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From: CG, US Army Forces in Far East, Manila, Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: UX 84511 15 March 1945

From CG USAFFE to AGWAR info Chief Chemical Warfare Service sgd MacArthur UX 84511. Pass to Military Intelligence

Japanese used vomiting gas in two instances on small scale on Bisk. First attack 6th March at 2000 hours; Weather conditions cool, cloudy, high humidity, wind 5-8 miles per hour. Two type 99 vomiting gas candles used. Casualties five vomiting cases and entire company headaches and slight burning of nose and eyes. Gas masks used but due to surprise were not effective.

Second attack 7 March at 1015 hours about 200 yards from previous attack. Weather conditions warm, cloudy, high humidity, wind 0 to 5 miles per hour. Number of type 99 vomiting gas candles used unknown believed to be only one.

All men in area complained of headaches and burning sensation in nose and throat. Masks used and proved effective. Action has been initiated to obtain full information and legal proof. Final report has just been received of the two alleged uses of vomiting gas on small scale by trapped Japs in Manila. Legal proof not established. One instance Japanese undoubtedly used vomiting gas, other instance use is doubtful. Copies of final reports will be forwarded to Chief Chemical Warfare Service by Army courier as soon as received. War Department will be informed of any significant developments.

ACTION: ASF  
INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, G-2, Adm King, Log

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CM-IN-16771 (16 Mar 45) DTG 150825Z bjm

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Military Intelligence Division  
Res Unit/Scien Br/WDGBI  
74738

15 November 1944

United States Military Mission  
Moscow, Russia

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JCS memo, 1-4-74

By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 20 1974

Number WAR 62995

For Deane from Bissell WDGBI signed Marshall reference your  
M 21682.

Our information points toward increase in German defensive  
measures against chemical warfare including compulsory wearing  
of mask one day each week. Some captured orders stress need  
for antigas training and issue directions for accomplishment.

Training in decontamination of airdromes should be SOP and  
reasonable to believe all equipped with alert systems. One  
elaborate gas shelter for Army Headquarters found in France,  
however doubtful if more than large important airdromes are  
so equipped. Alternate airdromes no doubt exist.

Estimate of percentage civilians provided gas masks ranges from  
ten to fifty percent mostly in large cities.

No German offensive gas munitions found to date in France or  
Italy.

From a strictly military and rational viewpoint Germans should  
not make use of gas except in retaliation, however possibility  
that Hitler may order gas as weapon of last resort must be  
considered.

Anything further you may have on new weapons such as chemical  
shell your P/W mentioned, inflammable gas or compressed air  
munitions (very few reports received here on latter two state  
nothing more than existence and may be plant) would be welcome.

ORIGINATOR: C-2

INFORMATION: ASF, CGAAF, OPD, COL. PARK, C of S

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From: CG US Army Forces China Burma and India Theater  
Headquarters New Delhi India

To: War Department

Rr: CRA 7888

11 July 1944

Marshall CRA 7888 from Sultan.

Chemical officer has returned from investigation of the alleged use of poison gas by Japanese in Hengyang area, only 2 alleged gas casualties were found and examined by Captain Thompson. No evidence was obtainable as to how many gas shells if any were used. Any use believed not extensive in this case. While presumption exists that some form of blister gas was used by Japanese, the evidence is not conclusive. Affidavit of Captain Thompson and report of chemical officer forwarded to you today by airmail.

End

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO : Gen Arnold

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Col Park

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OPD 334.8 OCS (3 Jul 44)  
Operations Division, WDGS,  
Policy Section, WDOPD 2971

July 10, 1944

Commanding General  
USAF in Central Pacific Area  
Fort Shafter, T. H.

Number WAR 63260

From Marshall for Richardson

Combined Chiefs of Staff directive 106/3 requested by you in your number R21024, 3 July 1944 covers policy to govern actions by the Combined Chiefs of Staff and the United States and British Governments relative to chemical warfare and does not pertain to theaters of operation. The copy of Combined Chiefs of Staff paper 106/2, sent to the Commanding General Hawaiian Department with AGO letter, dated 19 December 1942, AG 381 (12-8-42): Subject: Theater plans for chemical warfare, was furnished with regard only to annex "A" of 106/2 which deals with coordination of chemical warfare supply programs. Policy applicable in theaters on use of chemical toxic ammunition and reports of enemy use of such ammunition remains that stated in our message number 2488 of 23 January 1943 to Commanding General, Hawaiian Department. In view of above copy of 106/3 will not be furnished.

End.

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: Gen. Somervell  
CC/S

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India  
Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department  
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command  
Kandy, Ceylon  
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector  
Calcutta, India  
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India  
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

No. CRAX 7282 3 July 1944

To Marshall information Mountbatten, Stilwell,  
Ferris, Stratemeyer CRAX 7282 from Sultan.

Herewith paraphrase of radio message received  
from Colonel MacLaughlin, Theater Chemical Officer sent to  
China to investigate report that Japanese were using gas in  
their present offensive in East China, reference radio CRAX  
6667 of 25 June and WAX 56136 of 26 June:

"On 2 July Medical officer and photographer are  
enroute to Buhaping 40 miles north of Ling Ling to try to  
locate casualties if they can be found and obtain desired  
medical evidence and photographs. Gas used against 45th Div-  
ision in action which happened on bank of Lei River, tributary  
of Siang, 5 miles north of Hengyang during early part of night  
of 23 June. Captain Thompson and Lieutenant O'Connor inspec-  
ted 2 casualties.

