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15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 61.

COORDINATION OF POLICY WITH REGARD TO ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION
IN OCCUPIED TOWNS.

OBJECT.

1. The object of this instruction is to define the policy which will be adhered to with regard to the control and allotment of accommodation, including workshops etc., in towns occupied by the Armies.

GENERAL.

2. Whenever towns are occupied, difficulties will always arise in the allotment of accommodation, particularly workshops etc., as between the Royal Navy, the Army and Air Forces.

In future, the following will be the policy.

POLICY.

3. When first occupied, the coordinating authority for allotment of all accommodation will be the Army Commander, or other Senior Military Commander on the spot as delegated. No accommodation may be occupied or reserved by any service without this Commander's authority.

Later when the area has been placed under a Sub Area or Base Area Formation H.Q. for local command and administration, the authority responsible for allotment of required accommodation by any of the three services will be the Commander of the Base Sub Area or Area concerned.

4. The above will be applied particularly to such places as PANTALOON where the coordinating authority will be :-

(a) In the initial stages, U.S. Commander PANTALOON Base Section as directed by C.G. FIFTH Army.

(b) Later stages, G.O.C. No. 2 District.

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15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 53

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION AND CO-ORDINATION - 15 ARMY GROUP

The relationship between 10 Corps and Base Area, PANTALOC, will be in all respects, where applicable, similar to that between EIGHTH ARMY and PORTAGE, vide Administrative Instruction No. 51.

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Subject: Priority of moves into SICILY

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1. Estimate of the rate of movement into SICILY from now on is as follows.

(a) Personnel :-

As required, one convoy per 14 days approx

(b) Vehicles

Ex NA	350 per month
Ex TRIPOLI (L)	600 per month
Ex ME	1500 per month

2. The above must include Naval, Army and Air units and replacement vehicles if required. It is evident that no type of vehicle, of which there are already adequate numbers in SICILY, should be called forward from NA.

3. If you wish to revise in the light of the above the priorities previously requested, requirements should be re-submitted on the proforma issued with 15 Army Gp Instruction No. 50, dated 23 Aug 43.

Maj-Gen,
C.G.S.

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15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 56,MILITARY IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.

1. The following Military Identity Documents will be valid in formations under command of 15 Army Group:-

A. Officers of U.K. and British Dominion Forces:-

- (1) Middle East Identity Card.

This section referring to date of renewal on this card will be deleted and the word "valid" will be inserted in ink.

- (11) North Africa Identity Card - A.F. B. 2638.

B. Officers of the Army of the U.S.:-

- (1) Identification Card WD AGO For 65-4.

- (11) " " " " 65-1.

C. O.Rs of U.K. and British Dominion Forces:-

(except Canadian Army) - A.D. 64.

D. O.Rs of the Canadian Army:- ~~64~~ M.F. M.I.

E. E.M. of the Army of the U.S.:-

- (1) Identification Cards as described in para B.

- (11) " Tags only.

This Identification Tag contains the following particulars:-

Name of soldier, Army Serial No., Name and address of nearest relative, Last tetanus injection, Blood type, Religion.

The section referring to date of renewal on this card will be deleted and the word "valid" will be inserted in ink.

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(ii) " " " " 65-1.

C. O.Rs of U.K. and British Dominion Forces:-

(except Canadian Army) - A.B. C4.

D. O.Rs of the Canadian Army:- ~~MA~~ M.F. M.1.

E. R.M. of the Army of the U.S.:-

(i) Identification Cards as described in para B.

(ii) " " Tags only.

This Identification Tag contains the following particulars:-

Name of soldier, Army Serial No., Name and address of nearest relative, Last tetanus injection, Blood type, Religion.

2.

A. Any U.K. Identity Cards A.F. B. 2606 still in possession of individuals will be recalled under arrangements to be made by Fifth Army (British Staff), Eighth Army, Fortbase, and North Africa Identity Cards A.F. B. 2638 will be issued in their place.

