

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

ACC

10000/100/699

2190.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

10000/100/699

TRANSPORT, POST HUSKY  
AUG., SEPT. 1943

2190.

785015

| NO. | REF No.              | DATE   | FROM/TO                   |
|-----|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| 1   | AMCOT/44             | 3 AUG  | TO FREEDOM for H.G.S.     |
| 2   | 217                  | 10     | Do SSO. 18 AC             |
| 3   | —                    | 10     | MEMO                      |
| 4   | AM/6/43              | 10     | from Angot Liaison        |
| 5   | Angot 86.            | 12     | TO FREEDOM.               |
| 6   | AM/6/83              | 14     | TO. G.P. CAPT. BENSON     |
| 7   | AM/6/95.             | 15     | TO Brig. Gen. Holmes      |
| 8   | AM/6/96              | 15     | TO. G.P. CAPT BENSON      |
| 9   | ST 1                 | 16     | From: AMGOT Liaison.      |
| 10  | 2480 Cite FMAGU      | 17     | From Freedom Signed Cin C |
| 11  | F 32                 | 22     | DOGS AFHQ                 |
| 12  | 5654 Cite B53        | 25     | From FMAGU 15 AC          |
| 13  | <del>44</del> 217/HQ | 29     | Do: DCCAO from CSO        |
| 14  | SD 2174              | 30     | From: 15 Army GP          |
| 15  | —                    | 11 Sep | Do: CG. 7 Army            |
| 16  | Angot 247            | 15     | " : — do —                |
| 17  | 400.22-0             | 13     | " : HQ 15 Army GP         |
| 18  | SD 2307              | 22     | From: HQ 7 Army           |
| 19  | 61/HQ                | 24     | " : HQ 15 Army GP         |
| 20  | 217/H.Q.             | 26     | " : AC SO                 |
| 21  | 98 HQ                | 30     | " : C.S.O.                |
| 22  | 358 HQ               | 30     | To: Lt Col. MONTFORT.     |
|     |                      |        | " : MGS, A.F.HQ.          |

|    |                      |        |                                                   |
|----|----------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 9  | 2480 Cite FHAGU      | 17     | From: HMGOT WIAISON.<br>From Freedom Regied Cin C |
| 10 | F 32                 | 22     | NO AFHQ                                           |
| 11 | 5654 Cite B53        | 25     | From FHCIC LS ISAG                                |
| 12 | <del>44</del> 217/HQ | 27     | To: DCCMO from CSO                                |
| 13 | SD 2174              | 30     | From: 15 Army GP                                  |
| 14 | -                    | 11 Sep | To: CG 7 Army                                     |
| 15 | -                    | 11 Sep | " : - do -                                        |
| 16 | Augot 247            | 15     | " : HQ 15 Army GP                                 |
| 17 | 400.22-0             | 13     | From: HQ 7 Army                                   |
| 18 | SD 2307              | 22     | " HQ 15 Army GP                                   |
| 19 | 61/HQ                | 24     | " ACSO                                            |
| 20 | 217/H.Q.             | 26     | " C.S.O.                                          |
| 21 | 98/HQ                | 30     | To: Lt Col Monfort.                               |
| 22 | 358/HQ               | 30     | " MAS, A.F.HQ.                                    |



22

AMGOT 8th Army Organization

558/7

HQS, AFHQ

30 Sept. 3.

1. Group Captain Benson reports to us that 8th Army has requested immediate organization of a mobile staff to accompany 8th Army in future operations. Group Captain Benson has just visited this H.Q. to work out arrangements which are considered most immediate and urgent.

2. The arrangements suggested involve the following:

(a) Immediate creation of a staff of 35 officers which will be drawn from existing Region II personnel,

(b) Provision of following motor vehicles:

- Seven 15 cwt.
- Twenty-one jeeps
- One staff car
- Five 3 tonners
- Six motorcycles

By reason of the time factor certain vehicles will be drawn from Region II but must be replaced. Advice is requested as to the earliest date at which vehicles may be obtained and shipped from North Africa. No additional vehicles are available from 7th or 8th Army sources. A formal requisition will follow.

3. To the permanent staff of 35 it is contemplated that a varying number of officers will be attached from time to time. For the immediate future operations 50 officers should be attached and moved forthwith to Bari. It is suggested that these officers be drawn from Region IV personnel since the area of probable operations of 8th Army will include Region IV territory. These 50 officers should include two legal, two finance, two public health and two civilian supply officers. The balance should be officers for C.A.C. or C.A.P.O. field duty with several competent to act as provincial S.O.A.Os.

4. The transport for the permanent 8th Army AMGOT staff and the personnel to be attached is of the highest priority, since AMGOT 8th Army HQ will move forward not later than 6 October. It is requested that transport of the 50 officers be arranged direct to Bari from North Africa. Please advise this HQ of the time of departure and the estimated time of arrival and also furnish a nominal roll of officers attached.