CM-IN-2200 (3 July 44)

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Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

No. CRAX 7282 3 July 1944

Thompson said:

"Both soldiers were badly blistered on both legs from their ankles to the bottom of their shorts. Both soldiers were also blistered in the crotch and genitals. The large blisters were filled with a thickish yellow fluid and were about 3/4 of an inch high and about the size of a silver dollar. Approximately a half a dozen of these larger blisters were seen on each leg. Small deep seated appearing blisters were apparent in between the larger blisters. Around the smaller burns the skin had a bluish tinge and was puffed and wrinkled. At 1500 on 24 June when we saw the burns they were about 24 hours old. The burns caused both soldiers to suffer much pain. Apparently there were no damage to lungs or eyes and there were no burns on body. Had little success in questioning soldiers but they did state that they ran very quickly from area of shell burst. We endeavored to obtain more information on quantity of gas used and number of casualties that occurred, but General Gong could not obtain any more information during night 24 June."

O'Connor verifies Thompson's statement.

Photographs of blisters on casualties were taken by Lieutenant O'Connor who was with Thompson but in ensuing strafing and bombing by Japanese camera was damaged. Doubt if contact with casualties will be made due to rapidly chang-

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Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

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ing situation but will try every possible means to get contact. Arrangement made with 68th Composite Wing to handle any similar future situation rapidly."

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By DBS Date MAY 29 1973

CRAX 6667 is CM-IN-20772 (25 June 44) Gen Handy

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF  
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CM-IN-2200 (3 July 44) 18542 pa

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From: CG, US Army Forces China, Burma & India  
Theater Headquarters, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 7085 1 July 1944  
Marshall CRA 7085 from Sultan

Theater Chemical Warfare Officer and party making investigation alleged use of mustard and lewisite by Japanese should reach Kweilin today. Have been delayed by weather. Photos of casualties will be forwarded if obtainable.

End

NOTE: See CM-IN-20772 (25 Jun 44) Gen Handy

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO: Gen Arnold  
Gen Handy  
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CM-IN-1046 (2 Jul 44)

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From: US Military Attache, Madrid, Spain  
To: War Department  
No: 12463 12 May 1944  
To MILID. 12463.

Interrogation second of Polish deserters re my 12441  
May 5th rear 34061 May 9th:

New filter is improved model usual cylindrical  
German type filter assembly screwed to face piece of mask.  
Symbols "IX 42", on rim of reverse or face piece side of  
filter assembly.

No samples brought out, thought difficult to obtain.  
Poles attended CW lectures early April near Bayonne, instructor  
in rubberized gas protective suit and mask entered tank  
against which dark blue gas grenades were thrown. Instructor  
climbed out and decontamination trps removed suit which devel-  
oped large bluish disintegrating patches. Instructor ob-  
served to be coughing badly, gas said to burn out lungs, eyes,  
and blister skin. Trng film also shown allegedly taken on  
Russ front showing Red tank struck in vision slits by this  
type grenade, crew disbanded tank and were shot escaping.  
Poles admitted this might be fake film. Trng in Poles unit  
before their desertion lasted 3 days, decontamination trps  
5 days, not known whether further periods trng to be assigned.

Correction on dimensions: Gas grenade shape of 60  
watt light bulb, about 3 1/2 inches in height and 1 3/4  
inches at greatest diameter.

CM-IN-8696

(12 May 44)  
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Co \*\*\* to sections; inner section small glass tube with dark blue liquid attached to black metallic seal screwing into outer larger glass section filled with colorless liquid. 10 grenades packed in narrow black partitioned wooden box, 5 grenades to a row, no symbols or color stripes observed. Grenades used against tanks.

Sharp

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Note: 12441 is CM-IN-4707 (6 May 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CGAAP  
ASF  
OPD

CM-IN-8696 (12 May 44) 0921Z

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From: CG, US Army Forces in North African Theater of Operations, Algiers, Algeria  
To: War Department  
No: F44592 11th May 1944  
AGWAR. Second and last part of F44592 to Troopers and

Calling in filters '42 and replacing them with an older (Sic) type. Div holds 3-day gas courses at Pescara.

334 Div: PW stated that in France and Russia respirators were among the first things to be discarded, but in Italy would rather anything before gasmasks. Expected Germans to resort to gas and that Allies would retaliate. Each coy has decontamination Squad, periodic drill with respirators (2 days a week.) All have filters '42. Special Battalion orders on March 15th insuring possession of respirator and A/G ointment.

362 Div: Strict orders to carry respirators at all times. Filters '38 recently changed for filters '42. On March 15th 956 Regt supplied an old horse for gas experiments.

715 Div: Little recent information, although P's W of 11 Coy 735 Regt claimed to have been issued with filters '43 (Sic). There is no evidence for recent intensi-

CM-IN-8745 (12 May 44)

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From: CG, US Army Forces in North African Theater of Operations, Algiers, Algeria

To: War Department

No: F44592

11th May 1944

fication of anti-gas measures.

"Hermann Goering" Div: Issued with filters '42, gascapes, losantine tablets. Ordered to carry respirators at all times.

7 (GAF) Bn ZEV: Orders repeatedly read to troops stressing the carrying of respirators. Filter '42 were issued in March. Each platoon has its gas detecting Squad. Gas-proof dugouts constructed starting March 12th.

(Verst Lehr) Regt: Issued with filters '42, but no evidence of increased gas training, though equipment checked carefully in March.

1027 Regt: Respirators carried at all times, except on silent patrols. Gascapees were withdrawn for some unknown reason in March.

1028 Regt: Recently issued with new filters stated to be '42, but P's W description does not tally. PW said details published about composition of new filter. Masks were worn effectively against phosphorus shells, no mention made of gas warfare.

See CM-IN-8655 (12 May 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2  
INFO : CGAAF  
OPD  
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**From:** CG, US Army Forces in North African Theater  
Of Operations, Algiers, Algeria

**To:** War Department

**No:** F44592

11th May 1944

Troopers, AGWAR from G2 Freedom F44592 111700.

