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camp direct from the appropriate authorities in SHAEF, namely G-1 PWX and A-2 Division. SHAEF is organizing and will despatch Airborne Reconnaissance parties to Prisoner of War Camps.

D. Operations to protect prisoners of war will take priority above Airborne operations to BERLIN or KIEL, should these operations be required concurrently.

E. Commanding General First Allied Airborne Army will be responsible for maintaining by air, until land communications are open, all forces landed, in accordance with normal procedure, and for maintaining all prisoners of war in the protected areas. For this latter purpose, he will make application to SHAEF who will arrange for the necessary air supply by free dropping from stock piles of specially packed rations and medical supplies held in the United Kingdom. It is however, essential that the fullest use be made of German rations and medical supplies available locally. When land communications are opened, the maintenance of prisoners of war and Airborne forces will become the responsibility of the local ground force commander.

5. Commanding General First Allied Airborne Army will submit his outline plan for protection of prisoner of war camps to SHAEF for approval by 10 April, 1945 or earlier if possible, and in addition a statement of preparations which must be made to enable these plans to be put into effect with the minimum warning.

6. Information Addressees are requested to give all possible assistance to Commanding General First Allied Airborne Army in the above task.

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