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5-16-84 <i>Robert M. Hatch</i> Date Archivist of the United States

TO. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,  
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1. FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)  
Department of the Army

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION  
Forces

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION

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6. CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

- A** Request for immediate disposal.
- B** Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.

C. DATE 30 APR 1984	D. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>John Henry Hatcher</i>	E. TITLE JOHN HENRY HATCHER, PHD Archivist of the Army
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7. ITEM NO.	8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)	9. SAMPLE OR JOB NO.	10. ACTION TAKEN
	<p>Located at the National Personnel Records Center (Military), St. Louis, Missouri, are Army organizational records generally dating from 1950 through the 1960's. These records are now being reviewed for the purpose of determining their ultimate disposition. The submission of this SF 115 is a part of this effort.</p> <p align="center">unclassified</p> <p>This schedule covers only those records of U.S. Army Forces located in NPRC.* Consequently, it is not applicable to current records.</p> <p>Unless otherwise noted, the disposition authorities cited, correspond to those in AR 340-18.</p> <p>*and directly related classified records at WNRC.</p>		34 items

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING APPRAISAL  
OF RECORDS OF FORCES (U.S. ARMY)

NCI-338-84-3

This is one in a series of Standard Forms 115 being prepared at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) on Army field records located there. The records have been offered to the National Archives.

Organizations which have been termed "Forces" by the Army are exceedingly dissimilar. The missions are diverse, the locations wide-spread. The unifying factor seems to be an intention, at the time of each Force's origination, that it be of limited duration. Some were extremely short-lived, and were created for the sole purpose of addressing a particular problem or situation. For instance, the 201st Army Task Force and American Land Forces in Lebanon were formed specifically to restore order in Lebanon in 1958, and were deliberately dissolved as soon as the crisis had passed - their life span was only three months. A Force such as the Southern European Task Force, on the other hand, lasted about 20 years and through several reorganizations and name changes. Nevertheless, it was never intended to have the longevity of, say, a Cavalry Division whose lineage extends from the Civil War to the present.

The records appraised here are from a number of different Forces. For the sake of clarity, each has been treated individually. Wherever possible, I have supplied histories and other details about the creating organizations. For some of the Forces, unfortunately, the scant records available to me yielded no useful information for me to pass on to those who will review this SF 115. In those cases where I was unable to provide any background, I have also not made any recommendations regarding appropriate Record Groups for records being accessioned into NARS.

As usual, the Forms 6710A for the records described herein will be prepared by the NPRC archivists prior to transferring the records to NN. During screening at NPRC the records will be arranged by creator and series; complete lists of the contents of each box will also be prepared.

I believe that the series descriptions which follow are thorough enough that further justifications are not needed in this memorandum.

*Patricia M. Rhodes*

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ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN THIS APPRAISAL

American Land Forces in Lebanon (AMLANFOR)

Armed Forces Assistance to Korea (AFAK)

Southern European Task Force (SETAF)

U.S. Army Forces Antilles (USARFANT)

Task Force Charlie

Northern Task Force (NORTAF)

United States Forces, Taiwan

U.S. Army, Pacific, Defense Forces

United States Forces, Korea (USFK)

Iceland Defense Force

1st Engineer Arctic Task Force

AMERICAN LAND FORCES IN LEBANON

Under the threat of civil war, in 1958 the president of Lebanon appealed to the U.S. requesting military forces to maintain order. By directive of President Eisenhower, U.S. Marines landed on Lebanese beaches on July 15, followed in a couple of days by U.S. Army troops from stations in Germany. There were only a few, very minor, encounters between Lebanese dissidents and the occupying American forces, and the Lebanese Army restored order sufficiently so that the Americans departed on October 25. The troops were designated American Land Forces in Lebanon (AMLANFOR), and were a joint force composed of the 2nd Provisional Marine Force and the 201st Army Task Force (USATAF 201). The records under consideration here are those of Headquarters, AMLANFOR, and Headquarters, USATAF 201. All were created in 1958.

