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ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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4 January 1944

SUBJECT: Reports

TO : Heads of Subcommissions
Heads of Directorates
Heads of Staff Sections
G-1) Through Executive Officer
G-4)

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4 January 1944

SUBJECT: Reports

TO : R.C.A.O. Region I
R.C.A.O. Region II

1. It has become essential to the general war requirements of the authorities in Washington and London that they should be kept informed of the Political, Economic and general situation in Italy and Sicily.

2. Accordingly AFHQ has directed the following regular reports:

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7. It is appreciated that the preparation, compilation and submission of reports entails considerable work. However, these reports are necessary if AFHQ and the respective governments are to have current information on the situation in the field and an appreciation of the problems involved. You are therefore asked to assist by fullest cooperation and compliance. No more reports than are absolutely essential will be called for by this HQ.

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8. Should it be necessary to expedite the reports in question the following form of cable message will be used by this HQ:

- (a) Weekly report:
e.g. SITREP FEYOKO NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED EXPEDITE IMMEDIATE
- (b) Monthly report:
e.g. TENTH REPORT NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED EXPEDITE TODAY

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D.C.C.A.O., AMG HQ

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APPENDIX "A"KEY FOR SITREP

REGION and NUMBER:	MONTH - Usual abbreviation	PERIOD
<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>CODE NUMBER</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
POLITICAL	ONE	Feeling; tendencies
FOOD	TWO	Available to cover next period, etc.
SUPPLY	THREE	All supplies including food
CRIME	FOUR	Summarized police report, inc. agencies.
HEALTH	FIVE	Spec. ref. to notifiable diseases.
PERSONNEL	SIX	Staff matters, sickness, etc.
REFUGEES	SEVEN	Inc. Displaced Persons
PRICE TENDENCIES	EIGHT	Rises & falls affecting inflation questions.
GENERAL COMMENTS	NINE	To be sent in clear and kept short as possible.
<u>OVERALL COMMENT</u>	<u>CODE LETTER</u>	
GOOD	ABLE	
SATISFACTORY	BAKER	
CAUSING ANXIETY	CHARLIE	317
BAD	DOG	
NO CHANGE	EASY	
SPECIAL REMARKS	FOX	(To be sent in clear)
<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	<u>CODE LETTER</u>	

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(To be sent in clear)

PERIOD COVERED

Day 1 to Day 7	WILLIAM
Day 8 to Day 14	XRAY
Day 15 to Day 21	YOKO
Day 22 to end month	ZEBRA

APPENDIX "B"

SPECIMEN SITREP CABLE

FARGO FOR SPORFORD

SITREP REGION ONE JAN WILLIAM ED ONE CHARLIE TWO BAKER THREE DOG
FOUR EASY FIVE BAKER FOX FLU EPIDEMIC UNDER CONTROL NO NEW TYPHUS CASES
REPORTED SIX EASY FOX REQUIRE POOL ONE ZERO OFFICERS TWO ZERO EM RPT EASY
MIKE FOR RELIEF SICKNESS AND REST FULL REQUIREMENTS FOLLOW LETTER SEVEN
CHARLIE FOX RATE FLOW IN DOWN TO ONE FIVE ZERO DAILY SATURATION POINT
NEARLY REACHED SPECIAL REPORT SEPT THREE JAN CURRENT EIGHT EASY NINE NIL

APPENDIX "C"

TRANSLATION OF SITREP

Situation report Region I for period 1-7 January.

Political	- Causing anxiety	315
Food	- Satisfactory	
Supply	- Bad	
Crime	- No change	
Health	- Satisfactory - Special remarks. Influenza epidemic under control. No new typhus cases reported.	
Personnel	- No change - special remarks - Require pool of 10 officers and 20 enlisted men for relief of sickness and to allow rest periods. Details of full requirements follow by letter.	
Refugees	- Causing anxiety - special remarks - Rate of flow in	

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Refugees - Causing anxiety - special remarks - Rate of flow IN down to 150 daily. Saturation point nearly reached. Special report was sent on this subject 3 January.

General Comments - Nil

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APPENDIX "D"

HEADINGS FOR MONTHLY REPORT

PART A

Amplification of reports on subjects in SITREPS.

1. Political
2. Food
3. Supply
4. Crime
5. Health
6. Personnel
7. Refugees
8. Price Tendencies
9. General Comments.

PART B

Reports by Divisions.

1. Finance
2. Legal
3. Civilian Supply
4. Public Health
5. Public Safety
6. Property Control
7. Communications, P.W. & U.
8. Labor
9. Agriculture
10. Education

PART C

1. Other matters of special interest not included in the above.
2. Recommendations.
3. Requests for special consideration.

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Now requests from Advisory Council Washington and London for information on Italian political and economic and general situation necessitate regular reports to these headquarters. The reports will be made as follows:

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Propose forward monthly report under following 12 headings: General con-
dition of people, Political, Administration, Justice, Public Safety, Finance,
Supplies, Agriculture, Medical, Refugees, Staff, Miscellaneous. Presume all
addresses your 22464 of 1 Jan. should follow 1 PRO FORMA.

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/ WE PROPOSE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT FOR REGULAR REPORTS AS FOLLOWS CLN PARA ONE
PD MONTHLY REPORT TO BE DISPATCHED BY AIR COURIER ON EIGHTEENTH CONTAINING A
SECTION DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF EACH SUBCOMMISSION IN THE AREA UNDER ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION JURISDICTION PD TO FREEDOM RPT PARA, RPT FLAMED RPT FILPOT FOR
AND FROM FATIMA STORED JUCE PD THIS TO INCLUDE MONTHLY ANFA REPORT AND CEC REPORT
TO BE FORWARDED HERE FROM FLAMED PD PARA TWO PD NO SECRET TO BE FURNISHED AS THERE
ARE NO MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION TERRITORY NO SITREP
TO BE FURNISHED

AUTHENTICATED:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply
refer to: 319.1

5 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Vice Presidents.

This Commission is required to submit monthly reports to embrace the Italian political, economic and general situation. In order that this report may be prepared, each Section will be required to obtain reports of activities from each sub-commission under its control. These reports will be co-ordinated and pertinent material extracted and submitted as one Section report to the Secretary's office not later than the 16th of each month. This report will cover the activities of the previous calendar month, that is, the report due 16 January will cover the activities of December. The Secretary's office will co-ordinate the Section reports and forward one report from the Commission not later than the 18th day of each month to the Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Maxwell D. Taylor
MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHMS Reference
your 1804 of 4 January 1944.

REC'D : Jan 070220

TO : FATIMA

Your Pro Forma for monthly report is noted as satisfactory.

The situation report requested in our 22464 of 01 January is to be a brief summary of the activities of the Allied Control Commission whatsoever their nature may be; political, economic or otherwise.

