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85	—	23 "	From HQ Pay Division
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88	241957	25 June	From AFHQ
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41A	—	—	Memo.
42A	OE/5571	26 "	From: Mideast.
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44	84604 FS	29 "	From: Transport
45	FS/CEK/BN29(FS)	14 "	From: C.E. KEY
46	FS/ATG/BN43FS	14 "	" : C.E. KEY ?
47	—	—	Memo.
48	149/847/19/26	26 MAY	From: DPC AFH.Q.
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50	FS/CEK/BN29(FS)	14 MAY	From: C.E. K., WAR OFFICE
51	—	29 "	Memo.
52	—	1 June	Memoranda to 343 & 545 Fin.
53	141F/7804/CA	2 "	To: Col. Holmes, A.F.H.Q.
54	9456	3 "	From: Aerial
55	CA/326	4 "	To: Mideast.
56	4844	5 "	From: A.F.H.Q.
57	149/847/19/26	26 "	DPIC, AFHQ
58	Nov/F/61235	6 "	MIDEAST.
59	—	8 "	Memo.
60	W:2263	8 "	From: A.F.H.Q.
61	141F/3159/A	10 "	" 141 FORCE
62	7804/CA	10 "	To: Cand. Pay.
63	7804/CA	10 "	Fin. Off., A.F.H.Q.
64	—	1 "	From: FS War Office

51	—	29	Memo.
52	—	1	Amended to 343 & 545 Force.
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54	9456	3	From Agwar
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 11A GPO A33579 15 APR 43 Memo: Use of Currency
 12A DET 30924 16 APR 43 From: Midway
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 18A CA/040 28 APR 43 TO Midway Civil Affairs
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 21A 75601 FS — General Troop to Fortunes
 22A 8383 01 MAY 43 TO AGWAR (FOR MARSHALL)
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 24A CA/055 03 MAY 43 TO Midway for Civil Affairs
 25A None 9 April From: War Office.
 26A AFSC 40515/8 8 May 43 Signed Troop
 27A CA/052 10 MAY 43 To: Midway
 28A — 9 May 43 From: C(1F)
 29A CA/077 15 May 43 To: Midway
 30A 80209 FS 16 May 43 From: Troopers
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 32A 141F7804/CA 17 MAY 43 To: D. P. I. C.
 33A — 13 MAY 43 From: Speed.
 34A 853138 21 " " From: Force 54, V.A. M.E.
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Memorandum for Files - Re Col. Gunston's Memo on ALFA.

1. Memo of 25 June 1945 on proposals for establishment etc.

- (a) I am not prepared to agree with Col. Gunston's doubts (Para 3) as to ALFA being a legal entity. I see no necessity for expressing such doubts at this time.
- (b) Para 6a - I think all preliminary arrangements should be completed respecting the organization of ALFA so that if the military situation permits and the financial and economic situation requires it, ALFA will be ready to do business before D + 30.
- (c) Para 6c - I think we should avoid giving ALFA the status of a bank or issue as far as A.M. lire are concerned. This is of importance from the point of view of liability for the currency. I think we should avoid doing or saying anything which would constitute a recognition of liability for A.M. lire by AMGOT, ALFA, or the Allied Governments or the U.S. or U.K. Why can't ALFA, in keeping clear and adequate records of its transactions, keep accounts separately in A.M. lire, Italian lire, yellow seal currency, B.M.A. notes, etc. (See paragraph 8 of the Monetary Directive). Couldn't any exchange of one currency or another be treated and recorded as in the nature of a foreign exchange transaction. I cannot agree with the suggestion that when A.M. lire notes are issued they should be debited to "claim on AMGOT for A.M. lire notes issued". I am also troubled about injecting the C.F.O. into the accounting for the A.M. lire notes as well as for loans which may be made. I think we should envisage the possibility of turning over ALFA, in the future, lock, stock and barrel to the Italians together with all possible liabilities and assets including loans. The interposition of the C.F.O. on the books of ALFA in connection with note issues or loans offers no advantage and may complicate the future situation and give support to a claim of liability for the A.M. lire notes against AMGOT and the U.S. and U.K. governments. The C.F.O.'s control over ALFA's action can be made sufficiently complete by other means.
- (d) Para 6 (e) - I believe it is premature to say that ALFA should not engage in exchange transactions.
- (e) Para 6 (g) - I am unable to agree with the last paragraph. C.F.O. should authorize ALFA to make the loan; but the loan should be from ALFA to the Horridified Government. The debt should be run from Horridified Govt. to AMGOT. ALFA books should record the debt. For similar reasons I am unable to agree with the last two items.

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2. Minutes of Meeting of 21 June 1943.

(a) Why should ALFA have to make contacts with banks in Horrified before the banks are reopened. It may be that some banks can be reopened on a restricted basis without any credit having to be extended by ALFA.

(b) Para 8 - I think we should avoid talking of ALFA "issuing" A.M. lire.

Dr. Col. Benetoni also see

(99) and (96)

ap. 25/6

3. Memo of 24 June 1943 - "Points for Consideration of ALFA".

I am not sure that my point has been understood. I was not suggesting that ALFA would have the primary responsibility on the financial side with respect to the various categories mentioned in this memo. I simply was suggesting that the restoration of these types of institutions and authorities to a more normal functioning would to a very large extent depend upon their getting prompt financial assistance and that the prompt establishment of ALFA and the use of A.M. lire currency were the big factors in permitting ANFOI to give these institutions the necessary financial aid.


B. Bernstein
Lt. Col.

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FREEDOM ANGOT REAR

281100B

MIDEAST

96 RE FERS

CA/225

BIGOT HUSKY - MOST SECRET X FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS X For CFA from
REINELL X 5 half 10 million required here urgent priority for
DPIC X Remainder to follow up WORMLEY earliest by sea

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10 SEE:
COL BERNSTEIN

BB 30/6

BIGOT HUSKY - MOST SECRET
(SdO) Col CRAFTLEY SMITH.
Major-General

IMPORTANT

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BIGOT HUSKY.
MOST SECRET.
OFFICER ONLY.

IMMEDIATE
CIPHER MESSAGE
IN
28 Jun 43
FANTOX 7804
FORCE 141

FINANCE
FOLIO NO 6931.
24TH JUNE 43

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T00 2005.
THI NIL.
TOR NIL.

FROM : TRIPBASE ENCIPHERED AT
TO : REAR THIRTY CORPS
RPTD FORTUNE FOR AMGOT
ORIG. NO: 1 169

INSTRUCTED BY FORTUNE TO PROVIDE PRIOR RPT PRIOR TO EMBARKATION POUNDS
500 BMA TO EACH OF FOUR SENIOR CAOS AMGOT PARTIES WITH ACIDS AND BARK.
TOTAL 2000 POUNDS. CONFIRM YOU CAN ISSUE FROM RESOURCES ALREADY
ISSUED TO YOU.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

ACTION.

10 SEE
FINANCE

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SMC. 1425B/27.
T.T. 1450B/27.JGD.

BB 3/6

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
TELEPRINTER MESSAGE 27 June 43
IN 7804
FORGE 141

FOLIO 6879
26 JUNE 43

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FROM : BINA (PATTON)
TO : CG 141 FOR BINA
ORIG NO :

TOO.NIL.
THI.NIL.
TOR.NIL.

WILL HAVE IN POSSESSION THREE MILLION GOLD SEAL CURRENCY PLUS
TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND COIN.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

1 ACTION

SMC.0000B/27.
T.T.0915B/27.SSB.

ACTION

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EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET

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WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS

Date

27 June 43

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Jtm

AM 60
9/6/43
BIGOT

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY **BIGOT**

FROM: MIDEAST

TO : FREEDOM FOR AMGOT REAR RPT YANTOK FOR AMGOT (1 PASS 2)

NO : OET/71686 25 June 1943

Personal for KENNEL from CPA.

Great difficulty obtaining air freight for currency.
Signal degree of urgency.

NOTE: HAS BEEN RELAYED TO YANTOK

ACTION: AMGOT REAR

INFO: AG RECORDS
SGS

ACTION
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(COL BERNSTEIN)
8830/6

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BIGOT

MC IN 11260

26 June 43

0510B

Ref No. OET/71686

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BIGOT HUSKY
MOST SECRET

CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO NO. 10063
23 JUNE 43.

FROM: TRIPBASE FROM ANGOT
TO: FORTUNE FOR ANGOT
ORIG NO: 00009

HEADQUARTERS

27.6.43

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FORCE 141

TOO: 1900B/23
THI: ***
TOR: ***

FROM BERRETT. IN REP TO CA/196 CONFIRMED WITH TRIPBASE
OKAY.

SMC DISTRIBUTION:

CIVILAFFAIRS 4 ACTION

BIGOT HUSKY

To SEE:

FINANCE

*Confirmed by SMC
that this signal is being passed back*

ACTION

SMC. 3700/24
T.T. 1700B/24
VJUFJ

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AUGOT Rear FREED

JUNE 270800B

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12th ARMY ~~was~~ 30th CORPS ~~was~~ 12th ARMY MAIN HQ

CA/217

MOST SECRET (.) For HISSON Civil Affairs (.) For purposes referred to
in General Administrative Instructions No. 5 Financial Instructions HARETT
and McFADDEAN will be S.F.O.s until further notice (.)

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Liaison Section

afp 3703

MOST SECRET

RIGOT - HUSKY

MOST SECRET 93

141 F/7804/

SUBJECT: Provision of Italian Lire

D.P.I.C.
AFHQ (British)

1. With reference to your letter, reference 1 H.A./PAY/156/68 of 21 June, addressed to the Command Paymaster, copy of which was forwarded to me, I shall be obliged if you will earmark for the personal use of Major General Lord Rennell, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, the sum of lire 1 million. I will arrange to have this amount collected at a later date.

2. The total of unallocated lire held by you will be hereby reduced to Lire 270,000.

26 June 1943

ANGOT
141 Force
Field

Copy to Command Paymaster
No. 2 Command Pay Office

ag. d.
Colonel
Chief Finance Officer

8/26/62 3700

MOST SECRET

BIGOT

Amount of Yellow Seal Dollars Going into HORRIFIED

Colonel Tillman stated in conversation here today that -

~~fat~~ He expected 343 Force to take into HORRIFIED
(a) \$30-35 million Yellow Seal notes in the hands
of disbursing officers.

(b) \$5-15 million Yellow Seal notes in the possession
of individual officers and men.

24 June 1943

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Lt. Col.

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MOST SECRET

*as
BB*
BIGOTIssue of A.M. Lire to 343 Force

The C.F.O. has agreed that the whole of the initial air shipment of 10 Tons = L. 300 million is to go to 343 Force, since 545 Force will be sufficiently supplied for the time being with regular Italian lire. *and BMA.*

Colonel Tillman, Accounting Finance Officer of 343 Force, told us today that he cannot yet tell us where or when his disbursing officers will be on or about D+14, at which date we may expect the L. 300 million of A.M. lire notes to arrive by air.

When we receive these notes we shall have to ascertain from Col. Tillman at what points he wishes us to deliver them to him or to any of his disbursing officers. We may well have to deliver part in Africa and part in HORRIFIED. In an emergency, Col. Tillman seemed prepared to allow us to deliver all of the notes to any of his ~~own~~ disbursing officers with whom we can establish contact; in that case he would accept the responsibility for distributing these notes to such of his other disbursing officers as might require them. Col. Tillman appeared fully to understand that whether he receives the A.M. lire notes in the physical sense from AMFA or not, he will treat them as having been issued to him by AMFA.

24 June 1943

C. Agunston
Lt. Col.

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MOST SECRETA. M. LIRE NOTES:Weight, Bulk, etc.

Initial Shipment from U.S. will be:

Denomination	Number of Notes (Millions)	Total Value (Millions of Lire)
L. 1	100	100
2	50	100
5	25	125
10	10	100
50	16	800
100	15	1,500
500	1.8	900
1,000	1.0	1,000
	218.8	4,625

Bulk - 10,200 cubic feet.

Weight - 162 tons.

Thus for rough calculation we may expect that in any ordinary mixed consignment of notes:

"Average Note" = L-20

L. 1 million

= 50,000 notes (Pieces of paper)

= 2.2 cubic feet

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AMCOT
141 Force
Field
24 June 43

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MOST SECRET

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SUPPLY OF ALLIED MILITARY LIRE

It seems important, before we commit ourselves to calling in Yellow Seal dollars and BMA pounds in HORRIFIED for exchange into A.M. lire, to ensure that the supply of A.M. lire will in fact be sufficient to meet all possible needs.

Our present information is that on or about D+10 there will be available in Washington 160 Tons = L 4.6 milliard = \$46 million. Of this amount 10 Tons = L 300 million = \$3 million will be shipped by air so that we may expect to receive it at this end by say D+14. The remainder will follow by sea and should reach us at various times from say D+20 onwards.

Further amounts of A.M. lire will be ready for shipment at various dates up to D+30. There is, however, no information as to what these amounts are.

The demand for A.M. lire can be classified under three main heads:-

1. 343 Force

Each of the 12 distributing offices normally carries a "float" of \$2-2½ million. The total equals \$24-30 million.

In addition, each disbursing officer normally pays out \$1-1½ million each month. Of this a considerable part comes back in the form of deposits in savings banks, purchases from P.X., etc. Net issue of currency required equals say \$6 million per month.

2. 545 Force

We have no exact information yet as to the requirements of this force, but understand that British Paymasters in general carry large "floats" about with them. The total required may approach the \$50-40 million required for 343 Force. We ought, in any event, to start collecting information forthwith as to how much they will require.

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At a rough guess, however, we might say that in order to be reasonably sure of meeting all possible commitments, AMFA ought to hold in reserve, or in any case in "stock", at least £10 million = £1 4 million.

We thus arrive at a grand total of something like £90 million = £9 million, which will be required to enable us to start the circulation of AMGOT lire. If we are to avoid the possible risk of being caught short of A.M. lire in the future in such a way that we had to re-issue Yellow Seal dollars or B/A sterling notes, we ought to be ~~issued~~ further supplies of say £1 million per month.

It must be understood that this estimate applies to HORIZON only. If and when we take over the whole of Italy these figures would need to be multiplied by 10 or more. If we took over only some part of Italy they would need to be multiplied by some figure proportionately less than 10.

It ~~should~~ not be thought that any such amounts of ~~money~~ ^{AM} lire as those mentioned above will necessarily be put into effective circulation, at all events at once. If they were, the inflationary effect on the economy of HORRIFIED would be very great, and one of our duties will be to prevent such inflation. The purpose of the present calculation is merely to estimate the quantity of notes which we may need to have printed in the United States within the immediate future.

*Don't care
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24 June 1943

CAgunston
Lt. Col.

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SECRET
AFHQ
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
OUTGOING MESSAGE

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BIGOT

117700Z JUN 43
Date 26 Jun 43
BIGOT 7804/7804/8.

ROUTINE

TO: COMMANDER ADVANCED BASE GROUP FORCE 141 REF. 241957

INFO: AMGOT

No money except U.S. Yellow Seal Currency and U.S. coins will be taken into HORRIFIED. Necessary your disbursing officers be provided with 1 months supply. Obtainable from COLONEL ROVIN, Finance Officer, at MBS, ORAN.

On about D plus 30, Allied Military Lire will be issued to supplement local supply of Lire by the Allied Military Financial Agency. Contact AMGOT Finance Officers in area for further info. Rate of exchange between Lire and dollar will be announced later. Furnish AMGOT APO 777 info NS, names your disbursing officers. (COMNAVNAV sends.)

ORIGINATOR: NAVY

INFORMATION: SCB
CAO
MIL GOVT SEC (COL HOLMES)
G-1
AMGOT REAR

DTC
G-3
FINANCE
AG RECORDS

Copy Also On
'7804/8' - AMFA.

TO SEC
FINANCE

MC-OUT-7338 25 June 43 0324B Ref. No. 241957 pma

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FROM: PORTIER ALAINE
TO: TWELFTH ARMY
INFO: MURRAY
NO: A 065

HEADQUARTERS	
Date	25 Jun 44
N	7804
FORCE 141	

ANNOT.
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NOTE: BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND YOU PROPOSE SHIPPING SECOND COMBATANT CURRENCY AND
UNITS PAY SERVICES D-28 X HIGH HICKY X AMCOB CONSIDERS ADDITIONAL CURRENCY
WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THIS DATE X FOLLOWING UNITS WITH SUPPLIES CURRENCY
THAT ARE BEING CALLED FORWARD TO LAURAH BY D-12 X ROAD BRILL UNIT OFFRS
OPS X 21 JET NUMBER 8 COMMAND PAY OFFICE TWO AND THIRTYTWO X 38 NUMBER 38
ANAL GAIN OFFICE THREE AND FOUR X 576 NUMBER 36 FIELD CASH OFFICE ONE AND
THREE X 1296 NUMBER 37 FIELD CASH OFFICE ONE AND THREE X 578 NUMBER 38
FIELD CASH OFFICE ONE AND THREE X TOTAL OF TWO VEHICLES AND TEN TONS STORES
AND CURRENCY TO ACCOMPANY X NUMBER 8 COMMAND PAY OFFICE IS PLACED UNDER YOUR
COMMAND TILL THIS BE TAKES OVER X YOU SHOULD CONSIDER EARLY PERRY SERVICE
OF ABOVE UNITS TO HOSPITAL AFTER D-14 X NUMBER 8 COMMAND PAY
OFFICE OFFRS SIX OPS PORTIER VEHICLES FOUR STORES AND CURRENCY TWENTY TONS
IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE AT LAURAH BY D-28 FOR ONWARD PERRY TO HOSPITAL AT
YOUR DISCRETION

Internal Distribution by "A" Branch 141E/3157/A - 24 June 43

APR 6-1 (Br)	A.M.C.O.T.
D.P.I.C.	Master Message File
G (S.P.)	File
PA Co 1541	Float.

W. R. L. L.
Lt. Col.

Immediate

TO SER
FINANCE

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P/A
24/6
agr

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DRAFT

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TO: AGWAR

FROM: FRELOM

Grateful information amounts and E.T.A. subsequent consignments of A.M. lire after shipments of A.M. lire 4625 million completed, ref. your 512 of 18/6 (.). Difficult estimate amount or time required before AMGOT could safely undertake total exchange yellow seal and E.M.A. currency but consider further A.M. lire 5 billion should be shipped earliest (.). With emphasis AMGOT do not expect or intend to place such large amounts in circulation (.). Large proportion would be provided finance officers and paymasters as floating reserves (.). In any event and in view future operations consider desirable accumulate substantial reserves A.M. lire in MORRIFED and North Africa.

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H.Q. Pay Services,

Allied Force Headquarters (AF).

23rd. June, 1943.

Dear Craftley-Smith,

Reference conversation (Vallintine & yourself) of today, herewith a copy of the latest cable received by us regarding lire. If the 15,051,000 via Emerson comes your way will you please let us know.

We will advise you of any further developments,.

Yours Sincerely,

J. H. Anderson

Lieut. Col. Craftley-Smith,
(AMCOT),
c/o H.Q. 1st Force.

