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I. Availability of Modification Work Orders.

The Red Group Modification Work Orders listed below have been published and are now available to Second Army units:

|                             |  |
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| Modification Work Order No. | ORD A57-W1, dated 4 May 1944   |
| Major Item Affected;        | Gun, automatic, 37mm, M9 (aircraft)  |
| Purpose;                    | To improve functioning by substituting a new sear spring which has a stronger load and longer life; by substituting a new extractor to improve extraction; by modifying the gun tube to increase the speed of engagement between the extractor and cartridge case during extraction; by adding a bevel to the top right edge of the breechblock which will eliminate the possibility of interference with the extractor. |
| Modification Work Order No. | ORD G104-W61, dated 6 March 1944   |
| Major Item Affected;        | Tank, Medium, M4, M4A1, M4A2, M4A3, and M4A4   |
| Purpose;                    | To eliminate turret basket grill and to install armor protector plates around 75-mm ammunition racks to reduce hazard of ammunition fires in tanks.  |
| Modification Work Order No. | ORD C36-W6, dated 6 April 1944   |
| Major Item Affected;        | Gun, 57-mm, M1, and Carriage, gun, 57-mm, M1A3   |
| Purpose;                    | To eliminate the traversing stop assembly, clinometer stop studs, shutter control assembly, and a portion of the lower right shield, to provide for more combat efficiency. To provide drain holes in the trail and support bracket assemblies, also a blackout light system.  |
| Modification Work Order No. | ORD G102-W35, dated 10 March 1944.   |
| Major Item Affected;        | Car, half-track, M2<br>Car, Half-track, M2A1<br>Carriage, motor, multiple gun, M15A1<br>Carriage, motor, 75-mm gun, M3<br>Carriage, motor, 75-mm howitzer, T30   |

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Carriage, motor, 105-mm howitzer, T19  
Carriage, motor, 57-mm, gun, T48  
Carriage, motor, multiple gun, M15  
Carriage, motor, multiple gun, M13  
Carriage, motor, multiple gun, M16  
Carrier, personnel, half-track, M3  
Carrier, personnel, half-track, M3A1  
Carrier, 81-mm mortar, half-track, M4  
Carrier, 81-mm mortar, half-track, M4A1

Purpose: To preclude spring bracket and shackle bolt breakage and provide better spring suspension on half-track vehicles.

Modification Work Order No. ORD F177-W2, dated 25 April 1944

Major Item Affected: Setter, fuze, M8

Purpose: To prevent the M43A5 Fuze from becoming caught in the adjusting ring.

(AG 461(Ord))

II. Automotive Disability Standings.

The following figures showing the percentage of vehicles dead-lined, as obtained from reports submitted by organizations concerned to this Headquarters, for period ending 16 May 1944, are published for the information of all concerned.

| <u>Corps*</u> | <u>Vehicles Assigned</u> | <u>Percent Deadlined</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| XXII Corps    | 11,430                   | 1.82                     |
| IX Corps      | 17,348                   | 2.51                     |
| XVI Corps     | 11,430                   | 5.68                     |

| <u>Divisions</u>        |       |      |
|-------------------------|-------|------|
| 10th Infantry Division  | 193   | .0   |
| 20th Armored Division   | 1,888 | .16  |
| 76th Infantry Division  | 1,469 | .27  |
| 10th Armored Division   | 2,033 | .54  |
| 87th Infantry Division  | 1,426 | .63  |
| 65th Infantry Division  | 1,452 | .68  |
| 97th Infantry Division  | 1,455 | 1.03 |
| 42d Infantry Division   | 1,455 | 1.16 |
| 106th Infantry Division | 1,438 | 1.25 |
| 75th Infantry Division  | 1,442 | 1.52 |
| 14th Armored Division   | 1,945 | 1.59 |
| 69th Infantry Division  | 1,446 | 1.65 |
| 17th Airborne Division  | 479   | 2.08 |

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| <u>Divisions (cont'd)</u>                      | <u>Vehicles Assigned</u> | <u>Percent Deadlined</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 66th Infantry Division                         | 1,429                    | 5.59                     |
| 16th Armored Division                          | 2,025                    | 7.70                     |
| 104th Infantry Division                        | 1,442                    | 7.90                     |
| 26th Infantry Division                         | 1,461                    | 8.76                     |
| 44th Infantry Division                         | 1,208                    | 12.66                    |
| <u>Detachments Special Troops, Second Army</u> |                          |                          |
| 5th Detachment                                 | 645                      | .0                       |
| 24th Detachment                                | 573                      | .0                       |
| 4th Detachment                                 | 437                      | .0                       |
| 3d Detachment                                  | 385                      | .0                       |
| 2d Detachment                                  | 160                      | .0                       |
| 8th Detachment                                 | 56                       | .0                       |
| 25th Detachment                                | 180                      | .55                      |
| 11th Detachment                                | 762                      | .65                      |
| 12th Detachment                                | 1,161                    | 1.46                     |
| 13th Detachment                                | 1,160                    | 1.63                     |
| 14th Detachment                                | 847                      | 1.65                     |
| 15th Detachment                                | 181                      | 1.65                     |
| 21st Detachment                                | 501                      | 1.79                     |
| 17th Detachment                                | 270                      | 2.96                     |
| 16th Detachment                                | 221                      | 3.62                     |
| 9th Detachment                                 | 104                      | 3.84                     |
| 26th Detachment                                | 268                      | 7.83                     |

\* Division figures included.

