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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 66)

COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION OF SICILY

1. GENERAL. a. In accordance with policy for the organization and military administration of ITALY contained in Administrative Memorandum Number 63, this headquarters, cs, No. 1 District has been established to provide for the command and administrative control of SICILY as part of the British L of C (Communications Zone).

b. It is intended that the whole of SICILY, including the AGADEAN Islands, shall eventually come under the control of No. 1 District. While, U.S. field formations, U.S. supplies and base depots remain on the island, there will be an interim period in which the island will be divided for administrative purposes into:

- (1) No. 1 District controlling the former 8th Army area.
- (2) Island Base Section controlling the 7th Army area.

As U.S. field formations are withdrawn from SICILY the area controlled by the Island Base Section will reduced to an area around PALERMO in which U.S. stores and depots will be located until the base section is closed.

c. The boundary between No. 1 District and Island Base Section area will be defined by this headquarters based on recommendation of the General Officer Commanding, No. 1 District in consultation with the Commanding General, Seventh Army and the Commanding Officer, Island Base Section. Subsequent changes in the boundary will be similarly defined as they become necessary. The General Officer Commanding, No. 1 District will be responsible for defining boundaries of Base Areas within No. 1 District, and will report them to this headquarters.

2. COMMAND. a. No. 1 District will be directly under command of this headquarters.

b. Island Base Section will remain under command of Commanding General, Communications Zone.

c. Headquarters, Seventh Army and Headquarters, 30 Corps, and all troops assigned to these formations will be under the command of this headquarters for all purposes except administration as defined in par. 3, below.

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d. Troops in SICILY assigned to 15th Army Group and No. 2 District will remain under the command of these formations for all purposes except local administration as defined in par. 3, below.

e. Command of Antiaircraft units under the operational supervision of AA and CD Section, this headquarters, will be in accordance with Operation Memorandum Number 12; this headquarters, cs.

3. ADMINISTRATION. a. No. 1 District will be responsible for:

- (1) Local administration of all British troops, except for discipline and military secretary matters with regard to troops under command of 15th Army Group, 30 Corps and No. 2 District, who will remain under 15th Army Group, this headquarters and No. 2 District respectively, for these purposes.
- (2) Supply of items common to ground and air forces for all British forces in SICILY.
- (3) Supply of motor transport petrol for all British and U.S. forces in No. 1 District.
- (4) Delivery of U.S. supplies which are unloaded at ports in No. 1 District to U.S. depots, in conjunction with the Island Base Section.

b. Island Base Section will be responsible for:

- (1) Administration and supply of all U.S. troops.
- (2) Supply of items common to ground and air forces for all U.S. forces in SICILY.
- (3) Supply of motor transport petrol for all U.S. and British forces in Island Base Section.
- (4) Delivery of British supplies which are unloaded at ports in Island Base Section to British depots, in conjunction with No. 1 District.

c. Common supply policies and their execution, and other matters of international concern as long as Island Base Section continues to exist will be coordinated by Headquarters, No. 1 District in consultation with Island Base Section.

4. MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION. a. Movement between No. 1 District and Island Base Section will be coordinated by Headquarters, No. 1 District in consultation with Island Base Section.

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b. Island Base Section will be responsible for the operation of ports and transportation agencies within Island Base Section area.

c. The control of movement and transportation within No. 1 District and of movement through No. 1 District, will be exercised in accordance with a directive to be issued separately by this headquarters to the General Officer Commanding, No. 1 District.

d. No. 1 District and Island Base Section will deal direct with 15th Army Group and No. 2 District with regard to details of movements of units between SICILY and ITALY.

5. DEFENSE. a. The final garrison of SICILY will probably comprise British garrison battalions and one Italian infantry division.