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TO FREEDOM

NO PAY/70138, June 22, 1945

Have given WORSLEY 19,488,000 Lire to be landed D plus 3.
15,031,000 Lire sent you by hand of EMERSON, further 8,150,000 being
sent you shortly. Approximately 13,500,000 Lire now in CYPRUS will
be sent you on or shortly after D Day. Total for checking purposes
56,149,000.

Certified True Copy.

Major,
R.A.P.C.

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Revised by Col Tillman
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Finance and Disbursing Officers of 343 Force:

1st Inf Div	Capt P. C. Wagner
45th Inf Div	Lt Col R. H. Routh
3rd Inf Div	Lt Col D. H. Nielson
3rd Inf Div	Maj I. J. Shuman (32nd Fin Disb Unit)
9th Inf Div	Lt Col E. O. Lee
82 Airborne Div	Lt Col Johnson
2nd Armored Div	Lt Col H. W. Urbroock
1st Corps	Maj H. A. Miner
1st Corps	Capt Culberth
II Corps	Capt J. N. Worden
II Corps	Maj F. C. Hartmann
10th Port Embarkation	Lt Col Chap R. Jones
Finance Officer, Hq Force 141	Col Leighton
Finance Officer, Hq Force 343 (1st Armored Corps)	Col Tillman
Finance Officer, 2nd Corps	Col Summa
Assistant to Col Tillman	Lt Col Brock
Finance Officer, AFHQ	Col Sims

D.C.C.A.G.

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REPORT

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141E/7024/DA

20 June 1963

SUBJECT: Provision of Currency before Liberation.

The following proposal is submitted: -

12th Army

1. (a) That Group Captain Benson be issued with \$1,000 BMA.

(b) That each of the Senior CAO's attached to

- (1) Recon Party
- (2) Park South
- (3) Park East
- (4) Old North
- (5) Acid South
- (6) Rear ARTOT HQ.

be issued with \$500 BMA each.

(c) That the above-named officers be instructed that they are responsible for the safe custody of such funds and for producing supporting receipts showing the extent and nature of disbursements.

(d) That any requisition for cash either in Africa or HAWAII submitted by a Finance Officer (CA) should be countersigned by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer present.

Para 2.2

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(b) That each of the Senior CAO's attached to each of the sub-flank

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Para 242

2. (a) That Colonel Polletti be issued with \$4,000 in Yellow Seal currency.

(b) That each of the Senior GAO's attached to each of the sub-heads above, in para 243 as nominated by Col. Polletti be issued with \$2,000 in Yellow Seal Currency.

(c) That the officers designated in para (b) should be instructed that they are responsible for the safe custody of such funds and for producing supporting receipt showing the extent and nature of disbursements.

(d) That any demand for cash from a Disbursing Officer either in Africa or INDIVIDUAL submitted by a Finance Officer (Civil Affairs) in his capacity as a Class "A" agent should be countersigned by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer present.

APPROVED:

CMO.....

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(4) Force

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1st. Col.
C.F.O.

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Dear Benson,

The C.C.P.O. has changed our instructions regarding provision of currency to CAO's; and has now gone away before officially approving this. He has however given his blessing to the proposals when in draft. I do not dare risk hanging this up as I wish this to catch you before you go in the hope that you I can give this information to Barnett, MacFadden and ~~Barrett~~ ^{Blay} all of whom have "request for cash" books with which they will draw on Paymasters to produce the funds as per reverse. As for your allocation ^{Barrett} ~~you~~ will have to draw at CHAMP. and NOT at Finance where there is no reason to believe any B.M.A. is

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 to be made; but I will continue
 officially

ITALIAN TITLES OF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICERS

C.C.A.O.	Capo degli Affari Civili	C.A.C.
D.C.C.A.O.	Vice Capo degli Affari Civili	V.C.A.C.
C.S.O.	Capo di Stato Maggiore degli Affari Civili	C.S.M.A.C.
A.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alla Segreteria Affari Civili	U.A.S.A.C.
C.F.O.	Capo Reparto delle Finanze	C.R.F.
S.F.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alle Finanze	U.S.A.F.
F.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alle Finanze	U.A.F.
C.P.S.	Capo Reparto della Sicurezza Pubblica	C.R.S.P.
S.C.A.P.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alla Sicurezza Pubblica	U.S.A.S.P.
C.A.P.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alla Sicurezza Pubblica	U.A.S.P.
C.L.O.	Capo Reparto della Giustizia	C.R.G.
S.L.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alla Giustizia	U.S.A.362
L.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alla Giustizia	U.A.G.
D.P.H.	Capo Reparto dei Servizi Sanitari	C.R.S.S.
S.P.H.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto ai Servizi Sanitari	U.S.A.S.S.
P.H.O.	Ufficiale Addetto ai Servizi Sanitari	U.A.S.S.
D.C.S.R.	Capo Reparto della Logistica Civile	C.R.L.C.
S.C.S.O.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alla Logistica Civile	U.S.A.L.C.
C.S.O.	Ufficiale Addetto alla Logistica Civile	U.A.L.C.
P.C.	Capo Reparto della Custodia Beni	C.R.C.B.
D.P.C.	Ufficiale Superiore Addetto alla Custodia Beni	U.S.A.C.B.
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F.C.	Ufficiale Addetto alle Finanze	U.A.F.
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NOTE: AMERICAN
11/17/7804/CA
24 June 1943

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Dear Brigadier,

Many thanks for the two letters giving me, firstly, the allocation of the original ten million and, secondly, for the mid-east disposition, under which Worsley is doing better than I expected. It would be interesting to know at a later date how much RMA he eventually takes.

We have no further news of Emerson, and I have told the Liaison Branch at LAL to inform you as soon as we hear of his arrival.

I am inclosing copies of three signals on the subject of currency to be brought by X and Y forces. The first two signals were referred to Brigadier Stanham, but no copies are sent direct from AFHQ, as the correspondence is conducted personally to and from General Lord Kennell.

As no one seems to have a very clear idea of the date of arrival of Force X follow-up, or of Y Force, the question is more academic than actual. Unless you object, I do not propose to reply to 92,000 R-5.

Although not directly my business, I should be grateful if you would let me know if satisfactory arrangements about the pre-embarkation exchange of currency were made between Brigadier Stanham and the other two services. I believe that the R.A.F. normally draw from your sources, but the Navy has probably made special plans. It might be interesting to know that 343 have already issued orders requiring the conversion of currency into Yellow Seal dollars and will be making pay available in that currency. This obligation is covered by their statement to the parties concerned that an acute shortage exists of Algerian Francs.

Later we shall be most interested to see what amount and type of currency has been taken into HORRIFIED, and I understand that Colonels Fideley and Rooney are engaged on an estimate showing the monthly totals of pay, less returns from the M.A.A.F.I., plus an estimate of the amount which might be spent on local purchases and labor. 343's present float is 400,000,000 francs to 24-30 million. 35-40 million to 100 million.

In order to curtail fairly quickly the issue of Yellow Seal dollars we have asked for 10 tons of A.M. lire to be flown, as soon as possible after D day, to Tunis. The majority of this amount will be transhipped and made available to the American Disbursing Officers. None of this assignment is being sent to 545, as that force's output of RMA currency provides no problem of recovery. The balance of the A.M. lire will come by sea to Algiers about D25 and will then be taken, mutatis mutandis, by AFHQ for delivery to the Command Paymaster and Finance Officer. But it occurs to me that a quantity of this currency would be useful to your pay services on this side for provision to troops about to cross into HORRIFIED. We shall not have a great deal of currency to spare at this stage, but I should be interested to know your minimum requirements.

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Finally, is it necessary from an official point of view - and I stress the adjective as Rooney, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter, might feel offended otherwise! - to obtain authorization, either from yourself or Troopers, to allow the Command Paymaster or such persons as he may care to designate, to draw unlimited amounts of currency from ABNA?

I hope that arrangements are well in hand for you to obtain more convenient and comfortable quarters.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier Ericson
D.P.I.C. (Nelson Carree)

Copy to Col. Rooney

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILES

General McSherry stated, upon his return from Mostaganem, that he had left with Col. Poletti copy of the memorandum of financial matters to be discussed with Force 343 and the document attached thereto.

Col. Poletti told him that there were no financial questions not raised in the aforementioned memorandum.

On 22 June, Colonel Graffey-Smith and Bernstein went to Algiers to discuss with Col. Sims, Finance Officer of AFHQ, a series of financial questions. Col. Sims indicated that we should get the information from Col. Tillman, Finance Officer of Force 343. Col. Sims did not indicate that the Class A Agent officer device would not be an appropriate means for dealing with the problem of meeting funds for ANGOT's finance officers.

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We advised Col. Sims the anticipated currency progress, including use of A.M. lire and AMFA. He stated that he would let us know when he receives the A.M. lire and he will do nothing with such currency other than deliver it to us.

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Under the arrangements contemplated, not only will Americans be able to draw, but British AMCOT Finance Officers, like Major Hayes, will also be able to draw money. (It will probably be necessary for the C.C.A.O. to formally designate a Finance Officer for the purpose of withdrawing the funds.)

Col. Tillman stated that 343 has already issued orders requiring the conversion of currency into Yellow Seal dollars, and that copies of such orders will be furnished to us. He also stated that he is calling the currency simply Yellow Seal currency, and that all of the disbursing officers at 343 have been furnished copies of the circular issued by Force 141 relating to the inconvertibility of various currencies at an indicated rate, including Yellow Seal currency and MFA notes.

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Col. Tillman stated that it would be impossible to tell just how much Yellow Seal currency is being taken into the area by the Army personnel, but that approximately 30 million dollars will be taken in by the twelve disbursing officers of Force 343, each disbursing officer having about 2 to 2-1/2 million dollars in Yellow Seal. Col. Tillman will furnish us with information as to the amount of U.S. coinage being taken in by 343.

Some of the disbursing officers will go in with the Division troops around D4. He did not know definitely when the disbursing officers with the Corps troops would be allowed to go in. He was sure that all the disbursing officers would arrive at the latest by D30. Col. Tillman was not particularly concerned about the handling of company funds, since such funds are taken in by Postal Money Order to be converted at the A.P.O.'s. He will also let us know if his disbursing officers will be authorized to cash checks for company funds drawn by an Algerian bank in dollars. As far as concerns funds remitted to our troops from the States, he seemed to feel it was sufficient that such funds could be remitted by Postal Money Order or through traveler's checks, which the Finance Officers could cash. Col. Tillman estimated that anywhere from 5 to 15 million dollars of Yellow Seal currency might be in the personal possession of the troops.

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I described to Col. Tillman how we envisaged to handle the A.M. lira; that 10 ton would be sent by air to the Area Commander, Tunis, and the rest will come c/o AMCOT to U.S. Finance Officer at AMM.

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Col. Tillman stated that if he needed more Yellow Seal currency than the amount being taken in he would be able to get it from N. Africa.

24 June 1943

Lt. Col.

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TO: AQHAR

NO W 3283

SIGNED: EINTJHOVEN

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Early shipment by air desirable to replace and limit out payments yellow seal currency. (Reference your JLE of June 18). For this purpose minimum 10 tons mixed denominations should be consigned AMGOT care of Area Commander TUNIS by air. Water shipments should be consigned earliest as indicated by 2263 of June 8. ETA should be signalled later.

ORIGINATOR: COL HOLMES

AUTHENTICATION: COL J.C. HOLMES

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a) Dr. Col GUNSTON. CAG
 b) P/A.

ag/s
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NO PAY/70138, June 22, 1943

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Date	23 Jun 43
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ACTION: CHIEF FINANCIAL ADVISER (BR)

INFO: SGS
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MIL GOVT SEC (Col Holmes)
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FOETUNE FROM AMGOT

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TRIPBASE FOR 12TH ARMY MAIN HQ.

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BIGOT HUSKY MOST SECRET FOR BARRETT CIVIL AFFAIRS X Prior embarkation the senior
CAO of each of AMGOT parties with ACIDS and BARKS and senior CAO of RECCS party and
rear AMGOT HQ at CHIMPANZEE must be issued with five hundred (half one thousand)
pounds BMA X You will also arrange send one thousand (half two thousand) pounds
BMA to FIMLACE for DENSON X Total sum involved is four thousand pounds X Confirm

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P. Ruy Smith
Lt. Col.

P/B
22/6/2
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MOST SECRET BIGOT HUSKY
IMPORTANT

Subject: Force 1.1

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23 June 43
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Refce: 1 H.Q. 196/63

21st June, 1943.

Command Paymaster,
No. 2 Command Pay Office

1. The sum of 10 million lire was received in this office from the Civil Affairs Officer (AMGOT), Middle East, for safe custody and pending disposal instructions. On later instructions received, amounts as under have been disbursed :-

Lire

230,000 to A/G 1st Division on 9th June, 1943.
5,000,000 to Finance Officer, 12th Air Corps on 8th June, 1943.
2,000,000 to Lt. Col. J.A. Ogilthorpe (for U.S. Forces) on 15th June, 1943.
1,500,000 to Lt. Col. W. Stirling, Force 1.1, on 19th June, 1943.

8,730,000 Total Lire

2. The balance of Lire 1,270,000 is held in the safe of D.F.I.C.'s office.

3. The relative receipts and disbursement letters are forwarded to you for information and retention until such time as accounting instructions can be given.

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W. Thorne
Lt. Col.
for Brigadier
D/Paymaster-in-Chief
A.P.H.C. (British)

To SEC

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Copy sent to Lt. Col. G. H. Smith
(AMGOT)

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Civil Affairs
6th Air Force

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HEADQUARTERS
22 JUN 1943
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FROM: TROOPERS
TO: FORCE 141
ORIG: 152000 FS

TO: 1100
TH: 111
TOS: 1440/22

FOR AMOT FOR REMELL

WE HAVE ASSUMED FROM YOUR CA/115 31 MAY YOU WOULD LIKE BOTH BULK COIN
AND BULK WITH FORCE 7 AND HAVE ARRANGED ACCORDINGLY. COIN WILL NOT
BUT NOT THEREFORE BE SENT TO MOIERS AS STATED IN MY LETTER 16 MAY
TO STAMAG.

CIVIL AFFAIRS
(FOR GEN LORD REMELL)

ACTION:

SND: 15158/3681
T.T. 15332/3681

Regd
Re copy 76
49 and 44 and give to me an

TO SER
FINANCE

Memorandum for: Lt. Col. Grafftey-Smith
Lt. Col. Bernstein

The attached cable was handed to me by Col. Holmes. If it is in reply to earlier communication from your Division action should be changed to AMGOT.

AMGOT
In the Field

Encl. *None*

C. M. SPOTFORD
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Principal Administrative Officer
AMGOT

P/A 22/6/43

See 39 with Col
Reply
Holmes
will send up
copy all 2/3
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20 June 1943

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20 June 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major Hayes, Force 343

SUBJECT: Designation of Class "A" Agents & drawing of currency.

The following SECRET Finance Officers to be attached to Force 343 are being designated as Class "A" Agents by official order through arrangements with Colonel Sims, Chief Finance Officer, AFHQ:

Lt. Gans
Capt. Ferrara
Capt. Puccinelli
Lt. Becker

Will you arrange to have sufficient funds drawn thru Lt. Gans to provide \$4,000 in Yellow Seal currency to Lt. Colonel Polotti and \$2,000 in Yellow Seal currency to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer. With each Sub-Task Force, before embarkation, Col. Polotti and the other Senior Civil Affairs Officers will decide what, if any, amount of such funds will be made available to other CAG's. Each \$1000 or \$200 given funds will be instructed that he is responsible for the safe custody of such funds and for producing supporting receipts showing the extent and nature of disbursements.

You will instruct each of the 4 above named persons who are to be Class "A" Agents that they are not at any time to draw any funds as Class "A" Agents, without the prior written approval of a Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

Since you are not a Class "A" Agent, any funds which you require will be drawn through one of the above named Class "A" Agents.

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Lt. Col.

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The following AGENT Finance Officers to be attached to Force 43 are being designated as Class "A" Agents by official order through arrangements with Colonel Sims, Chief Finance Officer, AFHQ:

Lt. Gans
Capt. Perrera
Capt. Puccinelli
Lt. Becker

Will you arrange to have sufficient funds drawn thru Lt. Gans to provide \$4,000 in Yellow Seal currency to Lt. Colonel Poletti and \$2,000 in Yellow Seal currency to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer. With each Sub-Task Force, before embarkation, Col. Poletti and the other Senior Civil Affairs Officers will decide what, if any, amount of such funds will be made available to other CMO's. Each CMO or CAO given funds will be instructed that he is responsible for the safe custody of such funds and for producing supporting receipts showing the extent and nature of disbursements.

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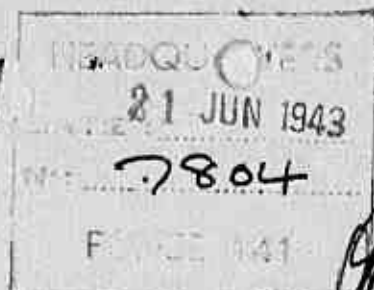
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AGENT
141 Force
Field

as

Lt. Col.
CFO

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HEADQUARTERS FORCE 3
Civil Affairs Section

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343F/200p3/CA

18 June 1943

Chief Civil Affairs Officer,
C. A. Brauch,
141 Force.

For attention of Lt. Colonel Bernskein

This is to warn you that up to today the Chief Finance Officer 343 Force has not received any instructions regarding the unlimited credits which are to be opened with him in favour of Civil Affairs Finance Officers, 343 Force.

Will you please take the necessary action.

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer:

CYRIL HAYES,
Major,
Civil Affairs Officer.

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ACTION
See 73.

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IMMEDIATE
CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO 6072
20 JUNE 43. *71*

FROM : MIDEAST FROM CIVIL AFFAIRS.
TO : FREEDOM
RPTD : FORTUNE FOR AMGOT FOR DEIC.
ORIG NO : OET/68783

T00.1015
THI.11150/20
TOR.1428B/20.

MY 68606 OF 19/6. REGRET POSTPONED. WILL FORWARD EARLIEST.

SMC DISTRIBUTION

CIVIL AFFAIRS 4 ACTION

SMC.1905B/28677
T.T.1915B/20. SSB.

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COPY ALSO ON
7851 - BRITISH STAFF

To SEE
ADVANCE
or PIA 7/6
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WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE OF

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HEADQUARTERS
DATE 20 JUN 1943
IN: 7804/7851
FORCE 141

AFEC N5/20
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: MIDEAST

TO : FREEDOM RPTD VORTUNE FOR AMGOT

NO : OET 68606 19 June 1943

COPY ALSO ON
7851 - "BRITISH STAFF"

For DPIC from CIVAFFAIRS.

Col EMERSON arriving MAISON BLANCHE PM Sunday with
currency.

ACTION: LPIC

INFORMATION: FORCE 141
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CIVIL AFFAIRS
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SMC. 1115B/20.
T.T. 1130B/20. JGD.

