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**Comment**

The US Army Military History Institute provided to Professor Bolin on June 13, 1995.

**Abstract**

This memorandum is addressed to all theater commanders and the commanders of all ports of embarkation.

It provides that "arrangements be made at once to insure [sic] that samples of enemy equipment and materiel be delivered to the United States..." for study and analysis.

It instructs the chiefs of transportation in each theater to expedite shipment of captured materiel to the US.

It instructs the commanding generals of ports in the United States to notify the chiefs of the technical service "responsible for similar American equipment" to request shipping instructions. For example, an enemy tank received would be reported to the Chief of Ordnance; and a radio, to the Chief Signal Officer.

MEMORANDUM )  
No. W570-1-42)

October 23, 1942.

SHIPMENT OF CAPTURED MATERIEL TO THE UNITED STATES

1. As Army operations abroad increase in scope and intensity, captured equipment and other materiel will become increasingly available to the services for study and analysis. It is therefore desired that arrangements be made at once to insure that samples of enemy equipment and materiel are delivered to the United States with dispatch.

2. a. The chief of transportation in each theater will expedite the shipment to the United States of captured materiel reported to him by the commanding general of the theater of operation concerned as being ready for shipment.

b. Upon receipt of such materiel from abroad, the commanding generals of base ports in the United States will notify the chiefs of the supply services responsible for similar American equipment and will request shipping instructions.

c. Every precaution will be observed to prevent damage or deterioration to this materiel during storage and shipment.

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