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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
AUG. 1943 - JAN. 1944

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SUBJECT: Chain of Command.

A.M.G.,
H.Q.,
A.C.M.F.

AME/15/54.

29 Jan 44.

TO: HQ. AMB. 5 Army.

I have before me two telegrams PB3 6247 and 6248 of 25 Jan 44 which you sent to A.F.H.Q. direct.

2. The despatch of these telegrams direct by you is irregular and must not be repeated.

3. In both cases the individuals wishing to send the messages should have been referred to R.O.A.O. Region III and the telegrams to A.F.H.Q. should have emanated from this H.Q.

4. Acknowledge.

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Note

Previous pages containing passwords have been destroyed as directed by HQ ACIP

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PAI

H.Q.

AD C S' Arma,

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There before me two telegrams
which you ~~for~~ sent to AFHQ denied.

~~You will be~~

The despatch of these telegrams denied by
you is irregular & must not be repeated.

(a) They should have been sent to Reg S (b)

(b) The telegrams should have been cancelled from the file.

Acknowledged.

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15 24 JAN Recd

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R. G., A. C. M. E.

26/0 (Ops).

SUBJECT: Practised Firing.

TO : Mat 'A'.

Between 1500 and 1700A hrs 25 January the Light Anti-aircraft Battery in this vicinity will have firing practice.

24 Jan '41.
GHEA/geb

J. H. Brown
for Major, G. S. C.,
G (Ops).

25/11 1941

1/11 209

SUBJECT: G(Plans) BranchTo: G(SD)
A.M.S.
-----H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.E.67/G(Ops)

1. It has been decided to set up a G(Plans) Branch of the General Staff at H.Q. 15 Army Group.
2. The functions of G(Plans) Branch will be to examine any problems which are put to them by the Chief of the General Staff, in consultation with other branches and other services.

3. The Branch will consist of:-

G.S.O. I (Br)
G.S.O. II (U.S.)
G.S.O. III (Br)

The two British appointments can be filled from two existing vacant appointments, G.S.O. I (L) (Lt-Col Plake) and G.S.O. III (Special Forces)

4. It will be necessary, from the first examination of any project, to have full advice on the Air aspects of the problem, which will be obtained from Air Plans, T.A.F. If Naval questions arise, special instructions will be given regarding consultation with the appropriate Naval Staff. On other points G(Plans) will consult the other branches of the Staff of H.Q. 15 Army Group (which will have incorporated PLAMC) including the Army Staff.

5. G(SD) and A.M.S. will take the necessary steps forthwith to enable G(Plans) to open on 1 Feb 1944.

6. It is pointed out that the object of this step is to ensure that the C-in-C can be promptly and adequately informed of the detailed implications of any future project. It is not the intention for G(Plans) to carry out executive planning of major operations.

17 Jan 44.
JRM/WH

John G. ...
LIEUT GENERAL,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

Copy to: PLAMC
List 'A'

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17 Jan 44.
JGMW/NHR

Lt. General,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

Copy to: PLAMEO
List 1A

cc: G. I. 0/2008
r/yk

15 ~~PL~~
18 JAN 1944

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SUBJECT: Italian Liaison

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.P.

8653/7/PG3

To: FIFTH Army
EIGHTH Army

In certain instances confusion has been caused by the submission of demands on the Italian Army through the local Italian liaison staffs instead of to the M.M.I.A. through normal staff channels.

It is emphasized that the latter is the correct procedure, and must be followed on all occasions.

15 Jan 44.
JWS/WJH

LIEUT GENERAL,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

Copy to : A.F.H.Q. Adv Adm Ech
2 District
P.B.S.
M.M.I.A.

No action by us in above

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION : List 'A'

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CONFIDENTIAL

RE TELETYPE MESSAGE
IS

FROM: FLAND
TO: FREEDOM
INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
ORIG. NO: A9693

REF OUR A 6534 OF 1 JAN. MAY A REPLY PLEASE BE GIVEN

A/C-64 2 ACTION
AMOT 4
C(SMOT OPS) 2
GSI *

16 JAN 1944

1 + 15
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No action by 10

has & B/U
m/h
P.M.

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BR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE
INFOLIO NO 00993
1 JAN 44

FROM : FLAMBO
TO : AFHQ
INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
ORIG. NO : A6534

TOO NIL
THI 1245
TOR 1414

CITE FHGAB.

NO DIRECTION RECEIVED ON RELATIONS WITH CIVIL POPULATION
SINCE YOUR SIGNAL NO 237 OF 27 SEP. NECESSARY TO ISSUE
GUIDANCE TO FORMATIONS PARTICULARLY REGARDING ITALIANS AT
TROOPS ENTERTAINMENTS AND DANCES VISITS BY TROOPS TO
ITALIAN FAMILIES AND INTERCOURSE IN PUBLIC. POLITICAL
SOCIAL HUMANITARIAN AND MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED.
WILL YOU ISSUE OR DELEGATE TO ME

A/Q-G4 2 ACTION
AMGOT 4
AG (US) 1
SPECIAL OPS 3
GSI 3

SMC 1505A/01.
T.T. 1625A/01.

JUC.

C.S.O.

To see. In the current situation
at present I don't suppose Flambo knows whether his message has been
addressed correctly. If AFHQ is going to answer I suppose that 1745 will be
corrected in direction to be issued.

