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A.C.M.F. ROUTINE ORDERS

By General The Hon. Sir HAROLD R. L. G. ALEXANDER
G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C.

Commander-in-Chief Allied Central Mediterranean Force

Serial No. 1

10 Mar, 44

Part I—GENERAL STAFF

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A. F. HARDING,
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCHES

1. Introduction and Distribution of A.C.M.F. Routine Orders

1. Routine Orders will be issued once weekly. They will be applicable to all British Units in ITALY, SARDINIA and SICILY.

2. Distribution will be down to individual units and will be made through the agency of APO on Saturdays.

3. Units failing to receive their copies by the following Friday will apply to No. 10, Publications Depot, C.M.F.

4. Such applications will embody a certificate stating that delivery had not been effected on the day stated.
(3008/13/A.(PS)).

2. Censorship—Breach of Green Envelope privilege

1. Cases have been reported of green envelopes being handed to Italian photographers in order that films left for developing might be returned to the owner by post. The envelopes have been addressed to the owner of the films and the certificate, stating that the contents of the envelope relate to nothing but

private and family matters, signed by him and the unscaled envelope handed to the photographer. This is an abuse of the green envelope and is also likely to lead to breaches of security.

2. Under the Censorship Regulations all ranks are forbidden:—

(a) To hand to any civilian any

envelope or other cover addressed to them and capable of being transmitted by post.

- (b) To notify their unit address to any civilian. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

3. H.Q. Districts will notify

approved photographers in their Districts that they are not permitted to accept green envelopes for transmission of films.

4. To be repeated in unit orders every three months.

(Applicable to all Troops in C.M.F. receiving Green Envelope issue.)

(3045/A.(PS)).

3. Burial Returns.

In the case of formations and units of L. of C. Districts, Burial returns, A.F.W.3314, will be prepared in triplicate, and rendered as follows:—

- (a) *First Copy*
To Adv. H.Q., G.R. and E., H.Q., A.C.M.F. (Adm. Ech.).
- (b) *Second Copy*
To "A" Branch of Area or Sub-Area. Forwarded after noting to D.A.D.G.R. and E., c/o Adv. H.Q., G.R. and E.
- (c) *Third Copy*
To respective 2nd Echelon or H.Q.s enumerated below:—
- (i) U.K. and any category not included in (ii) to (viii) — G.H.Q., O2E., B.N.A.F.

- (ii) Canada: O i/c Cdn. Sec., G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, C.M.F.
- (iii) India: O i/c 2nd Echelon (Ind.), C.M.F.
- (iv) New Zealand: O i/c 2nd Echelon, 2 N.Z.E.F., C.M.F.
- (v) U.D.F. Adv. U.D.F. Adm. H.Q., C.M.F.
- (vi) R.A.F. R.P.S.O., M.A.A.F., C.M.F.
- (vii) Polish: Polish H.Q., C.M.F.
- (viii) Allies: Respective Allied H.Q.

(3078/A (PS)).

4. A.F.S. in C.M.F.—Administration

1. GENERAL.

The A.F.S. is a voluntary service organised into ambulance units for employment by the U.K. Forces in replacement of normal British ambulance units. It is *not* part of the United States Forces. The status of A.F.S. personnel under the Army Act is that of Camp Followers.

2. ISSUES AND SERVICES TO A.F.S.

The following facilities will be provided at the expense of the W.D. where an A.F.S. unit is doing work

which would otherwise be done by British Army personnel:—

- (a) Accommodation for personnel and vehicles. Necessary issues of camp equipment and accommodation stores will be dealt with on loan.
- (b) Rations to British scales from W.D. sources.
- (c) Where it is impracticable to provide accommodation or rations in kind for A.F.S. personnel, cash allowances in lieu may be issued at the

rates under the conditions applicable to equivalent British Army personnel. Provision in kind, should, however, be made wherever possible. Where it is proposed to issue cash allowances, the H.Q. of the Command concerned will provide H.Q., A.C.M.F., with full details of the circumstances.

- (d) Mechanical maintenance of vehicles, including the supply of spare parts from W.D. sources wherever possible, or otherwise by requisition as purchase from stocks available locally.
- (e) Petrol and lubricants from W.D. stores.
- (f) Medical attendance and/or hospital treatment under the conditions of ACT 68 of 1941.
- (g) Liability for third party risks and for accidental damage to or destruction of the ambulances, arising out of their employment on W.D. service.
- (h) Repair of ambulances damaged as a result of military operations.
- (i) Full scale issues and maintenance of personal clothing and equipment to the scales appropriate to the British Personnel they replace. This equipment will be dealt with initially as free issues, subject to liability for return to army stocks on conclusion of service. Articles required for the passage to U.S.A. on repatriation may be retained and the British Army Staff, Washington, will recover from the Head Office, A.F.S., New York, the cost of any items not surrendered on arrival in U.S.A. To facilitate this, H.Q., A.C.M.F. (Adm. Ech.) will submit details to A.F.H.Q. of lists of repatriated A.F.S. personnel

and the clothing and equipment for which they are accountable.

- (j) Provision to British Scales of telephone facilities under the same conditions as for the British Army, subject to availability of equipment.
- (k) Attached British Army personnel will be dealt with under normal regulations.

3. PASSAGES TO U.S.A.

(a) The cost of passages to U.S.A. for members of the A.F.S. on the expiration of their contracts, or when released on account of medical unfitness, will be borne by W.D. funds. Personnel who are discharged before their contract expires for reason of misconduct or who resigned before the end of their contract will not be entitled to free passage to U.S.A. Where passages in British ships are provided for non-entitled personnel, the cost will be recovered by British Army Staff, Washington, direct from A.F.S., N.Y. Travel by non-entitled personnel in American ships is permissible only by private arrangement between the member and the American authorities direct.

(b) Any member of the A.F.S., who, on the expiration of his contract, enlists into the British Army will, at the end of the war, be entitled to a passage to the U.S.A. at W.D. expense.

4. LIABILITY FOR DEATH OR INJURY.

No liability will be accepted by the W.D. for injury or other disability, whether fatal or otherwise, incurred by personnel of the A.F.S.

5. PAY.

No pay will be issued from W.D. sources, nor will any advance of pay be made, since the A.F.S. make their own arrangements in this connection.

(Applicable to all A.F.S. personnel, C.M.F.)

(3038/A(O))

5. Return of Holdings—Disciplinary and Holding Establishments

1. Returns as below will be rendered to this H.Q. (copies to H.Qs Districts, Areas or Sub-Areas concerned) by all Military Prisons and Field Punishment and Detention Camps. In addition, any improvised F.P. Camp and Holding Centre, and a Court-Martial and Holding Centre where such establishment is being used for holding purposes other than normal, will submit a similar return.

2. The return will show state of holdings as at 0600 hours every third day (i.e., 3rd, 6th, 9th, and so on, of each month) and will be made by signal to reach this H.Q. on same day.

3. The following will be shown:—

Soldiers under Sentence:

- (a) Penal Servitude.
- (b) Imprisonment.
- (c) Detention.
- (d) Field Punishment.

Soldiers awaiting Trial

- (e) Held over 14 days.
- (f) Held 14 days and under.

Soldiers awaiting Promulgation.

- (g) Awaiting promulgation.

General

- (h) Hospital Admissions.
- (i) Escapes.
- (j) Early release expected.
- (k) Remarks.

4. (a) Signals showing such figures will be worded as follows:—

"DISCIPLINE (.) SERIAL (.)

(a) — (b) — (c) — (d) —
(e) — (f) — (g) — (h) —
(i) — (j) — (k) — (.)"

(b) When figures are NIL, the relevant category will be omitted from signal.

(3089/A(PS).)

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MAJOR GENERAL,
C.A.O.

NOTICE

Services Publications.

1. The following periodicals are published specially for the Services by Joint Publications Directorate, G.H.Q. M.E.F.

	Price.
PARADE (weekly) - - -	10 lire
GEN (fortnightly) - - -	10 lire
WORLD PRESS REVIEW (weekly) - - - - -	10 lire

Copies are now on sale at the Army and Navy Club, Via Roma, NAPLES, and at Union Jack (Army Newspaper), Circulation Dept., NAPLES.

2. If desired, the a/m publications may be ordered direct from

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Rates of subscription are:—

		<i>Parade</i>	<i>Gen</i>	<i>World Press Review</i>
3 months	-	5/-	2/-	5/-
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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

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4. The responsibility of preparing a war diary is incumbent on:

- (a) each branch of the Staff and all Services and Directorates of headquarters.
(b) commanders of all units and of all detachments of headquarters or units.

(Applicable to UK ¹²⁸² and Colonial Troops)

(BM25/G(Ops))

7. Bridge Load Classification of Vehicles

1. In order to safeguard Military Equipment bridges from damage due to excessively heavy loads crossing them, and to enable Traffic Control personnel properly to execute their duties in this respect, all Military vehicles other than "A" vehicles will be provided as soon as possible with bridge load classification signs.

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3. In the I. of C (Communication Zone), civilian vehicles of a bridge load classification greater than 24 only will be marked. These will bear a sign "OVER CLASS 24."

4. Armies will make such arrangements as they consider necessary for the marking of civilian vehicles in their areas.

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(1706/1/SD2)

8. Mail Censorship Release

1. In order that troops who have taken part in certain major operations, which have been given wide publicity at home, may inform their families and friends of their participation in such operations, it has been decided to relax censorship regulations to the extent of allowing, in specific instances, the fact to be mentioned in private mail.

2. All troops who took part in the following operations may now mention the fact of their individual and personal participation in their letters home.

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- (c) Crossing of SANGRO.

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(Up till 2 Mar 44 only.)

(e) CASSINO battle.
(Up till 2 Mar 44 only.)

3. In connection with any mention of individual and personal participation in such operations, the following censorship rules will be observed by all ranks, and unit censors will be held responsible for an intelligent interpretation thereof:

(a) No geographical location other than the Sector authorised will be identified, e.g., in the case of 2(e) above the SANGRO may be mentioned, but not the names of villages, etc., on or near the river.

(b) When there is a limiting date as in 2 (d) and (e) above, troops whose participation in the operation commenced after the limiting date, may NOT mention participation.

(c) No military formation or unit (even the writer's own) will be identified except by correct return address.

(d) No mention of participation in the above operations is permitted:

- (i) In Green envelope mail and privilege air letters.
- (ii) In letters addressed to countries other than the United Kingdom, Eire, British Empire, Continental United States of America.
- (iii) In telegrams.

4. Further releases of this nature will be notified from time to time.

(Applicable to all Troops under Comd.)

(1061/1/GSI(a).)

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2. The result leads to delay and confusion when the officers are required and cannot be found.
3. In some cases officers have been attached without authority to HQs and other establishments. In other cases officers have proceeded to Transit Hotels instead of RTDs.
4. Officers in General Hospitals and Con Depots are under Comd of OsC medical unit concerned and will not be employed or attached to any other unit or establishment without authority of this HQ.
5. Officers on discharge from General Hospitals and Con Depots will proceed to their respective RTD to await posting orders.
6. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer who fails to comply with these instructions.

(Applicable to UK Officers.)

(3021/4/A(O))

10. Dress.

Warrant Officers will not wear collars and ties with battle dress.

(Applicable to UK Troops.)

(5016/A/(PS))

11. Pack Transport Companies RASC

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ranks in the British Cadres of Pack Transport Coys RASC.

Other ranks are required as horse transport personnel, saddlers and farriers.

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- (a) Medical Category "A."
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3. Applications giving full particulars of qualifications should be forwarded in duplicate through normal channels. It is essential that such applications are forwarded immediately for operational reasons:—

In the case of Officers: to DDST, AAI (Adm Echelon).

In the case of other ranks: to HQ Adv Reinforcements, AFI.

4. To be repeated in unit orders.

(Applicable to UK Troops.)

(3065/6/A(O))

12. Military Prisons and Detention Barracks—AAI.

1. The following Military Prisons and Detention Barracks have been established in AAI.

- (a) No. 56 Military Prison and Detention Barracks BRINDISI, No. 2 District.
- (b) No. 55 Military Prison and Detention Barracks NISIDA, near NAPLES, No. 3 District.
- (c) 57 Area Penal Establishment, PORTICI, near NAPLES, No. 3 District. Tel. No. NAPLES - 55322.

This establishment will shortly be converted to an official Military Prison.

2. Allotment of Vacancies.

- (a) When accommodation for a SUS is required the formation or unit will apply to the HQ of the District in which the Prison is situated. Normally formations and units situated in the EAST side of ITALY should apply to No. 2 District and those on the WEST side to No. 3 District. Formations and units in No. 1 District will apply to No. 1 Military Prison, BNAF. Confirmation of the vacancy must be received from District HQ *before* the soldier is despatched from his unit.
- (b) If there are no vacancies in the Prison or Prisons in the District to which application has been made, such District will itself apply to the other District and will notify the unit of the result.
- (c) Soldiers should if possible be despatched so that they reach the Prison by 1800 hours.

3. Types of Sentences.

The above Prisons will only accept soldiers sentenced to penal servitude, imprisonment and detention cases of six months or more.

4. Clothing and Equipment.

Osc units or unit providing the escort will ensure that all soldiers sent to the Prisons are clothed and equipped in accordance with King's Regulations, 1940, para 747 (i), and War Clothing Regulations 1943, para 119. Two blankets and a greatcoat will also be in possession of the soldier. Rifles or pistols, but not ammunition, will be taken by all soldiers who are normally issued with them.

5. Document.

The following documents, duly completed, will be in possession of the soldier:—

- (a) AFB 122 (Field Conduct Sheet.)
- (b) AFC 355 (Assessment of Character, Description of Soldier and Medical Officer's Certificate.)

(c) Committal Warrant:

- (i) Penal Servitude (when a direction has been given by the appropriate authority under Section 58, Army Act, that part of the sentence is to be served in a Military Prison): AF C384A (Form BB on page 773 of MMI) signed by an officer not under the rank of Brigadier in or under whose command the military convict may be, or by a Staff Officer acting under the orders of the Confirming Officer.
- (ii) Imprisonment: AF C385 (Form C on page 774 of MMI) signed by the soldier's CO, or any officer in or under whose command the soldier may be, provided he does not hold a command inferior to that of the CO.
- (iii) Detention: AF C385A (Form D on page 775 of MMI) signed as in (ii) above.
- (d) AF IH157 or AF B253 (Inventory of Kit) in duplicate.

6. Disposal on Release.

On termination or suspension of sentence the Commandant of the Prison will arrange for the soldier to be despatched to the nearest Transit Camp for onward routing to the Depot of his arm of the Service. Transport for this purpose will be provided under Area arrangements.

(Applicable to UK Troops.)

(506/5/A(PS))

13. Field Punishment and Detention Camps

- 1. The following Field Punishment and Detention Camps are established in AAI.

(a) No. 25 FPC to be converted to No. 25 FI and DC, GUGLIONESE, (temporarily).
At present EIGHTH Army unit.

(b) No. 2 FP and DC, PORTICI, near NAPLES.
No. 3 District.
Tel: NAPLES 55180.

(c) No. 3 FP and DC, LUCERA.
No. 2 District. Not yet open. Date when ready to receive SUS will be notified in these orders.

2. These Camps will receive soldiers sentenced to Field Punishment for 29 days and over and detention for 29 days and less than 6 months.

3. Before despatching a soldier under sentence, the OC unit will ascertain from the Commandant that a vacancy is available. He will then despatch the soldier to arrive NOT later than 1800 hrs on the day of admission.

4. Whenever possible OC unit will forward to the Commandant a statement as to the state of training of the soldier and any recommendations as to the type of training which he should undergo whilst carrying out his Field Punishment.

5. Paras 4, 5 and 6 of AAI Routine Order No. 12 also apply.

(Applicable to UK troops.)

(5066/A(PS))

14. Local Purchase Powers of Unit Commanders

1. The terms of ACI 1365 of 1940 will not be applicable in this theatre. This decision has been dictated by the following considerations:—

(a) The necessity for price control, which can only be ensured by centralised purchasing.

(b) The necessity for ensuring that essential civilian requirements are not prejudiced by Military purchases.

2. Hence, in general, powers of local purchase will be restricted to delegated Service representative.

3. This ruling does not affect the right of a Commander to make local purchase of commodities which are a vital operational necessity and which, at the time, are not available from normal military sources. In such cases a certificate as to the "operational necessity" will accompany the account.

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2. Allotment of Vacancies.

- (a) When accommodation for a SUS is required the formation or unit will apply to the HQ of the District in which the Prison is situated. Normally formations and units situated in the EAST side of ITALY should apply to No. 2 District and those on the WEST side to No. 3 District. Formations and units in No. 1 District will apply to No. 1 Military Prison, BNAF. Confirmation of the vacancy must be received from District HQ before the soldier is despatched from his unit.
- (b) If there are no vacancies in the Prison or Prisons in the District to which application has been made, such District will itself apply to the other District and will notify the unit of the result.
- (c) Soldiers should if possible be despatched so that they reach the Prison by 1800 hours.

3. Types of Sentences.

The above Prisons will only accept soldiers sentenced to penal servitude, imprisonment and detention cases of six months or more.

4. Clothing and Equipment.

Osc units or unit providing the escort will ensure that all soldiers sent to the Prisons are clothed and equipped in accordance with King's Regulations, 1940, para 747 (i), and War Clothing Regulations 1943, para 119. Two blankets and a greatcoat will also be in possession of the soldier. Rifles or pistols, but not ammunition, will be taken by all soldiers who are normally issued with them.

5. Document.

The following documents, duly completed, will be in possession of the soldier:—

- (a) AFB 122 (Field Conduct Sheet.)
- (b) AFC 355 (Assessment of Character, Description of Soldier and Medical Officer's Certificate.)
- (c) Committal Warrant:
 - (i) Penal Servitude (when a direction has been given by the appropriate authority under Section 58, Army Act, that part of the sentence is to be served in a Military Prison): AF C384A (Form BB on page 773 of MML) signed by an officer not under whose command the military convict may be, or by a Staff Officer acting under the orders of the Confirming Officer.
 - (ii) Imprisonment: AF C385 (Form C on page 774 of MML) signed by the soldier's CO, or any officer in or under whose command the soldier may be, provided he does not hold a command inferior to that of the CO.
 - (iii) Detention: AF C385A (Form D on page 775 of MML) signed as in (ii) above.
- (d) AF H1157 or AF B253 (Inventory of Kit) in duplicate.

6. Disposal on Release.

On termination or suspension of sentence the Commandant of the Prison will arrange for the soldier to be despatched to the nearest Transit Camp for onward routing to the Depot of his arm of the Service. Transport for this purpose will be provided under Area arrangements.

(Applicable to UK Troops.)

(506/5/A(PS))

13. Field Punishment and Detention Camps

1. The following Field Punishment and Detention Camps are established in AAI.

(a) No. 25 FPC (to be converted to No. 25 FP and DC), GUGLIONESE, (temporarily).
At present EIGHTH Army unit.

(b) No. 2 FP and DC, PORTICI, near NAPLES.
No. 3 District.
Tel: NAPLES 55180.

(c) No. 3 FP and DC, LUCERA.
No. 2 District. Not yet open. Date when ready to receive SUS will be notified in these orders.

2. These Camps will receive soldiers sentenced to Field Punishment for 29 days and over and detention for 29 days and less than 6 months.

3. Before despatching a soldier under sentence, the OC unit will ascertain from the Commandant that a vacancy is available. He will then despatch the soldier to arrive NOT later than 1800 hrs on the day of admission.

4. Whenever possible OC unit will forward to the Commandant a statement as to the state of training of the soldier and any recommendations as to the type of training which he should undergo whilst carrying out his Field Punishment.

5. Paras 4, 5 and 6 of AAI Routine Order No. 12 also apply.

(Applicable to UK troops.)

(5066/A(PS))

14. Local Purchase Powers of Unit Commanders

1. The terms of ACI 1365 of 1940 will not be applicable in this theatre. This decision has been dictated by the following considerations:—

(a) The necessity for price control, which can only be ensured by centralised purchasing.

(b) The necessity for ensuring that essential civilian requirements are not prejudiced by Military purchases.

2. Hence, in general, powers of local purchase will be restricted to delegated Service representative.

3. This ruling does not affect the right of a Commander to make local purchase of commodities which are a vital operational necessity and which, at the time, are not available from normal military sources. In such cases a certificate as to the "operational necessity" will accompany the account.

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ORDERS 15-31

A.A.I. ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

15. Destruction or Removal of Telephone and Telegraph Equipment

1. Instances are occurring of the destruction and removal of telephone and telegraph equipment, particularly telephone poles, cable and telephone exchange equipment.

2. This equipment, even when damaged, is vital to the rapid restoration of essential communications and will not be removed or salvaged except under orders issued by CSO, AAI.

(2728/X)

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

16. Introduction and Distribution of AAI Routine Orders

Para 1 of Routine Order No. 1 will be amended to read:—

"Routine Orders will be issued once weekly. They will be applicable to all British, Dominion, African and Colonial, and Indian Troops.

"Limitations on the applicability of any order, unless it has general applicability to all the above, will be stated at the end of the order in question."

(5008/A(PS))

17. Concession Telegrams

Reference AFHQ GRO 710 of 1943:

1. Signal Offices will forward Concession Telegrams to Base Censorship Group 7, CME by ELS. The covering envelopes will be clearly marked "CSN Telegrams."

2. This order will be effective from 0001 hrs. 1 Apr 44

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(2809/X)

18. Investigation by CMP

1. All matters requiring the attention of the CMP or Italian Police will be reported to the nearest APM/DAPM, who will decide the course of action to be taken, and whether it is necessary to call in the SIB or civil police assistance.

2. Staff officers of formation/area HQ will pass all matters to the APM/DAPM attached to the Staff concerned and not direct to the SIB. Staff officers will not call for reports from the SIB to be addressed direct to them, but through the APM/DAPM concerned. APMs/DAPMs are responsible for ensuring that their formation/area staffs are kept fully informed of the progress and results of enquiries which are carried out.

(5036/A(PS))

19. Arrest and Custody—US and British Personnel

The following extract from L. of C. Routine Orders, BNAF, is republished for compliance:

"British Service authorities may arrest and hold in custody members of the US Forces alleged to be guilty of desertion, absence without leave, or other offences punishable under the law of the United States of America.

"United States military authorities may arrest and hold in custody members of the British Forces alleged to be guilty of desertion, absence without leave, or other offences punishable under the law of the United Kingdom.

"In general and except in cases of the alleged commission of serious crime, or in the case of grave disorder and in the absence of the forces responsible for the restoring of order, British Service personnel will not be arrested by members of the US Army or vice versa, other than the Military Police.

"An officer into whose custody a member of the US or British

Forces is handed over in arrest will ascertain whether the British or US authorities, as the case may be, have been informed of the arrest. If they have not been informed, notification will be sent by telegram or telephone to the nearest US or British unit or to the nearest US or British Pro officer. Within 48 hours of receiving notification of an arrest, an escort from the US or British Forces, whichever may be concerned, will take over the accused."

(5036/2/A(PS))

20. WD Vehicles—Civilians Travelling in

1. Vehicles owned or hired by the WD will not be used to convey civilians unless:—

(a) They are Government Officials, or

(b) They are travelling upon official business or business directly connected with the prosecution of the War, or

(c) They are civilian employees of the WD in course of their duties.

2. All civilians travelling in WD vehicles under the conditions set out in para (1) above will be in possession of an official pass prepared in accordance with the proforma shown below. Such passes will be signed by the OC the Unit authorising such travel.

"PASS ENTITLING BEARER TO TRAVEL IN WD VEHICLES"

"(Identity No.) _____

(Full Name) _____

(Unit or Affiliation) _____

is hereby authorised to travel in WD vehicles in the course of his/her official duties.

(Place) _____

(Date) _____

Commanding _____

(Rank)

(Unit)"

3. It is forbidden to give casual lifts to civilians.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or OR disregarding this order.

(5014/A(PS))

21. Discipline

The number of casualties due to the careless handling of firearms is increasing.

In future any soldier who causes a casualty through the neglectful handling of firearms will be tried by Court-Martial.

(5063/2/A(PS))

22. Malaria Control

1. During the month of April all buildings occupied by Troops will be sprayed twice weekly.

Adjacent buildings occupied by civilians, wherever practicable, will also be sprayed.

2. One ounce of anti-mosquito spray is required for 3,000 feet of room space. Dark corners, lofts and attics need special attention.

Rooms will be closed during spraying, and will remain closed for half-an-hour afterwards.

(3095/8/A(PS))

23. Venereal Disease—Prevention of

1. Allied Military Police have authority to arrest and hand over to the Italian Police any person engaged in soliciting or procuring or acting as a pimp.

2. These actions are offences against Italian Civil Law and adequate penalties are prescribed for them.

3. AGC are affording the Military Authorities the fullest co-operation in

securing the enforcement of the law against these offences. Full particulars of any cases which are considered unsatisfactory will be reported at once to the Provincial Commissioner concerned.