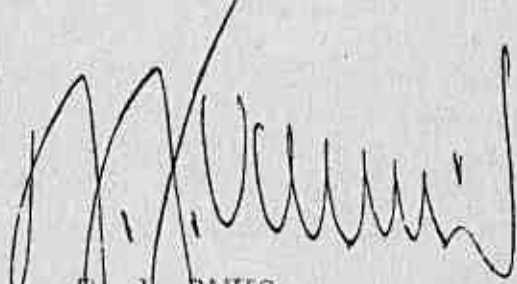
b. While U.S. and British field formations remain in the island, the Commanding General, Seventh Army and General Officer Commanding, 30 Corps will be responsible for the ground defense and security of Island Base Section area, and No. 1 District, respectively. When field formations are withdrawn, the General Officer Commanding, No. 1 District will assume responsibility for the ground defense and security of the whole of SICILY including Island Base Section area.

c. Naval defense of ports and coastal area, and antiaircraft defense, will be carried out in accordance with policy contained in Operation Memorandum Number 12, this headquarters, es.

6. MILITARY GOVERNMENT. a. General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group will continue to act as Military Governor (SICILY) until the military government of the island is under control of this headquarters.

b. The existing system of Allied Military Government, under the direction and control of the Chief, Civil Affairs Officer, will remain in operation.

By command of General EISENHOWER:


T. J. DAVIS,
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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 105)

6 October 1943

BASE SECTION BOUNDARIES

1. So much of GO Number 5, this headquarters, as, as pertains to the eastern boundary of the Eastern Base Section is rescinded.
2. The eastern boundary of the Atlantic Base Section and the western boundary of the Mediterranean Base Section is redesignated to coincide with the eastern boundary of Morocco.
3. The eastern boundary of the Mediterranean Base Section, the western boundary of the Eastern Base Section, and the definition of area of the Center District of the Mediterranean Base Section remain as designated in GO Number 38, this headquarters, as.
4. The eastern boundary of the Eastern Base Section coincides with the eastern boundary of Tunisia. The Bizerta Area of the Eastern Base Section is bounded as follows:

All inclusive AIN DRAHAM H-7542 - KEF ES SALAH H-9535 - KEF EL BIED H-9844 - all exclusive AINE SELLAM J-1346 - KSAR MEZOUAR J-3446 - DJ, EL ANG J-5545 - CHOUIGI J-7362 - SIDI ATHMAN J-87 thence road to road junction J-9477 thence River MEDJERDA to sea.
5. The area under control of the Island Base Section is so much of the Island of Sicily as is bounded on the east by the eastern boundary of the Seventh Army.
6. Each base section will serve all units of this command within its area and such additional units as may be designated by this headquarters.
7. All intelligence and counter intelligence matters pertaining to base sections will be governed by instructions issued by this headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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 September 29, 1943

SUBJECT: Command - Eastern Sicily

TO: S.C.A.O.s and Head of Divisions

It is notified for general information that with effect from 27 September No. 1 District reverts to A.F.H.Q. Command. No. 1 District is at Catania and will be responsible for local administration of military units in Eastern Sicily. The boundary between the British area and the Seventh Army area remains the same.

It is also notified for your own information that H.Q. 15 Army Group will close down in Sicily on 4 October and will reopen on the Italian mainland.

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12 September 1943

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 4 to Directive, 18 August 1943

TO : Commanding General, II Corps
 Commanding General, Provisional Corps
 Commanding General, 34th AA Brigade
 Commanding General, 2626th Brigade



1. Effective 2400B, 14 September 1943, paragraph 2 and Annex #1 (marked map) Directive this Headquarters 18 August 1943, prescribing boundary between II Corps and Provisional Corps, are amended as follows:

"Beginning at RJ at B4745 - thence SW along road to RJ at B4442 - thence west to VILLAGRAZIA, all inclusive to Provisional Corps; - thence south along road MALPASSO-ALTOFONTE - PIAZZA DI GRECI (B375335) - RJ at B443225 - headwaters BELICE SIMSITRO RIVER (B1608) thence southwest along BELICE RIVER to the southern coast, all inclusive to II Corps.