15
31 DEC 1943

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IMPORTANT
NR TELETYPE MESSAGE
INFOLIO NO. 00355
30TH DECEMBER 43

FROM : FLAMEO
TO : REAR HQ DESERT AR INFO 15 ARMY
GROUP REAR EIGHTH ARMY DISTWO
ORIG NO. : A 6206

TOO 1505A.30
THI 1515A.30
TOR 1537A.30

REF YOUR HQ 307 OF 26 DEC. DUE DANGER TYPHUS EPIDEMIC NAPLES
METROPOLITAN AREA IS PLACED TEMPORARILY OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL
TROOPS STATIONED OUTSIDE EXCEPT TROOPS ENTERING ON DUTY OR AT
LEAVE HOSTELS

A/C-CA 2 ACTION
TAV 1
ANGOT 4

3MC 1725A.30
T T 1735A.30

HIG

Copy filed on file 5044 ACTION

20/4/44

15
DEC 1943Subject :- Use of Map ReferencesHQ 15 Army Group
1616/19/301

27 Dec 43

Fifth Army (5)
 Eighth Army (5)
 AFHQ, Adv Adm Ech (10)
 2 District (5)
 3 District (5)

1. Considerable delay in the movement of stores and tps is being caused by the omission of map references after lesser known place names in messages and letters.

2. Please ensure that map references are quoted wherever there is a possibility that the recipient of a message may not be familiar with the location of a place.

K. M. ...
for
 Maj-Gen
 C G S

Copy to :- List 'B'

I don't think we need pass this one - as we don't indulge in messages to the lesser known places

(B)

Pa
(B)

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Subject: Voluntary Inquiry.

Ch. 1 Liaison Officer,
Allied Control Commission,
BRUSSELS.

Lt. Col. A. B. C.
15 ARMY GROUP,
C. S. R.

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Aug/13/43.
20 Dec. 43.

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Reference your ACQ/30 of 20 Dec. 43, two further copies
are forwarded as requested. A further copy has been sent to A.C.C.
Liaison Officer, Toronto.

mg/m.

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Copy to: A.C.C. Liaison Officer, TORONTO (Telephone directory
attached is forwarded as requested by A.C.C. BRUSSELS).

PH 74/43

22 DEC 1943

20 DECEMBER, 1943.
ACC/30/

SUBJECT: COMBINED STAFF APPOINTMENTS LIST
AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

TO----- A.M.G. H.Q.
15 ARMY GROUP.

FROM----- CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

This is to ask you to let me have two further copies of the
above list dated 17 Dec. '43, and to ask you to send one copy to
A.C.C. Liaison Officer, Taranto. (Capt HARRIN).

EB Mary
LT. COL.
CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER:
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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SUBJECT:- Correspondence.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

S.C.A.O.,
A.M.G.,
Fifth Army.

AME/15/37

21st December 1943

I notice in your letter of the 16th December (Italian Army Jurisdiction over Crimes) you have signed yourself "Chief, Military Government Section, Fifth Army."

2. Your proper title is S.C.A.O., A.M.G., Fifth Army, and I shall be glad if this will be used in future.

ML/BCH

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

TO: STAFF FOR TARGO - note: FREEDOM FOR WGS

FROM: DIRECT FROM AMB

Cris's No. FA 240

20 Nov

15 36

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SECRET (.) Following cable 2021 site 20008 of
 17 Nov received here is retransmitted for your action
 (.) begins (.) your message 601 of 15 Nov (.) 196
 should not the word draft be substituted for the
 word secret as received here (.) the point is
 that as received here the word secret appears
 before the word term after (2) in opening words
 of the sentence (.) request you repeat punctuation
 sentence (.) code (.) reply to FREEDOM

This message must be sent in cipher
 to avoid interception or to get into
 enemy hands.

PRIORITY

T.O.O.

T.O.I.

T.O.M.

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SECRET

IMPORTANT
US CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FORM HQ 06311
17 NOV 43

FROM: ARMY CIPHER MESSAGE
TO : MILPOT FOR AMB
ORIG NO: 2022 CITE 11285

N/R. This NO
TOO 1318A/17
TOR 1629A/17

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REQUEST YOU REPEAT INFORMATION SENTENCE OF YOUR MESSAGE NO. OF 15 NOVEMBER. THE
POINT IS THAT AS MENTIONED HERE THE WORD 'SECRET' REMAINS UNKNOWN THE WORD 'SECRET'
AFTER (1) IN OPENING HEADS OF THE MESSAGE. SHOULD NOT THE WORD DRAFT BE
SUBSTITUTED FOR THE WORD SECRET AS RECEIVED HERE.

SECRET

4. ACTION

11/14

see 36

17/15/17
17/15/17

AG 161-1

AG M&D

16-11-43
(date)

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SUBJECT: Change in AFHQ Distribution List No. 7

TO : Allied Military Government 15 Army Group

1. The following change is effective 16-11-43

	A	B	C	D
a. Delete:				
b. ADD : Allied Mil Govt				
15 Army Gp.		1	8	8
2. Total copies required: AFHQ				
3. Consolidated				
Change No.				
TOTAL				

Dist: Dist Clerk, OIC M & D, AG OPS,
AG MISC, AG RECORDSOL A. G. D.
15 NOV 1943

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MESSAGE FORM										Serial No.	
ARMY FORM 5123 (Pairs of 100)										OFFICE DATE STAMP	
CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS		IN		15				No. of Groups		GR.	
		OUT								33	
(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)											
TO											
FROM											
Originator's Number											
Date											
In Reply to Number											
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS. SWITCH THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER IF CIPHER IS INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS. SECRET ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY ROUTED TIME OF ORIGIN 1700											
SYSTEM IN TIME IN READER SENDER SYSTEM OUT TIME OUT READER SENDER SYSTEM IN TIME IN READER SENDER SYSTEM OUT TIME OUT READER SENDER											
* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including." BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY. T.H.I. T.O.R.											

15 32
B
INFORMATION TO NOVEMBER 1953

The following is for your information:

1. PAINTFIELD AFB AT PAINTFIELD AIRWAY AT 160000A.
2. PAINTFIELD AFB opened at 160000A and time.

G(Ord)

D.M. GORDON,
Lt Col G.S.

