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LEGAL DIV. ADMIN.
NOV, DEC. 1943

SUBJECT:- Locations.

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H.Q., A.M.C.,
1 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Finance
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A.M.F.A.
E. & S.D.
Camp

AMG/50/28

7th December 1943

1. A.M.C. Eighth Army Headquarters opened at VASTO
w.e.f. 1500 hrs, 6th December 1943.

2. A location statement giving the addresses of all
units in Bari is in file AMG/50 in the Registry. It
will not be circulated, but is available for reference
by any officer.

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R.J.P. Thorne
R.J.P. THORNE
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

File 316 -

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1. SUBJECT:- Correspondence with Region IV.

Finance
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H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

AMG/18/38

4th December 1943.

With effect from 4 Dec 43 H.Q. Region IV will be split as follows:-

- (a) H.Q. Region IV Adv at TRANI
Address:- H.Q. AMG Region IV Adv
c/o 151 Sub-Area.
- (b) H.Q. Region IV Main at Naples
Address:- H.Q. AMG Region IV Main
c/o H.Q. AMG Region III
through PBS.

2. The R.C.A.O. has requested that correspondence for Region IV be routed as follows:-

- (a) All correspondence on general policy or which only affects territory on the eastern side of Italy under control of Region IV should be addressed to Adv H.Q.
- (b) All correspondence for Divisions and correspondence not mentioned in (a) above should be addressed to Rear H.Q. with a copy to Adv. H.Q. when considered necessary. 11

3. At present there is no telephone communication with Adv H.Q.

TIS/SCB.

Copy (for information) to:-

A.M.G. 8 Army.
A.M.G. Region III

P. P. Smith Lt Col.
for Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

A.M.G. Region IV Adv.
A.M.G. Region IV Main

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS
15 ARMY GROUP
C.M.F.

Dear

Colonel

21 Nov 43

Thank you for your letter of 17 November which I received from Major Thackrah.

2. I have written fully to Col. Chanler in reply to his letter AMG/4060/L of 18 November and if he has left, I shall be obliged if you will regard my letter as a d.o. letter to yourself.

3. I have mentioned the question of my official relationship to Major Thackrah in my letter to Col. Chanler as I do not wish any further misunderstanding to arise as to my position when giving advice. If you approve of that relationship, I will give all the help I possibly can and keep you fully informed of any advice I give.

4. Many thanks for the information with regard to postings, and I note that a revised directive in regard to sentences is being drafted by you. May I see a copy of the draft before it is finally settled?

Your very sincerely

Colonel G. Upjohn
HQ AMG
Palermo

Lt. Colonel
Chief Legal Officer

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17 Nov 43

file 216

A. L. G. Hq.

C. M. F.

My dear Rowe,

I am sending you a number of documents via Major Thackrah; he will be more or less permanently at Brindisi or A.C.C. & I hope to come over from time to time.

I hope you will liaise closely with him so that we may get everything as closely coordinated as possible; he has my full confidence. I have told him to come & see you if he wants any help in any matter.

I have not yet had time to deal with all the matters we have discussed but here is a brief outline on one or two matters (C.M.F. Reg 4)

1. List of officers going forward. Col Willmer left Oran (of all places) some days ~~with~~ ago with a number of legal lights. His point of debarkation & the date are unknown & this ~~makes~~ it sort of difficultly

makes it almost impossible to give you any information, but I will do my best. Col Shields will know when they arrive in Naples as they will all report to Region 4 Hq. there. ^{copy att'd Charles letter}

I am altering the Distribution list but am putting all Regions on the list for information ^{transferred to this dist. of Hq. Hq.} & action when ^{activated}. This you will appreciate is essential as otherwise Regional Hq. will not even receive any official directives when it is working as such & comes under this Hq. It is for instance more than likely that ^{some} ~~not~~ all regional legal officers will ~~not~~ be in the Region until it is functioning as a region under us.

Sentences. A revised directive is under preparation. I am also ^{preparing} ~~revising~~ the directives on time when Regional C.F.O.s can become operative ~~revising the~~ ~~Directives on Station Military Cmts.~~

Charles is writing you on Proclamation 14 I believe & Major Thackrah has copies of telegrams in case you have not received them.

Yours faithfully
Y. S. Gould

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

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

4. In view of the decision to hand over AMG Regions I and II to the Italian Government under the 1946 Convention and Commission, the question arises as to whether those occupied areas which are neither in Fifth and Eleventh Regions, nor in the area to be handed over to the Italian authorities, it may have the status of that it is not the intention to hand over any more territory than that which is south of the line described (namely, the territorial boundaries of the provinces of Salerno, Potenza, and Basilicata) to the Italian Government.

