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OPERATION MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 84)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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CHEMICAL WARFARE POLICY

1. GENERAL

This operation memorandum supersedes operation memorandum No 77 dated 7 July 45, amendment No 1 dated 29 July 45, amendment No 2 dated 20 September 45, and amendment No 3 dated 26 September 45, which are hereby rescinded, and all copies of which will be destroyed by fire.

2. TRAINING IN DEFENSE AGAINST CHEMICAL ATTACK

a. It is the policy of this headquarters that all Allied Forces maintain the highest standards of training against chemical attack and every commander will be responsible that all units and individuals are proficient in this.

b. Appendix 'A' specifies the procedure for the issue and storage of the various items of CW or anti-gas equipment and materials for United States troops. Similar procedure regarding British troops will be the responsibility of GHQ CMF.

c. Inspections will be made of anti-gas equipment with sufficient frequency to insure that this equipment is always serviceable.

3. EMPLOYMENT OF TOXIC G.S FOR POLICE PURPOSES

The use of Toxic Gas, other than tear gas and/or smoke, in the quelling of riots and for other police purposes is not authorized. The term "toxic" is intended to cover all chemical agents other than tear gas and/or smoke. Agencies employing smoke for the quelling of civil disorders will insure that no "white phosphorus" smoke is employed for this purpose.

4. MOVEMENT OF TOXIC STORES

In the case of shipments of toxic munitions, adequate notification will be furnished by responsible authorities in accordance with the provisions of appropriate AFHQ Administrative Memoranda (currently, Nos. 14, 15 and 33, 1944 series). Insofar as movement and handling are concerned, toxics carry the same security classification as any other ammunition.

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Appendix 'A' to Staff Memorandum 84

(Applicable to United States Forces ONLY)

Disposition of Chemical Warfare Protective Equipment and Materials

1. All authorized allowances of Individual and Organizational Chemical Warfare Protective Equipment, except those items listed in Paragraph 2 below, will be retained under unit control and carried in the normal prescribed manner or held in supply echelons so as to be readily available for training.

2. The following items of Chemical Warfare Protective Equipment will not be issued to troops pending further instruction from this Headquarters:

Agent, Decontaminating, Bleach
Apparatus, Decontaminating, 3 gallon, M
Brush, Decontaminating, M, w/handle
Sack, Gas resistant, M
Protective Clothing, both Permeable and
Impermeable (M issue)

Exception: Authorized allowances of the above items will be retained by or issued to Chemical staff detachments, C/S units, and other units handling toxic chemical agents.

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2. The following items of Chemical Warfare Protective Equipment will not be issued to troops pending further instruction from this Headquarters:

Agent, Decontaminating, Bleach
Apparatus, Decontaminating, 3 gallon, M1
Brush, Decontaminating, M1, w/handle
Sack, Gas resistant, M1
Protective Clothing, both Permeable and
Impermeable (M1 issue)

Exception: Authorized allowances of the above items will be retained by or issued to Chemical staff detachments, CWS units, and other units handling toxic chemical agents.

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21 November 1946.

Ref: 3636/44/22

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I enclose two copies of Allied Force Headquarters Operation Memorandum No. 85 dated 8 November 1946. This Memorandum supersedes Allied Force Headquarters Memorandum No. 73 dated 22 July 1946.

You will observe that this Memorandum reiterates the right of the Supreme Allied Commander to reimpose Allied military Government in areas of Italian Government controlled territory.

Under the terms of this Memorandum this right is intended to be invoked only as a last resort and then in a limited area for the duration of an emergency only. In effect, it does not actually envisage the reimposition of Allied military Government as normally exercised but rather the institution of martial law for a limited area and period.

You will also observe that in paragraph 7 of the Appendix to the Memorandum, certain conditions are laid down for Italian troops, police and Carabinieri, when they are employed under Allied Command. This paragraph is in no way intended to place any limitation in regard to the use of tear gas and/or smoke grenades when Italian troops, police or Carabinieri are employed under the control of your authorities.

I am directed by the Supreme Allied Commander, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, to request that you will publish the necessary orders to support this Operational Memorandum without delay and that a copy of such orders be submitted to this Command for the information of the Supreme Allied Commander.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery V. Stone

ELDERY V. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM

NUMBER 85

8 November 1946

INTERNAL SECURITYGENERAL

1. This Operation Memorandum supersedes Operation Memorandum No. 78 (Ground Defence) of 22 July 1945 which is hereby rescinded.

2. The preservation of internal security (i.e. the maintenance of law and order and defence against sabotage), within A.C.D.'s area of responsibility, will be the responsibility of:-

- a. GOC-in-C GHQ, AF in the provinces of UDINE and VENEZIA, GORIZIA.
 - b. The Italian Government in all other Italian territory.
3. The physical security of Allied localities and installations in Italy, wherever located, will be the responsibility of the Allied troops occupying such localities and installations. Commanders concerned will insure that plans are prepared for the protection of their installations.