DISTRIBUTION:

List 'B'

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CUTAO
18/11/53
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Handy Book to use
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SUBJECT: Telephone Directory.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Telephone Branch - Signals,
No. 2 District.

ABO/15/31
14th May 1943

I shall be grateful if you will include the following
telephone numbers in the directory which you are about to publish.

Appt.	A or B	Name	Regt or Corps	No.
OCAD	B			BARI 11315
MA to COAD	B	Major D. G. PIRIE	Goldstream Guards	BARI 12466
SSC(US)	A	Lt.Col. R. S. GERRY	ABG	BARI 12466
SSG	B	Col. R.J.F. THORNE THORNE	Buffs	BARI 12466
SSC-2	B	Lt.Col. T. FARLEY SMITH	R.W.A.F.C.	BARI 12466
A/Q	B	Major W. H. PEARCY	London Fus	BARI 12466
CFO	B	Col. A.P. GRAFTY SMITH	Staff	BARI 12466
BFH	B	Col. D. G. CHRYNE	R.W.A.C.	BARI 12466
Legal	B	Lt.Col. H. E. ROWE	Circulares	BARI 12466
Public Safety	B	Major M. P. LOTHIAN	A & S R	BARI 12466
Communications & Supply	B	Major MEMPHIS	Int. Corps	BARI 12466
do.	A	Capt. W. L. BATT Jr.	ABG	BARI 12466
Camp Commandant	B	Capt. T. I. M. SCULLY	Gen List	BARI 12466
AMST Liaison	B	Capt. H. S. FARRER	ABG	BARI 12466

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(continued through
No. 2 District)

/over...

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Political Liaison Officer,
Allied Commission of Control,
BARI.

8 Major EDWARD SMITH London BARI 12 08
Scottish

(sgt) D. G. Purie

102/SCA

Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

SUBJECT:- Transactions between British Army and A.M.G.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.P.

H.Q., A.M.G., 14th Army.
H.Q., A.M.G., British Army.

AMG/15/29
12th November 1943.

A copy of A.P.H.Q. G.R.O. 479 dated 17th September 1943 is set out below for your information and guidance.

WEP/SCH.

Copy to:-

Legal
Finance
Public Health
Economics and Supply
Public Safety

Senior Staff Officer.

A.P.H.Q. GENERAL ROUTINE ORDER NO. 479 dated 17th September 1943.

479. Transactions between British Army and Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory (AMGOT).

1. Pending the issue of complete instructions on accounting for goods and services exchanged between the British Army and AMGOT, simple records will be maintained by all British depots, formations and units which may issue or receive from, AMGOT stores, supplies and services. The records shall include goods and services provided by the British Army for the personnel of AMGOT, e.g. rations, petrol, hospital treatment, billets, etc. It is goods and services provided to AMGOT, which AMGOT in turn issues to the local authorities and population, e.g. Army Rations provided for sale to the civil population and works services for the civil population or local authorities executed by the Army on behalf of AMGOT, which are to be recorded at this stage.
2. Receipts must be secured for all such issues of stores, supplies and services to AMGOT. Similarly, receipts will be given to AMGOT for all goods and services received by the British Army from that organization.
3. The records will be forwarded on the first day of each month to the Financial Adviser (British), A.P.H.Q. The first record will be rendered on the 1st October 1943 and will embody all relevant transactions up to that date. The records will be quoted on the records, or an extra

WIF/BOH.

Copy to:-

Legal
Finance
Public Health
Economics and Supply
Public Safety

Shkewer
Senior Staff Officer.

A.F.H.A. GENERAL ROUTINE ORDER NO. 479 dated 17th September 1943.

479. Transactions between British Army and Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory (AMLOT)

1. Pending the issue of complete instructions on accounting for goods and services exchanged between the British Army and AMLOT, simple records will be maintained by all British depots, formations and units which may issue or receive from AMLOT stores, supplies and services. The records shall include goods and services provided by the British Army for the personnel of AMLOT, e.g. rations, petrol, hospital treatment, billets, etc. It is goods and services provided to AMLOT, which AMLOT in turn issues to the local authorities and population, e.g. Army Rations provided for sale to the civil population and works services for the civil population or local authorities executed by the Army on behalf of AMLOT, which are to be recorded at this stage.
2. Receipts must be secured for all such issues of stores, supplies and services to AMLOT. Similarly, receipts will be given to AMLOT for all goods and services received by the British Army from that organisation.
3. The records will be forwarded on the first day of each month to the Financial Adviser (British), A.F.H.A. The first record will be rendered on the 1st October 1943 and will embody all relevant transactions up to that date. Wherever possible, voucher numbers will be quoted on the records, or an extra receipted copy of the voucher will be forwarded therewith, but care must be taken that AMLOT retains one copy of such vouchers.
4. Depots and other accounting units will render Nil records when applicable.
5. AMLOT will indicate on their demands whether or not the goods and services are for the civilian population or local authorities.

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Subject: Request 1, Civilian for Assistance.

H.Q. A.M.G.,
15 Army Group.
C.M.F.

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AME/15/30.
12 November 43.

P.L.O.
Bari.

The attached correspondence from H.Q. No.2 District, N/17
dated 11th November, 43, is forwarded for necessary action.

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PAJ/EN

P. FRIEND JAMES.
Major, for Col.,
Senior Staff Officer.

PA Copy to: H.Q. No.2 District, C.M.F.

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Letterhead number 39.
COPY OF G.R.Q. NO. 479. 17 Sept 43 *29*

479.

Transactions Between British Army and Allied
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5. AMGOT will indicate on their demands whether or not the goods and services are for the civilian population or local authorities. 2639/2/2/Q(Maint)

COPY.

