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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

PRELIMINARY TO MOUNTING

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6 ANNEXES:

Chemical Warfare

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CHEMICAL WARFARE ANNEX  
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SECTION I

1. Certain items of Chemical Warfare Equipment have been eliminated and changes in the storage and carrying of other items have been made. It is important that the instructions below be carefully observed.

2. The Assault Gas Mask, E6-3-7, is expected to be issued in the marshalling areas but until then, the Gas Mask, Service, Lightweight, M3-10-6 or M3-10A1-6 will be issued immediately to all units of this Division. The following instructions will govern:

a. The Mask, Gas, Service, Lightweight, M3-10-6 or M3-10A1-6, will replace Mask, Gas, Service, old style (M2A1, M2A2), Mask, Gas, Diaphragm.

b. Mask, Gas, Diaphragm may be retained only in accordance with the provisions of current T/E's.

c. Units of this Division will draw masks from Chemical Section of Depot G-45 during the period 10th April to 14th April.

d. Gas masks to be replaced by the lightweight service gas mask will not be returned until the lightweight service gas mask has been issued to the individuals concerned.

e. The old masks will be turned in to Depot G-45 in the packing boxes in which the service gas mask, lightweight, were received.

f. Individuals now in possession of Mask, Gas, Assault, E-6-3-7, will not be issued Mask, Gas, Lightweight but will turn in Mask, Gas, Service (old style) or Diaphragm to Depot G-45.

g. Unit commanders will insure that old masks are cleaned and disinfected before they are turned in.

h. Masks in need of repair will be tagged indicating repair needed.

i. Four hundred and fifty (450) lightweight gas masks is the maximum load for a two and one-half (2½) ton truck.

3. At showdown inspection all commanding officers will make certain that troops are equipped with the following items of Chemical Warfare Equipment and that all such items are in good condition:

Mask, Gas, Service, Lightweight.....	1	per individual
Eyeshields.....	4	per individual
Ointment, Protective, Tube.....	1	per individual
Set, Anti-Dim.....	1	per individual
Sleeve, Gas Detector.....	2	per individual
Cover, Protective (QM item).....	2	per individual
Impregnite, Shoe, Can.....	1	per individual
Eye Ointment, BAL (Medical item).....	1	per individual

*Amended to  
- 1 per  
individual  
by Change  
II dated  
9 May 44*

All the above items will be placed in the gas mask carrier.

a. At the time of the inspection masks will be examined for defects in valves, tube, face piece, head harness, and carrier,

b. All individuals now in possession of Mask, Gas, Service, Lightweight, M3-10-6 or M3-10A1-6 will have passed through the gas chamber.

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If repairs have been made to masks, or new masks issued, individuals possessing such masks must be passed through the gas chamber before leaving present station.

c. Impregnite, Shoe, will be applied to the outside of shoes only (not on the inside of shoes) in marshalling areas.

4. All shortages will be requisitioned from the Division Chemical Officer.

5. Replacements of damaged or unserviceable equipment may be made on an exchange basis, without requisition, at the Chemical Section of Depot G-45.

6. Equipment requiring repair will be turned in to Depot G-45 by those units not able to make repairs.

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1. The following Chemical Warfare Equipment will be turned in immediately to the Chemical Section of Depot G-45. The Division Chemical Officer will require one copy of the Tally-In for all items turned in.

- a. Respirator, Dust.
- b. Agent, Decontaminating, Non-corrosive - 4.52 gal. (After all vehicular 1 1/2 qt. Decontaminating Apparatus have been freshly filled.)
- c. Apparatus Decontaminating, 5 gal.
- d. Curtain, Gas-Proof.
- e. Disinfectant, Gas Mask, Bottle (After all masks to be turned in have been disinfected.)
- f. Sack, Gas Resistant.
- g. Sign, Gas Warning.
- h. Paint, Liquid Vesicant Detector, Can (After all vehicles have been freshly painted.)
- i. Paper, Liquid Vesicant Detector, Book.

*Amended by Change II dated 9 May 44*

SECTION III

1. Chemical Warfare Service organization equipment shown below will be carried in unit transportation or if transportation is lacking, will be left with equipment to follow unit:

- a. Agent, Decontaminating, Bleach <sup>100</sup>~~200~~ lbs per Company or (200 lb drum).....similar unit
- b. Brush, Decontaminating.....1 per 200 lbs bleach
- c. Alarm, Gas Warning, British.....1 per 50 men or fraction
- d. Kit, Repair, Gas Mask, Universal, M8..1 per Regiment or separate Battalion
- e. Kit, Repair, Gas Mask, Company.....~~7~~ per Co or similar unit
- f. Crayon, Vesicant Detector.....12 per Co or similar unit

2. Apparatus, Decontaminating, 1 1/2 qt. will be freshly filled and in place on all vehicles. Remaining DANC solution will be turned in to the Chemical Section G-45.

3. Protective clothing will be carried to the marshalling area for donning at the latest practicable date.

*4. Paragraph added by Change II dated 9 May 44*

SECTION IV

1. Commanders are responsible that every effort be made by all officers and men to properly conserve and care for all Chemical Warfare Equipment and Supplies. Minimum scales of equipment and supplies are provided for the operation and replacement will not be easily obtained.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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1. GENERAL.

a. The general provisions of G-4 Administrative Instructions Preliminary to Mounting will apply as general principles for the procurement, storage, issue and salvage of engineer supplies and equipment.

2. STANDARDS FOR INSPECTIONS.

a. All Engineer equipment authorized by T/E or competent authority will be inspected to determine that authorized amounts are on hand and to ascertain that all such items are serviceable.

b. Technical assistance may be requested from the Division Engineer for the determination of serviceability of major items of equipment.

3. REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS.

a. Unit commanders will submit to the Division Engineer Supply Office requisitions for all items found short or unserviceable as a result of showdown inspections.

b. Expendable and nonexpendable items will be requisitioned separately. Expendable items listed on requisitions will appear under a heading showing the "Set of Equipment" for which they are authorized.

c. Items of Engineer equipment requiring repairs or replacement of worn parts will be turned in to the Division Engineer Supply Office.

4. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.a. Supplies Carried by Organizations.CLASS II:

(1) Units will carry all Engineer T/E Operational Equipment, unless directed otherwise by this Headquarters.

(2) Units will carry twenty (20) days of expendable supplies. Normally, amounts of expendables authorized for Sets of Engineer Equipment are considered adequate for a period of thirty days.

(3) Mine detectors will be issued to all units by the Division Engineer Supply Officer on the following basis: (See Inclosure No. 1).

(4) Six man reconnaissance boats will be issued to certain units on the following basis: (See Inclosure No. 1).

CLASS IV:

(1) Units will requisition sandbags for sandbagging vehicles on the following basis:  $\frac{1}{4}$  T Truck-(16);  $2\frac{1}{2}$  T Truck-(8);  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  T Truck-(6).

CLASS V:

(1) Basic loads of mines, explosives, etc. will be carried as prescribed by Memorandum No. 4, Headquarters 101st Airborne Division, April 4, 1944, unless otherwise directed by this headquarters.

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b. Maintenance of Equipment and Supplies.

(1) Continuous command checks will be exercised to insure that all Engineer equipment is on hand and in serviceable condition until the time of departure.

(2) Twenty day stocks of CLASS II expendable items, and basic loads of CLASS V materiel will be maintained intact until departure. Supplies for current needs will be requisitioned in amounts not to exceed 100 percent of the authorized allowances.

5. WATER SUPPLY.

a. Initial water supply will be effected as shown below. Units will procure from the Office of Division Quartermaster, (see Quartermaster Annex), sufficient water containers to carry out the procedures outlined. Halazone Tablets will be issued at Marshalling Areas.

(1) Individuals transported by air will carry on their person two bottles of Halazone Tablets containing twelve tablets each. In addition, unit transportation of airborne elements will carry 25 Halazone Tablets per man in 100-tablet containers.

(2) All vehicles, including trailers, transported by air will carry one five-gallon container of water. This water is primarily for the use of medical aid stations in caring for the wounded.

(3) Seaborne units landing on D and D plus one Days will carry two days' supply of water in five-gallon containers, based on an allowance of one-half gallon per man per day. Organizations landing by sea subsequent to D plus one will carry T/E allowance of five-gallon containers filled with water.

(4) Seaborne units landing on D and D plus one will carry Halazone Tablets in amounts to be determined by SOS Static Staff.

b. The 326th Airborne Engineer Battalion will bring in by sea all authorized water purification equipment. Chemicals for thirty days of operation will be carried.

6. MAPS.

a. Maps will be issued automatically in quantities prescribed in First Army Tables of Allowances.

7. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS OR UNSERVICEABLE EQUIPMENT.

a. Surplus or unserviceable Engineer equipment will be turned in to the Division Engineer Supply Office.

## Inclosures:

(1) Mine Detector and Reconnaissance Boat Requirements.



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MEDICAL ANNEX

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### 1. Individual Medical Equipment.

- a. All parachutists will carry the following medical items:
- (1) Packet, first aid, w/sulfanilamide powder. 1 ea.
  - (2) Shell Dressing (carried in hip pockets). 2 ea.
  - (3) Packet, first aid, parachutists (tied to suspenders, belt). 1 ea.
  - (4) Package, sulfadiazine tablets. 1 ea.
- b. All glider personnel will carry the following medical items:
- (1) Packet, first aid, w/sulfanilamide powder. 1 ea.
  - (2) Packet, first aid, parachutist. 1 ea.
  - (3) Package, sulfadiazine tablets. 1 ea.
- c. All personnel will carry adhesive tape, 1", basis 1 per 2 ind.

### 2. Unit Medical Equipment.

- a. An automatic issue of 60 mm mortar containers packed with first aid medical supplies will be made to all glider companies for use of glider company personnel and as a source of resupply for company aid men. These containers will be carried on unit vehicles or other unit transportation. Division Medical Supply Officer will be contacted for quantity of issue to each type of glider company.
- b. Kit, first aid, motor vehicle, will be carried in each combat vehicle.
- c. Kit, gas casualty, treatment set, will be carried in each combat vehicle.

### 3. Equipment, Medical Installations.

Medical units and medical personnel will carry all medical equipment previously prescribed.

### 4. Evacuation of Personnel Remaining at Home Stations.

- a. The Division Surgeon's Office will control and furnish medical service for all personnel remaining at their home stations. Medical personnel will be provided by Headquarters Section, Medical Detachment, 401st Glider Infantry Regiment.
- b. Three (3) central points will be designated for normal sick-call, (1) at Brock Barracks to service the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 81st Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion, 326th Airborne Engineer Battalion, and the 401st Glider Infantry Regiment; (2) at Chilton Foliat to service the 321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st and 3rd Battalions, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, and Medical Company; (3) at Greenham Lodge to service 377th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Signal Company, and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 101st Airborne Division. Sick-call hours will be: 0900, Brock Barracks; 0900, Chilton Foliat; 1300, Greenham Lodge. Units will transport patients to their respectively designated sick-call points.
- c. The enlisted medical personnel will be distributed in the following manner: two (2) enlisted men at Brock Barracks, two (2) enlisted men at Chilton Foliat, one (1) enlisted man at Lambourne, one (1) enlisted man at Hampstead Marshall, one (1) enlisted man at Benham Park, one (1) enlisted man at Aldbourne, one (1) enlisted man at Basildon, two (2) enlisted men at Greenham Lodge. This personnel will man first aid posts at above designated points. All emergency calls will be referred to the Division Surgeon's Office. A vehicle will be assigned to each of above first aid posts.
- d. Each unit will initiate a new Daily Sick Book, WD AGO Form 5, for its rear echelon. The current Daily Sick Book will accompany the unit into the combat zone.

