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FOLIO	DATE	REF.	TO/FROM
1	13 Oct	3061/PH	From: Public Health Div.
2	14 Oct		To: DCCAO.
3	10 Oct		From: Angot Liaison 15 AG
4	11 Oct	MG 1.	" " "
5	16 "	NR 512	To D.C.C.A.O.
6	17 "	MG 8	From: Angot 15 AG.
7	17 "	AG-210.3.	To: Officer concerned
8	15 "	F A 35	FROM: <i>Wilfer from Angot.</i>
9	22 "	Lt. Col. Rowe	" " "
10	23 "		Sears - Angot

Forwarded to Camp 17/10 3

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PRIORITY

RECEIVED FOR AIR PRIORITY BOARD

HIGH PRIORITY REQUESTED FOR ONWARD AIR PASSENGER TO 1545 LT. COL. BOB OF ARMY
PASSENGER HUNTER AND REQUEST FOR AIR PRIORITY BOARD FROM GRADE FOR GEN. HUNTER
CITE ABOUT FOUR EIGHTY TWO PASSENGER WHO IS MOST URGENTLY REQUESTED

File 121/HQ

Despatched 1815 hrs. / 23/10/43.

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SEARS FOR AMGOT-472

22 OCTOBER 1943

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SECRET

PRIORITY

FILFOT FOR AMGOT

LT COL ROWE PAREN FROM SEARS FOR AMGOT TO FILFOT FOR AMGOT CITE
AMGOT FOUR SEVEN TWO PAREN LEAVES FOR YOU TWENTY THIRD

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ARMY FORM 2122. (Pads of 100).

MESSAGE FORM

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Serial No. 8
OFFICE DAY STAMP
8/61

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TO

FREEDOM RPTD SEARS FOR AMGOT.

FROM FILPOT FROM AMGOT

Originator's Number
PA 35

Date
15

In Reply to Number

REFERENCE	AL/43/3	BROUGHT	BY	MAXWELL	(.)
RANK	OF	TRANSPORTATION	OFFICER	IN	W/E
AMGOT	15	ARMY	GROUP	SHOULD	BE
LT. COL.	NOT	MAJOR			

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HEADQUARTERS
121 OCT 1949
SMA
AMGOT

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1800

T.H.I.

Signed *Col.*

Signed

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Capt. *Skinner*

T.O.R.

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TO see *PA*

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS AMGOT

121/HQ.

17 October 1943

AG-210.3

SUBJECT: Assignment of Officers.

TO : Officers concerned.

1. Lt Col HARVEY S. GERRY, 0918986, AUS, is relieved from temporary duty with 8th Army and is attached to 15th Army Group for Civil Affairs duty. Travel by most expeditious means available is directed.

2. Major JOHN D. AMES, 0506200, CMP, 2675th Hq Co, AMG, is relieved from temporary duty with 5th Army, is attached to 8th Army, and will proceed thereto without delay, reporting on arrival to Group Captain BENSON for duty as Deputy Regional Civil Affairs Officer. Travel by most expeditious means available is directed.

3. Lt Col LORD WELLESLEY G., 102750, is relieved from assignment as SCAO, Catania Province, is attached to School of Military Government, Tizi Ouzou, Algeria, and will proceed thereto without delay, reporting on arrival to the Commandant for temporary duty on the Selection Board. Travel by M/A is authorized.

4. Lt Col GEORGE McCAFFREY, 0147388, INF, is relieved of present assignment as SCAO, Agrigento Province, is re-assigned to Region II, and will proceed from Palermo, Sicily, to Potenza, Italy, and to such other points as may be directed. Lt Col McCAFFREY is designated as Acting Regional Civil Affairs Officer effective 24 October 1943. Travel by M/A is directed on or about 18 October 1943 as essential for the completion of an emergency war mission.

By command of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

DISTRIBUTION:

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Capt Evans	(1) Master File (1) ✓
CG, 5th Army	(2)
CG, 8th Army	(2)
CG, 15 Army Group	(2)
AG File	(1)
Comdt, MGS	(1)
SCAO, Catania	(1)
SCAO, Agrigento	(1)
RCAO, Region II	(1)

JOHN R. McDOUGALL
Major, AGD
Adm. Officer

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SECRET OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

REF NR 647

TO; AMGOT



RENNELL DEPARTED FOR LONDON DUE BACK ABOUT 31/10. THORNE IN CHARGE AT AMGOT 15 ARMY GROUP UNTIL HERVEY GERRY ARRIVES TAKE OVER AS SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICER. RENNELL'S ADDRESS WO.WO TELEGRAM NR 785890A2 OF 13 /10 REFERS.

