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AME ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 1.Administration of areas under
AMG. H.Q. 15 Army Group.

1. Under the original arrangements AMGOT 15 Army Group (Forward AMGOT) was to have consisted of only the two AMGOT detachments with Fifth and Eighth Armies and the headquarters detachment at H.Q. 15 Army Group. The area to be administered by AMGOT 15 Army Group was to have consisted of the occupied territories in the two army areas. The southern boundaries of the two army areas were then the same as the northern boundary of No. 2 Military District, namely, the northern boundaries of the Italian provinces of Salerno, Potenza and Bari.

2. Recently in order to provide for the occupation of further territory personnel from AMG Region IV has been called forward and has in fact taken over the administration of Foggia province under the command of S.C.A.O. Eighth Army. On the west side Fifth Army AMG personnel with additional staff called forward has been divided into AMG Fifth Army and Region III. Moreover, the southern boundary of Fifth Army area has been moved north of Naples and AMG Region III is installed and operating in the provinces of Campania (Naples) Benevento and Avellino.

3. It is anticipated that in the near future the southern boundary of Eighth Army will be moved north. When that occurs Foggia province will be excluded from the jurisdiction of S.C.A.O. Eighth Army and it is my intention to add this province to Region IV.

4. In view of the decision to hand over AMG Regions I and II to the Italian Government for the Allied Control Commission, the question arises of disposing of those occupied areas which are neither in Fifth and Eighth Army area, nor in the area to be handed over to the Italian authorities. It may here be stated that it is not the intention to hand over any more territory than that which is south of the line described (namely, the northern boundaries of the provinces of Salerno, Potenza, and Bari) for some time to come.

5. After discussion with Brigadier General J. Holmes (M.G.S. A.F.H.Q.) and C.G.S. 15 Army Group, and with the concurrence of GOC-in-C 15 Army Group, AMG 15 Army Group will take charge of all occupied territories north of the Bari - Salerno line, whether these territories are within or behind Fifth and Eighth Army areas. In effect therefore GOC 15 Army Group will have control under the Military Governor of S.C.A.O. Fifth and Eighth Armies (subject to the standing arrangements whereby G.O.C. Fifth and Eighth Armies have full jurisdictional control of C.A. personnel and current affairs in

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6. The two S.C.A.O.s and the two R.C.A.O.s will deal with personnel and administrative matters affecting their detachments as follows:

S.C.A.O.s Fifth and Eighth Armies will send their casualty returns etc. direct to AMG 15 Army Group where they will be consolidated and submitted as a whole to the appropriate authorities together with returns for AMG 15 Army Group divided into American and British administrative matters. The British returns etc. will then be submitted to A.F.H.Q. (M.S.S. or M.S.) or to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon as appropriate directly. The American returns will be forwarded to AMG H.Q. Palermo until such time as these also are sent to (AMS) A.F.H.Q. direct.

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R.C.A.Os Regions III and IV will compile and consolidate their own personnel and administrative returns as separate units and forward them to HQ AMG 15 Army Group for onward transmission as has been laid down in the preceding paragraph.

7. On matters of administrative policy relating to the territories under administration S.C.A.Os Fifth and Eighth Armies will receive general directions from C.S.A.O. 15 Army Group but remain as heretofore directly under C.O.C. Fifth and Eighth Armies. R.C.A.Os Regions III and IV will refer directly to and come under C.C.A.O. 15 Army Group for all purposes until their territories, or parts of their territories, have been handed over to the Italian Authorities under the direction of the Allied Control Commission.

8. All accounts in the areas under AMG 15th Army Group will be maintained in the name of the appropriate region; and will be submitted monthly through normal channels to the C.F.O. 15 Army Group. The accounts will be examined and forwarded to the Chief Accountant of the Region concerned. Care must be taken to ensure that Finance Officers of 5th and 8th Armies operating in forward areas maintain a different set of books for each region.

9. A further order will be issued defining the boundaries.

H.Q. A.M.C.,

15 Army Group,

C.M.F. 17 NOV 1943

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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S.C.A.O. 8th Army.

R.C.A.O. Region III.

R.C.A.O. Region IV.

H.Q. AMGOT Palermo.

M.G.S. A.P.H.Q.

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15 Army Group AMG Administrative Instruction No. 2.

ADMINISTRATION OF AREAS UNDER

H.Q. AMG. 15 ARMY GROUP.

