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CONFERENCES, AFHQ, ON ARMISTICE
CONTROL MATTERS
OCT., NOV. 1943

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CONFERENCE IN JACS OFFICE - 4 NOV 43.

Present :-

Col. DUHLOP.
Col. MORGESS.
Col. REUTERMAN.
Col. SIMONS.

Col. PARRER.
Region G-4.
A.C. G-4.

Col. KIRKWOOD addressed the conference :-

He referred to the irregular and varying methods which had been adopted by sections of AMG in the past to obtain supplies from AFHQ which, together with the lack of proper co-ordination had occasioned virtual chaos in the supply organization and had caused great difficulties. He stated that in future no supplies for AMG would be forthcoming from and approved by AFHQ without proper recognized authority first being obtained.

Col. KIRKWOOD read an order shortly to be issued by AFHQ regarding the formation of the American Regiment and the organization for the British Headquarters which dealt, inter alia, with the following matters. Col. PARKIN would be Commandant of the Regiment. The British Administrative Headquarters would be commanded by a Colonel shortly to be announced.

MGS would retain control of the following :-

- (i) Officers over and above the strength of Regions (these could be temporarily attached and used elsewhere).
- (ii) Personnel with 15 Army Group, 8th and 5th Armies whose records etc. would be kept at Headquarters at Fizi Ouzou.

In connection with the above mentioned supply problems Col. KIRKWOOD stated that Lt. Col. BARNES was to be acting S-4. American property and supplies would only be drawn by him or on his written authority. Major ULLER would be acting S-1.

It was intended that each of the above mentioned should have a commissioned assistant.

On the British side the Headquarters would handle all records etc. before 2nd Echelon.

It was essential that both the American and British Headquarters should work their respective systems in the closest co-operation and whenever possible be housed in the same building.

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When the above arrangements were established there would be no necessity for A.C. records to be kept separately by its G-1 and, further there would be no need for the existing JACS to issue orders, as these would in the future emanate from the American and/or British HQ.

In reply to Col. DUNLOP, Col. KIRKWOOD said that Regions would not issue their own movement orders independently but that it would be open to HQ to delegate authority for the purpose to Regions. In any event Regions would certainly be authorized to make their own movement arrangements within their respective territories. In reply to questions it was explained that in the new American organization Regions within the Regiment would occupy comparable positions with companies in a normal American Regiment and American Regional Commanders would be equivalent to Company Commanders. It was arranged that Lt. Col. EARNSHAW would meet all American supply officers to arrange procedure, settle details and generally give effect to the above order.

Col. DUNLOP spoke of the shortage of Regional transport and urged that further allocation of transport should be speedily made if Regions were to function adequately on arrival in their respective areas.

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EX TO JACS FOR COL PARKIN COL ALBRIGHT COL FARREN
SUBJECT MEETING 30 OCTOBER

REFERENCE MY TELEPHONE CALL TO COL FARREN IT IS CONFIRMED THAT
THE ABOVE OFFICERS WILL PLEASE ATTEND CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL HOLMES
AT 1415 HOURS TOMORROW 30 OCTOBER Z AT MGS
M SUBJECT JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE HQ AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION
FOR ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AFTER CONFERENCE IT WOULD BE
CONVENIENT TO MAKE A DETAILED STUDY OF PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS WITH
STAFF OFFICERS HERE WHICH APPROPRIATE G-1 OFFICERS SHOULD ATTEND

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 request Para 16. For info
 submit drafts to G-1
 for HQ AMG (AC) Col 1st
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MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION

AFHQ

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING HELD AT

AFHQ ON 22 OCT 42

to consider administrative channels of communications, the organization of
 British personnel of AG and AMG to fit it as closely to the American
 "plans" as possible, and to consider distribution of personnel between AG and
 the various Regional organizations.

Present:

Brigadier Osterbeck
 Colonel Kirkwood
 Lt. Colonel McIntyre
 Lt. Colonel Jackson
 Lt. Colonel Hartman
 Major Cronson
 Major Barrett

Organization of American Regiment.

1. (a) Regimental Headquarters will, in the first place, be at TIII USZOB,
 and later will move to Italy and be in close proximity to ME.
- (b) The Regiment will be subdivided by the G. O. into as many detachments
 as may prove administratively desirable, such detachments making all
 personnel and other routine administrative reports to Regimental Head-
 quarters for consolidation - Detachments will be set up to include
 among others, Headquarters AMG 15 Army Group, Headquarters AMG (later
 AC), School for Military Government and Regional Detachments.

Organization British Personnel.