Office of the Chief Accountant,
AMCOT H.Q., 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

17th September 1943.

TO: All Heads of Divisions and
Senior Civil Affairs Officers

SUBJECT: Transactions between Armies and AMCOT

The following is quoted for information and action where necessary:-

"3 Sep 43. Prepared at Meeting between Brigadiers Hamlyn & Dunlop
& Lt. Col. Bernstein after discussion with Sir Eric Speed and Col. Maxwell.
(sgd) B. Bernstein, Lt. Col.

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and services exchanged between the British Army and AMCOT, simple records
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treatment, billets, etc. It is goods and services provided to
AMCOT which AMCOT in turn issues to the local authority or population,
e.g. Army Rations provided for sale to the civilian population and works
services for the civilian population or local authority executed by the
Army on behalf of AMCOT, which are to be recorded at this stage."

(signed)

Lt. Col.
Chief Accountant.

BO/JR.

/SCH.

Send copies of all CRs to : 1007 to
Lt. Col. Hamlyn
Genl. C.F.

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FOR INFORMATION OF C.M.P.

11 Nov. 43.

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Permission is given by this H.Q. for Chevrolet L.1267614
to proceed from EARI to GRAVINA on 12 November, 43, and return same day.

Authority is granted also for three civilians to travel
on the W.D. vehicle via., Signor Grassi and two Sisters of Mercy.

The driver of the vehicle is No. 1453148. Pte. Gaine, H.

Wлта Regt.

H.Q. AMB.
15 Army Group.
O.H.P.
PJS/EN.



P. FRIEND JAMES.
Major,
for Colonel, S.S.O.

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PAE

Subject: Copies of minutes.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group.
C.M.F.

AMG/15/27.
11 November 43.

H.Q. AMG (A.C.C.)
Palmer.

It would be appreciated if you would send to this H.Q.
a copy of the following minutes of meetings which may be held.

- (a) AMGOT H.Q. Executive Council Meetings.
- (b) Island Resources Board Meetings.

[Signature]
P. FRED JAMES.
Major,
for Col., S.S.O.

[Signature] P.F.J./M.

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SUBJECT:- Amendment to Telephone Directory.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Chief Signal Officer,
15 Army Group.

AMG/15/26
10th Nov 1943

Reference H.Q. 15 Army Group Combined Staff
Appointments List and Telephone Directory Edition No. 8 of
7th November 43, page 5.

AMOUNT Delete all detail and substitute

AMG Liaison

D Capt. H.F. Farrer, R.R.S.O.

12.

H.Q., AMG, 15 Army Group

B	Major General The Lord Rennell of Rodd	Staff BARI 11315
A	Lieut-Colonel Harvey Gerry	A.G.S. BARI 11315
B	Colonel R. J. P. Thorne Thorne	Staff BARI 12466
B	Major E.G. Pirie, Coldstream Guards,	M.A. to
		C.C.A.S.
		BARI 12466.

sgt. R. J. P. Thorne

R. J. P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel,
Senior Staff Officer.

RJPT/SCM

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIR GROUP
(U.S. Contingent) (Prov)
APO 777

AG 400

BULLETIN

No. 40

NOV 9 1943

Distribution by AG(US)

TO: *Amgat*

Copies furnished: *25*

5 November 1943

An officers' shop (U.S.) has been opened at 61 Corso
Cavour, Bari, (opposite Bank of Italy) where U.S. officers
may purchase clothing, insignia and PX supplies.

W. H. Talcott
GUY H. TALCOTT
Colonel, G.S.C.
A.C. of S., G-1

DISTRIBUTION:
All U.S. Off.

1st Lt. Jerry
1st Lt. Warren
Capt. Graham
Capt. Bell
Capt. Bennett
1st. Clay
1st. Hopewell

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A.M.G. H.Q.
15 Army Group.

HQ
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FIRE ORDERS.

—O—O—O—O—O—O—O—

1. Any person discovering a Fire will at once give the alarm and will do his utmost to extinguish the fire. Camp Office will be notified immediately.
2. The Senior Officer or M.C.O. on the spot will take charge of the Fire Fighting operations.
3. Any tents in the vicinity of the Fire will be struck to prevent the Fire from spreading.
4. Branches etc. will ensure that they have sufficient Fire Buckets in their area.
5. The utmost care will be taken by all ranks when throwing away cigarette ends.
6. Smoking inside a tent when mosquito nets are down is forbidden.
7. No Primus Stoves etc. will be lit inside tents.

A/Q

Field.
3 Nov 43.

T. I. M. Schuyler

T. I. M. SCHUYLER
Captain,
Camp Commandant.

1st 4/11

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~~SECRET~~CIPHER MESSAGE
IN
"RECEIVED BY ALS"

15 20 OCT 43 23

CITE NO 07254
21 OCT 43FROM : HIDEAST
TO : 15 ARMY HQ * SEE BELOW
ORIG. NO : 0/28253TED WIL
TH 18000/P1
TBR 2312N/23

SUMMER TIME EGYPT, PALESTINE, TRANSJORDAN, CYPRUS, SYRIA,
CYRENICA ENDS MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME 31 OCT. 1 NOV CORRESPONDING
TO 2100 GMT WHEN CLOCKED WILL BE ONE HOUR. LOCAL TIME
FROM 1 NOV ONWARDS IN ABOVE AREAS WILL BE ONE H. TWO HOURS AHEAD
OF GMT. ON 1 NOV ONWARDS TRANSJORDAN WILL ADAPT ONE H. TWO
ONE HOUR AHEAD OF GMT. ALL INFORMED

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CAPT GREEN OPS

ACTION

SEC 0122/24
T. J. OLSON/24 JME.