2. The 91st Reconnaissance Squadron is relieved attachment II Corps and is attached Provisional Corps. Necessary arrangements for the movement of this unit to destination as designated by Provisional Corps will be effected without delay.

3. Necessary changes in troop locations to relieve the 3rd Infantry Division of its present area responsibilities will be effected as soon as practicable and not later than 2400B hour, 14 September 1943. Orders relieving the 3rd Infantry Division from attachment to Provisional Corps will be issued by this Headquarters.

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SUBJECT: Directive.

TO : Commanding General, II Corps
Commanding General, Provisional Corps
Commanding General, 34th AA Brigade
Commanding Officer, 1st Engineer Special Brigade
Commanding Officer, 2626th AA Brigade

1. Higher authority has designated a new boundary between Seventh Army and Eighth Army, dividing the island of SICILY into areas for administration, regrouping, and security.
2. Seventh Army will move to the area west of the new boundary. For boundary between Armies, and boundary between II Corps and Provisional Corps, see Annex 1 (marked map).
3. For revised list of troops attached to II Corps and Provisional Corps, see Annex 2.
4. Responsibility for the movement of units attached to II Corps and Provisional Corps, as indicated in Annex 2, rests with the Corps concerned. In addition, Corps concerned will be responsible for the movement of units listed in Annex 3. Priority of westward movement on the north coast road (Route 113) is in the order 45th Infantry Division, 3rd Ranger Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, 13th FA Brigade, 9th Infantry Division.
5. The 1st, 3rd, and 4th Ranger Battalions will be moved to a concentration area in vicinity of CORLEONE, and will be assembled under the command of Lt. Col. W. H. DARBY, with instructions to prepare for early movement from this theatre.
6. Within Corps areas of responsibility as indicated in Annex 1, II Corps and Provisional Corps are responsible for the security of:
 - a. All Corps and subordinate unit installations.
 - b. All routes of supply, evacuation, and communication.
 - c. Such additional army installations as may be designated.
7. The Corps Commanders will be responsible for the police, discipline, and military courtesy of all military personnel within their areas.

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Hq & Hq Co II Corps
1st Infantry Division
9th Infantry Division
45th Infantry Division
91st Reconnaissance Squadron
1st Ranger Bn
3rd Ranger Bn
4th Ranger Bn
753rd Tank Bn
70th Tank Bn
4th Tabor Goums
13th Field Artillery Brigade
Hq & Hq Btry, 13th FA Brig
17th FA Regt
36th FA Regt
1st Bn, 178th FA Regt
1st FA Observation Bn
77th Field Artillery Regt
2nd Cml Wpns Bn
3rd Cml Wpns Bn
105th AAA Bn (SP)
441st AAA Bn (SP)
19th Engr Regt (C)
62nd Engr Co (Topo)
2nd Plat, 437th Engr Co (Dump Trk)
Co C, 401st Engr Bn (WS)
1 Plat, 469th Engr Co (Maint)
2 Plats, 46th QI Co (GR)
1 Plat, 48th QI Co (GR)
Co F, 47th QI Regt (Trk)
523rd QI Car Co (Prov)
Hq & Hq Det, 42nd Ord Bn (H & S)
3106th Ord Co (IM) (Q)
991st Ord Co (HM) (Tk)
79th Ord Co (Depot)
9th Ord Co (MM)
53rd Sig Bn
Cipher Det 141, 15th Army Gp
10th Field Hosp
11th Evac Hosp
93rd Evac Hosp
15th Evac Hosp
54th Med Bn

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202nd MP Co
25th MRU
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ANNEX #2b

