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## DISPOSITION OF SALVAGED AIRPLANES

1. This Memorandum replaces Maintenance Memorandum, No. 65-00-25-11, this headquarters, dated 8 June 1944, which will be removed from the files and destroyed.

2. To conserve the use of motor vehicle transportation as outlined in Memorandums, Nos. 134-26, 134-28, 65-41 and 65-63, Headquarters, Fifteenth Air Force, and to provide a further source of supply of aircraft parts and also to reduce the use of acetylene gas, the instructions herein will be followed.

3. In accordance with present theatre policy, the instructions published in Headquarters, Army Air Force Service Command/Mediterranean Theater of Operations, Air Supply Circular No. 6 - Disposition of Unserviceable Aircraft, dated 7 April 1944, are interpreted as follows:

a. When an airplane has been declared damaged beyond economical repair by an authorized Engineering Officer, the Salvage Officer of the Service Squadron, or Depot concerned will assume responsibility for the airplane.

b. A guard will be placed on the airplane, remaining on duty until salvage operations, as outlined in paragraph "c" are completed.

c. A salvage crew, under the direction of the Salvage Officer, will disassemble the airplane. First priority will be given to the removal of AOC items and items which would be damaged if left on the airplane, such as propellers, engines, automatic flight control equipment, bombsight, armament, etc. Critical items needed to make other airplanes operational will be removed in accordance with an informative list furnished weekly by the Army Air Force Service Command/Mediterranean Theater of Operations Critical Item Report. Last priority will be given to disassembling the major sections of the airplane and to the removal of needed miscellaneous parts and fittings. This disassembly will not be accomplished by personnel who could be employed on the repair of combat airplanes. Records will be maintained by the Salvage Officer on all items removed, listing nomenclature, stock and/or part number, and to whom issued.

d. Serviceable parts removed from airplanes and not immediately issued, will be placed in stock. Reparable parts will be routed through repair shops.

e. The XV Air Force Service Command will be responsible for furnishing each Depot Reclamation and Salvage Officer with a daily report of AOC items. The report will guide the Reclamation and Salvage Officer in removal of parts from airplanes, so that AOC parts can be quickly obtained.

f. The XV Air Force Service Command Reclamation and Salvage Officer will be responsible for informing the Depot Supply Officers of the location of salvaged airplanes, so that AOC parts can be quickly obtained.

g. The Reclamation and Salvage Officer of the XV Air Force Service Command will maintain a record of all airplanes undergoing salvage in the Service Command area showing date, time, and location of crash, condition of airplane and organization performing salvage.

h. When a salvaged airplane has been stripped of parts, as outlined in paragraph "C", the balance of the items, in the opinion of the Salvage Officer, are not economically worth removing, the remaining hulk is to be placed in a disposal area to be designated by each Service Squadron and Depot within their area. Previous practices of reducing aircraft to scrap and consigning to Depot for disposition to the Quartermaster Salvage Dumps will be discontinued immediately.

i. The Salvage Officer of the Service Squadron or Depot concerned will be responsible for deciding whether the airplane will remain at the place where it is down, or be brought into the disposal area. Factors influencing this decision are: 1. Availability of Salvage Personnel and Equipment. 2. Condition of roads and bridges. 3. Size and type of aircraft. 4. Estimated economical value of the remaining parts. Abandonment of aircraft at the scene of the crash will be accomplished in accordance with AAF Regulation No. 65-85, Section VI.

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