by dispatch, to Commander Naval Forces, Far East, who will direct the disposition. If there is doubt as to the category of captured materiel or equipment, it shall be considered ground equipment, turned over to the nearest U.S. Army Command, and the circumstances in detail shall be reported to COMNAVFE by dispatch. If practicable captured enemy equipment shall be safeguarded until disposition has been effected. Receipt for the above materiel shall be obtained from the proper authorities at the place of turn over.

2. Captured Enemy Documents

a. Captured documents can be divided into two general categories—those having intelligence value, and those which have no intelligence value.

b. All captured documents shall be promptly forwarded by the capturing unit to the nearest Naval command having intelligence personnel qualified to scan the documents for items of immediate operational interest. A retention request shall be included to indicate whether any of the documents are desired by the capturing unit as mementos. Immediately after scanning, the documents, together with the retention request if any, shall be forwarded by the scanning unit, via the fastest practicable means, to COMNAVFE, advising this headquarters by dispatch of pertinent shipping data and estimated time of arrival. Each document shall be identified as to title or contents, date and time of capture, place of capture, unit by which captured, and, when available, identity of unit or individual from whom captured. Documents, if of no intelligence value and if requested for retention, will be returned by COMNAVFE to the capturing unit, with the proper document - release form to be executed in triplicate by the Commanding Officer of the capturing unit. One copy of this form shall be attached to the document, one copy forwarded to COMNAVFE and one copy retained by the Commanding Officer of the capturing unit.

c. No documents of any possible intelligence value may be shipped out of the theater without first obtaining specific clearance by CINCFE. COMNAVFE will be the agency for obtaining such clearance.

3. Captured Enemy Personnel

a. Enemy personnel, who are captured by naval units shall be held and delivered at the earliest opportunity to the nearest U.S. Army Provost Marshall. Receipts for the captured personnel shall be obtained from the proper army authorities at the place of turn over.

b. Capturing unit shall:

(1) Disarm and search prisoners of war for concealed weapons.

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(2) Segregate officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and civilians.

(3) Search for and confiscate all documents found on enemy personnel except identification papers. Documents shall be handled in accordance with paragraph 2 above. It is essential to prevent retention of captured documents of intelligence value as mementos.

(4) Search for and confiscate all enemy materiel, other than that covered in subparagraph 3.b(5) below, which may be found in the prisoners' possession. Such enemy materiel shall be handled in accordance with paragraph 1.

(5) Permit prisoners of war to retain steel helmets, gas masks, and like articles issued for personal protection; identification tags; insignia of rank; decorations; money; clothing; mess gear; and any objects of personal or sentimental value, obviously of no military or intelligence significance.

(6) Evacuate prisoners to the rear as soon as possible after their capture. Sick and wounded prisoners of war requiring hospitalization shall be evacuated through normal medical channels.

(7) If prisoner of war tags (US AGO Form 3) are available to the capturing unit, a tag shall be accomplished for each prisoner and fastened to some part of his clothing. If tags are not available, the commander of the escort shall be given a memorandum stating:

- (a) Date and time of capture.
- (b) Place of capture.
- (c) Unit effecting capture.
- (d) Circumstances of capture.

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