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SHAEF/G-5/2711/5

COUNTRIES GERMANY

GENERAL
SUBJECT: Aid to United Nations Political Prisoners held in German Concentration Camps.

TO: G-2 Division
    G-3 Division
    A-2 Division
    A-3 Division

1. Your attention is directed to the attached staff study on the above subject, dated 23 April 1945.

2. In view of the urgent necessity for providing all possible aid to United Nations political prisoners held in German concentration camps, your concurrence (by telephone to Major A. J. Proudfoot - Ex 5363) or comments are requested by 1600 hours, 24 April 1945.
SUBJECT: Aid to United Nations Political Prisoners Held in German Concentration Camps.

TO: The Chief of Staff.

I. DISCUSSION

1. A large number of political prisoners of French, Belgian, Dutch and other United Nations nationalities are still held by the enemy in concentration camps in Germany. Confirmed by recent intelligence reports, there is estimated to be a minimum number of 33,000 prisoners in six camps which have not yet been uncovered by Allied forces. The location of these six camps and the minimum number of prisoners believed to be in each camp is shown at Tab.'A' (map attached).

2. It is highly desirable, both on political and humanitarian grounds, that these prisoners should receive relief at the earliest possible moment, and, as far as possible, be accorded preferential treatment.

3. Experience at Buchenwald and Dachau has shown that, had immediate intelligence been available, remedial action might have been taken 24 to 48 hours earlier. S.A.R.F teams, if dropped in the vicinity of concentration camps, just after they are uncovered by our advancing forces, could provide immediate intelligence as to the nature and magnitude of the problem at each camp. This intelligence would make possible immediate remedial action. It is clear from conditions observed in the concentration camps already uncovered that any delay in taking remedial action may have serious consequences. Over-insurance is desirable.

II. ACTION RECOMMENDED.

4. That the dispatch of S.A.R.F. teams to the camps listed in Tab.'A' be approved.

5. That a cable to the Army Groups, appraising them of the intention to employ S.A.R.F teams, Tab.'B', be dispatched.

III. CONCURRENCES.

G-2 Division
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A. E. GRASETT
Lieutenant General, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.
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* Map references are to OSGB 4346 series, 1:250,000.

Note: The number of prisoners indicated are considered to be minimum figures.
PROPOSED CABLE

TO FOR ACTION: 6th ARMY GROUP
12th ARMY GROUP
21st ARMY GROUP

FROM: SHAFF FORWARD

1. It is highly desirable, both on political and humanitarian
grounds, that United Nations political prisoners should receive relief at the
earliest possible moment, and, as far as possible, be accorded preferential
treatment.

2. Recent intelligence reports confirm serious conditions among an
estimated total of 38,000 prisoners in the following six camps: (Map references
are to GSGS 4346 Series, 1:250,000) DACHAU M49/Y7469, REGENSBURG M50/V1856,
LUBECK K54/S9589, ASCHENDORFMoor K54/Y7796, NEUNSTRUM K54/V7898, BORGERNMoor
K54/Y8391.

3. It is therefore the intention to parachute or land special
Allied Airborne Reconnaissance Teams at these camps immediately after they have
been liberated by ground forces. These teams on landing will immediately come
under command of the Local Military Commander.

4. Each team consists of 2 officers, wireless operator and carry a
special wireless set which for technical reasons necessitates operation via
Home Base. Interference with your communications will not result.

5. These SAARF teams can provide immediate intelligence on the
nature and magnitude of the problem at each concentration camp and make pos-
sible immediate remedial action. All messages will be relayed at once to Army
Groups concerned.

6. Request you agree to the employment of SAARF teams as indicated.
SUBJECT: Aid to Political Prisoners in Concentration Camp at Dachau, Germany.

TO: G-1 Division
     G-2 Division
     G-3 Division
     A-2 Division
     A-3 Division
     GATOR ECLIPSE

1. Your attention is directed to the attached staff study on the above subject, dated 25 April 1945.

2. In view of the urgent necessity for action to aid United Nations political prisoners held in the German concentration camp at Dachau, your concurrence (by telephone to Major A.J. Proudfoot, Ext. 5363) or comments are requested by 1200 hours, 26 April 1945.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

FRANK J. McGERRY
Brigadier General, GSC
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.
SUBJECT: Aid to Political Prisoners in the Concentration Camp at Dachau, Germany.

TO: The Chief of Staff.

I. DISCUSSION.

1. Recent intelligence reports have confirmed that the notorious German concentration camp at Dachau, approximately 15 miles Northeast of Munich, Germany, is still in operation, with a minimum of 30,000 prisoners. Estimates received during 1944 have given totals for this camp as high as several hundred thousands. An air photograph of the Dachau concentration camp, given at Tab 'A', confirms its large size.