(3095/9/A(O))

24. Personnel Surplus to WE— Indian Units

1. In order that the maximum use may be made of the man power available in CMF, the following procedure will be adopted:—

(a) Personnel will not be posted or held by units in excess of authorised WEs, except by the authority of this HQ.

(b) The authority for holding personnel surplus to WE is valid for two months.

2. At the end of two months personnel will be returned to their respective Reinforcement Camps without further instructions from this HQ, unless:

(a) An amendment to the WE to include such personnel has been promulgated and implemented under the authority of AFHQ.

(b) An application for the retention of additional personnel for a further two months has been made to this HQ and has received approval.

3. Applications for amendments to WEs or for further retention of personnel will be made through the normal channels to A-6 (Indian) at this HQ.

4. The responsibility for returning unauthorised personnel to Reinforcement Camps lies with the OC Unit.

(Applicable to Indian Troops)

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(3095/15)

25. Burial Returns

1. Sub para (b) of Routine Order No. 3 will be deleted. Sub para (c) heading will be altered to read "Second Copy." Sub para. (c) (iii) will be deleted.

2. Attention is drawn to Q2F (Ind), MEF, GROs, Part A, 36 and 37 of 1943, which lay down the procedure to be adopted in connection with Indian troops.

(5021/1/A(PS))

26. Air Letter Service

The Air Letter Service (postage 3d.) from CMF has been extended to Palestine.

(20/Q2)

27. Laundry Services

1. It is apparent that in certain units the provisions of GRO No. 477 of 1943 are not being complied with. Particular attention is drawn to the correct method to be followed when arrangements for washing are not made by Ordnance.

2. Under these circumstances two courses are open to Unit Commanders:—

(a) Arrange for the hiring of washerwomen for the washing to be done under unit arrangement, or

(b) Where (a) is impossible, arrange for washing to be carried out by suitable local inhabitants (who are willing to do so) at the most economical rate.

3. If course (b) is adopted, Unit Commanders should pay the actual cost of the laundry out of Company, etc. Imprest Accounts. No payment should be made by the men themselves for washing authorised to be carried out at the public expense.

(To be repeated in formation orders)

(Applicable to UK Troops only)

(56/Q(AE))

28. Supply of Timber

Timber is an Engineer Supply and all demands will be made through normal Engineer channels.

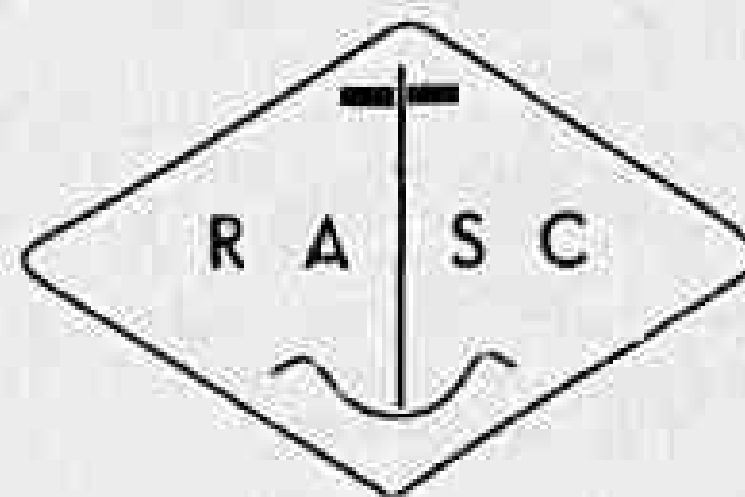
Under no circumstances will demands be placed direct on Forestry Coys operating in forests under control of Directorate of Works.

(157/Q2)

29. Boat Stores

1. A distinctive marking has been allotted by War Office for RASC Boat Stores to facilitate easy recognition in discharge and forwarding.

2. All such stores consigned in future to this theatre will be marked with a Diamond containing an Anchor and the letters RASC; the whole of the marking is blue.



3. Packages so marked will normally be addressed to either "Y" Boat Stores Depot, RASC, located 2 District, or "Z" Boat Stores Depot, RASC, which will be located in 3 District and should be forwarded accordingly. In the event of such stores being addressed to an ADST, the RASC Port Detachment concerned will be responsible for ensuring correct despatch.

(160/Q1)

30. Beer Bottles

1. It is hoped in the near future to increase the issue scale of beer by use of local resources. For this purpose it is essential that a large proportion of empty bottles are returned to EFI.

2. Units will take steps to preserve and collect as many of their empty beer bottles as possible and will ensure that all available are returned to EFI each week.

(49/11/Q2)

31. EFI Issues for Transit Establishments

1. EFI items are normally drawn by units. In view of this, these items will only be drawn for personnel resident in transit hotels, camps, etc., in the following circumstances:—

Schedule A, B and C Items — Cigarettes, matches, etc.:

These may be drawn for all personnel who have been resident in the hotel, camp, etc., for a full week.

Schedule D Items—Spirits, cordials, etc.:

These are issued on a monthly allocation and will only be drawn for entitled persons who have been resident for a complete month.

2. In the case of Transit Hotels, a certificate signed by the Town Major concerned will be attached to all indents for EFI goods, certifying that the numbers indented for are in accordance with the terms of this order.

3. In the case of Transit Camps similar certificates will be signed by the Adjutant.

(2049/Q2)

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ORDERS 32-39

A.A.I. ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

32. Damage to Main State Telephone Cable

1. Instances have occurred of the Main State Telephone Cable being damaged by units engaged in laying water mains, constructing culverts, etc., along the road which the cable follows. This has caused very serious interruption of existing comms.

2. The cable follows the road NAPLES — CASERTA — PIGNATARO — MIGNANO — FERENTINO — ROME. In future no work involving digging will be undertaken by any unit on this road without reference to CSO of the Army or District under whose comd the unit is operating.

3. As the chief source of potential danger to the cable lies in the work of engineer units, maps showing the

exact routing of the cable are being distributed through RE channels down to CsRE.

4. Particular care will be exercised by bridge repair parties at demolished bridges where the cable is suspended. If the cable in such circumstances shows signs of damage, the exact location of such damage will be reported by signal direct to CSO, AAI.

5. If, in spite of the above instructions, damage is caused to the cable, the facts will be reported immediately direct to CSO, AAI.

(2814/10/X)

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

33. OCTU—Policy

Reference GRO 416 of 1943 and pamphlet "Selection of Potential Officers, Their Preliminary Training, and Commissioning."

1. The following is the present

policy regarding the granting of emergency commissions after OCTU training in relation to the provision of infantry officers:—

(a) Candidates under the age of 30 will continue to be diverted to the

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infantry with the following exceptions:—

(i) Candidates below medical category A1.

(ii) Candidates exceptionally qualified for RE, R Sigs or REME, or

(iii) Candidates with strong family claims for particular arms.

(b) Exceptional candidates over the age of 30 may be accepted into the infantry.

2. In order that they may be made fully aware of the position, all candidates will sign a certificate, shown in Appx. "A" to this Order, which will be attached to the AF B2617.

(Applicable to British Troops.)

(3026/3/A(O))

34. Convalescent Depots—BRCS

1. The Joint War Organisation of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John have established Convalescent Homes for officers at:—

LA SELVA—2 District, 71 Sub-Area—to serve EAST ITALY.

SORRENTO—3 District, 94 Sub-Area—to serve WEST ITALY.

2. The administrative responsibilities of these Homes are as follows:—

Internal Economy—Commandant of the BRCS Home.

Local Administration—District through Sub-Area concerned.

3. Accommodation is available for the following:—

(a) Elderly officers.

(b) Officers of the rank of Lt Col and above, and officers of the equivalent ranks in the RN and RAF.

(c) All officers who cannot benefit by the remedial treatment of a normal Military Convalescent Depot.

There is limited accommodation for Nursing Officers and Officers of the Women's Services.

4. Application for admission to these Homes will be made by OsC Hospitals to the ADMS of the Sub-Area concerned (*i.e.*, ADsMS 71 and 94 Sub-Areas), for authorisation. Admission to these Homes will not be granted without such authority. Officers will NOT be despatched until approval has been given.

5. OsC Units despatching officers for admission to the above Homes will:—

(a) Ensure that all necessary arrangements are made for the journey, including arrangements for accommodation if staging is necessary.

(b) Despatch the officer with a movement order, on which will be shown details of the arrangements for staging.

(c) Despatch the officer with the ADMS's authority for admission to the Home.

(d) Provide necessary rations for the journey.

(e) Despatch the officer at a suitable time so that his arrival at the Home will be in daylight.

6. There is no accommodation for officers' servants or drivers. No exception will be made in the case of individual officers.

7. Junior officers will be transferred to a normal Military Convalescent Depot as soon as it is considered that they are ready to begin training to fit them for return to duty.

8. Officers who are down-graded whilst staying at either Convalescent Home will return at the end of their convalescence to their appropriate Depot.

(Applicable to British officers.)

(3053/1/A(O))

35. Administration of New Zealand Expeditionary Force

1. The New Zealand Expeditionary Force in CMF, known as 2 NZEF, comprises:—

- (a) 2 NZ and ancillary troops.
- (b) NZ Base incl certain Trg Units, Hospitals, etc.

2. Subject to operational and adm control exercised by Corps, Army, etc., all matters concerning NZ units and personnel are controlled by HQ 2 NZEF, CMF.

3. HQ 2 NZEF, CMF, is established at SAN SPIRITO, and all matters relating to NZ Units or personnel will be referred to that HQ.

4. For information of all concerned, HQ 2 NZEF has the following facilities and responsibilities in connection with NZ troops:—

- (a) War Establishments.
- (b) Organisation and disbandment of units.
- (c) Pay and Pensions.
- (d) Welfare.
- (e) Red Cross.
- (f) MS matters—being responsible for promotion of officers and OR.
- (g) Legal—comprising DJAG and Legal Staff. NZ personnel are tried by NZ Courts-Martial.
- (h) Medical, including control of certain NZ Hospitals and Medical Units.
- (i) Initiation of movement of troops in conjunction with local Mov.
- (j) Initiating demand for movement of troops to and from NZ.
- (k) Chaplains.
- (l) Public Relations.
- (m) Postal Services.

(3044/A(O))

36. Smallpox

Owing to the incidence of Smallpox among the civilian population in EGYPT, all troops who are proceeding to the Middle East and who have not been successfully vaccinated or revaccinated during the last two years, will be vaccinated before embarkation.

(3066/A(O))

37. Discipline— Black Market Offences

1. It has come to notice that civilians conducting Black Market operations and other illegal activities are receiving assistance from military transport.

2. All Formations and Units will take immediate steps to ensure that transport is not misused in this manner.

3. Any individual who is charged with an offence in regard to Black Market activities will be tried by court-martial.

(5063/18/A(PS))

38. Emergency Rations

1. Emergency Rations are intended to be consumed only when all other sources of supply fail, and are issued on the scale of one to every officer and man. They must not be eaten except on the order of an officer.

2. As every officer and man enters this theatre of operations with his emergency ration, shipments are only made to replace consumption as envisaged in para 1.

3. Issues will in future only be made from RASC stores on receipt of a separate AB ~~3~~ signed by the OC personally and certified to the effect that:—

- (a) They are required to replace authorised consumption, or

- (b) If lost, the necessary disciplinary action has been taken, or
 (c) That no previous issue has been made.

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39. Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour (Italy and Sicily)

1. The above publication has now been approved and stocks are held at No. 10 Publications Depot, CMF. Consolidated demands for formations (Armies, Independent Corps and Districts) will be submitted to that Depot.

2. The above publication relates to the employment of civilians in Italy and Sicily only and supercedes all previous publications which will be destroyed.

3. The rates of pay given in Appendix "A" of the above publication are the basic rates for the NAPLES area only.

4. Amendments to the above publication will be notified from time to time in ROs.

(2073/1/Q2)

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 CAO.

NOTICE

Loss of Vehicles

Any Unit in possession or having any knowledge of disposal of following vehicles will report the fact to DDOS, HQ AAI (Adm Ech) repeated DDOS No. 2 District.

WD Nos. D 23392

M 4888644

L 4966235

C 4639609 (motor-cycle)

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDER No. 33

(a)

I, (No.) _____ (Rank) _____

(Name) _____

(Unit) _____ understand that my acceptance for training for an Emergency Commission is dependant upon the needs of the Service and that I cannot be considered solely for a commission in the arm given on my AF B2617. I, therefore, wish to be considered for a commission in any of the following arms:—

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

3rd choice _____

(b)

I am also willing, should it be found necessary, to be commissioned in any other arm of the Service in accordance with the need for officers.

Signature of Candidate. _____

Countersigned _____

President, or Deputy President, No. 52 War Office Selection Board.

Date _____

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ORDERS 40-48

A.A.I. ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

40. Bombs ML 3-in Mortar HE Long Range

1. The following batches of 3-in. Mortar HE have been found on inspection to be packed in boxes marked "long range" inside the lid, whereas they are only fitted with 6 by 100 Gr. NCY Cartridges.

Brigend Manufacture

Batches B 7060

B 7066—B 7074
(inclusive)

B 7076

B 7077

B 7079

2. Although depots have been instructed that the above and neighbouring batches must be examined, some units may have received some of this ammunition.

3. The ammunition itself is not faulty and can be used, but with the old range tables up to 1600 yards.

(1901/12/G(SD))

41. Mail Censorship Release

Troops may say that they have witnessed the eruption of Vesuvius in their letters home, provided that no dates are mentioned, and that the writers' units or HQ are not linked in any way with their personal accounts, other than by correct use of proper return address. For example, it is forbidden for a writer to state that his unit or HQ was either far from or near to the eruption.

(1067/1/GS1a)

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

42. ATS Personnel Serving in CMF

1. A return in respect of all ATS personnel (including ATS employed by EFT), will be rendered by all employing units, etc., direct to this HQ by 20 April, 44.

2. The return will show Officers and OR separately and give the following information:—

Part I Officers

Rank, Name, Number, Employment, Unit.

Part II Other Ranks

Number employed by ranks and trades/employments.

(Applicable to all formations and units employing ATSA)

(3041/A(O))

43. Blood Donors

1. The Army Blood Transfusion Service will carry out blood grouping of troops in selected Units in AAI in order to ascertain which are suitable to volunteer as blood donors.

2. OsC units, etc., will give full facilities and co-operation in this work.

(Applicable to British and Dominion Troops only.)

(3066/A(O))

44. Inspectorate of Army Equipment

1. Nos 1, 5, 6 and 8 Inspectorates of Army Equipment (Mediterranean Theatre) will operate in ITALY and SICILY.

2. Terms of reference:—

(a) To carry out inspections of all units and base installations as directed and report details of all Army Equipment held in excess of authorised scales to the HQ of the formation under which the unit or installation is operated. The term "Army Equipment" used in this connection comprises every item which a unit or individual is authorised to hold, and includes rations, vehicles, clothing and unit dumps.

(b) To report waste and misuse of Army Equipment.

(c) To assist units who have any difficulty or delay in supply of Army Equipment and to report any such instance.

(d) To be in possession of all available AFs G1098 and to invite

units to make full use of these to check that their own are accurate and up to date.

(e) To discuss with Unit Commanders any items in the AF G1098 in excess of requirements, and items not in the AF G1098 which it is considered would improve the efficiency of the unit.

3. The following officers are authorised to carry out inspections of units without prior notice:—

Lt. Col. K. L. S. LAWTON, The East Surrey Regiment (13006).

Lt. Col. H. C. R. BUNNETT, The Durham Light Infantry (61007).

Major J. M. C. MANSON, BAOC (169305).

Major W. L. TEGETMEIER, BAOC (157320).

Major S. F. BURNELL, The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (11041).

Capt. B. W. VOWLES, BAOC (210239).

Capt. F. L. BIRTCHNELL, RA (115504).

Capt. G. VAUGHAN - PALMER, BAOC (122267).

4. Each officer will be in possession of a form of authority signed by CAO, HQ, AAI.

(Applicable to UK, Dominion, Indian and Polish Units.)

(3223/Q(AE))

45. Readings of Meters and Payment of Gas, Electric Light and Water Accounts

1. Arrangements have been made whereby payments for gas, electric light and water consumed in premises requisitioned by the Allied Forces, will be made by the Italian Commando Genio Militare.

2. There will therefore be no direct contact between units and supply companies.

3. In order that Area and Sub-Area HQ may exercise control over consumption, units will check all meter readings at the time of occupation and thereafter on the last day of each month, and forward details through the usual channels to the HQ concerned.

4. Area and Sub-Area HQ will prepare a consolidated return in duplicate and forward it to the local Hirings Office for onward transmission to the Comando Genio Militare.

(2062/G/Q2)

46. Damage to Railway Property and Occupation of Railway Premises

1. All railway premises, including transit sheds, sidings, station buildings and yard, and equipment are reserved for the use of the Military Railway Service (MRS) and British Transportation Service. This applies not only to the Italian State Railways, but to all railways, either standard or narrow gauge, whether they are being operated or not.

2. All Ranks are forbidden to remove or interfere in any way with railway property, unless authorised to do so by an officer of MRS or British Transportation.

3. No railway premises may be occupied by troops until:

(a) A written application has been made to British Movements or U.S. Transportation Staff Branches of the Base Section, Area or Sub Area concerned.

(b) British Movements or U.S. Transportation Staff Branches have obtained the consent of the MRS or

British Transportation Service as the case may be, and have notified the unit accordingly.

4. To be repeated in all Formation and Unit Orders.

(2120/Q2)

47. EFI Supplies

Amendment No 1 to EFI Bulletin No 1 which was promulgated in Serial 4 GRO's 1944 will be implemented in this theatre so far as stocks permit with effect from 16 April 44.

(49/Q)

48. Electrification of Foggia-Benevento Line

1. The railway line FOGGIA-BENEVENTO is now being run by electric traction. The overhead cables are therefore live.

2. Drivers of vehicles will be cautioned to ensure that no part of their vehicle or load comes into contact with the overhead cable at level crossings. A warning to this effect will be included in all road movement orders.

3. Clearance signs on either side will indicate the level crossings involved.

4. OsC trains and OsC units travelling on trains will ensure that their men do not travel on the roofs of railway carriages or trucks.

(Q(M)3/124)

B. H. LOBERTON,
MAJOR GENERAL,
CAO.

NOTICES

Lost Property

FOUND on road between VAIRANO and VENAFRO, WD prismatic compass No B160738. Apply to APM, 55 Area.

Property Recovered

The following are particulars of a WD vehicle which was found un-

attended in hospital area of the 4061 Collecting Station, US Army. The vehicle is in possession of that unit.

WD Number: Z 4976718.
Make: Dodge.
Type: 15-cwt.

Miscellaneous: AMGOT painted on tailboard. F/201A painted on right front mudwing.

ORDERS 49-64

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AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

By General The Hon. Sir HAROLD R. L. G. ALEXANDER
G.C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C.

Commander-in-Chief Allied Armies in ITALY

Serial No. 6

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF**49. Red Cross Flag**

1. As the procedure to be adopted when enemy are seen in no-man's land under cover of the Red Cross is not clear, the following general instructions are issued for future guidance.

2. It must be clearly understood that protection of the Red Cross Flag to certain people and for certain purposes must be scrupulously observed by our troops. The tending and evacuation of wounded from no-man's land under cover of the Red Cross is allowed and must be observed. Incidents have occurred which have shown that the enemy have acted in a correct fashion under cover of the Red Cross, and it has been reported that they have on occasion returned wounded to our lines in this way. For this they must be respected.

3. On the other hand, incidents have occurred when the enemy have taken advantage of the Red Cross and have acted not only in a suspicious manner, but have actually committed hostile acts under cover of a Red Cross flag.

4. All troops will therefore be particularly on their guard when they see the enemy using a Red Cross flag, and the enemy will be kept continually covered by our weapons.

5. If the enemy acts in a suspicious manner while he is collecting his wounded under cover of the Red Cross flag, and takes advantage of this legitimate use of it to commit an hostile act or even to reconnoitre, it is the responsibility of the Post Commander to open fire.

6. *No scruples will be allowed to stand in the way of opening fire when it is quite clear that the enemy is abusing the Red Cross.*

(55/2/G(Ops))

50. Mail Censorship Release

Reference AAI RO No 8 of 1944.

1. All troops who ~~for~~ ¹¹⁸⁹ the following operations ¹¹⁸⁹ to 15 March 44 may now mention in their letters home the fact of their

personal participation therein:
Crossing of GARIGLIANO.
ANZIO Bridgehead.
CASSINO.

2. The restrictions referred to in para 3 of the above quoted Routine

Order will be strictly observed in this connection.

(1419/GI(h))

A. F. HARDING,
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
GENERAL STAFF.

Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

51. Disposal of Personnel on Discharge from Medical Units

1. The following procedure, in amplification of that set out in AFHQ GROs 35 and 218 of 1944, will be adopted in respect of personnel discharged from Base General Hospitals and Convalescent Depots in ITALY:

A. BARI — BARLETTA — TRANI Hospital Area

Personnel belonging to Formations and Units under command of Formations or Districts shown below will be despatched as follows:

- (i) 5 Corps to CRUs.
- (ii) EIGHTH Army, 5 (US) Army, 3 District to RTDs.
- (iii) 2 District.

(a) Personnel detained in Medical Units for less than 21 days—to their Units.

(b) Personnel detained in Medical Units for 21 days or longer—to RTDs.

B. NAPLES Hospital Area

Personnel belonging to Formations and Units under command of Formations or Districts shown below will be despatched as follows:

- (i) EIGHTH Army—to CRUs.
- (ii) 5 (US) Army, 5 Corps, 2 District to RTDs.
- (iii) 3 District.

(a) Personnel detained in Medical Units for less than 21 days—to their Units.

(b) Personnel detained in Medical Units for 21 days or more—to RTDs.

2. (a) Personnel down-graded in medical category, other than those classified as psycho-neurotic, will in all cases be despatched to RTDs and not to CRUs or to their Units.

(b) Personnel classified as psycho-neurotic will, on discharge from hospital, be sent to Rehabilitation Group.

3. The procedure in respect of officers of the rank of Lt Col. and above, 2s IC (in the case of a Lt Col's command) and Staff Officers will be as follows:

(a) Officers detained in Medical Units for less than 21 days will return to their Units.

(b) Officers detained in Medical Units for 21 days or over will be despatched in accordance with paras A and B above. Such officers will report in writing to Deputy Military Secretary, HQ AAI.

4. Locations of RTDs and CRUs, or their equivalent for the purpose of this order, showing details of the arm of the service which they administer, are given at Appendix "A."

5. In all cases where journey to Unit or RTD, etc., is likely to be of

over four hours variation, personnel will be discharged to the nearest Transit Camp which will be responsible for onward routing by the quickest possible means.

6. OC Transit Camp will be responsible for making transport arrangements to destination in conjunction with Area or Sub-Area concerned.

7. This order cancels all previous instructions regarding disposal of personnel ex Medical Units in ITALY. (Applicable to British Troops only.)

(3021/4/A(O))

52. Prevention of Malaria—Camp Sites

1. The utmost care will be taken in the selection of bivouac areas, night halts and camp sites. Unless operationally impossible, only sites approved by duly constituted Siting Boards (of which a Hygiene Officer is a member) will be used. As far as possible suitable and unsuitable areas on main traffic routes will be defined as follows:—

Red Lettering—"Malaria: Camping Forbidden, Camp site — miles."

Green Lettering—"Camping permitted for — miles. Use nets."

2. It is not possible to cover all areas which may be used as camping sites throughout ITALY and SICILY, and in cases of emergency the selection of camping sites will be made in accordance with the following directions:—

(a) *Suitable Sites* are, broadly speaking, those on high ground, one mile away from accumulations of water and remote from civilian dwellings.

(b) *Unsuitable Sites* are low-lying areas, near rivers, streams, swamps or irrigation systems, and close to towns and villages.

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3. The above provisions do not relieve the individual of his responsibility to take all measures of personal protection such as the use of nets, repellants and the wearing of long sleeves and slacks after sundown during the malarious season.

(3066/7/A(O))

53. Fly Control and Dysentery Prevention

GRO 268 of 1943 is republished:—

1. Dysentery and other excremental diseases which have been extremely prevalent in past wars, are likely to cause a considerable drain on the fighting efficiency of troops in this theatre, unless adequate precautions are taken. These diseases are usually conveyed by flies infecting foodstuffs, by "carriers" infecting food and drink, and possibly also by dust. Dysentery is already on the increase; it is imperative, therefore, that no effort should be spared to reduce the number of cases to an absolute minimum. This can only be achieved by the whole-hearted co-operation of all ranks.

2. (a) Officers Commanding will ensure that Units under their command realise the necessity for fly prevention, and the protection of foodstuffs from contamination with disease germs. They will nominate an officer whose duties will include the organization and supervision of anti-fly measures in the Unit lines.

(b) Fly breeding places such as refuse accumulations in and around camps will be eliminated. All latrines must be completely fly-proof. Swill tubs must be covered, and refuse tipping places strictly controlled. The siting of camps and halts away from dwellings and farms, is of particular importance.