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*Gen Taylor -
the diary and
its inclusions might be
used as a source for material
for this sitrep in order to save
multiplying reports from various
and sub-commissions.*

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*Gen Taylor
directs
that
just one on 15th Jan
Maj. Bergin to compile.*

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*Maj. Bergin notified.
First sitrep will go forward
on 15 Jan.*

319.1

6 JAN 1944

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In reply refer to:
319.1

6 January 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly report to AFHQ

TO : Brigadier Duchesne, Military Mission to the Italian Army

The Allied Control Commission has been directed by AFHQ to submit monthly reports embracing all Commission activities. Would you kindly provide us regularly with the report of the Military Mission to the Italian Army? This report should reach the Secretary of the Allied Control Commission not later than the 15th of each month. It should cover the essential activities of the previous calendar month, that is the report due on 15 January should cover the activities of December. It is not considered that the report should be a voluminous one but a terse summary of essential events.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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In reply refer to:
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6 January 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Report to AFHQ

TO : Admiral McGrigor, Naval Sub-Commission, Navy House, Taranto

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In reply refer to:
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TO : Air Commodore G. B. Dacre, Air Force Sub-Commission

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6 January 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Report to AFHQ

TO : Colonel Zellars, War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission

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FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE PAREN FIRST SITREP WILL BE SENT ONE FIVE JANUARY

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Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of Commission

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FMCS REF OUR 22464 OF
1 JAN, 24883 OF 6 JAN.

REC'D : JAN 121815A

TO : FATIMA FOR JOYCE REF YOUR 1804 OF 4 JAN.

Weekly sitrep due 8 January not received. Term "sitrep" used for convenience only and no question military operations involved. For details required refer our 24883 of 6 January. Report due 8 January request immediate submission.

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In reply
refer to: 319.1

19 January 1944

Subject: Reports to AFHQ

To:

1. AFHQ have directed that, in addition to the monthly report which formed the subject of General Taylor's memorandum of weekly situation report also must be submitted. This will consist of a brief summary of the Commission's activities whatever their nature may be, political, economic or otherwise.

2. Reports will be sent to the Secretariat to arrive by the 7, 14, 21 and 28th day of each month. The reports will be coordinated and sent to AFHQ by cable. The following is a specimen of the type of cable which will be sent and reports to the Secretariat will be framed with this terse layout in mind.

"Sitrep period 6 to 13 Political satisfactory Region 1, prospect of turnover continues unpopular Region 2. Food arrivals have eased situation. Supply coal situation failing western part Sicily where railway service partly suspended, clothing shortages becoming acute Region 2 but recent arrivals supplies should ease. Crime satisfactory. Health no change. Personnel no change. Refugees satisfactory. Price tendencies no change Region 1 upward Region 2. General comments Brindisi conference 7th clarified situation regarding orders and interference by Italian Government officials. Disposal large surplus citrus fruit crops Region 1 causing anxiety owing limited export facilities."

By command of Lieutenant General MACFARLANE:

ALBERT S. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

AJ/afe

Col. Zeller

Brig. Dickson

Capt. Stone (Col. Denmark)

Mr. Carson

Col. Murphy for Mr. Grady

Col. Fiske

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In reply
refer to: 319.1

20 January 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

1. Reference your cable 22464 of 1 January 1944, the following information is submitted regarding monthly reports for December 1943.

- a. The AMFA report is being sent direct to you from Naples.
- b. The GEC report also is being sent direct from Naples.
- c. A report covering Regions 1 and 2 is being sent direct from Naples.

2. Reports as follows are sent herewith:

- a. Communications Section
 - Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission
 - Shipping and Internal Transportation Sub-Commission
- b. Political Section
 - Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
- c. Military Section
 - Air Sub-Commission
 - War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission
 - MIA
- d. Economic and Administrative Section
 - Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission
 - Finance Sub-Commission
 - Education Sub-Commission

3. It is regretted that facilities and resources at this Headquarters do not permit 25 copies of each report to be sent as requested.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

50 PRX
ROBERT E. DOE *all*
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary General
AFU 394

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In reply refer to:
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23 February 1944

Subject: Monthly Report to AFHQ.

To: Naval Sub-Commission
Air Force Sub-Commission
Army Sub-Commission

War Material Disposal Sub-Commission
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Com.

With reference to previous instructions on the subject, will you kindly note that in the future monthly reports should be addressed to RG and MG section, Headquarters Allied Control Commission, instead of to the Secretary. Reports should reach the RG and MG section by the 15th day of each month.


ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary General

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REF NO: FARGO 293

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FROM : FARGO FOR SPOTFORD

REC'D : JAN 160600A

TO : AMHQ FOR MOS RPT FATIMA FORWARD FOR INFO RPT FATIMA.
REAR FOR INFO

Clothing shortages becoming acute Region 2 but should ease by recent
AMCROSS supplies. Food arrivals have eased situation. (This is paraphrase of
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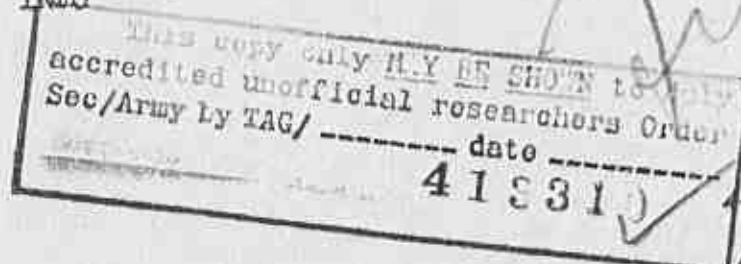
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Political no change. Food Region 1 satisfactory, diversion of food ship to
Messina helpful, Region 2 satisfactory, flour milk soap arriving ports.
supply no change. Crime satisfactory. Health satisfactory. Personnel
Region 1 3 junior legal officers urgently needed, Region 2 arrival
region 2 personnel, Mcgaffray expects to keep 54 officers and 54 NCOs.
Refugees Region 1 no change, Region 2 arriving in small groups on too
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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

ACC/WMD/29.

SUBJECT : Weekly Report for week ending Jan 21, 1944.
(Initial weekly report).

26 JAN 44.

TO : The Deputy President, A.C.C.

OPERATIONS.

1. a. Received A.F.H.Q. directives concerning :

1. Disposal of Italian Army.
2. Supply Organisation of Italian Army.

These, after consultation with other interested Sub-Commission heads were passed to Italian authorities for their information and compliance.

b. Arranged for Italian Ministry of War to take over M.T. Spare parts depot at Galtaniseba, Sicily.

c. Continued Inspection and Survey of Italian Depots on Italian Mainland.

d. Handled routine matters.

2. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. The execution of policies outlined in para 1, a. above will be most difficult for Italian Army Authorities unless they are very heavily supported with transportation, particularly motor, by Allied Base, and Area Commanders, because of the extreme shortage of motor transport in Italian Army.

b. Recommend that an immediate conference be convened, with Italian representatives near at hand, to draw up then and there, a plan of supply for Italian Army in conformity with directives referred to in para 1, a. above.

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20 January 1944

In Reply refer to:

AG 319.1
CS/1/1-10

Subject : Reports to AFHQ (weekly)

To : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission

1. In compliance with 319.1 Hq. ACC 19 Jan 44 above subject following is sitrep period 14 to 21 January - Communications Section.

a Tele-Communications Sub Commission

Acute shortage of wire signal facilities King's Italy due to use by Allied Military. Rehabilitation of lines in Region 2 progressing slowly as material limited and being reserved by Allied authority. Use of radio frequencies by Italians not authorized. Italian government renewing request that E.I.A.R be returned to company management with Allied control. Progress made on extension of internal mails, details being worked out for introduction of PW and foreign mails. Use of post office buildings by Allied troops for operations and billets placing burden on civil postal administration.

b Shipping Sub Commission

Shipping functions being set up under new general directive of re-organized sub-commission, using MWT/WSA personnel.

c Internal Transportation Sub Commission

Acute shortage of highway transport placing heavy burden on available rail facilities. Movement by rail of authorized civilian freight generally satisfactory. Rail facilities for movement of passengers grossly inadequate to meet demands - situation serious.

Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice - President
Communications Section

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CURRENCY POSITION CENTRAL BANKING SYSTEM WEAKENING SINCE STUDYING CURRENCY ADVANCES
NEEDED IN VIEW THAT CONDITION AND JANUARY BUDGET IN ACUTE SHORTAGE WIRE SIGNAL
FACILITIES KING ITALY DUE TO USE BY ALLIED MILITARY IN USE OF POST OFFICE
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SHORTAGE HIGHWAY TRANSPORT IN TO FREEDOM FOR MSG FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACVARIANE IN
RAIL FACILITIES ADEQUATE FOR MOVEMENT OF FOOD AND CIVILIAN SUPPLIES BUT INADEQUATE
FOR PASSENGERS SINCE LATTER SERIOUS IN EXTREME SHORTAGE MOTOR TRANSPORT IN ITALIAN
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SCHEDULED FOR TWENTY EIGHT JANUARY OF SIX PARTIES

AUTHENTICATED:

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In reply refer to:
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22 January 1944

Subject: Progress Report Week Ending 22 January 1944

To: Colonel S A Fitch, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission

1. During the week under review there has arisen little of general interest, the chief matter requiring attention being the non-running of the trains as laid down in the basic schedule, especially the daily freight train between Bari and Naples. The non-running of this train is causing great discontent amongst civilians desirous of moving their produce.

2. During the week the only bids received were for the movement of charcoal from various stations in Matera and Potenza Provinces to Bari. This was returned and the Regional Supply Officer asked to pass these through Region II.

A. H. STREET, D.S.O.
Captain

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SITREP period 21 to 28. Political Region 1 no change Region 2 press one province very critical. Food satisfactory except Region 2 Salerno where interrupted deliveries have caused shortage and Potenza excessive Army purchases upset market. Supply Region 1 coal shortage seriously affecting railway service western part Island. Region 2 satisfactory. Crime no change. Health 1 case typhus each Region. Personnel no change. Refugees Region 2 considerable arrivals in dirty condition. Price tendencies Region 1 noticeable fall in black market price of bread Region 2 no change.

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of 19 Jan. Sitrep period 28 Jan-6 Feb 14.c Slav desertions from Italian Army to date 1200. Sicily Corsica become Army Sub-Commission commitment. Sardinia certain Italian units and 5000 labor alerted for shipment to mainland. Comd investigating question demobilisation Italian Army with Marshal Messe. Real port Italian military labor numbers improving. Change of designation ASMA now Army Sub-Commission (ACC).

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7 February 1944

SUBJECT: Sitrep to AFHQ 29 Jan. to 4 Feb. 1944.

TO : Deputy President, ACC.

Sitrep above period telecommunications and posts, no change.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

J.L. Henderson

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Tel-Comm. & Posts
Sub-Commission.

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

9 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Activities this Sub-Commission for the Week of
29 Jan - 4 Feb, inc.

TO : The Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. OPERATIONS.

a. The Acting Chief of this Sub-Commission in company with Col. Decarli, of the Italian General Staff, visited Sicily with three main missions:

(1) Investigate and report on discontented elements of the Italian Sabauda Division. With respect to this matter it was found that approximately 500 members of this unit were of Yugo-Slav blood and/or Yugo-Slav tendencies. Of this number approximately 100 were real malcontents. It was agreed by all concerned that it is necessary that this 100 malcontents be transferred at once to Labor Battalions in Corsica or to Slovene Units in North Africa. In this connection it was ascertained that one Lieut. Reynold Macun, Yugo Slav reserve, a liberated National, now in Sicily is one source of discontent among Italian soldiers. It was recommended that he be removed from Sicily at once. Brig. Duchesne, MIA is taking action on these matters.

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(3) Arrangements made for the initiation of the turn over to Italian Army representatives on the ground, all captured Italian Army material in excess of Allied needs, in Sicily.

Col. Fiske, Exec., of the RCMG Section was informed of all the above.

b. Routine operations consisted chiefly in completing records and reports on Italian Material in Campania.

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John T. Zellars
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Colonel, Infantry

Actg Chief War Materials
Disposal Sub-Commission.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

To : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

Date : 12th. February, 1944.

Ref. : ASC/12/AIR.

Weekly Situation Report No.3
Week ending - 11th. Feb. 1944.

1. Appointments. Wing Commander D.A.W. Sugden, O.B.E. leaves for the U.K., on receiving a Group Captain appointment, and will be replaced by another Wing Commander Equipment.
2. Visits. Visits were made by members of the Air Sub-Commission to :-
Airfields of LECCE and LEVARANO.
Airports of BRINDISI and TARANTO.
Factory of S.A.C.A. at BRINDISI.
3. The definition of the functions of the Air Forces Sub-Commission is still awaited.

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C. S. M. L. Lane
Air Commodore,
Head of Air Sub-Commission.

WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION
REAR HEADQUARTERS, A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.

TO : Headquarters, A.C.C. thru Deputy Chief Commissioner.
SUBJECT : Weekly Report of War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission
for week 12th - 18th Feb, inclusive.
REFERENCE : ACC/WMD/5/13.
DATE : 19 FEB 44.

1. OPERATIONS.

- a. New Directive for this Sub-Commission under reorganisation received on February 18.
- b. Two field parties consisting of officers from this section left for SARDINIA and CORSICA respectively on Feb 15, with the chief mission of ascertaining the status of Italian Army Materials in each of the above-mentioned localities.
- c. Routine operations continued.

2. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Future organisation of this Sub-Commission and its connection with C.E.M.E.C. Section A.F.H.Q. now attached to it, discussed with Deputy Chief Commissioner on 19 Feb. Final recommendations on this matter are held until completion of present survey of SARDINIA and CORSICA, within ten days from this date.

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Colonel, INF.
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In reply
refer to: 319.1

20 January 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

1. Reference your cable 22464 of 1 January 1944 the following information is submitted regarding monthly reports for December 1943.

- a. The AMFA report is being sent direct to you from Naples.
- b. The CEU report also is being sent direct from Naples.
- c. A report covering Regions 1 and 2 is being sent direct from Naples.

2. Reports as follows are sent herewith:

- a. Communications Section
 - Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission
 - Shipping and Internal Transportation Sub-Commission
- b. Political Section
 - Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
- c. Military Section
 - Air Sub-Commission
 - War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission
 - MMIA
- d. Economic and Administrative Section
 - Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission
 - Finance Sub-Commission
 - Education Sub-Commission

3. It is regretted that facilities and resources at this Headquarters do not permit 25 copies of each report to be sent as requested.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of Commission

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MONTHLY REPORT TO A.F.H.Q.
(Headquarters, Allied Control Commission's letter
No.319.1 dated 6th January, 1944.)