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Col BERNSTEIN

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DATE 19 JUN 1943

NO. 7804

BIGOT HUSKY.
MOST SECRET.

FORCE

CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

"RECEIVED FROM AFHQ"

FOLIO NO: 5536
JUNE 18TH 1943FROM : AGWAR.
TO : FREEDOM.
ORIG. NO: 512TOO : NIL
THI : NIL
TOR : 18456/18BIGOT HUSKY - MOST SECRET.

ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY SHIPMENT, STATED IN TERMS OF HUSKY
REVISED AS FOLLOWS: 1'S, 100,000,000, 2'S, 50,000,000, 5'S,
25,000,000, 10'S, 10,000,000, 50'S, 16,000,000, 100'S,
15,000,000, 500'S, 1,800,000, 1,000'S, 1000,000, TOTAL NUMBER
OF NOTES 218,800,000. TOTAL FACE VALUE 4,025,000,000 WHICH
INCLUDES 18,800,000 NOTES TOTAL FACE VALUE 1,800,000,000,
REQUESTED BY BRITISH AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE AMOUNT THEY NOW HAVE
AVAILABLE.

ENTIRE SHIPMENT WILL OCCUPY 10,200 CUBIC FEET AND WEIGH 162 TONS
(REFERENCE RADIO 2436 JUNE 3 AND YOUR RADIO W 226 JUNE # INSERT
S.) FIRST SHIPMENT WILL BE READY HERE FOR WATER
TRANSPORTATION TO DESTINATION 10 DAYS FROM D DAY AND 3RD AND
FINAL SHIPMENT WILL BE READY HERE 4 WEEKS FROM D DAY SPFF SHOULD
PROVISION BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT OF ANY PORTION BY AIR, IF SO WHAT
AMOUNT REQUEST MORE SPECIFIC SHIPPING DESTINATION AS SOON AS
AVAILABLE.

ACTION : COL. HOLMES.

SMC. DISTRIBUTION.

INFORMATION:

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CAO
FORCE 141
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SMC : 18508/18

TT : 21303/18 DWP

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HEADQUARTERS
DATE: 17 June 1943
N: 7804
ADDITIONAL PLANNING INSTRUCTION NO. 9.

AMGOT
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BIGOT

141F/3127/A

17 June 1943

Copy No. 86

The following paragraph will be added to Adm Planning Instruction No. 9 - Currency and Finance.

Major-General,
Major-General i/c Administration,
Force 141.

7. Allowances (British Troops).

(a) Colonial Allowance.

- (i) Colonial Allowance for all troops engaged in operation HUSKY is fixed provisionally at current Egyptian rates. ✓
- (ii) Troops moving from North Africa to FINANCE will retain their present entitlements on the same provisional basis. ✓
- (iii) The same rates will be extended to the garrison of FINANCE. 3674

(b) Field Allowance.

- (i) HORRIFIED will be declared a field allowance area. ✓
- (ii) While field allowance is being drawn, half rate of Colonial Allowance only is admissible.

(c) Effective Dates.

Except as detailed in sub-para (a)(ii) the effective date for these allowances will be D day or the date of individual disembarkation in HORRIFIED, whichever is the later. e/p

DISTRIBUTION:- As for Adm Planning Instruction No. 9.

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PAY AND ALLOWANCES - OFFICERS.

All pay and allowances will continue to be credited to officers' accounts at home by Agents or the Officer in Charge, Army Pay Office (Officers) Manchester. No accounts for officers will be maintained in theatre of operations, but the cash advances which officers may draw from Field Cashiers are based on the local allowances issuable, plus a proportion (approximately 50%) of the officers' pay.

Family Allowance.

Officers are responsible for notifying any casualty which may affect the issue of this allowance - any notifications received from officers' wives by the Officer in Charge, Army Pay Office, Manchester, will, however, be acted upon and rates of family allowance amended without waiting for the officers' confirmation.

Field and Colonial Allowance.

Initially, field and colonial allowance will be issuable under the usual conditions to all officers in the theatre of operations and it will not be necessary for units and formations to claim these allowances.

Command, Additional and Charge Pay.

Entitlement of officers to these emoluments must be notified on A.F. W.3010 and a separate copy of this form sent to the Command Paymaster as soon as possible after disembarkation, the other copy of the form being disposed of in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Vol. I., Appendix III. These emoluments need not be claimed monthly thereafter, but will continue in issue until a further A.F. W.3010 is received by the Command Paymaster notifying cessation. To avoid overpayments and the consequent hardship of recovery, it is essential that the Command Paymaster should receive immediate and direct notification on A.F. W.3010 of any casualties which affect the issue of these emoluments. A.F. W.3010 rendered to the Command Paymaster will bear special serial number headed by the letter "P".

Appointments to, and relinquishments of, acting or temporary rank.

These casualties will be recorded on A.F. W.3010 and a separate copy will be sent to the Command Paymaster, the other copy being disposed of in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Vol. I., Appendix III.

Advances - Cash in the Field.

The following are the maximum amounts that may be advanced to officers at any one time, and will be limited to three in any one calendar month. These amounts cover advances of pay and include field and colonial allowances which will be credited to all officers by the Officer in Charge, Manchester. Should the

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2nd Lt. & Lt.	3 advances of	£4 per calendar month.
Captain	"	£6 "
Major	"	£8 "
Lt.Col. & Col.	"	£10 "
Brigadier	"	£12 "
General Officers	"	£16 "

C.A.I.M.N.S.

Sisters	"	£3 "
Matrons	"	£5 "

Officers are responsible that they have sufficient funds available at home to meet advances drawn.

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The daily rates of field and colonial allowances which are included in the above are:-

	Field Allowance.	Colonial Allowance.
2nd Lt. & Lt. & Sister Q.A.I.M.N.S.	2s/-	(Vide A.O. 224/39 as amended by A.O. 69/40).
Captain	3s/-	
Field Officers & Matrons Q.A.I.M.N.S.	3s/6d.	

First issues of officers' advances books (A.F. W.3241) will be demanded by Officers Commanding Units from the field cashier of the formation to which the unit belongs. When demanding the books the O.C. Unit will furnish a nominal roll of the officers requiring them and will certify that the officers are serving with his unit and that no officer is already in possession of a book. After distribution the C.O. Unit will send to the cashier a statement showing the serial number of the books issued to individual officers supported by their receipts. Any books not required must be returned to the cashier immediately.

In no circumstances will private cheques be accepted by Army cashiers.

IMPREST ACCOUNTS.

The general instructions to imprest holders detailed in Section 193, Field Service Regulations, Vol. I, 1930, will be applicable subject to the modifications shown hereunder:-

Cash will be obtained from Field or Area cashiers by requisition on A.F. N.1488. An imprest number will be allotted by Field or Area cashiers when dealing with the first application for cash, and this number will be quoted on all future A.Fs. No.1488, and on any vouchers or correspondence in connection with the imprest account, A.F. N.1531A. or Nq.1531B.

Books of A.F. N.1488 will be carefully safeguarded. Loss of these forms, whether completed or not, will be reported immediately to the Field or Area Cashier. Cash balances will be kept as small as possible. The account should be balanced on the last day of each month and be rendered, together with all supporting vouchers, to the Command Paymaster.

Payment of Troops.

Attention is directed to Section 195, Field Service Regulations, Vol. I., 1930, in which the procedure for payment of troops on acquittance rolls, compilation of the monthly imprest account, entries in the soldier's pay book (A.B.64 (Part II)) and the making or variation of Voluntary Allotments and remittances is detailed.

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With regard to Acquittance Rolls and Imprest Accounts, the following modifications should be noted:

Acquittance Rolls, and Imprest Accounts are now issued in the form of a refill for Army Book 6, and each refill contains:

20 A.Fs. N.1513 Overseas Acquittance Rolls (large) in triplicate	
4 " " " (small) " " "	
8 " " Summary	
2 " N.1513A. Statement of Imprest Account, in duplicate.	

Instructions for the use of these forms are printed on the cover of the refills, but it should be specially noted that the "Paymaster" to whom Acquittance Rolls (original and duplicate), Acquittance Roll Summaries and the Imprest Accounts are to be rendered is the Command Paymaster, to whom all correspondence in connection with pay services should be addressed.

Applications/

Applications for payment of remittances will be made on A.F. 01727A., which will be rendered in duplicate to the Command Paymaster. Any further instructions found to be necessary in this connection will be published in G.R.Os.

It may not be possible for all units to pay out on the same day, as the obtaining of cash on imprest will depend upon the itinerary of Field Cashiers, which will be notified in Divisional or other formation orders.

Colonial Allowance.

The daily rates of Colonial Allowance for W.Os., N.C.Os., and men in the theatre of operations are:-

W.O.I.	8d.
W.O.II & III and S/Sergeant	7d.
Sergeant	6d.
Private	4d.

In accordance with A.O. 224/39 as amended by A.O. 69/40, only half the above rates for W.Os. I, II & III will be payable when Field Allowance is in issue.

Field Allowance will be payable under the usual conditions to W.Os. at the following daily rates:-

W.O.I	1s/-
W.O.II	6d.
W.O.III	3d.

REQUISITIONING, ETC.

In accordance with International Law

(a) All State property, and

(b) Private property clearly susceptible of direct military use

should be seized without payment during the war. Other private property will either be paid for at once or requisitioned and paid for at some early convenient time.

In cases of doubt property should be requisitioned and the papers referred to the Joint Claims Committee for decision as to whether any payment should be made.

In fixing prices care should be taken to prevent, as far as possible, enemy subjects making a profit.

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When requisitioning is found to be necessary, the applicable army forms and books will be issued by the Command Paymaster, in whose office the Central Payment Office for Requisitions will be incorporated. The instructions laid down in Section 176-178 Field Service Regulations, Vol. I, 1930, will be complied with and requisition receipt notes will be disposed of in accordance with Appendix VII of Field Service Regulations. The duplicate notes will be despatched in separate envelopes marked "Duplicate requisition notes". The triplicate notes when forwarded to the Central Payment Office should be listed, A.F. P. 1922 being used for this purpose if convenient.

In the doubtful cases referred to above all the copies of the requisition receipt notes should be clearly endorsed that the case has been referred to the Joint Claims Committee for decision as to whether payment should be made.

Attention is directed to Section 192 Field Service Regulations, Vol. I., 1930 - it is not anticipated that banking facilities will be available in the theatre of operations in the earlier stages, and it will therefore be necessary

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for payment for supplies, etc., purchased to be made in cash. All purchases will be dealt with as bills under home procedure and will normally be paid, after examination, by the Command Paymaster.

Units, formations, etc., will therefore ensure that a bill on A.F. P.1922 or, where necessary, an alternative or manuscript form is prepared and certified regarding the rates charged, and forwarded to the Command Paymaster. A.F. P.1964 (Confidential list of bills) or manuscript form in lieu will be despatched under separate cover to the Command Paymaster.

BILLETING.

In order to avoid economic hardship when the owner or family is present in the territory, payment should be made for privately owned premises wholly taken over, but no payment should be made for billeting not involving the removal of the occupant.

POWERS TO SETTLE CLAIMS.

The British Claims Commission have powers to settle claims, without reference to London, up to £1,250 each.

Individual claims officers in the territory will have power to settle claims up to £50 each:

The War Office (P.5).
June, 1943.

MOOST SECRET

O.C. TROOPS (British and Canadian)

Instructions for the exchange of money in possession of British and Canadian Troops.

1. In the Theatre of Operations both British and Canadian troops will be paid in Special Sterling Notes "issued by the British Military Authority".

2. It is of the utmost importance that NO ordinary sterling notes should be in possession of troops after they have landed. A Ships' Order should be published to this effect.

3. With this end in view, an officer of the R.A.P.C. (he will be known as the "Perry" Paymaster, in order to distinguish him from other R.A.P.C. officers) has been specially placed on board each personnel and Grade I M.T. ship to exchange ordinary sterling in possession of all ranks on board.

4. He has been ordered to report to you and you should afford him any assistance, clerical or otherwise, and the necessary accommodation to enable him to carry out his duties. It will be necessary for Unit Commanders to collect and list ordinary sterling in possession of all ranks. The Paymaster will exchange it in bulk for each unit and the Unit Commander will then distribute the special notes. Exchanges for officers can, if necessary, be effected individually direct by the Perry Paymaster. The exchanges, both for officers and other ranks, should obviously be effected not too close to the day of disembarkation.

5. The last payday for British troops prior to disembarkation will be in the Special B.M.A. notes: other paydays during the voyage will be in ordinary sterling. The date on which ordinary sterling remaining in possession of troops should be exchanged for B.M.A. notes is left to your discretion, but should of course be subsequent to the last payday for British troops on which ordinary sterling has been issued. Cash for paydays for British troops other than the final one will be drawn from the Ship's ordinary sterling Imprest. Any balance remaining in this Imprest will be handed over to the Perry Paymaster together with the Imprest account and Vouchers prior to disembarkation.

6. Canadian troops will receive only one issue of pay during the voyage. This will be on or about 30th June, 1943, and will be their normal end of June payment. If at this time the changeover from ordinary sterling to B.M.A. sterling has not been effected then the payment will be in ordinary sterling from the Imprest of O.C. troops, but if the change has been made the payment will be in B.M.A. notes supplied by the Perry Paymaster. In any case acquittance rolls (in duplicate) will have been prepared beforehand by a Canadian Paymaster or Canadian pay clerk detailed by O.C. Troops. If a Canadian Paymaster is available he will be responsible also for making the actual payments to Canadian troops but if no Canadian Paymaster is on board the O.C. Troops will detail a Canadian Officer to make the payments. In either case both copies of the acquittance rolls will be handed to the officer who issued the cash, i.e., to the O.C. troops if the payments were in sterling or the

been ordered to report to you and you should afford him any assistance, clerical or otherwise, and the necessary accommodation to enable him to carry out his duties. It will be necessary for Unit Commanders to collect and list ordinary sterling in possession of all ranks. The Paymaster will exchange it in bulk for each unit and the Unit Commander will then distribute the special notes. Exchanges for officers can, if necessary, be effected individually direct by the Ferry Paymaster. The exchanges, both for officers and other ranks, should obviously be effected not too close to the day of disembarkation.

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6. Canadian troops will receive only one issue of pay during the voyage. This will be on or about 30th June, 1943, and will be their normal end of June payment. If at this time the changeover from ordinary sterling to B.M.A. sterling has not been effected then the payment will be in ordinary sterling from the imprest of O.C. troops, but if the change has been made the payment will be in B.M.A. notes supplied by the Ferry Paymaster. In any case acquittance rolls (in duplicate) will have been prepared beforehand by a Canadian Paymaster or Canadian pay clerk detailed by O.C. Troops. If a Canadian Paymaster is available he will be responsible also for making the actual payments to Canadian troops but if no Canadian Paymaster is on board the O.C. Troops will detail a Canadian Officer to make the payments. In either case both copies of the acquittance rolls will be handed to the officer who issued the cash, i.e., to the O.C. troops if the payments were in sterling or the Ferry Paymaster if the payments were in B.M.A. notes.

7. In no circumstances must it be possible for the Special B.M.A. notes to be taken ashore by troops to places other than final destination. If your ship does not proceed to Theatre of Operations you should get into touch with the Embarkation Paymaster at the port at which your ship is diverted, immediately on arrival there.

8. Ships' Canteens will be informed that B.M.A. notes may be accepted and will be exchanged by the Ferry Paymaster for a receipt which will be redeemed in sterling on presentation to the Officer i/c Central Clearing House, Ilfracombe. Alternatively, if Pursers so desire, ordinary sterling may be given in exchange instead of a receipt.

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9. For your information the rate of exchange for all transactions will be:-
£1 sterling = £1 B.M.A. = 4.47 Canadian Dollars.

10. The Ferry Paymaster will not leave the ship at the Theatre of Operations, but will contact the Embarkation Paymaster at the first port the ship touches after leaving the Theatre of Operations. The Ferry Paymaster is in possession of a letter addressed to Command Paymasters abroad, setting out the procedure to be followed as regards the disposal of all cash and supporting vouchers, including acquittance rolls etc., in his possession.

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F.5.
War Office.
1st June, 1943.

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SEALED INSTRUCTIONS TO "FERRY" PAYMASTERS.

NOTE - These instructions apply to all Troops in your ship including Canadians.

1. Contained in the packing case(s) in your custody are Special sterling notes issued by the British Military Authority. They will be one of the currencies in circulation in the Theatre of Operations to which your ship is proceeding.

2. Each packing case issued to you contains the following denominations of B.M.A. notes:-

<u>Number of notes</u>	<u>Value of note</u>	<u>Total amount</u>
10,000	1s. 0d.	£ 500
10,000	2s. 6d.	1,250
10,000	5s. 0d.	2,500
10,000	10s. 0d.	5,000
3,000	21. 0s. 0d.	<u>3,000</u>
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It is of the utmost importance that no ordinary sterling notes or silver of the larger denominations should be introduced by troops into this Theatre or to any place your ship may be diverted. Coppers and the small denominations of silver coin will be used and will be retained by all ranks. On instructions from O.C. Troops if in your duty whilst on board to exchange all ordinary sterling notes and large silver (one shilling and upwards) for B.M.A. notes in your possession. The rate of exchange is 10/- sterling = £1 B.M.A. Bank of England notes of 25 and upwards should not be in possession of Troops, but any held will be exchanged by you for B.M.A. notes and a record made of their serial numbers. Cheques, letters of credit and Canadian advance forms should not be in any circumstances be cashed. Any Canadian Dollars held may be held should be exchanged at a rate of exchange 4/-17 Canadian Dollars = £1 B.M.A.

3. You should consult the O.C. Troops on board as early as possible regarding the procedure for effecting the exchange. Assistance will be necessary from Unit Commanders in collecting and listing ordinary sterling in possession of other ranks so that exchange may be made by you in bulk.

4. Imprest accounts held by British Units should have been closed and balances refunded to Command Cashiers prior to embarkation. Any units which have omitted to do so will hand over to you any balances and obtain your receipt. B.M.A. notes will not be given in exchange for such balances. Detailed instructions regarding the

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5. As regards British troops the last payday on board ship prior to reaching the Theatre of Operations will be made in E.M.A. currency notes which will be issued by you from your stock to Company etc. Commanders. Such payments from your accounts will be accompanied by completed acquittance rolls which must be returned to you by Company etc. Commanders.

6. Similar payments (for British troops) during the voyage will be made in sterling from the Ship's Imprest Account. You should give the O.C. Troops such assistance as they may require in closing this Imprest Account prior to arrival at the Theatre of Operations and hand over from him the account, acquittance rolls and other vouchers, together with any balance remaining which will be handed over to the Embarkation Registrar as in paragraph 5 below.

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8. After leaving the Theatre of Operations you will (a) exchange for ordinary sterling all B.M.A. notes in possession of the ship's company, (b) collect all B.M.A. notes in possession of the Ships' Canteens, issue a receipt for the amounts collected and inform the canteen managers that credit for the corresponding amount of sterling will be given on demand to the Officer i/c Central Clearing House, Ilfracombe. Alternatively, if Pursers etc. so desire, ordinary sterling may be given in exchange instead of the receipt.