B. A.F. B. 2606 so withdrawn will be destroyed under arrangements as above.

3. A. Supplies of A.F. B. 2638 are being forwarded to Eighth Army and Fortbase from 15 Army Group.

B. Supplies of A.F. B. 2638 for British forces under command Fifth Army will be obtained from A.F.H.Q. (D.P.M.) by Fifth Army British Staff.

4. The Issuing Authority is responsible for retaining the counterfoils of A.F. B. 2638.

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Identity documents for British personnel will not be issued by units. As a general guide, the responsibility for issuing should not be delegated below Div or Sub-area.

*Major-General 1/c Administration,
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BOUNDARIES.

1. The administrative boundary between Seventh and Eighth Armies was issued in H.Q. 15 Army Group Operation Instruction No. 20 dated 17 Aug.
2. All Seventh Army Troops other than those required for work in Eighth Army Area, will be withdrawn west of the administrative boundary, and located where security and maintenance dictate.

DEVELOPMENT OF PALERMO.

3. PALERMO area will be developed as a Reserve Depot Area to hold stocks in reserve for Fifth Army for AVALANCHE Operation. All stocks surplus to local maintenance requirements in all other parts of Seventh Army Area will be moved, as and when circumstances and transport facilities may permit, to the PALERMO Depot Area.

4. No landing or storage will be retained for port working.

5. The main role of the port for Seventh Army will be via PALERMO port which will be worked to full capacity. It is accepted that this capacity will be limited by the withdrawal of landing craft for port working.

AIR FORCE SUPPLIES.

6. All Air Force supplies other than those required in the Western area for Coastal Command and for fighters will be moved as early as possible to PONTA OLIVO and COMMO.

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4. No landing or storage will be retained for port working.

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SOUTHERN PORTS.

7. Southern ports i.e. LICATA and ENFEOCCLE will be closed down as far as possible but Air Force supplies now being off-loaded at these ports will be cleared as soon as possible and with whatever means may be available to PONTIC OLIVO and COMISO.

SALVAGE.

8. Salvage and captured enemy material will be worked back to PALERMO port for export to M.A. as and when transport resources and labour permit. Clearance will be on a priority to be issued by G(SD) Branch H.Q. 15 Army Group. In view of recent accidents the utmost care will be exercised in handling captured ammunition.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIRS.

9. The Chief Engineer near H.Q. 15 Army Group in conjunction with Seventh Army and APOOT will decide on priorities of Engineer work to be carried out in connection with road and bridge repairs.

RAILWAY REPAIRS.

10. The DCM (Mov & Tr) H.Q. 15 Army Group in conjunction with Transportation, Seventh Army and APOOT will decide priorities of railway repairs.

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Instructions defining the responsibilities for railway operation will be issued separately.

11. The dominant factors in the priorities vide para 9 and 10 will be the requirements of AMGOT for the restoration of civil communications.

MAINTENANCE OF SEVENTH ARMY UNITS IN EIGHTH ARMY AREA.

12. Seventh Army will be responsible for the maintenance and ammunition supply of any Seventh Army units including artillery operating in Eighth Army area, and will arrange direct with Eighth Army in all matters necessary in this connection.

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS BULLETIN.

13. Seventh Army will render a daily Administrative News Bulletin to H.Q. 15 Army Group by A.L.S. showing:-

- (a) Total daily issues of gasoline products and rations from Seventh Army Depots.
- (b) Stocks in tons (US) gallons (US) or barrels, (gasoline) of all major commodities held in Army Depots.
- (c) Daily deadweight tonnages off loaded at PALERMO and other ports.
- (d) Main items of salvage and captured material collected in salvage depots at PALERMO and held under Seventh Army control.
- (e) Daily casualties, Prisoners of War and cases of Malaria.
- (f) Any other items of administrative information which it may be considered by Seventh Army desirable or of interest for H.Q. 15th Army Group to be informed.

It is essential that complete control be obtained by Seventh Army of all stocks, issues and imports. The accurate, punctual and daily rendering of the above returns to H.Q. 15 Army Group is of the utmost importance.