5. Since the contingent of 50 officers will be moved forward it should be equipped with transport. One hundred enlisted personnel (including drivers) for early phase operations should be sent forward with the officers.

785015

(a) Immediate creation of a staff of 35 officers which will be drawn from existing Region II personnel.

(b) Provision of following motor vehicles:

Seven 15 cwt.  
Twenty-one jeeps  
One staff car  
Five 3 tonners  
Six motorcycles

By reason of the time factor certain vehicles will be drawn from Region II but must be replaced. Advice is requested as to the earliest date at which vehicles may be obtained and shipped from North Africa. No additional vehicles are available from 7th or 8th Army sources. A formal requisition will follow.

3. To the permanent staff of 35 it is contemplated that a varying number of officers will be attached from time to time. For the immediate future operations 50 officers should be attached and moved forthwith to Bard. It is suggested that these officers be drawn from Region IV personnel since the area of probable operations of 8th Army will include Region IV territory. These 50 officers should include two legal, two planners, two public health and two civilian supply officers. The balance should be officers for C.A.O. or C.A.P.O. field duty with several competent to act as provincial S.C.A.Os.

4. The transport for the permanent 8th Army MGO staff and the personnel to be attached is of the highest priority, since MGO 8th Army HQ will move forward not later than 6 October. It is requested that transport of the 50 officers be arranged direct to Bard from North Africa. Please advise this HQ of the time of departure and the estimated time of arrival and also furnish a nominal roll of officers dispatched.

5. Since the contingent of 50 officers will be moved forward it should be equipped with transport. One hundred enlisted personnel (including drivers) for early phase operations should be sent forward with the officers.

CHARLES M. STONE  
Colonel, G. S. 289  
Chief Staff Officer.

11/1/53

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

Moves of Personnel and Transport.

AMSCOT/SL/HQ

Lt. Col. Hartfort,  
c/o British Military Mission,  
Nairobi.

30th September 3

1. A message has been received stating that twenty officers with ten vehicles and six motor cycles will be leaving the Middle East for your area on or about 6th October. They are to report to Gp. Capt. Benson at Eighth Army H.Q.
2. The message states that the actual point of disembarkation will have to be ascertained from 5 Corps. You are asked to do all you can to assist them on their way.
3. The message also stated that drivers must be provided to meet the vehicles. Plans are obtainable here and a reply has been sent asking MidEast to provide. It is quite possible, however, that they will not be forthcoming, in which case you will have to make the best temporary arrangements that you can.
4. This is in confirmation of message sent to you.

CRB

CHARLES H. SPENCER,  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Chief Staff Officer.

COPY FOR FILE AMSCOT/SL/HQ

279



20

AMCOT/217/HQ.

W.D. Transport received from 8 Army.

British Transport Officer.

26. Sept. 3.

1. AMCOT 8 Army has reported having received the following vehicles from 8 Army for use on the mainland :-

25 Trucks 15-Cwt.  
3 Lorries 30-Cwt.  
3 Lorries 3-ton.

2. The particulars of these vehicles are given below for your records.

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1 Bedford (3 ton) | L. 4576731 |
| 1 "               | L. 4878477 |
| 1 "               | L. 518218  |
| 1 Ford            | L. 1328454 |
| 1 Bedford         | L. 4668640 |
| 1 "               | L. 525525  |
| 1 "               | L. 518245  |
| 1 "               | L. 4678663 |
| 1 Dodge (15-Cwt)  | Z. 4737097 |
| 1 "               | Z. 5184134 |
| 1 "               | Z. 7183800 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4740867 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4973692 |
| 1 "               | Z. 5184092 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4983190 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4977429 |
| 1 "               | Z. 5176999 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4976715 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4976787 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4832116 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4977632 |
| 1 "               | Z. 4883207 |
| 1 "               | Z. 5184388 |
| (30-Cwt)          | L. 4736975 |
| (15-Cwt)          | Z. 5178771 |
| (30-Cwt)          | L. 4737354 |
| (15-Cwt)          | Z. 5183254 |
| "                 | Z. 4733787 |
| "                 | Z. 4738547 |
| "                 | Z. 4832011 |