### 5. Immunizations.

- a. All personnel will have completed their immunizations prior to mounting as required by Ltr., Hq., ETOUSA, Subject: "Immunizations" dated 7 February 1944.

### 6. Physical Inspections.

- a. All personnel will be physically inspected by unit surgeons during last forty-eight (48) hours prior to leaving home station, in order to eliminate all cases of infectious disease.

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PRELIMINARY TO MOUNTING1. PURPOSE:-

The purpose of this Annex is to outline to Unit Commanders, the essential information required by them regarding Ordnance matters, after being alerted and prior to departure from the home station.

2. REPORTING OF EXISTING SHORTAGES:-

a. Units will submit an Ordnance Materiel Status Report covering all items listed thereon to the Division Ordnance Officer immediately upon being alerted, and thereafter as called for. This report will serve as a requisition for these items.

b. Existing shortages of major items not carried on the Status Report will be requisitioned immediately on the Division Ordnance Office.

*→ Delete paragraph and add new one - see Change II dated 9 May 44*  
c. Existing shortages of organizational spare parts and accessories, based on pertinent SNL's, will be requisitioned immediately on the 801st AB Ordnance Maintenance Company. Parts and supplies contained in Beach Packs (Appendix A) will be taken into consideration and shortages will not be requisitioned if totals on hand plus quantities in beach packs equal or exceed authorized amounts.

d. Cleaning and Preserving material will be carried by each unit based on a fifteen (15) day supply. Shortages in C & P material will be requisitioned on the 801st AB Ordnance Maintenance Company, immediately. Resupply of C & P material is not expected to be available.

3. REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SHORTAGES:-

a. Replacement of shortages will be issued to units immediately upon receipt of same from SOS.

b. Equipment which is believed to be unserviceable will be reported to the Division Ordnance Office at once. This equipment will be replaced or repaired, as determined by Ordnance personnel.

4. BEACH PACKS:-

Beach packs will be issued to each unit Supply Officer before departure from the home station by the Division Ordnance Office according to schedule set up in Appendix B.

5. WATERPROOFING:-

a. The references for waterproofing for various vehicles will be the pamphlets prepared under the direction of the Chief Ordnance Officer, ETO, entitled "Instructions for Waterproofing".

*→ Delete See Change III for substituted Part*  
b. All vehicles and towed artillery, which are seaborne, will be waterproofed to withstand salt water to a depth of 3' 6".

c. Supply Officers of units will be notified where and when waterproofing material will be available for pick up.

d. All vehicles which have been waterproofed will be inspected by competent instructors before being loaded onto seacraft at quayside.

e. Schedules for waterproofing vehicles and towed artillery:-

(1). Vehicles

- (a) Home Station - Phase I.
- (b) Marshalling Area - Phase I and check Phase II.
- (c) Aboard Craft - Phase III.

(2). If distance to be traveled between home station and marshalling area is greater than 75 miles, Phase I and Phase II will be accomplished in the Marshalling Area.



(3). Towed Artillery

Home Station - complete waterproofing.

f. Dewaterproofing kits will be issued automatically for each vehicle as it is inspected in marshalling area. Areas for dewaterproofing will be established as early as possible and initial stages of Phase IV accomplished therein. Waterproofing material will be conserved to the maximum practicable extent, and collected in dewaterproofing areas for reshipment and reuse.

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LOSSES AND REPAIRS IN EMBARKATION AREAS:-

Replacement of losses and the making of needed repairs while in the embarkation area will be made by SOS.

7. AMMUNITION:-

a. Basic load as set forth in appropriate Combat Ammunition (Basic Load) Charts dated 17 March 1944 attached to Memorandum No. 4, this Headquarters, dated 4 April 1944, will accompany troops.

b. The procedure for requisitioning and loading of ammunition to be expended afloat by weapons aboard ships or crafts, will be as follows:

(1). Supply Officers of units going seaborne will submit special requisition, in sextuplicate, immediately, addressed to Army Ordnance Officer (thru Division Ordnance Officer). Ammunition will be requisitioned only for Cal. .50 Machine Guns, truck mounted for anti-aircraft defense. Total quantity required will be calculated on the basis of 4,240 rounds per gun. The type will be Cal. .50, AP-1-F (2-2-1).

(2). Upon arrival in marshalling area, Unit Supply Officers will report with a retained copy of requisition to Area Ordnance Officer to arrange drawing of any movement of ammunition to quayside under Unit Commander's control.

(3). Loading of Ammunition in craft in accordance with tactical necessity. This ammunition is not to be superimposed on already loaded trucks but to be stowed on the deck of the craft so as to be readily available.

(4). The ammunition to be expended afloat is over and above basic load. Basic load should not be expended before touching down on far shore.

8. ORDNANCE SERVICE FOR REAR ELEMENTS:-

The 3rd Echelon of Ordnance Maintenance will continue to furnish service to all elements of the rear elements, at its present location. All equipment will be repaired or replaced depending upon its condition.

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SECTION I

General

1. Purpose of instructions:

a. The purpose of these instructions is to provide Commanders of all organizations the essential information required by them preliminary to mounting. This Headquarters will be contacted for any clarification or interpretation of any matters appearing in these instructions.

2. Reference to POM - ETO - SSV.

a. The provisions of "Preparation for Overseas Movement, European Theatre of Operations, U. S. Army, Short Sea Voyage." 10 January 1944 (corrected) will govern except wherein they conflict with these administrative instructions. In all cases these "Administrative Instructions Preliminary to Mounting" will govern.