Increased gas consciousness noted among German units in Italy. Following details analyze available information by Divisions.

In general no indication any German intention initiate gas warfare in Italian theatre. Consider general state of gas alert probably ordered throughout German armies in west as precaution against possible Allied employment gas when new operations launched.

1 Para Div: P's W expected use gas by both sides. Had received filter '42 and men being sent on gas courses.

4 Para Div: P's W state that orders came through at end March stressing respirators would be carried at all times. New filters distributed mid March.

3 PG Div: Strict orders carry respirators at all times. Divisional Field Replacement Battalion devotes 1 day per week to anti gas training.

5 MTN Div: Issued with gas capes, but generally told gas unlikely in mountain warfare.

CM-IN-8655 (12 May 44)

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From: CG Us Army Forces in North African Theater Page 2  
of Operations, Algiers, Algeria

No: F44592 11 May 1944

15 PG Div: Men had been careless about carrying respirators, but told some weeks ago that after next rest period these would always be carried.

26 PZ Div: Gas instruction since last August, recently almost every other day. Protection against mustard gas stressed. End of February decontamination squads formed. Ordered carry respirators all all times.

29 PG: No information.

44 Div: Ordered carry respirators at all times, and to use them against phosphorus shells. Increases gas consciousness began to be marked at end February, and at beginning of March. Anti-gas courses begun at Itri, decontamination squads organized.

65 Div: Always carried respirators, used against phosphorus shells. Each Coy has decontamination squad. Filters '42 issued.

71 Div: Told to carry respirators at all times, and issued with '42 filters since last rest period.

90 PG Div: Holds anti-gas courses at Colleferro. 1 1/2 hours per week CW training. Orders that no man to go into line without respirator. P's W claim no new or secret gases mentioned, only lewisite and mustard.

94 Inf Div: Has started sending men to gas courses. P's W of 9 Coy had been told that Germans might use gas in retaliation for our phosphorus shells. Issued with filters '42.

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No: F44592 11 May 1944

114 Div: No information.

305 Div: Issued with filters '42 last year, but according to 1 PW, an order came out on March.

Part 2 follows.

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ACTION: G-2  
INFO: CG AAF  
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CW-IN-8655 (12 May 44)

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**SECURITY CONTROL**

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SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

No: W9858/26816. 11th January 1944

From AFHQ 101110 to AGWAR for Marshall repeated Troopers Secret Number W 9858/26816 signed Wilson cite FRGCT.

Your 6374 of 4th Jan in paras 1 to 4 inclusive.

1. Investigation now under way to determine break down of US Army Navy Merchant Marine and Civilian employees to include names and serial numbers Bari air raid gas casualties. Break down will include allied and civilian casualties with specific listing of toxic killed or injured.
2. The forwarded record report will follow usual reporting system of Army Navy and civilians with explanations.
3. Preliminary reports indicate following, as a result of confusion following the raid and the fact that gas cargo was not common knowledge the presence of gas was not immediately realised. In the interim ships with casualties aboard had begun unloading at ports other than Bari. Casualties in hospitals were not immediately recognized as toxic until burns had developed. Secrecy imposed made verification difficult for all concerned. As result no on the spot action was taken to brief personnel and it is believed that the knowledge is now so dispersed among divergent groups including civilian population in the Bari area that no effective briefing can be accomplished. Strongly recommend that in consideration of the policy re publicity or enemy propaganda that no further action other than postal censorship be imposed. To accomplish the latter all British and American base and civil censors have been properly instructed.

CM-IN-6788 (11 Jan 44)

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SECURITY CONTROL

From: Algiers  
To: AGWAR

No: W9858/26816. 11th January 1944

4. The approved policy concerning publicity and propaganda has been made known to all concerned. A board of officers is investigating and reporting upon the circumstances under which gas casualties were incurred as a result of the air raid. Complete findings this board and the medical reports will be forwarded to departments in Washington and London upon completion. Meantime emphasize reports in para 3 above have not yet been conclusively established and until investigation has been completed these reports must be treated with reserve.

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FOOTNOTE: 6374 is CM-OUT-1220 (4 Jan 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: Gen Surles  
Gen Somervell  
Adm King  
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U R G E N T

From: Algiers  
To: WAR  
No: W9154/22799, 2nd Jan 1944

To AGWAR for OPD please pass Navy Dept and Troopers please pass Admiralty and Air Ministry from AFHQ BNAF signed Eisenhower cite FHGCT W/9154/22799 021700.

Ammunition ship carrying chemical gas bombs exploded during Bari raid.

1. Night 1/2 December. Numerous service gas casualties resulted some of whom died. Investigation being made and report will follow.

2. Following instructions have been issued concerning documentation and reporting of these chemical casualties:

Following nomenclature will be used for record purposes:

- A Skin affections-burns, enemy action
- B Lung and other complications-bronchitis etc. enemy action
- C Death-shock, haemorrhage etc. enemy action.

3. Considered these terms will adequately support future claims by those injured for disability pensions etc.

4. In event questions arising or enemy propaganda attempting to exploit our gas holdings propose to state facts, Allied policy is not to use gas unless and until enemy does so first, but that we are fully prepared to retaliate and do not deny accident which was calculated risk. Request agreement this policy.

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FOLLOWING IS THE POLICY OF COMINCH IN THE EVENT THE USE OF GAS BY ENEMY IS SUSPECTED.

(A) REPORT BY DESPATCH IMMEDIATELY ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO ENTIRE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

(B) CONDUCT ON THE SPOT INVESTIGATION BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY.

(C) MAKE AMPLIFYING REPORT CONFIRMED OR NOT CONFIRMED.

