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CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

9 June 44

SUBJECT: Organization of Civil Affairs
in European Theater.

TO : Executive Commissioner. *1-*

1. I feel that the attached material would be of considerable interest to our officers but am reluctant to distribute it even within the Section, without your personal imprimatur.

2. Since the envelope in which the original letter arrived had been opened and examined by an Army censor, presumably there are no adverse security considerations. Nevertheless, it might be well to classify it in some way before distribution.

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Since you wrote this the
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MEMORANDUM TO: Officers of R.C. & M.G. Section

The following excerpt from a censored and passed personal letter from a friend in the European theater seems to me to be of sufficiently general interest to justify circulation in the Section:

"The organization for C.A. up here is quite a bit different than in the Italian Area. You have probably heard that C.A. is now G-5 section on all staffs from Army upwards. Below Army it is a Special Staff Section and generally works under G-1. At Division level the staff consists of 5 officers. 1- Lt. Col. 3- Maj. and 1- Capt. The Lt. Col. and Capt. form the Hq. group and the Majors are one each with the combat teams. We have a staff of 6 E.M., 4 jeeps and a 1½ T. Truck and trailer. The T/O calls for 9 EM but the present allotment is only 6. The entire section is a part of the Div and always moves with it so can see that very first phase operations are our work. Corps follows along with 3 officers and 5 EM. A Full Col. a Lt. Col. and a Major. Army has a large staff of 35 - 40 officers and a corresponding group of EM. and transportation. That in brief is the Army setup. Now back of that is the European Civil Affairs Division (Col. Stearns). That is composed of 3 ECAD Regiments. 1 for France and 2 for Germany. Each Reg't is broken down into companies and each company into various sized detachments. They are called A, B, C, D. The companies have so many D types, a fewer number of C type and so on. These Detachments are to be assigned to combat divisions prior to an operation so that as urban areas fall, they are dropped in and become static control groups and the Division moves on. These groups are all mobile so a big load is taken from Combat Divisions. As rear boundaries move forward these groups fall into control of higher hqs. and eventually their own administrative companies are installed who take over normal supply and administrative duties over these various detachments. The system is well planned and I sure hope it works out. This gives you a rather hasty picture of the set-up here in this area."

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Alfred C. Bowman
ALFRED C. BOWMAN, Lt. Col.
Asst. Director, Civil Affairs
Branch.

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Maj. Driffeld White.

Sir,

I have checked with SSM. Picken (Main Sec) with regard to your note on folio 5. previous papers on this subject were last received in Palermo, or believed to have been passed to DC of S(OSI).

Have spoken to Sgt Day, no correspondence on this subject one in your old files, but it is believed that the old file which was held at Palermo on this subject was taken away by Gen Mc Sherry when he left.

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Sgt 25 Nov 43.

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There is nothing new in this.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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22 March 1944

MGS: 014.1

SUBJECT: Documents and Information.

TO : HQ ACC.

1. Attached is a copy of War Department Memorandum AG 014.1 dated 5 March 44.
2. It is assumed that the Memorandum will be of interest to you.

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Ask central
Regg. if we have
any previous info on this
this ref. to*

Incl:
as above

HEADQUARTERS
24 MAR 1944
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A. Segot, Capt.
for HENRY PARKMAN, JR.
Lt Colonel, G.S.C.
Acting Chief of Section

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D. C.

AG OLA.1 (25 Feb 44)OB-S-F-M

FM/md 2B-939 Pentagon

5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Affairs - Occupied Areas.

TO: The Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces
The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
The Commanding Generals,
U. S. Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations
U. S. Army Forces in the Middle East
U. S. Army Forces, Central Pacific Area
U. S. Army Forces, South Pacific Area
U. S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India, Forward Echelon
U. S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India, Rear Echelon
U. S. Army Forces, European Theater of Operations
Attention: Civil Affairs Officer.

Supplementing letter AG OLA.13 (23 Nov 43)OB-S-F-M, 29 November 1943, there is digested below further developments in the field of Civil Affairs, which it is believed will be of assistance to Theater Commanders:

1. THE FOREIGN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION

The Foreign Economic Administration was created by executive order on 25 September 1943, to assume responsibility, "as soon as military operations permit," for the control of all U. S. Government activities in liberated areas with respect to supply of requirements and procurement of materials in such areas. Civilian agencies consolidated in the Foreign Economic Administration are: Office of Economic Warfare; Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations; Office of Lend Lease Administration and Commodity Credit Corporation's foreign procurement activities.

2. PUBLIC HEALTH

a. The War Department has approved a policy authorizing theater commanders, at their discretion, to include an Army Public Health Nursing Consultant on a Civil Affairs Public Health Staff.

(1) The functions of public health nursing consultants are to provide assistance in supervision of communicable disease control, of maternal and child health measures (including midwifery), of home and hospital nursing services and for emergency care of sick and injured. They may be needed at a Theater Headquarters for planning purposes and at a National or Regional Headquarters for field nursing supervision and consultation.

(2) The time when such consultants will be needed, and the extent of personnel requirements can best be determined in the theater.

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(3) Many Army nurses on duty in Theater of Operation have had experience and training in public health nursing. If a nurse of proper qualifications is not available within the theater, the War Department should be advised of requirements.

b. Executive Order 9285, 24 December 1942 (Section II, WD Bulletin No. 3, 13 February 1943) established the United States of American Typhus Commission in the War Department, under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of War. The Commission serves with the Army of the United States, and consists of a Director, officers of the Army Medical Corps, Navy Medical Corps, Public Health Service and other personnel.