(c) Food will be adequately protected from contamination by flies.

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Each cookhouse should have a fly-proof store or safe. A certain number of safes are available for issue to Units; otherwise, improvisation must be resorted to. Field Hygiene Section personnel are available for advice and assistance in this, and their help should be sought in any case of difficulty. Muslin is issuable through OsC Field Hygiene Sections.

(d) Fly destruction by spraying, swatting and trapping, will be systematically carried out. Apparatus and anti-mosquito spray are available for this purpose. Details regarding the issue of anti-fly equipment are given in GROs 135 and 162 of 1943; rules for cooks and cookhouses in GRO 149 of 1943 and instructions on the cleansing of messing utensils in GRO 63 of 1943.

3. Cleanliness of cooks and cookhouses will be enforced; frequent inspections will be made to ensure that a high standard of cleanliness is maintained.

4. (a) All drinking water will be either boiled or chlorinated.

(b) Vegetables and fruit are particularly dangerous unless cooked (vide GRO 238 of 1943).

(c) Ice, ice-cream, mineral waters and fruit drinks will NOT be consumed unless purchased under Unit arrangements from a source approved by the ADMS.

(AAI/3066/10/A(O))

54. Re-Designation of Units

1. With effect from 1 Dec 43, No 1 and No 2 Group, 44 Non-Div Workshops were reorganised and renamed 606 and 607 L of C Workshops respectively.

2. Confusion is being caused by correspondence, stores, etc., still being addressed to these Units under

their old names. All correspondence, stores, etc., should be addressed to them under their new names as shown above.

(AAI/3073/5/A(O))

55. Orders Relating to Italian Nationals

One copy of all Routine Orders published by Armies, Districts, Areas and Sub-Areas will be forwarded in future to LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION, ACC, APO 394. One copy of Routine Orders already issued by such Formations referring to ITALIAN Nationals, will also be forwarded to LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION.

AAI/3064/A(O))

56. Parlementaires and Flags of Truce

1. As the procedure to be adopted should enemy approach our lines under cover of a white flag is not clear to the forward troops, the following general instructions are issued for guidance. Detailed instructions on the legal aspect are being issued separately to formations.

2. By the rules of war, the enemy is entitled at any time to send a "parlementaire" under cover of a white flag to our lines, and provided the action of the parlementaire is correct, he is entitled to immunity and must be treated with courtesy.

3. The principal conditions which a parlementaire must observe are that he must be accompanied by not more than three other persons, and that he must approach our lines slowly and deliberately with a white flag prominently displayed. If the enemy continues firing during the advance of the parlementaire, then fire may

be returned, provided that care is taken not to hit the parlementaire and his party. Great care must be exercised by the post which the parlementaire approaches to ensure that the enemy does not attempt to take advantage of his position. He will be directed to approach the post in the most suitable way covered by the weapons in the post. On arrival, he will be asked to produce his credentials authorizing him by the enemy to be a parlementaire. This document must be signed by a high ranking enemy officer (Corps Commander or above) and state the reasons for which the parlementaire has approached our lines. As a Post Commander will probably have difficulty in ascertaining whether this authorization is in order, he will in all cases at once report the arrival of the parlementaire to higher authority, and will send the authorization for scrutiny. A receipt for this authorization will be given to the parlementaire, but the receipt will not disclose the unit or formation of the person who signs it. Pending further orders, the Post Commander will detain the parlementaire and his party where they can see nothing of our dispositions and they may be blindfolded if necessary. The party will, however, be treated with courtesy. If the authorization is found to be in order, the party will be conducted to the rear blindfolded, and arrangements will be made by HQ AAI, for their return to the enemy lines in due course. If the authorization is found to be incorrect, the party will be treated as prisoners of war.

4. It is stressed that the protection of a white flag will only be afforded to enemy who approach one of our posts slowly and deliberately and who obey all our directions. Protection will not be afforded to enemy who are seen in no-man's land with a white flag unless they conform

strictly to the conditions prescribed above.

(5102/A(PS))

57. Use of Explosives for Fishing

1. It has been reported that Military personnel have been using explosives for fishing.

2. It will be brought to the notice of all ranks that the use of explosives for fishing is expressly forbidden and that disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

3. To be repeated in Unit Orders.

(AAI/5063/6/A(PS))

58. Equipment and Clothing on Admission and Discharge from Hospitals and Convalescent Depots

1. The following instructions are issued for guidance in regard to the clothing and equipment of personnel on admission to and discharge from Hospitals and Convalescent Depots.

2. ADMISSION

(a) To Hospital

(i) When a soldier is admitted to Hospital the OC the Unit will, as far as possible, ensure that all personal trinkets, devotional books and the under-mentioned articles (including the clothes he is wearing) are in his possession:—

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Anklets, Web	prs 1
Boots, Ankle	prs 1
Blouse, Battledress	(x) 1
Cap, FS	(x) 1
Greatcoat	1
Shoes, Canvas	prs 1
Trousers, Battledress	1
Badge, Cap	1
Braces	prs 1
Disc, Identity	set 1

Drawers	prs	1
Fork		1
Gloves, Knitted (winter only)		1
Housewife		1
Holdall	(y)	1
Jersey Pullover		1
Knife, Table		1
Shirt, Angola, drab	(x)	1
Socks, Worsted	prs	1
Hosetops (if KD worn)	prs	1
Spoon		1
Towel		1
Vest		1
Brush, Hair		1
" Tooth		1
" Shaving		1
" Shoe		1
Comb, Hair		1
Razor, Safety		1
Blankets		1
Haversack		1
Mess Tins	set	1
Helmet, Steel		1
Respirator, Anti-Gas		1
Cape, Anti-Gas		1
Mosquito Net	(y)	1
Water Bottle		1

(x) Or equivalent articles as issued for wear.

(y) If in possession.

(ii) If practicable AF H 1157 will be completed in triplicate by the soldier's Unit, showing all items in his possession. This list should, if possible be signed by the soldier, and copies will be disposed of as follows:—

One copy carried by the man.

One copy placed in his kitbag, which is kept by the Unit.

One copy retained by the Unit.

(iii) If the soldier remains in Hospital for more than 21 days his kitbag, together with one copy of AF H 1157, will be sent to the Depot of his arm or corps (pending establishment in ITALY of Royal Armoured Corps Training Depot, kitbags belonging to personnel of that

arm will be sent to General Reinforcement Training Depot).

(b) To Convalescent Depots

On admission to a Convalescent Depot a soldier will be issued with such items as may be considered essential in accordance with his length of stay. Such issues will be kept to a minimum.

3. DISCHARGE

(a) From Hospital

(i) A soldier on discharge will be equipped at the discretion of OC Hospital with only such items within above scale as are necessary to ensure he suffers no hardship en route.

(ii) Items of anti-gas equipment will not, unless orders are issued to the contrary, be held in stock by, or be issued by Hospitals.

(b) From Convalescent Depots

Procedure as in 3 (a) (i) and (ii) above will apply, but any clothing or equipment issued in excess of the scale at paragraph 2 (a) (i) will be withdrawn.

4. RECORDS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ISSUED

AF H 1157 in triplicate will be used. Copies will be disposed of as follows:—

One copy handed to the soldier.

One copy sent to the Unit, etc., to which the soldier is being despatched.

One copy retained by the Unit issuing.

5. LOSS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT EN ROUTE

The soldier will be warned that his clothing and equipment will be checked against AF H 1157 on arrival at Unit or Depot, and that

disciplinary action will be taken in respect of any losses en route, which will be made good on repayment only.

6. HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCENT DEPOT STOCKS

Districts will be responsible that Hospitals and Convalescent Depots hold a minimum stock of clothing and equipment to meet the above requirements. Emphasis is placed on the fact that the Hospital is NOT responsible for completing the soldier's kit beyond minimum essentials.

Responsibility for his re-equipment lies with the Depot or Unit, who are authorized to hold stocks for this purpose.

(Applicable to British Troops only.)

(3405/7/4(AE))

59. Clothing and Equipment of Personnel at Reinforcement Training Depots and Corps Reinforcement Units

1. Reinforcement Training Depots and Corps Reinforcement Units are responsible for clothing and equipping all reinforcements and ex-hospital personnel passing through the Depot or Corps Reinforcement Unit.

2. Personnel will be clothed and equipped to Scale 3, War Clothing Regulations, 1943. Two blankets and a second pair of boots will be taken forward with the man; any additional blankets to current scale will be issued in forward areas or on arrival at Unit.

3. AF H1157 will be completed in triplicate by Reinforcement Training Depot or Corps Reinforcement Unit to show all items of clothing and equipment in possession of the man.

Copies will be disposed of as follows:—

(a) Original copy will be sent either direct to Unit which the man is to join, or under cover, with Officer or NCO IC draft.

(b) Duplicate copy will be carried by the man.

(c) Triplicate copy will be retained by the Depot or Corps Reinforcement Unit.

4. Transit Camps are responsible for clothing and equipment of personnel only to such extent as may be necessary to replace any deficiencies in clothing and equipment of transient personnel which might cause hardship to the individual.

5. On the man's arrival at a Corps Reinforcement Unit, Transit Camp or Unit, his clothing and equipment will be carefully checked against AF H1157. Losses en route will be made good on repayment only, and disciplinary action will be taken if circumstances justify it.

(Applicable to British Troops only.)

(3405/7/Q(AE))

60. Location of Missing Stores

1. Instances frequently occur of stores going astray from the Docks and arriving at Depots other than those for which they are intended. Where Depots can make direct arrangements with the appropriate Depot for disposal locally, this will be done. Otherwise, the following procedure will be followed.

2. Depots receiving materials not intended for them will report the fact immediately to "Q" of District HQ by letter, giving the following information:—

(a) Description of stores, including where applicable, size and weight of case.

(b) Marking, including shipping index numbers, and Service Markings, e.g., Blue Triangle, Buff Star, etc.

(c) Date of receipt of stores.

(d) Any other information which may assist in identifying the stores.

3. This information will then be circulated by "Q" of District HQ to Heads of Services, Naval, RAF and United States Authorities likely to be concerned.

4. Services will, if they identify the stores, arrange to have them collected.

5. The necessity for prompt action and the submission of accurate information is emphasised.

(1060/1/Q1)

61. Fuel for Cooking

1. Wherever possible all units in the L of C area will use oil fuel for cooking in place of wood or coal.

2. Sump oil may be retained by Units for this purpose. Any surplus will be returned to the nearest Salvage Depot for re-issue through DIDs.

3. Sump oil will be used if available, but, if insufficient, DERV will be issued by DIDs. The scale of oil (incl sump oil) for cooking is:—

For Units or Detachments of under 50 men—one and a half pints per man per day.

For Units or Detachments of 50-100 men—75 pints, or one pint per man per day, whichever is the greater.

For Units or Detachments of over 100 men—100 pints or half-pint per man per day, whichever is the greater.

4. Detailed instructions as to the method of modifying stoves, ranges, etc., have already been issued to Districts through RE channels.

5. Districts will render a return as at the end of the previous month to reach this HQ by the 10th of the following month, showing the percentage of Units under command using oil for cooking in lieu of wood or coal.

(1053/9/Q1)

62. Storage—Unit and Individual Baggage

1. All unit and individual surplus baggage, which was stored under official arrangements made by HQ NINTH ARMY, and HQ PALESTINE, has been transferred to appropriate Base Depots in EGYPT, to whom enquiries should be addressed in future.

2. Any units in doubt as to which Base Depot their baggage has been transferred, should make enquiries direct to GHQ, MEF.

(2006/Q2)

63. Recovery "B" Vehicles

1. In order to improve the method of reporting "B" Vehicle casualties requiring REME recovery assistance, drivers of all "B" Vehicles will carry copies of the proforma, as shown at Appendix "A" to this Order, in AB 412.

2. When a casualty occurs, the driver will complete the proforma and hand to the driver of a passing vehicle for delivery to the REME Recovery Post.

3. This system will become effective from the date of this Order.

(3319/Q(AE))

64. Batteries MT and Batteries WT Secondary Portables

1. The supply of batteries from overseas is by itself insufficient to meet all requirements. It is therefore essential that stocks should be increased by making full use of the local repair facilities available in REME Workshops. The output of REME Workshops is being restricted by the small number of serviceable battery cases at present being received. It is apparent that carelessness in handling unserviceable batteries is resulting in many cases being damaged before they reach the RSD.

2. Units returning batteries will take every possible precaution to ensure that they are properly packed to prevent damage. If suitable package is not available, batteries will be loaded in lorries on dunnage and packed to prevent movement.

(3391/Q(AE))

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MAJOR GENERAL
CAO.

NOTICES

Lost Property

A Fordson 15-cwt GS truck, No. Z 5314502 on charge to 49 Coy. CMP (TG), was stolen on night 13/14 Mar 44 from SCERNI. Will the finder, or anyone who knows anything about the vehicle's present whereabouts, report full particulars to HQ, 5 Corps.

Losses

The u/m articles and documents were removed from No. 7589061 Sgt. D. McPHEE, IEME, during evacuation in an unconscious condition to Base. Any person/persons in possession of, or having knowledge of their whereabouts, will com-

municate direct with OC, 19 I I Bde Wksp Coy, IEME.

Pair of Dungarees.
Pair of Boots.
Personal Letters.
AB 64, Parts I and II.

Theft of Vehicle

Bantam WD No 5307022 on charge to 66 Group HQ Pioneer Corps was stolen on 23 Feb 44 after a traffic accident on the road S. PAOLO to SERRACAPRIOLA, about 1½ miles out of S. PAOLO. (Map Ref: J 035490.)

Any Unit having knowledge of the whereabouts of this vehicle will report full particulars to HQ 5 Corps.

APPENDIX "A" TO ROUTINE ORDER NO. 63

CASUALTY FORM

To:—Recovery Post _____
From (Unit) _____
Date _____ Signed _____
Time handed in _____
Casualty located at:
(a) Map Reference _____
(b) Sheet Number _____
Extra aids to location _____

Type of vehicle _____
Make _____ WD No. _____
NATURE OF DEFECT:—
*Towable.
*Suspended tow required.
*Vehicle is blocking road.
*Vehicle is not blocking road.
Any other information available _____

*Strike out whichever is inapplicable. **1165**

THIS PROFORMA TO BE RETAINED
BY RECOVERY POST.

APPENDIX "A" TO AAI ROUTINE ORDER No 51

1. Where in the order personnel will be despatched to RTDs they will report as follows:—

<i>Arm of Service</i>	<i>RTD Location</i>
RAC, incl Cav, RTR, Armd C and Recce	HQ 1 Armd Reinforcement Regt, S. ANGELO DI LOMBARDI—N 9964.
RA	RATD, EBOLI—N 8926
RE	RETD, NOLA—N 4458
INFANTRY incl Gds, MG, Support, Motor, AAC, Commandos, SAS	IRTD, CERTINARA—N 5070
RAOC	557 AOD, PONTECAGNANO—N 7427
CMP	CMP Depot and School, OTTAIANO—N 4050
ALL OTHER ARMS	GRTD, NOLA—N 4458

2. Where in the order personnel will be despatched to CRUs, they will report as follows:—

<i>Arm of Service</i>	<i>Former Unit Located in</i>	<i>CRU Location</i>
RAC, incl Cav, RTR, Armd C and Recce	Any formation	HQ 1 Armd Reinforcement Regt, S. ANGELO, DI LOMBARDI—N 9964.
RA	Any formation	RATD, EBOLI, N 8925.
INFANTRY, Incl Gds, MG Support, Motor, AAC, Commandos, SAS	(a) EIGHTH Army	(a) 1 CRU—RIARDO, —N 1396.
	(b) 5 Corps	(b) 3 CRU—CHIEUTI, H 9663.
ALL OTHER ARMS	(a) EIGHTH Army	(a) 4 CRU—RIARDO, N 1396.
	(b) 5 Corps	(b) 2 CRU—CHIEUTI, H 9663.

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ORDER 143

AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
GENERAL STAFF.

Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

143. Rest Camps

1. The allotment of vacancies at AAI Rest Camps is being taken over by HQ AAI wef 5 Jun 44.

2. The AAI Rest Camps consist of the following:—

(a) BARI Rest Camp (formerly EIGHTH Army Rest Camp) — Administered by 2 Dist.

(b) SALERNO Rest Camp — Administered by 3 Dist.

(c) Annexes to SALERNO Rest Camp:—

PALUMBO Hotel, RAVELLO
BELVEDERE Hotel, RAVELLO
CAPPUCHINO Hotel, AMALFI
TACCIRANO Hotel, ST AGATA,
near SORRENTO.
Administered by 3 Dist.

3. Joining Instructions for above Camps are given at Appx "A" to this Order.

4. Detraining stations for Camps are as follows:—

BARI Rest Camp—SAN SPIRITO
SALERNO Rest Camp—alongside
Camp

PALUMBO Hotel — SALERNO
Town

BELVEDERE Hotel—SALERNO
Town

CAPPUCHINO Hotel—SALERNO
Town

TACCIRANO Hotel — TORRE
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B. H. ROBERTSON,
MAJOR GENERAL,
CAO.

APPENDIX "A" TO AAI ROUTINE ORDER No. 143

**JOINING INSTRUCTIONS
for
AAI REST CAMPS**

1. PERIOD IN CAMP

Six clear days, i.e., arrive D day and leave D+7—both same day of week.

2. TRAVEL TO AND FROM CAMP

(a) *Rail.* Detraining points are close to Camps. Transport between detraining points and camps, if required, is provided by camps.

(b) *Road.* MT bringing leave parties will not remain in camps, but will be used to clear outgoing unit parties.

(c) *Unit Parties.* Officers and OR will arrive at camps in formed parties. Each party will be in charge of an officer or NCO.

3. DOCUMENTATION

(a) Officer or NCO IC Party will bring a nominal roll in duplicate, showing separately:—

- (i) Officers.
- (ii) WO's and Sgts.
- (iii) Rank and File.

(b) An FFI certificate signed by the unit MO will be attached to each nominal roll.

(c) Every officer and OR will be in possession of an individual leave pass.

4. KIT

(a) Officers will bring camp kit and bedding. Beds are provided.

(b) OR will bring the following:—

- Complete change of clothing.
- Pullover.
- PT kit.
- Bathing costume if in possession.
- Groundsheet and blankets.
- Housewife.
- Tyrol.
- Steel helmet.

Cape, anti-gas.
Mosquito nets.
Mess tin.

Beds are provided.

(c) Arms and ammunition will not be brought.

5. RATIONS

(a) Officers and OR will be rationed up to time of arrival in camp.

(b) Camp will supply rations for the return journey.

(c) Drivers of unit transport will carry rations for the double journey.

6. PAY

All ranks will draw pay before leaving units. There is no provision in camps for issuing pay to either officers or OR.

7. BATMEN

Officers will not bring batmen unless such batmen are filling normal OR leave vacancies.

8. MAIL

Mail will not be sent to camps by units.

9. LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are available in camp.

10. RATES OF MESSING

The following rates of messing may be charged in camps:—

- (a) Officers—30 lire a day.
- (b) WO's and Sgts—10 lire a day.
- (c) Rank and File—NIL

Special rates apply at Hotel annexes and will be notified from time to time.

11. DISCIPLINE

Leave personnel will not be called upon to carry out any fatigues or duties, except making their beds and keeping their quarters and surrounding areas clean.

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ORDERS 144-149

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

144. Mail Censorship Release

Reference AAI RO 8 of 1944.

1. Allied troops who arrived in the ANZIO Bridgehead before 15 May 44 or who arrived in the CASSINO area before 19 May 44 may mention participation in those operations in their letters home.

2. The restrictions referred to in para 3 of the above quoted AAI RO will be strictly observed.

3. Correct return addresses only will be used with *no* mention of ANZIO or CASSINO.

4. Present or future locations will not be identified with ANZIO or CASSINO.

(1119/G/1(C))

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

145. Acts of Gallantry

No T/203754 L/Cpl A. R. BAILEY,
RASC

No T/122879 Dvr L. FREEMAN,
RASC

On the afternoon of 28 Mar 44, a USAAF plane crashed into heavy seas approximately 2 miles off the

mouth of the River TRIGNO. At the time weather conditions were indescribably bad, very high seas were running, and deep surf made the launching and subsequent navigation of an amphibian vehicle an operation not only hazardous, but one calling for the highest courage and skill.

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Notwithstanding the fact that two other DUKWS attempting rescue had been unable to navigate the surf, and were forced to return damaged and sinking to shore, the above mentioned NGO and man, undeterred, decided without hesitation to make their own attempt. By displaying outstanding technical skill, superb seamanship and utter disregard of their personal safety, they successfully launched their craft and navigated through two miles of perilous seas to effect a very gallant and brilliant rescue of the USAAF pilot.

Their initiative, gallantry and courageous devotion to duty were undoubtedly instrumental in saving a man from drowning.

The Commander-in-Chief congratulates L/Cpl A. R. BAILEY and Dvt L. FREEMAN on their very gallant conduct and directs that these acts of gallantry be recorded on their conduct sheets in accordance with King's Regulations, para 1718(b) (xvii).

(8807/25/MS)

146. Enlistment of British Subjects

1. Conditions

Male British subjects in ITALY and SICILY who volunteer for service in the British Army will be enlisted locally in the Pioneer Corps subject to the following conditions:—

(a) Proof must be provided that the applicant is a British subject.

(b) Applicant must pass a test of medical fitness in accordance with the standards laid down in the pamphlet "Medical Categories of ORs 1943," as notified in ACIs dated 1 May 1943.

(c) Applicant will undergo a Security examination.

2. Terms and Conditions of Service

Personnel enlisted under this AAI RO will be required to serve in any part of the world with the British Services. The period of engagement will be for the duration of the war. They will be entitled to the following:

(a) Pay and allowances at normal British rates, except that colonial allowances whilst serving in AAI and dependents' allowance are not admissible.

(b) Free medical attention subject to normal restrictions and regulations.

(c) Non-effective benefits.

(d) Free travel to place of enlistment on discharge.

3. Applications

Applications, together with proof of British nationality and medical certificate, will be sent through the usual channels to the appropriate Army, Independent Corps or District HQ, who will arrange for the necessary security examination and, if satisfied, will authorise the enlistment.

4. Enlistment

The unit submitting the application will be notified of the result by the Formation or District HQ concerned. In cases of successful applications, the unit concerned will direct the applicant to report for enlistment as under:—

<i>Unit located in</i>	<i>Place of Enlistment</i>
FIFTH and EIGHTH Army and No. 3 District	HQ Pioneer Group, NAPLES
5 Corps and No. 2 District	HQ Pioneer Group, BARI
No. 1 District	ADL. Office, CATANIA

5. Specialists

Personnel with specialist or other qualifications may, after initial training in the Pioneer Corps, apply for transfer to other Arms in accordance with their suitability.

(3074/3/A(O))

147. Censorship

Ref AAFRO 74 of 1944.

1. It has been found that officers when censoring letters have sometimes added comments of their own.

2. Officers who censor letters are forbidden to add any comment, with or without the consent of the writer. The attention of all officers will be

drawn to GRO 99 of 1944 Part IV para 24.

(5040/A(PS))

148. Inspection of Requisitioned Property

1. One of the duties of Hicings Officers is to inspect requisitioned property and bring to the notice of the appropriate military authority cases of malicious, wilful or wanton damage, and to advise on what steps should be taken to prevent such damage.

2. Every assistance will be rendered to these officers to carry out their inspections.

(2057/Q2)

149. Small Arms—Rifles Telescopic

1. Cases have occurred of separate components of Rifles Telescopic being returned to REME Workshops and Ordnance depots for repair, e.g. Telescopes No 32 returned without parallel rifle and vice versa.

2. Where repairs to either the rifle or the telescope are required, the complete equipment, as detailed in ACI 943 of 1942, will be returned.

(3440/13/Q(AE))

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ORDERS 150-159

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AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

150. Painting of British "A" and "B" Class Vehicles and Guns

1. British vehicles and guns in use in this theatre will, with the exception of the barrels of the guns mentioned in para 6 below, be painted a uniform Dark Green, approximating as nearly as possible to the American Olive Drab.

2. The following types of paint will shortly be available through Ordnance channels—

Part No.	Designation	Surface	Unit
HA/NIV/ 3235	Paint Spraying Olive Drab. Matt	for metal	lbs
NA/NIV/ 3145	Paint PFU Olive Drab Matt Brush Paint	for metal	lbs
	Bituminous Emulsion Olive Drab	for canvas	gals

Bituminous Emulsion Olive Drab is being manufactured in UK and notification of availability will be published in a further order.

3. This repainting should be carried out as soon as circumstances and availability of paints permit.

4. The order of priority of repainting vehicles and guns will be as follows:—

(i) Those painted a single colour, either Desert Yellow or Desert Pink.

(ii) Those painted as 4(i) above, with the addition of a dark disruptive pattern.

(iii) Those painted Mud Grey with Blue Black disruptive pattern.