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insert "C.E. and C.E.O."

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delete "and engineering"
insert ", engineer and signal"

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Eighth Army.
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Fortbase.
List 'A' 15 Army Group.

I am directed by the G.O.C. in C. 15 Army Group to issue the attached memorandum, on the subject of the Administrative functions of the Army Group, for your information.

The memorandum will form the broad basis on which the Administrative Staff 15 Army Group will be organised and carry out its functions.

It should be read in conjunction with Main 15 Army Group Administrative Instruction No. 51.

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G.H.Q. Middle East.

C. H. Lee
Major General,
Major General i/c Administration,
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT :- The Adm Functions of Army Group.

10 Aug 1943.

1. The Army Group commands two or more Armies or Formations. Each Army or Formation under Command is responsible for its own Command and Administration to the G.O.C. in C. Army Group through its own Staff and Services.

2. The Army Group adm Staff co-ordinates, dictates adm policy, forecasts plans and above all has the responsibility for generally ensuring that whatever the Armies or Formations demand is made available in the right places, at the right time and in the right quantities for the Army or Formation to take over.

3. Army Group does not and never can execute administration directly except through a subordinate formation such as an Army or other Formation or Base Area or equivalent.

Army Group does not therefore require 'Services', nor does an Army Group have 'Army Group Troops' under command.

4. If an Army Group has 'Services' under command and attempted to administer directly all troops under command it would become virtually a G.H.Q. The Adm Staff and Services would inevitably grow, it would become static (Signals alone would dictate this) and it would cease to be an Army Group H.Q.

5. The Army Group must not be asked to usurp the legitimate administrative functions of a G.H.Q. nor must Army Group attempt to usurp or interfere with the functions of a G.H.Q. The responsibilities of Command and Administration of the Army or other Formation.

6. The methods by which efficient administrative co-ordination as between Armies, Army Gp and G.H.Q. is to be effected will vary in accordance with the changing situations and trend of operations. This will necessitate the closest liaison between the adm Staffs concerned and the G.O.C. in C. Army Group and G.H.Q. to decide the best method of co-ordination of the operations.

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7. Obviously there are means of Transport and L of C facilities such as Ships, Craft, Ports, Railways, Roads etc., or common user Stocks are limited, and Army Group must decide priorities as between Armies and Air Forces in accordance with the plans and decisions of the G.O.C. in C.

8. There may be occasions when the need for co-ordination do not exist and priorities can be delegated to the Army or Unit concerned.

9. The W.E. of the Admin Staff of the Army Group is drawn up to enable the above main functions to be efficiently carried out.

There will be occasions during planning when the assistance and advice of Senior Officers of the "Services" will be required. These officers are not furnished for Army Group by the superior formation (i.e. the G.H.Q.) for the period of the planning. When the plan has been approved these officers return to the superior H.Q. with full knowledge of what is required for the operation in their own particular service.

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MAIN 15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 51.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION AND CO-ORDINATION - 15 ARMY GROUP.

OBJECT.

1. The object of this instruction is to define the administrative organization and the co-ordination for the maintenance and supply of all troops under command H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP and Air Forces in SICILY and the MAINLAND.

ORGANIZATION.

2. H.Q. FORTEASE (20 BASE AREA) is under command H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP except for local administration, for which it is under command EIGHTH ARMY.

The Order of Battle of H.Q. FORTEASE will be issued separately by G(S.D) H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP, in due course.

3. If circumstances demand, or if it is not necessary for H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP to exercise administrative co-ordination at the ports and beaches of supply, FORTEASE may be placed under command of EIGHTH ARMY for all purposes. The decision will rest with the G.O.C-in-C, H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP.

CHAIN OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATION AND RESPONSIBILITY.

1. Subject to the policy laid down by H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP, G.O.C. FORTEASE is authorized to deal direct on the following matters :-

(a) With AFHQ and GIC MIDWEST on all matters concerning demands for shipments and the calling forward of all shipping to and from Eastern SICILY, and such ports and beaches of the Mainland as may be directed by H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP, in the course of operations.