2. There will be two separate War Establishments as follows:
 - (a) HQ AMG 15 Army Group, HQ AMG 5 Army, and HQ AMG 8 Army
 - (b) Administrative HQ, HQ AMG (later AC), and all Regions grouped together.
3. Administrative HQ will in the first instance be at TIII USZOB and will later
 move to Italy remaining in close proximity to ME. Administrative HQ will be
 responsible for G-1 and G-2, administration of HQ AMG (later HQ AC) and regions
 under command. Administrative HQ will be responsible for G-1 and administration
 of HQ AMG 15 Army Group, AMG 5th Army, 8th Army and Regions under command.

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Consolidation of Personnel Functions.

1. (a) Regimental Headquarters will, in the first place, be at TIEL CHUO, and later will move to Italy and be in close proximity to HQ.
- (b) The Regiment will be subdivided by the G. O. into an Army Detachment as may prove administratively desirable, such detachments seeking all personnel and other routine administrative reports to Regimental Headquarters for consolidation - detachments will be set up to include among others, Headquarters AMO 15 Army Group, Headquarters AMO (later AC), School for Military Government and Regional Detachments.

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3. Administrative HQ will in the first instance be at TIEL CHUO and will later move to Italy remaining in close proximity to HQ. Administrative HQ will be responsible for C-1 and C-4 administration of HQ AMO (later HQ AC) and regions under command. Administrative HQ will be responsible for C-1 and administration of HQ AMO 15 Army Group, HQ AMO 5th Army, 8th Army and Regions under command.

4. Casualty Returns will be submitted to CH 2nd Echelon as follows:

- (a) By HQ AMO 15 Army Group in respect of themselves and HQ AMO 5 and 8 Armies with copy to Administrative HQ. They will NOT submit casualty returns in respect of Regions which are under their command.

- (b) By Administrative HQ in respect of HQ AMO (later HQ AC) and all Regions.

5. In order to enable Administrative HQ to carry out 4 (b) above, they will instruct HQ AMO (later HQ AC) and all Regions to submit the necessary particulars direct to them for consolidation.

Casualty Returns.

6. Reports and Casualty Returns referred to in paragraphs 1 and 4 above are required in order to comply with the administrative procedure of the American and British Army. In addition, HQ will work out and institute a form of periodical return which will be a combined American and British return, to enable functional and operational policy and allocation of personnel to be made.

Allocation of Personnel.

7. HQ AMO 15 Army Group will have full operational control of all personnel

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in Regions under their command.

8. HQ AMG (later HQ AC) will have full operational control of all personnel in their own headquarters and in Regions under their command, except that personnel will not be assigned to the Military & Political Sections of HQ without reference to Regional Headquarters or Administrative HQ respectively.

9. Personnel will be allotted as between Regions under command HQ AMG 15 Army Group and HQ AMG (later HQ AC) including Regions under their command by Regional Headquarters and Administrative HQ respectively, both of which will allocate in accordance with directives from HQ.

Officer Personnel Available for Purposes of Planning.

10. It is proposed that when deciding on allocation of officers to Regions and HQ AMG (later HQ AC) and HQ AMG 15 Army Group and Armies, an allowance should be made for a reserve "pool".

11. The following are figures of officers involved:-

	<u>Officers for AMG and AC for whole of Italy.</u>	<u>Officer Reserve Pool</u>	<u>Total</u>
AMERICAN	829	114	943
BRITISH	620	106	726
TOTAL	1479	220	1699

12. The 144 American Officers will be surplus to T.O. The 196 British Officers will be included in the T.O. referred to in para 2 (b) above.

13. H.C.S. will issue a directive to show how the total of 1479 officers is to be allocated between HQ AMG (later HQ AC), HQ 15 Army Group and Armies, and Regions. This allocation will be in 3 or more phases in order to provide officers for the Regions in the North of Italy by thinning out Regions in the South.

14. (a) The T.O. of HQ AMG (later HQ AC), less Military Section will be kept within the limit of 375.

(b) The T.O. for HQ AMG 15 Army Group and Armies will be kept within the limit of 121.

(c) There are therefore available 953 officers for Regional Commands.

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	Officers for AMB and AC for whole of Italy.	Officer Reserve Pool	Total
AMERICAN	829	114	943
BRITISH	650	106	756
TOTAL	1479	220	1699

12. The 144 American officers will be surplus to T.O. The 106 British officers will be included in the U.S. referred to in para 2 (b) above.

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14. (a) The T.O. of HQ AMB (later HQ AC), less Military Section will be kept within the limit of 375.

(b) The T.O. for HQ AMB 15 Army Group and Armies will be kept within the limit of 241.

(c) There are therefore available 923 officers for Regional Commandants throughout the whole of Italy. (Out of this figure it is anticipated that about 30 officers will be required for the staff of Regional Headquarters and Administrative H.).