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COMMODORE PALMER.

(Copy to:- Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.)

Forwarded.

2. It is requested you will forward your
reports through me. The first report should be
forwarded as soon as possible.

(Sgd.) R.McGRIGOR.

TARANTO.
15th January, 1944.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Ref/AMG/101.

LVD/AMG/mrd
19 January 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports

TO : Advance A.C.C. Headquarters, Brindisi (Attention Capt. Collins)

1. In reply to your telephone conversation of this morning to Colonel Adams and referring to Cable 1084 of January 4th, the following action is being taken:

(a) The AMFA report for the month of December is being sent forward by these Headquarters directly to A.F.H.Q.

(b) The C.E.C. report for the month of December is also being sent forward directly by these Headquarters to A.F.H.Q.

(c) No report from these Headquarters is being sent forward covering Apulia, but a report covering Region I and Region II is being sent to A.F.H.Q. for December.

(d) Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Shipping Sub-Commission report for December and the Economic Report for Apulia prepared by Col. Murphy which was sent to this office some days ago.

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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In reply
refer to: AG 319.1
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16 January 1944

Subject: Activities Report - Tele-Communication and Posts,
Shipping and Internal Transportation Sub-Commissions,
Month of December 1943.

To: Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference Commission memorandum 319.1 dated 5 January 1944,
relation to monthly activity reports from sub-commissions.
2. Attached are reports of sub-commissions in the Communications
Section as indicated above for the month of December 1943.

Elmer W. Stone
ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice-President
Communications Section

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Incl # 1 - Tele-Communication & Posts Report
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16 January 1944

ACTIVITIES REPORT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & POSTS SUB-COMMISSION
MONTH OF DECEMBER 1943

1. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

a. Communications Board-Italy. A combined Policy Signal Board, known as "Communications Board-Italy" was organized at Bari, with Gen. G. Army Group as President, to co-ordinate demands for telecommunications originated by Allied Forces and the Allied Control Commission on the Italian civil and military authorities, and those originated by the Italian civil and military authorities on the Allied Forces and the Allied Control Commission. This Board also co-ordinates demands between the Italian civil and military authorities and the Allied Forces in respect to labor, material, and transport for the provision of telecommunications.

(1) In connection with AGC's membership on the Board, a representative of this Sub-Commission attended all meetings and presented the Commission's signal requirements as well as acting in the interest of the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts, Italian Government, whose office also holds membership.

(2) Matters of policy with respect to control of stores and facilities as well as channels for demands are still the subject of discussion and clarification.

b. Communications Board No. 2 District. A signal communications board was set up known as "Communications Board No. 2 District", CSO No. 2 District President. The functions of this Board are to co-ordinate and arrange the communications requirements of all services, Allied and Italian, civil and military, in No. 2 District.

(1) A representative of this sub-Commission attended all meetings held during the month. It is the responsibility of such representative to ensure that all requirements of the services in which he is interested are fully sifted and co-ordinated so that he can present to the Board a clear picture of his requirements with their respective priorities. Requirements extending beyond the borders of No. 2 District are presented, as an agreed demand, to CSO L of G, Italy.

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(2) A considerable number of matters involving conflicting interests were presented to the Board by the Sub-Commission's representative in conjunction with the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications & Posts, Italian Government and considerable progress was made with respect to the establishing of co-ordinated working arrangements. 280

c. Wire facilities for Italian Government and ACC in Salerno Area. A plan was prepared covering both the Italian Government and ACC's requirements. Requests were made of the 15th Army Group for the allotment of 6 telephone circuits (2 ACC and 4 Italian Government) in the Bari-Salerno cable. Initially, 3 circuits have been assigned. It is not believed that these will be adequate. Requests were made on C30 L of C Italy for necessary circuits and PAX installations at Salerno. Salerno requirements of the Italian Government are being handled by the Italian Government. A representative of the Sub-Commission was sent to Salerno to supervise the installation of ACC facilities.

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d. Radio Frequencies for Use of Italian Government During Move. A request, on behalf of the Italian Government, was sent to AFHQ, for allotment of radio frequencies for communication between the Supremo Comando and Ministries of War, Navy, and Air, during the move to Salerno area. This request was not favorably considered by AFHQ on the ground that frequencies could not be allocated without interference to Allied operations in Italy.

e. Radio Facilities for Use of ACC During Move. Arrangements were made with AFHQ for a radio team at Salerno to operate FATIMA Salerno on FATIMA-AIGERS circuit as a net during move. Call signs JJSM FATIMA Brindisi, JJSK Fatima Salerno.

f. Radio Frequencies for Italian Radio Circuits, General. The Italian Government presented an application for authority to employ certain radio frequencies including a circuit to Sardinia. The application was divided into three service requirements, Army, Navy, and Air Force. This application was submitted by the Commission to the proper authorities for approval. A separate request was made by the Commission to AFHQ with respect to a radio circuit for Italian use to Sardinia. It was ruled by AFHQ that the requested frequencies could not be authorized, that use of frequencies cannot be further degraded in Italy by allocation of frequencies to non-tactical users.

g. Cipher for Use of Italian Government. AFHQ, through ACC, authorized for the use of Italian Government a modified double transposition cipher. Details for the application of the cipher were worked out with the Government and arrangements made for the transmission of Italian Government communications between Italy and Spain.

h. Restoration of Telephone & Telegraph Services in Lucania and Calabria. A plan for the restoration of civil telephone and telegraph services in Lucania and Calabria was presented to the Commission by the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts, Italian Government. The plan was examined by this Sub-Commission and after conferences with representatives of the Under-Secretary's Office, a revised plan and request for release of materials was presented to CSO No. 2 District for approval. This matter is being coordinated with AMG Region II.

i. Radar Equipment. Co-ordinated details with respect to German Wurtzburg Radars required for research laboratories in USA and UK.

j. L.I.A.R. Recommendation, upon application of Italian Government, was made to AFHQ that the Bari radio personnel payroll be returned to L.I.A.R. as well as its administration and direction, with the Allied retaining full control over policy and programs. The matter was not favorably considered by AFHQ on the grounds that it was considered hazardous to propaganda channels and that propaganda requirements would not permit a change at the time. It is intended to make further representations and recommendations in the matter.

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j. E.I.A.R. Recommendation, upon application of Italian Government, was made to AFHQ that the Bari radio personnel payroll be returned to E.I.A.R. as well as its administration and direction, with the Allied retaining full control over policy and programs. The matter was not favourably considered by AFHQ on the grounds that it was considered hazardous to propaganda channels and that propaganda requirements would not permit a change at the time. It is intended to make further representations and recommendations in the matter.

k. Miscellaneous Matters Handled.