TO: FREEDOM 101 15 ARMY HQ
NORTH ARMY, BTE (BY HAND)
MILPAC, ONDIST, TRIPOLIT,
COMMANETH KALYA, KATO
ENARFOW, SF IN KALYA, KATO
(EON 1000), 25 CORPS.

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SUBJECT: Historical Records.

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1426/G(Ops)

20 October 43

All Branches.

N/S. DESTROYED AT 1516P

This Branch memo of even No. dated 20 Sep. 43 is cancelled.

G (Records) are at present unable to accept copies of documents, and all such copies should be retained by branches until G (Records) call for them. 184

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MJP/SH

D. J. CORLEIGH,
Lt Col. G.S.

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SUBJECT:- Accommodation of Visitors

HQ 15 Army Group
C.M.F.
Extension 21
10A/10/11/10
17 Oct 10

TO:- List "A"

1. There are two Guest Houses (apart from G-in-C's visitors Camp) available for the accommodation of visitors. These houses are controlled by the Camp Commandant. Branches will make application for the use of these villas to the Camp Commandant, giving as much notice as possible.

2. There is a caretaker in each villa, but Camp Staff is not large enough to allow of letters being allotted to each house. The Camp Comm will therefore call upon branches to provide branch letters as necessary.

3. All messing arrangements will be made by the branch concerned.

4. If visitors arrive by car, the branch concerned will contact CM Coy and arrange for accommodation of the driver.

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Field
JAP/AM

J.A. Field
(J.A. FIELD) Maj.
for Colonel A/Q.
15 Army Group.

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AMGOT.

Q159.

SUBJECT:- TAF Ferry ServiceHQ 15 Army Group
GAF

15AC/0433/3

15 Oct 43

To:- List "A"

Less Serials:- 4, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40,
41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55

TAF have arranged a Ferry Service from HQ TAF to the Hotel Imperiale in BARI for the purpose of transporting visiting officers down to the hotel in the evening and returning them to this HQ the following morning. They have very kindly extended an invitation to HQ 15 Army Group to make use of this transport.

TIMETABLE

Leaves TAF OPS ROOM daily..... 1030 hrs

Leaves HOTEL IMPERIALE..... 0630 hrs

Passengers to be at starting point 10/15 minutes before starting times.

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RPS/AEM

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H. F. SANDY
for Col A/Q
15 Army Group

15/12/43

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15 OCT 1943

SECRET.

Subject :- Italian Liaison Mission

15AG/24/1/G(Ops).

15 Oct 43.

List 'B' (Lons 41 - 44 and 48)

1. A number of Italian Army Officers are now attached to this H.Q.; certain of them to particular branches.
2. When accompanied by a responsible British Officer, Italian Officers may visit the ground floor offices and the Information Room in the Ops Centre. On no account will they be admitted to the War Room.
3. Branches having dealings with attached Italian Officers are responsible for such security measures as they think fit.

Copy to :- Capt. Mortarty GSI(b)

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J.M.V. MARTIN.
B.G.S.
B.G.S.

15/12/43

SUBJECT:- Correspondence for Fifth Army British Increment.

SECRET.

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

3002/L.A.1.

14 Oct 43.

LOCATION.

1. From 9 Oct 43 40 Staff and Services, British Increment, are with Rear Echelon H.Q., Fifth Army, located in the PALAZZO REALE, NAPLES (map ref Town plan of NAPLES - 1 : 10,000 244515).

CORRESPONDENCE AND MESSAGES.

2. All correspondence intended for the Administrative Staff or Services of the British Increment will be clearly addressed to the Branch or Service concerned both on enclosures and envelopes.

EXAMPLE:- Letter intended for 'Q'.

'Q' Branch,
British Increment,
Fifth (U.S.) Army.

3. To avoid confusion correspondence intended for the British Increment Administrative Staff and Services will NOT show the American designation for the various Staff Sections.

4. The same procedure will be adopted for signal messages as for normal correspondence.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

5. D.A. & Q.M.G.

A.Q.M.G. }
D.A.A.G. }
D.A.Q.M.G. }
A.D.S.T. }
A.D.M.S. }
A.D.O.S. }
A.D.M.E. }

A.D.W. }
D.A.D.M. }
S.O.P.E. }

LIGHTNING 56

LIGHTNING REAR 90

LIGHTNING REAR 15

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(map ref down plan of NAPLES - 1 : 10,000 241515).

CONSEQUENCES AND MESSAGES.

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

5. D.L. & Q.M.G. LIGHTNING 56

A.Q.M.G. }
D.L.A.G. }
D.L.Q.M.G. }
A.D.S.T. }
A.D.M.S. }
A.D.O.S. }
A.D.N.E. }

LIGHTNING REAR 90

A.D.W. }
D.L.D.W. }
S.O.P.E. }

LIGHTNING REAR 15

NIGHT TELEPHONE LIGHTNING REAR 91 (one ring)

GENERAL STAFF.

6. All General Staff Officers and officers attached to the General Staff remain located with the corresponding American Staff Section.

7. Correspondence intended for those officers will continue to be addressed giving the designation of the American Staff Section, i.e., G-3, Ltvy, Sigs.

W.R. ELLIS, Lt-Col.,
for Colonel,
D.L.G.

W.E./AMN.

DISTRIBUTION:- List #1, para Serials 4, 22, 24, 29, 30, 31, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41 and 42.

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Subject :- Visits to Subordinate formations

5 OCT 1943

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15 Oct 43.

List 'B'

All branches are reminded that, as a matter of courtesy only, officers of this H.Q. intending to visit a subordinate formation, should always inform any intermediate formation beforehand of their intention. e.g. A Bde should not be visited without the knowledge of the Div H.Q., nor a Div without the knowledge of the Corps staff.