9. All sterling B.M.A. and other currency will be handed over by you to the Librarian Paymaster at the first port your ship touches after leaving the Theatre of Operations together with your account, the ships' Imprest account, units' Imprest accounts, each case with all supporting vouchers, and the attached letter addressed to all Command Paymasters abroad which contains disposal instructions. The Command Paymaster will arrange for your account to be cleared back to the Central Clearing House, Ilfracombe, in exactly the same manner as an ordinary ship's imprest account.

10. To distinguish you from other R.A.P.C. officers who will be proceeding for duty overseas you will be known as the "FERRY" Paymaster.

R.A.P.C.
War Office.

1st June, 1943.

Copy sent to Brigadier Stanham 5.6.43.

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NOTES ON CLOSING AND COLLECTION OF BALANCES

ON UNITS' IMPREST ACCOUNTS

The following notes are issued as a guide to Ferry Paymasters temporarily employed on Troopships conveying Units from U.K. to a theatre of war overseas where the imprest holder has found it impracticable satisfactorily to close down his sterling imprest account before embarkation.

(1) You will interview all Officers Commanding Units or other Officers who held imprest accounts in the U.K. up to date of embarkation and satisfy yourself that their imprest accounts have been correctly closed down prior to embarkation, and if for any reason it has not been possible to do so, take the following action:-

- (a) If the Imprest Holder has handed his account over to another before leaving, obtain particulars of the Officer to whom the imprest account was handed over, his Unit and address, together with particulars of any imprest account that Officer is still responsible for in the U.K., with full designation and imprest number.
- (b) Collate this information in writing so that it can be forwarded by you on your return to the Central Clearing House, Ilfracombe.
- (2) If the Imprest Holder is still in possession of his account and/or balances of cash:-
 - (a) Take over the cash, give a receipt, and note the Imprest Account particulars and amounts in your Cash Book.
 - (b) Take over the Imprest Account and collect all documents connected therewith and give a receipt.

(3) The following are some notes regarding points to be watched on taking over the Imprest Account as at 2 (b) above. The documents required are as follows, details of any missing being taken by you, where necessary:-

- (a) Cash Book (A.B. 69).
- (b) Bank Pass Book.
- (c) Cheque Book.
- (d) A.F.M. 1531 (Imprest Account) and vouchers. You must ensure that there is a voucher for each entry in the M.1531.
- (e) Contingent Account and Vouchers.
- (f) Postage Account.
- (g) Any unpaid bills in his possession.
- (h) Ration Cash Allowance Statement and N.A.A.F.I. receipts.

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(i) A completed cheque for the Bank Balance, made payable to Officer i/c Central Clearing House, Ilfracombe.

(j) Any acquittance rolls effecting payments in the U.K. which had not been forwarded to the Home Paymaster before embarkation.

(4) If the account has not been closed, you should if time permits, have this done by the Imprest Holder and give any assistance in your power.

(5) Scrutinize all vouchers, and ensure they are complete, bearing in mind that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain any information by correspondence afterwards.

(6) Ensure that all outstanding observations have been cleared and give any help in your power in this connection.

(7) Satisfy yourself of the accuracy of the cash book by cross checking the vouchers and cheque counterfoils.

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- (8) Obtain full particulars of all outstanding bills not rendered to the Imprest Holder such as Name and Address of Contractor, nature and date of purchase, rates, quantities and total amount (e.g. Laundry bills, boot repairs, etc.).
- (9) Obtain all necessary certificates and ensure they are complete. (e.g. Charges fair and reasonable, service satisfactorily performed etc.)

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War Office.
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Memorandum for:-

Command Paymasters abroad

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The bearer of this Memorandum, a Ferry Paymaster returning from a Theatre of Operations, will hand to you, against your receipt, ordinary sterling notes and coin, E.M.A. notes Series and possibly Canadian dollars, together with his account and all supporting vouchers. The Ferry Paymaster's account should be cleared by you with the Central Clearing House, Ilfracombe. The balance of the Ship's Imprest Account and any balances of Units' Imprest accounts taken over by the Ferry Paymaster will also be handed over to you, together with the Imprest Accounts and vouchers for clearance in the normal manner.

The ordinary sterling notes and coin should be added to your existing stocks of such currency.

E.M.A. notes handed over should be despatched, when a suitable opportunity arises, to the Chief Paymaster, Force 545, and adjustment effected by P.M.A.

Arrangements should be made for the bearer of this memorandum to be returned to the United Kingdom as soon as possible.

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War Office.
1st. June 1943.

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SUBJECT: REQUISITIONING OF CASH.

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FINANCE OFFICER
A.F.H.Q.

With reference to our conversation of 4th June (Colonel Sims and Lt. Col. Grafftey - Smith speaking) I shall be grateful if you could arrange for the Finance Officers accompanying Force 343 to meet requisitions of cash presented by the undermentioned officers. It is understood that you will arrange for each of the undersigned to be provided with the relevant book of forms used for the requisitioning of cash.

Major Hayes

will sign [Signature] major.

Lieut. Perera

will sign [Signature]

Lieut. Gans

will sign [Signature]

Capet.
Lieut. Puccinelli

will sign [Signature]

Lieut. Becker

Will Sign [Signature]

AMGOT
141 FORCE
IN THE FIELD
10th JUNE 1943.

[Signature]
Lieut. Col.
C.F.O.

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SUBJECT: REQUISITIONING OF CASH

MOST SECRET 62

141F/7804/CA

10 June 1943

TO: COMMAND PAYMASTER
No. 2 Command Pay Office,
Pointe, Pescadi, Algiers.

With reference to our conversation of 9th June
(Lt. Col. WORSLEY and Lt. Col. GRAFFTEY - SMITH speak-
ing) I hereby request you to ^{make} to the best of your
ability any requisitions of cash presented to you by the
officers whose names and signatures are appended below.
It is understood that you will provide each of the under-
signed with a book of forms for "Requisition for Cash".

Lt. Col. Barrett

will sign.....*R. M. Barrett*.....

Major Macfadzean

will sign.....*A. H. Jackson*.....

Lt. Clay

will sign.....*Eugene H. Clay*.....

A. P. Macfarlane

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ADM PLANNING INSTRUCTION NO 2

CURRENCY AND FINANCE

1. INFLATION

The danger of inflation in HORNIFIED caused by operation HUSKY is very real and must be guarded against by every possible means.

Inflation resulting from operation TORCH in North Africa caused considerable hardship, and directly affected the Allied shipping resources owing to the necessity of importing relief supplies.

It is equally important that stocks of standard Allied currency should not become available in any area outside the immediate currency control.

2. CURRENCY

- (a) Currency to be used by British, Canadian and United States troops in the theatre of operations in the initial stages will be British Military Authority (B.M.A.) special Sterling notes, and United States Military Authority (Yellow Seal) special dollar notes.
- (b) No ordinary sterling notes, U.S. dollar notes, Canadian dollar notes, Egyptian currency, local Algerian or French currency notes should be in possession of troops after they have landed in HORNIFIED.
- (c) Arrangements will therefore be made to exchange local currency, ordinary sterling, or U.S. currency notes held by all ranks for B.M.A. notes or Yellow Seal notes respectively, shortly before embarkation or during the voyage.
- (d) Orders will be issued for unit commanders to collect and list currency described in sub-para (c), so that exchange can be made in bulk by field cashiers/finance disbursing officers.

3. RATES OF EXCHANGE

(a) £1 Sterling

= 4 dollars U.S.A.
= 4.47 dollars Canadian
= 200 francs
= £1 B.M.A.

(b) £1

= 4.10 dollars U.S.A.
= 4.50 dollars Canadian

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	= 4.58 dollars Canadian
	= 205 francs
	= 20/6 B.M.A.
(c) 1 dollar U.S.	= 5/- Sterling
	= 5/- B.M.A.
	= 50 francs
	= 24.39 pinstres
(d) 1 dollar Canadian	= 4/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sterling
	= 4/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ B.M.A.
	= 44.74 francs
	= 89.4 cents U.S.A.

- (e) The rate of exchange into HORRIFIED local currency will be published later.

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4. LOCAL CURRENCY - HORRIFIED

Local currency for use in the theatre of operations will be available for payment to the local population for labour and other administrative needs under arrangements delegated by Heads of Services concerned.

Cwing to the limited supply available it will on no account be issued to troops.

5. OPERATIONAL IMPREST(a) British Formations

(i) Formation commanders may approve the opening of operational imprest accounts by unit commanders in cases where the successful conduct of operations may depend on money being quickly available for expenditure in the country in which troops are operating.

(ii) It must be clearly understood by unit commanders that these accounts are for urgent operational needs only; and must not be used for purchase of food or materials which can be obtained by normal means.

(iii) Cash in local currency for this purpose will be drawn in bulk from the field cashier and should be restricted to the amount that is immediately necessary.

(iv) A unit commander may, if he thinks necessary, make bulk payments to his subordinates. In such cases he will show the name of the subordinate in his imprest account, and the subordinate will account to the unit commander for his expenditure.

(v) The operational imprest account is the responsibility of the unit commander, but he may delegate maintenance of the account to an officer not already responsible for a normal company or unit imprest account. Cash advances to officers or cash payments to other ranks will not be made from the operational imprest account.

(vi) The unit commander will authorise all payments, and the account will be rendered with vouchers and receipts etc to the command paymaster. Where operational factors make it impracticable to obtain receipts, a separate note by the officer concerned, describing the payment, will be accepted.

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(b) U.S. Forces

Funds for operational needs are being allotted to CG Force 343 direct by AFHQ.

6. ECONOMY MEASURES

- (a) Conservation of Allied financial reserve is as important as avoiding inflation.
- (b) All ranks should be encouraged by every means to save by remittances home, increases in allotments, and investment in Post Office Savings Bank/Savings Accounts or Savings Certificates/War Bonds.
- (c) Area commanders will restrict the availability of hotels and restaurants etc to troops in the early stages in order to limit as far as possible the flow of funds from the forces which would constitute a drain on the Allied financial strength, as well as a factor causing inflation in HOLLAND.

- (C) The natural inclination to spend money on souvenirs in the early stages in a new country is a factor that should not be ignored. Instructions with a view to limiting this should be issued on the grounds of security and postal difficulties, as well as of economy.

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W.D. [Signature]
Major-General,
Major-General i/c Administration,
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 COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF RELATED MATTERS IN MAKING DECISIONS.

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 Date 10.6.43
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 TO : **AFHQ**
 ORIG NO : **W 2203**

SIGNED EISENHOWER

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CURRENCY & FINANCE.

The currency to be used by British and Canadian Troops in the theatre of operations in the initial stages will be special sterling notes "issued by the British Military Authority" commonly known as B.M.A. notes.

It is important that no ordinary sterling notes, Canadian dollar notes, or local Algerian or French currency notes should be in possession of troops after they have landed.

Arrangements will be made to exchange local currency and ordinary sterling held by all ranks for B.M.A. notes shortly before embarkation. Orders will be issued for unit commanders to collect and list local currency and ordinary sterling so that exchange can be made in bulk by Field Cashiers. The official rate of exchange for all purposes will be:- 200 francs = £1 sterling = 4.47 Canadian dollars = £1 B.M.A.

Local currency for use in the theatre of operations is ~~not~~ available for payment to the local population for labour or other operational needs, but owing to the limited supply, this currency will on no account be issued to troops.

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IMMEDIATE
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HEADQUARTERS

COLIO NO. 2911

6 JUNE 43.

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TOO: 0945C/06
THI: 1440B06
TCR: 1745B

FROM: MIDEAST
TO: G-4 MOV AIR AFHQ FOR LIAISON SECTION AFHQ
ORIG NO: MOV/F/61235

THEIR 7847 5TH JUNE 3 PKOES LINE MARKED AG/28 ACCOMPANYING CAPT BAIRD.
DISPATCHED AM TODAY ON AIRCRAFT HUDSON 526.

A.F.H.Q. DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: LIAISON

INFO: SGS

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Middle East. Apart from this, the above plan conforms to the proposals made in paragraphs 1 to 8 of the P.U.S (P) letter.

6. In addition, a Field Cash Office will be attached to each division and will carry with it a sufficient supply of B.M.A Notes for use until such time as they can be replenished from the main stock.

Brigadier
Deputy Paymaster-in-Chief
A.P.H.Q. (British)

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Subject: Pay Services Force 141

JUNE 7 1945
HEADQUARTERS

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FORCE 141

MOST SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Refco: 1 H.Q./Pay/19/26

26th May, 1945.

Major General i/o Administration, Force 141

The composition of R.A.P.C and attached personnel referred to in paragraph 3 of P.U.S (P) letter dated 13th May, 1945, is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>R.A.P.C. Officers</u>	<u>R.A.P.C. O.R.</u>	<u>Attached Men</u>
Command Pay Office	(Special) Chief Paymaster and	12	55	15
Area Cash Office (Fort)	IV/62A/1	3	3	1
3 Field Cash Offices (For Sub Areas)	III/57/1	{ 1 1 1	{ 1 1 1	{ 2 2 2
	Total	18	61	22

Suggested PLAN for Pay Services

1. The Chief Paymaster (Col. Rooney) with one officer, two R.A.P.C other ranks and one attached man to be taken from the Command Pay Office Establishment and attached to H.Q. D.I Force. Total 2 officers 3 other ranks.

2. D + 3 Staff Paymaster Class 1 (Lt.Col)
3 R.A.P.C Officers
3 R.A.P.C other ranks
1 attached man.
Total 4 officers 4 other ranks

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The above will take with them local currency and will need to leave here in time for transshipment with the first follow up of the Eastern Task Force.

This advanced party will set up a Cash Office for the issue of local currency for operational needs, payment of local labour and local purchases. It will also be in a position to take over any cash impounded from local Government and other sources.

3. D + 14. 8 R.A.P.C. Officers
25 " Other Ranks
12 attached men.
Total 8 officers 35 other ranks.

This will include the complete Area Cash Office and 3 Field Cash Offices for Sub-Areas. The Staff Paymaster in command will also set up a central requisition office and form the nucleus of the Command Pay Office. With this party will be the balance of local currency available and a further stock of B.M.A. Notes

4. D + 28 5 R.A.P.C. Officers
33 " Other Ranks
8 attached men
Total 5 officers 41 other ranks.

This will complete the Command Pay Office Establishment. The main stock of B.M.A. Notes () will be sent with this party.

5. In view of the fact that the advanced party for D + 3 will have to join the Eastern Task Force, I consider that it will not be necessary for an additional advanced Base Pay Office to be provided by Middle East as contemplated in Paragraph 6 of the P.U.S. (F) letter. Instructions concerning finance and currency are being received by me direct from the War Office and it is of the greatest importance that the officer in charge of the advanced party should understand the general policy. For this reason I consider it essential he should be found from here and not from

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 DATE: 6 JUN 1943
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EMERGENCY OPS.
 CIPHER MESSAGE
 IN

FOLIO NO 2681.
 5 JUNE 43.

FROM : LIAISON APTQ SIGNED BY HOWER.
 TO : HEADQUARTERS FOR G(OPS) AND CIVIL AFFAIRS.
 ORIG. NO: 7857 CITE PHILA.

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5,000,000 LIRE MUST BE SENT HERE MOST IMMEDIATE. IF 10,000,000 READY TO MOVE AND PACKED, SEND 10,000,000. LIRE TO LEAVE BY TOMORROW'S REGULAR OR SPECIAL AIRCRAFT. THESE ARE NEEDED FOR SPECIAL OPERATION AND NO OTHER ARRANGEMENT NOW POSSIBLE. INSTRUCTION FOLLOW REGARDING BALANCE WHICH ALSO REQUIRED. NOTES ARE TO BE FORWARDED TO BRITISH CHIEF PAYMASTER BRIGADIER STANLEY AT TELEPHONE ARROW 143, APTQ. OFFICER IN CHARGE TO RING UP ON ARRIVAL. TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE MAXSON BLANCHE AIRPORT NEXT PLACE. SIGNAL EMERGENCY OPS PRIORITY VIA AIRCRAFT AND IDENTIFICATION AND NAME OFFICER IN CHARGE. YOU ARRANGE HIGHEST PRIORITY FREIGHT ABOUT 100 KILOS APPROXIMATELY. CURRENCY MUST BE HERE BY 7TH JUNE LATEST TO BE FLOWN ONWARD 8TH JUNE BY SPECIAL AIRCRAFT ARRANGED HERE. ACKNOWLEDGE.

// IMPDET: BE.

AFHQ DISTRIBUTION.
 INFO:SGS

CHIEF PAYMASTER (HR) (MAXSON GARRIS)
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SEC DISTRIBUTION:
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To S.E.
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 T.F. 22403/5. SEC.

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ARMY FORM C.

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call.	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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Above this line for Signals use only.			
From (A) AMGOT LIAISON 141 FORCE		ORIGINATOR.	Date-Time of Origin. 0416206
To MIDEAST FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS		For Action.	Office Date Stamp.
(W) For Information (INFO).		Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR's No. CA/326

MOST SECRET - FROM RENNELL

WHERE IS (A) BABINGTON SMITH
(B) MONEY

BOTH URGENTLY REQUIRED

P/A ap 6/6

TO SEE

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This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
except

WIRELESS.

Signed.

If liable to be intercepted or
fall into enemy hands this message
must be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed.

Major.

Originators Instructions.
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CIPHER MESSAGE

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RECEIVED FROM AFHQ

FOLIO NO: 2382
3 JUNE 43

FROM: AGWAR SIGNED CARTER
TO: AFHQ
ORIG NO: 9456

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THI 0025P/4
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN SUPPLY OF ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY STATED IN CURRENCY NOTES OF HUSKY AS FOLLOWS:
ONES 50,000,000, TWOS 25,000,000, FIVES 10,000,000, TENS 5,000,000, FIFTYS 4,000,000, ONE HUNDREDS 3,000,000, FIVE HUNDREDS 1,000,000, ONE THOUSANDS 1,000,000, TOTAL NUMBER OF NOTES 99,000,000, TOTAL FACE VALUE 2,200,000,000.

THIS IS CONSIDERED ONLY THE INITIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITED STATES TROOPS AND CIVILIAN POPULATION, BUT DOES NOT COVER REQUIREMENTS FOR BRITISH TROOPS.

INFORMATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED ON THE AMOUNT OF CURRENCY OF HUSKY NOW IN HANDS OF BRITISH AND THAT AMOUNT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AMOUNTS REFERRED TO ABOVE SHIPMENT WILL BE MADE BEGINNING SHORTLY AFTER 10 DAY IN 3 SEPARATE LOTS TO DESTINATION TO BE DESIGNATED BY YOU ENTIRE SHIPMENT OF 99,000,000 NOTES WILL OCCUPY 2000 CUBIC FEET AND WEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 70 TONS, REFERENCE YOUR W1782, BOC 628.