(D) NO RETALIATION WITH GAS UNTIL COMINCH OR CNO AUTHORIZES.

USE OF TOXIC GAS WILL NOT BE INITIATED BY ANY UNITED STATES COMMANDER. INSTRUCTIONS AND TRAINING SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO INSURE THAT RETALIATION IF AUTHORIZED WILL BE EFFECTIVE HOWEVER IN PRECAUTION

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Combined Chiefs of Staff

September 8, 1943

CG FREEDOM ALGIERS

Number 7193

USFOR LONDON for  
BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

Number 2821

The Combined Chiefs of Staff authorize you to make the following statement at the moment considered most appropriate by you. For Eisenhower Freedom Algiers, (FAN 221), from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

"In the name of the U. S. and British Governments, I wish to make it plain that the use of poison gas against the Italians will call forth immediate retaliation upon Germany with gas, using the allied air superiority to the full"

ORIGINATOR: CC/S

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From FA-3 (ONI) at Washington, D.C. Date June 5, 1943  
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Reference \_\_\_\_\_ 0700  
(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)

Source Fighting French Sources. Evaluation F-O  
(As official, personal observation, publication, press conversation with— identify when practicable, etc.) (As reliable, doubtful, unverified, etc.)

Subject AXIS POWERS - Army Weapons, Equipment, etc. - Poison Gas  
(Nation reported on) (Main title as per index guide) (Subtitles) (Make separate report for each title)

BRIEF.—(Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

The following information has recently been received from Fighting French Sources, in regard to indications of a preparation on the part of the Axis for the use of chemical agents in warfare:

\*PREPARATION FOR CHEMICAL WARFARE

Enemy Activity Discovered on March 31, 1943

GERMANY

1. Production of active substances:
  - (a) The existence of factories manufacturing active substances is reported at JAJES (Yugoslavia), OSWIECIM (Poland), ZUMBERGER HEIDE, RADACHERSEN (Trandebourg), RATSBIJNNE and AUSSIS.  
  
Two factories of the I. G. Farbeindustrie at LUDWIGSHAFEN and OPPAU, make vesicant gas.
  - (b) Factories for charging special projectiles are operating at ALTOTTING, BURCHAUSEN, and CIAUSTHAL (Germany).
2. Movements and supplies of active substances:
  - (a) The existence of depots of active substances is reported at SASSERSHAUSEN and HAMBORG (Germany).  
  
Depots of active substances exist at various airdromes in France and Holland. At VALKENBURG and at other airdromes in Holland, gas bombs are enclosed in iron cases of large dimensions (3 meters by 1.5 meters by 1.5 meters) bearing the inscription 'In the name of the Fuehrer'.

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Other depots are reported at STAVANGER and SKEDJE (Norway), at SMOLENSK (Russia), at PUSTEK-KOSZCOW (Poland), and at NAPTA (Creta).

- (b) Reserves of Yperite (Mustard gas) are sent to the Russian front regularly.
- (c) Gas projectiles are distributed to the coastal batteries of Belgium, particularly at HEST and HAANNEBORGH.

3. Defensive measures:

- (a) The existence of a factory for gas masks is reported at DANTZIG.
- (b) Distribution of spare parts for masks, of decontamination products and of lachrymose substances (for testing the efficiency of the masks) is reported in various localities in Poland.
- (c) Construction of anti-gas shelters is reported in Berlin and Luxembourg.
- (d) Distribution of masks to the civil populations of Berlin, Vienna, Kiel and Luxembourg.
- (e) Shipment of 500,000 German masks for the civilian population of Italy.
- (f) Increase in anti-gas training for German troops in France, in Greece, and in Poland.
- (g) The factories of Upper Silesia are furnished with means of anti-gas protection (protection?).

4. General Information:

In a speech given on the occasion of the opening of a German chemical factory (Stickstoffwerke Ostmark) in November 1942, the Director, Oster, from Mannheim, Director of the I. G. Farbeindustrie, said to the chemical engineers that studies on new gases had been placed under his direction and that Germany could not lose the war, even if she had to employ chemical warfare.

As a result, he said, the German chemical engineers have the task of working on this weapon which will allow Germany to govern Europe.

FRANCE

- (a) All the workmen and workwomen of Brest have been given gas masks as well as workmen's helmets, and subsequently the Germans made them pass through a gas chamber. As they emerged, each one was given protective clothes against gas of the Yperite (Mustard) type.

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- (b) Intensive training of the soldiers of all arms in the utilization of combat gases at the training centers at the 'Cite des Pins' at Le Mans.
- (c) Summary of facts leading to the supposition of a possibility of the use of gas by the enemy:
- (1) For some weeks sentinals have been carrying gas masks continuously.
  - (2) The requirements at the aviation camp of PARCAY-MESLAY for both civilians and military personnel to pass through a gas chamber three times a week.
  - (3) Increase in the importance of factories manufacturing gas.
  - (4) Words of an aviation officer at Tours which were overheard: 'Three months from now we will beat England by attacking her with gas and the war will be finished.'
  - (5) At the camp of PARCAY-MESLAY, bombs which were near the places where they are loaded into planes, have recently been moved to barracks at a fairly far distance from the camp. They transport the bombs in cases (up until now it has not been possible to ascertain what type of bombs these cases contain, but it is evident that they are of a different type). It is only a question of moving them closer, but one can suppose that the Germans, who seem to fear a gas attack, expect to use them. This question must be studied further.
  - (6) Numerous gas mask drills and research and the installation of gas chambers at LILLESS.
  - (7) State of alert proclaimed at Saint Pol (Brittany).
  - (8) At Cherbourg, repeated gas mask drills for the personnel of the German naval forces. The petty officers and sailors carry on their daily tasks with a mask.
  - (9) A prisoner has been met who was liberated because of illness, having worked in the factories of Czechoslovakia on the preparation of active pulverizing products.

