



**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
U.S. MARINE FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND  
NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, BAHRAIN  
UIC 44900  
FPO AP 99613-4900

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
5800  
SJA  
21 May 03

From: Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Central Command  
To: Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Subj: MARCENT APPROVAL FOR RETENTION OF CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT  
(I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE)

Ref: (a) MCO 5800.6A Control and Registration of War Trophies  
(b) DoD 4500.9-R Customs and Border Clearance Policies  
And Procedures  
(c) MCO P5750.1G Manual for Marine Corps Historical  
Program  
(d) E-mail dtd 13 May 03 from Robert J Colbert, U.S.  
Customs Service

Encl: (1) CG, I MEF msg 131348Z MAY 03 requesting unit retention of  
captured enemy equipment  
(2) Marine Corps Historical Center (I MEF) approval ltr  
dated 13 May 03

1. The request contained in enclosure (1) was forwarded to Commander, United States Central Command, recommending approval for those items listed in enclosure (2). The approved items, in enclosure (2), meet the criteria for retention by the unit as historical artifacts or training equipment as set forth in references (a) through (c).

2. Reference (d) details current requirements of the U.S. Customs Service for importation of captured enemy equipment into the U.S. for those items captured during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3. Upon approval or disapproval of the requested items by Commander, United States Central Command, you will be required to complete coordination with the U.S. Customs Service 5 days prior to arrival at port of entry.

4. Point of contact for this matter is my Staff Judge Advocate, Lieutenant Colonel R.E. Pinder, USMC, DSN (318) 360-0703//E-mail at pinderre@marcent.usmc.smil.mil.

  
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13 May 2003

From: Lt Col Jeffrey Acosta USMCR, Field Historian, MARCENT EFCAT  
To: Commander, US Marine Corps Forces, Central Command

Subj: REQUEST TO RETAIN CAPTURED IRAQI HISTORICAL PROPERTY (I MEF)

Ref (a) CENTCOM GENERAL ORDER 1A (GO1A)  
(b) Msg COMUSMARCENT (Secret) DTG 300927ZAPR03  
(c) MCO P5750.1G  
(d) LOI to Lt Col Jeffrey Acosta USMCR from the Director, US Marine Corps  
Historical Division dtd 18 Feb 03  
(e) CG, I MEF msg 131348Z MAY 03

1. The following artifacts requested in Ref (e) are recommended for retention by the US Marine Corps History and Museums Division as US Marine Corps historical property in accordance with Refs (a) – (c). Authority from the US Marine Corps History and Museums Division to authorize the collection of US Marine Corps historic property and artifacts is contained in Ref (d):

(a) AK-47 W/MAGAZINE	Serial number: 6001617	HQ MARFORPAC/MARCENT
(b) AK-47 W/MAGAZINE	Serial number: 6001832	HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> MARDIV
(c) AK-47 W/MAGAZINE	Serial number: 60000554	HQ 3d MAW
(d) AK-47 W/MAGAZINE	Serial number: 6001310	HQ 1 <sup>st</sup> FSSG
(e) AK-47 W/MAGAZINE	Serial number: 6001853	HQ 2d MEB
(f) AK-47 W/MAGAZINE	Serial number: 6001686	HQ MEG

2. The items listed in Para 1 as the historic property of the United States Marine Corps will be placed on loan to HQ MARFORPAC/MARCENT, HQ 1<sup>st</sup> MARDIV, HQ 2d MEB, HQ 3d MAW, HQ 1<sup>st</sup> FSSG and HQ MEQ as requested in Ref (e). In accordance with Ref (c) these units will contact the Registrar, US Marine Corps History and Museums Division within thirty after arriving in the United States to complete the appropriate loan agreements governing the exhibition, maintenance, and security of the historic property of the United States Marine Corps.

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3. Your Points of Contact are Lt Col Jeffrey Acosta USMCR, Field Historian,  
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USMC, DSJA, COMUSMARCENT (E-mail: [powelll@marcent.usmc.mil](mailto:powelll@marcent.usmc.mil)).



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