No TRACE

DO YOU HAVE AVAILABLE YOUR THEATER SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF YELLOW SEAL CURRENCY AND SUBSIDIARY COIN TO MEET MILITARY REQUIREMENTS IN NEW AREA UNTIL MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED, AND ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY IS AVAILABLE?

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ACTION COL. HOLMES,
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MOST SECRET

141F/7804/CA

2 June 1945

Memorandum to: Col. Holmes, Liaison Section, A.F.H.Q.

Subject: Provision of lire for CORKSCREW

1. As no satisfactory reply has yet been received from Mideast as to the dispatch of the lire needed for the above operation, it has been decided to dispatch a most immediate signal in the terms of annex A.

2. As there appears to be some technical reason which has already involved delay in the dispatch of the lire, it is considered important that the Commander-in-Chief, A.F.H.Q., should send a parallel cable to the Commander-in-Chief Middle East referring to the first signal. A suggested draft is in appendix B.

A. T. MAXWELL
Lt. Colonel

HQ ANGOT
In the Field
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1 June 1943

MEMORANDUM: 345 Force.

United States Army personnel will carry with them into HERRFIELD no money other than United States yellow seal dollars and United States coins. Any francs which you have must be converted into yellow seal dollars at the rate of 50 francs to the dollar and any non-yellow seal dollars which you have must be converted into yellow seal dollars. Army Finance and Disbursing Officers will make such conversion for you prior to embarkation or while you are on the boat. In no circumstances are you to take non-yellow seal dollars into HERRFIELD. A proclamation establishing United States yellow seal dollars and United States coins as well as British Military Authority notes and British coins as legal tender in HERRFIELD, and also fixing the rate of such currencies in terms of Italian lire will be issued upon occupation. Italian lire will continue to be legal tender. Yellow seal dollars and BMA notes are interchangeable at the rate of four (4) yellow seal dollars equal one (1) BMA pound.

MEMORANDUM: 545 Force.

You will carry with you into HERRFIELD no other money than currency issued by the British Military Authority in notes of 1 pound, 10 shillings, 5 shillings, 2/6d, and United States coinage. Any other currency which you have in your possession must be converted into BMA notes or UK coinage at a rate of which you will be informed. A proclamation establishing British Military Authority notes ~~as well as~~ coins as well as United States yellow seal dollars and United States coins as legal tender and also fixing the rate for such currency in terms of Italian lire will be issued upon occupation. Italian lire will continue to be legal tender. BMA currency and United States yellow seal dollars are interchangeable at the rate of four (4) yellow seal dollars equal one (1) BMA pound.

HQ Force 141
Field

af
A. P. GAFFNEY SMITH,
Lt. Colonel, C.F.O.,
AMGOT

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HQ Force 141
Field

as
A. P. GAFFNEY SMITH,
Lt. Colonel, C.F.O.,
ANGOT

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SECRET

~~To 141.~~

Attached for your information & return
to Lord Rennell.

I approve in principle.

Force 141 under A' Brand must
draft an Instruction for issue by AFHQ
& broadcast in conjunction with AMGOT
setting out the procedure & plan for
pay & finance to be adopted. (52)

29 May.

~~AMGOT.~~

Returned as directed.

Draft instruction is under preparation
in consultation with Paymaster in Chief
TO SEE SO. 607461.

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J. L. Ellis
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AAG

Suggested
draft sent to
Lt. Col. L. A. Russell
on 1/6.

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Copy for Major-General Lord Rennell of Rodd.

Back to
THE WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W.1.

F.5/C.E.K./B.M.29.(F.5).

14th May, 1943.

MOST SECRET

E I G O T.

Dear Stanham,

I should like to take this opportunity to give you some guidance as to what should be done regarding the provision of cash for troops engaged in the HUSKY operation. I have discussed the matter with Rennell, who has kindly agreed to give you this letter, and we have decided on the following arrangements:

We have to provide for two separate British and Canadian Forces - one from the U.K. and the Eastern Task Force mainly from the Middle East. The Western Task Force will, of course, be provided for by the Americans. You have over three million pounds' worth of "K" Series B.M.A. notes and these should be used to provide funds for all British Forces moving from ports west of the Tunis-Tripolitania border. Babington Smith should be able to spare from his reserve in Cairo three million pounds' worth of Series "A" to "F" B.M.A. notes. These should be used for units embarking at ports east of the Tunis-Tripolitania border. We will supply B.M.A. notes to troops embarking in the U.K. Eventually the Civil Affairs Staff will be responsible for holding bulk supplies of all currency, but until Rennell has staff and is in a position to do this, we should be glad if you would hold the stocks for him. We are therefore consigning to you this week-end a further three million pounds' worth of B.M.A. notes which, if necessary, you can utilise for the arrangements indicated below. Any surplus, either of your note holdings or of this consignment, should eventually be handed over to Rennell's staff or, if required, be made available to Babington Smith. We are also sending to you about the middle of next month supplies of British coin - sixpennies, three-pennies and halfpennies; no pennies are available. We have in mind

that/

Brigadier R.G. Stanham,
D.P.I.C.,
A.F.H.Q. (British),
B.N.A.F.

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that your present holdings of British small change might be utilised to reduce the amount to be sent from here, and we have sent you a cable asking how much you hold. Rennell will no doubt arrange for these bulk supplies to be sent in the follow-up convoys. In the initial stages both Forces will have to make shift with Italian small notes and coin for small change.

It has been decided that all payments to British and Canadian troops in the initial stages of the operation will be made in E.M.A. notes. Lire will be used only for the payment of labour, local purchases, etc. The stock of lire available in the Middle East is at present held by Babington Smith and Rennell is going to get into direct touch with him and arrange for part of it to be sent to Algiers. Rennell will hand this over to the Civil Affairs Officers serving with the Western Task Force and they will make it available, as necessary, to the Americans or use it themselves. If it is issued prior to embarkation, it will be in sealed packets labelled "To be used ONLY for local purchases, payments to labour, etc., and NOT for payment to troops". Care will be taken to see that there is no indication that it contains Italian currency. Babington Smith will, in conjunction with the Paymaster concerned, make similar arrangements regarding the provision of lire for the Eastern Task Force. We will issue from our stocks here a certain amount to the troops proceeding direct from the U.K.

As regards the British and Canadian troops embarking west of the Tunis-Tripolitania border, P.U.S.(F) would be glad if you personally would be good enough to supervise the necessary arrangements even when the British Chief Paymaster of the whole operation (who, I understand, will be Rooney) has been appointed, although you will have no responsibility generally for the Force. You will know the lines on which we work and I hope that you will be able to provide each Field Cashier with a "Stanham Special" box of currency and arrange for bulk supplies to be spread, for each Landing Force, over a number of ships both in the assault and follow-up convoys. Will you please explain this to Rooney?

We are asking Babington Smith to arrange with the British

Paymaster/

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Paymaster detailed for the Eastern Task Force to make similar arrangements and we will provide similarly for the troops going from here.

As regards the exchange of money, all troops embarking from Africa (other than Tripolitania where B.M.A. are already in circulation) will have to have the exchanges effected before embarkation, and I enclose a draft instruction which I suggest might be issued to O.C. Camps in which the embarking Forces are concentrated in your area.

A certain number of Canadian troops may be proceeding to North Africa for the operation. When they land, will you please make the necessary arrangements with the Canadian Paymaster regarding provision of funds and exchanges for them while they are in French North Africa? All funds so advanced should be charged to "Canadian Government" in Form 1. I enclose a draft of Standing Orders that I have given to the Canadians, 3rd Division, here.

P.R.I. funds in possession of units might be handed over and remitted home under the arrangements we have agreed with you. If units wish to take a small sum with them, we see no objection and you can issue B.M.A. notes at the same time as you exchange money for troops and then remit home only the net sum handed over by each unit.

I hope the above instructions will be clear to you. If they are not, you will no doubt send me a cable and I will try to elucidate.

Yours sincerely,
(Egd) C. E. KEY

Copies to:

Major-General Lord Rennell of Rodd.
Colonel M.J. Babington Smith.

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O.C. CAMPS.

Instructions for the Exchange of Money in Possession of
BRITISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS.

The currency to be issued to all ranks in the theatre of operations will be special sterling notes "Issued by the British Military Authority" for British and Canadian troops and specially printed American dollar notes for the American forces.

It is of the utmost importance that NO ordinary sterling notes or ordinary dollar notes should be in possession of troops after they have landed.

With this end in view, an officer of the R.A.P.C. has been specially detailed to attend at each camp to exchange ordinary sterling and ordinary dollar notes in possession of all ranks shortly before embarkation.

He has been ordered to report to you, and you should afford him any assistance and the necessary accommodation to enable him to carry out his duties. It will be necessary for Unit Commanders to collect and list ordinary sterling and ordinary dollars in possession of other ranks so that exchange may be made in bulk by the Paymaster.

For your information the rate of exchange for all transactions will be:-

£1 sterling = £1 E.M.A. = 4 ordinary American dollars = 4 special
American dollars = 4.47 Canadian dollars.

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DRAFT STANDING ORDERS - THIRD DIVISION.

Provision of Funds.- Currency for use locally will be furnished to the British Chief Paymaster by the War Office. He will arrange issues to Canadian Paymasters and British Field Cashiers.

Payments for Purchase of Local Supplies, Requisitions, etc.- As far as possible, all payments for supplies, requisitions, etc., will be made by British Paymasters, both for British and Canadian Forces. Any such payments which have to be made by Canadian Paymasters will be adjusted locally.

Rate of Exchange.- The official rate of exchange for all purposes will be:-

4.47 Canadian Dollars = £1 Sterling = £1 E.M.A. * x

Limitation on Amount of Money to be taken abroad.- Attention is directed to paragraph 7 of A.C.I. 2033/12, which limits the amount of sterling which can be taken abroad by any individual to £10 (Ten pounds) which must not include Bank of England notes of denominations higher than £1 (One pound).

* To be notified later.

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PAY AND ALLOWANCES - OFFICERS

All pay and allowances will continue to be credited to officers' accounts at home by Agents or the Officer in Charge, Army Pay Office (Officers) Manchester. No accounts for officers will be maintained in theatre of operations, but the cash advances which officers may draw from Field Cashiers are based on the local allowances issuable, plus a proportion (approximately 50%) of the officers' pay.

Family Allowance

Officers are responsible for notifying any casualty which may affect the issue of this allowance - any notifications received from officers' wives by the Officer in Charge, Army Pay Office, Manchester, will, however, be acted upon and rates of family allowance amended without waiting for the officers' confirmation.

Field and Colonial Allowance.

Initially, field and colonial allowance will be issuable to all officers in the theatre of operations and it will not be necessary for units and formations to claim these allowances.

Command, Additional and Charge Pay

Entitlement of officers to these emoluments must be notified on A.F. W. 3010 and a separate copy of this form sent to the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office as soon as possible after disembarkation, the other copy of the form being disposed of in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Vol. I., Appendix III. These emoluments need not be claimed monthly thereafter, but will continue in issue until a further A.F. W. 3010 is received by the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office, notifying cessation. To avoid overpayments and the consequent hardship of recovery, it is essential that the Command Paymaster should receive immediate and direct notification on A.F. W. 3010 of any casualties which affect the issue of these emoluments. A.F. W. 3010 rendered to the Command Paymaster will bear special serial number headed by the letter "P/W".

Appointments to, and relinquishments of, acting or temporary rank.

These casualties will be recorded on A.F. W. 3010 and a separate copy will be sent to the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office, the other copy being disposed of in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Vol. I., Appendix III.

Advances - Cash in the Field.

The following are the maximum amounts that may be advanced to officers at any one time, and will be limited to three in any one calendar month. These amounts cover advances of pay and include field and colonial allowances which will be credited to all officers by the Officer i/c Pay Office, Manchester. Should the rates of these allowances be varied, the rates of advances will be subject to

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2nd Lt. & Lt.....	3 advances of £4 per calendar month.
Captain.....	" " 36 "
Major.....	" " 23 "
Lt. Col. & Col.....	" " 210 "
Brigadier.....	" " 112 "
General Officers.....	" " 216 "
<u>G.A.I.M.H.S.</u>	
Sisters.....	" " 33 "
Matrons.....	" " 25 "

Officers are responsible that they have sufficient funds available at home meet advances drawn.

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The daily rates of field and colonial allowances which are included in the above are:-

Field Allowance 2 Colonial Allowance
(Vide A.O. 224/59
as amended by
A.O. 67/40)

2nd Lt. & Lt. & Sister	A.O. 1. N.B.	2/-	8d.
Captain		3/-	8d.
Field Officers & Warrant Officers	A.O. 1. N.B.	3/6	8d.

First issues of officers' advances books (A.O. 5241) will be demanded by Officers Commanding Units from the field cashier of the formation to which the unit belongs. When demanding the books the O.C. Unit will furnish a nominal roll of the officers requiring them and will certify that the officers are serving with his unit and that no officer is already in possession of a book. After distribution the C.O. Unit will send to the cashier a statement showing the serial number of the books issued to individual officers supported by their receipts. Any books not required must be returned to the cashier immediately.

In no circumstances will private cheques be accepted by Army cashiers.

IMPREST ACCOUNTS

The general instructions to imprest holders detailed in Section 193, Field Service Regulations, Vol. I, 1950 will be applicable subject to the modifications shown hereunder:-

Cash will be obtained from Field or Area cashiers by requisition on A.P. N. 1438. An imprest number will be allotted by Field or Area cashiers when dealing with the first application for cash, and this number will be quoted on all future A.P.s. No. 1438, and on any vouchers or correspondence in connection with the imprest account, A.P. N. 1531A or No. 1531B.

Books of A.P. N. 1438 will be carefully safeguarded. Loss of these forms, whether completed or not, will be reported immediately to the Field or Area Cashier. Cash balances will be kept as small as possible. The account should be balanced on the last day of each month and be rendered, together with all supporting vouchers to the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office.

Payment of Troops.

Attention is directed to Section 195, Field Service Regulations, Vol. I, 1950 in which the procedure for payment of troops on acquittance rolls, compilation of the monthly imprest account, entries in the soldier's pay book (A.B. 94 (Part II))

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roll of the officers requiring them and will certify that the officers are serving with his unit and that no officer is already in possession of a book. After distribution the C.O. Unit will send to the cashier a statement showing the serial number of the books issued to individual officers supported by their receipts. Any books not required must be returned to the cashier immediately.

In no circumstances will private cheques be accepted by Army cashiers.

IMPREST ACCOUNTS

The general instructions to imprest holders detailed in Section 193, Field Service Regulations, Vol. I, 1950 will be applicable subject to the modifications shown hereunder:-

Cash will be obtained from Field or Area cashiers by requisition on A.F. N.1436. An imprest number will be allotted by Field or Area cashiers when dealing with the first application for cash, and this number will be quoted on all future A.F. No. 1438, and on any vouchers or correspondence in connection with the imprest account, A.F. N.1531A or No. 1531B.

Books of A.F. N.1436 will be carefully safeguarded. Loss of these forms, whether completed or not, will be reported immediately to the Field or Area Cashier. Cash balances will be kept as small as possible. The account should be balanced on the last day of each month and be rendered, together with all supporting vouchers to the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office.

Payment of Troops.

Attention is directed to Section 195, Field Service Regulations, Vol. I, 1950 in which the procedure for payment of troops on acquittance rolls, compilation of the monthly imprest account, entries in the soldier's pay book (A.B.64 (Part II)) and the making or variation of Voluntary Allotments and remittances is detailed.

With regard to acquittance rolls and Imprest Accounts, the following modifications should be noted.

Acquittance Rolls, and Imprest Accounts are now issued in the form of a refill for Army Book 6, and each refill contains:

20	A.F. N.151, Overseas Acquittance Rolls (large), in triplicate
4	" " " (small) "
8	" " " Summary
2	" " " Statement of Imprest Account, in duplicate.

Instructions for the use of these forms are printed on the cover of the refills, but it should be specially noted that the "Paymaster" to whom acquittance rolls (original and duplicate), acquittance roll summaries and the imprest accounts are to be rendered is the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office, to whom all correspondence in connection with pay services should be addressed.

Applications

Applications for payment of remittances will be made on A.F. 01/27A, which will be rendered in duplicate to the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office. Any further instructions found to be necessary in this connection will be published in C.R.6s.

It may not be possible for all units to pay out on the same day, as the obtaining of cash on imprest will depend upon the itinerary of Field Cashiers, which will be notified in Divisional or other formation orders.

PAYMENT OF BILLS AND CLAIMS.

Attention is directed to Section 192 Field Service Regulations, Vol. I, 1930 - it is not anticipated that banking facilities will be available in the theatre of operations, and it will therefore be necessary for payment for supplies, etc. purchased to be made in cash. All purchases will be dealt with as bills under home procedure, and will normally be paid, after examination, by the Command Paymaster, No. 2 Command Pay Office.

Units, formations etc. will therefore ensure that a bill on A.F.F. 1922 or, where necessary, an alternative or manuscript form is prepared and certified regarding the rates charged, and forwarded to the Command Paymaster, ~~with the bill~~ ^{by separate bill}. A.F.F. 1964 (Confidential list of bills) or manuscript form in lieu will be despatched under separate cover to the Command Paymaster.

REQUISITIONING

When requisitioning is found to be necessary, the applicable army forms and books will be issued by the Command Paymaster, ~~with the bill~~ ^{with the requisition}, in whose office the Central Payment Office for Requisitions will be incorporated. The instructions laid down in section 176-176 Field Service Regulations, Vol. I, 1930 will be complied with and requisition receipt notes will be disposed of in accordance with Appendix VII of Field Service Regulations. The duplicate notes will be despatched in separate envelopes marked "Duplicate requisition notes". The triplicate notes when forwarded to the Central Payment Office should be listed, A.F.F. 1922 being used for this purpose if convenient.

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FINANCIAL CURRENCY ARRANGEMENTS
JUNE, JULY 1940; DEC. 1942;
MAR. - JUNE 1943
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PT, FORCE 141

MOST SECRET - BIGOT - RUSKY

app
Lt. Col. Griffithy Smith

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TROOPERS

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Liaison Section
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Subject: Pay Services Force 141File 48
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Ref: 1 H.Q./Pay/19/26

26th May, 1943.

Major General i/o Administration, Force 141

The composition of R.A.P.C and attached personnel referred to in paragraph 3 of P.U.S (P) letter dated 15th May, 1943, is as follows :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Establishment</u>	<u>R.A.P.C. Officers</u>	<u>R.A.P.C. O.R.</u>	<u>Attached Men</u>
Command Pay Office	(Special) Chief Paymaster and	12	55	15
Area Cash Office (Port)	IV/62A/1	3	3	1
3 Field Cash Offices (for sub Areas)	III/57/1	{ 1 1 1	{ 2 1 1	{ 2 2 2
	Total	<u>18</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>22</u>

Suggested PLAN for Pay Services

1. The Chief Paymaster (Col. Dooney) with one officer, two R.A.P.C other ranks and one attached man to be taken from the Command Pay Office Establishment and attached to H.Q. 141 Force. Total 2 officers 3 other ranks.