- (1) Seizure of telephone lines by Allied Military without notice.
- (2) Employment of State telephone and telegraph employees.
- (3) Cable terminal facilities - Sardinia

2. POSTAL SERVICE.

a. Salerno Province. AGC Postal Officer from Brindisi was loaned to AMG Region II in order to organize and supervise initial postal services for Salerno Province.

b. Civil Mail Service, Apulia, Regions I, II and VI. Authority having been received, detailed arrangements were made with the Italian Government for the commencement on 20 December, of the internal mail service in and between "Four Provinces" of Apulia, the Province of Salerno, and the Provinces contained

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e. Foreign Mail. Preliminary operational details were worked out with AFHQ and AMG in connection with the introduction of foreign mails. Considerable progress was made having in mind the large number of problems involved requiring approval of the CCS. It is expected that authority will be received for starting foreign mail services in January.

d. Prisoner of War Mail. Most of the details with respect to initial handling of POW mail were completed. This service should be in operation in January.

e. Mail of Italian Military Units in Forward Areas. Procedure of handling such mail and method of censorship was co-ordinated with AMG.

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ACTIVITIES REPORT
SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION
MONTH OF DECEMBER 1943

1. General. Officers assigned to the Shipping Sub-Commission were stationed in Naples and carried out both AMB and ACC shipping functions. Pending the announcement with respect to the composition and functions of the Shipping Sub-Commission (ltr. MDS-AFH, 24 Dec 43) activities of shipping personnel consisted of:

a Attending conferences in Naples of the Transportation Committee and the Transportation Sub-Committee -Adv Adm Ech.- AFHQ and attending meetings of MEDCO with which the Sub-Commission had been requested to represent AMB and ACC in shipping matters.

b In conjunction with representatives of MEDCO, MMT and WSA initiated steps to collect all auxiliary motor schooners into a central pool.

c Participated in conferences with Admiral Barone regarding the establishment of a central schooner pool.

2. Composition and Functions of Shipping Sub-Commission. A directive regarding the composition and functions of the Shipping Sub-Commission, as agreed at AFHQ with C in C Mediterranean and MMT/WSA was transmitted to ACC by letter MDS - AFHQ dated 24 December 1943. Initial steps were taken in connection with the reorganization of the Sub-Commission and the preparation of detailed instructions to implement the basic directive. The Shipping Sub-Commission now consists of Mr. Gibson Grahame as nominal head with Mr. C. E. Kallack as Deputy, and necessary staff. Mr. Ian D. Campbell as head and Mr. Robert Nicol as Deputy act for Mr. Grahame and Mr. Kallack in Italy. ACC is providing certain officers to act on behalf of the Sub-Commission in the various regions. Such officers will be members of the Sub-Commission and will initially be drawn from officers now assigned to the Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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In reply refer to:
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15 January 1944

Subject: Monthly Activities Report

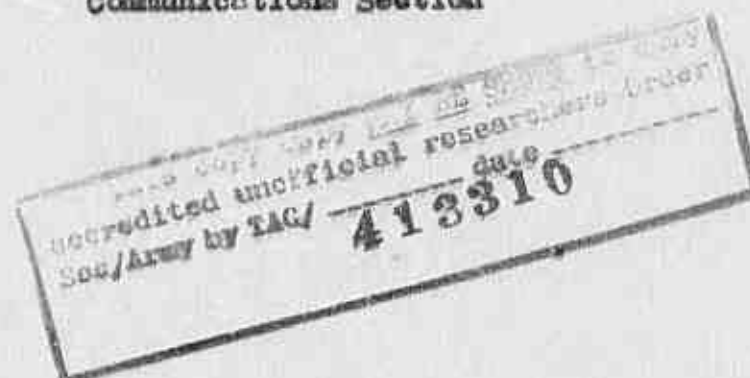
To: Director Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, Adv Adm Ech
AFHQ, Naples

1. Memorandum Order (319.1) Hq Allied Control Commission, 5 January 1944, requires each section to obtain reports of activities for each sub-commission under its control. The reports will cover the activities of the previous calendar month, that is, the report due in January will cover the activities of December.

2. It is requested a report be prepared each month and submitted to the Communications Section on or before the 13th day of the month. This will require that the report for January be submitted on or before 13 February.

3. With respect to report for month of December, it is requested that you submit such report to Hq AMG Naples, if this has not already been done, with a request that it be forwarded to MGS-AFHQ. Since the December report is due at AFHQ on 13 January, may this matter be expedited.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice-President
Communications Section



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HEADQUARTERS, FORWARD ECHELON
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

4 January 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Activities of Shipping Sub-Commission
for Month of December 1943.

TO : D. C. C. A. O.

1. Reference is made to directive dated 29 December 1943 requesting monthly reports on activities of all sub-commissions.
2. The following activities of the Shipping Sub-Commission for month of December were undertaken:
 - a) Drafted the suggested mission and responsibilities of the Shipping Sub-Commission and regional representatives.
 - b) Drafted suggested directives covering shipping and salvage operations within Sicilian waters.
 - c) Attended conferences in Naples of the Transportation Committee and Transportation Sub-committee, A.F.H.Q. and of MEDBO to which groups the Shipping Sub-Commission was requested to represent Hq.A.M.G. and A.C.C. in shipping matters.
 - d) As a representative of Medbo together with the representative of war shipping W.S.A. and M.W.T. initiated steps to gather all auxiliary motor schooners into a central pool.
 - e) Participated in conferences with Admiral Barone and his representative regarding the establishment of the above referred to central schooner pool.

At the present, the situation regarding Italian coastal shipping is somewhat confused owing to the rather vague definition of jurisdiction among the various Allied agencies concerned, but it is hoped that the position will be clarified in the near future.

3. The task of gathering all schooners not under the direct control of the Military and Naval authorities is rendered extremely difficult owing to the fact that most available tonnage had already been taken up, either by charter, requisition or seizure by various Allied agencies.

4. It accordingly appears that relatively few free Schooners remain and are scattered indiscriminately about in numerous small ports, harbors within liberated Italy. In order to procure these remaining vessels it will be necessary to rely heavily upon the cooperation of the Italian Government. Efforts are now being made in Naples through Mediterranean Shipping Board to accomplish these desired results.

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Acting Director,
Shipping Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS, FORWARD ECHELON
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

W. A. Owen *af*
8 January 1944

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MONTHLY REPORTS
OF ACTIVITIES OF SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION.

TO : D.C.C.A.O., A.M.G. HQ.

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1. As a result of spot surveys and field inspections it appears that relatively few auxiliary motor schooners are at present available for the carriage of civilian cargo, the great majority of craft having already been taken up by multifarious Allied Military and Naval agencies under charter, requisition or seizure as a prize of war.
2. In order to make the most efficient use of all available schooners in Italian waters it has been proposed and steps have been taken to place all craft, including ~~the ones~~ ^{those} now controlled by the military and naval authorities, into a central pool, under charter by the Italian Government. Tonnage requests, military, naval and civilian will be made to the proper allied authority, which will allocate required tonnages in accordance with priorities by demand upon the Italian Govt. In this manner all vessels will be available to all bidders by priority, and no agencies will have a permanent prescriptive right to a specified number of craft.
3. All "free" craft on the East coast, which have been utilized under the control of the Italian Govt., have been dispatched, with essential cargoes to the Naples Area where they will be reistered and become part of the central pool. (See attached report Incl. No. 1) Likewise available free craft in Sicily have been ordered to Naples for the same purpose. (See attached report Incl. No. 2.).
4. In order to control the movements of small craft, a central "schooner control office" is being established, but since its' efficiency will be largely dependent upon the functioning of the Italian Capitanerie, it is anticipated that some time will elapse before its operations are fully affective.