(AG 451 (Auto Dis Rpt))

III. Effective Date of Change No. 1 to FM 24-10.

Change No. 1, dated 27 January 1944 to FM 24-10 Combined Radiotelegraph (W/T) Procedure, will become effective within Army Ground Forces on 150001 Z, June 1944.

(AG 300.7)

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IV. Extracts of Weekly Directive No. 24, Hq AGF, dated 13 June 1944.

The following extracts of Weekly Directive No. 24, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, dated 13 June 1944, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

A - "2. Officers transferred to Tank Destroyer Officers Replacement Pool, North Camp Hood, Texas.

a. Attention of all concerned is invited to the fact that Tank Destroyer Officers Replacement Pool is located at North Camp Hood, Texas, rather than Camp Hood, Texas.

b. Camp Hood is 23 miles from North Camp Hood. The railhead for North Camp Hood is North Camp Hood. The nearest town in Waco, Texas; Temple, Texas, is 54 miles from North Camp Hood.

c. Special orders should specify North Camp Hood when travel to this pool is involved and railroad tickets should be purchased to and baggage shipped to either North Camp Hood or Waco.

(AG 680.1)

B - "4. Reporting of Accepted Officer Candidate Applicants.

The number of accepted officer candidates for whom no quotas exist will be reported to The Adjutant General, War Department, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 27b, Army Regulations 625-5.

(AG 352 (OCS)(Gen)

C - "9. Articles for Instruction Purposes, Howitzer, 105mm (All Models) Howitzer, 155mm, M1, and Gun, 57mm (All Models).

a. Pending publication of changes to Organizational Spare Parts and Equipment section of Standard Nomenclature Lists shown below, appropriate units will requisition articles for instructional purposes to fill requirements on the following basis:

- (1) SNL's: C-21, C-50, C-63
- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Base, drill, Cartridge M14  | 1 per 2 How |
| Cartridge, drill semi-fixed, M14 w/fuze, dummy, M59; or, Cartridge, drill, semi-fixed, M14, w/fuze inert, PD, M54 | 4 per 2 How |
| Fuze, dummy, M59; or, fuze, inert, PD, M54  | 1 per 2 How |
| Lanyard, 60-ft.   | 2 per 2 How |

- (2) SNL C-39.
- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Charge, propelling, dummy, M2, or, Charge, propelling, dummy, MK 1 | 2 per How |
| Extractor, hand, type C, 68-inch                                   | 1 per How |

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|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Fuze, inert, Combination, 45-sec, M1907 | 2 per How |
| Lanyard, 50-ft                          | 1 per How |
| Primer, percussion, 12-gr., MKII A3     | Note 1    |
| Projectile, dummy, 95-lb., MK I         | 2 per How |

Note 1: A fired service primer is used.

b. Drill ammunition for 57-mm Gun (all models) has not yet been standardized. Pending availability of the standard drill round, Chief of Ordnance will make available on requisition a limited number of inert rounds to meet the absolute minimum training requirement. Drill rounds may also be improvised locally by use of a wooden projectile in a used cartridge case.

c. Ammunition items referred to in paragraph a above are available at Nansmond Ordnance Depot, Portsmouth, Virginia, and Toole Ordnance Depot, Toole, Utah. Requisitions will be submitted through local Ordnance Property Officers. Inert rounds for 57-mm gun will be requisitioned on Ammunition Supply Branch, Office of Chief of Ordnance through local Ordnance Property Officer.

(AG 470.2)

D - "10. Cartridge, Tracer, Caliber .30 M1.

All available balances of Cartridge, Tracer, Caliber .30 M1, Lot DEN 11442 will be regraded to grade 3. Quantities on hand should be disposed of as directed in paragraph 11, O.P.S.B. 3-5, 1 January 1944.

(AG 471)

E - "11. Tablets, Water Purification, Canteen.

Par 17, Weekly Directive No. 6, Hq AGF, 8 February 1944, and paragraph 17, Weekly Directive No. 12, Hq AGF, 21 March 1944, are rescinded. (See Sections XIII I, Weekly Information Bulletin No. 7, and III J, Weekly Information Bulletin No. 13, this headquarters, c.s.)

(AG 441)

F - "12. Encoding Map Coordinates.

a. Attention is invited to paragraph 16, Weekly Directive No. 19, Hq AGF, 9 May 1944 (published as Section XI M, Weekly Information Bulletin No. 20, this Headquarters, 13 May 1944), which stated that the substitution of letters for numbers and symbols in Map Coordinates is in violation of paragraph 46 c, AR 380-5, 15 March 1944.

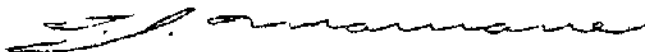
b. It was not intended that this item prohibit the use of authorized Map Coordinate Codes which were developed to avoid the necessity of cryptographing numerical coordinates and at the same time insure security. Reference was only to the substitution of letters for numbers and symbols for coordinates which are to be subsequently encoded.

(AG 311.5 (Codes))

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