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# OFFICE CHIEF OF COUNSEL FOR WAR CRIMES APO 696A U.S. ATMY

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### STAFF EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

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SUMMARY (Indicate page nos.):

TB 3529 (1). 27 January 1942: 79th Inf. Div. to subordinate units: Special Supply Order. FW matters. The troops are to report the number of FWs employed with them.

(2). 29 January 1942: 79th Inf. Div. to subordinate units: Special Supply Order. FW matters. It lays down the basic ration for FWs, distinguishing between normal work and heavy work, for which additional rations may be distributed. All this concerns the FWs worked by the troops. Under the heading of 'Booty' the order provides that details, consisting of civilians or Kosacks, be formed, whose task it is to salvere the clothing of divisions hill in the salvere the clothing of divisions hill the salvere the clothing of divisions hill in the salvere the clothing of divisions hill the salvere the clothing and divisions hill the salvere the clothing of divisions hill the salvere the salvere the clothing and divisions hill the salvere the clothing and divisions hill the salvere the clothing and divisions hill the salvere th

of 'Booty' the order provides that details, consisting of civilians or Kosacks, be formed, whose task it is to salvage the clothing of Russians killed in action.

(3). 3 February 1943: 79th Inf. Div. to subordim te units: Special Supply Order. PW matters. PWs, working in strongpoints at the front, are to be evacuated to the rear if enemy attacks threaten. (Analyst's remark: this proves illegal employment of PWs).

(Analyst's remark: The two dates appearing on the first documents seem to be

typing errors and should road 1943).

Edited by: George Grant

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79th Infentry Division Divisional Bettle Station 27 Jan 1943

Special Supply Instructions, No. 3/43

2.) Prisoner of War Matters:

The units will submit a report by the 3rd of each month, for the first time on 3 February 1943, giving the number of prisoners of wer employed as labor by the troops, as per status of the first of each month, and also stating how many of these have been declared "Hiwis" (indicenous voluntary helpers).

> For the Divisional Command The first Officer of the Gen ral Staff (Simature).

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(handwritten) War Diary

· 70th Infantry Division

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Ib No. 21/48 secret

Divisional battle station 29 Jan 1942.

Special Supply Instructions No. 4/43.

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## IV. Prisoner of War Matters.

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1.) All officers and non coms who employed prisoners of war as labor must be acquainted with the regulations concerning the treatment and feeding of the prisoners of war. These regulations ensure the conditions necessary for maintaining the working capacity of the prisoners of war.

A corresponding bull tin concerning "Employers' treatment of prisoners of war allocated as le or" will be distributed down to the companies on 29 January.

With regard to the feeding of the prisoners of war, the following food rations have been fixed for a period of seven days:

bread consisting of normal ingredients: 2600 gr For purposes of preparing nourishing soups, to which the prisoners of war are accustomed, it may be expedient to replace 500 gr of bread by

360 g of rye flour or 380 g of bruised rye or 360 g of rye groats.

Meat 250 g
fat 130 g
potatoes 7000 g
fresh vegetables as
available (mainly turnips)
cereals (buckwheat, noocles etc) 150 g.

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110 gr 14 8 substitute tea solted cucumbers up to 350 g spices-only unrationed ones as required and available.

The meat ration should consist of horse flesh if possible.

Heavy workers may be granted the following additional rations, above the fixed rations for every seven days:

> 800 € 150 g and Meat and Meat products 70 g. fat

Only those Russian prisoners of war are to be regarded as heavy workers who are constantly performing heavy physical labor; anybody who does heavy work only now and then, or whose work does not require a physical effort which exceeds that normally used in manual labor is no heavy worker.

The unit leaders will rule which Russian prisoners of war should receive the additional heavy workers rations

according to the above regulations.

If some of the foods mentioned are not available they are to be replaced by foods of similar composition, in particular as recards the albumen contents; the amount of the substitute foods should be fixed according to E.W. food regulation enclosure 1.

Indeavours should be made to replace bread by millet or

buckwheat as far as possible.

Application for these foods under the heading of prisoner of war rations should be made to the competent food offices.

2.) In order tp salvage clothing it is necessary that detachments of civilians or cossacks etc., chosen for that purpose, should remove the clothes of all killed Russians.

The clothing salvaged should be handed ever immediately

to the divisional clothing depot.

For the Divisional Command, the First General Staff Officer

(Signature)

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(handwritten) War Diary

(stamp) Secret

79th Infantry Division Ib

Divisional battle station, 3 February 1943

Ib No. 28/43 secret

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Special Supply Instructions No. 6/43.

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#### 6.) Prisoner of war matters.

If an enemy attack is expected, the prisoners of war working at the fortified strong points are to be moved to the rear in good time, so that their safety is ensured

and the enemy cannot get hold of them.

If the code-word Wiesbaden is given, or by order of the Regimental Commander should the situation require it, the following movements are to be carried out:

The 179th Infantry Division to move the prisoners of war employed at Kriwjanskaja and Bessergenewskaja to Persianowka (11 km Worth of Wewetscherkassk). by the negrest route (not along the front). The roads are to be reconnoitored immediately.

The 610th Infantry Division to transport the prisoners of war working at Molichowskaja to Dulag 201. Schachty.

The construction companies working at Bessergenewskaja

and Melichowskaja are to be used as ecorts.

1./Ostraiter Section 403 will immediately propare a prisoner of war camp at Persianowka with a capacity for at least 400 prisoners.

The V.G.A.D. Group will receive orders in good time

from Division/Ib to take over the camp.

# 7.) Field post.

a) Advanced collection and delivery branch of Field Post Office 236 at Nowotscherkassk, Postajastrasse 52, is ready to start operations immediately.

b) As from to-day the Staff of heavy section 179 will be designated by the provisional Field post No.16089 x.

> For the Divisional Command The First Gon ral Staff Officer

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Signature

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CLRTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION

26 February 1948

I, George H. GRANT, Civ.No. A 442 694, hereby certify that I am a duly appointed translator for the German and Buglish languages and that the above is a true and correct translation of excerpts from document No. MOHW-3002.

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