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OFFICER COURIERS, LA MARSA,
MALTA
JULY 1943

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SUBJECT: AIR SERVICE

TO: Seventh Army Main
Seventh Army Rear
Eighth Army Main
Eighth Army Rear
Portofino

HELICOPTERS

D. 26 Jul 43

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FORCE 141

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26 Jul 43

1. Commencing 27th July the courier service to Sicily will be as follows:

EL AGUINA (Tunis)	- Depart 0730 hrs.	
CASSINILI (Syracuse)	- Arrive 0930 hrs.	Depart 1000 hrs.
PALERMO	- Arrive 1100 hrs.	Depart 1500 hrs.
CAS ILLI	- Arrive 1600 hrs.	Depart 1630 hrs.
EL AGUINA	- Arrive 1830 hrs.	

2. It is necessary for the aircraft to call at CASSINILI first as the present length of runway and condition of the airfield at PALERMO restricts the load which can be accepted for that destination to 2000 lbs. This limits the number of passengers to 10 with 50 lbs. of baggage each. Any mail or freight will mean a corresponding reduction in the number of passengers.

Brigadier
D. G. H. G. (Mov. & Tr.)
(Mov. & Tr.)

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EL AGHUNA (Tunis) - Depart 0730 hrs.
 CASIMIRI (Syracuse) - Arrive 0930 hrs. Depart 1000 hrs.
 PALERMO - Arrive 1100 hrs. Depart 1500 hrs.
 CASIMIRI - Arrive 1600 hrs. Depart 1630 hrs.
 EL AGHUNA - Arrive 1630 hrs.

2. It is necessary for the aircraft to call at CASIMIRI first in the present length of run-way and condition of the airfield at PALERMO restricts the load which can be accepted for that destination to 2000 lbs. This limits the number of passengers to 10 with 50 lbs. of baggage. Any mail or freight will mean a corresponding reduction in the number of passengers.

Passenger

Brigadier
 D. J. M.C. (Mov. & Tn)
 (Mov. & Tn)

15 Army Group.
 Field.

Orders to: 216 Group Ops.
 23 ADM
 ADM Casimiri
 ADM Palermo
 List A 15 Army Group

To See

MCOL VAREY. SMITH

TB

Cpt. McDougall
 Reg. Pennington

To see

COPY PASSED TO
 CAPT. McDONNELL
 FOR RETENTION. *26/7*

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SUBJECT: Air Passages.TO :- Dist A.

HEADQUARTERS	
Date	20 Jul 43
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15AG 4569/7/0(M)

20 July, 1943.

It is reported for information that the daily courier service to Malta departs El Aouina at 0300 hrs instead of 0630 hrs as heretofore. The approximate time of arrival is 1000 hrs.

The service is direct to Malta by Douglas plane.

The plane on the return journey continues to leave Malta at 1700 hrs and will arrive at El Aouina at about 1900 hrs.

As before passengers in either direction must report to the control room half an hour before the scheduled time of departure.

H.Q. 15 Army Group
FIELD

[Signature]
Brigadier
D.Q.M.G. (Mov. & Tr)
Q(Mov. & Tr) 15 Army Group

Proximity line cancels para. 1 at 34

10 SEE:

LT COL FARLEY SMITH *[Signature]*

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18 JULY 43
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Subject : Daily Air Service to MALTA

15AC/4562/7 9(11).

To : List 'A'

17 Jul 43.

It is reported for information that although the service of the Officer courier to MALTA has been discontinued, the daily flying boat from BIZERIA to MALTA and return with passengers and mail will continue at the same times as heretofore.

The night air service leaving EL AGUINA at 2000 hours returning from MALTA at 0400 hours has been discontinued.

Phineas James
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tr)

H.Q. 15 Army Group
Field

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for Col FARLEY SMITH

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SUBJECT: Liaison or Courier Officers

15AG/8631/BGS

MEMO

TO: List 'B'

15 JULY 43 14 Jul 43.
N 7871
FORCE 141

1. Any officer visiting TAC H.Q. with a message for G.O.C.-in-C or C.G.S. must take with him the following:-

The necessary Map
Notebook
Chinograph Pencils

2. If the contents of the message are unknown to the officer, then a small scale map of SICILY should be taken.

In the Field.

for *Reed* *Brinnington*
BRIGADIER, Capt
GENERAL STAFF,
15 ARMY GROUP.

