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Imperative that immediate arrangements be made for evacuation and reception of Allied ex-PW's in order to give effect to message reference WX-61695, 31 March 45. Establishment of substantial reception center where processing and documentation can be checked and completed under supervision G-1 PWX officers at points in Communications Zone well in rear of forward area considered essential, must have reasonable comfort and amenities.

Army Group Commander insists on PW's being evacuated to rear areas without delay, as if kept in forward areas possibility of recapture by enemy counter attack always exists and this affects morale of ex-PW's, apart from fact that in nearly all cases camps uncovered have been found inadequate, filthy and unsanitary. Essential that this should be avoided.

WX-61695 is SMC IN 640, 3/4/45, COM Z .

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