5. Up to the present instance the use by A.M.G. of schooner tonnage has been by necessity localized in character, Reg. I. Hq. controlling the operation of approximately 15 craft in the carriage of AMG and other essential cargoes, on an established freight tariff basis.

6. To date the problem has been one of first finding available craft and then controlling their cargoes and movements. It is beleived that the plan outlined above has the necessary attributes of flexibility and control and will enable to a large extent, the equitable, efficient, and systematic use of schooner tonnage to the benifit of all concerned.

Joseph C. Hickingbotham

JOSEPH C. HICKINGBOTHAM,
Major, Acting Director,
Shipping Sub-Commission.

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Report of Maj. Shephard. (1)
" " Capt. Marks. (1)

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HEADQUARTERS, FORWARD ECHELON
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

8 January 1944

SUBJECT: Schooners from Apuglia.

TO : MAJOR J. C. HICKINGBOTHAM, Shipping Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

FROM : CAPT. R. C. MARKS, R. E.

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1. In accordance with AG 300.4 of 26 Dec. 1943, and your verbal instructions, I proceeded to Toronto on temporary duty, returned therefrom today, and beg to submit this my report.

2. The mission entrusted to me was "to dispatch immediately all available Italian schooners to Naples, with essential cargo".

3. Ports visited were as follows: - Toronto, Brindisi, Bari, Barletta and Molfetta. Lack of transport prevented visits to "ola di Bari, Monopoli and Manfredonia

4. A road vehicle could not be placed at my disposal, and road transport had to be solicited at each place visited.

5. As arranged, Ammiraglio Barone detailed an Officer (Ten. Tosi, A) to accompany me to each place and issue orders to the Capitanerie di Porto for transmission to schooners. It is desired to emphasize that Ten. Tosi, who has a good knowledge of English was very helpful and efficient in the performance of the joint duties.

6. Appendix A to this report gives details of all vessels now enroute to Naples district, Appendix B shows vessels ordered to Naples but not yet enroute. Appendix C shows vessels received but not ordered to Naples by reason of unsuitability or delay in being ready. The location of each vessel as of January 5th, 1944 is given.

7. Vessels of a size suitable for dispatch to Naples, that is to say of from 30 to 300 tons dead-weight capacity, are being requisitioned daily by the Naval and Military authorities. The R.M.S.C., which operates such vessels for military purposes, was not willing to release any for the use of the Allied Control Commission.

8. None of the vessels are under direct charter to the Italian Ministry of Marine. All vessels are being provided with useful cargos, the chartering being effected by commercial consignors. The Italian Ministry of Marine exercises supervision over movements of the vessels. All vessels have orders to report to Capitanerie di Porto at Naples or Castellmare, according to destination of present voyage. No vessel exceeds 15 feet draught with cargo.

APPENDIX A VESSELS NOW EN-ROUTE FOR NAPLES DISTRICT:

NAME	TONS DEADWEIGHT	FROM	TO	CARGO	LAST KNOWN LOCATION ON 5TH JANUARY
ANGELINA BUONA MARE	75	BARLETTA	REGGIO	SALT	ARR. GALLIPOLI 4 JAN.
LORENZIA MARE	420	do.	do.	do.	Sld. CROTONE 31 DEC.
DON GIOVANNI BOSCO	140	do.	do.	do.	At CROTONE 26 DEC.
DUCHESSA	120	do.	CASTELLANARE	do.	Sld. CROTONE 17 DEC.
FERDINANDO T.	105	do.	REGGIO	do.	At CROTONE JAN. 1
FRANCO	110	do.	CASTELLANARE	do.	Sld. CROTONE 17 DEC.
GIOVANNI	220	do.	do.	do.	do.
I BUONI AMICI	120	do.	do.	do.	ARR. GALLIPOLI 4 JAN.
I DUE FRATELLI	95	do.	do.	do.	GALLIPOLI
MARIA LUIGIA	65	do.	REGGIO C.	do.	At BARI 26 DEC.

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NAME	TONS	FROM	TO	CARGO	LAST KNOWN LOCATION ON JANUARY 5TH.
NUOVO PIETRO	30	BARI	CASTELLANARE	SALT	ARR. GALLIPOLI 4TH JANUARY.
CRISTINA	600	do.	do.	do.	S.S.D. GALLIPOLI 5TH JANUARY
ORTENSIA	65	do.	REGGIO C.	do.	S.S.D. BARI 28TH DECEMBER.
S. FRANCESCO GI PAOLO	220	do.	CASTELLANARE	do.	GALLIPOLI
ELVI STARITA	200	do.	do.	do.	BRINDISI.
LUE SORRELLI	60	TARANTO	GIOIA TAURO	EMPTY (for wood)	AT CROTONE 1 JANUARY.
MARIA DELLA VANA	70	do.	do.	do.	do.
ROBERTO	50	MOLFETTA	do.	do.	S.S.D. BRINDISI 3RD JANUARY.
S. FRANCESCO B.	200	do.	CROTONE	SALT	S.S.D. BARI 31 JANUARY DECEMBER.
ZUECCA I	185	TARANTO	GIOIA TAURO	EMPTY (for wood)	S.S.D. CROTONE 3RD JANUARY.
VITTORIO MADRE	120	BRINDISI	NAPLES	WINE	BRINDISI
ZUC CADIS	176	TARANTO	NAPLES	WINE	TARANTO
S. GIUSEPPE	110	BRINDISI	do.	do.	BRINDISI

NOTE: Positions of vessels West of Crotone are not received by the Italian Ministry Marine at Taranto.

APPENDIX B. VESSELS ORDERED TO NAPLES BUT NOT YET EN-ROUTE:

NAME	TONS DR.	AT	REMARKS:
GIOVANNINA I	85	MOLA di BARI	Minor repairs. Loaded to Castellammare with salt.
PAPA MICHELE	250	MOLFETTA	Repairs. Expected ready 8th January.
NUOVO GIUSEPPINA	45	MOLA di BARI	Repairs, ready 9th January.
BELLA VENEZIA	120	MOLFETTA	Repairs, ready 5th January.
ARS	90	do.	Repairs, ready 20th January.
LUIGINO	50	MOLFETTA	To load at Bari.
EUGENIO LOFFREDO	110	BRINDISI	Repairs.
AVE MARIA	110	MOLFETTA	Repairs, ready 14 January.
ALDO COLOMBO	45	MOLFETTA	Repairs.
S. MICHELE	50	do.	do.
ITALIA S.	90	MOLA di BARI	Repairs, Ready 10th January.
GEORGIO II	90	do.	do. ready 15th January.

NOTE: Progress of repairs depends on occupation of facilities by Naval & Military.

