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AMG HQ.

1 Nov. 1943

Memorandum to: Lt. Col. Spafford, GSO

Subject: : AMG Historical

1. By a letter of 25 June 1943, I was instructed to collect display-case material for AMGOT. The few results of my activity in this field have recently been submitted to you. The pressure of other duties has prevented being adequate justice to this one.
2. It is still to be noted that the work of collecting and analyzing material in AMGOT, AMG, or AC, which actual operations would be of immense value not only to future students but to AMG itself, by holding before it a constant mirror of itself, and to the schools and other projects for military government. An individual historian should use this opportunity not only to collect, digest, and file but to disseminate from time to time.
3. It is therefore suggested that an officer in charge of the collection and dissemination of historical information and records should be appointed in the sub-commanded on information.
4. The qualification for such an officer should be one with experience in historical research or archival materials and, if possible, a flair for writing. He could be of great assistance to the AMG Director of Information in collecting material for the press.
5. The duties of such an officer would be:
 - a) The maintenance of files of records, probably in close cooperation with the Central Registry - a complete file of printed or mimeographed materials, reports, etc., such as have already been started.
 - b) The collection of materials from divisions, divisions, and Centuries. Such materials should be collected not only by letter but by personal visit and the collection of records. At the same time anecdotes could be collected from AMG conversative.
 - c) The preparation of draft reports such as you yourself draft now reports, in the hands of reports submitted from England or Province.
 - d) The maintenance of war diaries, and records of stations.

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b) The collection of materials from/episodes, reviews, and comment. Such materials should be collected not only by letter but by personal visit and the collection of records. At the same time anecdotal could be collected. i.e. from all conversations.

c) The preparation of draft reports such as you yourself must now prepare, on the basis of reports submitted from regions or provinces.

d) The maintenance of war diaries, daily records of station and events, etc. etc. strictly chronological records should be maintained.

e) The digestion of material received and the dissemination of such information or experiences as are of value to the generally. i.e. should have publicity value.

f) Each officer should be an individual developer from his function.

6. The C/O (W/Y) of such an office should be at least a clerk and a captain. He will probably need assistance if he is active.

Jason Hamlin
Capt. MC
AMCOT Historian.

AMGOT Hq.
14 August, 1943.

Memorandum to: Capt. McDougall, US Adjutant, AMGOT
Subject : Safeguarding Information in Historical
Records

1. A memorandum from the AGO, AFHQ, no. AG 314.7-1 GBI-AMM has been called to my attention as Historian of AMGOT.
2. It calls for ~~transmission~~ classification and transmittal of historical records etc. in accordance with AR 380-5, which I recall to be the AR on Security. This will be done.
3. It calls for reports to AFHQ, according to AG 314.7/389 SG/S-AMM dated 14 July, 1943, and AG 314.7/389 C-M, dated 20 April 1943. These documents are not at hand and their procurement is requested in order that they may be obeyed.

Mason Hammond
Capt AC
Historian.

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AG 314.7-1 GBI-ACM

7 August 1943

SUBJECT: Safeguarding Information in Historical Records.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 464, U.S. Army.
Commanding General, NAAF, APO 650, U.S. Army.
Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U.S. Army.
Commanding Officer, 2626th CA Brigade, APO 521, U.S. Army.
Commanding Officer, 34th CA Brigade, APO 34, U.S. Army.

1. All historical records and histories of organizations, dependent upon the classification of material used in preparation thereof, will be appropriately classified. Classification and transmittal will be in accordance with AR 380-5.

2. Reports required by letters, this headquarters, AG 314.7/389 SG/S-ACM, dated 14 July 1943, and AG 314.7/389 C-M, dated 20 April 1943, subject in both instances "Historical Records and Histories of Organizations," will be appropriately classified and transmitted according to the above mentioned regulations.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T.J. Davis
T.J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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SUBJECT:- Powers of Local Legislation.

