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Administrative Supply of the Luftwaffe,
(Africa & Italy).

General Intendant Plagemann.

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Author : Gen Int PLAGEMANN

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Analysis : Author explains very briefly the channels and procedures used for feeding, clothing, and paying the Luftwaffe in Africa and Italy. This is not a narrative account in any sense. Historical value extremely limited.

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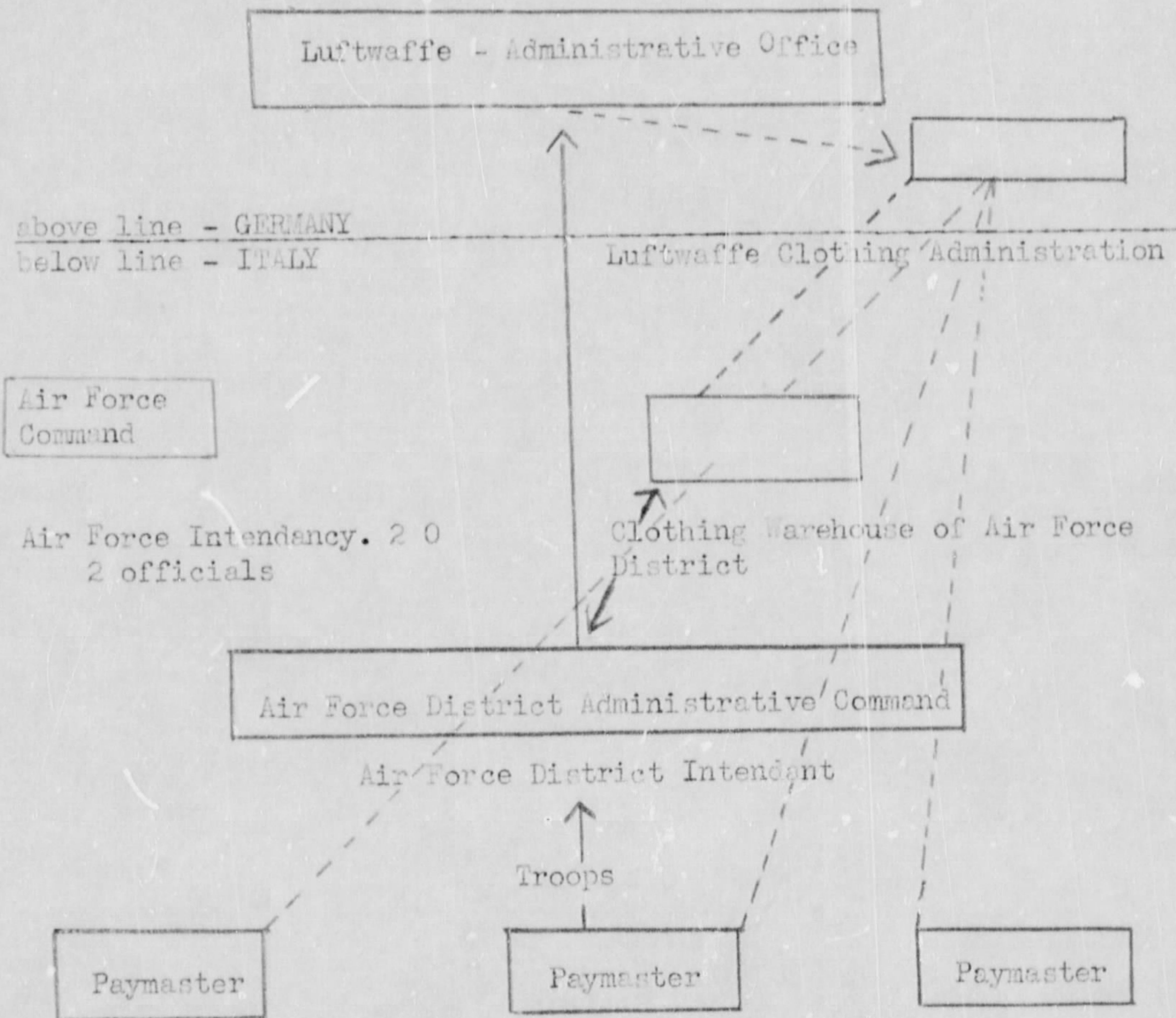
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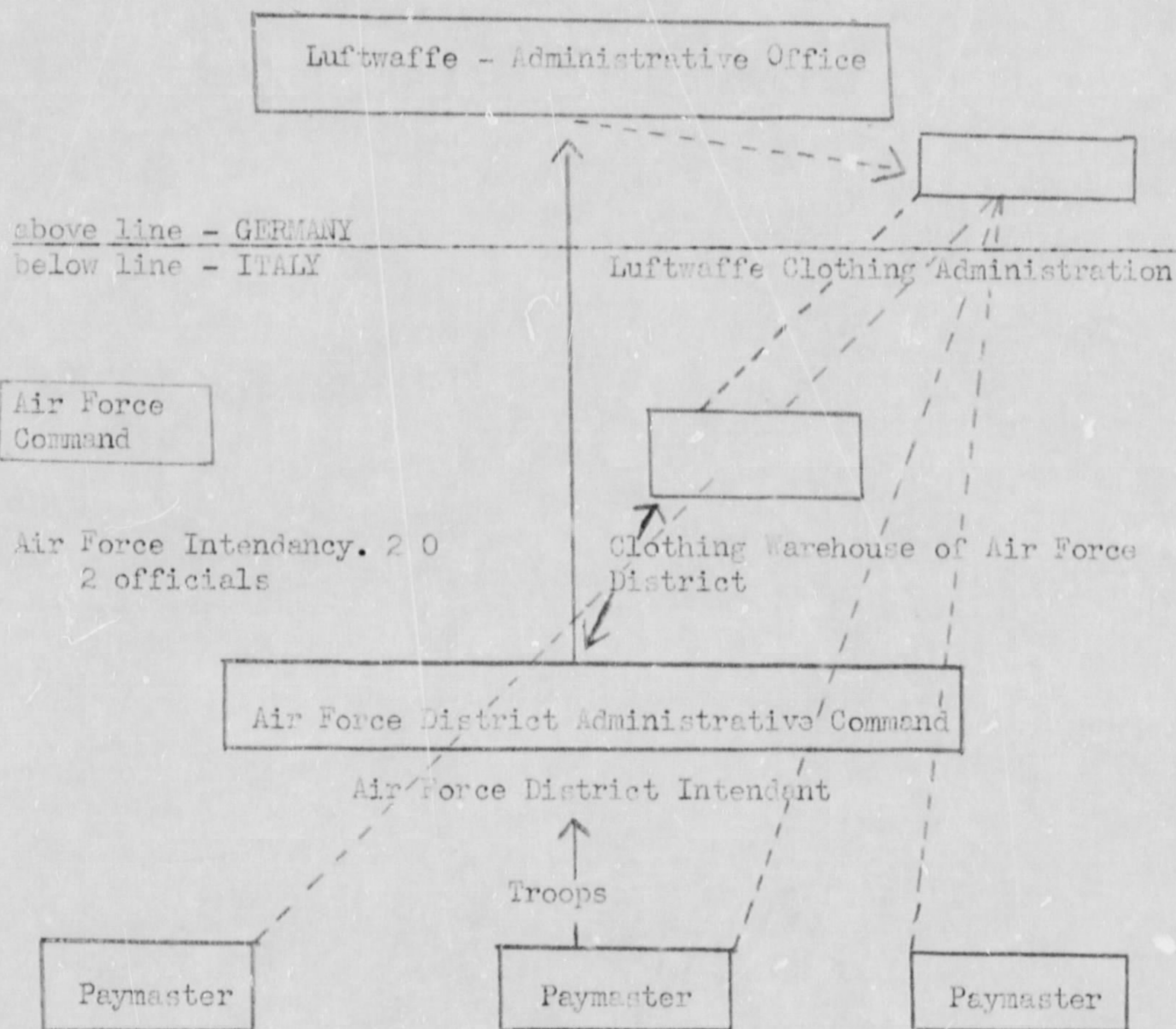
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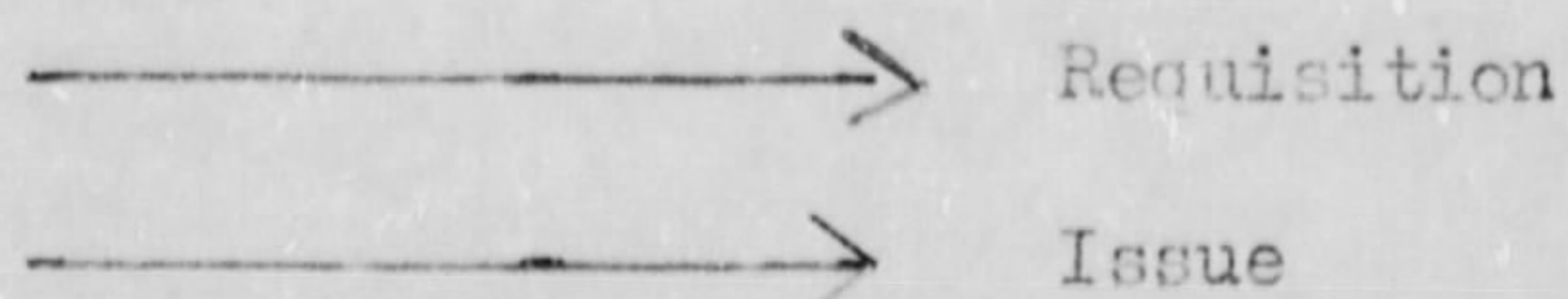