|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1 Bedford (3 ton) | L. 4876751 |
| 1 " "             | L. 4878447 |
| 1 " "             | L. 518243  |
| 1 Ford            | L. 1328454 |
| 1 Bedford         | L. 4668640 |
| 1 " "             | L. 525525  |
| 1 " "             | L. 518245  |
| 1 " "             | L. 4678663 |
| 1 Dodge (15-Cwt)  | Z. 4737097 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 5184134 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 7183800 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4740867 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4978692 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 5184092 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4983190 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4977439 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 5178999 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4976718 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4976787 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4832116 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4977632 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 4883207 |
| 1 " "             | Z. 5184388 |
| (30-Cwt)          | L. 4736975 |
| (15-Cwt)          | Z. 5178771 |
| (30-Cwt)          | L. 4737364 |
| (15-Cwt)          | Z. 5183254 |
| " "               | Z. 4733787 |
| " "               | Z. 4736547 |
| " "               | Z. 4832011 |
| " "               | Z. 4978055 |
| (30-Cwt)          | L. 4737094 |
| (15-Cwt)          | Z. 4740902 |
| " "               | Z. 4978074 |
| 1 Bedford (3-ton) | L. 4509625 |

278

*Shelley 524*  
 in CHARLES N. SPOTFORD.  
 Colonel, C.S.C.  
 Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: File 61/HQ.

19

C.S.O.

18 in reply to 16.

We have made a full circle and are back where we started except for the transport obtained from 8 Army.

2. I think that recent developments reduce the need for the transport?

If this is not correct we must ask ISAG to demand again on APHA.

D.B. 24/9.

Para 2 - Dugan. Hold up for time being

9/24

DS

See 22

R.O.

30/9

Noted 25/9

277

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

231348B  
ARMY FORM C.

264B  
**MESSAGE FORM**

5721  
**COURIER**  
Register No.

|       |          |          |                           |
|-------|----------|----------|---------------------------|
| Call. | Srl. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions |
|       |          |          |                           |

Above this line for Signals use only.

|                              |                            |                                 |                    |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| From<br>(A)                  | ORIGINATOR.<br>15 ARMY GP  | Date-Time of Origin.<br>221245B | Office Date Stamp. |
| For Action.<br>AMCOT PALERMO |                            |                                 |                    |
| To                           | (W) For Information (INFO) | Message Instructions<br>GR      |                    |

108WA  
22 SEP 57  
804  
22 SEP 57  
AMCOT

ORIGINATOR's No. SD 2304 16

ref your CITE 247/857 dated 16 Sep (.) regret no vehs available from  
SEVENTH ARMY (.) suggest you impress civilian vehicles

DISTRIBUTION:

C-1.  
Q(aint)  
AMCOT

1706/10

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.

Originators Instructions.  
Degree of Priority.

THI or TOR

221315  
TIME CLEARED.

276



785015



HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY  
APO #758 U.S. ARMY

400.22 - 0

13 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Equipment.

TO : Commanding General, II Corps, APO #302, U.S. Army.

1. You will transfer at once from the 9th Infantry Division to the organizations listed below, the vehicles indicated. Vehicles transferred will be complete with tools and accessories and will be in a serviceable condition.

a. To the 93rd Ordnance Company (HM) (AA):

1 each Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4.

b. To the 53rd Quartermaster Battalion:

3 each Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4.

c. To the AMGOT Detachment, Region 3, commanded by Major John S. Lansill:

6 each Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4

6 each Trailer, 1/4 ton, 2-wheel.

2. Details of these transfers will be coordinated between the Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division, and the Commanding Officers of other organizations involved. Report will be made to this Headquarters by indorsement hereon when these transfers have been completed.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:

c/c to G-4, G-3, 93rd Ord Co,  
53rd QM Bn, AMGOT Det.

ALBERT A. LINDQUIST  
Major A. G. D. 225  
Assistant Adjutant General

LWI 176

785015

16

15 September 1943.

AMGOT 15 Army Group

Priority

MOST SECRET

HQ 15 Army Group repta Seventh Army MGS AFHQ AMGOT Liaison 15 Army Group.

Following transport urgently needed in SYRACUSE (Paren from AMGOT 15 Army Group to HQ 15 Army Group rpta Seventh Army MGS AFHQ AMGOT Liaison 15 Army Group cite AMGOT 247 Paren) to complete AMGOT 8 Army to approved W E and T O for CALABRIA APULIA LUCANIA (.) Jeeps fifty one motor cycles thirty three (.) Para 2 my AL/6/95 of 15 Aug addressed MGS AFHQ rpta G(SD) 15 Army Group refers (.) All efforts to obtain more transport from Eighth Army and AFHQ unsuccessful (.) Request you authorize issue of this transport from Seventh Army under para second (c) your S D 2174 undated

7

13

15W 127  
P/A 16/9  
E.S.

785015

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT  
15TH ARMY GROUP

CMS/FG/vw  
11 September 1943

15

Subject: Vehicles.

To: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U. S. Army.

Attention: G-4 (Supply).

1. Under the provisions of message, 15th Army Group SD 217.4 File 1702/43, it is requested AMGOT be added to priority for 45th Division (US) AVALANCHE.

