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**British Military Government, Cyrenaica**

**TRANSFER OF POWERS.**

**Proclamation No. 11.**

WHEREAS I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING have been appointed under the authority of the Commander in Chief, Middle East Forces, by warrant dated the 22nd day of January, 1943, under the hand of the Chief Political Officer, Middle East, to exercise as Deputy Chief Political Officer on behalf of the General Officer Commanding the District of Cyrenaica the functions of Military Government formerly exercised in Cyrenaica by the General Officer Commanding Eighth Army,

NOW THEREFORE, I, hereby PROCLAIM:

*Article 1.*

Until further notice all future proclamations in the occupied territory will be signed by me.

*Article 2.*

The powers, which under Article 1 of Delegation of Powers Proclamation No. 6 were conferred upon the Deputy Chief Political Officer, may hereafter be exercised by the Secretary to the Administration.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Political Officer.

British Military Government, Cyrenaica.

**IMPORT OF B.M.A. NOTES.**

**Proclamation No. 12.**

I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Brigadier, hereby  
PROCLAIM:

*Article 1.*

**Unlicensed import of B.M.A. Notes forbidden.**

1) Anyone who imports or attempts to import British Military Authority notes into the occupied territory from Tripolitania without a written permit from the Deputy Controller of Finance and Accounts of Tripolitania shall on conviction by a Military Court be liable to imprisonment for a term up to five years or to a fine up to £250 or to both such imprisonment and fine, and the Court convicting any offender hereunder may in its discretion order the confiscation of any contraband B.M.A. notes forming the subject matter of the offence.

Dated this 23rd day of February 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Political Officer.

**British Military Government, Cyrenaica.**

**CHANGE OF TITLES.**

**Proclamation No. 13.**

I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Brigadier, Deputy Chief Political Officer, Cyrenaica, hereby PROCLAIM:

*Article 1.*

This Proclamation may be cited as the Change of Titles Proclamation No. 13.

*Article 2.*

**Change of Officers' Titles.** When in any proclamation regulation, rule, order, contract or other instrument whatsoever issued or made before the coming into force of this Proclamation reference is made to any of the Officers holding the respective titles specified in column one of the schedule hereto such reference shall be construed after the said date as a reference to the corresponding titles set out in column two of the said schedule.

*Article 3.*

**Power of Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer to fix date of coming into force by notice.** Wherever any change in title of any office of the Administration occurs, the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, if occasion requires, may by notice to be published in the same manner as a Proclamation, declaring that such change of title shall take effect from a date specified in such notice, and with effect from such date any reference in any proclamation, regulation, rule, order, contract or other instrument whatsoever to the former title of such office shall be read and construed as a reference to that office by such new title as the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer may declare in such notice.



## PROCLAMATION No. 13.

## Article 4.

**Date of coming into force.** This proclamation shall come into force and take effect on and from the 1st day of March 1943.

## Schedule.

<i>Column I.</i>	<i>Column II.</i>
<i>Old Title.</i>	<i>New Title.</i>
Chief Political Officer.	Chief Civil Affairs Officer.
Deputy Chief Political Officer.	Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.
Political Officer.	Civil Affairs Officer.

Dated this 28th day of February 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Political Officer.

**British Military Government, Cyrenaica.**

**POSSESSION OF MILITARY PROPERTY.**

**Proclamation No. 14.**

WHEREAS all Military Equipment and Stores formerly belonging to the Italian and German Military Authorities and existing in the occupied territory are now subject to the right of seizure by the British Military Authorities.

NOW THEREFORE I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Brigadier, hereby PROCLAIM:

*Article 1.*

**Unlawful possession of Military stores or Equipment.**

It is an offence for any person to be found in possession of any articles of Military stores or equipment whatsoever which are in excess of his requirements for immediate personal use unless he can prove either

- (i) that he lawfully acquired such articles before the occupation, or
- (ii) both that he himself committed no offence in respect of the articles and also that he had no guilty knowledge of any such offence having been committed by anyone else.

*Article 2.*

**Penalties.** Any person convicted of such an offence by a Military Court shall be liable to imprisonment for a term up to 5 years or to a fine up to £200 or to both.

Dated this 9th day of March 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

**British Military Administration, Cyrenalca.**

**LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

**Proclamation No. 15.**

I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Brigadier, hereby PROCLAIM:

**LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND DRIVERS**

*Article 1.*

The owner of every motor vehicle shall obtain a licence to keep such vehicle before it is driven on any road and shall produce such licence within 24 hours when it is demanded by a Police Officer.

*Article 2.*

The driver of every motor vehicle shall, before he so drives, obtain a licence to drive a motor vehicle and shall produce such licence within 24 hours when it is demanded by a Police Officer.

*Article 3.*

The manner of issue, the form and the duration of and the fees payable for licences issued under clauses 1 and 2 hereof shall be such as may from time to time be prescribed by order of the Secretary to the Administration.

**REGISTRATION AND NUMBERING OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

*Article 4.*

When in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 hereof, the owner of a motor vehicle applies for a licence to

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keep such vehicle, he shall at the same time register the vehicle and the officer issuing the licence shall assign a special mark and number to the vehicle so registered, such special mark and number to be such as may from time to time be prescribed by order of the Secretary to the Administration.

**Article 5.**

A mark indicating the registered number of the motor vehicle and the district within which it is registered shall be fixed to the vehicle and to any trailer drawn by it in such manner as may from time to time be prescribed by order of the Secretary to the Administration.