(iv) Those painted Brown or Green with a dark disruptive pattern, or with horizontal surfaces Dark Brown or Black.

5. Painting of vehicles and guns at present painted as per 4(iv) above, will only be carried out when individual vehicles and guns require repainting owing to paint deterioration. Any general repainting of these types will be the subject of a further order.

6. The barrels of 6-pr and 17-pr A Tk guns may be countershaded by painting the underside of the barrel White, merging through Green on the side to Black on the top surface. Such painting should be done with the advice of a Staff Officer, Camouflage.

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

151. Discipline—Felling of Trees

1. The cutting down of trees, except for operational reasons in forward areas, clearing authorised sites for permanent buildings or camps, and the provision of timber and fuel by the Services responsible for their provision, is forbidden.

2. Future cases of unauthorised cutting down of trees will be treated in the same way as the unauthorised removal of other forms of property.

(5063/6/A(PS))

152. Burials in US Cemeteries

Burials of dead not belonging to the US Forces will not take place in US Cemeteries unless permission is first obtained from the US Graves Registration Authorities at 5th (US) Army or the Peninsular Base Section.

(5021/A(PS))

153. Palestinian Troops—Liaison Officers

1. Arab and Jewish Liaison Officers have been appointed in PALESTINE.

2. These officers are under the direct orders of the Inspector, Palestinian Troops located at HQ PALESTINE.

3. Functions.

(a) To assist Palestinian troops to obtain information in respect of their families, and vice versa, and generally to act as an enquiry bureau for those who require advice or assistance in their individual domestic problems.

(b) To act as intermediaries between HQ, units and local organisations, including Shariah and Rabbinical Courts, on matters such as divorce proceedings and other litigation.

(c) To advise HQ and units on applications for transfers, postings, leave and discharges on compassionate or age grounds.

(d) To advise local organisations and soldiers' families on military matters, outside the scope of existing military channels, and where necessary, to direct enquiries through the proper military channels.

(e) To advise, and, where possible, to assist discharged soldiers and auxiliaries and the wives of serving soldiers to obtain employment.

(f) Where specially directed to do so, to act as intermediaries between the Army Welfare Organisation in PALESTINE, and local civilian organisations, and to advise the latter regarding the distribution of privately provided amenities.

(g) To perform such special duties as may be ordered by the Inspector, Palestinian Troops, from time to time.

(h) To bring to the notice of Inspector, Palestinian Troops, matters of general organisation and principle connected with the above duties which may require reference to the Government of PALESTINE, and HQ in or outside PALESTINE.

4. Liaison Officers will not visit units. All enquiries regarding matters referred to in para 3 above will be addressed direct to A 7 (CLT), HQ AAI.

5. Matters connected with War Service Grants and Palestinian Citizenship and Immigration are not dealt with by these Liaison Officers. Such matters will be referred direct to A 7 (CLT) HQ AAI for section.

(Applicable to Palestinian Troops only)

(7003/A7)

**154. Palestinian Personnel
Serving in Units other than
Palestinian Units**

1. All units (excluding Palestinian units) including Palestinian personnel, either in part or by dilution, on their strength, will forward forthwith details of such personnel to A 7 (CLT) HQ AAL.

2. Units which receive Palestinian personnel in the future will immediately notify A 7 (CLT) HQ AAL, giving details of such personnel.

(7077/A7)

**155. "B" Vehicles—Changing of
Oils**

1. Oils will be completely changed in this theatre of operations on a mileage basis as under:—

(i) In engines with a sump capacity of over 1 gal the periodical change of engine oil will be made every 3,000 miles, but in engines with a sump capacity of 1 gal or under the change will be made every 2,000 miles.

In the case of new vehicles or overhauled engines, engine oil will be changed after 250 miles, again after a further 1,000 miles, and subsequently at mileages stated above.

(ii) Gearbox every 5,000 miles.

(iii) Rear axle every 5,000 miles.

(iv) Wheel hubs packed with grease every 5,000 miles.

(v) Special attention will be paid to the cleaning or renewing of filters or filter elements whichever is applicable, in accordance with Maker's Handbooks.

2. Entries will be made in ABs 412 whenever any of the above are carried out.

(Applicable to UK, Dominion,
Indian and Polish units)

(3319/Q(AE))

**156. Use of Returning Empty
Transport**

1. The following system will be brought into force in order that the maximum use may be made of returning empty transport.

2. The control of empty transport moving within the areas covered by Area and Sub-Area HQ, OR WITHIN 30 MILES OF ITS BOUNDARY, and of up to three individual lorry loads to any destination, will be the responsibility of the Area/Sub-Area HQ. Each Area/Sub-Area HQ will arrange for the notification in Area/Sub-Area Orders of the appointment and address of the officer(s) to whom Convoy Commanders will report to obtain return loads.

3. On receipt of demands for movement of stores by road outside the limits set in para. 2 above, Area and Sub-Area HQ will notify their Movements Sub-Area listed at Appendix "A" of:—

(a) The present location of the stores.

(b) Destination.

(c) Nature of the stores.

(d) Weight.

(e) Date on which ready for movement.

(f) Urgency of the move (normally in form of the latest acceptable arrival date or the remark "as opportunity offers").

4. Movements Sub-Areas will, on the information obtained as in para 3, and on their knowledge of planned rail loadings within the area, allocate the movements of stores to the most economic method either by road or rail, in order to make full use of empty returning transport, to save unnecessary rail hauls, and give the most expeditious delivery of stores.

5. All units and formations ordering a move outside the Area/Sub-Area in which they are located, which will entail the return of empty vehicles, will so inform the local Movement authority when applying for movement orders. The Movement authority issuing the movement order will then include instructions as to return loads to be lifted.

If no specific load is known, the Convoy Commander will be ordered to report to the Movement authority nearest to his destination.

In cases also where the number of vehicles involved is less than 25, and thus no movement order is necessary, the unit ordering the move will arrange for the officer in charge of the vehicles to contact the Movement authority nearest his destination to obtain orders for a return load.

6. Periodical checks will be carried out by Military Police to ensure that vehicles are not travelling empty except where no loads are available.

7. This system will normally delay the return of transport but this delay will be accepted in view of the overall saving to be obtained. Movement authorities will not order return loading where such loading will delay transport more than 24 hrs beyond its original date of return.

8. Where it is operationally necessary that there be no delay due to return loading this will be included in the Movement Order mentioned in para 5. This order will be produced on demand to Military Police by Convoy Commanders.

9. In order to render the maximum assistance to small parties of vehicles and individual drivers not provided with a specific Movement Order, Disposit will arrange signposts at strategic points indicating the

destination of return loads and where they may be collected by empty vehicle *e.g.*—

RETURN LOADS	
FOR	AVAILABLE AT
DON'T TRAVEL EMPTY	

or

REPORT TO
FOR RETURN LOADS

10. This order does not apply to Army or independent Corps areas.

(1036/8/Q1)

157. Supply of Hemp

1. In certain parts of ITALY large quantities of Hemp are grown, and the locally produced material is being used to meet the many demands of the Armed Forces for Hemp and Hemp Products.

2. It is therefore important that production be allowed to continue unhindered. The new seasons crop will be gathered from about 1 June, and strict attention will be paid to the following instructions:—

(a) An area approximately sixty (60) times the size of the pond will be left free round all RETTING ponds. These are generally surrounded by large white stones.

(b) Malariol will not be used for larvaciding purposes. Where necessary Paris Green will be used under instructions of the DDMS or ADMS concerned.

(2059/11/Q2)

158. Readings of Meters and Payment of Gas, Electric Light and Water Accounts

Para 3 of AAI RO 45 of 1944 will be amended to read as follows:—

In order that Area and Sub/Area HQ may exercise control over consumption, units will check all meter readings at the time of occupation and thereafter at the end of each quarter (viz. 30 June, 30 Sept, 31 Dec and 31 Mar) and forward details through the normal channels

to the HQ concerned. Meter readings will also be checked on marching out.

(2062/6/Q2)

159. Italian MT Companies

Traffic Accidents and claims other than those arising from traffic accidents.

1. The traffic accident and claims procedure laid down in GROs 96 and 97 of 1944 will apply to Italian MT Companies, which have been formed on British War Establishments.

2. OsC units will, therefore, ensure that every Italian service driver is thoroughly conversant with the action he must take in the event of a traffic accident.

(2163/Q2)

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APPENDIX "A" TO AAI ROUTINE ORDER No. 156

<i>Movement Area or Sub-Area</i>	<i>Telephone number</i>
HQ No 2 District (Mov Eastern Italy)	BARI 12293
Mov BARI	BARI 11410
Mov TARANTO	TARANTO 2801
Mov BRINDISI	Through BRINDISI Exchange ask for Mov Roads
Mov BARLETTA	Through BARLETTA Exchange ask for Mov Roads
HQ Mov WESTERN ITALY	VALUE 361
Mov NAPLES	VACANT 157
Mov TORRE ANNUNZIATA	Dial 52859
Mov CASTELLAMMARE	1143 — 1707
Mov SALERNO	1236
Mov FOGGIA	1490
Mov VASTO	Through FOGGIA Exchange ask for Mov Roads
Mov REGGIO (CALABRIA) incl CROTONE	Through VASTO
Mov HQ No 1 District	Through REGGIO Exchange ask for Mov Roads
	14002

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ORDERS 160-167

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

160. Cypriot Advance Base Camp

1. Cypriot Advance Base Camp has been formed and is located at BARI — Map Ref Sheet 177 — 1/50,000 — 420809.

2. All Cypriot reinforcements arriving in ITALY, and all Cypriot personnel discharged from medical units, irrespective of the time spent in those units, will be despatched to this camp.

(3069/14/A(O))

161. Notification in Part II Orders of the Grant of War Substantive Rank

1. The War Office has recently observed on the serious delay occurring in the publication of the

conversion of acting rank held by OR into war substantive rank.

2. The grant of war substantive rank on the due date is the most important factor in the war time promotion system, and any delay in notifying it inevitably causes administrative complications and may react most unfavourably on the individual soldier and his dependents.

3. It is therefore essential that OsC formations and units ensure that casualties affecting the conversion of paid acting to war substantive rank, are notified to GHQ, 2nd Echelon with the least possible delay after completion of the requisite period.

4. To assist OsC in this matter, a reminder is sent from GHQ, 2nd Echelon 14 days prior to the due date on

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which each OR is due for the grant of war substantive rank.

5. To prevent further complaints from Home Authorities, OSG will review all paid acting ranks under their command and forward casualty forms in respect of all cases overdue. They will also issue such instructions as may be necessary to ensure that, in future, casualty reports are rendered to GHQ, 2nd Echelon immediately a NCO becomes due for war substantive rank.

(Applicable to British Troops only)

(7013/A(OP))

162. Distinguishing Marks and Vehicle Signs—Palestinian Personnel

1. Personnel of the PALESTINE Regiment will wear regimental flashes as follows:

(a) All ranks of Jewish battalions and companies, a 2½ ins. light blue square with a white line down the centre, ½ in. wide.

(b) All ranks of Arab battalions and companies, a circle of 2 ins. diameter, cherry colour.

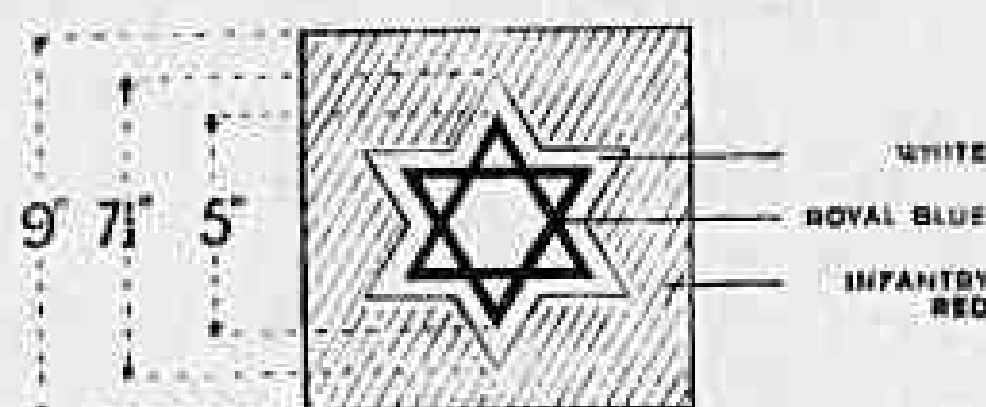
2. Palestinian personnel in units other than the PALESTINE Regiment will not wear the PALESTINE Regiment flash.

3. Palestinian personnel in all units may wear a distinguishing title in the form of a slip-on shoulder title of worsted khaki material embroidered with the word "PALESTINE" in black.

Scale of issue is one pair per OR.

4. Vehicles of Palestinian Jewish units may carry the following vehicle sign on the side door or cabs of

vehicles, in addition to the normal formation, etc. signs on pass plates:—



(Applicable to Palestinian units and Palestinian personnel in other units).

(7066/A7.)

163. Fly Control and Dysentery Prevention

Reference GRO 219 of 1944, para 2(g).

1. It has been found that the scale of issue of 20 sq ft muslin per 100 all ranks per month for covering food is often inadequate in the case of units split into small detachments.

Authority is given in such cases for additional flyproofing material to be issued on the advice of a Hygiene Officer.

2. Attention is drawn to the fact that muslin provided by Ordnance is for covering food and for making improvised appliances for covering jam tins etc. Other fly proofing material required for the execution of para 2(c) of GRO 413 of 1944 is an RE supply.

(3405/3/Q(AE))

164. Winter Equipment (Skid Chains, Radiator Muffs, Blanking Flaps, Bonnet Rugs and Vehicle Canopies)

Reference GRO 460 of 1944.

1. Large quantities of the above items of vehicle equipment were supplied during the past winter. In order to avoid any shortage in the

early months next winter it is essential that they should be carefully preserved throughout the summer months.

2. All Skid Chains will be oiled. Radiator Muffs, Blanking Flaps, Bonnet Rugs and Vehicle Canopies will be examined, and where necessary repaired in REME or RASC Workshops. These items of vehicle equipment will be retained with the vehicle to which they are issued and recorded in AB 412. When vehicles are transferred from one unit to another this equipment will accompany them.

3. All deficiencies found during periodical vehicle inspections will be charged to the individual responsible for the loss.

(3348/Q(AE))

165. Return of Containers Issued from DIDs

1. It is very evident that the conditions of GRO 318 of 1943 are not being observed by units, particularly in so far as sacks are concerned.

2. With the steady increase in local purchase, the need for conserving all sacks is becoming more and more important.

3. In all areas to the rear of Army Boundaries, units will, if possible, provide their own sacks. If this is impossible, depots will make an initial issue and subsequent issues will be effected on an exchange basis.

4. OSC units will check their holdings of sacks and return all in excess of their immediate requirements to DIDs forthwith.

(1020/Q1)

166. Use of Operational Cookers

1. Attention is drawn to the fact that stocks of Tommy Cookers and Hexamine Cookers and Tablets are not sufficient to permit their unrestricted use.

2. It is essential that these types of cooker shall only be used by troops in exposed forward positions or engaged in operations where no other form of heating is possible for operational reasons, in the strictest sense of the word. This must be conscientiously practised and it will always be borne in mind when considering their use that unnecessary consumption of these cookers can only prejudice future operations.

(1075/Q1)

167. Compensation for Loss of Unit Canteen Stores by Enemy Action

1. It has been decided to establish a central fund from which payments will be made to compensate units for canteen stores lost as a result of enemy action. This fund will become operative from 30 June, 44, and details of the conditions and regulations under which the fund will operate are given in Appendix "A" to this order.

2. All military units in AAI normally in receipt of EFI supplies will contribute to the fund. The premium to be paid will be subject to review from time to time.

3. No claims will be submitted for payment from this fund in respect of losses which have occurred prior to the scheme becoming operative.

(2049/13/Q2)

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NOTICE

EFI—Supplies

Tobacco. The more expensive brands of tobacco will be in short supply for the next few months. It has, therefore, been decided to reduce tobacco demands temporarily to avoid

an accumulation of unpopular brands during the hot weather.

Toothpaste. Toothpaste has now been transferred from Schedule "A" to the derestricted list.

Matches. Owing to restrictions on the supply of matches to this theatre the weekly scale of issue has been reduced to one half box per head from 11 Jun, 44.

(2049/11/Q2)

APPENDIX "A" TO AAI ROUTINE ORDER 167

CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH AAI CANTEEN COMPENSATION FUND WILL BE OPERATED

STORES TO BE COVERED

1. (a) (i) Normal EFI Schedule A B C D E items held by units.

(ii) Foodstuffs, etc., purchased under GRO 46 of 1944 by units not having reasonable access to canteen facilities.

(b) The above become unit property once EFI have received payment for them.

(c) Cash and stamps will not be covered by the scheme.

UNITS TO CONTRIBUTE AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION

2. (a) All Military units in AAI normally in receipt of EFI Supplies.

(b) Military units leaving the theatre for another who lose as a result of enemy action in transit, EFI stores referred to in para 1(a) above, which have been purchased in AAI.

METHOD OF CONTRIBUTION

3. An addition of 1/50th of the normal 10% EFI discount (not of the value of the purchases) will be made to the net amount paid by units. This will be collected by EFI and paid into a bank account controlled by this HQ (see para 6 below).

CLAIMS ON COMPENSATION FUND

4. (a) Units incurring losses to canteen stores by enemy action will forward claims to "Q" Branch, HQ AAI, through normal channels supported where possible by:—

(i) EFI issue vouchers.

(ii) Court of Inquiry proceedings (where practicable).

(iii) Full details in cases where the above are not available.

(b) Claims will be approved and countersigned by either the commander or senior staff officer (not below the rank of Brigadier) of the formation in which the unit was serving at the time of the loss.

(c) Claims will be limited to a maximum of 4/- per head calculated on the latest strength return of the unit prior to the loss of the stores and will include Officers, WOs, and Sgts.

LOANS PENDING APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

5. (a) Units will be entitled to receive loans from the Fund pending approval of their claims up to 4/- per head calculated as in para 4(c) above.

(b) Where applicable units will receive a debit note from HQ AAI and refund to the Command Pay Office, through and Area Cash Office or a Field Cashier, any difference between the amount of the loan and the compensation authorised.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

6. (a) EFI will pay accumulated contributions to a bank account authorised by the Command Paymaster and controlled by this HQ.

(b) When claims are approved by HQ AAI a cheque on this bank account will be sent to the Command Paymaster who will issue an authority to the unit, enabling it to draw cash from an Area Cash Office or a Field Cashier.

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

**168. Painting of British "A" and
"B" Class Vehicles
and Guns**

Reference AAI RO 150 of 1944,
para 2 — types of paint table.

The Part No. for Paint PFU Olive
Drab should read "HA/NIV/3145."
(9202/G(Cam))

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

**169. Disposal of Personnel on
Discharge from Medical
Units**

The following amendments will be
made to AAI RO 51 of 1944, as
amended by AAI RO 103 of 1944.

1. Para 1A (i) — delete "CRUs"
and insert "RTDs."

2. Para 2 (b)—delete "Rehabilita-
tion Group" and insert "Realloca-
tion Centre AVELLA (N 5262)."

3. Renumber existing para "7"
to read para "8."

4. Insert new para 7:—
"7. ATS Officers and OR

(a) ATS Officers and OR de-
tained under treatment in a medical
unit will be returned to their former
unit on discharge, irrespective of the
time they have been detained in the
medical unit.

(b) Where rail or sea travel is
involved, transport arrangements will
be made before ATS personnel are
actually despatched."

5. Appendix "A," **1137**

(i) *Against:*

"INFANTRY, Incl Gds, MG Support,
Motor, AAC, Commandos, SAS"
delete "(b) 5 Corps (b) 3 CRU -
LEBBA - H5796"

(ii) Against:
 "ALL OTHER ARMS"
 delete " (b) 5 Corps (b) 2 CRU -
 VIGNOLA - H5894."

(Applicable to British Troops only)
 (3021/A(O))

170. Discipline—Constructive Desertion

1. The specimen charges given on page 720 of the Manual of Military Law do not include forms suitable for use in cases of "constructive" desertion (*i.e.*, desertion to avoid a particular duty) where the particular duty avoided is service in a forward area.

2. Some suitable specimen charges are given below: -

(a) Section 12 } WHEN ON ACTIVE
 (1) (a) } SERVICE DESERT-
 Army Act } ING HIS MAJESTY'S
 SERVICE

in that he
 in the field on _____ 1944,
 when serving with his (Company)
 (Battalion) (Regiment) in a forward
 area, with intent to avoid such service
 absented himself from his said
 (Company) (Battalion) (Regiment)
 until _____

apprehended by { the Military Police
 surrendering to { Serjeant _____
 { Company _____
 { Battalion _____
 { Regiment _____
 on _____ 1944.

(b) Section 12 } WHEN ON ACTIVE
 (1) (a) } SERVICE DESERT-
 Army Act } ING HIS MAJESTY'S
 SERVICE

in that he
 in the field on _____ 1944,
 when his (Company) (Battalion)
 (Regiment), with which he was then
 serving, had been warned to proceed
 to a forward area, with intent to

avoid so proceeding absented himself
 from his said (Company) (Battalion)
 (Regiment) until _____

apprehended by { the Military Police
 surrendering to { Serjeant _____
 { Company _____
 { Battalion _____
 { Regiment _____
 on _____ 1944.

(c) Section 12 } WHEN ON ACTIVE
 (1) (a) } SERVICE DESERT-
 Army Act } ING HIS MAJESTY'S
 SERVICE

in that he
 in the field on _____ 1944,
 when, as a member of Number _____
 Platoon, _____ Company _____
 Battalion _____ Regiment he had
 been warned that his Platoon
 would occupy a position in the line
 against the enemy on the evening of
 the said _____ 1944, with intent
 to avoid such service absented
 himself from his said Platoon
 from _____ hours on _____ 1944
 until _____

apprehended by { the Military Police
 surrendering to { Serjeant _____
 { Company _____
 { Regiment _____
 { Battalion _____
 on _____ 1944.

(d) Section 12 } WHEN ON ACTIVE
 (1) (a) } SERVICE DESERT-
 Army Act } ING HIS MAJESTY'S
 SERVICE

in that he
 in the field on _____ 1944,
 absented himself from _____
 Company _____ Battalion _____
 Regiment with intent to avoid
 taking part in active operations
 against the enemy.

3. The last charge is particularly
 useful where the circumstances of the
 accused's apprehension or surrender
 cannot readily be proved by a
 certificate under AA Section 163 (i) (j)
 or (jj). In such cases the administra-
 tive difficulty of showing the number
 of days of ordinary pay forfeited

under Royal Warrant in respect of the absence can be overcome by the unit publishing a casualty in Part II orders showing the date when the accused was found to be absent without leave and the date when he returned, from being so absent, to his unit.

(Applicable to all Troops subject to AA)

(5008/1/A(PS))

171. Printing and Stationery Supplies

1. Local purchase of stationery items, the printing of special forms etc., or the repair by civilian contractors of office machinery, at the cost of the public, will not be resorted to without the prior sanction of DADPSS, HQ, AAI.

2. The terms of ACI 1365 of 1940 and of para 8 of GRO 337 of 1944 are not applicable in this theatre.

(2014/Q2)

172. Containers—Electrolyte and Distilled Water

1. It is imperative that all empty containers and glass carboys for electrolyte, and distilled water are returned as quickly as possible to Ordnance for refilling. At all times, and particularly when in transit, the glass carboys must be packed in wicker or metal baskets well lagged with straw, as continued loss of these containers by breakage will affect the availability of electrolyte and distilled water.

2. Carboys will not be retained for any other purpose.

(3420/Q(AE))

173. Vehicle Markings

1. An increasing number of WD vehicles have been noticed either incorrectly marked or with no markings at all.

Attention is therefore directed to the pamphlet "Vehicle Marking 1943" notified in ACI's 20 Oct 43, also to ACI 1557 of 1943.

2. In the case of vehicles with a right hand drive and not fitted with trafficators, the following will be painted in 2 ins lettering on the tailboard or rear of the vehicles:—

CAUTION—RIGHT HAND DRIVE—
NO SIGNALS

3. Units not in possession of the above pamphlet will apply to the appropriate stationery office, as laid down in GRO 166 of 1944.

(3346/Q(AE))

174. AFV Tracks

1. Facilities exist for re-rubbering used rubber tracks from the following AFVs:—

- (a) Sherman Tanks (All Mk's)
- (b) Stuart Tanks (All Mk's)
- (c) 105-mm SP Gun Carriage M7
- (d) 3ins SP Gun Carriage M10.

2. Tracks suitable for re-rubbering are those of which the cross tubes are not deformed, or the track pins bent or broken.

3. Inspection as to suitability will be carried out:—

(a) in forward areas by REME Railhead Evacuation Section.

(b) L of C and Base Areas by REME Workshops replacing tank tracks.