2. Under the VCCG AFHQ, the AMGOT detachment will consist of ten (10) officers, ten (10) enlisted men and six (6) trucks,  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton w/trailers.

3. Enclosed is transport status report.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

*[Signature]*  
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Lt Colonel, GSC,  
Chief Staff Officer.

P/A  
14/9  
C.S.

273

*[Handwritten signature]*

SECRET



14

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT  
15TH ARMY GROUP

CMS /FG/ww  
11 September 1943

Subject: Status of AMGOT transport for AVALANCHE.

To: Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U. S. Army.

The following is a status of transport for AMGOT in operation  
AVALANCHE; includes detachment for 45th Division only.

|                                       | <u>Required</u> | <u>On Hand</u> | <u>Short</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| trucks, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton             | 6               | 0              | 6            |
| trailers for $\frac{1}{4}$ ton trucks | 6               | 0              | 6            |

*CS*

CHARLES W. SPOTFORD,  
Lt Colonel, GSC,  
Chief Staff Officer.

SECRET

*Lup 18972*

785015

## MESSAGE FORM OUT

TO : SEVENTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY FORTD AFHQ FORTHEASE TAF  
 FROM : 15 ARMY GP SD 21/4/4

FIRST (.) MOST SECRET (.) Vehicles and equipment will be withdrawn from the following divisions as necessary for the purposes given below (.) 50 Dr Inf Div and either 1 or 9 US Inf Div as nominated by CG SEVENTH ARMY

SECOND (.) Vehicles and equipment made available under first above will be allocated (A) by SEVENTH ARMY to complete 45 Div and other units nominated for US

BATTALION AVALANCHE (B) by EIGHTH ARMY to complete Dr units for AVALANCHE and (C) as ordered by 15 Army Gp from time to time to complete air units and to meet certain maintenance and ALGOT requirements.

THIRD (.) Under (C) in second above allocation will be in principle US equipment and vehicles to US Air Corps units and ALGOT working in SEVENTH ARMY Area and BRITISH equipment to RAF units and ALGOT in EIGHTH ARMY and FORTHEASE Areas

FOURTH (.) EIGHTH ARMY submit proposals on lines indicated at a meeting this HQ 29 Aug for withdrawal of personnel from 50 Div as reinforcements for future ops and for change over of one bde group in 50 Div

FIFTH (.) Addressees ACK

To be sent IN OTHER or by SECRET means

PRIORITY

INFORMATION

LTCOL Sarratt

Col T. J. Brown

13

copy to P.  
copy to AFHQ  
copy to 15 Army

785015

vehicles and equipment made available under first above will be allocated

(A) by SEVENTH ARMY to complete 45 Div and other units nominated for

AVANCE (B) by EIGHTH ARMY to complete 12 units for AVANCE and

(C) as ordered by 15 Army Gp from time to time to complete  
air units and to meet certain maintenance and AMGOT requirements.

THIRD (.) Under (C) in second above allocation will be in principle US  
equipment and vehicles to US Air Corps units and AMGOT working  
in SEVENTH ARMY Area and BRITISH equipment to RAF units and AMGOT in

EIGHTH ARMY and PORTERSE Areas

FOURTH (.) EIGHTH ARMY submit proposals on lines indicated at a meeting this  
HQ 29 Aug for withdrawal of personnel from 50 Div as reinforcements  
for future ops and for change over of one bde group in 50 Div

FIFTH (.) Addressees ACK

To be sent in CIPHER  
or by SECRET means

PRIORITY

INFORMATION

Delivered by Army Liaison

TOO 2 2 1 3 D

DISTRIBUTION

PL to C in C

PL to CGS

PL to MG4

EGS

G(Ops)

Q(Maint)

G-4

PL

RE

Sigs

TIF

AMGOT

C.S.O

Above.

AMGOT 8 Army has got a copy. It may be that this will

solve their problems.

2. As I read the message we should also be able to make up our

AMGOT, Sigs, definitely through this arch.

(P.R.)

File - 1702/43

271

HEADQUARTERS

-1 SEP 1943

6/1/40

AMGOT

2nd 9/9



785015

SUBJECT:- Transport.

151601 - Most Secret

AMGOT/217/RO.

AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.

29. Aug. 43.

To: D.C.C.A.O.

Reference Signal No. 2480 of 17. Aug. from A.F.H.Q. CITE MELES.

1. The transport needed for Region 2 is as given in Col. Thorne's AI/6/95 of 15. Aug. to General Holmes.

2. The transport actually acquired to date is :-

26 - 15 Cwts.  
10 - 3 Tonnage.  
1 - Jeep.  
and approximately 10 Motor Cycles.

There seems little chance of getting any more here.