ITALY

- (a) In the month of November 1942, the factories which produced chemical products were preparing active substances and received an order to increase their production.
- (b) Jugs probably containing lachrymose substances of Italian origin have been noticed in Poland.
- (c) Increase in the activity of anti-gas training by Italian troops.

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JAPAN

A new mask, T. 93 type 3, made for use in tropical countries has been in use in the Japanese army.

CONCLUSIONS:

Preparation for offensive and defensive chemical warfare continues actively among the enemy which leads one to believe that the Germans have decided to utilize chemical warfare when they consider it necessary for their defense."

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RUSSIAN NAVAL ATTACHE, CAPTAIN RODIONOV, SAYS  
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From: London  
To: MILID

No. 4329, February 26, 1943

1. Reorganized Motorized Division left from Antwerp February 16 for Sicily via Paris destination Tunisia. Entirely new material of Renault make painted yellow. Moral of soldiers low.

2. Orders recently by Germans to verify all military gas masks and distribute masks to civilian population (for Lovell sgd Solbert) use of gas in Africa and Russia appears imminent. Other reports intensified chemical warfare training seem confirm this.

3. Germans manufacturing combat gas in new factory near Keerbergen aviation field this information from Belgian intelligence report considered reliable.

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| FROM <b>COMSOPAC (NYHU)</b>  |                  | <b>COMINCH<br/>CINCPAC</b>                                | PRIORITY<br><b>ROUTINE</b> |
| RELEASED BY                  |                  |   | DEFERRED                   |
| DATE <b>FEB 21 1943</b>      |                  | <b>COMSOWESPAC<br/>ALL SHIPS AND<br/>BASES SOPAC AREA</b> | PRIORITY<br><b>ROUTINE</b> |
| TOR CODEROM <b>1240/1208</b> |                  |   | DEFERRED                   |
| DECODED BY <b>BROWN</b>      |                  |   |                            |
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EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY COMCEN CACTUS SHOWS JAPANESE HAD SOME TOXIC GAS AT CACTUS AND USED IT IN SMALL AMOUNTS NOTE JANUARY. DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDERWHICH GAS WAS ENCOUNTERED BELIEVE USE BY JAPANESE WAS ACT OF INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS AND NOT PLANNED BY JAPANESE COMMAND. WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Following is a paraphrase of a cable just received from Congdon at Montevideo: (Classify Secret) "A German local representative says the underground from Germany indicates plans of an immediate gas offensive on the Eastern Front by the General Staff using 2 new unknown gases, one of which kills immediately and one which blinds. The informant further states that the Germans have a new nearly noiseless plane." Congdon's evaluation, "Source doubtful credence information logical." Executive, AIS.

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| FROM <u>ALUSNA RBYORLU</u>    | FOR ACTION       | OPNAV      | PRIORITY   |
| RELEASED BY _____             |                  |            | ROUTINE    |
| DATE <u>27 JANUARY 1943</u>   |                  |            | DEFERRED   |
| TOR CODEROM <u>0204/23</u>    | INFORMATION      |            | PRIORITY   |
| DECODED BY <u>SCRUGGS</u>     |                  |            | ROUTINE    |
| PARAPHRASED BY <u>DEMEYER</u> |                  |            | DEFERRED   |

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MY 221620 LOCAL AGENT SAYS THEIR LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING GERMAN INTENTIONS USE GAS IS ABOUT 1 YEAR OLD. AT THAT TIME GERMANS SAID THEY WOULD USE GAS AS LAST MEASURE BUT NOT AGAINST RUSSIA.

*memo for Adm Brown:*  
*The cryptic term "local agent" is a pseudonym to conceal the identity of the real informant who is really*

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*very deep by Mcm*

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| FROM           | ALUSNA BEYOGLU | FOR ACTION       | OPNAV      | PRIORITY   |
| RELEASED BY    |                |                  |            | RRRR       |
| DATE           | 21 JAN 1943    | INFORMATION      |            | DEFERRED   |
| FOR CODEROOM   | 2136           |                  |            | PRIORITY   |
| DECODED BY     | KNIGHT         |                  |            | ROUTINE    |
| PARAPHRASED BY | PLOSKI         |                  |            | DEFERRED   |

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FREE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE HERE RECEIVED FROM SOURCE HE CONSIDERS EXCELLENT IN DUCARLEST DATED JAN 6TH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHICH A ROUMANIAN GENERAL BELIEVED BY SOURCE TO BE OF GOOD CHARACTER AND LOYAL TO ALLIED CAUSE MADE TO HIM PERSONALLY AFTER A LONG VISIT THE GENERAL HAD WITH GOERING DURING AN OFFICIAL TRIP TO GERMANY A FEW MONTHS AGO AND BEFORE GERMAN REVERSES IN RUSSIA. "GOERING SAID, 'WE WILL NOT LOSE THE WAR IN ANY CASE. IF BY CHANCE OUR PAST VICTORIES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY DANGEROUS REVERSES WE WILL USE A GAS AGAINST WHICH THERE IS NO PROTECTION AND WHICH DESTROYS BOTH ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE LIFE. WE HAVE BEEN SAVING IT BECAUSE ITS USE WAS NOT CONSIDERED INDISPENSABLE AND WE EXPECT TO WIN WITHOUT IT. BUT WE HAVE PREPARED FOR THE

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| FROM <u>ALUSNA STOCKHOLM</u> | FOR ACTION       | CPNAV      | PRIORITY   |
| RELEASED BY _____            |                  |            | ROUTINE    |
| DATE <u>18 JANUARY 1943</u>  |                  |            | DEFERRED   |
| FOR CODEROOM <u>1929/18</u>  | INFORMATION      |            | PRIORITY   |
| DECODED BY <u>REEGAN</u>     |                  |            | ROUTINE    |
| PARAPHRASED BY <u>RINDS</u>  |                  |            | DEFERRED   |