J.M.W. Martin
J.M.W. MARTIN.
R.G.S.

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5 OCT 1943

Subject :- C-in-C's Camps at HQ Fifth and Eighth Armies.

15/G(Ops).

12 Oct 43.

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To :- List 'J'

1. A small C-in-C's Camp has been established at Fifth and Eighth Army HQ.
2. These camps consist of a small Mess Staff, and a few vehicles.
3. In order that Officers visiting Armies may obtain accommodation and messing without inconveniencing Army HQs, the facilities provided by these camps will be open to officers of this HQ, with certain restrictions.
4. Before making use of these Camps, Officers will apply for permission to the MA to GOC in C.
5. If permission is granted, Officers are then responsible for 'warning in' at the camp they intend to visit.
6. A very limited amount of transport is kept at these Camps, and permission to use this transport will be obtained from the Camp Commandant. Normally Officers will use their own transport.
7. Any Mess Bills will be paid to the Camp Commandant or Mess Sgt before the Officer leaves.

DMC/KWD

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J.A. MARTIN.
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Zet. 1st Group

Angela. Liaison

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AMGOT/302/HQ

AMGOT H.Q., SICILY

5th October 1943

Memo to: All Division Heads and S.C.A.O.s.

It has been noted that the word "bible" has been used several times in written communications. This practice will be discontinued and the word "Manual" used instead.

DISTRIBUTION:-

S.C.A.O. AGRIGENTO	6
S.C.A.O. CALTANISSETTA	6
S.C.A.O. CATANIA	6
S.C.A.O. ENNA	4
S.C.A.O. PALERMO	35
S.C.A.O. RAGUSA	6
S.C.A.O. SIRACUSA	10
S.C.A.O. TRAPANI	6
S.C.A.O. MESSINA	1
AMGOT Liaison	1
AMGOT Eighth Army Region 2	10
AMGOT Fifth Army Region 3	10
File 302 and original	
Float	1
M.C.S. A.F.H.Q.	12
Spares	10

Finance	5
Public Safety	4
Legal	1
Public Health	1
Public Relations	1
Controller of Property	1
Transport, Communications & Utilities	1
Labor	1
Economics and Supply	1
Agriculture	1
Education	1
Monuments and Fine Arts	1

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Rr
13/10

15/10/43

Subject: 1- 1 station.

To: 1- Distribution List Below.

.....
 W.e.f. 6 Oct 43. H.Q. 49 Coy C.M.F.(T.O.) will be located
 2 miles South of BARI Map Ref. P 4583.

Field.
 6 Oct 43.

L. Howard Lt. Capt.
 O.C. 49 Coy C.M.F.(T.O.)

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 Distribution.

D.F.M. 8 Army.
 D.F.M. Fortbase.
 A.F.M. 13 Corps.
 A.F.M. 78 Div.
 A.F.M. Can Div.
 "Q"(M) 8 Army.
 O.C. 103 Pro Coy.
 O.C. 505 " "
 O.C. 43 Coy C.M.F.(T.O.)

H.Q. 86 Sub Area.
 A.F.O. BARI.
 A.F.O. TARANTO.
 A.M.S.O.T. BARI.
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30th September 1943.

ROUTINE

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WHEN PASSING ON CONTENTS MESSAGE 237 OF 27 SEPTEMBER GIVE FIRST
PART FROM ABDOT SEVENTH ABUT TO AFHQ FOR HIS GIVE ABDOT 330 PART
PROPOSED BECAUSE THAT ENTIRELY EXHAUSTING QUOTE ALL OUR DESIRES UNQUOTE
AND QUOTE WITH CARES UNQUOTE ARE FOR GUIDANCE OF OPERATIONS
AND ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO ABDOT PROCEEDING WHICH WILL CONTINUE AS AT
PRESENT UNTIL OTHERWISE DECIDED (.) DO YOU AGREE

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MESSAGE FORM.

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FROM:- 15 Army Group

TO:- FIFTH ARMY - EIGHTH ARMY - NO 2 DISTRICT (FORTRASE)

RPTD. FATIMA

ORIGINATORS NO. MGA 140.

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FOLLOWING SIGNAL NO 237 OF 27 SEP FROM AFHQ X QUOTE X INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING WILL BE DISEMINATED AT ONCE TO ALL RANKS AS GUIDANCE FOR THEIR RELATIONS WITH ITALIANS X ITALY HAS BEEN DEFEATED AND HAS SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY X BOTH THE KING AND BADOGLIO HAVE OFFERED TO HELP THE ALLIES DRIVE THE GERMANS OUT OF ITALY X WE HAVE ACCEPTED THIS OFFER X THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ITALY BECOMES ONE OF THE ALLIED NATIONS X ITALIANS ARE READY TO COOPERATE AND TO GIVE US EVERY ASSISTANCE TO MEET OPERATIONAL DEMANDS AND HAVE BEEN ACCORDED THE STATUS OF COBELLIGERENT X OUR TROOPS MUST BE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT IN THEIR CONDUCT X ALL OUR DEMANDS MUST BE MADE THROUGH ITALIAN MILITARY OR CIVIL OFFICIALS X OUR DEALINGS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON A FIRM BASIS BUT WITHOUT RUDENESS X AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WE MUST OBTAIN WHAT WE NEED FOR OUR OPERATIONS THROUGH THE FRIENDLY COOPERATION OF THE ITALIANS X WHEN CASES OF NO COOPERATION OCCUR THEY MUST BE REPORTED THROUGH HIGHER HEADQUARTERS TO THE ALLIED MILITARY MISSION X ACTIVE RESISTANCE OR HOSTILE ACTS WILL BE DEALT WITH AS THOUGH COMMITTED BY THE ENEMY X WE MUST RELY ON THE COMMON SENSE OF ALL RANKS WITHIN THE ALLIED FORCES X UNQUOTE X INFORM ALL RANKS UNDER YOUR COMMAND.