SECTION II

Show down Inspections

3. Instructions for Show Down Inspections.

a. Primary responsibility for completeness and combat serviceability of clothing, supplies and equipment rests with Commanders of all organizations and units, who inspect the unit and make complete and itemized inventories.

b. Procedure.

(1) Show down inspections will be held immediately on receipt of these instructions. They will be unit controlled.

(2) Completeness and combat serviceability of clothing, supplies and equipment will be determined by a physical inspection by each unit Commander.

(3) Technical assistance will be furnished by the Division Special Staff. Ordnance equipment believed to be unserviceable will be reported to the Division Ordnance Officer.

(4) Show down shortages will be compiled separately by each organization for each supply service (Quartermaster, Ordnance, Signal, Medical, Engineer, Chemical Warfare Service, Air Corps). These shortages will form the basis of requisitions for replacement, except Ordnance major items (See Ordnance annex)

(5) Tables of Organization and Equipment dated 1 September 1943 plus authorized additional equipment will govern.

4. Standards for Inspection. In order that uniformity in inspection procedure may be obtained, it is desired that the following guiding principles be observed:

a. Serviceability for combat of technical equipment will be determined by technical inspections, and will conform to published standards of serviceability where applicable.

b. Combat serviceability of clothing, individual and organizational equipment (not of a technical nature) will be determined by the organization commandery judgement and common sense must be exercised to insure that

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clothing and equipment is serviceable for combat and at the same time be certain that items vital to the military effort are not wasted or prematurely discarded, as replacements in the U. K. are limited.

c. For details see service annexes attached.

5. Requisitions for Replacement:

a. Units will contact service concerned for special information.

SECTION III

Supply

6. Supplies carried by Organizations:

a. All individuals Seaborne and Airborne will carry on person two (2) rations; one (1) type "I" and one (1) type "D".

b. In addition all organizations, airborne, will carry one (1) type "K" ration in planes or gliders.

c. In addition all organizations, seaborne, will carry three (3) type "K" rations for personnel transported by sea.

d. In addition 3807th Quartermaster Truck Company will carry two (2) type "K" rations for all personnel transported by air.

e. All vehicles airborne and seaborne will land with full vehicular tanks except motorcycles (which will be filled to not more than 1/3 tank capacity) and in addition one hundred and fifty (150) miles supply of motor fuel and lubricants. All vehicles not equipped with Dewaterproofing Kit, A.P. will carry 5 quarts of proper grade engine oil (5 - 1 QT cans) and grease guns filled (see Quartermaster annex)

f. Ammunition: Basic loads as prescribed by Memorandum No. 4 this Headquarters dated 4 April 1944.

g. Two (2) days supplies of essential medical items will be carried; see Medical annex.

h. Water

(1) All individuals transported by air will carry Halazone tablets in two (2) bottles of twelve (12) each. All vehicles transported by air will carry at least one (1) five gallon can filled with water.

(2) Seaborne Units landing on D and D + 1 days will carry a two (2) day supply of water at the rate of one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) gallon per man per day, for troops transported by sea.

(3) All other units seaborne will carry T/E allowance of containers full for use on far shore.

*(4) Paragraph added See Change II dated 9 May 44*

i. T/E operational equipment will be carried unless specifically directed not to be taken. Additional equipment as authorized by this Headquarters may be taken. Three days supply of selected Signal expendable items and spare parts will be taken.

j. All organizations will carry a twenty (20) day supply of blank forms and stationery.



## 7. Clothing:

a. The following articles of clothing will be worn by all personnel:

Belt, web, waist	1 ea	: **Helmet, parachutists	1 ea
Drawers, wool	1 ea	: ** t Trousers, parachutists	
Helmet, steel, w/liner	1 ea	: impregnated	1 pr
Handkerchiefs	2 ea	: Undershirt, wool	1 ea
Jacket, field	1 ea	: ***Suits, impregnated, HBT	1 ea
Leggings, canvas, protective	1 ea	: <u>Notes:</u>	
Socks, protective	1 pr	: ** Worn by parachutists.	
Shoes, service	1 pr	: t Worn by parachutists in lieu of	
Shirt, wool, O.D.	1 ea	: suit impregnated HBT as outer layer	
Trousers, wool, O.D.	1 ea	: of clothing. In the event impregnated	
**Boots, parachutists	1 pr	: clothing is not necessary unimpregna-	
** t Coat, parachutists	1 ea	: ted jump suits will be worn without	
impregnated		: O.D. shirt and trousers.	
		: ***Worn initially as outer layer until	
		: authorized to remove impregnated	
		: clothing.	

b. Each individual will carry in his haversack or bag, field the following items of clothing and equipment:

Handkerchiefs	2 ea	: Socks, light wool	3 ea
Raincoat	1 ea	: Socks, protective	1 pr
Toilet articles		: Towel, huck	1 ea
**Insecticide	1 1/2 oz can	: *Can, meat	1 ea
**Heat units, 1 1/2 oz	4 ea	: *Knife	1 ea
**Halazone tablets	2 btle 12 ea	: *Fork	1 ea
		: Spoon	1 ea

\* All troops transported by air, and all seaborne units ~~landing on D day~~ *deleted by Change II 9 May 44* will have two each of these items; one set to be carried in the blanket roll or Officers bed roll, and will remain the permanent equipment of the individual; the second set will be carried until emplaning in the glider or plane, or until debarkation from the transport vessel at which time it will be left on board. The second set will be procured from the Division Quartermaster at home station.

\*\* See Quartermaster annex for instructions.

c. All organizations will carry on their seaborne vehicles one (1) blanket roll per individual containing the following:

Blankets	2 ea	: Drawers, cotton	1 pr
Handkerchiefs	2 ea	: Undershirt, cotton	1 ea
Socks, light wool	2 pr	: Leggings	1 pr
Shoes, service	1 pr	: *Can, meat	1 ea
Towel, bath	1 ea	: *Fork	1 ea

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Tent, shelter half, complete : \*Knife 1 ea  
w/pins and pole :

Note: These rolls will not be available to units until seaborne vehicles arrive in area.

