

P. & E. Conference. October 23, 1940 (Wednesday).



1. Col. Aurand stated that Mr. Norman C. Einwechter, Special Representative of The Carpenter Steel Co., was in to see him yesterday. The Carpenter Steel Co. is a small company that could not employ more than 1,500 men on a three-shift basis; its plant is located at Reading, Pa.; and it makes high alloy steels. This is the type of company we are going to need full capacity of for defense purposes. Its principal product is 37 mm AP shot, <sup>and cal. 30 and 50 AP rounds.</sup> In connection with Picatinny and Frankford, their metallurgist, Mr. DeLong, who has been with them since 1903, has developed the basic metallurgical combination for both the 37 AP steel and the 30 and 50 bullet AP steel.

2. Col. Griner said the Field Artillery wishes to make a few changes in TBA. The QM agrees if we want to do it. Col. Griner wanted to know our policy in this connection.

Col. Aurand said changes in the TBA are permissible and we will approve them. G-3 can make its own decision in ~~this~~ regard <sup>to changing the newly printed TBA's</sup>.

3. Col. Aurand instructed Col. Hoag to go ahead with the Bantam car matter. It is not thought necessary to make it a Chief of Staff study. Col. Aurand suggested that an AG letter be written to the QM authorizing--not instructing--him to purchase 1,500 Bantams, and say on the buck slip that it is believed the Chief of Staff's office <sup>should be made</sup> is familiar with the transaction. <sup>after</sup>

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