SECRETUNITS ATTACHED TO PROVISIONAL CORPS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3rd Infantry Division | Attchd 2nd Armd Div |
| 2nd Armored Division (-) | Attchd 2nd Armd Div |
| Hq & Hq Det 5th Armd FA Gp | Attchd 2nd Armd Div |
| 62nd Armd FA Bn | Attchd 2nd Armd Div |
| 58th Armd FA Bn | Attchd 3rd Inf Div |
| 65th Armd FA Bn | Attchd 3rd Inf Div |
| 83rd Cml Itz Bn | Attchd 2nd Armd Div |
| 443rd AAA SP Bn | Direct Support Prov Corps |
| 106th AAA SP Bn | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| Hq & Hq Det, 43rd Ord Bn (II & S) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 83rd Ord Co (HI) (Tlc) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 3rd Ord Co (III) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 5th Ord Co (III) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 93rd Ord Co (III) (A) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 3405th Ord Co (III) (Q) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 3408th Ord Co (III) (Q) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 78th Ord Co (Dep) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 1/2 330th Ord Co (ITS) (Q) | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| 235th Ord Bomb Disp Co | Attchd 43rd Ord Bn |
| Hq & Hq Det, 63rd Ord Bn | Direct Support Prov Corps |
| 64th Ord Co (A) | Attchd 63rd Ord Bn |
| 69th Ord Co (A) | Attchd 63rd Ord Bn |
| 608th Ord Co (A) | Attchd 63rd Ord Bn |
| 609th Ord Co (A) | Attchd 63rd Ord Bn |
| 51st Sig Bn | Direct Support Prov Corps |
| 51st Med Bn | Attchd Prov Corps |

SECRETANNEX #2UNITS ATTACHED TO 34TH AAA BRIGADE

Hq & Hq Btry, 34th AAA Brig
62d AAA Regt
68th AAA Regt
103d Balloon Barrage Btry
Hq & Hq Btry, 105th AAA Group
Hq & Hq Btry, 4th AAA Group
107th AAA Bn
167th AAA Gun Bn
407th AAA Gun Bn
211th AAA Gun Bn
410th AAA Gun Bn
431st AAA Bn
436th AAA Bn
688th AAA MG Btry
694th AAA MG Btry
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202d Ord Co (III) (C)