5. After discussion with and by General J. Holmes, (M.C.S., A.T.H.Q.) and C.G.S. of Army Group, Staff 15, the convenience of GCO-in-C 15 Army Group, Staff 15 Army Group will take charge of all occupied territories North of the Dnieper - Salerno line, whether these territories are within or behind Fifth and Eighth Army areas. In effect therefore GCO 15 Army Group will have control under the Military Government of T.C.A.Cs Fifth and Eighth Armies (subject to the standing arrangements whereby C.O.C. Fifth and Eighth Armies have full jurisdictional control of C.A. personnel and current affairs in the two Army areas) and of R.C.A.Cs Legions III and IV.

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Fifth and Eighth Armies and the headquarters detachment to the 15 Army Group. The area to be administered by AMGOT 15 Army Group was to have consisted of the occupied territories in the two army areas. The southern boundaries of the two army areas were then the same as the northern boundary of No. 2 Military District, namely, the northern boundaries of the Italian provinces of Salerno, Potenza and Bari.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H.Q. A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.H.F. 17 NOV 1943

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

DISTRIBUTION:

S.C.A.O. 5th Army.
S.C.A.O. 8th Army.
R.C.A.O. Region III.
R.C.A.O. Region IV.
H.Q. AMGOT Palermo.
M.G.S. A.F.H.Q.
A.C.C.
P.A. to C.G.S. 15 Army Group.
G.S.I.(b) 15 Army Group.
Finance Division.
Public Health Div.
Economics & Supply Div.
Public Safety Division.
Legal.
Property Controller.
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File.

CONFIDENTIAL.Subject: Reports on British Officers.H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group.
C.A.F.AMG/12/1.H.Q., A.M.G., 5th Army (2)
H.Q., A.M.G., 8th Army (2)16 November, 1943.GENERAL.

1. Instructions for rendering Confidential Reports on British Army officers and Recommendation for Change of Employment are contained in A.C.I. 545/43 and A.T.H.Q., G.R.O. 510/43. A summary of these instructions with the procedure to be adopted for officers of AMG 15 Army Group is set out below. Copies of the A.C.I. will be forwarded when they are available.

TYPES OF REPORT.

2. The types of report now in use are given below. In order that all the relevant facts in connection with each case may be readily at the disposal of the Army Court, the following forms will be used:-

- (a) A.F.B. 194D - Recommendation for advancement or promotion.
- (b) A.F.B. 194E - Adverse Report.
- (c) A.T.B. 194F - Recommendation for change of employment (not confidential).
- (d) A.F.B. 194G - For use to render a periodic report or other report on an officer called for by higher authority for which A.F.B. 194D, E, or F, is inappropriate.
- (e) Reports on unsuitability on account of incapacity due to age will be submitted in letter form.

3. The initiating officer for each report will be a British Army officer not below the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel under whom the officer reported on is immediately serving. The initiating officer will sign the report in the space "Signature of Reporting Officer".

4. Where the officer reported on is serving with AMG 5th or 8th Army the report will be forwarded in quadruplicate to this H.Q. with a covering letter signed personally by the S.O.A.O. or his deputy stating whether he substantiates the report from his own personal knowledge, and adding any further remarks he wishes to make. The space on the report for "Remarks

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5. All officers responsible for the submission of these reports must realise that, with the exception of reports on A.F.B. 1943, they are strictly Confidential. Extracts are retained care may be taken that they are treated as Confidential documents.

6. In compiling reports the following points will be strictly observed:

- (a) It is essential that reports should be precise and that the use of vague terms or expressions be avoided.

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- (b) The officer's exact rank, e.g. "Lieut (W/S Capt T/Major)"; must be stated together with his Personal No., type of Commission, e.g. "R.A.R.O.", Regiment or Corps, age, medical category and whether P.S.O., S.O., etc.
- (c) Under the heading of "present employment" will be included the grade of his Staff appointment, e.g., "AMB, 15 Army Group, C.A.O. (C.S.O.II)".

A.F.B. 194D - Recommendation for Promotion.

7. These reports may be made at any time and S.O.s 5th and 8th Armies will from time to time review the qualifications of all British Officers under their command with a view to initiating A.F.B. 194D for those officers considered suitable for promotion. British officers cannot be promoted until A.F.B. 194D has been submitted to A.F.H.Q. through the usual channels.

8. On no account will the officer reported on be informed that A.F.B. 194D has been initiated.

9. If a superior reporting authority disagrees with a recommendation put forward on A.F.B. 194D and is not prepared to forward it to higher authority he will inform the initiating officer accordingly and thus give guidance as to the standard required.