\* The can, meat, knife and fork will be carried in rolls only for those troops entering combat by air or those seaborne troops landing on D day.

d. All seaborne troops will carry additional clothing in Barracks Bags to be worn in marshalling areas. For disposition of excess clothing and Barracks Bags see Quartermaster annex.

e. All clothing not required at marshalling areas will be left at home station. For items to be turned in see Quartermaster annex.

f. Provisions for emergency replacement of clothing in marshalling areas is being made by S.O.S. Detailed instructions will be issued by S.O.S. static staffs.

### 8. Individual Equipment

a. The following articles of equipment will be carried by all individuals:

Belt, cartridge, belt pistol or belt, BAR	1 ea	: Cup, canteen	1 ea
Bag, canvas, field w/strap carrying and suspenders or Haversack and Pack carrier	1 ea	: Pouch, first-aid, w/packet	1 ea
Canteen	1 ea	: Pocket, magazine, double web. or Carbine	2 ea
Cover, canteen	1 ea	: Tags, identification with necklace	2 ea
		: Masks, gas including certain gas protective equipment	1 ea

b. See attached Quartermaster, Chemical and other annexes for additional equipment.

c. Provisions for emergency replacement of equipment in marshalling areas is being made by S.O.S. Detailed instructions will be issued by S.O.S. static staffs.

### 9. Organizational Equipment

a. Organizations will take all operational T/E equipment plus any additional authorized items. Equipment not taken will be left at home stations. No equipment should be turned in at marshalling areas unless it has become unserviceable and replacement is necessary.

b. All equipment taken by organizations will be in serviceable condition. All repairs both major and minor will be effected before departure for marshalling areas.

c. Provisions for emergency replacement of motor vehicles, weapons, and other organizational equipment in the marshalling area is being made by S.O.S. Detailed instructions will be issued by static S.O.S. staff in the marshalling area.



## 10. Baggage

a. Baggage of officers and warrant officers will be limited to the following:

- (1) 1 Bedding roll
- (2) 1 piece of Hand Baggage (Val-Pack)
- (3) Field or Musette Bag (carried)
- (4) 1 Trunk locker (For General Officers)
- (5) Mass kit or Communion set (For Chaplains)

b. Baggage of En-listed men: See paragraph 7c and Quartermaster Annex.

c. All individuals will pack or carry their clothing and equipment so that it is readily available while in marshalling area and while in transit.

## 11. Storage of excess clothing and equipment:

a. All organizations will leave normal Post Camp and Station property in present locations.

b. All organizations and unit clothing and equipment will be segregated and stored in units areas. Provisions for the safeguarding of clothing and equipment left behind will be the responsibility of organization commanders.

c. Other units on their way to marshalling areas may use certain portions of the Division area for concentration. This necessitates that all unit equipment be stored in as few buildings as necessary.

SECTION IV

## Evacuation

## 12. Personnel

a. Evacuation of personnel at home stations will be normal. For personnel who remain behind see Medical annex.

b. Provisions for evacuation of personnel in marshalling areas is being made by S.O.S. Detailed instructions will be issued in marshalling areas by S.O.S. static staffs.

## 13. Motor vehicles and weapons.

a. At home stations, normal.

b. See Ordnance Annex for vehicles and weapons remaining in rear detachment.

c. Provisions for evacuation of motor vehicles and weapons in marshalling areas are being made by S.O.S. Instructions will be issued by S.O.S. static staffs in marshalling areas.

SECTION V

## Transportation

14. Preparation of POM Forms

a. Blank forms SOSTC 8, 8a, 9 and 10, may be obtained from the Division Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4.

b. Forms will be prepared in triplicate.

c. Forms will be based on the strengths of personnel, and vehicles as per instructions this Headquarters.

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d. Following the word "Remarks" near the bottom of form SOSTC No. 8, the unit commander will insert the number of officers and men, respectively, that can travel in the unit vehicles, which are reported on Form SOSTC-10. (Such personnel are included in those reported in the body of Form SOSTC No. 8)

e. Separate complete sets of forms will be prepared for each company or similar unit for both seaborne and airborne echelons.

f. Forms will be delivered by officer courier in triplicate to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 on date specified by this Headquarters.

g. For samples of forms and other details see: "Preparation for Overseas Movement, European Theatre of Operations, United States Army, Short Sea Voyage 10 January 1944, file 370.5.

#### 15. Preparation Motor Vehicles for Shipment.

Prior to departure from present station, organization commanders are responsible that all motor vehicles are prepared for shipment as follows:

a. Filled with oil and lubricated.

b. Inspected equivalent to 6,000 mile or six month maintenance inspection. Vehicles inspected or issued within the previous sixty days need not be reinspected.

c. Batteries charged and terminals greased.

d. Electrical system checked.

e. Fuel tanks filled, except motorcycles (which will be filled to not more than 1/3 tank capacity upon embarkation), and in addition 150 miles supply of motor fuel and lubricants for each vehicle. All vehicles not equipped with de-waterproofing Kit, A.P., will carry 5 quarts of proper grade engine oil (5-1 quart cans), and grease guns filled.

f. Phase one of Waterproofing of vehicles and signal equipment installed in vehicles will be completed prior to departure from present station. For complete details see paragraph 19 of Waterproofing. This pertains only to seaborne vehicles.

g. Instructions of the C.G., SOS or appropriate Base Section Commander regarding preparation of vehicles for loading on craft or ships will be complied with.

#### SECTION VI

#### Miscellaneous

#### 16. Vehicle Loads.

a. Vehicles will be carefully loaded, firmly packed and lashed down where necessary to insure that no movement takes place inside vehicle after being loaded on ship or craft. Particular care will be taken that loads do not project beyond the sides or ends.

