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SUBJECT:- Reorganization of Command

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Reference conference this morning, the attached JSP letter on the reorganization of command is forwarded for examination.

Please submit your comments to reach this office by 1800 hrs 20 Jan 44.

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except slip about to G-50 on 19 Jan 44

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

C-3 SECTION

17 January 1944.

SUBJECT:-- Reorganization of Command

TO : C.S.C.-in-C. Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

1. The following reorganization of command will be effective at a date to be agreed between your Headquarters and AFHQ.
2. The area of your command is extended to include all of occupied ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA.
3. Your Headquarters will consist of the present personnel and staff of HQ AFHQ with which will be amalgamated the personnel and staff of AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon. No new War Establishment or Table of Organization is authorized at this time but AFHQ is prepared to reinforce your Headquarters from its own War Establishment with such personnel as you consider essential.
4. The Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA will continue to operate under his present directive, except that he will report direct to your Headquarters instead of to AFHQ.
5. All naval units stationed within the area of your responsibility will be under command of the Vice Admiral NALB. and the Flag Officers Western ITALY and TUNISIA, who will remain responsible to C-in-C Mediterranean.
6. All air force units stationed within the area of your responsibility will remain under command of Air C-in-C Mediterranean.
7. Antiaircraft defense in rear of Army rear boundaries will remain under operational supervision of HQ, I & CD, AFHQ, as set forth in Operation Memorandum

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of HQ AFHQ with which will be designated the personnel and staff of AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon. No new War Establishment or Table of Organization is authorized at this time but AFHQ is prepared to reinforce your Headquarters from its own War Establishment with such personnel as you consider essential.

4. The Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA will continue to operate under his present directive, except that he will report direct to your Headquarters instead of to AFHQ.

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5. All naval units stationed within the area of your responsibility will be under command of the Vice Admiral Malta and the Flag Officers Western Italy and TUNIS, who will remain responsible to C-in-C Mediterranean.

6. All air force units stationed within the area of your responsibility will remain under command of Air C-in-C Mediterranean.

7. Antiaircraft defense in rear of army rear boundaries will remain under operational supervision of HQ, I & CD, AFHQ, as set forth in Operation Memorandum No 41, AFHQ.

8. Your responsibilities with respect to the following will be the subject of separate letters of instruction: Allied Control Commission; Italian Army; Military Government; Consular and Public Relations; and operations in the BALKANS.

9. There will be no change in present U.S. organization and administration.

10. British organization and administration will be as prescribed in Appendix 'A'.

11. You are authorized to deal direct with the Vice Admiral Malta, the Flag Officers Western Italy and TUNIS and Air C-in-C Mediterranean on

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operational matters affecting the area of your responsibility. You are authorized to deal direct with KIMBLE HART on non-policy matters connected with Indian and Colonial troops. On all other matters the normal channels of communication direct to AFHQ will be followed.

By command of General WILSON:

J. A. H. GARNETT,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIALS:

LORELL W. HOOKS,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

Inclosure: Appendix 111

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APPX "A"

BRITISH ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATIONORGANIZATION1. HD (G-3 D.C.) Matters

The Master Order of Battle for the Mediterranean Theatre will be maintained at AFHQ, and the present channels of communication for all SD matters will remain unchanged.

2. H.F. Committee

a. The Main Committee will be retained at AFHQ and a Sub-Committee established with HQ JCMF. This Sub-Committee will have a permanent President (Lt. Col) and will use existing staff as necessary.

b. Powers delegated to H.F. Sub-Committee, HQ JCMF are as follows :-
Power to authorize War Establishments affecting British formations and units under command G.O.C.-in-C JCMF with the following limitations:-

(1) No power to vary War Establishments in Vols I to IV, Vols peculiar to other commands or establishments standardized by the recent War Office Standardization Committee.

(2) No power to approve gradings above the rank of Major or 2nd Grade Staff Officer.

(3) No power to approve an establishment or command exceeding 5 officers - 100 ORs - 10 vults.

(4) No power to authorize new establishments or amendments to establishments.

(5) No establishments or amendments approved within the above limits will be forwarded to G-3 (Org. & Adm.) for recording.

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b. Powers delegated to J.E. Sub-Committee, HQ ACP are as follows :-
Power to authorise War Establishments affecting British formations and units under command G.O.C.-in-C ACP with the following limitations:-

- (1) No power to vary War Establishments in Vols I to IV, Vols peculiar to other commands or establishments standardized by the recent War Office Standardization Committee.
- (2) No power to approve promotions above the rank of Major or 2nd Grade Staff Officer.
- (3) No power to approve an establishment or amendment exceeding 5 officers - 100 OAs - 10 vens.
- (4) No power to authorize new establishments or amendments to establishments.
- (5) New establishments or amendments approved within the above limits will be forwarded to G-3 (Org) ACP for recording.

3. General Staff and Training Advisers

Major General Royal Artillery and the Airborne Adviser's staff will remain with ACP.

The Director of Training, the Brigadiers R&D and Infantry will maintain their main offices with ACP and will serve HQ ACP. They will however make arrangements to have representation on a GSO 1 level with G-3 (Org) at ACP.

