

REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY (See Instructions on reverse)		LEAVE BLANK	
TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408		JOB NO	N1-338-87-7P
1 FROM (Agency or establishment) Department of the Army		DATE RECEIVED	2/12/88
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION US ARMY INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMAND Lend/Lease Operations		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION DCSOPS (AS-OPS-MR)		In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10. If no records are proposed for disposal, the signature of the Archivist is not required.	
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER Marvin H. Kabakoff	5 TELEPHONE EXT 7-693-7216 8-273-7216	DATE 2/15/88	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES 

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, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, if required under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, is attached

A GAO concurrence is attached, or is unnecessary

B DATE 12 Feb 88	C SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE 	D TITLE Army Information Retention Manager
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7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARS USE ONLY)
	<p>Located at the National Personnel Records Center (Military), St. Louis, Missouri, are Army organizational records generally dating from the late 1940's through the 1960's. These records are now being reviewed for the purpose of determining their ultimate disposition. The submission of this SF115 is a part of this effort.</p> <p>This schedule covers only those records located in NPRC created by U.S. Army Lend/Lease Operations. Consequently, it is not applicable to current records.</p> <p>Unless otherwise noted, the disposition numbers cited correspond to those in AR 340-18.</p>		
	Copy to Agency, NNM V NCF 2/29		2 items

Justifying Memorandum for Standard Form 115 on Lend/Lease Records at NPRC

This is one of a series of Standard Forms 115 covering the records of specific echelons of U.S. Army field units located at the National Personnel Records Center (Military) that have been offered to the National Archives for possible accessioning as archival. This SF 115 covers Lend/Lease records created in the India-China-Burma Theatre from 1943-46. Dr. John Hatcher estimated the volume of these records to be six cu. ft., but some of that volume consisted of records that later became disposable.

The Lend/Lease Program during World War II provided valuable war materials to the Allies of the United States during World War II. The reports in NPRC's holdings pertain only to Lend/Lease activities in the India, Burma, China Theatre of the war, and have no data on aid provided to Europe or the U.S.S.R. They pertain to aid given to or received from the British in India, and from the Indian government, in support of the war effort in Asia. All of the records are identified by War Department Decimal File numbers and may be seen as part of one General Correspondence File. There are two basic types of files in the collection. The first consists of Awards and Decorations Files relating to individuals involved in Lend/Lease activities; the second is composed of what might be seen, under other circumstances, as routine correspondence on supplies. This second group contains inventories of food supplies, vouchers, shipping lists, ration reports, ammunition lists, and similar kinds of records. While these would be recommended for disposal had they been created in peacetime, or in a less exotic wartime environment, here they provide fascinating documentation of how the United States Army supplied its own needs and those of its Allies in an East Asian locale.

The topics covered in these records include the variety of foodstuffs used by Army personnel; medical supplies provided to the British and to Chinese forces; the deactivation of American operations in India and the consequent return of supplies to the British and Indian governments; the turning over of requisitioned buildings, especially hospitals, to the Government of India; and the shipment of ammunition to Chinese forces, presumably the Kuomintang, in early 1946. Because of the nature of the records, the time period and locale in which they were created, and the small volume, I am recommending all of the material for permanent retention. After this schedule is approved, the records will be separated into the two series described, arranged either chronologically or by War Department Decimal Filing System, and reboxed. Forms 6710A will be prepared for each series, and will be sent to the appropriate NN custodial unit.


Marvin H. Kabakoff
Archivist
Military Operations Branch

Items in this Schedule

1. General Correspondence
2. Awards and Decorations

1. General Correspondence, ca. 1943-46, 1 cu. ft., EAR 345-220/18D

Letters, reports, memorandums, and other correspondence relating to the wide variety of functions and activities of Lend/Lease in the India, Burma, China Theatre in the last years of World War II and immediately thereafter. The vast bulk of this series concerns transactions and procedures documenting the day-to-day operations of the creating unit. While this material is generally routine in nature, the locale and time span of the records provide a certain importance to the material that would not occur had the records been created in peacetime or in another location. The records are arranged by War Department Decimal Filing System, with the majority of the materials coming from the 400 level. These records document the war materiel, medical supplies, and foodstuffs provided to and received from the British and Indian governments, as well as items given to Chinese forces. Also included are reports on the same topics located in 319.1, and memorandums and correspondence, in 602, on turning over buildings, mostly hospitals, to the Indian government, or to the Government of Bengal; this last section includes blueprints of the buildings to be turned over. Of special note are lists of ammunition and other lend/lease material shipped to the Chinese in January and February of 1946.

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

2. Awards and Decorations, ca. 1943-46, 1 cu. ft., 718-06A

Letters, recommendations, copies of awards and citations, and other correspondence relating to the giving of awards and decorations to Army personnel involved with lend/lease activities in the India, Burma, China Theatre, and filed under file number 200.6 of the War Department Decimal Filing System. These records generally pertain to non-combat wartime operations. The letters and recommendations provide a great deal of information on lend/lease operations in that area of the world, and on relations between the Army and the British and Indian governments, and between the Army and Chinese forces.

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