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4. Tracks suitable for re-rubbing will be marked in paint with a green bar and consigned to MT RSD 557 AOD, PONTECAGNANO.

5. Unsuitable tracks will be marked with a red bar and consigned direct to the nearest Base Salvage Depot.

6. Certificates of suitability or condemnation will accompany all consignments.

(3369/Q(AE))

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NOTICES

Christian Science Literature

Personnel who desire Christian Science Literature or contact with the Christian Science Minister should write to him c/o SCF, HQ, 57 Area, CMF.

Loss of Vehicle

Any unit in possession or having any knowledge of the whereabouts of the following vehicle should report the fact to HQ 1 Armoured Replacement Group, CMF:—

Humber Lt Recce Car
WD No. 4709846

Lost during the period 10 May to 27 May 44.

Loss of G-1098 Equipment

Any unit in possession or having knowledge of the whereabouts of the following G-1098 equipment should report the fact to 41 Field Butchery Section, RIASC, CMF:—

G-1098 of 41 Field Butchery Section, RIASC, containing butchery sheets, implements, tentage and other equipment. This equipment is marked ZHK7 and was shipped from ALEXANDRIA on 15 Dec 43.

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ORDERS 203-208

AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

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Serial No. 21

21 July 44

Part I—GENERAL STAFF

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

203 Disposal of Personnel on discharge from Medical Units

Reference AFHQ GRO 484 of 1944.
1944.

1. Owing to the distance of Base Hospitals and Convalescent Depots from forward areas it is not practicable in all cases for personnel detained in medical units for less than 21 days to be returned direct to their units.

The following procedure will, therefore, be adopted in respect of personnel discharged from Base General Hospitals and Convalescent Depots in ITALY.

2. (a) Personnel detained in Medical Units for less than 21 days.

(i) Personnel belonging to units under command 1, 2, or 3 District and admitted to medical units in the District concerned will be returned direct to their units.

(ii) All other personnel will be despatched to appropriate RTD etc.

(b) Personnel detained in medical units for 21 days or longer.

All personnel will be despatched to appropriate RTD etc.

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(c) ROME Hospital Area.

Personnel discharged from medical units in the ROME area will be disposed of as follows:

(i) Personnel belonging to units under command EIGHTH Army will be despatched to CRUs irrespective of period spent in medical units.

(ii) Personnel belonging to units under command 5 (US) Army, 3 District and 1 District (on assumption of new role) detained in medical units for less than 21 days will be returned direct to their units. Personnel detained for 21 days or longer will be despatched to 159 Transit Camp ROME for posting by Rfts CME.

3. Locations of RTDs etc are given at appendix 'A' hereto.

4. Down-graded personnel.

(a) Personnel recommended for downgrading to medical category 'C' will, on discharge from medical units, be sent to 3 Transit Camp NAPLES for boarding by a permanent Medical Board.

(b) All other personnel down-graded to a medical category in which they cannot be employed in their own arm or corps will be despatched to their respective RTD.

5. Psycho-neurotic Personnel.

Personnel classified as psycho-neurotic will, on discharge from medical units, be sent to Re-allocation Centre, AVELLA (Map Reference N5262).

6. Officers of Rank of Lt-Col and above, 25 IC (in case of Lt-Cols Comd) and Staff Officers.

(a) Those detained in medical units for less than 21 days will return direct to their units.

(b) Those detained in medical units for 21 days or over will be despatched to appropriate RTD etc. They will report *in writing* to Deputy Military Secretary, HQ AAI, stating medical category.

7. Where the journey from medical unit to RTD, unit etc., is likely to be of more than four hours' duration, personnel will be despatched from medical unit to the nearest Transit Camp, which will be responsible for onward routing by quickest possible means. OC Transit Camp will be responsible for arranging transport to destination in conjunction with Area, Sub-Area etc. concerned.

8. ATS officers and OR.

(a) ATS officers and OR detained under treatment in a medical unit will, on discharge, be returned to their former unit, irrespective of the time they have been detained in the medical unit.

(b) Where rail or sea travel is involved transport arrangements for the complete journey will be made before ATS personnel are actually despatched from the medical unit.

9. AAI RO's 51, 103 and 169 of 1944 are hereby cancelled.

(3021/A(O))

204 Unit Water Vehicles

1. Many units are still without trained water duty personnel, and unit water vehicles are frequently found to

be in a poor state of working efficiency, with pumps dry and stiff, and essential spare parts lost. This is particularly the case when vehicles are used only to collect water from Water Points.

2. All unit water-vehicles will be inspected every two weeks, and the pumps and fittings tested by actual filtration of water, and all spare parts and consumable stores checked.

3. Steps will be taken forthwith to ensure that every water vehicle has a trained water duty orderly found from unit personnel and permanently employed as such, as well as a trained reserve.

(3066/A(O))

205 Census of Warlike Stores (less ammunition)

1. The attention of formations and units is directed to AFHQ GRO 474 of 1943 as amended by AFHQ GROs 192 and 465 of 1944 also to AAI RO 90 of 1944.

2. Census returns, casualty reports, marching-in and marching-out states will be dealt with as under:—

Nature of Return	Form No.	Despatch Instructions
Monthly Census of 'A' and 'B' Vehicles	-	Units will send THREE copies of the completed forms and of the vehicle holding returns to ADOS or DADOS formation or area, who will despatch them as follows:— Original to Q(AE) AFHQ BNAF by air or latest means Duplicate to Q(AE) OHQ MEF by air Triplet—retain
Monthly Census of Warlike Stores	45 B	
Monthly Census of Artillery Equipments	45 C	
Four-Monthly Census of WD Controlled Stores	45 D	
Monthly Census of AFV Artillery Equipments	-	

Nature of Return	Form No.	Despatch Instructions
Casualty Reports of- 'A' Vehicles 'B' Vehicles	185 186	Units will despatch copies of the Part X Orders direct within 24 hours of the movement occurring as follows:— Original to Q(AE) AFHQ BNAF Duplicate to Q(AE) OHQ MEF Triplet to ADOS or DADOS formation or area
Casualty Reports of Artillery Equipment	189	
Marching-out and Marching-in States	-	

3. The above returns are not required by Q (AE) HQ AAI.

(3582/Q(AE))

206 Watches GS—Repair and Packing

1. The condition in which the majority of watches are received for repair by Base Workshops makes it quite clear that the instructions given in AFHQ GRO 421 of 1944 are not being obeyed. Unless there is considerable improvement this will have serious effects on the maintenance of an adequate supply of watches in the theatre.

2. Attention is therefore drawn to the following:—

(a) The necessity for care at all times in the handling of watches. Disciplinary action will be taken in cases of wanton damage or neglect.

(b) Repair in 2nd and 3rd line workshops will be confined to:—

Cleaning.
Regulating.
Fitting new glasses.

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(c) Watches sent back for repair will not be laid loosely in boxes or trays. Each individual watch will be soaked in any reasonably clean lubricating oil, packed separately and in such a way as to avoid any undue vibration during transit.

(3440/8/Q (AE))

207 AFVs—Removal of Ammunition on Return for Repair

1. AFVs with ammunition still in the racks are being returned for repair. This has caused several accidents.

2. Units will ensure that all ammunition is removed from AFVs before they are returned to RAOC Vehicle Companies or REME Workshops.

(3369/Q (AE))

208 Designation - Anti-Malarial Sprayers

Confusion is occurring owing to different nomenclatures being used for these stores by RAMC and RAOC. The following is a comparative list. In submitting indents for either the complete items or for spare parts the Ordnance designation only will be used.

MEDICAL DESIGNATION	ORDNANCE DESIGNATION	PART No
Sprayers Knapsack Hand Actuated	Sprayers A.M. • Four Oaks Ross •	KE 8368
	Sprayers A.M. Knapsack Mysto No 1	KE 9000
Sprayers Knapsack Pressure	Sprayers Knapsack Pneumatic • Four Oaks • Capacity 1 1/2 galls	KE 8639
	Sprayers A.M. Knapsack Pneumatic Mysto No 7	KE 9022
Sprayers Hand Small	Sprayers FH	KE 8637
Sprayers Hand Large	Sprayers A.M. Hand • Mysto •	KE 8783
	Sprayers Hand • Four Oaks Manney •	KE 8651
Distributor, Paris Green Hand actuated	Sprayers Anti-Malarial • Armada • Dust Gun No 1	

(3405/3/Q (AE))

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APPENDIX «A» TO AAI RO 203 OF 1944

Locations of RTD's and CRU's to which personnel will be despatched.

(i) EIGHTH Army Personnel Ex ROME Hospital Area

	Location
All Arms	1 CRU / TERNI 4 CRU / A8941

(ii) All other Personnel

RAC including Cavalry, Armoured Car and Recce.	RTR.	HQ. 1 Armoured Reinforcement Regt S. ANGELO DI LOMBARDI - N.1964
RA and RAVC		RATD, EBOLI - N8926
RE		RETD, CAPUA - N.1777
INFANTRY, including GUARDS, MG. Support, Motor, ACC, Commandos, SAS.		IRTD, CERVINARA - N.5070
R SIGS		R. Sigs Depot and School, LAURO, - N.5353
RASC		RASCTD, NOLA (Formerly 6 Bn GRD) - N.4458
CMP		CMP Depot, OTTAIANO - N.4050
ALL OTHER ARMS		5 Bn, GRD, NOLA - N.4458

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Note: RAVC personnel will be handed over to 812 Base Remount Depot.

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ORDERS 209-220

AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

209 Postal Address

The postal address of all British Forces in Northern FRANCE has been notified as follows and will be taken into immediate use.

«British Liberation Army»

or

«BLA»

(1904/9/G(SD))

210 PIAT Safety Precautions during Training

1. When firing live rounds against upright targets the following safety precautions will be observed in addition to those laid down in SAT pamphlet No 24 :—

(a) All at firing point must take cover.

(b) Flight of bomb can be observed but all must keep heads down before bomb explodes.

2. The above precautions are necessary owing to the risk of metal

blowback from the target, in particular cartridge envelope and steel disc from base of the bomb.

3. For operational purposes the risk is sufficiently slight to be ignored.

(1712/G(SD2))

211 Carriage of Civilians in WD Vehicles

1. It has been noted that considerable numbers of unauthorised civilian passengers are still being given lifts in WD transport.

2. This practice constitutes a grave menace to our security in that it seriously impairs the effectiveness of security controls designed to restrict the movement of undesirable elements.

3. It is known that enemy agents rely extensively on this mode of travel when operating behind our lines and

that many have already made use of it. Of the agents so far captured no fewer than fifteen have stated that they were given lifts in WD transport either on the way to their target area, or on their return towards enemy territory.

4. All concerned are reminded that no civilian passengers may be carried in WD vehicles unless in possession of an official pass authorising such travel, as laid down in AAI RO 20 of 1944.

Units and HQ impress on all drivers under their command the seriousness of this matter and ensure that they are conversant with the current instructions on this subject.

(1401/10/GSI(b))

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

212 Acts of Gallantry

LT (T/Capt) D. C. BURTON (126558)
RASC.

T/92319 Sgt A. G. WAKEFORD.
RASC.

3248859 Cpl CHERRYHOLME.
Cameronians.

10556943 Cpl D. R. SANDS, RAOC.

S/178280 L/Cpl J. McMENEMY.
RASC.

S/57847 Pte J. HUTCHINGS, RASC.

T/145067 Dvr G. D. MALLET,
RASC.

T/99325 Dvr. F. J. TASSELL.
RASC.

On 10 June, 1944, at approximately 1025 B hours, an explosion occurred in an ammunition depot SOUTH of ROME. The explosion occurred on one of a number of lorries which were being loaded with ammunition by parties of infantry, and the force of it was so great that the lorry itself was entirely disintegrated and a crater twenty feet in diameter

and six feet deep was formed. A neighbouring stack of 75 grenades was set on fire, while flaming debris set fire to other lorries and stacks of ammunition of all natures and burning grass threatened further stacks, including 2000 lbs of gelignite.

Eight men were killed outright and ten more were left lying helpless from blast, burns, shrapnel wounds and shock within the area which had become a blazing inferno of exploding ammunition.

The lives of the injured men were in the gravest danger and were only saved by the outstanding bravery, and complete disregard for their personal safety, of the above named officer and OR some of whom were themselves affected by the shock of the explosion. Not only did they rescue these men, but by calm and collected work removed explosives and made it possible to fight and eventually control the fire.

These men have worked with ammunition for a long time and were not only aware of all that was implied

by the fire and explosions, but also that if the contents of the threatened stacks exploded they had no chance of survival. Nevertheless they only left when every wounded man had been rescued and they were ordered to do so by the officer in charge.

The Commander-in-Chief congratulates Capt. BURTON, Sjt. WAKEFORD, Cpl CHERRYHOLME, Cpl SANDS, L.Cpl McMENEMY, Pte HUTCHINGS, Dvr MALLET and Dvr TASSELL on their very gallant conduct and directs that these acts of gallantry be recorded on the officer's AFB 199A and in the case of the OR on their conduct sheets in accordance with King's Regulations, paragraph 1718(b) (xvii).

(8807/25/MS)

213 Bounds—CASSINO Monastery

1. The Monastery at CASSINO is out of bounds except to authorised parties.

2. The reasons for this restriction are :—

(a) The Monastery is the property of the VATICAN and is of specially sacred and historical value. Irreplaceable articles have already been removed by casual visitors.

(b) The area is a dangerous one and casualties have already been suffered by casual visitors.

3. Permission for organised parties to visit the Monastery can be obtained from HQ 55 Area. Applications must

specify the number, ranks, in the party, the name of the officer to be in charge of it, and the proposed date of the visit.

(5063/74/A (PS))

214 Discipline—Absentees and Deserters

1. Attention is drawn to AFHQ GRO 568 of 1944.

2. Reports from units called for by paras 2 (a) (ii) and 5 (c) of the above quoted AFHQ GRO will be forwarded to the APM/DAPM of the immediate higher formation only and not to all Provost officers in the area.

(5063/A (PS))

215 Payment of ITALIAN Taxes

1. It has been agreed with the ITALIAN Authorities that the Allied Forces will not be subject to any ITALIAN Taxes, Imposts or Duties. This agreement includes all official and semi-official organisations, accompanying or serving with the Allies.

2. Purchasing agents and other members of the Armed Forces making payments for goods or services will, therefore, make no payment of any ITALIAN Taxes which would normally have been added to the price of goods or services.

3. Any such charge on a bill either by means of stamps or a written addition to the account will be disallowed. In order to afford protection to the vendor, a certificate will be placed on the copy

of the invoice on to the vendor to the effect that :

« This certifies that the goods purchased herein are for the use of the Allied Forces and that the amount shown on the bill for Lire . . . for taxes has not been included in the payment made by me.

Date.....

Name and Rank.....

Designation.....

Name and unit or body to whom the supplies were furnished.»

(2062/6/Q2)

216 Rendition of AF P 1964

1. Considerable delay in the early settlement of accounts for local purchase is being caused by failure to observe the instructions with regard to the rendition of AFP1964.

2. AFP1964 will be completed in the normal way and despatched under separate cover. On no account will the completed form be included in the same envelope as the bills or accounts.

(2076/Q2)

217 Disposal of Wood from Packing Cases

AAI RO 140 or 1944 is amended as follows :

Para 1 : Third line.

Para 2 : Third line.

Delete «DDOS AAI» and substitute «CE 3 District».

(2157/Q2)

218 Portable Secondary Batteries

1. Portable Secondary Batteries for all forms of Wireless and Line Transmission equipment will be in short supply in the near future.

2. Reconditioning plant is now operating in NAPLES, but the number of batteries returned, allowing for the normal battle wastage, falls short of issues made.

3. The present supply position is such that batteries can be exchanged on a one for one basis only if all unserviceable batteries are returned for reconditioning.

4. It is therefore important that every effort is made by all concerned to ensure that all unserviceable batteries in a fit state for reconditioning are returned through the usual channels.

5. Salvage and Ordnance installations will ensure that unserviceable batteries are returned to RSDs by the quickest means.

(3409/Q (AE))

219 Machinery—Ordnance Supply

1. Section W 3 Machine Tools and Plant.

(a) Receipt, storage and issue of ALL items under Section W 3 and similar items NIV in the ITALIAN Theatre are received, stored and issued at Group VIII, 551 AOD, INSALDO WORKS, POZZUOLI, NAPLES and not at 557 AOD, PONTECAGNANO.

(b) Indents for main items (Complete Machines under Section W 3 Part I) will continue to be submitted through the usual channels for DDOS Controlled Stores.

(c) Indents for spares (Section W 3 Part II), which are not controlled stores, should be submitted direct to Group VIII, 557 AOD.

(d) « BLR » machines will be returned direct to Group VIII, 557 AOD, POZZUOLI (where arrangements are in hand for repair and overhaul), whether or not an issue is being made in exchange.

2. Section W 4. - Radar, Wireless and Line Test Equipment.

Section W 5. - Instruments Testing—Optical and Fire Control Instruments.

Sections W 4 and W 5 will continue to be maintained at 3 Sub-Depot, 557 AOD, PONTECAGNANO.

(3420/1/Q (AE))

220 Designation—Anti-Malarial Sprayers

Reference table to AAI RO 208 of 1944.

Against « Distributor, Paris Green Hand actuated » in column headed «PART No» insert the following detail.

« KE 8658 ».

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ORDERS 228-233

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

228. Correspondence, etc.— Pay Services

1. Numerous envelopes containing acquittance rolls, remittances, correspondence, etc., are being wrongly addressed.

2. Certain prints of pay documents state that they should be sent to Base Clearing House. This instruction will be ignored and all pay documents of the British Military Forces in CMF will be addressed to:—

COMMAND PAYMASTER,
8 COMMAND PAY OFFICE,
CMF

(5018/A(PS))

229. Purchase and Consump- tion of Milk

1. On no account will milk of any nature or form be purchased from local inhabitants, either in the country or in the towns. Consumption of locally produced milk, cheese and butter is forbidden.

2. Apart from the fact that there is barely sufficient milk for the civil population due to the removal of a high proportion of the livestock by the GERMAN Army, such diseases as undulant fever, tuberculosis, typhoid and dysentery have been contracted due to consumption of these products.

(1033/2/Q1)

230. Ammunition—Authority for Drawing from BADs

1. Cases have occurred of representatives from formations and units arriving at BADs to draw ammunition, either to complete first and second line scales or for training, without being able to produce the requisite authority.

2. Authority will be obtained from HQ AAI or the HQ of the appropriate District as set out below. BADs will issue ONLY on production of such authority.

(a) *To complete to first and second line scale.*

Formations and units not in Army or Independent Corps areas will submit demands to the HQ of the District in which they are located. The demand will be approved in principle by "G" of the District concerned, and will then be passed to DDOS District, who will advise quantities available for issue and depot from which issue will be made.

Districts are responsible for ensuring that all formations and units hold complete first and second line scales before moving into Army or Corps areas.

(b) *Training Ammunition.*

(i) *BRITISH*

Corps and Divisions in rear of Army boundaries will submit demands to this HQ. Demands from training establishments will be consolidated by DMT and submitted to this HQ. Other demands for small quantities of ammunition for training will be submitted to HQ of the appropriate District, who will authorise issue unless

any demand is considered excessive, in which case it will be referred to this HQ. These small demands will be approved in principle by "G" of the District concerned, and passed to DDOS District who will advise quantities available for issue and depot from which issue will be made.

(ii) *AMERICAN*

All applications from BRITISH formations and units for AMERICAN ammunition, other than normal common user natures, will be made to this HQ. On no account will requests be made direct to AMERICAN HQ or depots.

(1041/Q1)

231. Beer

1. Supplies of imported beer will largely cease in the near future, and the requirements of this theatre will have to be met by local production, the quantity available from this source being directly dependent on the supply of bottles and cases.

2. In ITALY all bottles and cases have a high market value and few are at present being returned to EFI for refilling.

3. It is in every man's interest to hand his bottle back to his unit for return to EFI, so that he may in due course draw another bottle of beer.

4. With effect from 21 Aug 44 and subject to paras 5 and 6 below, beer issues will be on a bottle for bottle and case for case basis.

5. Where, owing to increases in strength, a unit's indent exceeds the

number of bottles drawn at the last issue, indents will be endorsed accordingly. In the event of a decrease in strength, units will still return all bottles, as maintenance of supply is dependent on continuous circulation of all available bottles.

6. It is recognised that in certain cases operational conditions will make it impossible to return all bottles and cases on account of:—

- (a) difficulties of collection
- (b) breakages

In these cases the full issue will be made provided the indent is endorsed with the following certificate:—

« LAST ISSUE
 bottles in cases
 PRESENT REQUIREMENTS
 bottles in cases
 CERTIFIED that the balance of
 bottles and cases
 could not be recovered owing to
 operational difficulties.»

7. To be repeated in unit orders.
 (2049/6/Q2)

232. Mail — Redirection to Soldiers under Sentence

1. Much time is wasted at Military Prisons and Field Punishment Centres sorting out mail which has been incorrectly redirected by formations and units.

2. Before any mail is forwarded to Soldiers under Sentence, the formation or unit will ascertain to which estab-

lishment the soldiers have been sent, and the correct postal address of this establishment.

3. This information can be obtained from AFW 3012A, copies of which are sent to units notifying the establishment to which the soldiers have been admitted.

(2020/Q2)

233. Payment of ITALIAN Taxes

Reference AAI RO 215 of 1944.

1. Delete last two lines from «Name» to «furnished».

2. Particulars of the unit or body making the purchase will not be given to the vendor.

(2062/6/Q2)

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NOTICES

Lost

1. A Jeep on charge to 2 CAMERONS was stolen at SORRENTO on 20 Jun 44. Details are as follows:—

Make FORD
 Type 4 x 4 Bantam
 WD No 15207560
 Contract No 1148
 Engine No. GPW 154433
 Chassis No. GPW 154433

2. Any information in respect of this vehicle should be reported to Rear HQ 4 Ind Div.

Lost

Any unit or persons in possession of, or having knowledge of the whereabouts of the following vehicle should report the fact to 2 Indep Para Bde Gp.

Jeep No 4768608

This vehicle was lost at midnight 6/7 May 44 on Route 6 at approx Map Ref 155835, Sheet 19 Road Map, when it was taken in tow by a CANADIAN officer, after an accident.

Lost

Number of packages, G 1098
Equipment, belonging to:—

1 (SA) CON DEPOT,

shipped ex Mid East. All packages are marked with Unit Serial U 313 and painted with colours

RED
YELLOW
RED

Contents: Pillows coir, mattresses, blankets, beds hospital folding, sheets ground, nets mosquito, chairs grass, etc.

Please address information to 1 (SA) Con Depot UDF CMF, which unit will arrange to collect.

Found

Will the unit having on its charge a BSA motor cycle No C/4699836, marked with a fern leaf and bearing the figure 88 or 99 on the front mudguard, communicate with "Q" Coy RASC (Bridge) CMF.

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ORDERS 234-242

AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

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Commander-in-Chief Allied Armies in ITALY

Serial No. 25

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF**234. Use of Long Distance Telephone Facilities in ITALY**

1. There are now several large naval, military and air force HQ established in ITALY, which are distributed over a comparatively narrow but very deep area. This has produced many problems in connection with the «long distance» telephone service. The term «long distance» includes direct long line circuits between the switchboards of major headquarters, and is not limited to calls placed through the NAPLES or ROME long distance exchanges.

2. In order to obtain the maximum efficiency from the available telephone facilities, it is essential that all telephone users should co-operate. The following will be brought to the notice of all concerned:—

(a) «Long distance» facilities are limited and will not be used when the subject could equally well be covered by a message.

(b) If a «long distance» call is essential, it must be as brief as possible. Notes should be made before-hand of the subjects to be discussed in order to prevent waste of time. When a call has been booked, the caller or an officer deputised by him must remain immediately accessible to the telephone, or the call must be cancelled.

3. All telephone users are notified that a monitoring service is being established. Violation of the above principles will be reported to the commanders concerned for corrective action.

(46/2/G(Ops))

235. Civilian Passes

1. If the security control of civilians is to be effectively exercised, it is essential that civilian passes should be issued on a uniform basis.

2. There are three standard pass forms in use in this theatre, viz,

(a) The ACC/AMG Pass—(See para 3 below)

(b) The Brown Military Permit. This is for strictly limited use by intelligence staffs of higher HQ to persons employed on special intelligence duties.

(c) The White Military Permit. This is for issue to Allied civilians employed with the Allied Forces (e.g. EFI or CVWW, etc.).

3. (a) Passes for civilian movement, exemption from curfew, circulation of motor vehicles, etc. will normally be issued by ACC/AMG.

(b) The latter will be the ONLY issuing authority in respect of passes required by civilians for private, business or civil administrative purposes.

(c) If any responsible Allied military authority has occasion to employ a civilian or group of civilians on a particular operational or intelligence task requiring the issue of a pass, and if it is impracticable, owing to the time factor or other circumstances, for the appropriate ACC/AMG pass to be obtained, the military authority concerned may make out a temporary pass for the purpose.

