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The following 'information' was given by
Mr. Fionbino, asst. adj. Rome.

When the Palermo N.O., began to move
to Naples in Dec. 43, it was decided
that it was unnecessary to continue
the daily bulletin.

The bi-weekly information bulletin was
published instead.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Rear Detachment)
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INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. OFFICERS REGISTER

Attention is again drawn to the fact that many officers of this Hq are failing to sign out or in when departing from or returning to this Hq. Officers leaving on temporary duty or permanent change of station will "Sign Out" in the Officers Register, which is kept in the hallway next to the transportation office on the ground floor, 8 Via Bari. The "Sign In" Register is kept in the Asst Adjutant General's Office, Room 16, 8 Via Bari. (AG)

2. CHRISTMAS DAY

1. The following arrangements have been made concerning the operations of this Headquarters on Christmas Day:

- (a) Duty Officers will be appointed for the entire day.
- (b) A small staff of clerks will be on duty in the AG Section only, for the entire day.
- (c) All security measures will continue in force.
- (d) The above duties and responsibilities will be rotated so as to permit all ranks as much off duty time as possible.

2. Chiefs of Staff Branches and Sub-Commissions will comply with the above arrangements if the operations of their sections will not suffer thereby. (AG)

3. SECURITY

Security, within a Headquarters, is an everpresent problem and one which demands the most careful attention of ALL RANKS.

You are therefore reminded that, due to the small numbers of officers and EM/OR's now at this station, you must redouble your own security measures and be definitely certain that important papers are not left unattended at any time. (AG)

4. TRANSPORTATION HOSPITAL

Officers who have to attend hospital for daily or occasional treatment will in future give their names and the hospital to Hq Commandants Office, by 1700 hours the day before. Transport for this purpose will be arranged daily at 1000 hours. This procedure is necessary in order to conserve transport. (Hq Comdt)

By order of Lt Col ROGERS:

OFFICIAL:

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WO (Jg) U. S. A.
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18 December 1943.

INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. This Hq will, effective with this issue, publish an INFORMATION BULLETIN twice weekly; Wednesdays and Saturdays. All notices, official or unofficial, for publication therein, will be submitted to CAPTAIN KRUPA or WO PIOMBINO, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Room 16, 8 Via Bari, before 0900 on dates of publication. (AG)

2. AIR TRAVEL

Applications for air travel clear through the Transportation Division G-4 (Captain Hale). At present this office is in Room 27, 8 Via Bari. No application can be honored unless the officer concerned personally brings his travel order (from the AGD) to Captain Hale, and gives exact particulars in regard to his personal and baggage weights, date travel desired, destination, and his telephone number. G-4 will then forward application, and later confirm date of booking. The officer concerned will then arrange his own transport to the airport through Major Knight, Room 4 this Hq. Attention is again directed to fact some officers are failing to sign out; this is the individual officer's responsibility.

An officer travelling on temporary duty is entitled to 125 lbs. of baggage; a permanent change of station permits an allowance of 200 lbs. It is important that the weights be correct, to permit proper loading of aircraft.

It is not the function of this Hq to allot priorities for air travel, as this is the exclusive duty of a Priority Board which screens all priority requests for Palermo. If, however, the officer authorizing an air passage will furnish G-4 with a note giving the reason for the journey and the need for an immediate booking, this information will be transmitted to the Priority Board by G-4; otherwise, the movement order will be treated routinely, and the date of the booked passage will depend upon the amount of advance notice given to G-4.

It must be borne in mind that the Mediterranean Air Transport Service has many headquarters other than Hq AMG for which air passages must be obtained, and that, obviously if officers moving by air on routine duty assignments are permitted to request urgent priority, it will not be possible to expedite air passages for officers on missions of bona fide urgency. As one example of the limited air service possible: All units in Palermo are entitled to only three (3) seats on one of the most important planes going out of Palermo Airport.

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"Requests for travel by air have continued to increase and the volume handled has overloaded the existing air passenger facilities in this Theater. In order to correct this situation, and to provide a reasonable reserve of aircraft for operational emergencies, passenger travel by air must be reduced at once."

Travel by air is authorized only for those persons whose transportation by this means is of importance to the war effort, and will under no circumstances be approved solely for the convenience of the individuals concerned. Full use must be made of existing rail schedules, and when possible, travel planned sufficiently in advance to permit utilization of this means."

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3. The following is extracted from memorandum No. 23, Hq Seventh Army, dated 12 December 1943, for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"1. In order that troops may make full use of the weapon of surprise, it is of the utmost importance that all officers and men understand the seriousness of their responsibility for safeguarding military information. Enemy intelligence acquires much of its knowledge about impending operations by piecing together bits of information carelessly circulated by individuals who do not realize the importance of such bits of information. No officer or enlisted man has any excuse for failing to understand that the disclosure of such information constitutes a serious breach of military discipline. The following examples of security violations are cited to serve as a warning.

a. A private stationed in a staging area wrote a letter to a girl in which he listed several APO numbers with their geographical locations. The private was tried by a general court martial and sentenced to 6 months at hard labor with forfeiture of 30 dollars per month for 6 months.

d. A major, while serving on a staff, wrote letters to friends in the United States which disclosed order of battle and casualties, and contained violent criticism of superior officers, including the general in command of the entire operation. He was severely reprimanded by the chief of staff of that command, transferred to a home station, and reduced to his permanent grade of first lieutenant.

h. A sergeant disclosed results of enemy action, casualties, and location of an APO address. He was court-martialed, restricted to the detachment area for 3 months, and required to forfeit 20 dollars a month for the same period.

2. It is the duty of every officer and enlisted man to prevent others from actions which will disclose information of value to the enemy.

3. This memorandum will be read to all officers and enlisted men and posted on bulletin boards of all commands."

4. All travel orders for officers will be obtained in Adjutant General's office, Room 16, this Hq. All travel orders for E/O will be sent to their Company Commander through the Message Center, this Hq. (A.G.)

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