3. In view of the above, the C.C.A.O. asks you to do everything you can to press for further transport (especially jeeps) to be made available at the earliest possible moment and from any source.

Copies sent 29 Aug

and 30 Aug by hand  
by air.

CHARLES M. SPOTFORD.  
Lt. Col. G.S.C.  
Chief Staff Officer.

271



785015

(SECRET)

IMPORTANT  
QUARTERS  
CITE: 11FOLIO NO. 06566  
25th AUG 43.

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED FICIC  
TO : 15 ARMY GROUP MAIN.  
ORIG. NO: 5694 CITE FICIC B52E

AUG 1943

61/HG Husky  
AMGOT

TOO : 1000  
THI : MIL.  
TOR : 1503.

SUGGEST YOU PROVIDE NECESSARY VEHICLES FROM UNCOMMITTED RESOURCES OF 7TH AND 8TH ARMIES AND CAPTURED EQUIPMENT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS TRANSPORT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR AMGOT ARRIVES. REFERENCE YOUR 1466 OF 22 AUGUST CITE P 32.  
NEW SUBJECT. NO ANSWER RECEIVED OURAD 3226 CITE FICIC 828E OF 19 AUGUST REQUEST EARLY REPLY.

3326 is an "New Subject's" (S.D.)  
I don't mean anything.

DCGS 1  
CGM(OP3) 1  
SAO(US) 1  
G(SD) 3 ACTION  
Q(MAINT) 2  
G4 2  
Q(DGS) 2  
AMGOT 1

SMC. 1620B/25.  
T.T. 1630B/25. JGD.

C.S.O.

I am going to AMGOT 8 Army to-morrow to see how they are getting on for transport.

Colonel,  
U. S. O.

269

785015



AMGOT FILPOT.

222000B

FREEDOM for MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION

EIGHTH ARMY

F. 32

MOST SECRET (.) FOR MCSHERRY FROM RENNELL (.) PLEASE ASCERTAIN  
EARLIEST DATE 52 JEEPS AND 48 M/C FOR BENSON CAN BE OBTAINED AND  
SHIPPED TO ISLAND. DEMAND FOR THESE IS INCLUDED IN BULK TRANSPORT  
DEMAND FROM 15 ARMY GROUP FOR 8 ARMY (.) IF UNABLE SHIP IN TIME  
CAN YOU ARRANGE FOR 52 JEEPS AND 48 M/C TO BE RELEASED NOW FROM 268  
7 ARMY STOCKS IN ISLAND THESE TO BE REPLACED WHEN 8 ARMY TRANSPORT  
ARRIVES.

IMMEDIATE

Colonel.

MOST SECRET

IMPORTANT  
CIPHER MESSAGE  
IN

61/114  
HEADQUARTERS  
25 AUG 1943  
AMGOT

*[Handwritten marks and circled number 9]*

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED C IN C  
TO : ACTION FILPOT FOR AMG FOR THORNE THORNE  
ORIG NO : 2460 CITE FHMGB

YOR. 1731/17  
YML. 511.  
YOR. 2144/17

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF FIFTEEN AUGUST 43. SUBJECT  
TRANSPORT FOR AMG REGION TWO. THERE SEEMS TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING  
ON THE PROCEDURE OF OBTAINING TRANSPORT FOR REGION TWO. IT IS  
INCORRECT TO SUPPOSE THAT I CAN ARRANGE HERE TO SUPPLY TRANSPORT  
FOR REGION TWO. ALL DEMANDS FOR TRANSPORT FOR REGION TWO MADE ON  
AFHQ MUST COME THROUGH FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP. IN THE EVENT THAT  
EIGHTH ARMY CANNOT SUPPLY FROM OWN RESOURCES AND SUBJECT TO  
REQUISITION BEING FILED BY FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP, I WILL DO WHAT  
I CAN AT THIS END TO SEE THAT YOUR REQUIREMENTS ARE FILLED.

AMGOT  
PA TO AGA  
Q(MAG. 1)  
FORTBASE

3 ACTION  
1  
2  
1 (BY ELS.)

*In reply to - I do not think an  
answer is required. A reply has  
gone to General MacSherry, re the transport.*

267



quest in; to algeus. In con. o. know  
about it.

R. ham  
23/8/43 in

Note

P. 4 - drawing into a cone for

Synapse. All these mess & objects to

p. 7. Have been been taken out.

785015

VERY URGENT.

MOST SECRET.

8.



Ref. AL/6/96.

15 Aug 43.

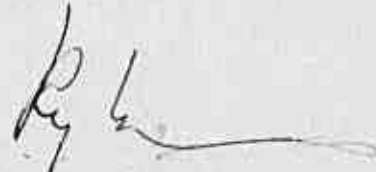
Group Capt. Benson,  
AMGOT H.Q.  
8th Army.