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

MA TO C IN C
PA TO CGS
EA TO DOCS
G(Ops)
G(SD)
GSI
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AG(US)
AMGOT.

Signed C.H. MILLER
MAJOR GENERAL.

MOST IMMEDIATE.

All ranks to
read
by
all ranks.

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H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.I.F.

CONFIDENTIAL

15AG/1433/4/G(1b)

28 Sep 43

SUBJECT: Change in Equivalent Classifications

TO: List 'A'
H.Q. No.2. District

1. The following directive has been received from A.F.H.Q. :
- "1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have announced that effective 0001Z hrs, 1 October 1943, the following equivalent classifications will be effective:

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>BRITISH</u>
SECRET	MOST SECRET and SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL	CONFIDENTIAL
RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED

2. It will be noted that a change in the definition of British SECRET has been made. British SECRET is now defined as follows: "Secret documents are documents which, although not warranting the exceptional precautions applied in dealing with MOST SECRET documents, are of such a nature that for reasons of national security they must only be disclosed to persons whose duties make it essential that they should have knowledge of them". It, as well as British MOST SECRET is now equivalent to U.S. SECRET, and will be handled accordingly.

3. No document issued and classified prior to 1 October 1943 will be reclassified because of this decision.

4. This order makes no changes in U.S. classifications as prescribed in A.R. 380-5.

5. Messages classified as British SECRET will be enciphered when sent by any electrical means. The attention of all originators is directed to more frequent use of the classification CONFIDENTIAL. Messages classified CONFIDENTIAL may be routed by Signals over secure wire or submarine cable channels in clear, but will always be enciphered when transmitted by wireless or wire liable to interception. British MOST SECRET as well as SECRET and U.S. SECRET should be reserved for those documents and messages requiring the highest degree of security. If the volume of traffic hitherto classified as British SECRET continues, considerable delay due to overloading of ciphers may result.

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6. All instructions from whatever source in conflict with the above change in policy are rescinded as of 0001Z hrs, 1 October 1943. 173

7. It is desired that the foregoing instructions be brought to the attention of all units under your command.

2. All necessary action to implement the directive quoted above will be instituted forthwith.

Thomas G. Young, Jr.
THOMAS G. YOUNG, JR., Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
Chief of General Staff,
15 Army Group.

TG:/EGM

15 Oct 27/43

ADSE SECRETMOST IMMEDIATE
CIPHER MESSAGE
INPOLIO NO 0422
27 SEP 43

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FRONT
TO: 15 ARMY GROUP
INFO: AFHQ ADV CP PATIMA
ORIG NO: 237

FOO 1420A/27
TOR 2320A/27

INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING WILL BE DISSEMINATED AT ONCE TO ALL RANKS
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GERMANS OUT OF ITALY. WE HAVE ACCEPTED THIS OFFER. THIS DOES
NOT MEAN THAT ITALY BECOMES ONE OF THE ALLIED NATIONS. ITALIANS
ARE READY TO COOPERATE AND TO GIVE US EVERY ASSISTANCE TO MEET
OUR OPERATIONAL DEMANDS AND HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED THE STATUS OF
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OUR TROOPS MUST BE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT IN THEIR CONDUCT. ALL
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WHEN CASES OF NONCOOPERATION OCCUR THEY MUST BE REPORTED THROUGH
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RESISTANCE OR HOSTILE ACTS WILL BE DEALT WITH AS THOUGH COMMITTED
BY THE ENEMY. WE MUST RELY ON THE COMMON EFFORT OF ALL RANKS
WITHIN THE ALLIED FORCES.

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G(ED)	1	
MA TO GOC IN C	1	
PA TO GOC	1	
PA TO LGA	1	
PA TO LOGS	2	
G(OPS)	4	
AO(US)	1	
INC	3	
OSI	2	
AMCOT	1	
A	1	

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	ACTION
G(8D)	5
MA TO GCS IN C	1
PA TO GCS	1
PA TO LCA	1
PA TO DCS	1
G(OPS)	4
AG(US)	1
INC	3
USI	2
AMCOT	1
A	1

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15 ARMY GROUP

15AG/166/G(Ops)

18 September 43.

MEMORANDUM TO LIST "B".

Entry to the War Room will be restricted to the following officers:

- (i) G.S.O.I's and above of all branches.
- (ii) All MA's and PA's.
- (iii) Officers of G(Ops), G(L), G(Air), G.S.I(A), CSI(P), G.S.I.(S).

All officers not included in the above list should use the Information Room which is kept posted with the current situation.

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for E.G.T.(Ops)

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MOST SECRET

SUBJECT: BIGOT Procedure.

H.Q. 15 Army Group
C. M. F.

LIST B.

15AG/1433/1/G(1b)

18 Sep 43

Reference 15AG/1400/2/G(1b) dated 23 July 43, BIGOT procedure is cancelled forthwith in connection with operations BUTRESS, GOBLIT, MUSKET, MUSTANG, GANGLAY.

R/L 8/17

S. L. ... CofC
for Brigadier,
B.C.S.(I).

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Subject : H.Q. Standing Orders.

14 SEP 1943
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H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.I.F.

3002/2/A.
13 Sep 43.

The following amendment will be made to
H.Q. Standing Orders, June 1943 :-

Delete para 1(g) and insert :-

"(g) Disposal and reduction of contents of files.