10 SEE:

C.S.O. (MAY MORLEY FLETCHER)

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15 AC/41/C(ops).

Subject:- Officer Courier.- IA MARIA-MAITA.

REF ID: A10. List "B".

1. Ref. memorandum of even-number dated 1 July 43 and 13 July 43.
2. Will branches please provide Courier Officers for this service as follows:-

17 July.....	C.S.I.
18 July.....	C(AD) or C(Trg).
19 July.....	C(Maint).
20 July.....	A.
21 July.....	R.E.
22 July.....	E. Sigs.
23 July.....	C(I).
24 July.....	C.S.I.
25.....	C(AD) or C(Trg).
26 July.....	C(Maint).
27 July.....	C(Inv).
28 July.....	A.
29 July.....	L.S.
30 July.....	E. Sigs.
31 July.....	C(I).

3. Branches are reminded that the names of courier officers should be submitted to this branch.

C(ops).
13 July 43.Lt. Col.
C.S.

E.C.S. (Ops). 5900

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CSO (Nas Morley Fletcher)

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1415/141/G(Ans).

Subject:- Daily Courier Service. PARSONS - PIRACE.

1. Reference memo of even reference dated 1 July 43.
2. In para 2 for 6 Jul. delete "A or Q as ordered by HGA" and substitute "G(ED) (Capt. Humphris)!"

G(Ans).
4 Jul. 43.DISTRIBUTION:

List 'B'.

Lt. B. Alexander

for Lt. Col. Capt. E. S. G. S.

To SER

LT. COL. PIRACE. SMITH

MAJOR PIRACEY

CAPT. G. R. H. H. H.

W. S. 77

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16 Dec 43d 4532/5897/ (H)

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13 Jul 1943

SUBJECT: Air Transport Service.

TO : List A.

1. Information has been received from A.S.A. S.A.C. Air Force that the maximum load of the Sunderland Aircraft on the Daily Carrier Service between Bicester and Malta is as flying boat as follows:-

(a) 25 personnel or 5000 lbs.

(b) Freight must be in parcels not larger than 4' x 3' x 2'. Maximum weight of each package is limited to 100 lbs.

(c) The aircraft cannot be comfortably be carried.

2. There are two Sunderland flying boats available for the Carrier Service if required.

chief clerk to see

Quoted to:- S.A.C. H.A. WILKINSON
S.A.C. (Ops. Div.) Major B. H. H. WILKINSON
S.A.C. (Ops. Div.) Major B. H. H. WILKINSON
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Enclosure (S.A.C. Div.)
1943 Army Group

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(b) Freight must be in parcels not larger than 14" x 3" x 2".
Maximum weight of each package is limited to 750 lbs.

(c) Size stretcher cases can comfortably be carried.

2. There are two Sudanese flying boats available for this Operation Service if required.

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Mr. [illegible]
D. [illegible] (Gov. & [illegible])
15th Army Group

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10 SEE:

MAS. MOLEY FISCHER

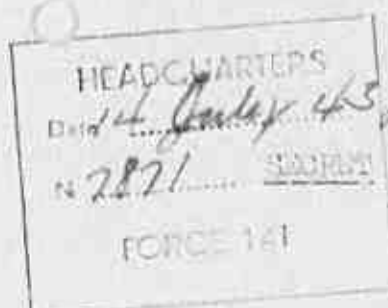
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15AC/42/C(Ops)

25 July 43

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SUBJECT: Daily Courier Service Officers, AIRPORT TO AIRFIELD.

TO: List "B".

1. In continuation C(Ops) letter 15AC/42/C(Ops), dated 1 July 43, following is substituted for Para 5 and 6 of the letter referred to above:-

Officers detailed as couriers by branches will be present in the Information Room from 1800 to 1900 hours daily in order to receive letters, packages, etc. After this hour, any packages, letters, etc., for the Courier Officer should be sent to the HQ Office clearly marked "For Courier Officer".

It will be the responsibility of the Officer Courier to call at the HQ Office to pick up such packages before leaving for the air field.

Branches are requested to use the Courier Officer only for the carriage and delivery of such letters, packages, etc., as are of a highly secret nature, or require personal explanation. As far as possible, letters, packages, etc., should be sent by the normal AIS through signal channels.