MILITARY ZONES

4. The right is reserved by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre, to declare specific areas of Italian Government territory to be military zones. By the issue of such a declaration, the exercise of the powers of military government in the zone in question is assumed by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre. However, only in case of a most urgent threat to Allied interests is it intended that this right will be invoked.

USE OF FORCE IN CASE OF CIVIL POWER

5. For special instructions covering the preservation of law and order and the prevention of sabotage in Italy see Appendix 'A'.

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BY COMMAND OF SUPREMACY GENERAL MORGAN

GENERAL

1. This Operation Memorandum supersedes Operation Memorandum No. 78 (Ground Defence) of 22 July 1945 which is hereby rescinded.
2. The preservation of internal security (i.e. the maintenance of law and order and defence against sabotage), within S.O.D.'s area of responsibility, will be the responsibility of:-
 - a. GOC-in-C GHQ AF in the provinces of UDINE and VEREZZA GULLA.
 - b. The Italian Government in all other Italian territory.
3. The physical security of Allied localities and installations in Italy, wherever located, will be the responsibility of the Allied troops occupying such localities and installations. Commanders concerned will insure that plans are prepared for the protection of their installations.
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MILITARY POLICEUSE OF TRUCKS IN AND OF CIVIL POLICE

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BY COMMAND OF MILITANT GENERAL MORGAN:

T. S. MORGAN
Major General
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Appendix 'A' To Staff Memorandum 85

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REFERENCE ANTI-SABOTAGE PRECAUTIONS AND PRESERVATION OF LAW AND ORDER

A. ITALY LESS PROVINCES OF UDINE AND VENEZIA GIULIA

1. Within ITALY, other than the provinces of UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA, the Italian government is responsible for the maintenance of law and order and to accomplish this has the Police Force, the Carabinieri and the Italian Army.
2. Should the situation deteriorate to such an extent that the Italian authorities are unable to maintain law and order with their own resources it is possible that they may request assistance of Allied troops. Such requests will NOT be honored, but will be reported immediately to Allied Force Headquarters. However, should disorders directly threaten Allied military installations or property or threaten to interfere with the execution of Allied military missions the local commander will take such steps as may be necessary to protect these Allied interests. As a last recourse, with the approval of Allied Force Headquarters and in C/AFHQ's name, he may declare the threatened area to be a military zone, in which case he will assume command of all Italian troops and Police in that area.

3. In cases where the local commander considers the emergency so grave and so immediate that time does not allow for requesting Allied Force Headquarters authority he may act on his own initiative, reporting the full facts to Allied Force Headquarters at the earliest possible moment.

B. PROVINCES OF UDINE AND VENEZIA GIULIA

4. In the provinces of UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA the Allied Military Government is responsible for the maintenance of law and order and the Police Forces are under the control of Allied Military Government for this purpose. Should additional assistance be required, the Allied Military Government will appeal to the nearest Allied Military Commander. It is essential that close liaison exists between Allied Military Government officers and the nearest Allied Military Commander.
5. A disturbance in which military personnel are involved is a military responsibility and will be dealt with by the appropriate military authority.
6. Immediate reports will be made through normal channels in all cases of riots or civil disturbances, whether or not it has been necessary to employ Allied troops.

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7. In any instance where Allied or Italian troops, police or carabinieri are employed under Allied command to quell civil disturbances,

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B. PROVINCES OF UDINE AND VENEZIA (VULIA)

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C. TEAR GAS SMOKE GRENADES

7. In any instance where Allied or Italian troops, police or carabinieri are employed under Allied command to quell civil disturbances, tear gas and/or smoke grenades, but not white phosphorus smoke grenades, may be employed subject to the following restrictions:-

a. Every security precaution will be employed to ensure that stocks of these grenades do not fall into unauthorised hands.

b. All major commands will issue instructions to lower echelons concerning the use of these grenades, subject to the restriction that no grenades will be issued to troops or used by troops except on command of an officer. In exceptional cases the responsibility for issuing such orders may be delegated to a NCO.

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These grenades will be employed only when it is considered that use of force is necessary and that the object will be achieved with fewer casualties by the use of tear gas and/or smoke, than by opening fire.

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1. Amendment No 1 to AFHQ Operation Memorandum No 78 is CANCELLED, and Amendment No 2 is below is substituted.

2. The meaning is self-explanatory and addressees will NOT demand copies of AFHQ Op. Memo. No 70 if they are not already in possession of that document.