The Director of the Commission is authorized and directed to formulate and effectuate a program for the study of typhus fever and the control thereof, both within and without the United States, when it is, or may become, a threat to the military population.

Thus the function of the Typhus Commission is of particular significance in its relation to Civil Affairs, and close cooperation is important. The services of the Commission should be utilized fully, and consultation solicited whenever and wherever indicated. Comprehensive recommendations for the control of typhus fever in occupied and liberated countries are being prepared by the Commission for the specific interests of Civil Affairs.

3. PROMOTION OF U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

War Department policy on the promotion of U. S. Public Health Service officers has been established. Final action for the promotion of U. S. Public Health Service Officers will be initiated by the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service. Recommendations for promotion of such officer personnel, accordingly, should be submitted from the field to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, through the War Department. Conversely, if the U. S. Public Health Service wishes to promote an officer currently overseas on a Civil Affairs assignment, the request will be communicated through the War Department to the Theater Commander.

4. TRAINING OF FAR EAST PERSONNEL

One hundred and forty-one (141) officers, including twenty-seven (27) Navy officers, are now undergoing training for eventual Civil Affairs duty in the Far East at one of the Provost Marshal General's Civil Affairs Training schools. Plans for additional schools to give similar training in the near future are now being formulated.

5. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Attention is invited to the fact that Allied Military Government as organized for the occupation of Sicily and Italy was not intended to be a pattern for military control over all areas where military operations will occur.

6. COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

At a conference of United States and United Kingdom representatives, it was agreed that United States and United Kingdom buyers would be permitted

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to enter Italy to establish the nucleus of the United Kingdom Commercial Company and the United States Commercial Company setup

7. INTERNEES

A suggested plan for classifying internees is as follows: Regional review boards will be created. They will classify the internees for (1) indefinite internment (dangerous Fascist, pro-Nazi, dangerous politicians); (2) for internment for not less than three months (minor cases); (3) handing over as criminals; (4) continuous internment pending further inquiry; (5) immediate and conditional or unconditional release; and (6) treatment as special cases (prisoners of war, deserters, etc.). Released prisoners would be required to carry a "license" and make certain reports as to their whereabouts and activities to the civil or military police functioning under the occupation authorities.

8. EUROPEAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Governments of the United States, United Kingdom and Soviet Union agreed at the Moscow Conference to establish a European Advisory Commission. The American Ambassador to Great Britain represents the United States Government on the Commission, which sits in London. Brigadier General C. W. Wickersham serves as military adviser to the United States representative, and in that capacity represents the War Department and acts as a liaison officer representing the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Admiral Harold R. Stark has been assigned as United States Naval Adviser.

By its terms of reference, agreed upon by the three governments, the Commission "will study and make joint recommendations to the three governments upon European questions connected with the termination of hostilities which the three governments may consider appropriate to refer to it. As one of the Commission's first tasks the three governments desire that it shall as soon as possible make detailed recommendations to them upon the terms of surrender to be imposed upon each of the European states with which any of the three powers are at war, and upon the machinery required to ensure the fulfillment of those terms." In studying the question of the relations which should be established between the European Advisory Commission and the United States Military Establishment, the Joint Chiefs of Staff concluded, among other things, that the Commission (a) should avoid problems relating to the conduct of military operations and concerning civil affairs of liberated or enemy territories incident to such operations prior to the end of hostilities, and (b) that all questions involving military matters, directly or indirectly, should be referred to and passed upon by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the theater commander, or the War or Navy Departments, as appropriate. The conclusions of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have, pursuant to their recommendation, been incorporated in instructions from the Secretary of State to the United States representative on the Commission.

The European Advisory Commission is now actively engaged in giving consideration to the formulation of a document of unconditional surrender for Germany and to machinery required for the implementation of that document.

9. ORGANIZATION IN WASHINGTON TO HANDLE AFFAIRS RELATING TO WORK OF EUROPEAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

By direction of the President, the Secretary of State has established an organization, of which the Secretary of State is chairman, to study post-war

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problems, and as a part thereof has set up a Drafting Committee to be composed of representatives of the State, War and Navy Departments. The Honorable James C. Dunn, Advisor on Political Relations to the Secretary of State, has been designated chairman of this Committee.

The Drafting Committee will have three principal functions: (1) to supply the American member of the European Advisory Commission in London with information and material on political and military developments affecting the work of the Commission; (2) to furnish advice and make recommendations to the European Advisory Commission upon questions connected with the termination of hostilities and terms of surrender; and (3) to prepare studies, memoranda, and drafts of documents requested by the Security Sub-Committee of the general post-war organization referred to above.

10. LONDON COMBINED CIVIL AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Combined Chiefs of Staff, at its 143rd meeting held 26 January 1944 approved an amendment to the Charter of the Combined Civil Affairs Committee and thereby established a sub-committee to sit in London. The functions of the sub-committee are: (a) To give guidance and make recommendations within the framework of directives issued to the Supreme Commanders, Northwest European and Mediterranean Theaters by the Combined Chiefs of Staff; (b) to resolve such Civil Affairs questions arising in these theaters as do not justify reference to the Combined Chiefs of Staff; (c) to make recommendations to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee on Civil Affairs matters arising within these theaters which require decision by the Combined Chiefs of Staff; (d) to receive from His Majesty's Government its civil affairs policy in regard to territory of the United Kingdom or Dominions and to communicate such policy to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee.

11. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED AREAS

The provisions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff military directive for Sicily and Italy, which relate to political activities on the part of the Italian people has been broadened to permit "such political activities as are consistent with military interest and the maintenance of public order."

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. Ullo

/t/ J. A. ULLO

Major General
The Adjutant General

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