**Article 6.**

It shall be an offence on and after the 1st day of June 1943:

- (a) to drive any motor vehicle which has not been registered;
- (b) to fail to fix the mark required to be fixed on a motor vehicle in accordance with this Proclamation or with any order issued hereunder;
- (c) to obscure or to render such mark difficult to distinguish;

and any person guilty of such an offence shall, upon conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding L.E. 25 or to both fine and imprisonment.

**Article 7.**

Any person failing to comply with the provisions of Articles 1 to 5 inclusive hereof shall upon conviction be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding L.E. 50 or to both fine and imprisonment, and the Court convicting any offender thereunder may in its discretion order the confiscation of any motor vehicle forming the subject matter of an offence by the owner thereof.



## PROCLAMATION No. 15.

*Article 8.*

This Proclamation shall come into force as from the  
26th day of April 1943.

Dated this 26th day of April, 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

**British Military Administration, Cyrenaica.**

**FURTHER DELEGATION OF POWERS.**

**Proclamation No. 16.**

L. DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Brigadier, hereby PROCLAIM:

*Article 1.*

**Civil Affairs Officers empowered to order blackout.**

The Civil Affairs Officer in charge of a District may, by Regulations duly reciting the power under which they are made:—

- (i) provide that no light or beam therefrom shall be visible outside any building or tent between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- (ii) provide for the enforcement of the Regulations by the Military Court with penalties which may extend to imprisonment for a term up to six months or to fine up to L.E. 20 or to both imprisonment and fine.

*Article 2.*

**Confirmation of Orders of Civil Affairs Officer.**

The provisions of Article 3 of Proclamation No. 6 shall apply to any Regulation made under Article 1 of this Proclamation.

Dated this 28th day of April 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

**British Military Administration, Cyrenaica.**

**MILITARY COURTS (AMENDMENTS).**

**Proclamation No. 17.**

WHEREAS 1. It is desirable that all members of the Cyrenaica Defence Force, other than personnel of the Armed Forces of His Britannic Majesty who are subject to Military Law under the Army Act, or under the law of any part of the British Commonwealth should be brought within the jurisdiction of the Military Courts established in Cyrenaica under the Military Courts Proclamation No. 3 dated the 11th day of November 1942.

2. For such purpose it is necessary to extend the jurisdiction of the said Courts as defined in Article 3 of the said Proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Brigadier, hereby PROCLAIM:—

*Article 1.*

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 of the Military Courts Proclamation Number 3, the Military Courts established by the said Proclamation may exercise jurisdiction from the first day of March 1943 over all member of the Cyrenaica Defence Force other than personnel of the Armed Forces of His Britannic Majesty who are subject to Military Law under the Army Act or under the law of any part of the British Commonwealth.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

**British Military Administration, Cyrenaica.**

**CURRENCY.**

**Proclamation No. 18.**

I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Brigadier, hereby PROCLAIM:

*Article 1.*

Notes and Coins of denominations not exceeding 10 Lire in circulation in the Territory prior to the Third British Occupation (hereinafter called "Revalued Lire") shall be accepted within the Territory as the equivalent for all purpose of Egyptian coins.

*Article 2.*

Revalued Lire shall be valued at the rate of 500 Italian Lire to one Egyptian pound.

*Article 3.*

Revalued Lire shall be accepted in satisfaction and discharge of debts due in Egyptian Currency up to a value of 10 piastres.

*Article 4.*

Civil Affairs Officers are hereby authorised to exchange Revalued Lire for Egyptian Currency without limit at the rate of exchange specified in Article 2 hereof.

*Article 5.*

Articles 1 and 2 of Proclamation No. 7 of 1942, so far as inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.



**PROCLAMATION No. 18.**

*Article 6.*

This Proclamation shall come into force as from the date of signature.

Dated this 1st day of July 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

**British Military Administration, Cyrenaica**

**FIRING OF TRACER AMMUNITION AND VEREY  
LIGHTS AT NIGHT**

**Proclamation No. 19.**

I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Brigadier, hereby PROCLAIM —

*Article 1.*

No person shall fire, discharge or otherwise ignite any tracer ammunition, verrey light or other flare between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

*Article 2.*

Any person who disobeys the provisions of Article 1 shall be liable, on conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to a fine not exceeding L.E. 200 or to both imprisonment and fine and the articles forming the subject matter of the offence shall be confiscated.

Dated this 30th day of June 1943

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

**British Military Administration, Cyrenaica.**

**DATE OF OCCUPATION.**

**Proclamation No. 20.**

WHEREAS it is expedient that the date upon which Occupation of each part of the Territory commenced should be proclaimed.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DUNCAN CAMERON CUMMING, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Brigadier, PROCLAIM as follows:—

*Article 1.*

The Occupation of the following parts of the Territory by His Majesty's Forces and his Allies commenced upon the dates stated hereunder:

TOBRUK	13th day of November 1942.
CIRENE (Shahart)	14th day of November 1942.
DERNA	16th day of November 1942.
APPOLONIA (Mersa Susa)	17th day of November 1942.
TOLMETA	19th day of November 1942.
BENGHAZI	20th day of November 1942.
BARCE (el Marj)	20th day of November 1942.
AGEDABIA	24th day of November 1942.
AGHEILA	15th day of December 1942.

Dated the 1st day of August 1943.

D. C. CUMMING

Brigadier

Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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