2. D + 3 Staff Paymaster Class 1 (Lt. Col)
 2 3 R.A.P.C Officers
 3 3 R.A.P.C other ranks
 1 1 attached man.
 Total 4 officers 4 other ranks

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The above will take with them local currency and B.M.A Notes and will need to leave here in time for transshipment with the first follow up of the Eastern Task Force.

This advanced party will set up a Cash Office for the issue of local currency for operational needs, payment of local labour and local purchases. It will also be in a position to take over any cash expended from local Government and other sources.

3. D + 14. 3 R.A.P.C. Officers
23 " Other Ranks
12 attached men.
Total 8 officers 35 other ranks.

This will include the complete Area Cash Office and 3 Field Cash Offices for sub-areas. The Staff Paymaster in command will also set up a central requisition office and form the nucleus of the Command Pay Office. With this party will be the balance of local currency available (say 15.000.000) and a further stock of B.M.A Notes (say 1.500.000).

4. D + 28 5 R.A.P.C. Officers
33 " Other Ranks
3 attached men
Total 5 officers 41 other ranks.

This will complete the Command Pay Office Establishment. The main stock of B.M.A Notes (say 14.000.000) will be sent with this party.

5. In view of the fact that the advanced party for D + 3 will have to join the Eastern Task Force, I consider that it will not be necessary for an additional advanced Base Pay Office to be provided by Middle East as contemplated in Paragraph 6 of the P.U.S. (P) letter. Instructions concerning finance and currency are being received by me direct from the War Office and it is of the greatest importance that the officer in charge of the advanced party should understand the general policy. For this reason I consider it essential he should be found from here and not from

(Middle East. Apart from this, the above P.O. conforms to the proposals made in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the P.U.S (P) letter.

6. In addition, a Field Cash Office will be attached to each division and will carry with it a sufficient supply of B.M.A Notes for use until such time as they can be replenished from the main stock.

Brigadier
Deputy Paymaster-in-Chief
A.F.H.Q. (British)

Stan Lane Lane

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6 ^d	20	Boxes @ £500	-	10,000
3 ^d	10	@ 100	-	1,000
1 ^d	20	@ 25	-	500
$\frac{1}{2}$	15	@ 20	-	300
				<u>£11,800</u>

in B/E boxes

Also loose silver including about
£600 in 6^d but would want
sorting from the silver

Also 3^d 1^d $\frac{1}{2}$ mixed about
£1600.

Separate from above.

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Live to callish:

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exchange of lanes.

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Copy to Lord Rennell

F.5/A.T.(E)/P.M.43.(F.5).

File on 780446
BIGOT.

14th May, 1943.

MOST SECRET

Dear Rowe-Dutton.

Attached are the following further Papers on Financial Problems connected with HERRIPED:-

1. Trade and Industry.
2. Public Finance.
3. Draft Note on Prices.
4. Possible Budgetary Economies.
5. Financial Aspects of the Railways (Note of discussion with Lord Rennell on 12th May, 1943).

We have handed copies to Rennell for him to take back with him, but he appreciates that they are provisional and likely to be revised in the light of discussions with you and the Bank of England.

The Paper on Public Finance will need some slight modification in the light of information received from the Bank of England since the draft was prepared. We have not given the amendments to Rennell at this stage, but will embody them when we prepare a revised draft after consultation with you.

Will you please be good enough to let me have any comments or, if you would prefer it, we will have a meeting.

I am sending copies of this letter and of the enclosures to Bolton.

Yours sincerely,

WR

E. Rowe-Dutton, Esq., C.M.G.,
Treasury,
S.W.1.

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Copy for Major-General Lord Rennell of Rodd.

F.5/C.E.K./B.M.27.(F.5)4

14th May, 1943.

MOST SECRET

Dear Rowe-Dutton,

I enclose a copy of a note of a discussion with Rennell about the provision of Yellow Seal Dollars for HUSKY. I mentioned the matter at our discussion yesterday and I gather that the Treasury have no objection to the line taken and agreed that, if necessary, we can pay dollars in Washington for such notes supplied by the Americans.

A rather more difficult point was also mentioned yesterday, viz., the adjustment for Allied Military Lira supplied to the British Army and the Civil Affairs Staff if the Americans accept our general proposition that Civil Affairs expenditure should be regarded as the liability of H.M.G. in the first instance. If that proposition is accepted, I propose that all Allied Military Lira should be consigned to AMGOT by the Americans and that the Americans in Washington should merely keep records of the amounts so issued, there being no actual payment either in sterling or dollars, ~~but merely~~ for the expenses of printing, etc. (See telegrams to and from Washington - F.O. telegram No. 2936 of 1st May and IZ.1682 from Washington of 7th May, 1943). Rennell would then be in charge locally of the whole Allied Military Lira Note Issue and he would keep records showing the notes issued:

- (a) to the American Army,
- (b) to the British Army, and
- (c) to the Civil Affairs Staff.

A copy of this records would be sent, say, monthly to Washington who, on receipt, would in their records reduce the amounts shown as issued to AMGOT by the amounts AMGOT had issued to the American Army. We would also receive a copy of Rennell's monthly statements and, on receipt of it, would pay the Treasury and charge the Command Paymaster HONRIFIED and O.T.A. HONRIFIED with the amounts shown as issued under (b) and (c), respectively.

E. Rowe-Dutton, Esq., C.M.G.,
Treasury,
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The costs of printing, paper, etc., could be divided between H.M.G. and the Americans periodically in arrear in proportion to issues, the Americans paying for (a) and H.M.G. for (b) and (c) above.

If you agree with the above, a proposal on these lines might be made to the Americans whenever you think it appropriate.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Bolton and have given a copy to Rennell so that he may be aware of our provisional ideas.

Yours sincerely,

(S) G. E. KEY

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DATE 20 MAY 1943
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BIGOT DUCKY.
HOST SECRET.

IMMEDIATE.
CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOUO NO 1396.
29TH MAY 43.

FROM : THOMPSON
TO : PORTUNE ALDERS.
ORIG. NO: 84604 P 5

TOO 1215B.
HEX 16308/29.
FOR HUL.

FOR ANGOT FOR RECENT. MY LETTER STARTING 14. MAY.
BRIT AND CANADIAN FIELD CASH OFFICES ON FORCE X FOLLOW UP MONCY WILL HAVE WITH
THEM 5.75000 IN DMAS AND TEN MILLION LIRE.
DO YOU WANT BULK SUPPLY 21 MILLION BMA FROM HERE WITH FIELD CASH OFFICES OR
WITH FORCE X AT MUSTAH (PORT)

ANGOT (PERSONAL FOR GEN LORD BARNETT) CAUTION.

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FROM : FORUMS AGENTS

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YOUR CRY/55771 DATED 26 MAY 12 FROM NODDILL X INFORMATION, NOTES ARE BEING MADE
WITH BY 12 ARMY X BOMBAY AND LLOYD GARRON PD 12 ARMY G-120 XIA BAKIN 1200 1200
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APPROPRIATE SECURITY DIFFICULTY IF BOMBAY SUBMITTER NOT WANTED TO REVEAL
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by G.I.T.
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CIPHER MESSAGE

27 MAY 1943

FOLIO NO 1146
26 MAY 43 **48A**

TO: FORTUNE FOR RENNEL
FROM: MIDEAST
NO: OET/55771

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BIGOT HUSKY. MOST SECRET

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RMBYOCACG 0961096 000 OF 24/5 SECURITY DO NOT RPT NOT LIKE CURRENCY
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In June 1940 5 lire notes were issued to enable the Treasury to withdraw silver coins of the same value which, however, remained legal tender until 28.2.1942.

In July 1940 1 and 2 lire nickel coins ceased to be legal tender and were replaced by notes. In the same year 20 and 50 centesimi nickel coins were unofficially withdrawn and replaced by Acmonital coins in the same denominations. Acmonital is a contraction of the words "acciaio monetario italiano", and consists of an alloy of chrome, nickel and steel. The 20 centesimi coins actually ceased to be legal tender on 30.4.42 but could be exchanged up to 30.6.42. The 50 centesimi coins had disappeared from circulation by March 1942. Acmonital coins were also minted in denominations of 1 and 2 lire.

No further fundamental changes appear to have taken place in the currency in circulation but during 1941 and 1942 further issues of notes already in circulation were made. At the end of 1942 an unknown amount of large notes was put into circulation, consisting of notes originally printed for use in East Africa.

Since the end of 1942 an attempt has been made to popularise the use of bank drafts in lieu of notes, especially for commercial transactions, in order to overcome a shortage of note currency.

The following notes and coins are thought to be legal tender at present:

(a) Notes

1,000	lire
500	"
100	"
50	"
10	"
5	"
2	"
1	"

(b) Coins

20	lire	silver
10	"	"
2	"	acmonital
1	"	"
50	centesimi	acmonital
25	"	"
10	"	"
5	"	"

3000 lire
3000 lire

Live Told Gaffney
MB

10.000.000 in UK

50.000.000 in M.E.

60.000.000

10.000.000 to Pau

20.000.000 E.T.F.

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ARMY 101 FORCE
APCS
LT. COL.

DIRECTORATE NAME SUBJECT

MINIST FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS

POWER ALIEN

GA/102

MAI 2713001

FRONTIER

FOR C.P.A. X REP BY GA/096 OF 24/MAY X OFFICE INCHARGE COMBAT
MINIST INCHARGE ARMY 101 ON ARCTIC AIRBORNE

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MOST SECRET 314

Note of discussion between LORD RENNELL and F.5. on 11th May, 1943, regarding

PROVISION OF YELLOW SEAL DOLLARS FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS STAFF.

1. In telegrams to Sir Frederick Phillips in Washington it has been pointed out that, in order to maintain the exchange parity of 4 dollars = £1 between Yellow Seal Dollars and B.M.A. notes, it may be necessary for the Civil Affairs Staff to create confidence in the B.M.A. note by giving American Yellow Seal Dollars in exchange if requested to do so. For this purpose it is necessary that the Civil Affairs Staff should have a stock of Yellow Seal Dollars, and Sir Frederick Phillips has stated that there are adequate supplies in Algiers. Lord Rennell agreed that he would arrange with Colonel Sims to take over such stock of Yellow Seal Dollars as was necessary for the purpose in view, and would try to arrange for repayment in sterling in London by the War Office, who would charge "C.T.A. HORRIFIED" in War Office books.

*Ld Phillips will offer to
donate Ld Sims
when he sees it*

2. Lord Rennell agreed that it was not necessary for these dollars to be split over the Forces, but that they could be held by the Headquarters Civil Affairs Staff for use if required for the above purpose. They would not be used for other purposes as it is the intention for all Civil Affairs expenditure, whether by British or American officers, to be in either B.M.A. notes or

in exchange if requested to do so. For this purpose it is necessary that the Civil Affairs Staff should have a stock of Yellow Seal Dollars, and Sir Frederick Phillips has stated that there are adequate supplies in Algiers. Lord Rennell agreed that he would arrange with Colonel Sims to take over such stock of Yellow Seal Dollars as was necessary for the purpose in view, and would try to arrange for repayment in sterling in London by the War Office, who would charge "O.T.A. HCRRIED" in War Office books.

2. Lord Rennell agreed that it was not necessary for these dollars to be split over the Forces, but that they could be held by the Headquarters Civil Affairs Staff for use if required for the above purpose. They would not be used for other purposes as it is the intention for all Civil Affairs expenditure, whether by British or American officers, to be in either P.M.A. notes or local currency.

3. If Lord Rennell is unable to make arrangements locally, he will cable this Office.

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BIGOT HUSKY
MOST SECRETCIPF MESSAGE
INFOLIO NO: 1072
24 MAY '3TO: FORCE 545 (MIDEAST PASS) RPTD FORTUNE FOR AMGOT.
FROM: TROOPERS.
NO: 82974 FTIMPORTANT.TOO 1830B
THI 0407B/25
TOR 1215B/25

YOUR Q53138 21 MAY.

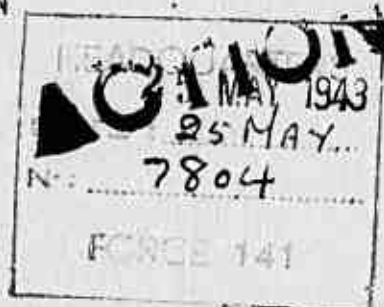
ONE. BIGOT HUSKY COMBINED OVERSEAS ALLOWANCE UNDER URGENT CONSIDERATION DECISION WILL BE COMMUNICATED SOON AS REACHED.

TWO. IN FIRST STAGE BMA NOTES WILL BE USED FOR ALL PAYMENTS BRITISH FORCES AND LOCAL CURRENCY AVAILABLE FOR LATTER PURPOSE BMA NOTES WILL BE USED AT LATER STAGE, ALL PAYMENTS BY BOTH BRITISH AND AMERICANS WILL BE MADE IN SPECIAL ISSUE OF ALLIED MILITARY LIRE ASSUME YOU HAVE SEEN MY 80180 15 MAY TO C IN C MIDEAST RENNEL IS GETTING INTO DIRECT TOUCH WITH BABINGTON SMITH ABOUT THIS AND OTHER CURRENCY ETC MATTERS INCLUDING EXCHANGE OF MONEY FOR TROOPS PRIOR TO EMBARKATION.
THREE. FOR ABOVE BABINGTON SMITH SHOULD USE BMA NOTES ALREADY IN HIS POSSESSION. IF HE REQUIRES MORE DPIC AFHQ (BRITISH) ALGIERS WILL(SUPPLY)

Insert: FOR PAYMENTS TO LOCAL POPULATION. IF SUFFICIENT LOCAL CURRENCY

S.M.C. DISTRIBUTION:C.4. 1528B/25
T.T. 1556B/25 JTCIVIL AFFAIRS 3 ACTION
IMMEDIATE.

IMPORTANT.

To [unclear]
JH: 25/5

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P.B. 26/5.

Lt. Col BERNSTEIN

to see 27/5
BB 3632

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 Proposed disposal of JMW/ky H.E.
 held

~~Secret~~

~~Top Secret~~

Troopers inducted ~~to~~ H.E. to send about
 35 million to ~~to~~ 141 JMW.

more will be provided 28,200,000

(a)	from	Tripoli	
in	1000	6.1 mm	2.5 / @ 500
in	500	7.6 mm	2.5 / @ 50
in	500	12. mm	2.5 / @ 10.
in	10	2.5 mm	

H.E. with have these sent on by Hays
 or New Officer but

Hays - Hays. H.E. don't know when
 preferably being boxed & ~~to~~ being sent
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(b) from Cairo
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more also are being
 but - be ready for a few days.

This makes up the airport and
 Troopers

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There also are being
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This makes up the approx amt
 directed by Thompson.

~~11/15/53~~

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Any further action

on this file? ~~11/15/53~~

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Out of their holdings (Lire 15 millions - Lire 10 millions in 10's and Lire 5 millions in 50's) send to Cairo by air to reach here not later than end of May Lire 5 millions of 50's and Lire 5 millions of 10's. This will leave them Lire 5 millions as a reserve for repatriates.

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To despatch to Cairo urgent priority all holdings of 1000, 500 and 100 and 50 denominations.

To have packed securely in boxes by denominations total holdings of lire except 100's and to hold pending further instructions. Schedule to us giving details. Send to Cairo all holdings of 100 denominations to reach here not later than end May.

Ask C.E.T.A. Agent Khartoum to expedite despatch of lire
15 millions en route from Nairobi.

Send to Cairo to arrive not later than end of May, all Administrations holdings of lire with Asmara banks (estimated at lire 16 millions). The 1000, 500, 100 denominations to extent of banks holdings, the remainder in 50's.

~~ALL the above signals to be marked MOST SECRET.~~

10's. This will pave them lire 5 millions as a reserve for repatriates.

(b) To Cyrenaica

To despatch to Cairo urgent priority all holdings of 1000, 500 and 100 and 50 denominations.

(c) To Tripolitania

To have packed securely in boxes by denominations total holdings of lire except 100's and to hold pending further instructions. Schedule to us giving details. Send to Cairo all holdings of 100 denominations to reach here not later than end May.

(d) To Khartoum.

Ask O.E.T.A. Agent Khartoum to expedite despatch of lire 15 millions en route from Nairobi.

(e) To Eritrea

Send to Cairo to arrive not later than end of May, all Administrations holdings of lire with Asmara banks (estimated at lire 16 millions). The 1000, 500, 100 denominations to extent of banks holdings, the remainder in 50's.

All the above signals to be marked MOST SECRET.

2. When the above operations have been completed there will be:

(Figures in Lire 000)					363 Total
<u>In Cairo</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>10</u>
Already here	4672	6316	36	2680	1526
From Nairobi)	14000	1000			15.230
From Cyrenaica)	2419	2192	7935	5000	15.000
From Tripolitania)	1596	643	1489	12272	10.000
From Asmara)	8548	23378	11517	27.37	6526
In Tripoli	6100	7600	12000	2500	28.200
<u>Total</u>	<u>14548</u>	<u>30978</u>	<u>11517</u>	<u>39887</u>	<u>9026</u>
					106.076

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Of the 100 denominations 10,400,000 will be sent to London to complete Troopers *Order*.

Civil Affairs Branch
G.H.Q., M.E.F.

17th May 1943

/AVE

C. Wright

Lt. Col.
V.C.F.A.

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LIR AVAILABILITIES (APPROX) AS KNOWN AT 17.5.43.

(Figures in lire 000).

<u>Place.</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>10</u>
Cairo.	4672	6316	36	2680	1526
In transit Nairobi-Cairo.	-	14000 *	1000 *	-	-
Nairobi (part needed for repatriates).	-	-	-	5000	10000
Cyrenaica.	2280	2419	2192	7935	1689
Tripolitania.	6100	7600	6800	12000	2500
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OUTGOING MESSAGE
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

ORIGINATED BY : AIRSOP 144 FORCE

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION :

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AUTHENTICATION : *[Signature]*

MOST SECRET-BIGOT HURRY

Ident. Colonel

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ADDRESSES
TO : DEBAST FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS
INFORMATION
ADDRESSES

FROM : FUTURE ALIENS

REF. NO : CA/096

DATE
TIME 240800A

PRECEDENCE : PRIORITY

FOR CFA X GRATEFUL YOU INSTRUCT HATES PROCEED HERE MOST URGENTLY WITH LIPS X
IF NOT ALL BOXED INS SHOULD BRING TWO MILLION AT 500 (500) TWO AND ONE HALF
MILLION AT 50 (50) TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION AT 10 (10) X REPORT WEA MARLINST
REPEATING FREEDOM FOR CHIEF PAYMASTER WHO WILL ARRANGE TRANSPORT AND ESCORT

DISTRIBUTION: CHIEF PAYMASTER, A.F.H.C.
FILE 7851
FILE 7804
FILE 7998
LIAISON SECTION

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BIGOT

(Crea. 22/5)

LTAT
386/21
FILED 2113100

AFSC N665/21
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jhb

PRIORITY BIGOT HUSKY

FROM: FORCE 545, VIA ME

TO : TROOPERS, RPED FORTUNE

NO : Q53138, May 21, 1943.