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Date 7 Jul 43
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141F/41/G(Ops).

5 July 43.

SUBJECT: Daily Courier Service
PANTOX - FERRACE.

MEMO: List "B".

1. Further to memo of even reference dated 1 July 43, please add the following paragraphs.

2. "11. Arrival at Malta (LUCA Airfield).

The Courier reports on arrival to the Air Port Security Control Office. Outside the door is a notice with an arrow and the words, "FERRAT COURIER'S CAR." Behind the building the car will be standing: a 15-cub Chevrolet painted yellow with a notice "FERRAT COURIER" on the bonnet.

If the car is not there, the courier should telephone to FERRACE and ask for Extension 21 (Camp) who will send up another immediately.

12. Visit to Twelfth Army.

Branches of Twelfth Army have been informed that the courier will be available in the G(ED1) Office between 1200 and 1300 hrs daily. He should report to Lt. Col. Baker in the MASCARIS tunnel (about 100 yards down the tunnel on the right.)."

G(Ops).

141F/41/G(Ops) 5906
A.S. HENRY, Capt
for Brig. Gen.,
B.C.S., G(Ops).

To SED
Lt Col FERRAT
MAJOR DENNIS
CAPT BURNHAM

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DATE/1/5(ONS)

HEADQUARTERS

Date

SUBJECT:- Daily Officer Courier for Service, PATROL - FINANCE.

MEMO

To: "B" FORCE 141

1. Arrangements have been made for one seat to be reserved on the daily plane TUNIS to FINANCE for an Officer Courier from this H.Q.

2. In order to give branches an opportunity to get officers over to FINANCE (over and above visits arranged on the passenger air service, details to be issued shortly), will branches provide Courier Officers as follows:-

2 July	-	G(L)
3 "	-	G.S.I.
4 "	-	G(SD) or G(Trg)
5 "	-	A or Q as ordered by H.Q.A.
6 "	-	A or Q as ordered by H.Q.A.
7 "	-	HE G(SD) (CAPT HUMPHRIES)
8 "	-	X
9 "	-	G(L)
10 "	-	G.S.I.
11 "	-	G(SD) or G(Trg)
12 "	-	A or Q as ordered by H.Q.A.
13 "	-	A or Q as ordered by H.Q.A.
14 "	-	HE
15 "	-	X
16 "	-	G(L)

3. TIMES

0730 Officer Courier to report to Courier Office EL AGHUNA
0800 Plane leaves for FINANCE
0930 Plane arrives FINANCE

(Approx)

0930-1630 Available for Officer Courier in FINANCE

1700 Plane leaves for EL AGHUNA

1830 Plane arrives EL AGHUNA

(Approx)

4. It is understood that signals are making arrangements for the carriage etc. of mails to FINANCE, and therefore the Courier Officer will only be required to:-

(a) Take such special rail or motor as required by branches.

Col. Smith
Major Smith

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CHANGES

0730 Officer Courier to report to Courier Office EL AOUINA
 0900 Plane leaves for FINANCE
 0930 Plane arrives FINANCE

(Approx)

0930-1630 Available for Officer Courier in FINANCE

1700 Plane leaves for EL AOUINA

1830 Plane arrives EL AOUINA

(Approx)

4. It is understood that Signals are making arrangements for the carriage etc. of mails to FINANCE, and therefore the Courier Officer will only be required to:-

(c)

(1) Take such special mail or matter as required by Branches. Perform Liaison Functions between TAO HQ and Main HQ as directed by Branches.

5. Will Branches who require the Officer Courier to take action as in 4 above, please arrange to brief the Officer (through the British providing) or direct to him to his office between 1800 hrs and 1900 hrs each day.

6. Will Branches providing Officer Couriers please arrange that the Officer designated as Courier for the following day is present in his own office between 1800 and 1900 hrs on the day previous to his departure.

7. No ticket or special pass is required by Courier Officers.

8. Courier Officers are advised to take a small bedding roll in case they are held up, and haversack rations. Courier Officers will make their own arrangements for transport to and from EL AOUINA.

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9. The H.Q. Poros III is located in the OIL TUNNEL, FINANCE.
10. The H.Q. Poros III have been informed regarding Courier Officers.
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G(ops)
1 Jul 43.

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