Many of the most important records from the Lebanon crisis were classified, and were shipped from NPRC to WNRC several years ago; hence they are not included in this appraisal. Selection of a Record Group for the records still to be sent from NPRC should be done with the goal of reuniting the records; those shipped earlier were accessioned as part of RG 338.

The following series, have previously been appraised as Permanent:

- Command Health Reporting Files, 1958, 1/4 in.
- Daily Journals, 1958, 8 ins.
- General Orders, 1958, 1 in.
- Operating Program Progress Report Files, 1958, 4 cu.ft.
- Organization Planning files, 1958, 1 in.
- Training Operations Files, 1958, 2 ins.

Records series appraised are:

1. Aid to Indigenous Personnel, 1958, 1/2 in.

Documents, photos, and newspaper clippings about development and execution of a program in which the U.S. Army donated and delivered about 7 1/2 tons of antibiotics, bandages, and other medical supplies to the Lebanese Army for further distribution to needy Lebanese people. Reflects the humanitarianism which has been the non-militaristic aspect of the Army's mission.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

2. Circulars, 1958, 1 in.

227-01

Issuances, generally of an instructive or informative nature, on a variety of subjects, many of which are peculiar to an occupying Army. Typical subjects: prohibition of narcotics use, rabies treatment, VD control, detention and interrogation of suspicious persons, pass and liberty policies, malaria control, and the like. These demonstrate the problems inherent in deployment of a large number of troops, and therefore have considerable evidential value.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

3. Foreign Training Program Files, 1958, 1 in.

Describes hastily created program for training of Lebanese officers and troops by American officers. Includes correspondence, curriculums, reports, agreements between the two armies, and a superbly written anonymous study of the character of the people of the Middle East. These records document the nature of the relationship between Americans and Mid-Easterners and their differing cultures and attitudes. Relevant today!

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

4. General Correspondence Files, 1958, 20 ins. AR-345-220-18D

Letters, reports, memorandums, TWX's, and other correspondence relating to administrative matters and personnel management. Although much of this series concerns strictly routine activities, it also includes more significant material: a report about the only American death caused by rebel gunfire; instructions on how to withdraw troops and close out operations; a message of appreciation from President Eisenhower. Because both notable and trivial records are thoroughly intermingled; because the total volume is very small; and, most importantly, because the AMLANFOR records constitute a complete case study, in microcosm, of troop deployment in times of international crisis; therefore I am recommending that the entire series be permanently retained. This would also apply to records called "Intelligence Administration Files" (1/4 in.), "Transportation Administration Files" (1/2 in.), and any others identified on NPRC finding aids as "Administration" or "Correspondence" files.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

5. Medical Weekly Staff Action Reports, 1958, 1/4 in.

Extremely brief reports touching on the most significant events and policies in the medical program in Lebanon. Arranged by subject - "Flight Physicals", "Evacuation Policy", etc. - and prepared by the Staff Surgeon.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

6. Memorandums, 1958, 1/4 in. 227-01

Most of this series is composed of routine issuances about voting, forms requisition, reenlistment procedures, etc. However, it also includes memos which are concerned with more important matters such as instructions for preparation of After Action Reports, procedures for records disposition upon withdrawal from Lebanon, and others which distinguish this as a crisis situation.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

7. Staff Study on Olive Groves, 1958, 1/4 in.

a. A study about the problems which occurred because many American troops were bivouacked in an olive grove. With harvest time approaching, Lebanese farmers demanded removal of the troops and compensation for damage, because olives were a major revenue - producing crop. This study illustrates how the American

government attempted to resolve some problems connected with an occupying army.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

7. Security Classified Files, 1958, 6 feet (at WNRC).

Daily Journals, Command Reports, Operations Plans, Messages, and other records.

PERMANENT. Offer immediately.

ARMED FORCES ASSISTANCE TO KOREA

In the wake of the United Nations police action in Korea, the United States embarked on a program to rehabilitate and reconstruct that war-devastated country. The U.S. Army's part in the program administered by Armed Forces Far East (AFFE), was called Armed Forces Assistance to Korea (AFAK), and was designed to assist Korean communities by providing public facilities such as hospitals, schools, and civic buildings.