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LT. ROBINSON 181441 NCR 7523

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CHLORINE TRI FLUORIDE (CLF3) BEING MADE IN NORWAY AND RUMORED THIS GAS WILL BE USED IN SPRING BY GERMANS. AS MANUFACTURE REQUIRES GREAT QUANTITY HIGH AND LOW VOLT DIRECT CURRENT, GAS PROBABLY MADE AT HYDRO PLANTS. INVESTIGATING. TWO SOURCES STATE GERMANY BEGAN CULTIVATING TYPHUS BACILLUS LAST YEAR AND RUMORED GERMS WILL BE USED TO SPREAD DISEASE THIS SPRING

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| FROM <u>CALLAN (ALUSNA LONDON)</u> | FOR ACTION       | VICE OPNAV | PRIORITY           |
| RELEASED BY _____                  |                  |            | ROUTINE <b>RRR</b> |
| DATE <u>14 JANUARY 1943</u>        | INFORMATION      |            | DEFERRED           |
| TOR CODERDOM <u>2302 (JAN 13)</u>  |                  |            | PRIORITY           |
| DECODED BY <u>KOHOUTEK</u>         |                  |            | ROUTINE            |
| PARAPHRASED BY <u>BRINKLEY</u>     |                  |            | DEFERRED           |

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SOURCE ALL POLISH B2. UP TO AUGUST 8 SEVERAL THOUSAND CASES CLASS PHPAES CONTAINING TEAR GAS WITH FUSE ATTACHED ARRIVED WARSAW. METHOD AND PURPOSE FOR USING NOT KNOWN. END SEPTEMBER 5 FREIGHT CARLOADS, MAINLY GAS MASK CONTAINERS AND 3 KILOGRAM TINS OF LOSANTINE SHIPPED HAMBURG TO SMOLENSK. FROM ENGINEER AND EMPLOYEES REPORTED I G FARBEN MANUFACTURING INCREASING QUANTITIES POISON GAS FOLLOWING FACTORIES SKOPAN, LUDWIGSCHAFEN AND NEW FACTORY OSWIECIM. WORKS LUDWIGSCHAFEN AND OPFA MAKING BLISTER GASES. THREE LAND CONVOYS BOTTLED WAR GASES PASSED THROUGH OSWIECIM-CRACOW TOWARDS EAST. GERMANS MAKING HUGE EFFORTS PREPARE GAS WARFARE WHICH APPEARS UNAVOIDABLE. BERLIN OFFICERS FAMILIES, PARTY AND GESTAPO

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| FROM _____           | FOR ACTION       |            | PRIORITY   |
| RELEASED BY _____    |                  |            | ROUTINE    |
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MEMBERS NOW PROVIDED NEW GAS MASKS. ANTIGAS EQUIPMENT OF SHELTERS AUGMENTED. SHELTERS FORMERLY NOT PROVIDED ANTIGAS PROTECTION NOW EQUIPED. 03. CHEMICAL WORKS DARMSTADT PRODUCING WAR GASES. SHIPPING IN HERMETICALLY SEALED CARBOYS BY RAIL TO PILSEN. RUMORS GERMANY PLANNING USE GAS FILLED BOMBS.

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COMINCH...10/11...20G...NAVY AIDE...200P...

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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1943.

Memorandum for the Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subject: German Preparations for Offensive and Defensive Chemical Warfare.

Reference: (a) U.S. Naval Attache to the Governments in Exile despatch 131656, dated January 14, 1943.

1. The following comments are submitted in connection with reference (a):

a. It has been reported that gas masks supplied to German troops must be changed every six months. Five carloads would probably supply only this routine demand. Losantine is a skin de-contaminating agent. There is nothing new in reports of offensive gas materials being accumulated in Poland, behind the Eastern Front and elsewhere. Chemical works are known to be in the places mentioned, and some are known to be producing chemical warfare materials. All of them well may be.

b. It is believed that "Skopan" should read "Schkopau".

c. A report of September 28, 1942, contains information from prisoners of war to the effect that a 1 kg. gas bomb of German pattern is known to exist. The possibility has been mentioned that gas and incendiary bombs may be used conjointly so as to hamper the fire-fighters. The Germans are known to have a number of types of gas bombs, but there is no information as to their having been used.

d. The details in this report fail to justify the statement that "huge efforts" are being made to prepare for gas warfare which "appears unavoidable". It is believed that routine efforts are being carried on, and that Germany is unlikely to initiate gas warfare unless there is a relative certainty of its having a smashing effect, and leading to a prompt and decisive victory, though, of course, it is impossible to exclude the possibility of gas warfare being initiated as a result of hysteria in high Government or Army circles.

Brookholst Livingston

CC: COMINCH  
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From: The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.  
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Use of Gas Warfare in Retaliation.

Reference: (a) COMINCH and CNO Secret Despatch 291755 of November, 1942.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff on November 13, 1942 approved the policy that: "Gas warfare will be undertaken ..... independently by any such (U.S. or British Commonwealth) nation in retaliation, on the decision of a representative especially designated by its highest governmental authority".

2. In furtherance of this policy, the Joint Chiefs of Staff on January 5, 1943 approved the following procedure:

"When the use of poison gas by the enemy has been reported and verified by the Theater Commander, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will submit for the approval of the President a recommendation on the decision to be made."

3. In accordance with the above, the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet will not authorize retaliatory use of gas (see reference (a)) until approval of its use has been given by the President.