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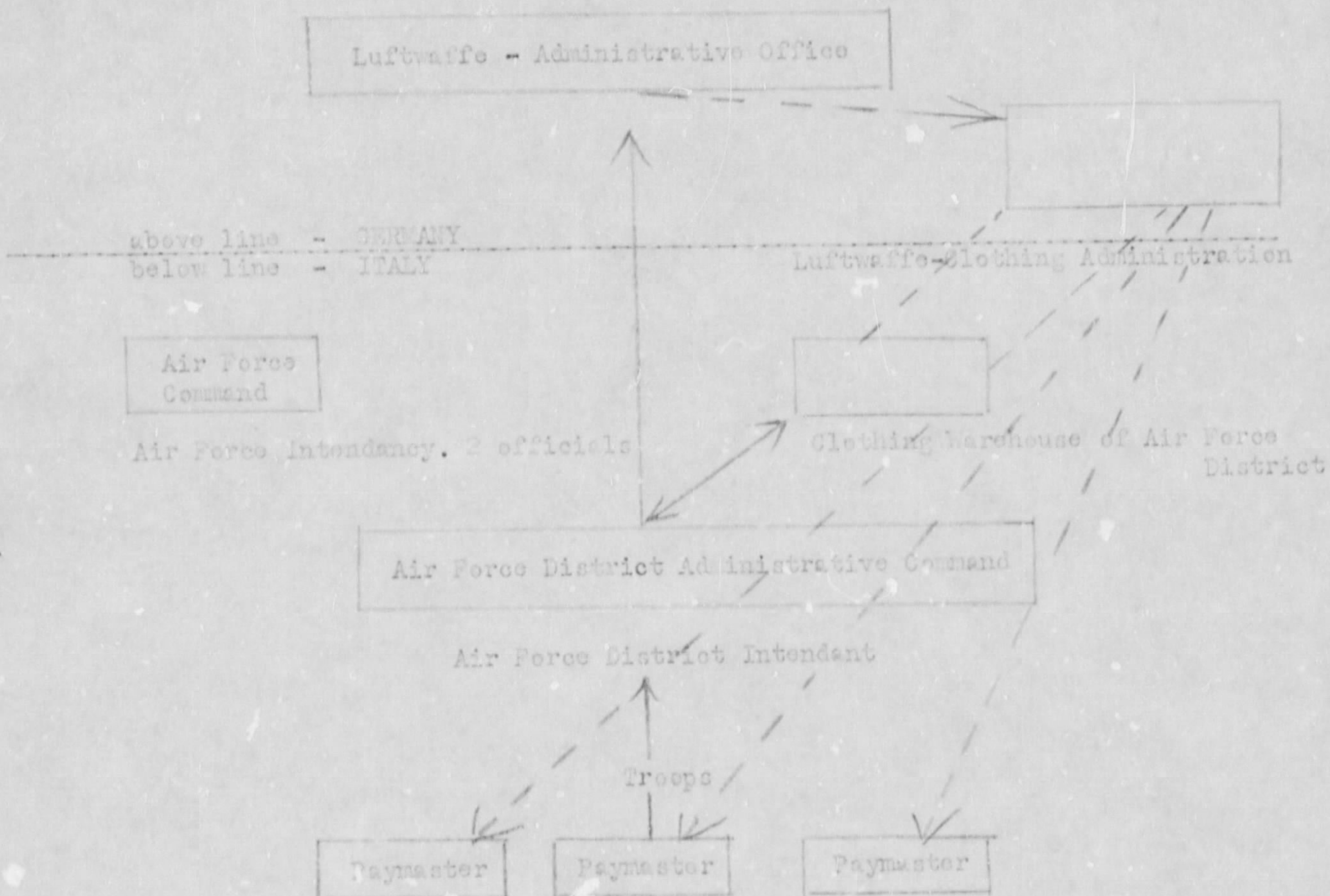
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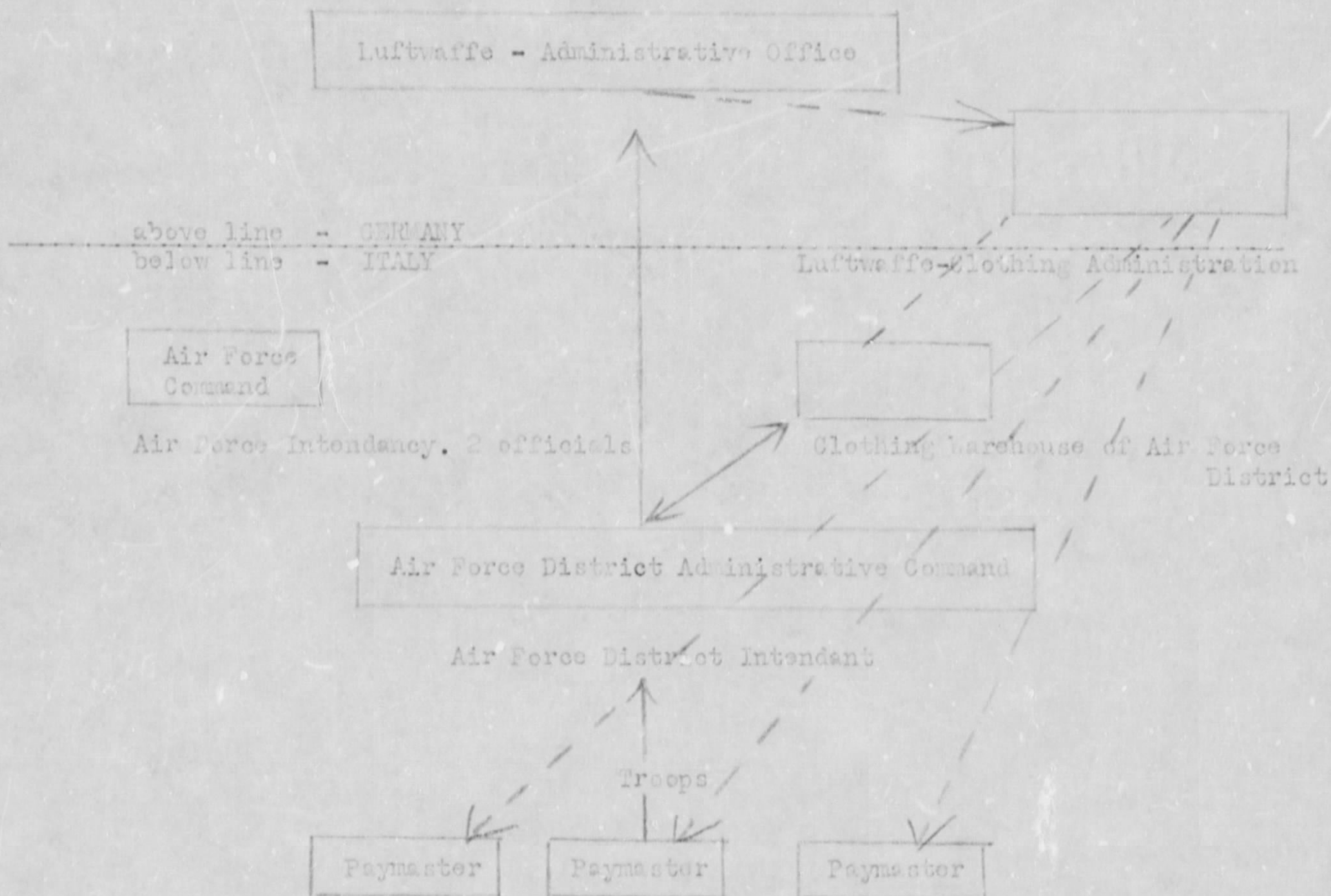
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Their rations for the German Luftwaffe (air force) troops was principally the duty of the Army. The intendants of the air forces divisions and corps reported their ration strengths to the army intendant, proper for their area, in determined time periods. Issue of rations for air forces troops principally from Army issue stations. This principle could be broken with a to great a distance between Army issue station and air forces troop by establishment of sub-issue stations (under the direction of Army or Air forces personnel). No difficulties resulted with this system.