(d) Any such pass must:—

(i) Be properly identified with the person to whom it is issued; i.e., the latter's name, identity card number and signature must be shown on the pass.

(ii) State precisely what the holder may do and where he may go.

(iii) Bear the legible signature of the issuing officer.

(iv) Show the limited period of validity.

(e) ACC/AMG passes issued to public utility workers, etc. may be endorsed either by the issuing officer or by the unit employing them, to cover any particular aspect of their work, as may be considered requisite.

4. All irregular passes already issued will be withdrawn and, where necessary, replaced by others issued or made out in accordance with this order.

(1412/1/GSI(b))

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

236. ITALIAN Co-operators — Disposal Ex-Hospital

1. Reference AFHQ GRO 242 of 1944 and ³ pamphlet "Administration of ITALIAN PW Co-operators in BRITISH Hands" notified in AFHQ GRO 612 of 1944.

2. The following will be the procedure for disposal of co-operators admitted to hospitals in ITALY.

(a) Co-operators detained in hospital for 21 days or less.

Co-operators detained in hospital for 21 days or less will on discharge be returned to their former units.

(b) Co-operators detained in hospital for over 21 days.

Co-operators detained in hospital for more than 21 days will, on discharge, be returned to their former units even though there are no vacancies for them within the WE of these units. In the case of those surplus to WE, unit concerned will apply to GHQ 2nd Echelon for disposal instructions.

3. In certain cases, e.g. move overseas or disbandment of a unit, it will not be possible to return ex-hospital personnel to their former units. Such personnel will be attached to another co-operator unit under arrangements of the appropriate District. This unit will apply to GHQ 2nd Echelon for disposal instructions.

4. All units to which ex-hospital personnel are sent will ensure that appropriate casualties, e.g. taking on strength or attachment, are rendered in accordance with procedure laid down in Chapter III, para 19, of the pamphlet referred to above.

5. AFHQ GRO 242 of 1944, para 11, and pamphlet «Administration of ITALIAN PW Co-operators in BRITISH Hands» Chapter III, para 26, will be modified in accordance with the above mentioned procedure.

(3074/21/A(O))

237. Food Poisoning

1. Cases of food poisoning have occurred due to the consumption of food from «blown» tins.

2. All tins will be carefully examined before being opened and in any cases of doubt, they will not be issued until the opinion of a Medical or Hygiene Officer has been obtained.

3. Blown tins are those of which the ends are convex, bulged or domed, instead of being concave or drawn in.

(3066/A(O))

238. Rabies and Keeping of Dogs

AAI RO 196 of 1944 will be amended as follows:—

Delete existing para 2 and substitute:—

«2. Individuals for anti-rabies treatment, in accordance with para 5(b) of the above quoted GRO will be sent to:—

48 (Br) General Hospital—for troops in forward units and in ROME Area.

92 (Br) General Hospital—for other troops in Western ITALY.

98 (Br) General Hospital—for other troops in Eastern ITALY.

Individuals for treatment must be sent to hospital by the most rapid means available. Delay on the journey may have very serious consequences for the patient.»

(3066/A(O))

239. Discipline — Illegal Seizure of Arms

1. It is reported that numbers of firearms, particularly sporting guns and pistols, have been removed by officers and ORs from Carabinieri Stations and private houses and retained for personal use.

2. Such removal of private property is irregular and an offence against military law.

3. COs will ensure that firearms which have been irregularly obtained in this way are handed over forthwith to the nearest Carabinieri Station with details of the place where and date when they were taken, the latter information to be repeated to Claims Commission, HQ AAI.

(5063/17/A(PS))

240. Bounds — CASSINO Monastery

1. AAI RO 213 of 1944 will be amended as follows:—

Delete all reference to «55 Area» and substitute «64 Garrison.»

(5063/74/A(PS))

241. Emergency Rations

The following amendment will be made to AAI RO 38 of 1944.

Delete para 3 and substitute the following:—

«Owing to the extreme shortage of these emergency rations no issues will be made without the authority of HQ

AAI. Demands will be submitted through normal channels and full reasons for requirements will be stated.»

(1075/Q1)

242. AFV Tracks

1. Facilities exist for re-rubbing used rubber tracks from the following AFVs:—

- (a) SHERMAN Tanks (All Mks)
- (b) STUART Tanks (All Mks)
- (c) 105-mm SP Gun Carriage M7
- (d) 3" SP Gun Carriage M10

2. Tracks suitable for re-rubbing are those of which the cross tubes are not deformed, or the track pins bent or broken.

3. Inspection as to suitability will be carried out:—

- (a) In forward areas, by the REME unit which removes the track.
- (b) In L of C and Base Areas, by REME Workshops replacing tank tracks.

4. Tracks suitable for re-rubbing will be marked in paint with a green bar and consigned to MT RSD 557 AOD, PONTECAGNANO.

5. Unsuitable tracks will be marked with a red bar and consigned direct to the nearest Base Salvage Depot.

6. AAI RO 174 of 1944 is hereby cancelled.

(3369/Q(AE))

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ORDERS 243-247

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

243. Disposal of Personnel on Discharge from Medical Units

1. AAI RO 203 of 1944 is amended as follows:

Delete: Para 4 (a).

Substitute:

“(a) Personnel downgraded to Medical Category ‘C2’ (C in the case of officers) and Medical Category D (where recommended by Medical Board for repatriation to UK by troopship), will on discharge from medical units be sent to 3 Transit Camp, NAPLES”.

(3021/A(O))

244. Reporting of Civil Disturbances or Breaches of the Peace

1. Frequent difficulties arise in the investigation of civil disturbances and breaches of the peace owing to the lack of eye witnesses of the incident, although it is often disclosed that Allied troops were, in fact, witnesses.

2. It will be brought to the notice of all ranks that it is their duty should they witness any such incidents to report them to their Commanding Officer, who in turn will notify the

incident, if of sufficient importance, to higher authority.

(To be repeated in Formation and Unit orders.)

(5063/18/A(PS))

245. Discipline—Improper Disposal of WD or EFI Goods to Civilians

1. It will be brought to the notice of all ranks that it is forbidden to sell, barter or give away any WD or EFI goods.

2. In all cases of this nature unit commanders will give due attention to the advisability of remanding the offenders for trial by FGCM.

3. Where doubt arises the evidence in the case should be referred to the JAG Branch for advice.

(To be repeated in Formation and Unit orders.)

(5063/18/A(PS))

246. Courts of Inquiry—Losses

A pamphlet containing notes on procedure in connection with Courts of Inquiry on losses on active service, applications for writes-off, and powers of Formation Commanders and COs, is issued as Appendix «A» to this order.

(5023/A(PS))

247. Censorship

1. Letters written by soldiers under close arrest, whether awaiting trial or promulgation of finding and sentence, and by soldiers under sentence, will be unit censored. Such soldiers will not be allowed to use Green Envelopes and their air letters will not be privileged from unit censorship.

2. This order applies to soldiers under close arrest or under sentence whether they are held in units, Court Martial and Holding Centres, or elsewhere, but not to soldiers under sentence in Military Prisons and Field Punishment Camps, where special rules are already in force.

(5040/53/A(PS))

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Part II—ADJUTANT & QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

260. Junior Staff Course, SANDHURST

Reference ACI 572 of 1944.

Information has been received from the War Office that the Junior Staff Course at SANDHURST will be discontinued under the existing charter with the conclusion of No. 9 Course on 19 Oct 44.

(8829/M S)

261. Payment to IOR in Non-INDIAN Hospitals

«Cases are occurring in which IOR who have been sent to Hospitals other than INDIAN cannot be paid because they are not in possession of AB 64.

All non-INDIAN Hospitals are authorised to pay up to Lire 450 per month to such IOR».

AAIRO 251 of 1944 is hereby cancelled.

(6028/31/A-6)

262. Return to UK of Long Service Personnel

1. Attention is directed to AFHQ GRO 661 of 1944.

2. COs of all units affected will plan ahead for the replacement of Officers, WOs, Senior NCOs and other key personnel, either from available reinforcements or by promotion from within the unit. Formations etc concerned will ensure that this action is being taken.

3. OzE have undertaken to give early information to OsC Units affected of any officer and NCO reinforcements available to replace PYTHON personnel in good time before the latter are called forward.

4. If a CO wishes to visit the RTD concerned to interview such personnel, application will be made through usual channels to «A» Branch, HQ AAI, stating approximate date of visit. The visit will not take place until the necessary authority from HQ AAI has been given.

5. Whether vacancies are filled by available reinforcements or by promotion within the unit, the approval of OzE must always be obtained.

(Applicable to BRITISH Troops only).

(3115/A(O))

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NOTICE

Lost

From the side pocket of a Jeep, outside the ORSO Restaurant, ROME, on the evening of 27 Aug 44—a packet of 6

exposed Kodak Films, size 620 and 120.

Any information should be communicated to OC 9 Armd Bde Gp.

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ORDERS 263-267

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF**263. Official Mail**

1. This order is issued in amplification of AFHQ Circular 16 as amended by Circulars 18 and 19.

2. There are three methods of carrying official mail:—

- (a) Couriers.
- (b) Express Letter Services.
- (c) Postal Services.

Courier Service**3. US Army Courier Service.**

This is operated by the US War Department throughout the world where US Army Forces are located, and is confined to the transmission of official "TOP SECRET", "SECRET" and "CONFIDENTIAL" mail. It is available to BRITISH users. Both air and surface means are used. All urgent matter is transmitted by air courier, while the balance, requiring security handling, is transmitted by surface means accompanied by an officer of the Army Courier Service. The service will

handle packages which must be in the personal custody of an officer from origin until final delivery to the addressee. These are limited to certain specified addressees only (see para 14(a)), in which case the originating office must provide an officer to convey the despatch to the nearest Courier Transfer Office (see para 14(a)). The service will also accept packages not requiring the personal custody of an officer, such packages being transmitted by ADLS or Express Letter Service to the nearest Courier Transfer Office, and being similarly delivered at the distant end.

Express Letter Services (ELS)

4. Express Letter Services are established in the theatre for the carriage of:—

- (a) Official despatches of security classification "TOP SECRET" and "SECRET".

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- (b) Official despatches of security classification "CONFIDENTIAL" and

«RESTRICTED» and unclassified official despatches all of which warrant urgent treatment.

(c) Signal messages which cannot be cleared by electrical means.

5. Express Letter Services comprise:—

(a) *AFHQ Air Despatch Letter Service (AFHQ ADLS)*

This is established within the theatre to provide fast and safe delivery of all official despatches warranting a No 1 air priority.

(b) *BRITISH Express Letter Service (ELS)* which includes Despatch Letter Service (DLS) by road, and Air Letter Service (ALS) by air.

(c) *US Motor Despatch Letter Service (MDLS).*

Postal Services

6. The BRITISH and US Army Postal Services exist for the carriage of official mail of security classification «CONFIDENTIAL» and «RESTRICTED» and also of unclassified mail. «TOP SECRET» mail is not carried by the US Army Postal Service and «TOP SECRET» and «SECRET» mail is not carried by the BRITISH Army Postal Service. In the BRITISH Army Postal Service, official articles of letter size are given air conveyance within the theatre whenever acceleration in delivery will result.

Preparation for Despatch

7. All official mail, whether carried by Courier, Express Letter or Postal

Services and whether registered or unregistered, will:—

(a) Be enveloped, wrapped or bagged in accordance with their security classification, as prescribed in the War Office Pamphlet «Classification and Handling of Protected Documents, 1944».

(b) Bear a complete address and a return address. On packets for BRITISH L of C and Base Units, conveyed by BRITISH Express Letter Services, the address will include the formation under whose command the unit is, i.e. «X» Field Park Coy RE—«Y» Sub Area. Packets carried by the BRITISH Army Postal Services will have as forwarding and return addresses only the name of the unit and the theatre designation, i.e. CMF, MEF, BLA, etc.

(c) Not bear unauthorised abbreviations.

(d) Will not be addressed to an individual. If they require the special attention of a particular officer at a HQ or unit, the notation «Attn» may appear in the address.

(e) Will not, in the case of packages conveyed by BRITISH ELS, exceed the following weight and dimensions:—

(i) DLS by road
Weight 7 lbs
Size 1 cubic foot

(ii) ALS by air
Weight 2 lbs
Size not to exceed 2 feet in length

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AMENDMENTS SECTION

Speed Limits

Reference AAI RO 122 of 1944.

The above-quoted AAI RO will be amended as follows:—

Para (c) Add:—

«Jeeps 40 mph»

(5014/A(PS))

Registration

8. (a) All official mail of security classification «CONFIDENTIAL» and higher will be registered.

(b) Such mail will:—

(i) Have a reference or file number on the outside cover.

(ii) Not be endorsed «REGISTERED». Reference or file number automatically ensures registration when carried by Courier or Letter Services.

(iii) Have no blue cross. The use of the blue cross to indicate packets for registration will be discontinued.

(c) Other official mail, i.e. «RESTRICTED» and unclassified articles will not be registered, except when transmitted through Army Postal channels when it may be registered if the sender desires. No reference or file number will be placed on the outside cover.

(d) The use of the word «REGISTERED» on outer covers is reserved for the exclusive use of the Army Postal Services and will not be used on the outer cover of mail matter by any other services in this theatre.

9. If the mail is of such a nature that it must be in the personal custody of an officer from origin until final delivery to addressee, the notation «By Officer Courier» will be placed on the outside cover followed by the signature of an officer, giving name, rank and unit. Such certification will be held to the absolute minimum. Notations such as «By Courier», «Air Courier», «Courier», «Safe Hand», etc will not be placed on

any such articles. Such mail will be taken direct to the nearest Courier Transfer Office, or AFHQ ADLS Field Office by an officer from the HQ where the mail originated. (See para 14 for the location of these offices).

Air Transmission Outside the Theatre

10. (a) *By Express Letter Services*

Official mail for air transmission outside the theatre by Express Services will bear the notation «Air Service Required» near the address, and will be followed by the legible signature of an officer or chief clerk (BRITISH) giving his rank. This air transmission is limited to mail of security classification «CONFIDENTIAL» and higher. Other mail will be transmitted as far as possible within the theatre by AFHQ ADLS and will then be turned over to the relevant Postal Service for completion of transmission by surface means.

(b) *Postal Services*

The BRITISH Army Postal Service will clear no official mail by air outside the theatre.

Despatch

11. *Courier Transfer and AFHQ ADLS Field Offices*

Material may be delivered direct to these offices. Articles delivered to Courier Transfer Offices will be listed on Form NAP 26 (Revised) vide Appendix «A», in duplicate. The certification at the bottom of the form will be completed. Forms may be obtained from Courier Transfer Offices or they may be reproduced.

12. Articles ¹ otherwise be delivered direct to existing Message Centres or to BRITISH Express Letter or Signal Offices, or will be handed in at BRITISH and US APOs. Articles for the US Army Courier Service, before reaching a Courier Transfer Office, will be accompanied by invoices bearing the notation: "the articles listed hereon are classified «CONFIDENTIAL» or higher, and it is requested they may be despatched to destination by Army Courier Service or Air Despatch Letter Service", followed by the signature of an officer giving rank, name and unit.

13. The conditions governing the transmission of official mail by the BRITISH Army Postal Services are set out in Appendix «B».

14. (a) Courier Transfer Offices are now located as follows:—

- (i) ITALY—
NAPLES, FOGGIA.
- (ii) NORTH AFRICA—
TUNIS, ALGIERS, ORAN,
CASABLANCA, DAKAR.

(iii) Near major US HQ in other theatres of operations, i.e. WASHINGTON, LONDON, etc.

(b) AFHQ ADLS Field Offices are now established at:—

CECINA, MALIGNANO, ROME,
ALGIERS, BARI, BASTIA, AJACCIO.

Both ¹ Courier Transfer Offices and AFHQ ADLS Field Offices are opened

and closed as the need of the theatre change.

General

15. *Unauthorized use of Letter Services*

Personal mail or personal packages of any description will not be transmitted by Courier or through the Express Letter Services. Officers in charge of Courier Transfer Offices, AFHQ ADLS Field Offices and BRITISH Express Letter Offices engaged in the handling or transmission of official documents, are authorised to open packages or letters suspected to be of an unofficial nature; no mail of security classification «TOP SECRET» or «SECRET» is opened. Any unauthorised mail found will be held and a report will be made in the case of AFHQ ADLS Field Office to the Adjutant General (US) or CAO (Br) AFHQ, and in the case of BRITISH Express Letter Offices to the Chief Signal Officer, Adv AAI, showing description of articles, addressee and addressor.

16. *Money*

The transmission of money of an operational and special nature may be made through the Express Letter Services, but not through the US Army Courier Service. Money despatched through the Express Letter Services will be properly classified and wrapped and will be treated as any other document. This will not be construed to mean the transmission of personal money or money for the routine payment of troops. In the event of a loss, no financial liability will fall upon the personnel operating the Express Letter Services.

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Appendix «A» to ARJ RO 263 of 1944

ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Receipt to Mailers

TO: Courier Transfer Office

(Place)

FROM:

Date

(HQ, Unit or Section)

Courier Number I	Sender's Number II	Addressed to III	Despatch Particulars IV

I certify that all articles listed hereon are classified «Confidential» or higher and are entitled to transmission by the Army Courier Service.

(Name)

(Grade HQ or Sec)

Received the above described articles

(Date)

(Hour)

(Name)

(Grade)

Note: This form is to be prepared in duplicate by the sender and both copies submitted to the CTO with the articles. When prepared by typewriter, entries must be double spaced. Senders will make entries only in Columns II and III. Column I and IV will be completed at Courier Transfer Office. Articles accepted must bear the sender's return address. The certification will be made on the duplicate copy by an officer on duty in the HQ or Sec submitting the articles for despatch.

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Appendix "B" to AAI RO 263 of 1944

Regulations for Official Mail at BRITISH Army Post Offices

Destination	Limit of Weight	Limit of Size	Postage Rates	Registered Fee	Other Conditions
Within theatre BRITISH Empire (Except INDIA) Br. Mandated Territory FIRE HM Ships	22 lbs	Length 2 feet Width 18 inches Depth 18 inches	FREE	FREE	Each article must be enclosed in an "OHMS" cover or otherwise be endorsed "official" and certified by an officer.
INDIA	11 lbs	do	FREE	3d	
USA	4 lbs	3 feet in length, width and depth combined, greatest dimension not to exceed 2 feet	Not over 1 ounce, 2 1/2d Each additional ounce 1d.	3d	
Other Countries	4 lbs	3 feet in length, width and depth combined, greatest dimension not to exceed 2 feet.	Not over 1 ounce, 3d. Each additional ounce 1 1/2d.	3d	

(46/2/G(Ops))

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GENERAL STAFF**Part II—ADJUTANT & QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES****264. Loss of Negotiable Documents**

1. A considerable number of AFs W3241 (Officers' Advance Book) and AFs N1488 (Requisition for cash) have been reported as lost.

2. These army forms are highly negotiable and officers charged with their custody will ensure that all possible precautions against loss are taken.

(5083/1/A(PS))

265. Completed ABs 64, Part II

In order to facilitate linking with soldiers' accounts, units will endorse the front cover of completed AB 64 Part II with the parent unit or corps of the

soldier, before despatching the books to 8 Command Pay Office.

(5007/1/A(PS))

266. Speed Limits

Amends AAI RO 122 of 1944. See Amendments Section.

(5014/A(PS))

267. Machinery—Ordnance Supply

AAI RO 219 of 1944 is cancelled. The latest instructions are contained in AFHQ GRO 689 of 1944.

(3420/1/Q(AE))

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MAJOR-GENERAL
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ORDERS 268-274

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SPECIAL ORDER

The following message received by the Commander-in-Chief from the President of the BRITISH Legion is published for information:—

«General ALEXANDER, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in ITALY.

At its meeting on the 9th September the National Executive Council of the BRITISH Legion passed unanimously a resolution warmly congratulating the Commanders of our Forces at sea, on

land and in the air on the outstanding victories which have crowned their efforts and those of all ranks under your command and desire me to communicate the resolution to you and give you our assurance that the BRITISH Legion will continue to do all that is within its power to support your efforts until these culminate in a just peace and to make the welfare of all who have served the King its prime business.

MAURICE,

President, BRITISH Legion».

Part I—GENERAL STAFF

268. Preservation of Files and Documents

1. In order to enable historians to write an account of this campaign commensurate with its importance, it is essential that all important documents relating to operations and administration should be preserved. This purpose is served to a large extent by war

diaries, but it frequently happens that for one reason or another some of the more important documents and records are omitted from war diaries. The destruction of files, other than those relating to purely domestic affairs, and the permanent extraction of documents from files are therefore forbidden.

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2. This order applies only to HQ of

operational formations and administrative HQ. Operational and administrative units should satisfy themselves before destroying files that copies of all important documents originated by them have been or are likely to have been included in the war diary. When there is any doubt, the documents or the complete file should be attached as Appendix «W» to the original copy of the current war diary and the fact noted on the cover.

3. Unwanted files, other than those relating to purely domestic matters, held

by mobile HQ will be forwarded (with a list showing reference numbers enclosed) direct to: G(Records) Archives, HQ AAI, CMF. Unwanted files held by static HQ will be prepared for despatch and stored until they are called forward by this HQ.

(Applicable to BRITISH, INDIAN and Colonial troops only).

(10739/G(Records))

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Part II—ADJUTANT & QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

269. Medical Examination of Cooks

1. Microscopic examinations have revealed the fact that practically all ITALIAN cooks and food handlers have intestinal worm infestation.

2. In view of this evidence and of the danger of the spread of worm infestation to troops, OsC units will take immediate steps to provide washing facilities for cooks and food-handlers where these do not already exist.

3. For this purpose a receptacle, soap, water and nail brush will be provided.

4. They will ensure that cooks and food-handlers keep their nails short and clean, and scrub their hands and nails with soap and water and nail brush every time they enter the place of work, even though their absence therefrom has been of short duration.

5. Frequent inspections will be made to ensure that this procedure is carried out.

6. AAI RO 197 of 1944 is cancelled.

(3066/A(O))

270. Memorials on Battlefields

It is understood that an ACI will shortly be published forbidding the erection of memorials (other than purely temporary ones) by units and formations on the sites of their battle exploits. It is further understood that the claims of formations not smaller than a Division to the erection of memorials commemorating special exploits are likely to be considered after the War.

(5020/1/A(PS))

AMENDMENTS SECTION

**272. Supply of Food to ITALIAN
Civilians—Midshift Meal and
Supplementary Rations from
Civilian Stocks**

Reference AAI RO 253 of 1944.

The above-quoted AAI RO will be
amended as follows:—

Para 9(a) Provision of Supplies.

Delete «Area» in last sentence.

(1047/4/Q1)

**273. Instructions Regarding the
Employment of Civilian
Labour (ITALY and
SICILY)**

Reference AAI RO 39 of 1944.

The publication notified in above-
quoted AAI RO will be amended as
follows:—

Page 5, para 13(c) delete the words
«or watchmen».

(2162/Q2)

271. Casualty Returns—Officers

1. In future, copies of AFs W3010A submitted to GHQ 2nd Echelon in respect of UK officers will not be despatched to the Command Paymaster.
2. All existing standing and routine orders setting out procedure which does not conform to this order will be amended accordingly.
3. In the case of Civilian Masseuses, copies of any casualties affecting their pay and allowances should be forwarded, as before, to the Command Paymaster.

(5083/1/A(PS))

272. Supply of Food to ITALIAN Civilians—Midshift Meal and Supplementary Rations from Civilian Stocks

Amends AAI RO 253 of 1944. See Amendments Section.

(1047/4/Q1)

273. Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour (ITALY and SICILY)

Amends AAI RO 39 of 1944. See Amendments Section.

(2162/Q2)

274. Winter Clothing

1. Winter clothing will be taken into use at a date to be fixed by Armies, but, except for special operational reasons, this will not be earlier than 1 Oct 44.
2. Scale of winter clothing will be in accordance with AFHQ GRO 370 of 1944.
3. On the change over from Summer to Winter scale, all items peculiar to the summer scale, as shown in AFHQ GRO 370 of 1944 will be handed in to Ordnance under local arrangements.

(3405/12/Q(AE))

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MAJOR-GENERAL
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NOTICE

Lost

From a lorry moving NORTH in convoy on Route 2 on 7 Sep 44 ONE white kit-bag clearly marked K. PASCALL 1419 containing officer's clothing and equipment, including steel helmet.

Any information should be communicated to Camp Commandant HQ AAI.

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AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF**275. Mail Censorship Release**

Reference AAI RO 8 of 1944.

Troops may mention personal par-

ticipation in the break-through of the GOTHIC LINE.

(1152/1/G/I(c))

A. F. HARDING,
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
GENERAL STAFF.**Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES****276. Prevention of Rat-borne Diseases**

1. Four fatal cases of Weil's disease have occurred in ITALY as a result of bathing in rivers contaminated by rats. Such contamination is most likely to occur in the vicinity of towns.