R. S. EDWARDS,  
Chief of Staff.

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| FROM           | ASTALUSNA STOCKHOLM |                  | OPNAV       | PRIORITY   |
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| DATE           | 24 DEC 42           |                  | FOR ACTION  | DEFERRED   |
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| DECODED BY     | WEBER               |                  |             | ROUTINE    |
| PARAPHRASED BY | WIDMAN              |                  | INFORMATION | DEFERRED   |
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FOLLOWING OBTAINED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE WHO RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CONTACT RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM GERMANY. GERMANS HAVE AVAILABLE AND READY FOR USE LARGE STORES OF TWO TYPES OF WAR GAS. FIRST NON POISONOUS IN ITSELF BUT PRODUCES CARBON MONOXIDE ON PASSING THROUGH FILTER OF GAS MASK. SECOND CONTAINS CHLORINE AND FLOURINE. THIS GAS IS CAPABLE OF PENETRATING GAS MASK, PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND SOME METALS. GERMANS EARLIER HAD DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING IT IN DRUMS BUT OVERCAME THIS BY PLATING INSIDE OF CONTAINERS WITH MANGANESE.

ASTALUSNA TRYING TO GET FURTHER DETAILS.

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COMINCH....10/11....200....

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| FROM <u>COMINCH AND CNO</u>        |                  | CINCPAC V CNO<br>CINCLANT<br>COMNAVEU<br>COMSIPACFOR<br>COMSEAFOR<br>ALL SEAFRONCOMS | PRIORITY            |
| RELEASED BY <u>ADMIRAL KING</u>    |                  |  | ROUTINE             |
| DATE <u>NOV 29 1942</u>            |                  |  | <del>DEFERRED</del> |
| TOR CODEROOM <u>2351</u>           |                  | COMDT MARCORPS<br>BUORD<br>BUAER   | PRIORITY            |
| DECODED BY <u>KEARNEY // SOBEL</u> |                  |  | ROUTINE             |
| PARAPHRASED BY                     |                  |  | <del>DEFERRED</del> |

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LT JC HILL 291755 NCR 9464

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| F-00   | KNOW.   |
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| F-015  | IN EVENT USE OF GAS BY ENEMY IS SUSPECTED.  |
| F-0015 | (A) MAKE IMMEDIATE DESPATCH REPORT ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO ENTIRE CHAIN OF COMMAND.   |
| F-05   | (B) CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION ON SPOT BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.   |
| F-07   | (C) MAKE AMPLIFYING REPORT CONFIRMED OR NOT CONFIRMED.  |
| F-1    | (D) DO NOT RETALIATE WITH GAS UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY COMINCH AND CNO. USE OF TOXIC GAS WILL NOT BE INITIATED BY ANY U.S. COMMANDER. UNDERTAKE INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING TO INSURE THAT RETALIATION IF AUTHORIZED WILL BE EFFECTIVE. IN PRECAUTION AGAINST INITIATING USE OF GAS UNDER STRESS OFFENSIVE MATERIALS ARE TO BE KEPT IN READY RESERVE BUT NOT ISSUED TO COMBATANT UNITS. BUORD WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES ADVISED REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS. |
| F-11   |   |
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| IG-00  | COMINCH....ORIG   |
| VCNO   | CNO...2200P...BUORD...MARCORPS...16...12...13...23...40...<br>00...NAVAIDE...COAST GUARD...FILE...30/...  |

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1455Z/28th  
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CCWD  
Nov 28, 1942  
1710Z

*WAZ*

From: Stockholm  
To: MILID  
No. 51 Nov 28, 1942

Reliable British sources states Germans chemical industrialist believe Nazis preparing to use gas latter stage of war. Wehr Macht planning mainly defensively use French and Belgian Coasts. Factories producing gas have been instructed to increase output.

Neff.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

| DRAFTER                     | EXTENSION NUMBER | ADDRESSEES | PRECEDENCE |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| FROM ALUSNA LONDON (CALLAN) | FOR ACTION       | OPNAV      | PRIORITY   |
| RELEASED BY                 |                  |            | RRR        |
| DATE 27 NOV 1942            | INFORMATION      |            | ROUTINE    |
| TOR CODEROOM 2016           |                  |            | DEFERRED   |
| DECODED BY PARSONS          |                  |            | PRIORITY   |
| PARAPHRASED BY KNIGHT       |                  |            | ROUTINE    |
|                             |                  |            | DEFERRED   |

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| F-00   | BAKER POLISH SOURCE.                                     |
| F-01   | HITLER IN CONFERENCE WITH HIMMLER HAS DECIDED USE GAS    |
| F-015  | AND BACTERIA WHEN GERMAN WAR SITUATION BECOMES CRITICAL  |
| F-0015 | AND OTHER MEANS WARFARE EXHAUSTED. RELIABLY REPORTED     |
| F-05   | 10 NOVEMBER ORDERS ISSUED FOR LARGE SCALE PREPARATION    |
| F-07   | OF CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL MATERIALS WOULD INDICATE |
| F-1    | EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR STARTING GAS WARFARE.         |
| F-11   | UNDERGROUND GAS DEPOTS BEING CONSTRUCTED HAMBURG. GAS    |
| F-2    | TO BE USED AGAINST BRITAIN. INFORMANT ADVISES            |
| F-3    | INSCRIPTIONS EMBOSSED ON SHELL CASES ALL TYPES GAS       |
| F-30   | AMMUNITION AS WELL AS BASKETS ARE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE.   |
| F-31   | CALLAN.  |
| F-32   |  |
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**INCOMING MESSAGE** CCWD  
Nov 4, 1942  
1234Z

*WVZ*

From: London

To: MILID

No. 3718, November 4, 1942

Chlorsulphonic acid as smoke producer becoming very important. For Chief Chemical Warfare Service. Ministry supply suggest question of increasing American capacity be studied because Admiralty developing plans for protecting convoys with smoke. Tanks on vessels need refilling in America for return. British capacity being increased from eight thousand to forty thousand tons.