Reference the discussion at the meeting held on 13 Aug regarding transport for Region 2.

2. I have seen G(SD) 15 Army Group who state that AMGOT transport for the forthcoming operations must, owing to lack of shipping facilities from N. Africa, be supplied to you by 8 Army and they have already issued instructions to 8 Army to this effect, 15AG/1706/10/SD2 of 10 Aug 43, of which a copy was sent to you; and Lt. Col. Bird G(SD) 15 Army Group has telephoned Major Ingledew, G(SD) 8 Army, and confirmed this.

3. I have done everything I can here and now suggest that you contact G(SD) 8 Army as soon as you can and find out exactly what the position is. If there are any difficulties, I will then take this up at once with G(SD) here.

AMGOT Liaison,  
15 Army Group Main,  
FIELD.

  
Colonel,  
B. S. O.

Copy to:- Brig.Gen.Holmes, Mil. Govt. Sect, A.F.H.Q.  
C.O.A.O., AMGOT H.Q. Palermo.  
G(SD), 15 Army Group.

268

VERY URGENT.

MOIST SECRET.  
BY FAST AIR.

1. *By hand of Brig. Gen. Denson*  
*on 15/8*

Subject: Transport for AMGOT - Region 2.

AL/6/95.

15. AUG. 43.

Brig. General Holmes,  
Military Government Section,  
A. F. H. Q.



With reference to conversation at the meeting held on 13. AUG. regarding the supply of transport for Group Capt. Denson's future operations. You stated that on return to Algiers you would arrange for transport, as set out below, to be obtained from North Africa for Region 2 (as in para. 7 of telegram 43), this transport to be sent as soon as possible with drivers and transport Officer to an east port in Sicily assigned to AMGOT, 8 Army. It was further arranged that you would obtain the same amount of transport for the 2nd Echelon and hold in North Africa for despatch.

2. 1st Echelon.  
26 Jeeps.  
5 P.U.'s.  
8 15-cvts or 1-ton.  
5 3-ton lorries.  
24 Motor cycles.

2nd Echelon.  
26 Jeeps.  
5 P.U.'s.  
8 15-cvts or 1-ton.  
5 3-ton lorries.  
24 Motor cycles.

Note: W.E. for this transport has been approved by the War Office and Washington and has been received by the Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

3. In order to assist you I was instructed to see G(SD) 15 Army Group and ask them to cable A.F.H.Q. calling forward this transport from North Africa to Sicily in time to be loaded for the forthcoming operations. I have seen G(SD) who state that the transport required by Group Capt. Denson for AMGOT in the forthcoming operations must be supplied to him by 8 Army on his demand. X. G(SD) state that Group Capt. Denson should at once contact G(SD) 8 Army and make arrangements for them to obtain the transport for him. If 8 Army are unable to meet his requirements, G(SD) 15 Army Group will then signal A.F.H.Q. and ask for priority to be given for small vehicles such as jeeps, to be shipped. I have explained to G(SD) here that this transport is required for the whole region South of Naples.

4. I am not at all happy that it will in fact be possible for 8 Army to supply the transport from that now available in Sicily, and as you know that it is of vital importance that AMGOT should have their minimum requirements



telegian 43), this transport to be sent as soon as possible with drivers and Transport Officer to an East port in Sicily assigned to ANGOT, 8 Army. It was further arranged that you would obtain the same amount of transport for the 2nd Echelon and hold in North Africa for despatch.

2. 1st Echelon.  
26 Jeeps.  
5 P.U's.  
8 15-cwts or 1-ton.  
5 3-ton lorries.  
24 Motor cycles.

2nd Echelon.  
26 Jeeps.  
5 P.U's.  
8 15-cwts or 1-ton.  
5 3-ton lorries.  
24 Motor cycles.

Note: W.E. for this transport has been approved by the War Office and Washington and has been received by the Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

3. In order to assist you I was instructed to see G(SD) 15 Army Group and ask them to cable A.F.H.Q. calling forward this transport from North Africa to Sicily in time to be loaded for the forthcoming operations. I have seen G(SD) who state that the transport required by Group Capt. Benson for ANGOT in the forthcoming operations must be supplied to him by 8 Army on his demand. G(SD) state that Group Capt. Benson should at once contact G(SD) 8 Army and make arrangements for them to obtain the transport for him. If 8 Army are unable to meet his requirements, G(SD) 15 Army Group will then signal A.F.H.Q. and ask for priority to be given for small vehicles such as jeeps, to be shipped. I have explained to G(SD) here that this transport is required for the whole region South of Naples.