1. Since the issue of Administrative Instruction No. 1 of 17 Nov. 43 certain alterations in boundaries and in jurisdiction have taken place. These are summarized in the following paragraphs.

2. With effect from 0600 hrs, 1. December 43 the boundary between 8th Army and No. 2 District was established along the Northern boundary of FOGLIA Province to its junction with the provincial boundary of BENEVENTO, thence West along the Northern boundary of BENEVENTO Province to the inter-army boundary at point H.550100.

3. Effective 0600 hrs. 25. November 43, 5th Army Rear Boundary was established as follows:-

Inclusive Fifth Army coast at N. 005605 thence East along TIENTOLA road to N. 135637, thence MARCELINO N. 1165 to CASSANO N. 1666 to MARCIANTE N. 2170 to MADDALONE N. 3270. Thence exclusive Fifth Army along Highway Number Seven to BENEVENTO thence North East along PISTRELGINA road to inter-army boundary.

4. With effect from 0001 hrs, 1. December 43, the AMG administration of the Province of FOGLIA was handed over by AMG, 8th Army to AMG, Region IV. In view of this hand-over, H.Q.A.O. Region IV has established a small advance H.Q. at TIANI (c/o 151 Sub-Area) on the Eastern side of Italy. Region IV Main H.Q. remains at NAPLES.

5. With effect from 0001 hrs, 3. December 43, the entire AMG administration of BENEVENTO Province was handed over by AMG Region III to AMG Region II.

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Colonel, 2nd,
Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Inclusive Fifth Army coast at N.005605 thence East along TIENTOLA road to N.135637, thence MARCELLINO N.1465 to CASSALUCE N.1666 to MARCELLINO N.2470 to MUDALONI N.3270. Thence exclusive Fifth Army along Highway Number Seven to BENEVENTO thence North East along PIETRALCINA road to inter-army boundary.

4. With effect from 0001 hrs, 4. December.43, the 115th administration of the Province of FOGGIA was handed over by AMG, 8th Army to AMG, Region IV. In view of this hand-over, R.C.A.O. Region IV has established a small advance H.Q. at FRANI (c/o 151 Sub-Area) on the Eastern side of Italy. Region IV Main H.Q. remains at NAPLES.

5. With effect from 0001 hrs, 3. December.43, the entire AMG administration of SALERNO Province was handed over by AMG Region III to AMG Region II.

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Colonel, for,
Major General,
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HQ. AMG. 15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE
INSTRUCTION No. 3.

ORGANISATION OF AMG, 5TH ARMY & AMG, REGION III.

1. No definition of command and administrative responsibilities has yet been made with respect to AMG, 5th Army and AMG, Region III.

2. In view of recent developments the position can now be clarified.

3. A Global War Establishment for British personnel and a Regimental Table of Organization for American personnel is in process of completion by Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters. As soon as these are approved British and American personnel will be posted and assigned as of appropriate dates.

4. Without prejudice to the dates upon which such postings and assignments will be made effective, AMG 5th Army and AMG Region III will operate as separate units of Military Government as from 12. Dec. 43.

5. AMG, Region III will administer those parts of the Provinces of AVELLINO, BENEVENTO and NAPLES (including the city of Naples) South of rear 5th Army boundary. All territory in 5th Army area will be administered by AMG, 5th Army subject to any operational orders that may be given by the Commanding General, 5th Army.

6. AMG, 5th Army and AMG, Region III will each report direct to AMG, 15 Army Group.

7. AMG, 5th Army is under command of Colonel EDGAR ERSKINE HUME, S.C.A.O., AMG, 5th Army; Chief of Staff and Deputy S.C.A.O., Colonel J.O.A. SHLEY.

8. AMG, Region III is under command of Lieut. Colonel KARL A. KRUEGE, R.O.A.O.; Chief of Staff and Deputy R.O.A.O., Lieut. Colonel The LORD FORRESTER.

9. Colonel EDGAR ERSKINE HUME in his personal capacity will continue to direct political policy via a via Italians where appropriate in Region III (and Region IV where it affects 5th Army). Colonel HUME will also serve as Chief Liaison Officer between the Commanding General, 5th Army and the Regions concerned.

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AMG 15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 4

Responsibilities in Provinces and Communes
divided by Army Boundaries.

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1. With the establishment of Regions in the immediate rear of Army boundaries it becomes necessary to make provision for the indirect government of Provinces and Communes where part of the Province or Commune is in one Region or Army area, and the remainder is in another Region or Army area.