FROM AMGOT 15 ARMY GROUP

TIME SIGNED 170940A

(TO AMGOT PALERMO RPTD AFHQ FOR MGS FROM AMGOT 15 ARMY GROUP CITE MG 8)

HJM'S.

Seen by DCLAO & Maj. McDougall who is issuing orders for Pelayo to go to relieve Gerry earliest.



Staff Capt. (A)

*To see 4
16 see 15 WKS*

160850A MSG NR 512 CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY

IBS-1863

FROM: AMGOT

161300A

TO: IES FOR SEARS FOR AMGOT

For Macsherry from Rennell in View of AFHQ TEL MAT 53 of 14 October request you expedite MacCaffrey relieve Gerry who will act for me if I go London. MacCaffrey should come BARI by air.

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(TO IBS PALERMO, SEARS FOR AMGOT FROM FISPOC FROM AMGOT CITE PA 38)

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO

Senior Civil Affairs Officer, SYRACUSE.

Rptd. AMGOT HQ, PALERMO, (by E.L.S.)

FROM

AMGOT Liaison, 15 Army Group.

Originator's Number

MG 1.

Date

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In Reply to Number

FRIEND

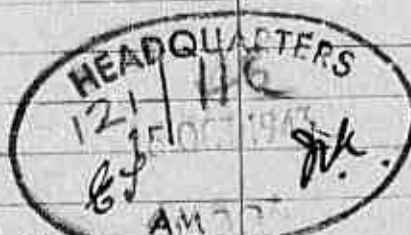
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No G.I. available.

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D.C.C.A.O.

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I understand that a TO/WI has already been drawn
up for 15 AG A17601.?

1.7 14/10.

ages
11/10/10

Seen by DCLAO

NA

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT: Public Health Program Planning in 15 Army Group. FILE No. AMGOT/3041/EH.
TO: Chief Civil Affairs Officer,
(Through Chief Staff Officer). AMGOT HQ., SICILY

13th October 1945.

1. With the attachment to 15 Army Group of a Military Government Section including representatives of Public Health Division it is desired to emphasize certain points which may not have been completely appreciated so far.
2. It appears from the experience gained during the last three months of Allied Military Government in Sicily that the greatest need of Medical Officers of the Public Health Division is during the early phases and this is the period when the most severe effects of warfare, distress and disease are likely to be experienced and if the staff to meet this is insufficient irreparable damage may be done to the Allied cause by the spread of disease in the civil population directly affecting the health of the armed forces. The organisation as seen at this angle is that a certain number of medical officers will accompany the combat forces and that with the onward advances certain of these officers are shed to undertake static duties in liberated territories. Later these areas revert to control of Allied Control Commission and the personnel concerned are absorbed into that organisation and into its regions. The number to be attached at the early phases should be comparable to the T.O of the ultimate region and for future operations this number should be attached to the Military Government Section, 15 Army Group, in anticipation of the proposed operations.
3. There remains the requirements for emergencies such as an outbreak of typhus or other serious and rapidly spreading disease, another factor calling for expert and urgent treatment. It may be argued that such a field team could be found either from numbers actually available from those in 15 Army Group or from Armistice Control. Both these are considered impossible - the former on account of the relatively small number concerned and the multitude of problems which confronts the department from the first day of operations, while the latter, the Armistice Commission, is too far away, with delayed methods of approach and probably with many problems of a similar nature in view of the extent of territory under its control.
4. There remains therefore only the possibility of a pool of officers to be placed at the disposal of the Officer in Charge, Public Health Division of Military Government Section, 15 Army Group. Such a Section could consist of the following officers:-

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Malariaologist 1
(Entomologist)

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Sanitation Officers	2
Welfare Officers	2
General Administrative	
Medical Officers	2
Total	10

In the absence of epidemics this staff would supplement Divisional HQ and reinforce in a general capacity the provincial officers pending the assumption of control by Armistice Commission.

The greatest point is however that all these are available from the very start. This is and will continue to be the dangerous period and it is invariably found extremely costly to correct serious errors in the early phases

5. In the event of this recommendation being approved the names of the following officers are submitted for favourable consideration:-

Epidemiologists - Major J.A. Bell.
 Major I.G. Norman.
 Malariaologist Lt. M.A. Manzelli.
 Sanitation Officers - Captain F.H. Downs.
 Lt. M.T. Hill.

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Welfare Officers - Captain W.T. Kirk.

Gen. Admin. Officers - Captain G.J. Grantham.

Captain Wm. Mackenzie.

Captain C.T. Jones.

Major H.B. Follett.

The question of ranks has not at present been considered.

Finally I recommend that Major L.A. Scheele, who it is assumed will be at HQ, A.C.C. might be appointed, in addition to other duties, Liaison Officer to 15 Army Group, Military Government Public Health Division.



D. GORDON CHEELE.

Colonel.

Director of Public Health.

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