File No. 266/HQ.

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY.

27th August 1943.

TO:- All S.C.A.Os.

1. While it is essential that all provincial or regional S.C.A.Os have full responsibility for the administration of the area under their charge, and have the power to fulfil such responsibilities, it is equally essential to preserve as far as possible uniformity of government throughout the occupied area and to avoid the issuance of any local ordinances in one locality which might have a harmful effect on a neighbouring area or which are inconsistent with Proclamations or General Orders issued from this Headquarters.

2. Accordingly, except in emergencies, S.C.A.Os are authorised to issue local ordinances only in relation to the following matters:-

- (a) Curfew.
- (b) Extent to which inhabitants may be permitted to circulate during daylight hours. In this connection S.C.A.Os are authorised to issue such orders from time to time as they may deem necessary extending the 10 kilometre restriction contained in para 42 of Proclamation No. 2 within the limits of their own provinces.
- (c) Prescribing forbidden areas where all circulation is prohibited.
- (d) Prescribing hours and days during which trade or business may be carried on.
- (e) Restricting street pedlars.
- (f) Control of the sale of intoxicating liquors.
- (g) Regulating the use of public streets and highways in the district.
- (h) Restrictions on local use of water and electricity.
- (i) Care and preservation of ancient monuments.
- (j) Restricting the use of buildings which are unsafe or unsanitary.
- (k) Local health and sanitation regulations.
- (l) Air Raid Protection.
- (m) Any matter necessary for the preservation of Law and Order.

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3. There will also be many situations where instructions will be issued from this H.Q. requiring the issuance of local ordinances for particular purposes such as, the fixing of maximum prices for various commodities; requirements that certain businesses be licensed; requirements for the declaration of certain commodities, etc. While such ~~ordinances~~ may differ in various provinces, such differences must be directed from this H.Q. so as to avoid unjustified differences between various localities. As such ordinances are only effective in a given locality, they should be issued by the S.C.A.O. as a local ordinance.

4. If any other subject arises which appears to require a local ordinance S.C.A.Os should, except in the case of emergency, report the facts and circumstances to this H.Q. and request authority to issue the proposed ordinance.

5. In cases of emergency a S.C.A.O. may issue any ordinances which the situation may require but must in such case immediately send full particulars to this H.Q.

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6. S.C.A.Os are authorized to delegate to C.A.Os power to issue local ordinances having application only within the region under the control of the C.A.O. dealing with the subjects herein provided.

7. This memorandum is intended to deal only with local ordinances intended to be published and binding on all persons within the area under the control of the S.C.A.O. or C.A.O. issuing the ordinances or such positions thereof as he may direct. It is not intended to affect in any way the power of S.C.A.Os or C.A.Os to issue such special orders or administrative instructions or regulations either to officers under their command or to other persons in the area under their jurisdiction as may from time to time be necessary in the discharge of their duties.

8. Local ordinances will be made in the following forms:-

" ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

PROVINCE (OR COLUMN) OF

Text of the ordinance which will be subscribed as follows:-

BY ORDER OF THE ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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All Heads of Divisions

ANGOT Liaison 15 Army Group

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AGENDA

Seventh Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at 1500 hours
20 Aug 43, in the Conference Room.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Statement by C.C.A.O. on the powers and use of the Executive Council.
3. Relation between AMGOT Headquarters and the Provinces.
4. Forthcoming meeting with S.C.A.Os.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group.

Handwritten: RICHARD G. CHOFT,
Major, A.U.S.
Secretary Executive Council
AMGOT.

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APO 758 US Army

6 September 1943

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STAFF MEMORANDUM:

There will be a meeting of the Historical Representatives of each Section in the Conference Room Main Headquarters at 1600 today.

By Command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

Albert A. Lindquist
ALBERT A. LINDQUIST,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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*Sept. 6. Capt Masse attended dealt
with submitting reports on campaign
work*

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