"1. Delete Para 3 (g) of Appendix 'A' and substitute:

"g. in any instance where Allied or Italian troops are employed to quell civil disturbances, tear gas and/or smoke grenades may be employed subject to the following restrictions:

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2. All major commands will issue instructions to lower echelons concerning the use of these grenades, subject to the restriction that no grenades will normally be issued to troops or used by troops except on the order of an officer; in exceptional cases the responsibility for issuing such orders may be delegated to a NCO. As a guide to major commands it is desired that these grenades be employed only when it is considered that use of force is necessary, and that the object will be achieved with fewer casualties by the use of tear gas and/or smoke than opening fire".

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM)

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TIME SYSTEM

1. Operation Memorandum No 22 dated 12 September 1945, subject TIME SYSTEM is hereby rescinded.

2. Effective at 170200 A hours March 1946 "B" Time (G.M.T. plus two hours, and designated by the suffix "B") will be used by all Allied Forces under the command of this Headquarters which are situated within SACRED's area of responsibility in metropolitan Italy including Allied occupied parts of VENETIA, GIULIA and the islands of SARDEGNA, SICILY, PANTHERIA, LARDEGNA and LINOSA.

3. The Italian Govt is conforming in this change.

4. The proper suffix letter is an inseparable part of every time group and always will be indicated at the end thereof. For example 2130 GMT will be expressed as 2130Z. Expressed in "B" time it will be written 2330B.

5. The date may be omitted where no possibility of confusion exists. When included with the time designation, the day of the month will be written as the first two digits of the date time group. Thus 0130B hours on 18 March is written 180130B March.

6. Similarly the year may be omitted where there is no possibility of confusion. When included with the time and date designation, the year is written as follows: 140130B March 1946.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

26 November 1945

AMENDMENT NO. 3

TO

OPERATION MEMORANDUM NO. 77

Amendment:

1. Delete para 2 to Appendix 'A' and substitute:
- " 2. The only A.G. equipment which is required to be held within British maintained units is the equivalent of a personal issue to every man and a first line reserve of 5% of the following equipment:

Respirators
Capes Anti-Gas.

Equipment thus rendered surplus within units will be disposed of through Ordnance channels.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

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Amendment:

1. Delete Para 3 and substitute:

"3. EMPLOYMENT OF TOXIC GAS FOR POLICE PURPOSES.

The use of toxic gas, other than tear gas and/or smoke, in the quelling of riots and for other police purposes is not authorized. The term "toxic" is intended to cover all chemical agents other than tear gas and/or smoke. Agencies employing smoke for the quelling of civil disorders will insure that no "white phosphorus" smoke is employed for this purpose".

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Amendment:

1. Delete Para 3 g of appendix 'A' and substitute:

"g. In any instance where Allied or Italian troops are employed to quell civil disturbances, tear gas and/or smoke grenades may be employed subject to the following restrictions:

1. Every security precaution will be employed to insure that stocks of these grenades do not fall into unauthorized hands.
2. All major commands will issue instructions to lower echelons concerning the use of these grenades, subject to the restriction that no grenades will be issued to troops or used by troops except on command of an officer. As a guide to major commands, it is desired that these grenades be employed only when it is considered that use of force is necessary, and that the object will be achieved with fewer casualties by the use of tear gas and/or smoke than by opening fire."

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM

NUMBER 81

BOMB DISPOSAL

1. GENERAL

a. This Memorandum supersedes Operation Memorandum No. 72 dated 28 February 1945, with Amendment No. 1 dated 13 June 1945.

b. Bomb Disposal is distinct from bomb reconnaissance and protective measures to be taken against unexploded bombs (see British Military Training Pamphlet No. 45 and U.S. Ordnance Field Circular No. 5, series of 1943) for which all troops are responsible. On the efficiency of these measures largely depends the effective use of bomb disposal personnel.

c. Allied Bomb Disposal personnel will deal with these unexploded bombs, the disposal of which is considered essential to the immediate safety of Allied personnel and installations.

d. Disposal of bombs in Italy other than those in Allied bomb dumps and as shown in para 2 above is the responsibility of the Italian Government.

e. Subject to the foregoing Bomb Disposal is an operational duty of the Royal Navy, United States Navy, Royal Engineers, U.S. Ordnance Bomb Disposal troops and of the Royal Air Force, whose responsibilities are outlined below. Responsibility for disposal of Allied bomb dumps is set out in para 6.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

a. British

- (1) The Royal Navy is responsible for disposal of unexploded bombs in ships or below high water mark, and for the disposal of anti-ship mines, circling torpedoes or similar purely naval weapons which may be found on shore.