Your 70540 of 15 Apr.

W/T.

Request early decision combined overseas allowance and currency.

SEE 39A

70540 Not in AFHQ file

ACTION: FORCE 141

INFO: AG RECORDS

Am Got. ACTION

J. Austin

Apr 24/5

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22 MAY 1943
DATE 1.23 MAY 43.
N: 7804
FORCE 141

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MC IN 4781 2022A Ref No. Q53138 21 May 43 1p

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Financing

To see above

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SECURITY

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SUBJECT: Incom. Cable.

141F/7804/CA.

17 May 43.

Deputy Paymaster in Chief,
A. F. H. Q.

Reference telephone conversation
today Col. Mardon - Col. Grafftey Smith
speaking.

Herewith as arranged copy of cable
80209F5 dated 16 May 43 from TROOPERS.

30A

JH:

H. LLOYD CARSON,
Lieut. Colonel,
A.M.G.O.T.

HQ 141 Force,
B.N.A.F.
A R P.

File

TOP SECRET

19 MAY 43

13th May, 1943.

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My dear Miller,

1. The Paymaster-in-Chief has received from Stanham, the D.P.I.C. with A.P.H.C., details of the pay services contemplated in the Provisional Order of Battle for Force 141, and Stanham has made certain proposals for filling the various R.A.P.C. establishments. I rather gather that Stanham's proposals may have been written before the operational plans were finalised and that they will therefore need revision now.

2. I should be glad to know, as a matter of urgency, whether you agree with the following sketch of what we have in mind here.

3. We propose to appoint as Chief Paymaster to General Alexander's staff Colonel Rooney who is at present in Algiers, and there will be serving under him the following officers and men -

R.A.P.C. Officers	18
R.A.P.C. Other Ranks	61
Attached men	22

4. This staff will provide the Command Base Pay Office which will go to HORRIFIED, possibly with an intermediate stop, as directed by the Commander-in-Chief, and will also cover an Area Cash Office and three Field Cash Offices.

5. With each division, including the Canadian Division from the U.K., there will proceed a Field Cash Office to be provided from the Command initiating the force concerned, i.e. from the Middle East for the Eastern Task Force and from the U.K. for the Canadian Division.

6. In addition an Advanced Base Pay Office will follow up the Eastern Task Force from the Middle East.

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TMS/

Major-General C.H. Miller, C.B., C.B.E.

This Advanced Pay Office will coalesce with the Command Pay Office when the latter arrives in HERRINGTON.

7. For reasons of convenience and because Colonel Rooney is already in North West Africa, we contemplate sending out to him such part of the staff detailed in paragraph 3 as is not available on the spot. I see no advantage in sending them to the Middle East, though you may have to send them in that direction for shipment.

8. If you agree with these proposals I will make the necessary arrangements here at home and also with C-in-C. Middle East.

9. There is one other point on which I should like your views. I cabled you to ask what you had in mind as regards financial advice, but have not yet had your reply. It seems to me that General Alexander will need a Financial Adviser and a small staff consisting of, say, two other officers who can accompany him to Malta and eventually to HERRINGTON. In the first phase of the operation I imagine that General Montgomery will be able to obtain all the financial advice he needs from the senior Paymaster with him. Do you agree? If so, I propose that the Financial Adviser should be Colonel C.D. Gray, who is just finishing his term in Palestine, and that he should pick one Assistant Accountant Grade I and one Grade II from those now in Mideast to complete his staff. In anticipation of your agreement I have cabled Mideast to send Gray home at once by air - he was due to come home in any case - and the other two to report to Dunlop and await instructions.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) E. B. B. SPEED.

CCAO did see
as apparently he
was intended to

take two copy (to M.E.)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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BIGOT 31A
C. A. [unclear]
(H. J. S.) [unclear]

UKW

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HEADQUARTERS
DATE: 17 MAY 1943
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FORCE 141

ROUTINE BIGOT HUSKY

FROM: TROOPERS

TO : MIDEAST RPTD FORTUNE FOR AMGOT (FREEDOM PASS)
FOR CIV AFFAIRS FOR CFA
NO : 80180 G 5 May 16, 1943 **26A**

(1) Your OET/46860 8 May. Of balance 55 millions retain 20 millions mixed denominations for Eastern Task Force, send remainder FORTUNE. These quantities adequate HUSKY and No further supplies necessary seeing that LIRE will NOT BE used payment troops and only as available for payment local labour.

No TRACE

(2) Your OET/46858 8 May. One noted. two confirmed

(3) Your present holdings sufficiently mixed. NO need therefore adopt your suggestion.

(4) Agree exchange provided you satisfied repatriates will be content accept A O I notes. Above agreed RENNELL.

ACTION: FORCE 141

INFORMATION: SGS

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AG Records

Paris 2/4
This does not affect HARRIS but relates to repatriation from I.E.A.
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Col: Gruffley Smith

See above. H. Mayhew 17/5

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DATE 16 MAY 1943
N: 7804
FORCE 141

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PRIORITY

FROM: TROOPERS

TO : FREEDOM

NO : 80209F5, May 16, 1943.

Not Traced.

Your PAT/58/150, 13 May.

1. Hold all coin denomination 6 pence downwards for RENNEL.
2. Box loose coin similarly boxes you already hold.
3. Return here silver 1 shilling upwards not required by you, exchanges returning personnel, etc.

PAT/58/150 AFHQ MC cannot identify

ACTION? FORCE 141

INFO: AG RECORDS

Office
Telephoned D.P.I.C.
Spoke Col. HARDON who
is fairly certain that this
is their action viz PAY/58/150
NOT PAT. Pl. arrange for
copy to be sent to D.P.I.C.
ago
17/V

MC IN 2814

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Ref No. 80209F5

16 May 43

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Not Secret -
A Thorne Thorne

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① I think the only thing is to contribute
information through Troops -

②. To obtain more live than spend
Special transactions w^o have to be
undertaken and there w^o take time -

The easiest probably is to offer to
exchange live for Egyptian in Cyrenaica.
It is uncertain how much could be obtained
but I sh^d guess that 25/1000 w^d
be forthcoming fairly quickly.

There are some other special means that
could be used -

The main point is that I sh^d -
know how much is wanted
& by whom - if I know that I
with do my best to obtain.

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& by whom - if 1 knows that 1
with so many to obtain.

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My 14/5
100,000,000. by 30 June.

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10-57 SECRET to DISSEM INFINITE

(ACTION
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TO ((INFORMATION
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REF. NO : 01/07

DATE 10-15-2001
TIME

PRECEDENCE :

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HEADQUARTERS
10 MAY 1943

9 May 43.

Subject:- FINDS FOR RAIDING DATE:

N: 7804

To :- ANGOT.

FORCE 141

Reference conversation Col. Maxwell and Col. Martin today. Will you kindly earmark the line equivalent of £1500 Sterling for use by raiding forces and others controlled by this Branch.

41002

SEE 2YA

J. M. W. Martin

H.Q. Force 141.
FIELD.

J. M. W. MARTIN,
Lt. Col., G.S.,
C (IP).

(Col: Maxwell. H. see. JH: 10/6)

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ORIGINATED BY :

SECUR. CLASSIFICATION :

AUTHENTICATION :

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(Signal American ...)

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1st Col. A. T. Maxwell

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URGENT 1010 TROOPERS FOR REINFORCE

FROM :

REF. NO :

DATE
TIME

PRECEDENCE :

01/072

MAY 30 1800A

URGENT

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URGENT TROOPERS APPROVAL SHALL NEED ALL AVAILABLE TROOPS VTC FOURTHS ...
AVAILABLE NOW, FORTH ONE MILLION AVAILABLE BY END MAY X

2. STUDYING NEED FOR FURTHER URGENT SPECIAL MEETING YOUR PARA THREE X

3. REMAIN ALL FORTH PERIODS INSTRUCTIONS X

4. REQUEST ALLOW FOR QUOTE SPECIAL INQUIRY REQUEST

Distribution: Master message
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AFHQ
WAR DEPARTMENT
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DATE: 9 MAY 1943
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BIGOT

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OP PRIORITY

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: ALLIED HQ ALGIERS FOR FORTUNE FOR REMNELL RPTD TROOPERS

NO. OET/46860, May 8, 1943

BIGOT

From CFA your CA/055 AG 9062 OP 3/5.

1. After remitting demand in TROOPERS 75923 of 4th May
A. Total available subject TROOPERS consent about 85 million.
Of above MO 4, CAIRO ask us to earmark 30 millions for requirements to
end June.

B. Only say 14 million available now; remainder being
assembled from NAIROBI CYRENAICA TRIPOLITANIA. Should be available
CAIRO before end May.

2. Denominations and amounts in millions of 1

A. Thousands, 13; 5 hundreds, 30; fifty, 27; tens, 15.

B. Total weight about 1.6 tons plus packing.

3. Special methods might provide more. How much do you want and when.

4. TROOPERS please direct.

ACTION: FORCE 141

INFO: SGS
DTC
CAO
G-3 (Plans)
AG RECORDS

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DATE : 6 MAY 1943
N° : 7804
FORCE 141

(25A)
WAR OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S. W. 1.

9th April, 1943.

MOST SECRET

Dear Rennell,

Attached is a very interesting extract from the latest M.E.W. monthly report on Financial Developments in Enemy Territory.

We are asking M.E.W. to endeavour to get further information, particularly regarding the point in the last paragraph of the extract. If they succeed we will, of course, pass the information on to you.

Yours sincerely,

Charles E. Day

Major-General Lord Rennell,
A. F. H. Q.,
North Africa.

*John & G. L. M. Rennell
in action - no action
taken in his by me*

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*RA to
10 MAY 43
5/54*

J. G. 38/5

(25B)

Extract from M.E.W. Monthly Report No. 3 - March 1943.
Financial Developments in German Europe.

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ITALY

No more Annual Reports of Banks.

A recent decree prohibits the publication of annual bank reports for the duration of the war. The implications of this decree are not quite clear, but it is assumed that banks will continue to publish balance sheets from time to time as usual.

Note Shortage.

For some four or five months Italian banks have been paying out large amounts in bank cheques, i.e. the drawee bank's own cheque on the Bank of Italy: these cheques have not been made legal tender, and many shops have refused to accept them, either because they had not got banking accounts, or because they were unwilling or unable to give change.

The Governor of the Banca d'Italia stated at the beginning of March that the public should get better acquainted with the bankers' drafts, and should learn to trust this excellent substitute for bank-note circulation. It would therefore appear that the use of bankers' drafts is being deliberately introduced in order to retard the increase in the note circulation and conceal inflation.

A Swiss report of the 18th of March states that in Sicily currency has been withdrawn, and substituted by drafts, owing to fear of invasion.

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THORNE THORNE, L.C.

THORNE FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS

THORNE ALONG

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FOR O.P.A. X ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN EIGHT NINE TEN
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FOOTAGE ALPHABET

01/055

REV: 054700A

ROUTINE

FOR O.P.A. X CAN YOU INFORM US ABOUT THE LINE NUMBER NOT USED PREVIOUSLY
YOU AND E. AFRICA COULD PLACE OUR SIGNAL X ALSO IDENTIFY THE DISTRIBUTION
IN DESTRUCTION AND TOTAL NUMBER X TO BE FORWARDED BY

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To NIDEST Refers EAST AFRICA.

NOT SECRET

P CAN YOU inform us about of LIRE notes

place our disposal

NOT OVERPRINTED You could ~~see~~ O Also

Approximate Disturbance in Denomination and Total Weight. Do not

FORWARD YET

TOGSO:

There are are or two parts of (SD) about the proposed reply
to IS(A) above (which does not see to have been replied to or has
any action) —

- A. Should we address NIDEST or 545 ME
- B. Should we address EAST AFRICA or a
- Subject regarding a 'Bigot' or (also we use
- ✓ NIDEST (or 545) as a stalking horse?

hp you

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

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CLASS: SECRET
PRMC: PRIORITY

REF NO: 8383

TO: AGWAR (FOR MARSHALL)
SIGNED: EISENHOWER (CITE FHLIA)
BIGOT HUSKY

We are entirely in agreement that matters affecting future operations in other areas are not the concern of the North African Economic Board. Reference FORTUNE 145. Neither the Board nor representatives of Lend Lease, BEW or other civilian agencies as such have knowledge of operation HUSKY. Mr. SHORT of Lend Lease has been classified as an individual for the purpose of assisting in arrangements for a wheat stockpile from North African harvests in connection with civilian supply in HORRIFIED. 2 officials of the British Ministry of Fuel have been likewise classified for dealing with coal supply for operation HUSKY.

BOC 351 of April 13 was sent following a request made of Mr. SANGER of BEW by Captain Major USN of the Joint Intelligence Committee Agency. This request was inspired by a desire to obtain general basic information and had no connection with operation HUSKY. No one in the JICA is classified for HUSKY.

We are in full accord that military government for HUSKY will be staffed entirely by military personnel initially.

ORIGINATED BY: LIAISON SECTION

AUTHENTICATION: COLONEL J C HOLMES

INFORMATION: 1 G-3 (Plans)
5 Force 141
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INCOMING MESSAGE

CLASS : MOST SECRET-BIGOT HUSKY REF: 75601 F 5

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : TROOPERS

TO : FORTUNE ALGIERS, (FREEDOM PASS) (FOR RENNELL)

1. Americans in WASHINGTON referring to page 27 SHOFFORD'S TMHAN (plan)?? have raised question establishment Allied Bank as supplementary part administration HUSKYLAND. They suggest it will be responsible for handling transactions of Finance Officer, act as repository funds collected by Government Institutions and in general as financial agency for occupying forces. It might also lend funds corporations and municipalities and generally get local economy going. Americans await our views. All they have been told up to present is that we should see strongest objection to bank being used as bank of issue.

2. In DO letter sent by air 24 April have given our views, suggestions, but we still prefer our own idea of working through most important bank in locality, making it draw a line on its own liabilities and starting up again under control. Should expect other banks to pool their resources and work through controlled local bank. Should also propose that advances to essential businesses should be made through this bank under regulations made by CCAO. Cable views earliest.

ACTION: 5 Force 141

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(20A)
SECRET - BIGOT - HUSKY

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

30 April 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Officer Commanding,
Force 141.

I return herewith a memorandum, with a draft telegram attached, submitted to me by Major General Rennell. As the question raised in the proposed message has already been specifically presented for the consideration of the two governments, it is not considered necessary to send this telegram.

W. B. Smith

W. B. SMITH
Major General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff

HEADQUARTERS
DATE : 1 MAY 1943
N° : 7804
FORCE 141

G. S. O. I

Reuse rec 20A B-C.

It may be. 16 Cal.

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Draft Cable - 28 April 1943

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To: AGWAR

Class: SECRET - BI - HUSKY

FROM: FORTUNE, ALGIERS

Prec: PRIORITY

Rennell considers that Chief Accountant code C 4 must be of same nationality as Chief Financial Officer C 1 as at present provided. Moreover, both must be of nationality of government primarily responsible for disbursements. For Marshall from Eisenhower. Cite Civil Affairs Division. Rennell's view is that whatever subsequent adjustments are made between two governments on total cost one repeat one government must provide funds and the two officers in question must be responsible for control and accounting of whole.

2. Disbursements in initial phase while operation is in progress can be made by pay officers of each task force commanders to C.A. officers attached to each force and adjusted when central administration comes into being.

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BIGOT - HUSKY

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Memorandum to: Chief of Staff
A. F. H. Q.

Subject: Financial Responsibility

1. In connection with negotiations in progress on the financial aspect of the plan, I desire to express my views on the matter of financial responsibility.
2. These are embodied in a draft telegram attached.
3. I recommend that the attached telegram be dispatched.

Quinn
MAJOR GENERAL
CIVIL AFFAIRS

Force 141
Field
Encl. - 1

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ALL BRITISH MUST SECRET

A F H Q
INCOMING MESSAGE

CLASS: MOST SECRET

PREC: PRIORITY

REF NO: OET/41311

FROM: MIDEAST FROM CIV AFFAIRS
TO : TROOPERS REID FREEDOM ALGIERS
FOR : FORTUNE FOR REEMELL HQ EAST AFRICA FOR CIV AFFAIRS

DATE: APRIL 282040A

Cancel my 40418 of 26/4. *not received*

1. On 1st flight repatriates prohibited take notes under 100 lire from fear shortage small change would result, no fear of this now. Should prefer allow repatriates to take small change if they wish, unless general prohibition imposed. Please confirm.

2. Trust you agree all denomination AOI notes may be taken since they are no use elsewhere.

3. Your para 2 phrase "Proceeds of sale or other funds held CEP blocked account", not understood. Principal demand for withdrawal from CEP is by persons who expected to be evacuated from ETHIOPIA to EAST AFRICA and deposited surplus over £10 with CEP. Some were in fact evacuated to MINGADISHU or ERITREA and are now to be repatriated. Presume you see no objection to withdrawal such balances from CEP.

4. If you wish obtain large quantity lire from repatriates, submit this should be some general method of prohibition and not by minor expedients.

ACTION: ~~5 Force 141~~

INFO : 1 AG Records
1 AG Cables

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DATE: 29 APR 1943
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JH: 29/4.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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ORIGINATED BY : CIVIL AFFAIRS, FORCE 241
AUTHENTICATION : *18A 0000 0000 0000*

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(ADDRESSES
TO (*URGENT CIVIL AFFAIRS REPEATED P.A. COMMAND FOR GRAFFIX SMITH*
(INFORMATION
(ADDRESSES

FROM : *FORUMS, ALGERIA*

REF. NO : *18/040*

DATE *APR 28 1700A*
TIME

PRECEDENCE : *IMPORTANT*

NEED COPIES OF STANDING AGREEMENTS INSTRUCTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS
BE AND X UP TO FIFTY COPIES WILL BE NEEDED X

Master message
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P.A.

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RIGOT - HUSKY

MOST SECRET

141F/7904/CA

28 April 1943

Memorandum to: Chief of Staff
A. B. H. Q.

Subject: Financial Responsibility

1. In connection with negotiations in progress on the financial aspect of the plan, I desire to express my views on the matter of financial responsibility.
2. These are embodied in a draft telegram attached. *17B*
3. I recommend that the attached telegram be dispatched.

MAJOR GENERAL
CIVIL AFFAIRS

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W. J. R. H.

Draft Cable - 28 April 1945

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To: AMAR

Class: SECRET - COM - HURRY

From: FORTUNE, ALGERIA

Prec: PRIORITY

Remell considers that Chief Accountant code C 4 must be of same nationality as Chief Financial Officer C 1 as at present provided. Moreover, both must be of nationality of government primarily responsible for disbursements. For Marshall from Eisenhower. Site Civil Affairs Division. Remell's view is that whatever subsequent adjustments are made between two governments on total cost one respect one government must provide funds and the two officers in question must be responsible for control and accounting of whole.