#### 17. Organizational Equipment not Carried on Vehicles.

a. Organizational equipment not carried on vehicles will be limited to an absolute minimum.

b. Such equipment will be reported on POM Form SOSTC 9.

c. Equipment which cannot be carried in organic vehicles of Airborne echelons and is entered on POM Form SOSTC 9 will not be packed in boxes or crates. The weights and cubic feet of this equipment must however, be given on Form 9.



18. Marking Baggage and Equipment. Personal baggage and organization equipment to be shipped overseas will be marked in accordance with Section VI, Preparation for Overseas Movement, European Theatre of Operation, United States Army, dated 21 July 1943, file AG 370.5.

19. Waterproofing. See Ordnance and Signal Annexes attached.

20. Property Accountability. Formal property accountability ceases in the combat zone. However, units will be required to continue to keep such records as are necessary to show their status of equipment and supplies.

21. Property Responsibility. Responsibility for property is a continuing function of command. In the combat zone the loss of property through negligence or its wanton or willful destruction will be the subject of disciplinary action. In such cases a report of survey may be used to establish financial responsibility.

22. Supply Discipline.

a. Supply discipline is a command function.

b. Full precaution must be taken to insure that clothing, equipment and supplies are not discarded or wasted. Tonnage limitations will prohibit reequipment.

c. See booklet, "Supply Discipline", published by 1st Army.

23. Advance Parties. May be called for as indicated in paragraph 56, POM, ETOUSA, dated 21 July 1943, file AG 370.5.

24. Arrangements prior to Entraining. Numerous arrangements prior to departure from present stations will be required of each organization commander. In order that nothing will be overlooked, it is desired that each organization commander prepare a daily schedule of events and work out a plan to assist him in the execution of his many tasks.

25. All vehicles remaining in rear will be operated as a pool under the supervision of the Division Quartermaster. See Quartermaster Annex.

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SECTION I  
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1. The purpose of this annex is to furnish organizations with necessary information as to those Quartermaster items of supply which are to be drawn and taken with them in an operation, and as to those Quartermaster items of clothing and equipment which will be turned in prior to the commencement of the operation.

SECTION II

2. Shortages of Quartermaster Clothing and Equipment discovered by the showdown inspection required by preceding instructions will be consolidated by unit S-4's on QMC Form 400 and submitted to the Division Quartermaster for replacement. Requisitions will indicate that a complete showdown inspection has been conducted, revealing shortages and unserviceable clothing or equipment as listed thereon. Items of clothing replaced in this manner will be worn up to the latest time possible, even though replacement clothing may have been drawn. Unserviceable items will be disposed of finally by turning them in to the Division Quartermaster.

3. All Quartermaster clothing and equipment in need of laundry or repair will be immediately laundered or repaired.

SECTION III

SUPPLY

4. Class I. Rations.

a. All individuals, seaborne and airborne, will carry two (2) rations (one (1) type K and one (1) type D) which will be drawn at home stations.

b. All organizations, airborne, will carry one (1) type K ration in planes or gliders which will be drawn at home stations.

c. All organizations, seaborne, will carry three (3) type K rations for personnel transported by sea which will be drawn from the Division Quartermaster at home stations.

d. 3807th Quartermaster Truck Company will carry two (2) type K rations for all personnel transported by air which will be drawn from the Division Quartermaster at home station.

e. Rations drawn in accordance with this paragraph will not be consumed prior to landing on Far Shore; commanding officers are responsible that these rations are conserved for this purpose.

f. Strength returns for operational Class I supplies as indicated above will be submitted in writing, by category, to the Division Quartermaster at once. Rations will be issued to organization S-4's at a time to be determined by this headquarters. Organizations will be notified when such time is announced.

Class II. a. All individuals, airborne, will draw by requisition from the Division Quartermaster at home station two (2) blankets, wool, OD, which will replace the bedding rolls and blanket rolls when such rolls have been sent to the marshalling area with the seaborne group. These blankets will remain with the individuals throughout the remaining time at the home station. Glider elements only will take these blankets to departure airfields for use while there. Blankets for parachute elements will be provided at departure airfields. Prior to enplaning, glider elements will turn in all blankets to the Quartermaster representative from this division who will arrange to return them to the home station.

b. Individuals who draw blankets, wool, OD will turn in to the Division Quartermaster two (2) British blankets.



c. Details for exchange of these blankets will be announced later.

d. Socks, wool, light, protective - additional pair per individual will be requisitioned by organization from the Division Quartermaster.

e. Instructions on parachute impregnated clothing will be issued in a separate memorandum.

f. All seaborne troops will carry additional clothing in barrack bags to be worn in the marshalling area as follows:

Drawers, cotton, shorts	2	:	Shirt, flannel, OD	1
Jacket, IBBT	2	:	Trousers, wool, OD	1
Leggins, canvas (pr)	1	:	Trousers, IBBT	2
* Kickshaw, wool, OD	1	:	Undershirt, cotton	2
* Overcoat, wool, OD	1	:	Towel, huck	1

(See C-4 plan for basic list of clothing.)