2. The boundaries of Army areas are fixed, wherever possible, to coincide with the boundaries of Italian administrative Provinces or Communes, but military requirements often make this impossible. AMG must, therefore, be organized in such a manner that the wishes of the C.G. or G.C.O. in an Army area are fully met and also in such a manner that the division of authority between Army areas does not hinder the functions of Italian local government in divided Provinces and Communes.

3. Where a Province or Commune is partly in one Region or Army area and partly in another Region or Army area, the Prefect or Podesta of that Province or Commune will be allowed to exercise his administration over the whole Province or Commune from the usual place of government, or, if such place is not in occupied territory, from the most convenient place for the purpose.

4. All instructions to Prefects or Podestas will be given by the S.C.A.O. or C.A.O. (as the case may be) of the place where the seat of government is located.

5. Where any military legislation of the Allied Military Government is required to be made in divided Provinces or Communes, such legislation will be made over the head of the S.C.A.O. or C.A.O. (as the case may require) of the place where the seat of government is located.

6. Where any instructions affecting both parts of a divided Province or Commune are required to be given to the Prefect or Podesta, or where military legislation is required in a divided Province or Commune, the S.C.A.O. or C.A.O., who is the proper officer to give such instructions or make such legislation, will consult with the officer of the adjoining Region or Army area having jurisdiction over the remainder of the Province or Commune. If any difference of opinion arises it will be referred by both officers concerned to their Provincial, Regional, or Army Headquarters (as the case may be) and, in default of settlement to this Headquarters.

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3. Where a Province or Comune is partly in one Region or Army area and partly in another Region or Army area, the Prefect or Podesta of that Province or Comune will be allowed to exercise his administration over the whole Province or Comune from the usual place of government, or, if such place is not in occupied territory, from the most convenient place for the purpose.

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7. It is essential that close liaison takes place between officers of different Headquarters whose jurisdictional areas are contiguous and that higher Headquarters of those officers be kept informed of matters of joint decision. Provided that the subject matter is one on which each officer concerned could make his own decision if the Province or Comune were wholly within his own jurisdictional area, there is no need to make prior reference to higher Headquarters before agreeing action, merely because the Province or Comune is divided.

8. The Comune of BENEVENTO will be considered as inclusive to AMG 5th Army and exclusive AMG Region III for the purposes of part 5 of H.Q., A.M.G., 15 Army Group Administrative Instruction No.3.

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AMG. 15 ARMY GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 5.

CONTROLLER OF PROPERTY.

The duties of the Controller of Property H.Q., AMG, 15 Army Group, shall be divided as follows:-

- (a) Army Areas: Duties and responsibilities of the Controller of Property in Army areas under the control of C.C.A.O., AMG, 15 Army Group.
- (b) Regional Areas: Duties and responsibilities of the Controller of Property in areas covered by Regions under the control of C.C.A.O., AMG, 15th Army Group.

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ARMY AREAS.

1. DUTIES.

- (a) Prepare directives and instructions for issuance through channels to the C.A.O.'s operating in the field on all matters affecting property control.
- (b) Advise and make recommendations to C.C.A.O. on all matters affecting property control.
- (c) Keep and maintain a central registry of all property taken under control.
- (d) Exercise personal supervision and control over properties which in the opinion of the C.C.A.O. or Controller of Property require special attention.

2. SCOPE OF PROPERTY.

- (a) Controller of Property will be responsible for the control of:-

- (i) Property owned by the Government of the United States or by any of the British Commonwealth of Nations, or of the nationals thereof, sequestered by the Italian Government.
- (ii) Enemy state property (not including state property of Italian Government), not in custody of some other Branch of the armed forces.
- (iii) Such abandoned property or property belonging to absentees owners of which no representative can be found in the occupied

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- (b) The Controller of Property shall also take into his control when directed to do so by the C.C.A.O.:-

- (i) Any property the control of which is in the opinion of the C.C.A.O. essential to the needs of Allied Forces or the inhabitants of occupied territory.

- (ii) The property of any person, company, institution or body whose activities are deemed by the C.C.A.O. to be prejudicial to the safety of Allied Forces, public order, or the fulfilment of war aims.

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(iii) Property owned by any government or any of the nationals of any government allied with the governments of the United States and British Commonwealth of Nations in the common prosecution of the war.

