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1. The following Operation Instructions are now cancelled and will be destroyed by fire.

✓ HQ 15 Army Group Operation Instruction Nos. 1-15, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.

HQ ACHP Operation Instruction Nos. 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47.

HQ Allied Armies in Italy Nos. 48, 53, 57.

2. The following Operation Instructions remain in force:-

HQ 15 Army Group Operation Instructions Nos 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.

HQ ACHP Operation Instruction Nos. 35, 38, 39, 45.

HQ Allied Armies in Italy Operation Instruction Nos. 51, 54, 55, 56, 60 and subsequent numbers.

3. EIGHTH ARMY will ensure that subordinate formations as under destroy those instructions with which they were concerned.

10 Corps Nos 28, 44, 57

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4. SEVENTH ARMY are requested to inform 2 Para Bde that Operation Instruction No. 57 should be destroyed.

/s/ illegible, Lt Col for
 /t/ Lieut. General,

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2. HQ Allied Armies in Italy Nos. 48, 53, 57.
- The following Operation Instructions remain in force:-
- HQ 15 Army Group Operation Instructions Nos 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.
- HQ ACMP Operation Instruction Nos. 35, 38, 39, 45.
- HQ Allied Armies in Italy Operation Instruction Nos. 51, 54, 55, 56, 60 and subsequent numbers.

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14. Sep. 43.

Further reference your ANGOT/A1/HQ dated 5.Sep.43 and this
office AI/13/19 dated 12.Sep.43

Appendix "B" to 15 Army Group Operation Instruction No.26 is
forwarded herewith.

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ANGOT Liaison.

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To: HQ AMXOT, PALMIRID.

From: AMXOT Liaison.

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12 Sep 43.

Reference AMXOT/41/HQ dated 5 Sep 43.

Herewith Copy No. 83 of the above mentioned Operation Instruction, less Appendix "B". This appendix will be forwarded when received by "G" Branch 15 Army Group, from A.F.H.Q.

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5. Sept. 43.

1. This H.Q. has C.S.O. 15 Army Group Memorandum No.24 which is issued in conjunction with H.Q. 15 Army Group Operation Instruction No.26.
2. Operation Instructions No.26 is not in our files and a copy of this is requested.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD.
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15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 61.

COORDINATION OF POLICY WITH REGARD TO ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION
IN OCCUPIED TOWNS.

OBJECT.

1. The object of this instruction is to define the policy which will be adhered to with regard to the control and allotment of accommodation, including workshops etc., in towns occupied by the Allies.

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2. Whenever towns are occupied, difficulties will always arise in the allotment of accommodation, particularly workshops etc., as between the Royal Navy, the Army and Air Forces.

In future, the following will be the policy.

POLICY.

3. When first occupied, the coordinating authority for allotment of all accommodation will be the Army Commander, or other Senior Military Commander on the spot as designated. No accommodation may be occupied or reserved by any service without this Commander's authority.

Later when the area has been placed under a Sub Area or Base Area Formation H.Q. for local command and administration, the authority responsible for allotment of required accommodation by any of the three services will be the Commander of the Base Sub Area or Area concerned.

4. The above will be applied particularly to such places as POW Camps where the coordinating authority will be :-

- (a) In the initial stages, U.S. Commander POW Camp Section as directed by C.G. FIFTH Army.
- (b) Later stages, U.O.C. No. 2 District.

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15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 60.Build up and Priorities of Moves for WILLOW.OBJECT.

1. The "Build up" into BULLOCK is vital. It must be carried out with the utmost possible efficiency and speed. The object of this instruction is to define in outline the system to be adopted for the control, allocation and employment of craft in order to ensure that all concerned are clear as to their responsibilities during the "Build up" phase.

MOVES AND PRIORITIES.

2. Priorities and moves will in principle be centrally controlled by 15 Army Group through G.S.D.
The planned phased priorities for build-up laid down by 5th Army will however not be changed by 15 Army Group unless:-

(a) 5th Army so demands.

(b) Circumstances arise which render it necessary for G.O.C.-15AG Army Group to intervene. In such cases 5th Army will be notified accordingly beforehand.

3. All planned phased priorities will be notified to G.S.D. 15 Army Group by D Day. Any changes in these priorities will be signalled by 5th Army to the appropriate mounting authority via Main 15 Army Group and AFHQ. See para 10.

4. It will be the responsibility of the staff of the mounting authority concerned to keep its appropriate naval staff affiliated to it fully informed of daily programs.

5. No priority laid down by 15 Army Group: be changed by the mounting authority concerned without previous reference to Main 15 Army Group.

LANDING SHIP AND CRAFT CONTROL.

6. Central Control of the employment and allocation of landing ships and craft is exercised by G-in-C Molt. Initially, it is being exercised from his headquarters at BIRMINGHAM.

7. As stated in para 2 above, 15 Army Group will establish priorities and requirements for movement. To assist G-in-C Molt in the allocation of landing ships and craft to meet these requirements, representatives of AFHQ (G-5

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1. The "build up" into PARTIAL is vital. It must be carried out with the utmost possible efficiency and speed. The object of this instruction is to define in outline the system to be adopted for the control, allocation and employment of craft in order to ensure that all concerned are clear as to their responsibilities during the "build up" phase.

