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 FOR INFO : TWELFTH ARMY GROUP, CONAD, ADSEC, SHAEF MAIN,
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 SIXTH ARMY GROUP MAIN
 REF NO : BAX-25698 10 APRIL 1945.

Rations, PX supplies and clothing for Allied prisoners of war is subject.

Reference SHAEF letters AG-383.6-1 GDS-AGM, dated 8 January 1945, subject: "Feeding of United Nations prisoners of war"; AG-383.6-1 GDS-AGM, dated 25 January 1945, subject: "Feeding Allied prisoners of war"; and SHAEF cable FWD-17950, 17 March 1945, cite SHGDS.

Request information as to when scales of issue, made a Com Zone responsibility in cable FWD-17950, will be published and in the hands of Army Group.

Pending receipt of instructions containing these scales, Sixth Army Group contemplates proceeding on the following basis:

A. Rations:- during the initial phases of liberation (approximately 3 days) type "C" or 10 in 1 ration.

1. US and British liberated American and British to progress to type "B" rations as soon as possible on the same scale as for US Troops.

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2. All other nationals to receive ETO memo number II, 26 December 1944, until definitely determined Allied nationals, after which the civilian employees menu will be used.

B. PX supplies:

1. US and British - same as stated SHAEP cable FWD-17950, 17 March 1945.

2. All other Allied prisoners of war - the special scale mentioned in cable FWD-17950 to be $\frac{1}{2}$ US scale for both gratuitous issue and PX sales, if and when available without jeopardy to US Troop supply

C. Clothing and individual equipment:

1. US and British - same scale as for US and British Troops to be called forward through regular supply channels from Communications Zone supply installations and issued as required.

2. All other Allied prisoners of war - scale of issue to be the minimum essential required to bring each individual up to the following standard: 1 each cap or hat; 1 each suit, underwear, wool or cotton; 1 pair socks, wool or cotton; 1 each shirt, wool; 1 pair trousers, any type; 1 each jacket, or coat, any type; 1 pair shoes; 1 each overcoat, when required. Individual equipment to be 2 each blankets or equivalent mess gear as required, both depending on availability.

Although it is contemplated that Army Commanders will make every effort to force the Germans to discharge their responsibility for furnishing the above requirements through confiscation and/or seizure of Military and State owned supplies and through requisitioning civil supplies within enemy territory, it is appreciated that the full commitment probably cannot be met from these sources. Request an indication of the source and channel of supply for the balance which will have to be provided from Allied resources.