In order to reduce the size of files carried by Branches, frequent inspections of files will be undertaken, and all unwanted papers will be removed and destroyed. In carrying this out, it is important to ensure that papers containing information of historical value are not destroyed. Files containing a large proportion of such papers will be passed intact to G(Records) Branch of this H.Q. Important papers extracted from other files will be passed in a folder to G(Records) Branch. These papers will be forwarded in due course by G(Records) Branch to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon for safe custody."

Sir, This is already
being done.
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Major-General 1/8 Administration.

Distribution : List "A"
less Serials 31, 33, 36-45,
48 and 51.
plus Postal(Brit).

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AMGOT/302/ HQ.

AMGOT HQ. - SICILY.

4 September, 1943.

Subject: Addressing of Correspondence.

To : S.C.A.Os.

1. The addressing of correspondence to Italian civilians in Sicily shows such wide divergencies that the following notes are forwarded for your guidance:

Archbishops will be addressed as "Your Eminence"

Bishops will be addressed as "Your Grace"

All other Italian civilians, irrespective of titles of nobility, will be addressed as "Sir" or "Madam" as the case may be.

2. All the above will end "Yours truly".
3. In addition the third person form of address may be used if desired.

T. Riley Smith

for CHARLES M. SHOFFORD.
Lt. Col., U. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

Distribution:

S.C.A.O.	Agrianto	6
"	Caltanissetta	6
"	Catania	6
"	Enna	4
"	Palermo	35
"	Ragusa	6
"	Siracusa	14
"	Trapani	6
"	Messina	8

AMGOT Liaison

AMGOT 8th MAIN

Col. Hume

File

Float

Division

Spare

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To: List 'A'

SIGNAL TRAFFIC

Signal facilities are inevitably limited in three ways:-

- (a) by the time factor
- (b) by a physical lack of men and material
- (c) by the necessity to maintain a "balanced" Force, i.e. without unduly increasing signals at the expense of other arms.

2. With unlimited time and resources the provision of a service which would satisfy the most meticulous would be comparatively simple.

3. As matters stand efficiency can only be achieved if, on the one hand, staffs and services keep their demands to a reasonable level and observe the necessary rules and regulations, and on the other, Signals maintain the highest standard possible within their resources.

4. P.S.P.1., Pamphlet No.2, Appx II, Sec V, para 1 states:-

"Owing to the large volume of signal traffic in modern armies, and to the necessity of enciphering W/T messages, brevity, clarity and the strict observance of rules are essential in writing messages."

These rules are or should be well known to all officers.

5. Sec. 2, para 1 of the same pamphlet states:-

"ORIGINATOR. Any officer may originate a message for transmission by signals. It will be accepted by a signal officer provided that it is legible and signed by the originator, who is responsible that it is sufficiently urgent to justify its despatch by signals and not by post."

It must in fact be appreciated that any message handed in to Signals is thereby automatically considered urgent and important. The degree of urgency and importance, of course, varies.

6. There is evidence that few officers satisfy themselves on this score. With effect from 12 Aug, 43 and until further notice no signal message will be accepted by 15 Army Group Signals unless it is signed by a first grade staff officer or the equivalent in the Service branches.

In exceptional cases other officers may sign messages and endorse them "No 1st grade officer available". Messages so signed will be collected

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5. Sec. 8, para 1 of the same pamphlet states:-

"**ORIGINATOR.** Any officer may originate a message for transmission by signals. It will be accepted by a signal office provided that it is legible and signed by the originator, who is responsible that it is sufficiently urgent to justify its despatch by signals and not by post".

It must in fact be appreciated that any message handed in to Signals is thereby automatically considered urgent and important. The degree of urgency and importance, of course, varies.
6. There is evidence that few officers satisfy themselves on this score. With effect from 12 Aug. 45 and until further notice no signal message will be accepted by 15 Army Group Signals unless it is signed by a first grade staff officer or the equivalent in the Service branches.
- In exceptional cases other officers may sign messages and endorse them "1st grade officer available". Messages so signed will be collected daily and the circumstances of each investigated.
- It is W/T the intention in any way to reduce the responsibility of junior officers, but to ensure that a correct sense of proportion as to priorities is rapidly achieved by all branches, and that nothing is sent by signal which can equally well be sent by A.I.S. or S.I.S.
7. The present allocation of priority messages is estimated at 70% of the total and a reduction is essential. The originator is responsible for the degree of priority according to its own importance. Others consider it a matter of personal prestige or believe, not without justification, that addresses may insufficient attention

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to ordinary messages. F.S.P.B., Pamphlet No. 2 lays down in Sec 8:-

4. "Most Immediate". Only a commander-in-chief or his chief General staff officer will frank a message in this way. It will be reserved for occasions of VITAL URGENCY; it not only gives absolute priority of despatch on any signal system, but on those of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, and on those controlled by the civil administration.

5. "Emergency Operations". This indication will be used only for messages of the UTMOST IMPORTANCE having a direct bearing on operations.

6. "Immediate". The use of this indication will be limited to messages the SPEED of which is of SPECIAL importance, as otherwise the purpose will be defeated. In urgent cases any officer may frank a message as "Immediate" but, if unauthorised to do so, he will be held responsible that the urgency is sufficient to justify his action.

7. "Important". This indication will be used for those messages which require priority ABOVE ORDINARY official messages, such as signal messages dealing with the working of the signal system. Signal officers are authorised to frank messages in this way.

Particular attention is drawn to the words in capital letters.

8. In view of the procedure ordered in para 6 above, with the exception of "MOST IMMEDIATE", it is unnecessary further to lay down who may or may not frank messages with the different degrees of priority.

The 1st grade staff officer who authorises the message will be the sole judge of the degree of priority required.

"MOST IMMEDIATE" messages will be franked ONLY by the G-in-C, C.G.S., M.C.A. or by certain HAUED officers in the case of particular items such as COMINTERS.

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