These officers and such of their staffs as they take with them to ITALY will remain upon the establishment of AFHQ.

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4. AG (G-1) Matters

- a. All formations, districts, etc., under command of HQ AFHQ will deal through the normal channels with that headquarters on all AG (British) matters. They will not deal with AFHQ direct.
- b. HQ AFHQ will deal on all such matters with AFHQ, and not with the War Office or other commands. They may, however, correspond direct with GHQ Middle East on matters connected with Indian and colonial troops where questions of policy are not involved.

5. M.S. Matters

a. Appointments and Promotions

GOC-in-C AFHQ is empowered to promote and to make appointments up to and including the rank of Brigadier, except in the case of such arms or services which have a senior adviser or Representative at AFHQ, when promotion to the rank of Brigadier will be made by AFHQ, in consultation with GOC-in-C AFHQ.

b. Records

Officers Records (OZR) are to remain in NORTH AFRICA. Publication of all appointments and promotions in respect of all British troops under command GOC-in-C AFHQ will therefore be made, as at present, by M.S. Branch, AFHQ.

c. Powers of GOC Eighth Army

(1) GOC Eighth Army is empowered to grant acting rank to fill

a. ~~Appointments and Promotions~~

GOC-in-C JMBP is empowered to promote and to make appointments up to and including the rank of Brigadier, except in the case of such areas or services which have a senior advisor or Representative at JMBP, when promotion to the rank of Brigadier will be made by JMBP, in consultation with GOC-in-C JMBP.

b. ~~Records~~

Officers Records (O22) are to remain in NORTH AFRICA. Publication of all appointments and relinquishments in respect of all British troops under command GOC-in-C JMBP will therefore be made, as at present, by N.S. Branch, JMBP.

2. ~~Powers of GOC Eighth Army~~

- (1) GOC Eighth Army is empowered to grant acting rank to fill vacancies in the establishments on regimental, staff, and extra-regimental establishments, up to and including the rank of Major.
- (2) Promotion to rank higher than that of Major and to first grade staff and extra-regimental appointments will not be made without the approval of GOC-in-C JMBP.
- (3) Immediate appointments to replace battle casualties may be made during operations subject to subsequent confirmation by GOC-in-C JMBP.

a. Confidential Reports

Confidential Reports rendered in accordance with A.C.I. 545 of 1943 in respect of all officers up to and including the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel will be dealt with direct to War Office, copies to C-in-C, AFHQ.

Confidential reports in respect of Colonels and above will be referred to C-in-C, AFHQ.

c. Honours and Awards

C-in-C, AFHQ will take immediate awards in respect of all troops under his command.

Periodic awards will be subject to scrutiny by C-in-C, AFHQ before being forwarded to War Office.

A further communication will be issued on the proportion of immediate to periodic awards to be allotted.

f. Allocation of M.S. Staffs

At HQ AFHQ :-

Dup M1 Sec	Colonel	1	
AS	Lt. Col	1	3067
DMS	Major	1	
Staff Captains		2	
At HQ Eighth Army :-			
DMS	Major	1	
Staff Captains		2	

before being forwarded to Bar Office.

A further communication will be issued on the proportion of

immediate to surplus samples to be allotted.

f. Allocation of M.S. Staffs

At HQ AFHQ :-

Dep Mil Sec	Colonel	1	3067
AS	1st. Col	1	
AS	Major	1	
Staff Captains		2	
High Army :-			
AS	Major	1	
Staff Captains		2	

6. Finance

British Financial matters will be dealt with in accordance with P.S.R.

Vol I. The "C-in-C" for this purpose will be the C.M.O. acting for C-in-C

AFHQ. "Head of Service" will be those at AFHQ.

HQ AFHQ will be provided with a representative of the Financial

Adviser, AFHQ. The powers of this officer will be granted by C.R.O.

7. 2 (G-4) Matters

a. Maintenance

It is not proposed to amend the procedure set out in AFHQ Admin-

istrative Memorandum No 60, Second Revision, dated 24 Aug 43, until experience has shown whether or not this procedure can be improved.

b. Service Directorates

Directors of Services will maintain their main offices at AFHQ, transferring such personnel and facilities to Hq JCMF as may be necessary to facilitate the conduct of Service business between the two headquarters.

8. 9 (Movements) (G-4 Mov & Tr)

The control of all shipping will remain vested in AFHQ, together with all other means of through movement. Control of Military Railways and Transportation will be vested in AFHQ, subject to such decentralization of operation as may later be found necessary.

Director General of Military Railways will be the responsible authority for the co-ordination of all railway matters throughout the territories under the operational control of AFHQ, except in so far as it shall be deemed desirable to delegate them.

In the same way, the Director of Transportation (Br) will also remain responsible for British transportation service matters throughout these territories.

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AMHQ ORDERS ISSUING 17 JANUARY WILL ANNOUNCE THAT HEADQUARTERS 15 ARMY GROUP
HAS BEEN REDISIGNED HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE
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Per information. I will not take action.

All 15 AG staff announce the change.

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