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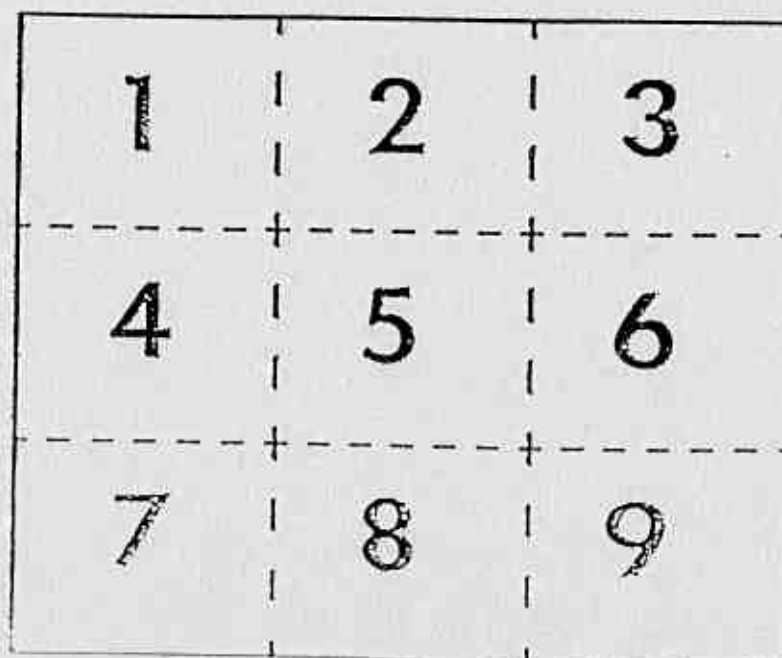
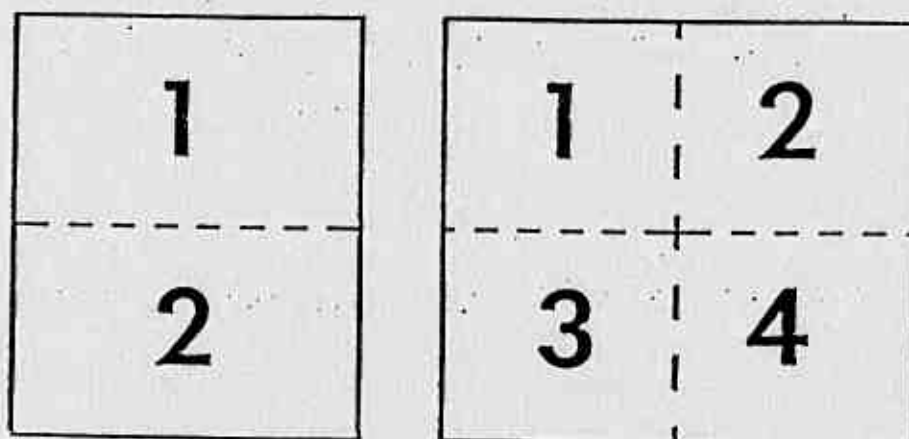
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