

CHART NO. 7—REQUISITION AND SUPPLY FLOW

This next chart shows how we fit into the requisition and supply flow system here in Europe. When a unit requests an item, the requisition flows progressively to the rear until it can be satisfied. The COMZ stock control division in Zweibrucken places a materiel release order on the depot, directing the shipment of the item to the customer. If it exists within the 7th Army system, they direct the 7th Army general support storage location to ship that item to the customer. This is in effect a 7th Army depot. If it does not exist within the 7th Army system, that is reported to the stock control division in Zweibrucken, who directs a COMZ depot to ship it either back to the 7th Army storage activity or he can go back to the unit in terms of high priority. If the item is not within the theater storage it is referred to an appropriate control point and they then direct a CONUS depot to ship back to the theater.

CHART NO. 8—MILSTRIP SHIPPING PROCESSING TIMES

This next chart shows the standard milstrip shipping processing times and the section we are primarily interested in is that part under the depot. Under high priority requisitions the times shown there are in hours. From the time we receive the order from the stocking division until we have it out the front gate we have 16 hours, and this is 16 clock hours 365 days a year. The times shown here are in days. These are calendar days on positions 7 and 8, respectively.

CHART NO. 9—SHIPMENT PROCESSING

The next chart shows how we process these requisitions internally. A materiel release order is transceived from the stock control division in Zweibrucken. The first day is spent processing this in our data processing division. It is necessary to do this because the COMZ stock control division does not maintain special location of these items. So we must match the two together. We print out the shipping document, which goes to our storage division, who is allotted 2 days to locate, pick, pack, and prepare the item for shipment. About 40 percent of our line items move out through the Army Post Office. However, this amounts to less than 1 percent of the total tonnage that we ship. Our tonnage items are moved out through our transportation division, who are allowed 2 days. About 75 to 80 percent of our total tonnage moves to the customer by the Military Highway 37 Transportation Group, which is another COMZ unit.

The rail portion shown here is ordinarily outsize cargo tanks, tractors, bulldozers, as well as shipments being moved to a location not serviced by the Highway 37 Transportation Group, for instance, Antwerp and Amsterdam.

CHART NO. 10—SHIPMENT BY DESTINATION

This next chart shows our shipping activity by destination. The blue portion of the bar represents shipments of the military assistance program. The red portion represents shipments to other depots or