3. PROCEDURE IN EXECUTING DUTIES.

Operating through C.A.O.'s in the field under instructions issued to them by H.Q., A.M.S., 15 Army Group, the Controller of Property shall:-

- (a) Procure lists of allied and enemy state properties together with valuation and other minimum information.
- (b) Have necessary notices posted.
- (c) Obtain lists and reports.
- (d) Make periodical inspection.

4. PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

(a) Upon receipt of the necessary information from C.A.O.'s, the Controller of Property shall maintain proper records of property taken into his control in such form as to facilitate the transfer of such records to any successor echelon of control. Such reports and records shall be classified and segregated as between or among provinces and the following classes of property:-

- (i) Residential or farm properties.
- (ii) Commercial and business undertakings.
- (iii) Bank deposits, credits and intangible assets.

The Controller of Property shall not be responsible for obtaining or preparing detailed inventories, but his records shall show the general physical condition of the property, and whether occupied by armed forces. The Controller of Property shall, so quickly as possible, take personal supervision of property which requires control, care and maintenance.

The Controller of Property shall arrange with Public Safety Division for the proper guarding and protection of property and shall arrange for the posting of notices as additional protection.

5. PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF NOTICES.

All notices shall be approved by the Legal Division prior to submission to the C.A.O. for approval.

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REGIONAL AREAS.

When territories previously under the control of 15 Army Group pass to JWC Regions under the control of C.C.A.O., 15 Army Group, the Controller of Property shall:-

1. DUTIES.

- (a) Prepare directives and instructions for issuance through channels to Regional Controllers of Property on all matters affecting property control.
- (b) Advise and make recommendations to C.C.A.O. on all matters involving policy determinations affecting property control.

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- (c) Exercise personal supervision over property control activities in the Regions to the extent necessary to assure uniformity of policy and records.

2. PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

In the performance of his duties the Controller of Property shall be guided by General Administrative Instruction No. 10, A.M.G. Manual, so far as the same is not inconsistent herewith, and by the Proclamations and Orders made by or under the authority of the Military Governor. Any reference to any state property or para-statal undertakings does not apply to property of the Italian Government or the para-statal undertakings thereof.

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Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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No. 6.

INSTRUCTIONS TO S.C.A.O's and C.A.O's
ON PROPERTY CONTROL.

1. Upon arrival in any provincial capital or any city of substantial population or importance you will direct the Prefect or Podesta to prepare and submit to you promptly, in duplicate, a list of all property owned by British or American Governments or their Nationals, or by enemy Governments or their Nationals. The list will be typewritten in duplicate on the form made available herewith. You will simultaneously instruct the Prefect or Podesta to cause a "Notice" signed by you to be posted in a conspicuous place on properties owned by the British or American Governments or their Nationals, and enemy state property. (This shall not include property of the Italian Government). A supply of such Notices is herewith made available.
2. Upon receipt of the lists you will retain one copy and forward the other through channels to the Controller of Property, AMG, 15 Army Group. It is recognised that you will not have time personally to undertake the posting or listing of property, nor provide close supervision, and that these should be the responsibility of the Italian officials upon whom you must rely. If any property so listed appears to you to have substantial value or is culturally or otherwise of an unusual nature, you will personally inspect it as soon as opportunity permits and submit a report through channels to the Controller of Property, AMG 15 Army Group. If property consists of perishable commodities and no representative of the owner is present to protect or dispose of the same, you will direct the Prefect or Podesta to cause it to be sold for the owner's account at public sale. If such property consists of food or articles which may be required by the Army, or Civil Supply Division, opportunity should be afforded them to purchase or requisition it.
3. If any branch of the Armed Forces desires to occupy any premises which have been posted you will consent to such occupancy but will request that an officer of the occupying unit furnish you an inventory, in duplicate, of the property, a proper requisition order, and agrees to notify you when the occupancy ceases. The inventory should be checked by the Italian official as quickly as possible after occupancy ceases and discrepancies noted. The original inventory, requisition order, and list of discrepancies will be submitted to Controller of Property. If a caretaker for the property is available, arrangements should be made with the military unit desiring occupancy to permit the caretaker to remain if consistent with military security. You will endeavour to allocate properties to military personnel who will cause a supply of advance to the property.

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4. If property is occupied by the Armed Forces prior to posting, the occupant should be advised that its protection is the responsibility of AMG.

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Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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