4. I am not at all happy that it will in fact be possible for 8 Army to supply the transport from that now available in Sicily, and as you know that it is of vital importance that ANGOT should have their minimum requirements if they are to be of any use, I would suggest that you endeavour to obtain such transport as you can. G(SD) state that if you could obtain 52 Jeeps and some Motor cycles they will give priority for their shipment as they are small and easily handled. The shipping difficulties are really over the 15-cwts and 3-ton lorries. I do hope that you will be able, at any rate, to obtain the Jeeps for Benson as I am quite certain that he will be unable to obtain them here and they are of vital importance to him.

ANGOT Liaison,  
15 Army Group Main,  
FIELD.  
EJF/JO.

Copies to: Group Capt. Benson, ANGOT H.Q., 15 Army.  
C.C.A.O.; ANGOT H.Q., Palermo.  
G(SD), 15 Army Group.

Colonel,  
S. S. O.

X. I understand that this is being to estimate shortage of  
Shipping from N.A. to Sicily



Subject: Storage & Transport.

AL/6/33.

11. AUG. 43.



GROUP Capt. Benson,  
AMGOT H. 1,  
6th A.V.

1. I have managed to keep back two 15-cents from the H.Q. transport as I promised, and have asked Lt. Col. French to send them out to you. The remainder of the transport has had to go to Palermo with the equipment but will be returned when unloaded for allocation as arranged.
2. I have kept out the following equipment for you. List "A" shows the total, list "B" the items which I have asked Lt. Col. French to forward out to you, and list "C" shows the items which Lt. Col. French will be retaining for you in his store pending allocation by you.

| Item.            | "A" | "B" | "C" |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Despatch Boxes.  | 12  | 6   | 6   |
| Coasters, No. 3. | 6   | 2   | 4   |
| Union Jacks.     | 25  | 12  | 13  |
| Letter Bags D.L. | 10  | 5   | 5   |
| Hurricane Lamps. | 20  | 10  | 10  |
| Torches.         | 50  | 25  | 25  |
| Map Boards.      | 40  | 10  | 30  |
| Typewriters.     | 22  | -   | 22  |
| Tents, 160 lbs.  | 3   | 3   | 262 |

50 water canteens will be sent to you from Palermo.

One book is being sent to you now and one book, also for your use, is being retained by Lt. Col. French until you require it.

The books are being sent to you now.

3. I have...

for you in his store pending allocation by you.

| Item             | "A" | "B" | "C" |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Despatch Boxes.  | 12  | 6   | 6   |
| Cookware, No. 3. | 6   | 2   | 4   |
| Union Jacks.     | 25  | 12  | 13  |
| Letter Bags D.R. | 10  | 5   | 5   |
| Hurricane Lamps. | 20  | 10  | 10  |
| Torches.         | 50  | 25  | 25  |
| Map Boards.      | 10  | 10  | 30  |
| Typewriters.     | 22  | -   | 22  |
| Tents, 100 lbs.  | 3   | 3   | 3   |

50 water containers will be sent to you from Palermo.

One book is being sent to you now and one book, also for your use, is being retained by Lt. Col. French until you require him.

Two batons are being sent to you now.

3. I presume you will arrange with Lt. Col. French to call forward or distribute the items when you wish.

4. I am arranging air passages for you, Col. Gentry, Lt. Col. French and myself to Palermo from Casablanca on Friday, 20.4.40.

ALLOT Liaison,  
15 Army Group Main,

DATE/80.

Copies to: Ident. Col. French.  
Major Kearney.

C.O.O., A.G.O. H.Q., Palermo.

Colonel,  
S. S. O.

261

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

2000

927372-86

FROM UNITED FOR MCG (.) CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT ALOT THREATEN IN  
 REFINED AS EXPLOITED ABOUT 43 (.) APPROXIMATE FROM REMAINS IN GLOBE  
 THE ESTABLISHED MILITARY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS INCLUDING THREATEN IN  
 LACK OF TRAINING IN BARRIERS HIGHER

263



601  
PAGE 86

FROM HILLIS FOR HIS (.) CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT ABOUT TWENTYONE BE  
FURNISHED AS SPECIFIED ABOVE 23 (.) APPARENT FROM INFORMATION IN SOURCE  
THAT EXISTING MILITARY COFFINERS OFFICERS WERE NOT CAPABLE OF  
LACK OF TRANSFER IN EARLIEST PHASES

263

FOR THE U.S.

NOT FOR U.S.

100000

SUBJECT: BENSON FOR

New file 271/HQ - Transport - CAT 13/14/43

MOST SECRET

AL/6/43

16 AUG 43

HEADQUARTERS  
271/HQ  
17 AUG 1943

To:-

G. C. A.O.

AMGOT

Group Captain Benson rang me up this morning and asked me to see him in Syracuse. I attach note from him to you.