2. Concentration camps uncovered in Germany, notably in Belsen and Weimar, have indicated appalling conditions of disease and starvation among political prisoners. There have been several instances of last-minute massacres of prisoners by their German guards. These massacres have had the obvious motive of sealing the lips of prisoners who might otherwise have given evidence against their Nazi torturers.

3. Humanitarian and political reasons indicate the desirability of an airborne operation to surround and control the Dachau concentration camp and hold it until contact can be made with our advancing ground forces. Such action could prevent any last-minute massacres and result in the capture of the German Gestapo forces in charge. The political effect of such action, aside from its purely humanitarian value, would be an enormous feeling of good-will for Supreme Headquarters, A.E.F. Such action would be tangible proof of our intentions with respect to the Nazi Regime and the cruelty which it symbolizes.

4. Under the approved Airborne Plan entitled Operation 'JUBILANT' (Tab 'B'), the provision is made for airborne aid to prisoners of war. The aid planned for prisoners of war in Operation 'JUBILANT' is similar in all tactical respects to that which should be employed to aid the political prisoners in the Dachau concentration camp.

II. ACTION RECOMMENDED.

5. That an airborne operation as planned under Operation 'JUBILANT' be approved for the control of the concentration camp at Dachau.

III. CONCURRENCES.

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For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

FRANK J. McSHERRY
Brigadier General, GSC.
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

SECRET
F.A.A.A. Airborne Outline Plan for Operation 'JUBILANT' of 5 April 1945, approved under subject: "Operation 'JUBILANT'" (GCT/383.6-1 Plans) of 10 April 1945, with amendments and comments given as Appendix 'A'.
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
G-5 Division

SHAEF/G-5/IA/Fwd/27/15

22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Restriction of Movement of Displaced Persons and German Civilians.

TO: AC of S, G-3.

I. DISCUSSION

1. It is possible that large numbers of Displaced Persons and German civilians will attempt to move towards the West in front of the present Russian advance or from Russian occupied areas of Germany into areas occupied by the AEF. A movement of this sort to the West might be attempted when the Germans realize that US forces are vacating and handing over to the Russians that part of the Russian Zone now occupied by AEF troops.

2. It is essential that any large scale movement of this sort be rigorously checked as it would place an intolerable strain on accommodation and food resources in that part of Germany occupied by forces of the AEF.

3. Army Groups should therefore be instructed to set up a Barrier Zone along the general line of the Rivers, ELBE and MULDE and the ERTZ Mountains which has been established as the limit of our advance eastwards. Strict enforcement of "Travel Restrictions" in areas occupied will be necessary with special emphasis on those areas which will subsequently be part of the Russian Zone.

II. RECOMMENDATION

4. That the cable (TAB A) to Army Groups establishing the above points be despatched.

III. CONCURRENCES

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G-4 (   )

(Sgd) D.G. Heyman Brij

for A.E. GRAEOTT
Lieutenant General
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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SECRET

TO: 21 Army Group
    12 Army Group
    6 Army Group

FROM: SHAEF Fwd.

1. To alleviate serious food and accommodation difficulties in areas of Germany occupied by AEF, stringent measures must be taken to restrict unauthorized mass movement of Displaced Persons and German civil population from East to West.

2. You should set up barrier zone along general line of ELBE and MULDE Rivers and ERZ GEBIRGE aimed at preventing civilians from entering AEF areas.

3. Within areas already occupied by your forces you will take strong measures by use of road patrols, check points, etc., to ensure compliance with Travel Restrictions imposed by Military Government. Particularly important that these restrictions are enforced in areas which will finally form part of Russian Zone so as to prevent any possibility of German civilians following our forces out of Russian Zone.
German Concentration Camps at which it is Recommended that SAAF Teams be Dropped from the Air.

1. Reference discussion between Brigadier General S. R. Mickelsen, Chief, Displaced Persons Branch, G-5 Division and Colonel J. H. Alms, Chief, Ops "G Subsection", G-3 Division, and the telephone message of DAC of S, G-5 Division, 1745, 16 April 1945 to AG of S, G-3 Division on the above subject.

2. Attached is a list of concentration camps where critical conditions exist among United Nations political prisoners. This list is an up-to-date compilation from reliable military and French Intelligence sources.

3. It is requested that action be taken by the G-3 Division to drop "SAAF Teams" at these places immediately following liberation in order to establish two-way radio communication with Supreme Headquarters A. E. F. to facilitate emergency remedial action (Major M. J. Proudfoot of the Displaced Persons Branch, G-5 Division is designated to render all possible assistance furthering the requested action).

4. It is understood that the G-3 Division will obtain necessary clearance from Army Group Commanders for the action requested in paragraph 3.

A. E. GRASSETT,
Lieutenant General,
AG of S, G-5 Division.
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(Extracted from a document discussing German concentration camps at which it is recommended that 5000 troops be dropped from the air.)

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