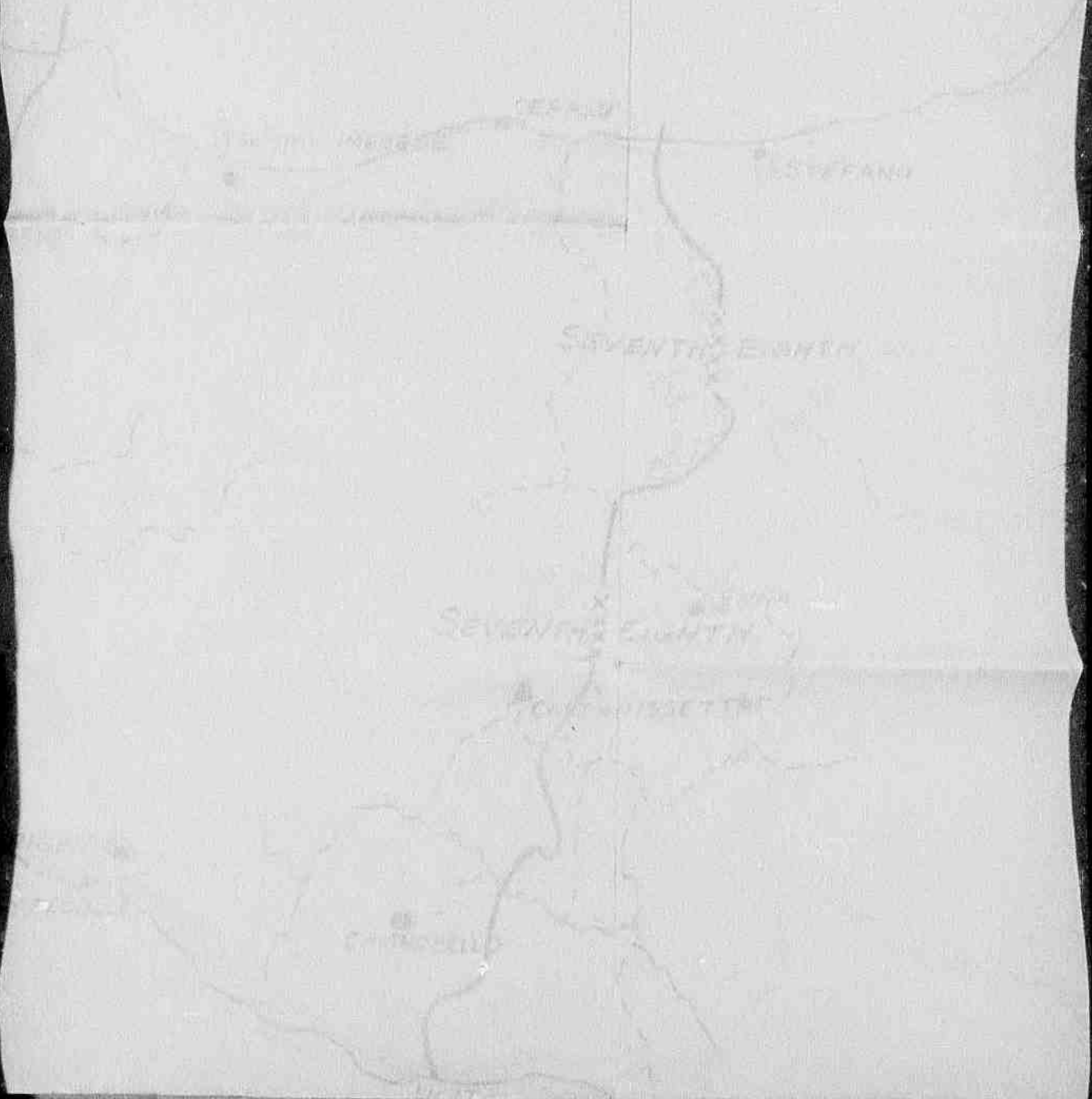
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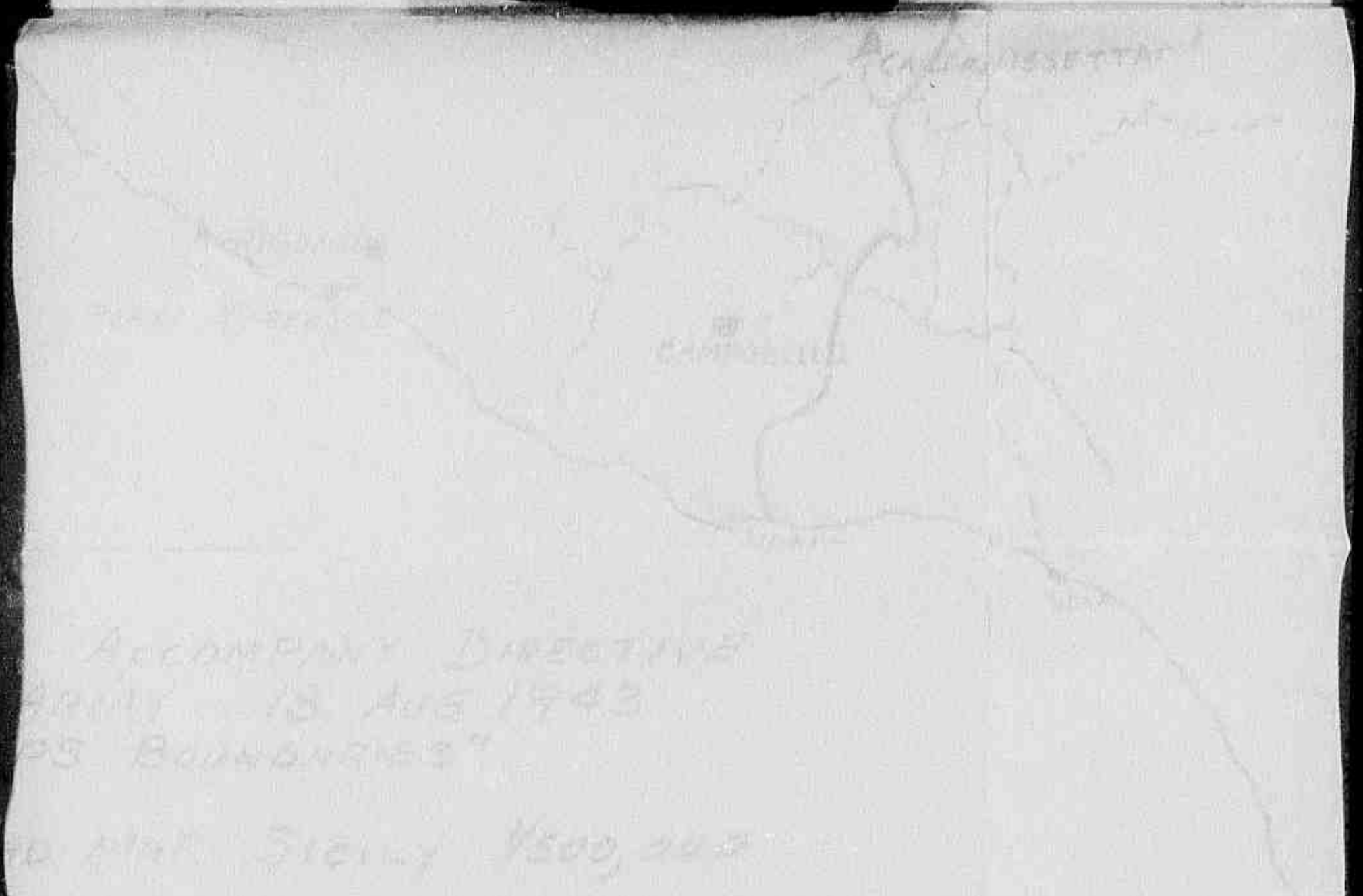
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