2. Disbursements in initial phase while operation is in progress can be made by pay officers of each task force commanders to C.A. officers attached to each force and adjusted when central administration comes into being.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CLASS: SECRET
PREC: ROUTINE

REF NO: FORTUNE 145

FROM: AGWAR (MARSHALL)
TO: EISENHOWER
DATE: APRIL 24 1950
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Joint Chiefs of Staff have no designated War Department as primary UNITED STATES Agency responsible for advance planning all Civil Affairs for areas to be occupied and to coordinate WASHINGTON and such matters during period when Military Government continues in such occupied areas.

War Department, for security and other reasons, has determined upon policy including only high state and Treasury Department Officials in present advance planning stage for HUSKY.

Assume you are following same procedure of excluding NAEB and local representatives Lend Lease, BEW, Office Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, Office of War Information etcetera from all planning and administrative responsibility outside NORTH AFRICA. However, we are concerned by contents of recent cables to Committee of Combined Boards for example BOC 351 April 13, requesting BEW to rush air mail recent data on ports in ITALY and Southern FRANCE.

Matters of this nature affecting future operations and other areas are not the responsibility of the North African Economic Board, and we hope that you will be able to assist us in discouraging these civilian agencies from such activities at this time. We understand that you are in full accord with decision here that military government for HUSKY as approved by the President will be staffed entirely by military personnel initially.

ACTION: 5 Force 141

INFORMATION: 1 AG Cables

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RECD: APRIL 24 2134A

REF NO: FORTUNE 145

HEADQUARTERS
DATE: 25 APR 1950
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SUBJECT: Conference

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24 Apr 43

Brigadier R.G. Stanham,
D.P.T.O.
A.F.H.Q.

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A copy of the note on the conference in Lord Rennell's room
yesterday morning is enclosed.

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NOTE OF CONFERENCE: Major General Lord Rennell, C.S.A.G.
Brigadier R.O. Stanham, D.P.I.C.
Lt. Colonel A.T. Maxwell

1. Currency - A copy of cable 70540 Z 5 from TRICOIN was handed to Brigadier Stanham. Lord Rennell pointed out that the question of currency, and rates of exchange was still open. There were advantages in isolating lira currency in MURRIFIN from that in Africa. There was no objection to using Lira stocks, especially for payment of labour. There was, however, in sight only about Lira 20-30 million. A special operation might produce up to say Lira 250 million more. Stocks in hand were low. Brigadier Stanham stated that he had a good stock of 3/4 notes; of about 24,000,000 in denominations of 21, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and 1/-. There was also a considerable amount of small U.K. coin. It was agreed that Lira notes in quantity might not be found in MURRIFIN, and it was appreciated that the projected exchange, at a later date, to a Lira currency was designed to prevent too wide an evasion on the continent of Europe of dollar or sterling notes.

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2. Stanham's View of Troops - Brigadier Stanham mentioned that the weekly payment in North Africa amounted to 220,000 - 2400,000, against which 270,000 was returned through H.A.P.I. It was noted that the amount seemed to be related both to the sterling - franc rate and the amount of goods available, which in North Africa was small. It was anticipated that a similar shortage would exist in HONKING.

3. Holding of Currency Reserves - It was decided that in the first phase the D.P.I.C. should hold reserves of 200 notes and Lira; this was subject to S.O. concurrence. In the second phase when administration would be actively functioning and military operations leading towards garrison duty, Civil Affairs would hold reserves and paymasters would draw from them as necessary. The C.A. Officers would need to account for assets drawn.

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and would render receivable orders against stores drawn.

4. Booty. The question of booty was also raised. The normal procedure was to hand to D.P.I.C. or Field Paymasters any amounts which might be seized or found ownerless. The question of the powers of the U.S.A. N.O.S. was raised, and it seemed advisable that in areas occupied by American troops the same arrangement for lodgements would need to be made.

5. Requisitioning and Purchase - Lord Russell explained that Civil Affairs much favoured purchase to requisitioning; because of the avoidance of (a) unnecessary accountability and, (b) inevitable delay in settlement. Requisitioning would have an adverse effect on the temper of the population and on their willingness to part with goods. It was clear that vegetables, fruits, etc. should be brought for the troops and that D.P.O.s would probably be provided for divisions. Such requisitioning was essential, should be made against the issuance of a receipt, and compensation should be settled preferably through means of requisitioning assessment committees, consisting of representatives of E.A.C., Civil Affairs and D.P.I.C. The committee, after assessing value would enforce the requisition note in accordance with policy and direction regarding immediate payment, etc. Brigadier Stanham referred to Hirding and Claims Department, and it was agreed that this question would need to be clarified.

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HQ 144 Force.

Major General,
Civil Affairs.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CLASS: RESTRICTED

REF NO: 73187 F5

PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO : FORTUNE ALGIERS (FREEDOM PASS) RPTD MIDEAST, EAST AFRICA

FOR : RENMLL

DATE: APRIL 232310B

Your Cn/011 4869 17 April.

Regard use BMA inevitable. No lire available here.
MIDEAST and EAST AFRICA will tell you how many they can let you
have. No change policy repatriates lire.

ACTION: 5 Force 141

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REC'D: 240628A

REF NO: 73187 F5

This message was not sent as a BIGOT, but message 4869 is a BIGOT.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

CLASS: RESTRICTED

REF NO: OET 38880

PREC: IMPORTANT

FROM: MIDEAST, 9 CFA CIVIL AFFAIRS
TO : TROOPERS RPTD ALGERIA FOR FORTUNE FOR RENNELL RPTD
HQ EAST AFRICA COMMAND FOR CIV AFFAIRS. FOR F5 AND MO 11

DATE: APRIL 202253C

My 5787 from ERITREA of 14th April and RENNELL CA/011CA 4869 of 17th April. Have not seen TROOPERS' 70540/F5 of 15th April to which RENNELL refers, please repeat.

1. Our past actions have given strongest indications to repatriates that they will be allowed to take back lire including AOI with them and all have arranged their affairs on this basis. It will obviously be a severe shock if they are now prohibited.
2. It would be possible to prohibit export and insist on deposit with CEP from whom you could obtain notes though it would be difficult to prevent repatriates from transferring their lire to Italians remaining behind. It is estimated that repatriates from ERITREA alone may have up to 400 million.
3. Consider that if lire are allowed to be exported, we must also allow repatriates to withdraw their lire from custodian and evacuation authorities estimated Southern territories 15 million Northern territories, 5 million.
4. Prohibition would undoubtedly be treated as a very severe measure with possible repercussions locally among remaining Italians. Should prefer not to undertake unless you consider highest importance to obtain notes.
5. Please instruct earliest.

ACTION: 5 Force 141

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FORUM, ALGERIA

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REPORT

FROM MINTAT. X REFERENCE MINTAT TEL CMT/3592, OF 14TH APRIL. X
 ALSO REFER PARAS B C AND D OF TROOPS 7054/75 OF 15TH APRIL. X
 ANSWER TO CPA DEPENDS ON HOW FAR YOU WISH AVOID USE NEW INTRUS AND
 HOW MANY LINES YOU HAVE AVAILABLE. X ADVISE LATTER POINT REFER I ANSWER
 PARA C. X GIVE SEPARATE ADVICE HOW MANY LINES ANTICIPATED WILL BE
 DEPOSITED WITH CPA. X USE AGI LINE NOT REPEAT NOT ADVISABLE. X
 2 YOU MUST JUDGE POLITICAL REPEAT CHARGE POLICY IN DEALING WITH
 REPEATERS LINE. X MY ORIGINAL INFORMATION MARKS INDICATE
 ADDITIONAL SCENE AND NOT AS RECOMMENDATION

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INCOMING MESSAGE

DATE: APRIL 161315C

REF: OET/35924

FROM: HIDEAST

REC'D: APRIL 161656A

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
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CLASS: REST'D

BIGOT

TO: FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOR AFHQ
FOR: FORTUNE FOR REMWELL

Following from CFA for TROOPERS and you sent direct to TROOPERS under No. 5787 from ERITREA of 14th April begins: REMWELL proposer from NAIROBI certain operations concerning repatriates Lira. Do you wish to pursue? Unless you direct contrary repatriates 3rd flight will be allowed. (A). To take with them Lira and amount or denomination including A O I notes. (B). To withdraw Lira deposited with evacuation department and with CEP. Please direct urgent repeating HIDEAST and East Africa Command since repatriates due begin entering camps 22nd.

Please signal your comments TROOPERS, Repeating HIDEAST and East Africa Command. (Not marked as BIGOT but treated in BIGOT manner)

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INFORMATION:

1 Sec G/S

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INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: TROOPERS

DATE: April 15 1955B

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RECD: 160149A

PREC: ROUTINE

CLASS: MOST SECRET

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FOR FORTUNE
TO FREEDOM RPTD FORCE 545 (MIDEAST PASS)

BIGOT

Force 545 GP (1) A/33379 10 April addressed you repeated here.

1st. Currency (A) Matter still under discussion with Washington. Strong indications eventual arrangements will be Americans use yellow dollar seal dollars as spearhead currency; British local currency and BMA notes both American and British switching to special new currency denominated in lire when circumstances permit. Instructions will be sent later as to use of BMA and lire by British paymasters.

(B) Such small denomination local currency as has not been destroyed will almost inevitably have to be used to some extent as small change though we are preparing 6-penny BMA notes and could send out some 12-sided 3-penny pieces and pence.

(C) Rennell should indicate amount lire to be taken by each Force. He should take over stock of BMA notes from First Army. We will send supply BMA with divisions from UK.

(D) Civil Affairs should maintain cash reserves and issue in bulk to DPIC for Army.

(E) Confirmed.

2nd. Requisitioning.

(A) Subject your agreement will arrange printing UK.

(B) Propose forms other than for divisions ex UK sent you for distribution N. Africa and Mideast.

3rd. Allowances. Noted. General question under consideration. Hope send decision within next fortnight.

ACTION: 5 Force 141

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Financial and Currency Arrangements.

I discussed this telegram with Col. Spofford, who expressed the view that these matters should be settled by the Treasury and the Fiscal Branch of the War Dept., and that views from here would not be expected and probably not welcome.

I explained to him that in the normal course of events in other theatres I would send a telegram in comment. ~~on the~~ ^{in the} view of the ~~treasury~~ ^{treasury}, I do not propose to do so.

I have told Col. French to explain the matter in London.

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[Signature]

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FROM: FORM 545
SUBJ: 1108204
DATE: April 10 1950
REF: HQ. GR(1) 4/3579
CLASS: SECRET

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TO: MEMORANDUM FOR FORMER
REF: TROOPERS

"EXTENDED LITERAL TEST"

Request information on following points regarding Pay Services.

1. Currency.
 - (A) Whether special currency common to U. S. and British forces to be used.
 - (B) Will local currency be used for small change?
 - (C) Confirm Troopers will supply bulk sum required despatched Middle East with proportion distributed lives in North Africa and UK.
 - (D) Will Civil Affairs maintain cash reserves or draw on Pay Services when set up in HONORIFER?
 - (E) Confirm all services Dominion and Allied forces other than U. S. will draw on British Army Base Cashier.

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- (B) Confirm supply and distribution as for currency.

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Civil Affairs (2)

Financial Adviser A.F.E.S.

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Handed to Col French by Major Hewitt. 11/6/43

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INCOMING MESSAGECivil Affairs *LSA*

FROM: FORCE 545

DATE: April 1017050 REF. NO. GP(1) A/33379

RECD: 110820A

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TO FREEDOM FOR FORTUNE
RPTD TROOPERS

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Financial Adm. Sec. A.F.H.Q.

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RIGOT - HURT
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Subject: Civil Affairs

D.I.F./3073/A
25 March 43.

Civil Affairs (Col. Spofford)

Passed to you for action as
S.A.O.'s note.

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Major
D.A.A.G.

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FINANCIAL ADVISER
25 Mar 45.

152 Rue Michelet,
4th Floor.

H.Q.,
Force 141.

1. Col. Ellis has asked me to produce some notes about the financial side of the "next move".
2. Before finalized financial instructions can be drawn up there are certain points to clear up some possibly with the W.O. They are:-
 - (a) Are F.S.R. Chap XIX and Annual of Military Law, Chap XIV paras 340-432 to be strictly applied? If they are, then labour, skilled and unskilled, may be requisitioned at fair wages. Goods, animals, transport, etc., will, I presume, be requisitioned. There would be no hiring of premises at negotiated rents under F.S.R. XIX. There would be only billeting and requisitioning. No payment would be made for billets without subsistence or requisitioned accommodation. Cash, specie, funds and realizable securities belonging to the State would be seized.
 - (b) What is the rate of exchange to be? Presumably the same as the Army has been using. Are both E.M.A. and yellow seal dollar currencies to be used? No real Sterling, or Sterling equivalent other than E.M.A., and no real dollars to be allowed to circulate.
 - (c) Will E.M.A. currency be issued in smaller denominations than 6d.?
 - (d) What will be the division of financial liability between U.S. and British?
3. When these points have been cleared up it should be possible to draw up simple financial instructions in connection with such matters as operational imports (which will, I suppose, be needed), currency, financial powers of certain officers, "write-off" powers, financial relations with the inhabitants, co-ordination of financial activities with U.S.
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(SGT) Dunlop, Brigadier,
Financial Adviser.

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Pl. ask Col. Spottford to discuss the above
with Brig. Dunlop.
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Dear Cornwall-Jones,

Newling has passed to me your letter to him of 9th March 1943 about financial matters connected with future operations in the Balkans.

Present indications are that operations in the Balkans will be an entirely British responsibility. It is therefore to some extent true that currency, etc. arrangements should be a little more simple. I should, however, make it clear that, even in those areas where the Americans do not share the responsibility, they have evinced considerable interest in the arrangements. We propose partly no doubt for the reasons which you mention in your letter. This is particularly true of rates of exchange, but I think that you can take it that all such general policy questions will have to be settled in London and Washington, so that, unless the Americans are taking part in any operation or have a man locally who is particularly well qualified on a particular matter and whose assistance would be useful in explaining our views to Washington, there is no need for you to consult the Americans in your area. On the other hand, we have no objection, to the extent you deem it desirable, to your informing them of your proposals regarding financial affairs, if this is being done generally in regard to the operations.

As I have stated above, questions of general financial policy will have to be settled here in regard to any operations. What, therefore, we shall require from your Planning Staffs is an indication of the problems on which they require guidance, all information which they have available on the points and an expression of their views. We have not as yet given much thought specifically to the Balkans, but we have formulated ideas which, mutatis mutandis, will, we think, be applicable anywhere.

For your information, I do not think I can do better, so far as currency is concerned, than give you a copy of a note which the

Colonel A.T. Cornwall-Jones,
Offices of the War Cabinet,
Great George Street,
S.W.1.

Treasury sent to Sir Frederick Phillips in Washington in December last. Since then there has been some further discussion, but I do not think that we have modified our views except in one particular.

On security grounds, we now think that there is an insuperable objection to the production in advance of special notes denominated in local currency. We are therefore back to the proposal to use genuine local currency, if we have it and can find it locally in sufficient quantities, and failing that, to use B.M.A. notes such as are being used at the moment in Tripoli and special dollars not convertible into ordinary dollars. We would, however, agree to use notes prepared by the Emigre Allied Governments, provided that the notes are handed over to us well in advance of the operation and that their use does not necessarily involve disclosure to the Allies of our operational intentions.

In this connection, you will be interested to know that the Czechs have placed orders here for 23,400,000,000 Czech krone in Treasury notes from Kr.5 to Kr.1,000. The notes will begin to be delivered shortly. The Greeks have orders in hand for 75 milliard drachmae, and notes in denominations of Dr. 50 and Dr. 100 are now being produced at the rate of three million notes a week. The designs for the higher denominations have not yet been approved by the Greek authorities, and consequently, no plates are yet available and no appreciable quantities could be produced under three months from now. The Yugoslavs contemplate orders for 5 milliard dinars, but complete delivery cannot be expected before the end of October. Any Allied notes used by either British or American Forces would have to be approved by the Foreign Office and the State Department.

We do not propose to commit ourselves at present in regard to rates of exchange, but we are trying to get the Americans to agree that we should obtain in London the Allied Governments' views.

We have given some considerable thought to banking problems in Western Europe, and a Paper which was prepared some months ago, after consultation with the Treasury and Bank of England, is attached for your information. The problem is, however, at present under review, and

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I should warn you that it is possible that the idea of an Army Bank may be developed further.

The points raised in the ailet appended to A.T.(E)/P(42)10 have been considered in considerable detail, and I indicate below the present position in regard to each of them.

(A) Incidence of Cost of Civil Administration.

This has not been discussed specifically with the Americans, but I think you may take it that, if the British are in sole charge in a particular area, the cost, at any rate in the first instance, will fall on British Army funds and be dealt with much on the same lines as expenditure in the Occupied Territories in East Africa. We all feel that, strictly, some part at any rate of the expenditure on Civil Administration, even during the period when the Army is responsible, should fall on the National Government. This is particularly true in regard to stores taken into the country and work done there which may be of some semi-permanent or permanent value. No approach on the matter has, however, been made to any of the Allies. When the time comes for such approach, it will be made in London and/or Washington, so for the present there is no alternative but for your planning to proceed on the assumption that the cost will fall on British Army funds.

(b) Enemy Property and Trading with the Enemy.

Draft Proclamations, etc. on these matters have been prepared for Western Europe, and I attach copies for your information.

(c) Goods taken in Prize.

Two memoranda covering ships and goods taken in prize are now under discussion. When they have been agreed here with all the interested Departments, it is proposed that they should be sent to the Americans for their views. Subsequently, if and when we reach agreement with America, it is intended that the Allies should also be asked to concur. I attach copies of the latest drafts.

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(d) Collection of Taxes and Local Dues.

Our preliminary views are that these should be collected at existing rates.

(e) Price Control, Wages and Salaries, and Public Welfare Relief.

These can only be determined in relation to particular territories and we must await information and views from your planners before we can indicate the general policy.

(f) Supplies, Trade, Industry, Agriculture, etc.

These are also very much local problems and must be settled for each country separately when we get information from your planners, but I can give you some general guidance. For security reasons, we feel strongly that all purchases of supplies for the civil population must be made through Army channels before an operation and be dealt with and shipped as though there were Army supplies. After an operation has succeeded, the great thing is that we should receive the earliest possible information of minimum (shipping will not permit of more than this) requirements and a list of exports which can readily be made available and shipped. Every opportunity should be taken to send back on returning transports commodities urgently needed for the furtherance of the war effort.

The policy of the military administration in regard to industry and agriculture must be a short-term one.

There may well be United States schemes for the rehabilitation of industry, etc. in the liberated territories but these should not be the concern of the military administration. It will, however, be the duty of the administration officers to report home if either industry or agriculture can assist the war effort by reducing demands on shipping or in any other way.

I hope the above gives you what you require. I shall be pleased to keep in touch with you or whoever is appointed to deal with these financial matters on the A.T.(B) Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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