\* These items may be taken if weather makes it necessary. Unit commanders decision.

g. At the marshalling area, all excess individual clothing and excess individual equipment will be turned in to salvage collecting points as designated by the Marshalling Camp Commander. From the time a unit is alerted until it reaches the marshalling area, every effort should be made to wear the clothing which will be turned in and to conserve the clothing which will be kept and used in the operation. In all cases, clothing and equipment will be sorted by item and size when turned in.

h. The following items of individual clothing and equipment will be placed in duffel bags and stored in unit areas:

Coats, wool, OD	Cap, garrison
Caps, service	Mattress Covers
Excess Blankets (Seaborne Group)	Mufflers
Neckties	

i. Insecticide, heat-units and halazone tablets will be drawn at the marshalling area and departure airfields.

j. The following expendable supplies will be taken and requisition submitted to the Division Quartermaster:

Soap, ordinary issue	1/5 lb. per man
Brushes, scrub, floor, hand	1 per 20 men
Brooms, corn	1 per 50 men
Matches	1 box per 10 men
Paper, toilet, roll (1000 sheets)	3 per 10 men
Calcium Hypochlorite	1 ampule per 10 men
Methyl Bromide	1 ampule per 10 men
Trophylactics	2 per man
20 days supplies of stationery forms and office supplies.	

k. Requisitions submitted to Division Quartermaster in conjunction with this plan will be marked at the bottom "For Operation".

6. Class III, a. Vehicles will be kept with filled gasoline tanks. While at the home station, the quantities of Class III supplies as hereinafter specified will be drawn. On departure from the home station, the following quantities of gasoline will be loaded on vehicles:

Trucks, 1/2 ton	-	2	5-gal. cans
Trucks, 3/4 ton to 1 1/2 ton	-	5	5-gal. cans
Trucks, 2 1/2 ton	-	10	5-gal. cans

b. Each carburetor vehicle (except motorcycles) will carry 5 quarts of engine oil of proper grade (unless equipped with De-waterproofing kit A.P. which includes oil) and filled grease guns. Vehicles transported by air will not be issued De-waterproofing kit, as they will carry sufficient oil.

c. Each carburetor vehicle (except motorcycles) will be equipped with one (1) flexible nozzle and one (1) nozzle adapter (truncated funnel) prior to movement from home station.



d. Additional cans, funnels and nozzles will be requisitioned from the Division Quartermaster.

7. Class IV. a. Prior to enplaning or embarkation, as the case may be, one week's supply of certain gratuitous PX items will be issued to all units at departure airfields or marshalling area. The issue will be made of the following items at the scales specified, and is intended to supply troops for their first week ashore:

Blade, safety razor	1
Cigarettes	7 packs
Tobacco, pipe	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Matches, safety	280
Gum, chewing, stick	7

8. Division Motor Pool will be established at Division Headquarters rear echelon.

9. All vehicles and civilian buses will be pooled at Division Headquarters; further instructions will be issued by Captain McBride.

10. The rear echelon commander will allocate transportation to units in accordance with current requirements.

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SECTION I

Showdown Inspection

1. Instruction for Showdown Inspection.

- a. All units of this division will conduct a showdown inspection to determine shortages and serviceability of Signal Equipment and Supplies. This inspection will be conducted under the supervision of the Division Signal Supply Officer.

2. Standard of Inspection.

- a. All Signal Equipment will be inspected to determine repairs necessary to insure proper operation. Damaged or inoperative equipment will not be carried by the unit but will be turned in for repair or replacement prior to departure of unit.

3. Requisition for Shortages.

- a. Requisitions to cover shortages will be submitted to the Division Signal Supply Officer with the notation "SHOWDOWN" entered in the upper right hand corner of requisition blank. Controlled and non controlled items will be listed on separate requisitions.

SECTION II

SUPPLY

1. Supplies carried by Organization.

- a. Units will draw from Division Signal Supply a three day supply of selected expendables to be carried into combat. The parachute element of the Signal Company will carry a limited amount of signal supplies available to units for emergency issue only.
- b. Units will carry into combat signal equipment that is authorized by T/O and T/E September 1, 1943, plus equipment necessary to operate in accordance with Division Signal Communication Plan.

2. Water-Proofing.

- a. All Signal Equipment which is seaborne will be waterproofed in accordance with instructions contained in Signal Supply Instructions No. 46 A, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, SOS, ETOUSA, 10 January 1944. Waterproofing will be checked by Signal Inspectors in the marshalling area.
- b. Waterproofing material will be obtained on request to Division Signal Supply. Units will be notified when available.

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1. The purpose of this Annex is to outline to Unit Commanders the essential information required by them regarding Air Force Supplies after being alerted and prior to departure from the home stations.
2. a. All personnel transported by air will be equipped with Life Preserver Vests, prior to departure from home stations.  
b. All personnel transported by air will wear the Life Preserver Vests upon take off from the departure airfields.  
c. Seaborne personnel will not wear Life Preserver Vests. These vests will be stored at home stations in accordance with Memo. No. 6 this Headquarters, dated April 17, 1944.  
d. All Life Preserver Vests will be tested in accordance with the instructions in Memo. No. 6.
3. All Air Force maintenance equipment will be carefully stored and properly guarded in unit maintenance sheds at home stations.
4. The Division Air Force Supplies Warehouse will remain open.

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G-4 PLAN

1. Add the following paragraphs to SECTION VI, G-4 Administrative Instructions Preliminary to Mounting.

26. Responsibility for Motor Convoys.

a. S.O.S. is responsible for all troop movements from the RCRP to the sausage in the marshalling area.

b. When the S.O.S. furnishes all the transportation for the movement, they will also be responsible for the movement from the point where such transportation is furnished to the RCRP.

27. Responsibility of the Troops.

a. It will be the troop commander's responsibility to move the convoy (over routes and at times prescribed by S.O.S.) to arrive at the RCRP at the proper time.

b. Where troops furnish only part of the transportation, it will be the responsibility of the Commanding Officer of troops to move the convoy to the RCRP.

c. Advance details are authorized.

d. See Section VI, "Preparation For Overseas Movement, European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, Short Sea Voyage", 10 January, 1944, file 370.5.

28. Loading of LST's.

a. In order to expedite the loading of LST's, all  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton trucks and  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton trucks with trailers, with the exception of those listed in sub-paragraph b, will be driven on the LST and then turned around and placed in position.

b. The last few  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton trucks placed on the LST will disembark first on the far shore. At the time these vehicles are loaded on the LST, there will be insufficient space to turn them around. Therefore, they will be backed on the LST.