Hughes

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

CCWD  
Sept 13, 1942  
2127Z

From: Bern  
To: MILID

No. 315, September 13, 1942

Following received from 12L: Professor  
Malhieu Director of Central Power Laboratory  
Paris states that Germans have discovered and  
seized at Pouderiebouchet CWS product perfected  
by French before war known as Sternutatoiredn.  
British General Staff knew of development. Ger-  
mans are producing on large scale and believed  
would use in event of Allied landing. Report  
pouches.

Legge

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| FROM <b>ALUSLO CALCUTTA</b>      |                  | <b>OPNAV</b> | PRIORITY           |
| RELEASED BY                      |                  |              | ROUTINE <b>ARR</b> |
| DATE <b>08 AUG 1942</b>          |                  |              | DEFERRED           |
| TOR CODEROM <b>1998</b>          | FOR ACTION       |              | PRIORITY           |
| DECODED BY <b>#ATSON/HERSHEY</b> |                  |              | ROUTINE            |
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| IG-00  |
| VCNO   |

**SECRET CHINA SOURCE RELIABILITY UNKNOWN. JAPS CLAIM NEW LUNG IRRITANT GAS PENETRATE ALL PRESENT RESPIRATORS WHICH USED FROM CONTAINER EFFECTIVE RANGE 250 METERS MAXIMUM 300. MAILING FULLER.**

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P R I O R I T Y

From: New Delhi India  
To: Milid

No. Milid 314 July 4th, 1942.

At least one confirmed instance of use by Japanese in Burma of gas Grenade described in report one four five CSMO Singapore X Secret X Osman X Grenade thrown from roadside hit tank near operators Visor incapacitating crew except Commander who had his head out of open top of tank and managed to drag operator aside and drive tank away R respirators were available but no time to put on X Gas caused violent nausea followed by headache and chest pains for two days.

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June 24, 1942  
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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

From: Embassy London  
To: Milid Washn DC  
No. 2874, June 24, 1942

Full description but not repeat not chemical name of substances may now be given to all commanders, chemical warfare staff officers and gas school staffs. Information affecting preparation detector papers and recognition of casualties or treatment may be give to medical services but not repeat not chemical name. This gas when in high concentration may be detectable by faint smell resembling fish or soft soap which however owing to presence of other smells connected with bombardment may pass unnoticed. Physiological effects already reported now confirmed in general but effects on lungs now appear less than with mustard gas. Still considered eyeshields give adequate protection against individual bursts but respirator needed in concentrated bombardment to protect against droplets and vapour which may not be detected by smell. Previous information regarding decontamination methods confirmed. Best general method of skin decontamination from all vesicants now considered to be rub in anti gas ointment half minute, carefully wipe off surplus and wash twice

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From: London To: Milid Washn DC

No. 2874, June 24, 1942

with water. This method not accepted yet as general teaching and suggest should be generally released by you only if experience after outbreak of chemical warfare proves swabbing and application ointment in sufficient. Your one five zero seven. No general release of specific information to troops considered advisable, but instruction on following lines. Warn troops blister gases have variety of smells, those of mustard gas and lewisite examples only. One type enemy might use has fishy smell, others may have smell too slight to be perceptible. Such types dangerous in concentrated bombardment. After chemical warfare starts eyeshields to be worn in open at all times unless troops in or downwind of concentrated salvo shells or bombs when respirators put on immediately. Respirators removed when smoke and dust subsided, or blown past troops provided no signs of liquid gas seen or found by detectors near craters. If liquid detected, respirators must be worn for one hour if within two hundred yards area whether gas can be smelt or no. Stress blister gas may be colourless and may not be detectable by smell but all known forms mark detectors.

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GREENWELL

#1507 is CM-OUT-1444 (6-6-42) G-2 Info on new gas requested

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

CSVD  
June 6, 1942  
3:12 p.m.

From: Koubyshev  
To: MILID

No. 102 June 6, 1942

Reference use gas in Crimean Soviet Liaison officer stated: several soldiers reported they thought 1 or 2 gas shells had been among mortar projectiles, they used masks as precautionary nothing more. Propaganda leaflets en route home since May 15th.

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

From: American Embassy London  
To: MILID

No. 2698 May 27, 1942

Other information contained in minutes of Chemical Board meeting on April 26 at which following statement made: "it was suggested that Schweffelgrun gas might be S repeat S 2 F repeat F 10. It was thought however, that the use of the latter as a war gas was too impracticable to be likely to appeal to the Germans" your 1425. Is any further information desired?

*J#159 5/15*

McClure

Footnote: No. 1425 was CM-OUT-2880 (5-14-42) G-2  
Requested data on German gas.

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From: WAR V 89X  
To: Milid.

No. Milid 147, May 15, 1942

Military gas measures in India. From report by Draper. Ceylon, Eastern and Southern ARMIUS should have most per man, including followers, with 10 percent reserve: Actually about 90 percent are equipped. Under Indian conditions, 5 percent of masks deteriorate yearly. 21000 masks were produced locally in April: In December this should be 80,000. All equipped with mask have taken gas course of 10 hours. Anti Gas Capes will be supplied every combatant by August and BN Pioneer Plats, Decontamination, will each 20 anti gas SU\_CKS. 3 chemical warfare groups with British Cadres to be raised India before 1944: each includes 24.2 Mortar COS and 1 rocket CO, latter weapon replacing Livens projector. 1 similar British Group now on way out: Field Laboratory now here: British Chemical Warfare Mission just left.

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