(2) The Army is responsible for disposal of:-

- (a) Unexploded enemy bombs dropped on land except those or near R.A.F. occupied areas or on crashed enemy aircraft.
- (b) Unexploded Allied bombs with the assistance of R.A.F. Bomb Disposal personnel.
- (c) Enemy anti-ship mines or torpedoes dropped on land when

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- (b) Unexploded Allied bombs with the assistance of R.A.F. Bomb Disposal personnel.
- (c) Enemy anti-ship mines or torpedoes dropped on land when Naval bomb disposal personnel are not available, and immediate action is necessary.

(3) The Royal Air Force is responsible for:-

- (a) The disposal of unexploded bombs on or near R.A.F. occupied areas.

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- (b) The disposal of bombs on crashed aircraft.
- (c) Providing trained personnel for assisting the Army to dispose of Allied bombs.

b. U.S.

The Army is responsible for the disposal of unexploded bombs (except anti-ship mines) dropped on land. The U.S. Navy is responsible for unexploded bombs in ships, and below high-water mark, and for the disposal of anti-ship mines, circling torpedoes or similar purely naval weapons which may be found on shore.

3. NORMAL PROCEDURE

a. Reports of unexploded bombs affecting operations or installations, stating exact location, will be forwarded to District/Base Section or Formation (Air Service Area, or separate command) Commanders, who will decide whether the UXB is a military responsibility, and place it in the correct category as indicated in para 5 a below.

b. District/Base Section or Formation Commanders issue orders for disposal of unexploded bombs, stating category and priority.

c. The command channel for the order will depend on local conditions but must be clearly defined to prevent delay.

d. The senior Bomb Disposal Officer in any District/Base Section or Formation acts as advisor to the commander on matters pertaining to the most effective employment of available Bomb Disposal units and equipment in that area (or command).

e. Bomb cemeteries will be required. Cemeteries should be in a fenced area not less than 400 yards in diameter. The appropriate Royal Engineer or U.S. Ordnance Officer will coordinate siting of bomb cemeteries with the staff or G-4 concerned.

4. ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

The Commander of the District/Base Section in which Allied Force Headquarters is located, is responsible for the disposal of unexploded bombs in that area.

5. SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO DISPOSAL OF UXB'S

a. To determine the service responsibility, on the receipt of a report, District/Base Section or Formation (Air Service Area, or separate command) Commander decides whether the location of the UXB is in an area which affects the interests of the occupying troops. In such a case he will direct its disposal, indicating priorities when more than one unexploded bomb is concerned. If Service interests are not endangered, then the UXB will be given a civil category, indicating that disposal will NOT be undertaken by Service personnel. If matter reported to the G-4.

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The following four categories should be employed:-

- (1) Military Category I. Disposal necessary and bomb will NOT be exploded where it lies.
- (2) Military Category II. Disposal necessary and bomb may be exploded where it lies.
- (3) Civil Category I. Disposal necessary and bomb will NOT be exploded where it lies.
- (4) Civil Category II. Disposal necessary and bomb may be exploded where it lies.

It is emphasised that Military Category I will be used only where the risk is justified, and decisions concerning these categories should be taken on the advice of the senior B.D. officer in the District/Base Section or Formation

6. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO DISPOSAL OF ALLIED BOMB DUMPS

American Ordnance and British R.A.F. Maintenance units will be responsible for the disposal of Allied bomb dumps.

7. PRESENCE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS

With bombs known or suspected of being charged with a chemical agent, the technical advice and assistance of one of the following Chemical Warfare Staff Officers, as available, will be sought before disposal.

- a. Chemical Officer (U.S.) appropriate Base Section or nearest other U.S. Formation.
- b. Technical Officer (C/ British) at HQ of Corps or Army.
- c. C.S.O. III (C) of nearest British Division.

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- (4) Civil Category II. Disposal necessary and bomb may be exploded where it lies.

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 82)

TIME SYSTEM

1. Operation Memorandum No. 74, dated 17 March 1945, subject "Time System" is hereby rescinded.

2. Effective at 160200Z hours September 1945 "A" Time (G.M.T. plus one hour, and designated by the suffix "A") will be used by all Allied Forces under command of this Headquarters, except those forces in GERMANY, GREECE and the AEGEAN Islands, which will remain on "B" time.

3. French authorities in Metropolitan FRANCE, TUNISIA and ALGERIA will conform to the above change, as will the Italian Government. AUSTRIA also will conform to the change.

4. The proper suffix letter is an inseparable part of every time group and always will be indicated at the end thereof. For example 2130 GMT will be expressed as 2130Z. Expressed in "A" time it would be written 2230A.

5. The date may be omitted where no possibility of confusion exists. When included with the time designation, the day of the month is written as the first two digits of the date time group. Thus 0130A hours on 10 September is written 100130A September.

6. Similarly the year may be omitted where there is no possibility of confusion. When included with the time and date designation, the year is written as follows: 012130A Oct 1945.

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