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MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY SERVICE FORCES:

Attention: Planning Division, Seacoast Defense  
Projects Branch.

Subject: 6-Inch Gun M1900 and Barbette Carriages,  
M1900 - Publication of Technical Manual.

1. Informal information received in this office indicates that it is questionable whether the subject weapon is to be continued in service for a sufficient length of time to warrant the publication of a Technical Manual relative thereto. The Army Ground Forces have concurred in the publication of a Technical Manual provided the material is to be continued in service.

2. Information is requested as to whether the Seacoast Defense Projects Branch deem it advisable for the Chief of Ordnance to publish a Technical Manual for the material consisting of the 6-Inch Gun M1900 and Barbette Carriage M1900.

For the Chief of Ordnance:

C. H. HOWARD  
Colonel, Ordnance Department  
Assistant

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SPOPS 470 (28 June 44) 1st Ind.  
Office of the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D.C.  
1 July 1944.

To: Chief of Ordnance (Attn: SPOTR - Service).

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1. Reference is made to memorandum addressed to the Chief of Ordnance, SPOTR AND SPOGP in turn, subject "Fire Control Equipment for Old 6-inch Batteries", dated Requirements Division, ASF, 15 January 1944, with two indorsements (SPRMS 413.68) (O.O. 413.683/5031 SPOTR - Carriage Section). By this action it was directed that the program to modernize 6-inch M1900 batteries be postponed indefinitely.

2. There are nineteen (19) Modernization Program batteries of 6-inch Guns M1900 on Barbette Carriages M1900 now in service. It is reported that many of the carriages are in poor condition and will require extensive repairs. The only new and modern fire control equipment furnished for these batteries is covered by recent technical manuals. Should a decision to modernize these batteries be made at a later date, manuals published at this time would be outmoded.

3. In view of the above it is considered advisable to postpone publication of a Technical Manual for the 6-inch M1900 armament pending a definite decision to modernize the batteries or to continue them in their present state.

For the Commanding General:

E. G. COWEN,  
Colonel, U. S. A.,  
Deputy Chief, Seacoast Defense Projects Branch.

SUBJECT: 6" Guns M1900 and Barbette Carriages M1900 - Publication of TM.  
FOR RECORD ONLY:

1. Basis is memo, same subject, dtd Ch/Ord, SPOTR, 28 June 1944, in which it is inquired whether this branch deems it advisable to publish a TM for subject materiel. It is stated that the CG, AGF has concurred in the publication of the manual provided the materiel is to be continued in service.

2. Informal concurrence: Commanding General, Army Ground Forces,  
(Col. Ritchie, 818 - 693)

3. Distribution: Commanding General, Army Ground Forces,  
(Attn: Ground Requirements Section - Col. Ritchie)  
Army War College, Washington, D. C.

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SPOPS 300.7 (25 Aug 44)

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Office of the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D.C.,  
30 August 1944.

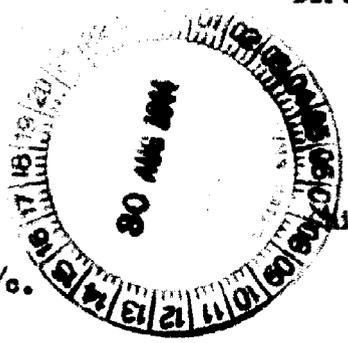
To: Chief of Ordnance, Technical Publication Section, SPOFX., The Pentagon,  
Washington, D. C.

In view of the recent decisions to indefinitely postpone modernization of the 6-inch guns M1900 on barbette carriages M1900, the publication of a technical manual covering the present armament is concurred in.

For the Commanding General:

LeR. LUTES,  
Major General, G.S.C.,  
Director of Plans & Operations, ASF.

L. A. WHITTAKER,  
Colonel, C.A.C.,  
Chief, Seacoast Defense Projects Branch,  
Planning Division.



1 Incl: n/c.

SUBJECT: TM 9-424.

FOR RECORD ONLY:

1. Basic letter, CA School, GNRAR-461 (9-424), 15 August 1944, subj. as above, requests publication of manual for 6-inch gun M1900 at earliest practicable date.
2. In 1st Ind., CG, AGF concurs.
3. By 3rd Ind. corres. is fwded to this branch for review and comments in view of non-concurrence pending decision on modernizing. Refer to 1st Ind. SPOPS 1 July 44 on memo, Ch/Ord, SPOTR, 28 Jun 44, subj. "6" Guns M1900 and Barbette Cges M1900 - Publication of TM".
4. It is learned informally from Ch/Ord, Lt. J. Clements (Ext. 74724) that the manuscript is prepared but that the distribution included 200 cys for the CARTC and 200 for the CA School.

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30 August 1944.  
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5. The CG, AGF (Col. Petticoord, Ext. 818 - 255) concurs in a revised procurement and distribution to eliminate the CARTC and reduce the quantity for the CA School. This info was 'phoned to Lt. Clements.

6. DISTRIBUTION: Commanding General, Army Ground Forces  
(Attn: Col. Petticoord)