A number of AFAK records have already been shipped to Washington, some with AFFE records being transferred to NNM and others - the classified ones - when Dr. Hatcher sent many classified records to WNRC. Those remaining were created between 1954 and 1960, and are from only two series: General Correspondence Files and AFAK Project Files. Those records which are Permanent should be accessioned into Record Group 338 with other AFFE records.

8. AFAK Project Files, ca. 1954-60, 10 cu.ft.

Letters, instructions, project reports, bills of materials, contracts, blueprints, photographs, and other correspondence relating to such AFAK projects as the construction of schools, libraries, hospitals, clinics, bridges, and orphanages for the people of Republic of Korea. Also includes requests for materials to furnish completed projects and programs of dedication ceremonies. These projects were the raison de'être of the entire AFAK program and thus it seems to me that they possess archival values. However, 10 feet are excessive and repetitive. Therefore I recommend keeping one foot sampling. Since all boxes are alike, any one box would be representative.

Permanent. Offer 1 cu.ft. to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.  
Destroy 9 cu.ft.

9. General Correspondence Files, 1958, 11 ins.

AR 345-220-18D

Letters, reports, memorandums, and other correspondence relating to the administration of the entire AFAK program and related personnel matters. This material concerns the routine day-to-day activities of the creating unit and is completely routine in nature: duty assignments, visitors, financial matters, etc.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

## SOUTHERN EUROPEAN TASK FORCE

At the conclusion of World War II, part of the 15th Army Group was reorganized into U.S. Forces in Austria (USFA), commanded by General Mark Clark. Ten years later it was redesignated Southern European Task Force (SETAF), and headquartered in Italy. It was part of NATO's European line of defense, a combat-ready support force with atomic capability. Besides its military mission, SETAF was charged with an assignment to develop friendship and mutual understanding with the Italian people.

SETAF was discontinued in the fall of 1964. For the entire 19 years of its existence it had been a component of the U.S. Army in Europe (USAREUR). The date span of the USFA and SETAF records at NPRC is approximately 1952 to 1964. These records should be put in Record Group 338 with other USAREUR records. All classified records were sent to WNRC several years ago.

USFA and SETAF records which are not appraised here because they are already Permanent are:

- General Orders, ca. 1957-64, 6 ins.
- Organization Planning Files, ca. 1957-69, 1.3 cu.ft.
- Operations Planning Files, ca. 1955-58, 3 ins.
- Regulations, ca. 1963-64, 1 in.
- Unit History, ca. 1956-61, 1 in.

Records included in this appraisal:

10. Newspapers, ca. 1957-64, 6 ins. 413-05A

Copies of the Setaf Dispatch, a weekly newspaper for American forces in Italy and American military dependents. Authorized publications containing news articles, human interest stories, editorials, sports coverage, public service features, hobby and special interest columns, movie schedules, photographs, cartoons, and contributions written by readers. Few wire service stories; most articles are by SETAF personnel and about SETAF events.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

11. Through the Italian Looking Glass, 1957, 1 in.

Synopses of news items about SETAF which had appeared in Italian daily newspapers. Illustrative of the generally cordial relationship between the American forces and the Italians.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule.

12. Circulars, ca. 1957-64, 5 ins. 227-01

Numbered issuances published for the purpose of providing operating instructions for the implementation of regulations or for the dissemination of information. Circulars are often transitory in nature and may bear an expiration date of a year from date of issue. Typical subjects include announcements of forthcoming events such as inspections, visits by Congressmen, etc.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

13. Daily Program Logs, 1959, 3 ins.

Hour-by-hour listings of radio programs broadcast on Army radio station each day of the year. Includes time, name of program, type of program (1400-1500 hours, Lawrence Welk Show, music", "1100-1200 hours, Coffee Klatsch, kitchen hints").