(b) With EIGHTH ARMY on all matters concerning :-

- (i) the maintenance and administration of EIGHTH ARMY, other than administrative policy.
- (ii) the "mounting" for overseas operations of all units and formations under command of EIGHTH ARMY.

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6. On all matters of administrative policy, EIGHTH ARMY will deal direct with MAIN H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP.
7. (a) The channel of responsibility of the "Services" EIGHTH ARMY, on technical service matters, will in respect of each "Service" be direct to the Head of the "Service" at both AFHQ and CIN MIDEAST. This procedure will continue until AFHQ assume the sole administrative responsibility for all troops under command H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP.
 (b) "Services" FORTBASE will deal direct with "Services" AFHQ and CIN MIDEAST on those matters for which FORTBASE is authorised to deal direct with those H.Q. vide para 4(a).
 In all other "Service" matters, they will deal direct through the Heads of "Services" EIGHTH ARMY.
8. EIGHTH ARMY administrative staff are authorised to deal direct with CIN MIDEAST, copy where necessary to H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP and FORTBASE, on all matters as heretofore, until such time as AFHQ assume the entire administrative responsibility for all troops under command H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP, when EIGHTH ARMY administrative staff will communicate to AFHQ through H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP.

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8. The channel of administrative communication and demands for requirements of 7th U.S. ARMY will be through the normal U.S. channels as already laid down.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

9. H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP will deal direct with PORTBASE on any matters of local administration which do not concern Troops which are under command EIGHTH ARMY, or the administration and maintenance of EIGHTH ARMY.

MOVES AND PRIORITIES OF SHIPMENTS BY SEA INTO SICILY AND MAINLAND.

10. (a) All moves and priorities of shipments by sea of units, personnel and vehicles into SICILY and the Mainland ports will be controlled by H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP, through G(S.D) channels.

(b) All shipments for maintenance into ports or beaches under the command of PORTBASE and 7th ARMY will be controlled by the G.O.C., PORTBASE and G.G. 7th ARMY respectively.

H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP will co-ordinate where necessary.

The procedure for control will be issued in MAIN 15 ARMY GROUP Administrative Instruction No. 50 in due course.

AIR FORCE SUPPLIES.

11. (a) W.D. Air Force will submit all demands for requirements to PORTBASE until 21 Aug 43. With effect from 21 Aug 43, W.D. Air Force will submit all demands for requirements direct to THIRD SERVICE AREA COMMAND, copy to PORTBASE.

(b) 12th AIR SUPPORT COMMAND, TACTICAL BOMBER FORCE and all other Air Forces in SICILY and the Mainland, will submit all demands for requirements direct to THIRD SERVICE AREA COMMAND.

(c) A.O.A., T.A.F., through THIRD SERVICE AREA COMMAND Sub HQs will submit demands for all Air Force requirements with effect from 21 Aug 43 to :-

- (i) H.Q. PORTBASE for shipments through ports controlled by PORTBASE.
- (ii) H.Q. 7th ARMY for all Air Force shipments required through ports in 7th Army Area.

12. All Air Force and THIRD SERVICE AREA COMMAND road convoys will conform to the Movement and Traffic Control arrangements of the Army in whose area they are operating.

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EIGHTH ARMY DEMANDS.

13. EIGHTH ARMY will submit demands for all requirements to H.Q. PORTBASE as arranged by G.O.C., PORTBASE in conjunction with EIGHTH ARMY.

CO-ORDINATION.

14. H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP will issue such administrative instructions to all concerned as may be necessary for co-ordination, in particular as regards :-

- (a) Ports.
- (b) Road and Rail communications.
- (c) Signal communication.
- (d) Air supplies in conjunction with A.O.A., T.A.F.
- (e) Allotment of landing craft in conjunction with
ATHQ and G-in-C MED.
- (f) Allotment of DUKES in conjunction with ATHQ.
- (g) Airfield, pipe line and bulk storage.

