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To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C., through Com-
manding General, 80th Infantry Division.

Problems of supply during the month of May 1945 were not often complicated by normal battle conditions. Difficulties that arose were engendered by the amazingly rapid and extensive pursuit of the enemy. The pursuit made necessary the motorization of the foot elements constantly, thereby increasing the burden on extended supply lines. The early part of the month saw the continuation of the use of operational type rations. Upon the conclusion of hostilities and by dint of strenuous efforts by all supply echelons within the Division, frequent issue of "B" rations was obtained.

Class II constitutes at present the principal supply problem. The goal is the establishment of T.E. quantities of clothing and equipment in the hands of all troops. Progress is satisfactory, but some articles of clothing and equipment are proving difficult to supply.

Class III resupply was difficult during the pursuit into Austria during the first ten days of May. Greatly extended supply lines and extensive motorized operations contributed. Normal supplies were supplemented with captured gasoline of varying degrees of suitability.

Class IV and Class V requirements were nominal.

The month of May brought with it no new problems of medical care or evacuation. The Battalion sections and collecting company were mobile most of the time. Contact with clearing company was maintained with difficulty. Cessation of hostilities found the medical units of the Regiment in position supporting the tactical activities of Task Force Smythe. Since then evacuation has been normal.

Emphasis now is on the reestablishment of more normal peace time supply procedure. For the present, perfection is difficult of attainment. This Organization is presently engaged in garrison and patrol activity along the international boundary with Russia. Road mileage from the right flank company to the left

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Flank company is in excess of 125 miles. Supply procedure must be modified to allow for the abnormal conditions existing.

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