29. Camouflage of Vehicles.

All vehicles arriving in the marshalling areas will be camouflaged immediately upon arrival.

30. Defense in Marshalling Areas.

a. Officers in charge of units are responsible for local defense.

b. Slit trenches will be dug throughout marshalling and embarkation areas by assault and follow-up forces during their concentration. Plans, materials, and equipment will be furnished by the Base Section Commanders. Two (2) man holes are recommended when conditions permit. This encourages men to work in pairs "buddy system".

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3. (1) When moving into an area tests will be made of defense arrangements and the position assignment for each individual.

(2) Troops must practice getting into trenches immediately upon arrival in an area.

c. Passive Air Defense Instructions, including responsibilities of transient troops, will be covered in Marshalling Area Standing Orders by the S.O.S.

4. Add to paragraph 7 a Section III; the 101st Airborne Insignia will be worn on the left shoulder of the combat uniform.

5. Add to paragraph 7 a Section III; net helmet, camouflage will be worn.

6. The following changes are made in the Chemical Warfare Annex to G-4 Administrative Instructions Preliminary to Mounting.

a. After line "Eye Ointment, Bal (Medical item).... 1 per individual" in paragraph 3, Section I, add the following:

"Chemical Warfare Pocket Reference Card... 1 per individual".

b. After line f, paragraph 1, Section III, add the following:

"g. Suit, protective, one piece,  
impermeable..... 1 per 40 Enlisted Men

"h. Gloves, pair, impermeable..... 1 per 40 Enlisted Men

5. No changes in the Engineer Annex.

6. Change No. 1 to Medical Annex of G-4 Administrative Instructions Preliminary to Mounting.

a. Under paragraph 1 a (3) and 1 b (2) add: "Item will be held in unit medical supply, and issued to individuals during last forty-eight (48) hours prior to leaving home station.

b. Under paragraph 4 b (3) add: "At Greenham Lodge,.....  
907th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery,  
Division Artillery."

7. Change No. 1 to Ordnance Annex of G-4 Administrative Instructions Preliminary to Mounting.

a. Add to: paragraph 2 d, "on the far shore until after D plus 10."  
Appendix "C" will be used as a guide.

b. Add paragraph 9. Motor Vehicles. British type blackout lights will be removed from all vehicles going either by air or by sea. These lights will be stored in home station.

8. Change No. 1 to Quartermaster Annex to G-4 Administrative Instructions Preliminary to Mounting.

a. Rescind paragraph 4a Section III, Class I Rations, and SUBSTITUTE therefore: All individuals will carry two (2) rations - one (1) type K and one (1) type D. These two rations will be drawn at the marshalling area by seaborne personnel, and at home stations by airborne personnel.

9. Rescind paragraphs 5 a and b, Section III, Class II and SUBSTITUTE therefor:

a. Blankets for use by troops of airborne elements will be provided as follows to replace the bedding rolls and blanket rolls when such rolls have been sent to the marshalling area with the seaborne group:

(1) SOS will furnish necessary blankets for use by parachute troops at departure airfields.

(2) Glider troops will carry with them from home stations two (2) blankets, either British or US type, which are now in their possession.



(3) Before enplaning, glider troops will turn in all blankets to the Division Quartermaster representative who will arrange to return them to the home station.

(4) All airborne troops will utilize blankets, either British or US type, now in their possession during the period following departure of seaborne elements and prior to departure of airborne elements from home stations.

b. Blankets for seaborne troops will be provided in marshalling area.

10. Rescind paragraph 5 c and d, Section III, Class II.

11. Insert paragraph 5 c. "Requisitions will be submitted to the Division Quartermaster by Unit S-4's for the following items:

Socks, wool, light, protective	- 1 additional per EM
Socks, wool, light	- 1 additional per EM

12. Paragraph 5 e, Section III, to become paragraph 5 d.

13. Rescind paragraph 5 f, Section III, and insert:

5. e. All troops except glider elements will carry additional clothing in barrack bags to be worn in the marshalling area or at departure airfields as follows:

Drawers, cotton, shorts	1	Shirt, flannel, od	1
Drawers, wool	1	Trousers, wool, od	1
Jacket, HBT	2	Trousers, HBT	2
Leggings (except prochts)	1	Undershirt, cotton	1
*Mackinaw, wool, od	1	Undershirt, wool	1
*Overcoat, wool, od	1	Towel, huck	1

(See G-4 plan for basic list of clothing)

\*These items may be taken if weather makes it necessary. Unit Commanders decision.

14. Paragraph 5 g, Section III to become paragraph 5 f.

15. Paragraph 5 h, Section III to become paragraph 5 g.

16. Insert paragraph 5 h Section III;

5. h. Insecticide, heat-units and halazone tablets will be drawn at the marshalling area by seaborne elements, and at home stations by the airborne elements.

17. Rescind paragraph 5 i, Section III.

18. Paragraph 5 j, Section III to become paragraph 5 i; and add the following items to paragraph 5 i:

Towel, toilet, roll (1000 sheets) 3 per 10 men

50 SHEETS TO BE CARRIED ON EACH INDIVIDUAL

19. Paragraph 5 k Section III to become paragraph 5 j.

20. Rescind paragraph 6 b, Section III and substitute therefore:

b. Each carburetor vehicle (except motorcycles) will carry 5 quarts of engine oil of proper grade (unless equipped with de-waterproofing kit A.P. which includes oil), and filled grease guns. Vehicles transported by air will not be issued de-waterproofing kits, and will carry the specified quantity of oil. Oil will be issued on unit requisitions in 5-quart containers by the Division Quartermaster.

21. Add paragraph b to paragraph 7, Section III:

b. Bags, personal effects will be drawn and issued by the Division Quartermaster.