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As U.S. field formations are withdrawn from SICILY the area controlled by the Island Base Section will be reduced to an area around PALERMO in which U.S. stores and depots will be located until the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

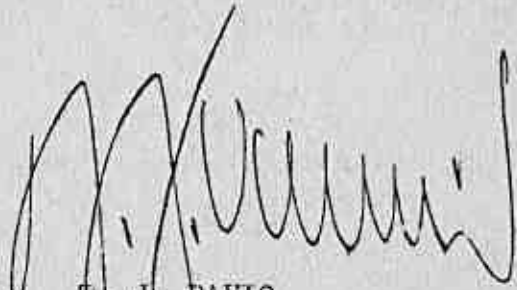
b. While U.S. and British field formations remain in the island, the Commanding General, Seventh Army and General Officer Commanding, 30 Corps will be responsible for the ground defense and security of Island Base Section area, and No. 1 District, respectively. When field formations are withdrawn, the 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

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