2. (a) Bathing and washing in the river ARNO and tributaries are prohibited. Water from these sources will be chlorinated or boiled before use for ablutions or baths.

(b) COs will consult MOs before allowing bathing or washing in any other fresh water sources.

(c) Personnel requiring to work in

river water will wear gum-boots, if available, and will take care to prevent face and eyes being wetted. Hands will be washed before meals.

3. If rat infestation occurs strict anti-rat measures will be taken by units. Hygiene personnel will advise on suitable methods.

4. Adequate arrangements will be made to protect food stuffs from contamination by rats. Cookhouse cleanliness is essential. Food refuse containers will be kept covered.

5. Where possible camps will not be sited in rat infested areas or near the banks of rivers and streams.

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277. Reorganisation—UDF Adm HQ

1. With effect from 15 Sep 44, UDF Adm HQ is being reorganised as follows:—

(a) Adv UDF Adm HQ, at present located in ROME, becomes Main UDF Adm HQ, and remains *in situ*.

(b) Main UDF Adm HQ at present located at HELWAN, EGYPT, becomes Rear UDF Adm HQ, and remains *in situ*.

2. Addresses

(a) Main HQ

UDF Adm HQ (Main), CMF.

(Telegraphic address:
UNIDEF (MAIN)).

(b) Rear HQ

UDF Adm HQ (Rear), MEF.

(Telegraphic address:
UNIDEF (REAR)).

3. Command

GOA will be located at Main HQ, to which HQ all correspondence for his personal attention will be addressed.

4. Records

UDF GHQ 2nd Echelon remains in present location. (3039/A(O))

278. Water Supplies

1. Recent inspections by Hygiene Officers reveal that a number of units are still without trained water duty personnel, and many deficiencies in equipment have been noted.

2. In view of the prevalence of Typhoid and other water borne diseases amongst the civilian population, especially in those areas recently vacated by the enemy, it is essential that water discipline is of the highest order. (3039/A(O))

3. Steps will be taken forthwith to ensure that the provisions of AAI RO

204 of 1944 are con ed with.

(3066/A (O))

279. Convalescent Depots, BRCS

Reference AAI RO 34 of 1944 as amended by AAI RO 118 of 1944.

1. The Joint War Organisation of the BRCS and the Order of St John have established a further Convalescent Home for Officers at:—

VILLA GIGLI—MONTERICE, Near PORTO RECANATI.

(map ref 7126 Sheet 14 ITALY Road Map 1/200,000)

to serve No 1 District.

2. The conditions of AAI RO 34 of 1944 will apply in full except that application for admission will be made to ADMS 61 Area. (3053/1/A(O))

280. Marriage Regulations, ITALY and SICILY

Para 2 of AAI RO 84 of 1944 is cancelled. (5035/A(PS))

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MAJOR-GENERAL
CAO

NOTICE

Lost

Any units or persons in possession or having knowledge of the whereabouts of the following motor-cycle should report the fact to

No 804 Vet & Remt Cond Section RAVC.

BSA Motor Cycle

500 c.c.

WD No 4344684

This machine was lost following an accident on 18 Jun 44 on the CIVITO CASTELLANO - ORVIETO road.

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

281. Disposal of Personnel on Discharge from Medical Units

1. The following procedure will be adopted in respect of personnel discharged from Base General Hospitals and Convalescent Depots in AAI Operational Zone.

2. (a) *Personnel detained in Medical Units for less than 21 days.*

(i) Personnel belonging to units under command HQ 1 District will be returned direct to their units.

(ii) Personnel belonging to units under command FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies will be returned to their units

via appropriate CRU (See Appendix «A»).

(b) *Personnel detained in Medical Units for 21 days or more.*

All personnel who are discharged in a medical category in which they are still employable in their own arm of service or in their former employment will be despatched to appropriate CRU etc. (See Appendix «A»).

3. *Low Medical Category and Psycho-Neurotic Personnel.*

(a) Personnel discharged to medical category «C2» («C» in the case of officers), and medical category «D» (where recommended by Medical

Board for evacuation to UK by troopship), will on discharge from medical units be sent to 3 Transit Camp, NAPLES.

(b) Personnel classified as psychoneurotic and personnel downgraded to a medical category in which they are no longer employable in their own arm of service or in their former employment will, on discharge, be despatched to Reallocation Centre, BAIANO (Map Ref No 5362).

4. *Officers of Rank of Lt Col and above, 25 IC (in case of Lt Cols Comd), and Staff Officers.*

(a) Those detained in medical units for less than 21 days will be returned direct to their units.

(b) Those detained in medical units for 21 days or over will be despatched to appropriate CRU etc. (See Appendix «A»). They will report in writing to Deputy Military Secretary HQ AAI, stating medical category and present location.

5. Where journey from medical unit to CRU, unit etc. is likely to be of more than four hours' duration, personnel will be despatched from medical unit to nearest Transit Camp which will be responsible for onward routing by quickest means.

6. *ATS Officers and OR.*

(a) ATS officers and OR detained under treatment in a medical unit will, on discharge, be returned to their former unit, irrespective of the time they have been detained in the medical unit.

(b) Where rail or sea travel is involved transport arrangements for the complete journey will be made before ATS personnel are actually despatched from the medical units.

7. AAI ROs 203, 223 and 243 of 1944 are hereby cancelled.

(Applicable to BRITISH personnel only.)

(3021/A(O))

282. *Identity Documents for ITALIAN Co-operators*

Reference AFHQ GROs 696 and 767 of 1944.

1. Stocks of the above-mentioned document (Appendix «F» to Administrative Instructions for ITALIAN Co-operators), when available, will be forwarded by HQ AAI to HQ Armies and Districts.

2. Units requiring supplies of these documents will apply through usual channels to HQ Army or District concerned, and not direct to HQ AAI.

(3129/1/A(O))

283. *Sports Grounds*

1. There is a great need in AAI for sports grounds, and this need is likely to increase. Owing to the nature of the country it is difficult in many localities to improvise grounds, and it is therefore important that existing grounds should not be used for other purposes unless absolutely necessary.

2. In future no sports ground will be used for any other purpose unless

the Formation Area Commander concerned is satisfied that it is operationally necessary or that a serious loss of efficiency would result from the use of an alternative site. Where this is held to be the case the ground will be released for use for its proper purpose as soon as conditions permit.

3. Formation and Area Commanders will examine the use to which sports grounds in their territory are now being put, and will release those being used for other purposes unless a serious loss of efficiency would result.

(5098/3/A(PS))

284. Breakage and Pilferage in Rest Camps and Welfare Establishments

1. Breakage and pilferage on a considerable scale are taking place in Rest

Camps and Welfare Establishments. At a Rest Camp the cost of plates and cutlery pilfered over a period of four months was fifty-nine Pounds. In one Welfare Centre alone damages and breakages over a period of two months amounted to over one thousand Pounds.

2. It is pointed out that appreciable sums of money, which should be devoted to further improving the amenities at such centres, have to be used to defray the costs of replacement. In addition it is difficult, and in some cases impossible, to replace the losses. COs will bring this fact to the notice of all ranks in their units.

(To be republished in Unit Orders).

(Applicable to BRITISH Troops only).

(5043/1/A(PS))

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Appendix «A» to AAI RO 281 of 1944

LOCATIONS OF CRUs ETC TO WHICH EX-HOSPITAL PERSONNEL WILL BE DESPATCHED

(a) Serial	(b) Arm of Service	(c) Personnel belonging to Units under Command	(d) CRU etc	(e) Location	(f) Remarks
1	RAC (including CAVALRY, RTR, ARMoured CAR and RECCE	FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY 1 DISTRICT	1 ARMD RFT RGT (RAC) HQ ARMD REPLACEMENT GROUP	LAKE TRASIMENO W4789 CATTOLICA R9787	Whichever is the nearer
2	All Arms except RAC, CAVALRY, RTR, ARMoured CAR and RECCE	FIFTH ARMY 10 CORPS	1 CRU 4 CRU	MONTE S SAVINO R1529	To 1 CRU-Infantry, incl Guards, MG Support, Motor, AAC Com- mandos, SAS To 4 CRU-A's other arms
3	do	EIGHTH ARMY (except 10 CORPS)	2 CRU	IESI S4042	
4	do	1 DISTRICT	159 TRANSIT CAMP 2 TRANSIT CAMP	ROME ANCONA	Whichever is the nearer

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES**235. Acts of Gallantry**

Lt H. F. WAKELIN (235050), RA
410061 BQMS (A/BSM) C. E. DAVIES,
RA

14252841 Gnr W. JESSOP, RA
14223487 Gnr J. McALLISTER, RA
14252831 Gnr W. GOODALL, RA
14310893 Gnr L. WATERS, RA
3658654 Gnr N. PALMER, RA

The names of the above Officer, Warrant Officer and men of a Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery in action on 30 Jul 44 in an area known to be mined, have been brought to the

notice of the Commander-in-Chief for outstanding gallantry and self-sacrifice in unhesitatingly entering a minefield to the assistance of their wounded comrades.

The Commander-in-Chief congratulates Lt. WAKELIN, BSM DAVIES, Gnr JESSOP, Gnr McALLISTER, Gnr GOODALL, Gnr WATERS and Gnr PALMER on their very gallant conduct and directs that these acts of gallantry be recorded on the officer's AF B199A and in the case of the OR on their conduct sheets in accordance with King's Regulations para 1134 (xvii).

(8807/25/MS)

286. Transit Facilities

1. Cases are frequently occurring of Officers and OR being despatched to units by a route which necessitates their staging in places where no organised transit facilities exist.

As a consequence, considerable and unnecessary discomfort is caused to individuals; also the resources of small units in such places may be severely strained in an endeavour to stage transient personnel.

2. All units will, when despatching personnel to another location, ensure that either

(a) the personnel can reach their final destination without intermediate staging, or

(b) where staging is necessary, personnel are routed via places where staging facilities are known to exist.

3. Sub-Area, Area etc., HQ should, if necessary, be consulted as to availability of transit facilities en route before personnel are despatched.

(3011/A(O))

287. Rest Camps

Reference AAI RO 143 of 1944.

1. The AAI Rest Camps now consist of the following:—

(a) ROME Rest Camp ("R" Rest Camp).

(b) FLORENCE Rest Camp ("U" Rest Camp—to be opened shortly).

2. There is an Officers' Rest Hotel at the SAVOIA Hotel, FLORENCE,

which is an annexe of the FLORENCE Rest Camp.

3. The Camps and Hotels referred to in AAI RO 143 of 1944 are no longer at the disposal of HQ, AAI.

4. Bulk allotment of vacancies at AAI Rest Camps and Hotels is made by HQ, AAI to Armies and Districts.

5. Special attention is directed to the joining instructions published as Appendix "A" to AAI RO 143 of 1944. In many cases these instructions are not being complied with, resulting in much unnecessary work to the Camp staffs and inconvenience to the men on leave at the Camps.

6. "50" "A" and "B" rest Camp staffs have been disbanded and reformed into staffs with different designations, including the two mentioned in para 1 above.

7. Attention is also directed to AAI RO 288 of 1944 in connection with leave generally.

(5058/A(PS))

288. Leave in AAI

1. So far as accommodation permits, a period of six clear days' leave, exclusive of travelling time, may be given to each officer and OR in AAI, not more often than once in six months.

2. Leave outside ITALY is not permitted, except as stated in paras 9 and 10 below.

3. No officer or OR will be sent on leave unless accommodation has been arranged for him in an authorised Rest

AMENDMENTS SECTION

291. Inspectorate of Army Equipment

Reference AAI RO 44 of 1944 as amended by AAI RO 97 of 1944.

The above publication is amended as follows:

Paragraph 1 ADD:

No. 7 Inspectorate of Army Equipment.

Paragraph 3 ADD:

Lt.-Col. A. E. BEER, RAOC (73458).

Lt.-Col. G. FERNYHOUGH, RA (78319).

Lt.-Col. F. D. M. HARDING, RAOC (104951).

Capt. M. C. POLYBANK, RTR (40671).

Paragraph 3 DELETE:

Major J. M. C. MANSON, RAOC (9305).

Major W. L. TEGETMEIER, RAOC (157320).

Major S. F. BURNELL, OXF BUCKS.

Capt C. A. MORRIS, The Sherwood Foresters (143529).

(3223/Q(AE))

292. AFV Tracks

Reference AAI RO 242 of 1944.

The above-quoted AAI RO will be amended as follows:

Para 5 to read:

"Unsuitable tracks will be marked with a red bar and consigned direct to BASE SALVAGE DEPOT, TORRE ANNUNZIATA."

(3369/Q(AE))

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Camp, Centre or Hotel, or in the case of Women's Services, in an approved Hostel.

4. Accommodation in Rest Camps, Centres and Hotels is allotted to formations, and sub-allotted to lower formations and units. It is not available to individuals who have not been allotted vacancies. Arrangements at Women's Services Hostels may be made direct between the unit and Hostel, except where special rules are laid down.

5. Every officer and OR on leave will be in possession of a proper pass showing his number, rank, name and unit, the period of his leave, and the accommodation in which he is to stay.

6. Joining instructions for AAI Rest Camps and Hotels are given in AAI RO 143 of 1944.

7. Rest Centres to provide short rest from the line may be established by formations, not below Corps, at the discretion of Armies within their areas. Such Centres will be closed as soon as the Army rear boundary moves forward of them unless the consent of AAI is obtained to their remaining open.

8. Day leave may be given at the discretion of unit commanders, but restrictions on entry into particular towns and localities must be strictly observed.

9. Leave to the UK, even on compassionate grounds, is not yet open. The grant of compassionate leave elsewhere to certain classes of personnel is authorized in AFHQ GRO 572 of 1944. Applications for such leave will be submitted in the same way as is laid down in AFHQ GRO 536 of 1944 for applications for compassionate posting.

10. Nothing in this order affects special forms of leave which are the subject of separate orders.

(5028/A(PS))

289. Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour (ITALY and SICILY)

Reference AAI RO 227 of 1944.

In all cases where chauffeurs and drivers are being paid at the higher rate of 80-110 lire per day, these employees will be given one week's notice forthwith and where necessary, re-employed at the lower and correct rate, 70-90 lire per day.

(2162/Q2)

290. Blankets

1. There is a shortage of blankets throughout the world and it is unlikely that the total number of blankets due to this theatre this year will be shipped.

2. Numerous cases are reported by the Army Equipment Inspectorate of blankets being used for tablecloths, curtains, and other purposes for which they are not intended. If this misuse continues, it will not be possible to implement in all units in this theatre the full winter scale of four per man.

3. OsC units will take immediate action to stop the misuse of blankets and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders in future. Any surplus blankets held will be returned forthwith to Ordnance.

(3405/4/Q(AE))

291. Inspector of Army Equipment

Amends AAI RO 44 of 1944 as amended by AAI RO 97 of 1944. See Amendments Section.

(3223/Q(AE))

292. AFV Tracks

Amends AAI RO 242 of 1944. See Amendments Section.

(3369/Q(AE))

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MAJOR-GENERAL
CAO.

NOTICE

Lost

Any unit or persons in possession of or having knowledge of the whereabouts of AB 64 Pt II, belonging to 1891244 Dvr HARVEY, A., should

report the fact to HQ 69 Airfield Construction Group, CMF.

This document was lost during the period 21-26 Sep 44, between FANO and ROME, probably in the ROME Area.

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ORDERS 293—298

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

293. Army Film and Photo Section —Use of Photographers

1. No 2 Army Film and Photo Section is allotted to AAI for the purpose of taking photographs for publication and for making a pictorial record of the campaign from the BRITISH point of view.

2. EIGHTH Army has one platoon to cover the Army's activities and FIFTH Army has one platoon to cover the activity of BRITISH troops under command. Each platoon works under Public Relations of the Army concerned. Each platoon is divided into two sections commanded by an officer and includes four pairs of cameramen. The platoons are widely deployed in order to cover as far as possible the activities of all formations.

3. In order to assist this unit in its task, Formation Commanders,

Heads of Services and Staff Officers are urged to draw the attention of sub-units of the Army Film and Photo Section working with the formation to the time and place of any contemplated operation, demonstration or other military activity, which should be recorded photographically for use by the Press or for future historical purposes.

4. If no section is at present working with the formation a request for the attendance of cameramen should be addressed to Public Relations at Army HQ.

(34/G(Ops))

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Part II—ADJAGANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCHES

294. Court-Martial and Holding Centres

1. The policy in regard to the employment of Court-Martial and Holding Centres will be as follows:—

(a) Court-Martial and Holding Centres will be used for two purposes:—

(i) The acceptance for trial of men from formations in the line who are accompanied by witnesses and other necessary personnel and the summary of evidence; the holding of such men after trial until admission to a Military Prison and Detention Barracks or a Field Punishment and Detention Barracks.

(ii) The acceptance of soldiers under arrest belonging to forward units who are sent forward from the base area; the despatch to other Court-Martial and Holding Centres of any such men who can more conveniently be dealt with by other Centres; the holding of such men for a limited period until the arrival from the unit of an escort or the witnesses.

(b) Centres will not be used for the following purposes:—

(i) The trial of men from formations not in the line or about to go into the line.

(ii) The holding of soldiers under arrest sent forward from the base area for longer than the minimum time required for the unit to collect them or send the witnesses.

(c) Centres will normally be under HQ AAI or Army HQ for

general administration, and under the local Area, etc., for local administration.

(d) Centres will be sited as far forward as circumstances permit to reduce the time taken in travel between forward units and Centres.

(e) Courts-Martial held at Centres will, as far as possible, be convened by the Brigade or equivalent Commander concerned. Where, for special reasons, a particular Army or Corps wishes courts in general to be convened by the local Area, etc., Commander, the permission of HQ AAI will first be sought. Similar rules apply to confirmation, except in cases where confirmation is reserved to an Army or higher Commander.

(f) When cases are confirmed by the Area, etc., Commander, the proceedings will, after promulgation, be sent to the Brigade, etc., Commander concerned in order that he may recommend any reduction of sentence that he may think fit, or suspension, or take such action himself if he has the power.

(g) Cases in which confirmation is reserved to an Army or higher Commander (other than those in which a sentence of death has been awarded), will be sent direct from the Centre to the ADJAG of the Commander concerned. After promulgation the proceedings will be sent to the Brigade, etc., Commander concerned in order that he may recommend any reduction of sentence that he may think fit, or suspension, or take such action himself if he has the power.

(h) Where sentence of death has been awarded, the proceedings will be dealt with as in AAI RO 68 of 1944, para 5.

(i) A soldier received from a source other than his unit will not be placed on trial at a Centre until his CO has been communicated with and given particulars of the alleged offence. The CO will, without delay, either send an escort to collect the soldier or will send the witnesses and other necessary personnel to the Centre.

(j) Permanent Presidents will be provided at Centres. The members will be drawn from forward units and will be changed at least every fourteen days. Arrangements will be made for the attendance at Courts of as many officers under instructions as is possible.

(k) The Centre allotted to a formation will accept soldiers of that formation who are handed over to them under arrest by other formations or by Districts.

(l) Troops not subject to the Army Act will not be admitted into Centres except in emergency.

(m) Every Commander concerned is responsible for ensuring that no man remains in a Centre longer than is absolutely necessary.

2. Detailed orders for the operation of Centres are contained in AAI RO 295 of 1944, which supersedes any previously issued by other formations.

3. Orders for the administration of Centres have been issued to those concerned.

4. AAI RO 133 of 1944 is cancelled.

(5067/A(PS))

295. Court-Martial and Holding Centres—Rules for Admission and Disposal of Soldiers under Arrest

1. Soldiers sent to Centre from Unit.

(a) Units entitled under AAI RO 294 of 1944 to send accused soldiers to Centres for trial will comply with the following rules.

(b) In simple cases a Summary of Evidence will be taken within 24 hours of the alleged offence and a copy of the Summary and of the charge sheet handed to the accused. The accused will be despatched under escort to the Centre with the following:

Personnel

(i) The Defending Officer.

(ii) Witnesses for the Prosecution, who, wherever possible, will act as escort.

(iii) Witnesses for the Defence (if a witness testifies as to character only and it is not practicable owing to operational reasons for the witness to be released, a carefully written statement as to character will be obtained from the witness, signed by him and handed to the Defending Officer or accused for use at the trial at his discretion).

Documents

(iv) Original Summary of Evidence and three copies.

(v) Charge sheet (whenever the accused has elected trial by Court-Martial the charge sheet will be endorsed with the words «Elects trial» in red ink).

(vi) Original AF B122 and certified true copy.

(vii) Particulars of Service required by AFHQ GRO 303 of 1944.

Miscellaneous

(viii) Such kit as is in accused's possession, but in any event including full scale of clothing and bedding, and of malarial equipment if malarial precautions are in force.

(ix) Two days' rations.

(c) In complicated cases the CO will, before despatching the accused to the Centre and before taking any Summary of Evidence, make contact with the ADJAG concerned or the Legal Staff Officer at the Centre by an officer (or where this is not operationally possible a reliable NCO) with knowledge of the case, for the purpose of obtaining advice on the witnesses who will be required. The accused will not be despatched to the Centre until he can be accompanied by the witnesses indicated as needed by the ADJAG or Legal Staff Officer. In other respects the provisions of sub-para (b) apply except that the Summary of Evidence will be taken by the Legal Staff at the Centre.

(d) Wherever possible 48 hours notice of the date and time of arrival of the party will be given by telephone or signal to the OC of the Centre. The party will arrive not later than 1400 hrs.

2. Soldiers Received at Centre from Base Area

(a) On arrival at a Centre of a soldier under arrest other than from his unit the OC of the Centre will forthwith send a signal to the unit announcing the arrival of the soldier and the nature of the charges. The OC Centre will at the same time also send a signal to GHQ 2nd Echelon to verify the correctness of the unit stated by the soldier and asking for any other necessary information.

(b) If the soldier under arrest is being sent to another Centre that fact will be stated in the signal sent to the soldier's unit.

(c) On receipt of the signal the OC unit will consider the case and will forthwith either:—

(i) Send an escort to collect the accused.

(ii) Despatch the witnesses and Defending Officer to the Centre, where a Summary of Evidence will be taken and the soldier tried. Original and certified true copy AF B122 and Particulars of Service required by AFHQ GRO 303 of 1944 will be sent with the Defending Officer.

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APPENDIX «A» TO AAI RO 296 OF 1944

NOTES ON THE PREPARATION OF
APPLICATIONS FOR COMPASSIONATE POSTING

(See generally AFHQ GRO 536 of 1944)

(This pamphlet is intended to assist officers concerned with submitting applications for compassionate posting. It is not intended to be read by the applicants themselves, and will be treated as confidential)

1. The Object of the Pamphlet

Every application for compassionate posting to the UK from AAI goes before the AAI Compassionate Postings Committee, composed of three Officers and two OR. Each case is presented anonymously, so that the members of the Committee do not know the applicant's rank, name or unit. The duty of this Committee is to recommend to the A(PS) staff of HQ AAI whether the case shall be graded «A», «B», «C» or «D», or be rejected as disclosing no substantial grounds at all. When making their decision the Committee consider the facts of the case as presented to them. If the real facts are not all stated by the applicant, or if they are so poorly presented that some may escape notice, the chances of the applicant are bound to suffer. It is, therefore, your duty, as the Officer putting forward the application, to see that the applicant is given the best possible chance. These notes are intended to help you to do this.

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(a) On arrival at the Centre the NCO in charge of the escort will report to the OC and will hand him all relevant documents.

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(c) After confirmation the proceedings will be despatched to the OC Centre for promulgation.

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(a) Except in cases falling under para 1(b) all clerical work will be undertaken by the staff of the Centre.

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(a) The formation responsible for general administration of a Centre will be responsible for detailing two officers to sit as Members of each Court sitting at the Centre. Both will be Regimental Officers and one or both will be Infantry Officers.

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The OC Centre is the CO of all OR held in arrest or confinement in the Centre, as well as of his staff.

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The length of time spent in a Centre by a soldier under arrest will be reduced to a minimum, and all concerned will ensure that no delay is caused by them.

(5067/A(PS))

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1. A short pamphlet, "Notes on the Preparation of Applications for Compassionate Posting," is issued as Appendix "A" to this order, on the scale of two copies of the pamphlet to each copy of this order. A small number of further copies are available on request from No 9 Publications Depot, CMF.

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(5029/3/A(PS))

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1. Long delays are occurring between the commission of an offence and the promulgation of the finding and sentence of the resultant FGCM.

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Number	Rank
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Date of Offence	
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Explanation of delay	

(5069/A(PS))

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2. Commodities on Allocation—issues of Beer, Whisky or Gin, Fruit Squash or Cordial, Sherry and Port will be made according to instructions issued weekly by EFI. Household soap (for officers only) will be issued during the same week as Whisky or Gin.

(2049/Q2)

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NOTICE

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APPENDIX "A" TO RO 208 of 1944

EFI

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U—Denotes Unrestricted.