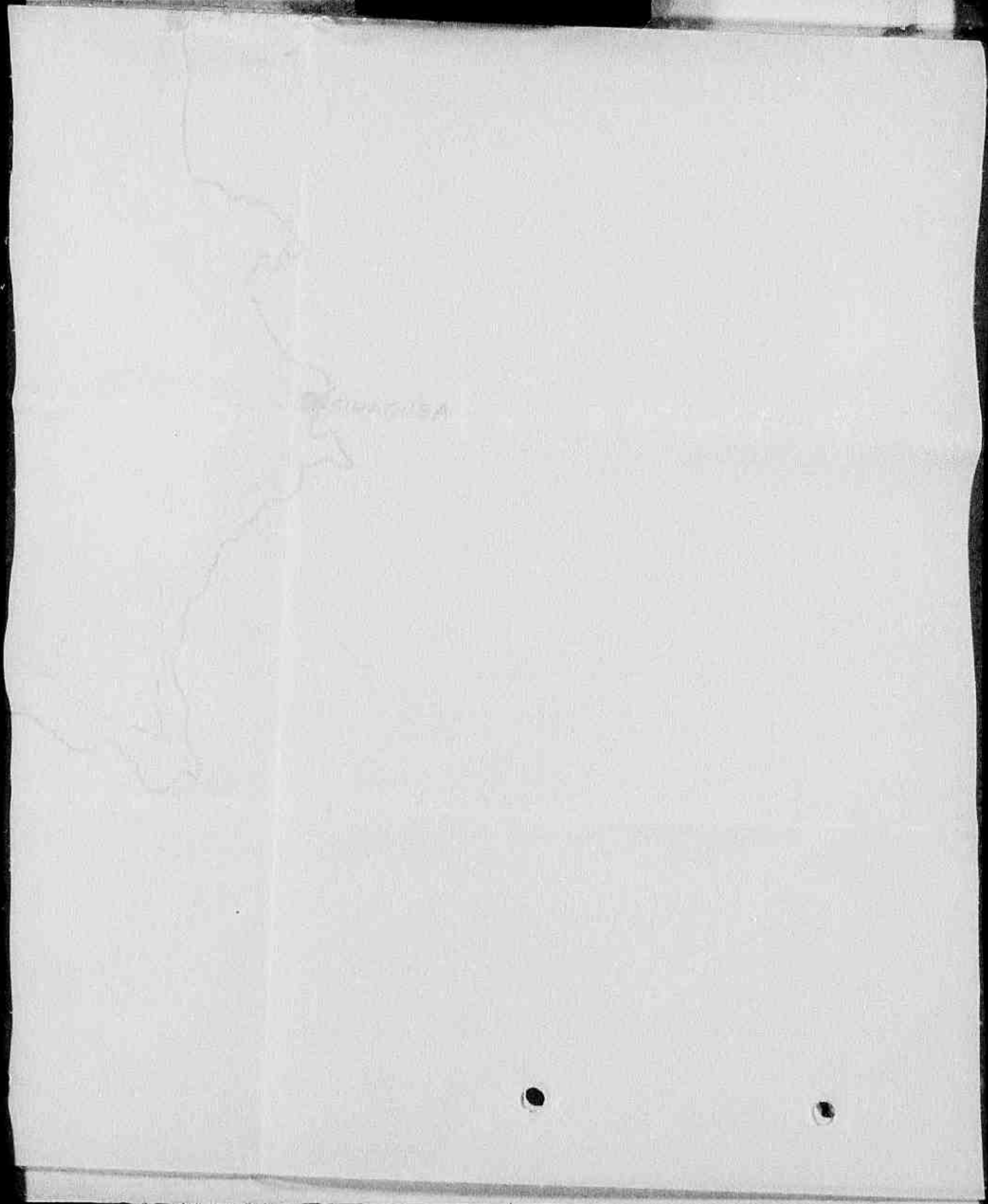
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Subject:- 7 and 8 Army Boundary in
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AMCOT HQ