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CONTROLLED STORES AND VEHICLES.

15.

General Staff, H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP, through G(S.D.) ~~SECRET~~ ^{CIE & CSO} 15 ARMY GROUP, ~~all~~ respectively issue such instructions as may be necessary to FORTRASE for the provision, storage, holding and issue of controlled stores, vehicles, equipment, ~~and engineering~~ stores other than those controlled by EIGHTH ARMY.

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15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 50.

Control of Moves into SICILY and/or mainland of ITALY
ref 15 Army Group Admin Instruction No. 51 dated 7 Aug
43 para 10.

OBJECT.

1. The object of this instruction is to define the procedure for control of all moves, other than those for maintenance, into SICILY and/or the mainland of ITALY. It will have immediate effect.

2. Each Army or other Formation under direct command of 15 Army Group HQ, TAF and head of Branches HQ 15 Army Group, will submit all demands for ALL moves, other than for stores for maintenance, required into SICILY and/or mainland of ITALY, to HQs Main 15 Army Group. The attached pro-forma will be used. Units etc will be shown on it in the order of priority desired.

3. The following committee of British and US representatives of the Branches shown, to be known as the "Priority of Moves Committee" will meet from time to time as ordered by the GCS to draw up or revise the List of priorities and moves:-

G(GB) in a US }
G(Maint)/G-L }
G(Mov & Dis) }
15 Army Group.

Such other representatives of branches as may be required.

4. DMC (Mov & Dis) 15 Army Group will be responsible for identifying ALL of the lifts by sea required to place troops to those moves in accordance with the priorities laid down by the G 15 Army Group.

5. It will be the policy to adhere to the priorities demanded by the Armies or other Formations as far as possible. All formations concerned necessary will be notified. G(GB), 15 Army Group, to 15 Army Group Formation concerned.

6. When the shipping...

1. The object of this instruction is to define the procedure for control of all moves, other than those for maintenance in a fixed and/or the mainland of I. It will cover any other in detail.

2. Each Army or other Formation under direct command of 15 Army Group HQ, TAF and Head of Formation HQ 15 Army Group, will submit all demands for all moves, other than for stores for maintenance, required into SQUAD and/or mainland of I, to HQs Main 15 Army Group.

The attached pro-forma will be used. Units etc will be shown on it in the order of priority desired.

3. The following committee of British and US representatives of the Branches shown, so known as the "Priority of Moves Committee" will meet from time to time as ordered by the CCB to draw up or revise the list of priorities and may:-

G(SD) Dc & US }
Q(Maint)/G-1 } 15 Army Group.
Q(Mov & In)

Such other representatives of branches as may be required.

DMG (Mov & In) 15 Army Group will be responsible for modifying AFHQ of the lifts by sea required to give effect to those moves in accordance with the priorities laid down by the CCB 15 Army Group.

4. It will be the policy to adhere to the priorities demanded by the Armies or other Formations as far as possible, and a formation found necessary will be notified by G(S), 15 Army Group, to the Army or Formation concerned.

5. Where the shipping means available, or port facilities for disembarkation are such that Armies and other Formations cannot be met without material alteration to the demand and priority, and where, in the event of such alteration, it is necessary, for a lifting to be held at which the representatives of the Armies or Formations concerned will be required to attend.

6. All demands by Main 15 Army Group, other Formations, and units, coming to 15 Army Group, for moves into the area of operations under command of 15 Army Group will be made to Main 15 Army Group ^{repeated} direct.

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7. When a definite number of craft are allocated for a ferry service the control of such ferry may be delegated by HQ 15 Army Group to the Army or formation concerned. In such cases the Army or formation will deal direct with the appropriate naval authority regarding the working of the service.

8. Where one Army or formation alone is concerned in any particular I of C, authority may be delegated by HQ 15 Army Group for all moves and priorities for the particular phase of operations concerned.

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NOTES (a) All trailers and guns to count as vehicles. Particulars to be given separately.

(b) Type of Tank or SP gun to be stated.

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