10. If for any reason an officer is no longer considered fit for promotion after the submission of a report this H.Q. will be notified immediately by the S.O. concerned.

A.F.B. 194E - Adverse Report.

11. An officer who is unsatisfactory should be told of his shortcomings before a report is rendered. A report in which it is stated that an officer has not been warned previously loses much of its force.

12. A.F.B. 194E will not be used in the following cases:

- (a) Where the report is that the officer is inefficient only on account of lack of training.
- (b) If the case has a disciplinary aspect it will be dealt with by disciplinary procedure.

13. The initiating officer will personally show his report to the officer concerned and point out to him that the final decision on it will rest with the Army Council. The officer reported on will initial the report and may make notes of it but he will not be given a copy. The initialling of a report does not mean that the officer agrees with it but only that he is aware of its contents. An officer cannot refuse to initial a report.

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14. If a superior reporting authority does not concur in the report on A.F.B. 194E and is not prepared to forward it to higher authority the officer reported on will be so informed. On the other hand whenever the remarks and recommendations of a superior reporting officer are more adverse than the original report they must be shown to and initialed by the officer reported on.

15. In cases where the initiating officer recommends that an officer be called on to resign, the commission he will inform the officer, if he is of military age (i.e. at present under 54 years of age), that the effect of the recommendation if accepted by the Army Council will be that he will be liable for service under the provisions of the National Service (Armed Forces) Acts. If relinquishment of commission is recommended an interview

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will be granted to the officer reported on by the British Commander next superior to the initiating officer. An officer has no right to claim an interview with any other superior officer except as stated in sub para 16(c) below.

16. The rights of an officer who disagrees with the report made on him on A.F.B. 194E are given in detail in sub paras 4(1) (a) and (c) of A.C.I. 545/43. They may be summarised as follows:

(a) He may submit an appeal under Sec 42 of the Army Act or he may, even if he feels he is not suffering an injustice, make a representation not amounting to an appeal under Sec 42 of the Army Act.

The appeal or representation will be submitted to the initiating officer who will forward it with the report. Both the initiating officer and the British Commander next superior to him will at the same time forward their comments on it. The comments will not be seen by the officer reported on.

(b) He may appeal under Sec 42 of the Army Act against a decision of the Army Council.

(c) If called on to submit an application to retire or resign his commission he may apply for an interview with a member, or a deputy of a military member, of the Army Council under King's Regulations 1940 para 236.

A.F.B. 194F - Recommendation for Change of Employment.

17. A.F.B. 194F will not be considered as a Confidential report. On no account should it be used to avoid reporting on an officer on A.F.B. 194E.

18. In completing reports the following points should be noted:

(a) The reporting officer must state positive reasons why an officer is recommended for a change of employment and not quote negative reasons why an officer should not remain where he is.

(b) A.F.B. 194F will be completed in close collaboration with the officer concerned so as to ensure the disclosure of any qualifications which will assist the reporting officer in making his recommendations for alternative employment.

19. A.F.B. 194F will be initiated by the officer on whom the report is made. He may make an appeal under Sec 42 of the Army Act or submit a representation.

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A.F.B. 194G - Periodic Report.

21. Reports will be made on all officers relinquishing Staff appointments and on all officers serving in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel or Brigadier on completion of six months in their appointments. These reports will be made on A.F.B. 194G unless the officer is recommended for advancement.

22. A.F.B. 194G will not be shown to the officer reported on.

23. Separate instructions will be issued regarding the submission of this report.

Report on Unsuitability of ... to ...

24. This report will be submitted to this R. 9. in quadruplicate in the form of a letter giving clear reasons why the officer is considered unsuitable (date of birth alone will not be the deciding factor). The letter will be signed by the initiating officer and countersigned by the S.C.A.O. concerned or his deputy. It will be initialed by, or the contents communicated to, the officer reported on.

25. An officer thus reported on will have the same rights of appeal and interview as if the report had been rendered on A.P.B. 1945.

Army Forms.

26. A copy of A.P.B. 1945. E. and F. is forwarded herewith.

DISTRIBUTION:

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for information.

Senior Staff Officer.

Transactions between British Army and A.M.G.

SUBJECT:-

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
O.M.P.

H.Q., A.M.G., Fifth Army.
H.Q., A.M.G., Eighth Army.

AUG/15/29
12th November 1943.

A copy of A.P.M.G. C.R.O. 479 dated 17th September 1943 is set out below for your information and guidance.

WHP/SCF.