Recommendation for Promotion.

15. A system will be instituted at the direction of MCB, whereby periodical reports will be submitted on both American and British officers for consideration in connection with promotions. This will ensure that, irrespective of nationality, an officer worthy of promotion will not be ever looked when selection is being made for future appointments.

Preparation of British H.Q.'s.

16. JCU, TINI QUINN, will submit proposals to MCB for that part of the U.S. concerning HQ AMB (later AC) and Administrative H.Q. MCB will prepare final overall war establishments for submission to her Establishments Committee.

Distribution:

General Holmes
Brigadier Quaterlock (2 copies)
Colonel Maxwell
Colonel Kirkwood
Colonel Parham
Colonel Calrymple

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SECRET7 October 43ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Notes on meeting held in C.A.O.'s room 1130 hrs 7 Oct 43 to discuss the Co-ordination of Military and Civil Rail and Sea Traffic in ITALY.

Present: Lt.Gen. H.M. GALE. - C.A.O.
Commodore DICK. - R.N.
Brig. Gen. HOLMES. - Mil Gov Sec.
Brig. de RHE PHILIPPE. - G-4 (M & Tn).
Brig. GUETERBOCK. - AMGOT.
Col. KIRKWOOD. - AMGOT.
Col. MAIWELL. - Mil Gov Sec.
Col. FITCH. - AMGOT.
Lt. Col. HODNETT. - A/Q (Co-ord).

GENERAL POLICY.

1. It was agreed that the relations between Military Government (or Armistice Commission) and the military authorities on questions of rail traffic must be considered under separate headings of:-

- (a) Long term policy.
- (b) Day to day working.

RAILWAYS: LONG TERM POLICY.

2. Brig. Gen. HOLMES said that long term policy in respect of ITALIAN railways must be handled by the Transport Division of the Armistice Commission in consultation with the military movements organisation. C.A.O. agreed but said that there should be a directive addressed to the Transport Division to make clear their responsibilities. He pointed out that ITALIAN railways are at present militarised and will continue to be so while they continue to serve the ALLIED ARMIES: during this phase the military movements organisation would expect to deal direct with the ITALIAN military controllers of the railways. Brig. de RHE PHILIPPE said that even on the long term policy side it would be necessary for the Armistice Commission to accept technical direction from the DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILWAYS whilst the area continued to be a military theatre.

ACTION: AMGOT planning staff to produce a draft directive for Transport Division of

(b) Day to day working.

RAILWAYS: LONG TERM POLICY.

ACTION: AM30T planning staff to produce a draft directive for Transport Division of Armistice Commission in terms of the discussion recorded above. -

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RAILWAYS: DAY TO DAY WORKING.

3. Brig. de RHE PHILIPPE recommended that reps from Transport Division of Armistice Commission should be attached to the existing military movements organisation. It was essential that military Movements should control the day to day working of the railways but the presence of the Armistice Commission reps would ensure that civil requirements were properly notified for consideration in assessment of priorities. These reps should also facilitate the relinquishment of control by the military to the Armistice Commission when the time came to move on. It was agreed that the attachment of Armistice Commission reps to Movements was desirable and should take place forthwith.

ACTION: MIL GOV SEC to arrange attachment of Armistice Commission (Military Government) reps to ARMY movements organisation. Reps to come first to A.F.H.Q. and then move to PORCAO.

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SEA TRAFFIC.

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Commodore DICK said that the shipping position could not be treated on the same basis as the ITALIAN railways. The essential difference was that shipping was organized on an international pool basis. There had been proposals to set up ITALIAN shipping as a separate pool but in his view this was not practicable. He thought it best to plan on the basis that N.A.S.B.O. would become the MEDITERRANEAN Board with a section operating in ITALY. Brig.Gen. HOLMES said that he would propose to put reps of the Armistice Commission on N.A.S.B.O. on such other MEDITERRANEAN Board as might be formed. C.A.O. agreed with this proposal; it would be necessary to make immediate representations to ensure that ITALIAN shipping was brought into the international pool. Commodore DICK said that the N.A.S.B.O. meeting that day would probably produce a recommendation on this point.

ACTION:

After receipt of N.A.S.B.O. recommendation draft cable to be agreed for CINC to send to C.C.O.S. rptd LONDON, Brig.Gen. HOLMES to initiate draft cable.

DEVELOPMENT OF ARMISTICE COMMISSION ORGANISATION.

5.

Brig.Gen. HOLMES outlined the probable development of MILITARY GOVERNMENT and ARMISTICE COMMISSION organisation in ITALY.

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SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS FOR SARDINIAN COAL.

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DISTRIBUTION:- All officers present
at meeting.