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

14. Facilities Control Files, ca. 1952-59, 3 cu.ft.

201-01A

Letters, memorandums, reports, and other correspondence relating to the acquisition, construction, repair, condition, utilization, or closing of facilities.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

15. General Correspondence Files, ca. 1956-57, 13 1/2 cu.ft.

AR 345-220-18D

Letters, reports, memorandums, and other correspondence relating to administrative and personnel matters. This material relates to mundane, daily activities of the creating unit, usually transitory in nature. Subjects include duty assignments, security clearances, upcoming special events, reassignments, budget considerations, etc. This item applies to all SETAF records identified in NPRC finding aids as "Correspondence" or "Administrative" files.

a. Destroy immediately EXCEPT for the following blocks of security classified material (at WNRC) which are PERMANENT:

b. Intelligence Administrative Files, 1959-60, 1 inch.

2 near print issuances, one of which consists of minutes of a joint US-UK-Canada conference concerning the order of battle of certain Soviet bloc armies.

c. Security Classified General Correspondence (US Forces Austria), 1953, 2 feet. Correspondence, memorandums, and other records relating to the organization, functions, and personnel strength of elements of US Forces Austria as well as to such matters as intelligence collection activities, training, and military construction projects.

d. General Correspondence, 7617th US Forces Austria Support Command, 1953-54, 6 inches. Correspondence, memorandums, reports, and other records relating to the organization and functions and key activities of the Command and its elements. Included are historical summaries.



16. Intelligence Reports, 1958-59, 1 foot(at WNRC).

Raw intelligence reports prepared by SETAF. Records consist of SETAF's retained copies of DA Forms 1048.

PERMANENT. Offer immediately.

17. Management and Planning Files, ca. 1953-57, 9 inches(at WNRC).

Records consist of ca. 10 consecutively numbered folders labelled "Management and Planning Files." This material appears to be a hastily thrown together artificial series in which a wide variety of documents are intermixed. Included are General Orders, annual historical summaries, and records relating to counterintelligence operations as well as disposable personnel-type orders and other temporary materials.

PERMANENT. Offer immediately. However, segregable blocks of temporary material will be removed and disposed of in accordance with the relevant disposal authority included in AR 340-18.

18. Management Survey Case Files, 1958, 2 ins.

217-01

Documents relating to improved efficiency and financial savings in the workplace. They are concerned with such minutiae as arrangement of office furniture, need for file cabinets, utilization of office space, etc., and lack archival value.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

19. Memorandums, ca. 1957-64, 10 ins.

227-01

Issuances used to convey information or instructions concerning completely routine matters - office procedures, assignment of duty officers, safe driving tips, etc.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

20. Weekly Directives, ca. 1957-64, 4 ins.

227-01

Issuances providing information regarding everyday subjects: handling of Christmas mail, officers' efficiency reports, early release from Army for

reenlistment, etc.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

U.S. ARMY FORCES ANTILLES

The U.S. Army Forces Antilles (USARFANT) and the Military District of Puerto Rico existed in the late 1940's and the 1950's as part of the U.S. Army in the Caribbean, located at Fort Brooke, P.R. The records available to me told nothing of the organization's mission or history.

All of the classified records from USARFANT were sent from NPRC to WNRC by Dr. Hatcher. Many others, unclassified, were transferred to NARS, into Record Group 338, with records of the U.S. Army in the Caribbean. The Permanent records discussed here should also be in RG 338.

Records which are already Permanent:

General Orders, ca. 1953-58, 5 ins.  
Operations Planning Files, ca. 1953-57, 1 in.  
Organization Planning Files, ca. 1957-58, 2 ins.

Records included in this appraisal:

21. ~~18~~. Bulletins, ca. 1953-55, 6 ins.

227-01

Issuances used to convey official and unofficial information of an advisory, informative, or directive nature. Occasionally used to provide instructions for routine matters - announcements of staff duty officers, upcoming social events, changes in telephone numbers, office hours at finance office, etc.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

22. ~~20~~. Memorandums, ca. 1953-55, 6 ins.