Copy to:-
Legal
Finance
Public Health
Commodore and Supply
Public Safety

Stearns
Colonel,
Senior Staff Officer.

A.P.M.G. GENERAL ROUTING ORDER No. 479 dated 17th September 1943.

479. Transactions between British Army and Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory (AMGOT).

1. Pending the issue of complete instructions on accounting for goods and services exchanged between the British Army and AMGOT, simple records will be maintained by all British depots, formations and units which may issue to, or receive from, AMGOT stores, supplies and services. The records should not include goods and services provided by the British Army for the personnel of AMGOT, e.g. rations, petrol, hospital treatment, billets, etc. It is goods and services provided to AMGOT, which AMGOT in turn issues to the local authorities and population, e.g. Army Rations provided for sale to the civil population and works services for the civil population or local authorities executed by the Army on behalf of AMGOT, which are to be recorded at this stage.
2. Receipts must be secured for all such issues of stores, supplies and services to AMGOT. Similarly, receipts will be given to AMGOT for all goods and services received by the British Army from that organization.
3. The records will be forwarded on the first day of each month to the Financial Adviser (British) (F.A.B.). The first record will be rendered on the 1st October 1943 and will embody all relevant transactions up to that date. Wherever possible, voucher numbers will be quoted on the records, or an extra assigned copy of the voucher will be forwarded therewith, but care must be taken that AMGOT retains one copy of such vouchers.
4. Depots and other accounting units will render all records when applicable.
5. AMGOT will indicate on their demands whether or not the goods and services are for the civilian population or local authorities.

WHP/SCB.

Copy to:-

- Legal
- Finance
- Public Health
- Demographics and Supply
- Public Safety

Senior Staff Officer.

A.M.H. 2. GENERAL FORNISH, DORM H. 179 dated 17th September 1943.

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FROM: SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FMGS
TO: FILPOT FOR AMG RPTD FARGO AND
FLV ARMY FOR AMG
ORIG NO: 7069

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REFERENCE YOUR 1128 OF 2 NOVEMBER.
CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION OF AREAS FROM UNDER COMMAND AMG 15
ARMY GROUP TO AMG HEADQUARTERS PALERMO SHOULD BE ON DIRECT
RECOMMENDATION OF GOC IN C 15 ARMY GROUP.
IT IS CONSIDERED THAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS NO CHANGES
SHOULD BE MADE IN RESPECT OF AREAS LESS THAN A COMPLETE
PROVINCE

See 41/12/4

File

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SUBJECT:- Court of Inquiry.

2 Nov 43.

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Senior Staff Officer.

Herewith proceedings in duplicate of Court of Inquiry
ordered by AMG/67/3 of 7 Nov 43.

Field.


Major,
President.

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Subject: Court of Enquiry.

H.Q., A.M.I.,
15 Army Group.
C.I.P.

MG/61/3.
7th November 45.

Lt-Col. H.E. Rowe,
Major M.P. Lothian, M.C.,
Camp.

1. A Court of Enquiry composed as under will assemble on 8th November, 45, at a time and place to be decided by the President for the purpose of investigating the loss of Ford Car W.D. No. M.744034, driven by T/90392. Dvr. Merola, A.P. on 6th November, 45.

President:
Member :

Major I.G.H. Campbell.
~~Lt-Col. H.E. Rowe~~
Major M.P. Lothian, M.C.,

2. The Camp Commandant will detail all witnesses.

3. The Court will ascertain the amount of the loss in accordance with para 768(a) Kings Regulations 1940 and will report whether the loss was occasioned by ~~an~~ wrongful act or neglect on the part of any officer or soldier.

4. The President will submit the proceedings of the Court on A.P.A.2 in duplicate to the Senior Staff Officer.

R. J. P. Thorne
R. J. P. THORNE, Col.
Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Subject: Channels of Communication.

H. Q. AME.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

Senior Legal Officer,
H.Q. AMG.,
5th ARMY.

AMC/216/1.
6. Nov. 43.

Dear Shields,

I have seen Colonel Upjohn to-day and he brought with him a memorandum prepared by you in connection with Italian Military Tribunals, which memorandum, it appeared, had been transmitted to the Allied Military Mission, Brindisi, neither through H.Q. AMG., PALERMO nor through this H.Q. The memorandum had been signed by you "Chief Legal Officer."

With the number of Headquarters now in operation, it is absolutely essential that the proper channels of communication be preserved and all advice offered to other formations such as the Allied Military Mission must go either through this H.Q. or H.Q. AMG., PALERMO.

Will you please also use in future the title "Senior Legal Officer."

HER/JC.

[Signature]
H. E. ROWE,
Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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