18 Aug 43

To: AMCOT Liaison,
15 Army Group.

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Reference your AI/6 of 11 Aug 43.

The CCAO agrees with the boundary proposed in 15AG memo 8632/HQS of 12 Aug and most strongly supports the suggestion put forward in that letter that civil administrative boundaries be followed even if certain "island sites" on one or other side of the boundary have to be treated as exceptions.

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CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

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SUBJECT: Adm BoundaryMost Secret15AG/8532/3CS12 Aug 42

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14 AUG 1943
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A.O.A., T.A.E.

1. It is desirable to fix as soon as possible the Adm Boundary between Eighth and Seventh Armies after the conclusion of active operations in SICILY.
2. It is proposed that this shall be the EASTERN boundary of the Provinces of PALERMO and CATAANIA. For ready reference this line is now marked on a map in the Ops Centre. It runs:
 All incl 7 Army from 150355 - 225280 - 247246 - 250168 -
 232105 - 261049 - 235005 - 147973 - 125909 - 123870 - 115800 -
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3. It is realised that certain exceptions may have to be made, e.g.
 PONTE OLIVO Airfield
 Other airfield construction and maintenance
 A.A. Defence
 Pipe line operation, etc., etc.
4. Taking the boundary laid down in para. 2 above as the basis of the division of the Island, please notify this Branch as early as possible of any exceptions or reservations which you require to be included in the order.
5. It is considered that for the general convenience of future administration it is essential to follow civil boundaries, rather than to describe an arbitrary line.

In the Field.

J.M.W. MARTIN,
BRIGADIER,
GENERAL STAFF,
H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP.

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SUBJECT: 7th and 8th Army Boundary in SICILY

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15 Army Group wish the 8th Army area in Sicily after operations in the Island are finished to be as small as possible, but the area must include the PONTE OLIVO group of airfields and MILAZZO. It is considered that the boundary should run along the administrative Provincial boundaries as far as is possible.

2. It appears therefore that if the Provincial boundaries are to be followed the Western boundary of the 8th Army area should be the western boundary of the following Provinces:- MESSINA, ENNA and CALTANISSETTA in order to include the PONTE OLIVO Airfields. This gives 8th Army more than half the island. I would suggest that the boundary cannot follow the Provincial boundaries but must be a line from (say) Cape Orlando down the West boundary of Catania Province to the point where it joins the CALTANISSETTA Province's West boundary, down that boundary and thence S.W. to the coast in a line to include the PONTE OLIVO Airfields.

3. Would you please let me have your views very urgently in order that I may put them up to 15 Army Group.

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