The special ration demands of the flying personnel generally were met by the Army. The special ration for the flying personnel (starting and flight ration) was given to the air force corps and the parachute divisions directly for distribution to the flying units, always for a longer period, without insertion of the issue stations. This has proved itself.

To vary the diet of the flying personnel with fresh meat and fresh vegetables in warmer regions and times refrigerating machines (Kühl-Ju's) were use with excellent success, because the Army as carrier of the ration service naturally adjusted its supply primarily to the rationing of the ground forces, but which not always corresponded to the demands of the flying personnel.

The money supply for the air forces troops too was the duty of the Army. The Intendants of the air force administrative commands requested the money requirements - divided into personnel and material expenditures - from the Army finance and responsibly distributed them over the intendants of the corps, divisions, etc, to the troops (Pay master).

The clothing of the air forces was ~~reported~~ ^{collected} by the intendant of the corps, divisions, etc., on the basis of troop reports and was reported by the air force administrative command (administration) ~~to~~ Rome to the Reich Air ministry (administration office) Berlin. This office assigned, after

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examination, the clothing to be ~~ass~~supplied, to air forces clothing offices, which carried out the shipment to the addresses, determined by the intendant of the air force administrative command. Substantial difficulties did not become known. Clothing not immediately needed was stored in a clothing depot in the north of Italy, which depot was subordinated to the air force administrative command, the same with repair clothing for larger repairs. (Locality not known any more)

The supply with heating materials was completely the job of the Army. Arriving coal trains were usually transferred closed and proportionally to the air force administrative command (administration), which undertook the subdivision to the corps, divisions, etc., of the air forces. This also was the case with office materials. The supply of billeting equipment was only of insignificant type, already for reasons of transportation.

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GERMANY

AIR FORCE CLOTHING OFFICE

AIR FORCE HQ.

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