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Handkerchiefs	1/8		
Beer, Rep Quart Bottles, Fruit Squash, Cordial or Crystals	As advised each week		
<i>Available for Officers, WOs and Sjs only</i>			
Whisky or Gin	1 bottle	—	—
Fruit Squash or Cordial	1/2 bottle	—	—
Sherry	As allocated when available		
Port			
<i>Available for Officers only</i>			
Household Soap (for Laundry Purposes)	1 lb	—	—
<i>Available for Female Personnel only</i>			
Cosmetics, etc.	As allocated when available		

Commodities	on Allocation	BIS	Restaurant	Mobile
Ammonia	.	C	C	C
Antiseptic	.	C	C	C
Aspro and Headache Tablets	.	C	C	C
Batteries, Wireless	.	C	C	C
Baking Powder	.	C	C	C
Bi-Carbonate of Soda	.	C	C	C
Biscuits	.	C	C	C
Blanco	.	C	C	C
Bovril	.	C	C	C
Brushes, Hair	.	C	C	C
Nail	.	C	C	C
Boot	.	C	C	C
Shaving	.	C	C	C
Tooth	.	C	C	C
Buttons, Batchelor	.	C	C	C
Button Sticks	.	C	C	C
Cheese	.	C	C	C
Chewing Gum	.	C	C	C
Cigarette Cases	.	C	C	C
Wallets	.	C	C	C
Papers	.	C	C	C
Lighters	.	C	C	C
Flints and Wicks	.	C	C	C
Fuel	.	C	C	C
Cocoa	.	C	C	C
Coffee	.	C	C	C
Combs	.	C	C	C
Compound C Fat	.	C	C	C
Cotton, White	.	C	C	C
Khaki	.	C	C	C
Cream of Tartar	.	C	C	C
Curry Powder	.	C	C	C
Custard Powder	.	C	C	C
Disinfectants (Jeyes Fluid, Lysol, etc.)	.	C	C	C
Dried Egg	.	C	C	C
Dubbin	.	C	C	C
Dusters	.	C	C	C
Embrocation	.	C	C	C
Envelopes	.	C	C	C
Essence (flavouring)	.	C	C	C
Fish, Tinned	.	C	C	C
Flour	.	C	C	C
Fly Swatters	.	C	C	C
Fountain Pens	.	C	C	C
Fruit, Dried	.	C	C	C
Fruit Juice, Tinned	.	C	C	C
Fruit, Tinned	.	C	C	C
Foot Powder	.	C	C	C
Glass Cloths	.	C	C	C

Commodity Not on Allocation	BIS	Rest. M	Mobile
Gramophone Records	UU	—	—
Gramophone Needles	U	K	—
Gravy Browning	U	K	—
Gravy Salt	U	—	—
Hair Preparations	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Ham and Egg Spread	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Health Salts	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Herbs, Mixed	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
House Flannel	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Ink and Ink Pellets	U	U	U
Jam	—	K	—
Kitchen Cloths	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Knives, Pocket	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Laces, Boot, Black or Brown	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Laces, Shoe, Black or Brown	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Lemonade Powder	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Liniment	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Lux	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Margarine	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Marmalade	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Marmite	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Meats, Tinned	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Metal Polish	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Milk, Tinned	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Milk Powder	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Milk of Magnesia	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Mirrors, Shaving	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Muslin	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Mustard, Tinned	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Mustard, Loose	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Nail Scissors	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Ointments	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Oxo Cubes	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Paste, Tinned, Fish and Meat	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Pepper, Black	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Pencils, Propelling	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Pencils, Ordinary	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Penholders	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Pen Nibs	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Pickles	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Pipes	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Pipe Cleaners	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Playing Cards	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Primus Prickers	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Primus Type Stoves	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Pudding, Cloths	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU
Ready Meals, Tinned	UUUUU	UUU	UUUU

Commodities on Allocation	BIS	Restaurant	Mobile
Rinso	U	U	U
Rice	U	K	U
Safety Razors	U	U	U
Salad Cream	U	K	U
Salt	U	K	U
Sauces	U	K	U
Soap, Household	U	U	U
Soap, Shaving	U	U	U
Soap Powder	U	U	U
Soap Boxes	U	U	U
Socks, Khaki	U	U	U
Socks, Black (RAF only)	U	U	U
Sock Suspenders	U	U	U
Soda	U	U	U
Soups, Tinned	U	U	U
Spices	U	U	U
Stationery (Packets)	U	U	U
Stomach Powder and Tablets	U	U	U
String	U	U	U
Studs, Collar	U	U	U
Suet, Shredded	U	U	U
Sugar, Granulated	U	U	U
Sun Glasses	U	U	U
Swabs	U	U	U
Syrup, Golden	U	U	U
Talcum Powder	U	U	U
Tea, Restaurant	U	U	U
Tobacco Pouches	U	U	U
Tomatoes, Tinned	U	U	U
Tongue, Tinned	U	U	U
Toothpaste and Powder	U	U	U
Vegetables, Tinned	U	U	U
Vaseline	U	U	U
Wallets, Pocket	U	U	U
Watch Straps	U	U	U
Wool, Black (RAF only)	U	U	U
Wool, Khaki	U	U	U
Writing Pads	U	U	U
Yeast, Desiccated	U	U	U

ORDERS 299—301

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES**299. Discipline—Loss of Vehicles**

1. Numbers of WD vehicles continue to be lost through being left unattended, contrary to the orders in force.

2. Where such a loss occurs adequate disciplinary action is often not taken, and there is a lack of appreciation of the seriousness of such occurrences and of the responsibilities of COs for vehicles on charge to their units and of individuals in charge of vehicles.

3. In the case of vehicle losses occurring on or after 15 Nov 44 disciplinary action will be taken against the person or persons responsible in all

cases where an offence under the Army Act has been committed. Financial contributions should in such cases be effected by the award of stoppages rather than by agreements to pay. Trial will be by FGCM unless the authority having power to convene the court authorises summary trial.

4. In all such cases the responsibility of the CO will be considered, and evidence on this point taken at any Court of Inquiry. The CO is responsible for ensuring that adequate orders are issued to his unit in conformity with AFHQ GRO 113 of 1944 and AAI RO 181 of 1944, and that these are understood and obeyed.

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5. The degree of negligence required to constitute an offence under Sec 24(2) or Sec 40 of the Army Act is not always understood. This is explained in the notes to those sections which are republished in para 7 below. The degree of negligence required is less than that commonly understood to be signified by the phrase "gross negligence" employed in KR para 769(b).

6. The following AFHQ GROs and AAI ROs refer:—

AFHQ GRO 113 of 1944—Guarding of WD Vehicles.

AAI RO 181 of 1944—Guarding of Vehicles.

AFHQ GRO 157 of 1944—Courts of Inquiry—Loss of WD Property.

AAI RO 246 of 1944—Courts of Inquiry—Losses.

AFHQ GRO 244 of 1944—Losses by Theft (Procedure).

AAI RO 250 of 1944—Losses of Vehicles.

7. (a) The footnote on "neglect" in Sec 24, Army Act, reads:—

"This is not intended to punish a soldier for a deficiency in his kit occasioned by accident or mere carelessness, but for loss by culpable neglect. On the other hand, the fact that a man has not got his arms, regimental necessities, etc., at a time when it was his duty to have them, is *prima facie* evidence of his having lost them by neglect, and the court may call on him to show that the loss was not occasioned by any fault on his part."

(The same principle applies to every kind of loss, including loss of vehicles, mentioned in Sec 24(2)).

(b) The definition of "neglect" given in notes to Sec 40, Army Act, reads:—

"'Neglect' to be punishable under this section must be blameworthy. If neglect is wilful, i.e., intentional, it is clearly blameworthy. If it is caused by an honest error of judgment and involves no lack of zeal and no element of carelessness or intentional failure to take the proper action it is equally clear that it is blameless and cannot be a ground for conviction. Where it is not thus completely blameless, the degree of blameworthiness naturally varies, and a court trying such a case must consider the whole circumstances of the case and in particular the responsibility of the accused. For example, a high degree of care can rightly be demanded of an officer or soldier who is in charge of an armoured vehicle or an aircraft or is responsible for its condition, or who is handling explosives or highly inflammable material, where a slight degree of negligence may involve danger to life; in such circumstances a small degree of negligence may be so blameworthy as to justify conviction and punishment. On the other hand, such a slight degree of negligence resulting from forgetfulness or inadvertence, in relation to a matter that does not rightly demand a very high degree of care, would not be judged so blameworthy as to justify conviction and punishment. The essential thing for the court to consider is whether in the whole circumstances of the case as they existed at the time of the offence the

degree of neglect proved is such as, having regard to the evidence and their military knowledge as to the amount of care that ought to have been exercised, renders the neglect so substantially blameworthy as to be deserving of punishment."

(5063/A(PS))

300. Speed Limit

1. Attention is drawn to AFHQ GRO 848 of 1944.

2. AAI ROs 122 and 266 of 1944 are cancelled.

(5014/A(PS))

301. Industrial Gas Cylinders

1. Industrial gas cylinders are being received at filling plants painted in unauthorised colours. The mixing of cylinders within filling plants may lead to extensive damage and loss of life.

2. The following colours only are authorised for gas cylinders:—

Acetylene— Maroon (dark red).

Oxygen— Black.

Hydrogen— Bright red.

Carbon dioxide—Black (distinguishable from oxygen by different valve).

Nitrogen— Grey.

The top 12 ins of each cylinder will be painted with the distinctive colour, care being taken to avoid obscuring stampings.

3. No other colours, or unofficial markings such as regimental or formation flashes will on any account be painted on cylinders by units.

4. Arrangements have now been made for all cylinders to be correctly painted at filling plants and Ordnance depots.

5. All cases of incorrectly filled cylinders received after 15 Nov 44 will be reported to Q(AE) Branch, HQ, AAI, stating—

(a) Origin.

(b) Date of receipt.

(c) Colour of cylinder and any special markings.

(d) Nature of contents.

(3440/6/Q(AE))

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MAJOR-GENERAL,
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NOTICE

Found

The following items were found on Arrow Route on 27 Oct 44, and are at present held by 229 Army Field Coy RE:—

BD Tunic, containing leather wallet.

Contents of wallet:—110 lire, 1/- BMA, 2 EIGHTH Army Badges, various papers, one bearing address as follows:

Mr. A. FOURIE, 18, Fuller Street,
BERTRAMO, JOHANNESBURG. **1116**

Spence
ORDERS 302-307

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF**302. Crossing of Military Bridges**

1. Orders regarding the load classification of vehicles and military bridges have been laid down in AFHQ Operational Memorandum No 55 dated 8 Jun 44.

2. Cases are still occurring of vehicles crossing military bridges of lower classification than the vehicle, resulting in damage to valuable bridging equipment and the closing of vital communications.

3. Unit Commanders are reminded that they are responsible that all vehicles on their charge are marked

with the correct load classification sign and that the drivers of all vehicles understand the meaning of these classification numbers and the system by which all bridges are marked.

4. In future in all cases where damage to military bridges is caused by the crossing of a vehicle of wrong load classification disciplinary action will be taken against the driver or person responsible for the vehicle.

(56/9/G(Ops))

J. HARDING,
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
GENERAL STAFF.

Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES**303. Notice of Objection—Refund of Overissue of Pay—Officers**

1. Attention is drawn to ACI 817 of 1944, which initiates a new procedure for submitting notices of

objection to the recovery of overissues of officers' pay. The main changes are as follows:

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2. In future, notices of objection will be completed in triplicate. The

applicant will forward two copies to the Command Paymaster, No 8 Command Pay Office, indicating the paying authority who has claimed the refund, and one copy to his CO.

3. The applicant's CO will inform the paying authority by signal that a Notice of Objection has been lodged and of any refund proposed by the applicant. He will then submit the Notice of Objection to next senior authority, who, if holding the rank of full Colonel or above, will submit the application direct to:—

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office (F2b),
LONDON, SW1.
(5083/1/A(PS)).

304. Rest Camps

Para 1 of AAI RO 287 of 1944 is cancelled.

The AAI Rest Camps now consist of the following:—

- (a) 51 Rest Camp, ROME
(formerly «R» Rest Camp).
- (b) 54 Rest Camp, FLORENCE
(formerly «U» Rest Camp).

(5058/A(PS))

305. Unit Storage of POL.

1. Inspections of unit POL storage arrangements have revealed a very low standard of efficiency. Undue wear in engine components and frequent petrol stoppages are directly attributed to this.

2. The following conditions concerning POL storage by units will be observed:—

(a) A responsible NCO or OR will be placed in charge of the POL store and all issues will be made by him.

(b) Whenever possible the store will be under cover.

(c) Containers will be kept clean and all caps will be replaced after use.

(d) Cylindrical drums will be belly stacked with faucet caps at top dead centre.

(e) Jerricans and similar containers will be belly stacked with faucet caps uppermost except where it is considered leakage may occur from the faucet caps, in which case, cans will be stacked upright.

(f) Rectangular four gallon containers will be stacked upright.

(g) 40 gallon barrels will be belly stacked with the body bung uppermost and at a slight angle to top dead centre to prevent an accumulation of water in the bung recess.

(h) Grease containers will at all times be kept under cover and in a clean condition.

(i) The lubrication of components with grease will be carried out by authorised personnel only.

Attention is drawn to AFHQ GRO 656 of 1944.

(3226/Q(AE))

306. Socks

1. Owing to the wool shortage it is not possible this year to provide the normal heavy type of sock for all personnel. The following types will be available:

- (a) *Thick Type*:—
Normal BRITISH Worsted.
AMERICAN Pattern (Heavy).
- (b) *Thin Type*:—
AMERICAN Pattern (Thin).

2. Priority of issue of the thick type of sock will be given to field units and those personnel engaged on heavy outdoor work.

A light weight type of sock will be available for those engaged in office or indoor work.

(3405/12/Q(AE))

307. Inspectorate of Army Equipment

Amends AAI RO 44 of 1944 as

amended by AAI ROs 97 and 291 of 1944. See Amendments Section.

(3223/Q(AE))

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MAJOR-GENERAL,
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NOTICE

Lost

Small brown leather suitcase on 2 Nov 44 between 0945 hrs and 1200 hrs en route PERUGIA - FABRIANO —Routes 75 and 3. The case is marked "260566, Lt J D PAULETT, RAMC".

Contents of the case are private papers on Medical Research and a small number of surgical instruments.

Any unit or persons in possession of or having knowledge of the whereabouts of the case should report the fact to OC 10 Field Ambulance, CMF.

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ORDERS 308-311

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF**308. Field Censorship:
Photography**

Reference AAI RO 258 of 1944.

1. Arrangements have now been made for the processing of official films exposed by Official Unit Photographers.
2. This work will be carried out at NAPLES, under the control of the Military Photographic Censor attached to No. 7 Base Censor Group.
3. These arrangements are for the benefit of official Unit or HQ Photographers only, and films from other sources will not be accepted. The scale of Unit Photographers authorised for the army area is one per Lt.-Col's command, or Major's independent command, with an allotment on an equivalent basis for formation HQ.
4. Orders will be sent as official mail under SECRET cover, addressed to the Military Photographic Censor, No. 7 Base Censor Group, CMF.
5. Units will assist by sending films in batches not more than once weekly.
6. Orders will be accompanied by the following:—
 - (a) A certificate signed by the unit Adjutant or his equivalent to the effect that the films enclosed were exposed by the official Unit or HQ Photographer concerned. These certificates will bear the correct postal address of the unit to which films and prints are to be returned.
 - (b) Detailed instructions as to requirements. These will be indicated on a separate sheet of paper and the unit address will not be shown.
7. To avoid overburdening the Photographic Censor with unnecessary clerical work, it is essential that all orders be accompanied by the correct amount in cash according to the following tariff:—

DEVELOPING

	Lire
Roll Films—all sizes . . .	15
Leica Films	25
Film Packs and Plate . . .	5 (per negative)

PRINTING

Size 4 x 6 cm	5 (per print)
Size 6 x 9 cm	8
Size 6 1/4 x 11 cm	10
Size 9 x 12 cm	12

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ENLARGING

	Lire
Size 6 x 9 cm . . .	10 (per print)
Size 9 x 12 cm . . .	13 " "
Postcards . . .	15 " "

8. Owing to the shortage of photographic material, not more than one print will be supplied of any one negative. Should there be any negative not worth printing, no prints of such negatives will be made.

If complete rolls are not worth printing, the money for the printing will be refunded.

9. Any unit films which the Censor considers should not be returned to

forward areas for security reasons will be sent to GHQ and E on to be held there, and the unit informed accordingly.

10. Units will be instructed that photographs of military subjects which would be of interest to the enemy may not be reproduced for distribution to members of the unit.

(1143/3/GSI(c))

J. HARDING,
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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

309. Education — Register of Personnel with Teaching Qualifications

1. A register is being compiled at HQ AAI of officers and OR who have recognized teaching qualifications.

2. A return of all such personnel will be made by OsC direct to HQ AAI in the form indicated at Appendix "A" hereto, to reach HQ AAI by 20 Dec 44.

(5025/7/A(PS))

310. Compensation for Loss of Unit Canteen Stores by Enemy Action

Reference AAI RO 167 of 1944.

Instructions have been issued that no further contributions towards the AAI Canteen Compensation Fund will be collected after 1 Nov 44. It is considered that a sufficient reserve is now available to meet all future claims.

(2049/13/Q2)

311. EFI Supplies

Amends AAI RO 298 of 1944. See Amendments Section.

(2049/Q2)

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APPENDIX "A" TO AAI
RO 309 of 1944EDUCATION — RETURN OF
PERSONNEL WITH TEACHING
QUALIFICATIONS

- (a) Number, rank and name.
- (b) Unit.
- (c) Date of Birth.
- (d) Release Group Number.
- (e) Whether graduate or certificated teacher.
- (f) If graduate, state:
 - (i) University.
 - (ii) Faculty.
 - (iii) Degree obtained.

AMENDMENTS SECTION

311. EFI Supp 5

Reference A. RO 298 of 1944, Appendix "A".

Commodities on allocation

DELETE—Soap, Toilet—1 Tablet

Commodities not on allocation

		BIS	Restaurant	Mobile
ADD	— Soap, Toilet	U	U	U
AMEND	— "Baking Powder" to read	X	K	—
"	— "Cheese" " "	X	K	—
"	— "Compound		K	—
"	— "Cooking Fat" " "	X	K	—
"	— "Flour" " "	X	K	—
"	— "Jam" " "	X	K	—
"	— "Margarine" " "	X	K	—
"	— "Marmalade" " "	X	K	K
"	— "Milk, Tinned" " "	X	K	—
"	— "Sugar, Grd" " "	X	K	—

The schedules attached at Appendix "A" to AAI RO 298, of 1944, amended as above, represent the maximum entitlement but they are, at all times, *subject to availability of supplies in this country.*

(2049/Q2)

ORDERS 312-315

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF**312. Radio Security***General.*

1. Violations of radio security measures are extremely useful to the enemy. Even apparently trifling deviations from standard procedure may aid him to identify units. The rules given in the following paragraphs are effective in this theatre and will be strictly observed.

2. Wireless Telegraphy.

Messages by WT will normally be sent in cipher. The use of any unauthorized cipher is forbidden.

3. Only the following officers are authorized to frank a message to go in clear by wireless.

(a) In the rear of and between Brigade HQ, an officer entitled to frank «IMMEDIATE» messages.

(b) In front of Brigade HQ, any officer, provided the message deals with operations in progress when contact with the enemy has been made.

A message containing information which would be of value to the enemy

may only be transmitted in clear when the enemy could not take effective action on the message if intercepted. An officer franking a message «IN CLEAR BY ANY MEANS INCLUDING WIRELESS» may subsequently be called upon to justify his action.

4. Radio Telephony.

All users of RT will conform with the rules of security. Observance of the following precautions is essential:

(a) Use of standard procedure.

(b) The Appointments Code will be used and personal and nicknames will be avoided.

(c) Avoidance of clear text wherever possible. Codes will be used for short term security traffic. Unauthorized codes are forbidden.

(d) Use of codesigns for reference to names of units and not telephone code names.

5. Operator's «chat» is strictly forbidden. This includes not only obvious personal conversation, but any superfluous comment on the traffic condition of communications.

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Procedure and combined operating signals are the only authorized means other than formal messages for communication between operators.

6. *Transmission of Press Material.*

Press despatches and communiques which have been officially censored and other material likely to be published will be franked for transmission "IN CLEAR BY ANY MEANS".

7. *Clear Text Messages.*

All messages to be transmitted outside the MEDITERRANEAN Theatre will be sent in cipher with the exception of those mentioned in para 6 above.

8. Messages within the MEDITERRANEAN Theatre of Operations (including MIDDLE EAST) consisting of either the acknowledgment of a cipher message, or a request for a reply to a cipher message to be expedited, may be despatched in clear, provided the date and reference number of the cipher message only are quoted and that no reference whatsoever to the subject matter of the cipher message is included. Acknowledgments of cipher messages will be limited to the words:

Ack, agree(d), confirmed, noted, no, yes.

EXAMPLES: (1) You seven nine two three eight of one July ack.

(2) Expedite reply to my zero seven three one of two seven February.

If the text varies from the above or if words other than the actual designation of the HQ of the addressees are included in the address, the message must be classified RESTRICTED (or higher in accordance with existing regulations) and must be enciphered if sent by a means liable to interception.

9. *RT Practice Messages.*

Practice messages transmitted by wireless must resemble normal traffic in every respect. Practice messages in code must employ the standard authorized RT code. Furthermore the subject matter of the text must be such that if the message is broken the fact that it is a dummy will not be apparent to the enemy. Words such as DRILL, PRACTICE, EXERCISE etc. will not be used.

(46/2/G(Ops))

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Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

313. Road Classifications—
Route 2

1. It is notified for the information of all units that Route 2, South of SIENA, is restricted to Class 18 vehicles.

2. This restriction is frequently being disregarded by Army and civilian drivers of vehicles up to Class 40,

despite local restriction signs in ENGLISH and ITALIAN erected along the route. As there is a serious danger of damage being caused to bridges on this road through ignorance or disobedience of orders, Commanders will ensure that all TC personnel and drivers under their command are informed of the above order.

(2078/Q2)

314. Return of Surplus Ordnance Stores

1. Reports received from Inspectorates of Army Equipment indicate that many units are under the impression that, if they declare a surplus holding of equipment in their monthly census returns, they will automatically receive disposal instructions.

2. OsC units are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that:

(a) All stores and equipment held surplus to requirements are returned to Ordnance.

(b) No items will be held surplus to AFG 1098 entitlement, unless a valid authority exists for such holding and the reasons for granting it still pertain.

(c) AFG 1033 is rendered to ADOS or DADOS of formation concerned in respect of all items, which they consider should be returned in accordance with (a) and (b) above.

Attention is directed to AFHQ GRO 528 of 1943.

(3223/Q(AE))

315. Use of Chains, Non-Skid and Overall

1. Conditions of weather and terrain likely to be encountered during this winter will call for more extensive use of chains than has been usual in the past. OsC units will, therefore, ensure that all drivers are correctly instructed in the fitting, adjustment, and general use of chains.

2. The following will be drawn to the attention of all concerned:

(a) To avoid accidents and breakdowns it is essential that chains are fitted when driving over snow-covered, soft, or slippery surfaces.

(b) To avoid damage to tyres and road surfaces it is essential that:

(i) Chains are removed when hard surfaces are reached which are likely to be driven over for any appreciable distance.

(ii) Chains are of the correct length and properly fitted.

If these precautions are not taken, serious tyre trouble is bound to ensue, road surfaces will deteriorate, and the task of keeping open vital communications will be greatly increased.

3. The factors set out at 2(a) and 2(b) (i) above may well necessitate the fitting and unfitting of chains more than once a day. OsC units will ensure that the importance of complying with these precautions is impressed on all ranks.

4. CMP and TC units will report through normal channels all cases of neglect of these precautions, disciplinary action being taken, where necessary.

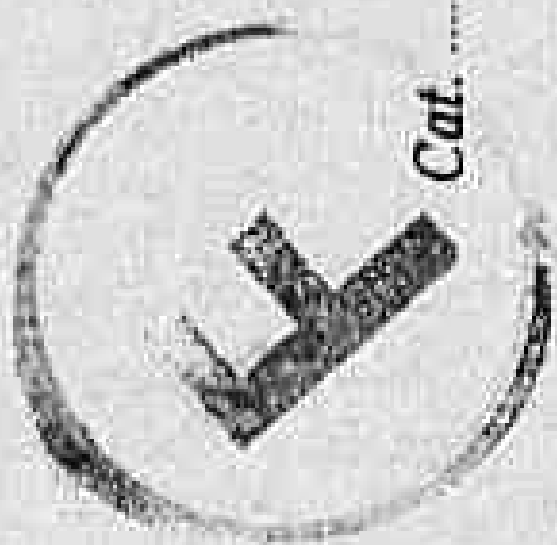
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