2. His immediate problem is to obtain transport and drivers as follows:-

(a) To accompany 13 Corps.

AMGOT Liaison Officers

13 Corps H.Q.  
5 Div H.Q.  
Canadian Div.

1 Jeep 1 M/C 2 Drivers  
1 Jeep 1 M/C 2 Drivers  
1 Jeep 1 M/C 2 Drivers

For Personnel with assault

6 Jeeps  
2 15 cwt. 16 Drivers  
2 3 tonners  
6 M/Cs

Transport For Follow-up Personnel

12 Jeeps  
4 15 cwt. 24 Drivers  
2 3 tonners  
6 M/Cs

Total:- 21 Jeeps  
6 15 cwt. 46 Drivers  
4 3 tonners  
15 M/Cs

Group Captain Benson states the above transport for 13 Corps AMGOT who are to be loaded in Sicily must be obtained in Sicily and cannot be brought from N. Africa with 10 Corps. I understand from G(SF) that 3 Army will be made responsible for providing such of this transport as we cannot provide from our present transport resources in the island and I am keeping in touch regarding this.

(b) The same amount of transport and drivers as in para 2 (a) is required for 10 Corps and will presumably be obtained in N. Africa.

21 Jeeps

9 Div H.Q. 1 Jeep 1 M/C 2 Drivers  
Canadian Div. 1 Jeep 1 M/C 2 Drivers

For Personnel with assault

6 Jeeps }  
2 15 cmts. }  
2 3 tonners } 16 Drivers  
6 M/Cs } (1)

Transport for Follow-up Personnel

12 Jeeps }  
4 15 cmts. }  
2 3 tonners } 24 Drivers  
6 M/Cs }

Total:- 24 Jeeps }  
6 15 cmts. } 46 Drivers  
4 3 tonners }  
15 M/Cs }

Group Captain Benson states the above transport for 13 Corps AMBUL who are to be loaded in Sicily must be obtained in Sicily and cannot be brought from M. 289 with 10 Corps. I understand from G(SD) that 8 Army will be made responsible for providing such of this transport as we cannot provide from our present transport resources in the island and I am keeping in touch regarding this.

(b) The same amount of transport and drivers as in para 2 (a) is required for 10 Corps and will presumably be obtained in N. Africa.

24 Jeeps }  
6 15 cmts. }  
4 3 tonners } 46 Drivers  
15 M/Cs }

3. As Group Captain Benson thinks you are out of date regarding his plan and requirements he has asked me to see him on 11 Aug, as by then he will have the latest news and can explain it to me and put it in writing for me to send to you.

4. Group Captain Benson seems happy about the present and the future.

AMOT Liaison,  
H.Q. 15 Army Group Main,  
Field.

To 822.

C.S.O.

Colonel,  
S.S.O.

13/8.

SECRET 217  
AMGOT/787/10/HQ  
10 August 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: S.S.O. 15 Army Group

1. Will you take up with G. (S.D.) 15 Army Group the procurement of the transport requested in CA 43. General Holmes has wired AFHQ in accordance with the attached. We would like the request reinforced by 15 Army Group.

2. Please send us a copy of any wire dispatched by G. (S.D.)

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,  
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.  
Chief Staff Officer

AMGOT HQ  
15 Army Group  
Field



Dear Frank (113)  
 I am down in Saigon for the  
 day. I have seen Thuan Thuan & have  
 put him with the picture. So far as  
 Balthazar & Baylon are concerned. The  
 set up is different to that which we  
 discussed. My chief trouble is  
 the point for which Transport  
 must be supplied. I will write you  
 a detailed letter which Thuan  
 Thuan will send you after he has  
 been up to further to see me  
 in the morning.

198.

Yours  
 Com.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

ARMY FORM (2122) (Pads of 100).

## MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. *f.*CALL  
AND  
INSTRUC-  
TION

IN

OUT

21/40

No. of Groups

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

FREEDOM for MEX

MOST SECRET

FROM

C.G.A.O.

Originator's Number

ANDOT/44

Date

3

In Reply to Number

My  
para  
complete  
adequate  
Absence  
parties  
GOCtel  
7  
impotence  
transport  
transport  
and  
8 Army43  
(.)  
Civil  
loaded  
occasional  
complaint  
failureof  
Experience  
Affairs  
first  
great  
to  
C.A. On3 Aug  
here  
Officers  
wave  
difficulties  
me  
to arrive(.)  
emphasizes  
without  
(.)  
7 Army  
by  
in timeTHIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY  
ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS.THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER  
IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL  
INTO ENEMY HANDS.ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

Signed

SYSTEM

TIME

READER

SENDER

SYSTEM

TIME

READER

SENDER

SYSTEM

TIME

READER

SENDER

T.O.R.

259

\* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including."

2 1 3 4