APPENDIX C. VESSELS NOT ORDERED TO NAVALS:

NAME	TONS	DR	AT	REMARKS:
S. LORENZO	50		BARLETTA	Requisitioned by British.
LAGOSTA	55		do.	do.
FRANCALONE	60		do.	do.
ALFONSO ANDRO	600		NOLPETTA	Wants repairs. Not ready before 20 Jan.
CITTA di BARI	400		do.	To be requisitioned by British.
IMPERATORE	2600		BRINDISI	Too large. Wants long repairs.
NUOVO ITALIA	160		NOLPETTA	Wants major repairs & engine parts.
AIDA	500		do.	do.
GIUSEPPE C.	80		MANFREDONIA	Requisitioned by British.
S. GUARDENIO	130		NOLPETTA	Repairs until March 31st.
SAMIA II	80		do.	do. 30 April.
GIUSEPPE	500		do.	Several months repairs.
BIRCE	20 gross		GALLIPOLI	Too small for passage.
DUE GONNATI	95		BRINDISI	Engines broken.
FAMILIGLIA	185		BRINDISI	1 month repairs. Wanted by British.
MANSTRAL	160		do.	Requisitioned for salvage work.
IDA	105		do.	Repairs. Wanted by British.

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HEADQUARTERS, FORWARD ECHELON
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

3 January 1944

TO : Act'g. Chief Shipping Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Report on Visit by Maj. K. C. Shephard to Catania
on behalf of Shipping Sub-Commission, A.C.C., 31st &
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In addition to above the schooner "Bella Virgine" with 60 tons fruit aboard was dispatched to Naples and should have arrived there about 28 December 1943.

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SIGNED-----Maj. K.C. SRECHARD--

HEADQUARTERS, FORWARD ECHELON
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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Division of Displaced Persons and Refugees
Office of the Director
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12 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chief of Staff.

SUBJECT : Progress report.

1. I arrived 3 January 1944. Conferred with Lt. Col. Jackling, AFHQ and Mr. Caccia, 3 and 4 January.
2. On 5 January conferred with Brig. Lush, AME 15 Army Group. Mr. Caccia and Lt. Col. Jackling were present. Brig. Lush agreed to memorandum of C of S., ACC, on division of responsibilities between ACC and AMG. (Copy attached).
3. Attended conference called by Maj. Gen. Dowler, Two District, which Mr. Caccia also attended at which Gen. Dowler agreed to the general division of responsibilities, except that he referred to Flambo for decision the extent to which Two District should furnish materials and supplies required for the camps, also transportation, and personnel for handling and police.
4. Two District agreed to recommend to Flambo to continue feeding Yugoslav refugees the prisoner of war ration, less cigarettes.
5. By 14 January 1944, it is expected that the strength of this unit will be increased by 23 officers and 20 enlisted men of whom 7 are drivers. Since my arrival we have received 1 command car; 2 jeeps; and 4 weapons carriers.
6. I have arranged a conference with Col. Mortimer, 4 Beach Brick, to discuss taking over the management of camps with the new personnel expected, in so far as their numbers are sufficient.
7. This unit is to receive additional enlisted personnel from Region V on loan. In fact, all the increased personnel except 9 officers are on loan.

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8. Have arranged to set up my headquarters at Bari where I will have access to Two District, AMG 15 Army Group, and Red Cross personnel. Expect to move 17 January 1944.

Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Col. FA, U.S. Army
Director

1 Incl- same as in para 2.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chief of Staff.

SUBJECT : Progress report.

1. I arrived 3 January 1944. Conferred with Lt. Col. Jackling, AFH, and Mr. Caccia, 3 and 4 January.
2. On 5 January conferred with Brig. Lush, AMG 15 Army Group. Mr. Caccia and Lt. Col. Jackling were present. Brig. Lush agreed to memorandum of C of S., ACC, on division of responsibilities between ACC and AMG. (Copy attached).
3. Attended conference called by Maj. Gen. Dowler, Two District, which Mr. Caccia also attended at which Gen. Dowler agreed to the general division of responsibilities, except that he referred to Flambo for decision the extent to which Two District should furnish materials and supplies required for the camps, also transportation, and personnel for handling and police.
4. Two District agreed to recommend to Flambo to continue feeding Yugoslav refugees the prisoner of war ration, less cigarettes.
5. By 14 January 1944, it is expected that the strength of this unit will be increased by 23 officers and 20 enlisted men of whom 7 are drivers. Since my arrival we have received 1 command car; 2 jeeps; and 4 weapons carriers.
6. I have arranged a conference with Col. Mortimer, 4 Beach Group, to discuss taking over the management of camps with the new personnel expected, in so far as their numbers are sufficient.
7. This unit is to receive additional enlisted personnel from Region V on loan. In fact, all the increased personnel except 9 officers are on loan.

8. Have arranged to set up my headquarters at Bari where I will have access to Two District, AMG 15 Army Group, and Red Cross personnel. Expect to move 17 January 1944.

ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD
Col. FA. U.S. Army
Director

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To: Vice President Military Section, Allied Control Commission.

From: Head of Air Forces Sub Commission.

Ref: ASC/AIR/1

Date: 6th January 1944.

Progress Report No.1.

Since I took up my appointment as Head of the Air Forces Sub Commission I have reviewed the situation as I find it and I have to report as follows:-

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The final views of the Air Commander in Chief were taken back to London and I returned to take up my appointment on the 20th December 1943

Available Italian Air Force Resources

A review of the Italian Air Force resources showed that under Allied control there were 404 aircraft on charge, but of these the average effective strength was 75 Fighters, 24 Bombers, and 259 35 Sea Reconnaissance. These were organised by the Air Section of the Mission into a composite Group of 1 Wing of Fighters, 1 Wing of Bomber Transports and 1 Wing of Sea Reconnaissance.

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The Airfields allotted to the Italian Air Units were Lecce, Laverino and later, one in the Foggia area while the seaplanes were at Brindisi and Taranto.

The role assigned to the Italian Air Force was to assist the Yugoslave partisans in their fight against Germany. Their Bomber and Fighter operational orders come from the M.A.A.F. Tactical Air Force and Sea Reconnaissance and Air Sea Rescue come under the operational direction of M.A.A.F. Coastal Command. The strength of Italian aircraft is unlikely to be increased when more of Italy is occupied, not with the few additions that repairs will make available to make up wastage. The effective strength of the Italian Air Force will steadily decline since it is the Allied policy not to provide them with Allied aircraft. The air personnel exceed the needs of the air force and are likely to show increase in redundancy as more Italian territory is occupied Italian Air Ministry and Air Command.

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When this is received I will inform the Italian Air Minister of the separate functions.

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Future Locations.

While the Air Ministry will move to Rome when it is occupied, the Italian Air Command will remain at Bari as long as the airfields allotted for the Italian Air Force Commitments are located in that area.

Colin Dore

Air Commodore,
Head of Air Forces Sub Commission.

Copy to :-

H.Q. M.A.A.F. Advance.

A.F.H.Q.

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War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.
A.P.O. 394

8 JAN 1944.

SUBJECT : Report of Activities of the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission
for the month of December 1943. (Initial Report)

TO : The Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

1. ORGANIZATION.

a. This Sub-Commission was activated by the following documents :
Allied Control Commission, Directive No. 1, dated 10 Nov, 1943; and
C.O. No. 2, same source, same date.

b. It began to function as a Sub-Commission on DEC 1st, 1943, at
MILANO, Italy.

c. The nucleus of the Sub-Commission consisted of a section of the
Captured Enemy Material Executive Committee (C.E.M.E.C.) A.P.H.Q.,
under Lt. Col. R.A.N. Shatto, (B). This committee was assigned the
special task of performing the duties of the Sub-Commission until such time
as the Sub-Commission is able to function. This Committee was on the
ground and operating on Dec 1. Practically the entire operations of
the Sub-Commission during the month were conducted by this committee,
the undersigned being the only member of this Sub-Commission present.