227-01

Issuances used to provide instructions or information on a wide variety of subjects, including such routine matters as orientation for arriving officers, rules for operation of base thrift shop, procedures for grievances by civilian employees, etc.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

23. ~~21~~. General Correspondence Files, ca. 1949-55, 17 cu.ft.

AR 345-220-18D

Letters, memorandums, messages, reports, and other forms of correspondence relating to a wide variety of functions and subjects. The overwhelming preponderance of these files concern completely routine operations and procedures,

generally of transitory nature; typical subjects include fluoridation of water, cold storage of food, utilization of office equipment. This item is applicable not only to those records labelled "General Correspondence" or "General Administrative" but also to any other USARFANT records listed in the NPRC finding aids as correspondence or administrative files.

Q Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule, EXCEPT FOR the following security classified materials (at WMRC), which are PERMANENT:

b. Records Relating to the Training and Utilization of Puerto Rican Personnel, 1952-53, 1 inch. Records consist of an Army War College study on this subject as well as related background material provided to the study's author. The study is filed under Decimal 353 of the 1953 Security Classified General Correspondence, while the background papers were classified under Decimal 314.7, which was retired as a segregated decimal.

c. Intelligence Administrative Files, 1953, negligible. Records relate to USARFANT cooperation with the CIA.

24. Intelligence Issuances, 1952-56, 6 inches. Near print issuances concerning the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, and Tobago, which contain data relating to transportation facilities, economic matters, and geographic feature of military significance. Records are at WMRC.

PERMANENT. Offer immediately.

TASK FORCE CHARLIE

Troops from Fort Benning were put on alert and moved into Birmingham, Alabama, to assist local authorities in preserving law and order during racial demonstrations in the summer of 1963.

25.

~~B~~. Civil Disturbance Operation and Reporting Files, 1953, 2 ins.

Documents prepared by task force responsible for directing the activities of field units engaged in quelling civil disturbances and riots. Included are Operations Orders, Operations Plans, and After Action Reports. These are from Task Force Charlie, but also from Task Force Tusk, Task Force Poole, Task Force Bravo, Operation Oak Tree, and Operation Palm Tree. Topics include Governor Wallace's resistance to President Kennedy's order to integrate the University of Alabama, and Martin Luther King's visit to Birmingham.

Permanent. Offer to NARS immediately upon approval of this schedule

NORTHERN TASK FORCE (NORTAF)

Records not appraised here because they are already Permanent:

General Orders, 1958, 1/4 in.

U.S. ARMY, PACIFIC, DEFENSE FORCES

Records not appraised here because they are already Permanent.

Organization Planning Files, 1954, 1/4 in.

UNITED STATES FORCES, KOREA (USFK)

26. ~~24~~. General Correspondence Files, 1958, 2 ins.

AR 345-220-18D

Letters, correspondence, reports, messages, etc., relating to a wide variety of functions and subjects, and arranged according to the War Department Decimal System. Contains data regarding American-Korean relations as illustrated by an Armed Forces Day parade in Seoul, by American participation in Korean

charities' fund-raising, by American usage of Korean airports, etc. Although nothing truly momentous is found in these files, they do tend to provide evidence of how USFK functioned and thus have archival value. (It should be noted that USFK is a different organization from Armed Forces Assistance to Korea, also included in this appraisal.)

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ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE:

Records not appraised here because they are already Permanent:-----

General Orders, ca. 1956-60, 1/4 in.

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27. ~~25.~~ Daily Bulletins, 1956, 1/4 in.

- 227-01

Numbered issuances (18 in all) used to disseminate information on a variety of subjects, all of which are exceedingly routine: assignment of each month's Duty Officer and CQ, instructions on mailing packages, posting of telephone numbers, rules for vehicle parking, etc.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

28. ~~26.~~ Memorandums, 1956, 1/4 in.

227-01

Numbered issuances (10 in all) used to disseminate information on three subjects, all of which are exceedingly routine: assignment of additional duties to officers, prescribing of uniforms for winter wear, leave and pass policy.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

UNITED STATES FORCES, TAIWAN

Records not appraised here because they are already Permanent.

General Orders, 1959, 1/4 in.