MOVES AND PRIORITIES

2. Priorities and moves will in principle be centrally controlled by 15 Army Group through G.S.D.
The planned phased priorities for build-up laid down by 5th Army will however not be changed by 15 Army Group unless:-

(a) 5th Army so demands.

(b) Circumstances arise which render it necessary for G.O.C.-15 Army Group to intervene. In such cases 5th Army will be notified accordingly beforehand.

3. All planned phased priorities will be notified to G.S.D. 15 Army Group by D Day. Any changes in these priorities will be signalled by 5th Army or the appropriate mounting authority not later than 15 Army Group and AMHQ. See para 10.

4. It will be the responsibility of the staff of the mounting authority concerned to keep its appropriate naval staff affiliated to it fully informed of early progress.

5. No priority laid down by 15 Army Group: be changed by the mounting authority concerned without previous reference to H 15 Army Group.

MOVING SHIP AND CRAFT CONTROL

6. Central Control of the employment and allocation of landing ships and craft is exercised by G-in-C Med. Initially, it is being exercised from his headquarters at BIKINI.

As stated in para 2 above, 15 Army Group will establish priorities and to requirements for movement. To assist G-in-C Med in the allocation of landing ships and craft, to meet these requirements, representatives of ...F.I.C. (G-3) and G-5 (Mov & Tr) are attached to his headquarters.

Land Control is exercised by subordinate naval task force commanders for the employment of landing ships and craft, specifically allocated to them by ... for a particular service, either for a separate operation ... or ... a planned build up programme for ... etc. The separate planned build up of ... or ... etc. Allocations of landing craft and ... to these separate services will from time to time be varied as necessary by ... (Central Control) to meet 15 Army Group's changes in priorities.

MOVING SHIP AND CRAFT CONTROL

7. For ... there must be established by 5th Army to all mounting authorities.

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PARA 6

Last line: after "be made" ✓
insert "direct"

Last line: after "15 Army Group" ✓
delete "through"
insert "repeated"

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A. Officers of U.K. and British Dominion Forces:-

- (1) Middle East Identity Card.
The section referring to date of renewal on this card will be deleted and the word "valid" will be inserted in ink.

(11) North Africa Identity Card - A.F. B.2638.

B. Officers of the Army of the U.S.:-

(1) Identification Card WD AGO Form 654.

(11) " " " " " 65-1.

C. C.Bs of U.K. and British Dominion Forces:-

(except Canadian Army) - A.B. 64.

D. O.Bs of the Canadian Army:- ~~A.B.~~ M.F. M.I.

E. B.M. of the Army of the U.S.:-

(1) Identification Cards as described in para. B.

(11) " Tags only.

This Identification Tag contains the following particulars:-

Name of soldier, Army Serial No., Name and address of nearest relative, Last tetanus injection, Blood type, Religion.

2.

A. Any U.K. Identity Cards A.F. B.2606 still in possession of individuals will be recalled under arrangements to be made by Fifth Army (British Staff), Eighth Army, Fortbase, and North Africa Identity Cards A.F. B.2638 will be issued in their place.

B. A.F. B.2606 so withdrawn will be destroyed under arrangements as above.

3. A. Supplies of A.F. B.2638 are being forwarded to Eighth Army and Fortbase from 15 Army Group.

B. Supplies of A.F. B.2638 for British forces under command Fifth Army will be obtained from A.S.H.Q. (D.P.M.) by Fifth Army ~~152~~ Staff.

4. The Issuing Authority is responsible for retaining the counterfoils of A.F. B.2638.

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Identity documents for British personnel will not be issued by
 with. As a general guide, the responsibility for issuing should
 not be delegated below Div or Sub-area.

Approved 16/5/64

Major-General,
 Major-General L/C Administration,
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Appendix 'A'

Issued with H.Q. 15 Army
Group Operation Instruction
No. 26 dated 20 Aug 43.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS.

1. All installations in the following categories should be secured without damage if possible and safeguarded:-
 - (a) Cable Huts (land terminals of submarine cables)
 - (b) Telephone Exchanges.
 - (c) Telegraph Offices.
 - (d) Wireless Installations.
 - (e) Telephone Repeater Stations.
2. Any telephone exchange, telegraph office or wireless station secured by our troops, whether listed among specific installations or not, should be safeguarded as described below.
3. When an installation is secured, all Axis personnel will be evacuated. A guard will be mounted and a signal officer will give instructions for the maintenance of the equipment.
4. It is of the first importance that all records, diagrams and plans found in any installation should be safeguarded and taken over by a signal officer. They should not be removed or given to "I" personnel. Care should be taken to ensure that such records are not destroyed or removed by the Axis personnel of the installation.
5. Strict instructions will be issued to all troops to the effect that no piece of apparatus, large or small, should be removed from any of these installations. Experience has shown that the removal of pieces of apparatus as souvenirs has seriously interfered with the use of captured installations by our own troops.