2. FUNCTIONS.

a. Pending receipt of a definite directive the following tentative
principles were used as a guide in operations:

(1) Announce policies in conformity with Directives of higher
headquarters, for the disposal and recovery of War Materials of Italian
origin pertaining to Air, Navy, and Ground Forces.

(2) Co-ordinate the inspection of Italian War Material, wherever
it lies, to ensure that the requirements of the A.C.C. as to its
collection, safe guarding, and issue, in accordance with such priorities
as may have been prescribed, are carried out.

(3) Act generally in advisory, control and co-ordinating capacity
in all matters dealing with the disposition of Italian War Materials.

3. OPERATIONS.

(a. Immediate contact was made directly with the Military Mission to

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the Italian Army (M.M.I.A.) (Brig Duchesne, (B) chief). On Dec 5, a Memorandum was prepared and submitted by this Sub-Commission covering the spheres of action, responsibilities, and channels of communication, between the Allied Control Commission, the M.M.I.A., and other Allied agencies dealing with war materials.

b. Personal conferences were conducted on Dec 1 and 4, between members of this Sub-Commission and General Aliberti, the Military Head of the Italian War Ministry. These conferences dealt with Italian War Materials, and the general organization of the Italian Army for procurement and distribution of supplies.

c. By informal request to General Aliberti, two English speaking Italian Officers, and one non-commissioned officer, were attached to the Sub-Commission to assist in inspections, translations, and in general operational tasks.

d. During the period 8 - 15 Dec, the Acting Chief of the Sub-Commission proceeded to Sicily and there procured from C.E.M.E.C., and I.B.S., sources the general status of Italian War materials in Sicily.

e. On Dec 18, a status report on Italian war materials on the Island of Sardinia was procured from Col. Simons, Allied representative in Sardinia.

f. During the month assistance was rendered to the M.M.I.A. in co-ordinating the procurement of Italian war materials for use in Jugo Slavia, and for use of Allied troops in Italy.

g. During this month reports were procured and compiled on 185 Italian army depots. 77 of these depots were physically inspected and stock lists obtained. Copies of these reports have been furnished A.F.H.Q., JI(CMED) and to M.M.I.A. All stock lists have been translated and copies of the reports together with original Italian supporting documents are held by the Sub-Commission.

4.

PLANS FOR FUTURE

a. Continue operations as now set up until such time as main echelon of A.C.C. headquarters moves to Naples area. (Approx Jan 15 - 1944)

b. Request for personnel, Officer and enlisted, to be available for duty in Naples area on Jan 15, 1944, went forward from this Sub-Commission on Dec 28, 1943.

JOHN T. ZILLARS.
Col, Inf.

Acting Chief War Materials
Disposal Sub Commission.

16 JAN 1944

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Subject:- Monthly Report - M.M.L.A.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
I/107
15 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission

1. Ref your 310.1 of 6 Jan 44.
I forward herewith two copies of a report covering the activities of the Mission during the month of December 1943.
2. The report is, as requested, a terse summary of essential events, and I would be glad if you would let me know if you consider it too brief.
Any other comments as to method of compilation of future reports would be appreciated.

Antonio
Salvatore

GSH

Brig
Cond
(absent on duty)

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MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMY

Comd Brigadier C.C. DUCHESNE, O.B.E. M.C.

Report on activities during the month of December 1943.

Ref Mems 1:250,000 ITALY
Sheets 34 - 52

Activities are grouped under XIV general headings, and information under each heading is arranged in chronological order.

I. ITALIAN PORT LABOUR

15 Dec Comd visits General BERARDI, Italian Chief of Staff, to discuss position re Italian military labour in heel ports. Stresses seriousness of shortage of personnel actually working.

17 Dec Comd and G.1, Lt Col G.H. MORIARTY, visit Italian General Staff. Italians informed in writing that for the port of BRINDISI, between 1 and 15 Dec the numbers of Italian service personnel supplied fell from 3,675 to 3,160. This compares with the total of 6,000 required by the Allies. Also informed that military labour for the ports of BARI, TARANTO and BARLETTA had been unsatisfactory for some time past, and that it continued to be so.

24 Dec Comd visits Marshall MESSE and discusses Port Labour, their quarters, clothing and equipment, relations with coloured troops, labour turn-round and leave.

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25 Dec Division start to entrain.

31 Dec Mission informed of completion of move of 227 Div.

IV. POLICY REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY BY ALLIES

6 Dec Comd visits Marshal MESSE and General BERNARDI to discuss policy, etc. particularly with regard to defence of CALABRIA.

7 Dec Comd visits 15 Army Group reference letter written a week ago asking for immediate co-ordination policy regarding employment of Italian Army and its resources; a policy directive in considerable detail required. 15 Army Group signal ~~Army~~ raising above matter and stating their proposals for use of Italians in combat role (one division) and internal security in No 2 District (two divisions (Coast.)); at the same time they request clear instruction regarding the responsibility of operational control of ITALY behind 15 Army Group area.

20 Dec Comd attends conference on Italian Army at 15 Army Group. Present were Chief of Staff AFHQ Gen REDELL-SMITH; Chief of Staff 15 Army Group Gen RICHARDSON; Deputy Pres A.C.C. Gen JOYCE; Chief of Staff A.C.C. Gen TAYLOR; Brig LUSH A.M.G.; Gen ROBERTSON L.C.A.C.

Decisions made in higher level meeting same afternoon (between Generals EISENHOWER, ALEXANDER, Marshals BADOLLO and MESSE) formed the agenda of the conference the main points of which were:-

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(a) Italian troops for immediate use in combat will be limited to the DAPINO Motorised Bde and one Mountain Div under command Gen CASTELLANO which will include the DAPINO Bde. If these troops fight well, at the completion of the arming of eleven French Divs, an additional Italian Div will be given Allied equipment and used for combat. Depending on the performance of the preceding troops, additional divisions will be similarly equipped one at a time.

(b) Subject to the condition that the MANTOVA and PIERNO Divs will not be broken up, all Italian troops on the mainland of Italy will be at the disposal of the GOC 15 Army Group for the formation of service and special units.

(c) Italian military equipment on the mainland will be reserved for use by Italian troops. All stocks in Italy will be released to Italian Units.

(d) The rationing of the Italian Army will be accepted as an Allied responsibility.

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Mission receives visit from ADSTs Lt Cols DAWSON (FIAMATO) & JEFFERS (2 District) to discuss policy re formation of these units.

X. SARDINIA
18 Dec Although not at present concerned with SARDINIA, Mission receives visit from AFHQ representative (Colonel F.L. SIMONS) in SARDINIA, who gives set-up and details of existing stocks and military equipment.
29 Dec Comd sees Gen HERARDI (newly returned from SARDINIA) who states best Italian troops are in that island, and that he advised their transportation to the mainland as soon as possible. He further reports that the animal situation in SARDINIA is bad on account of lack of fodder. There are some 4000 mules, 1000 horses, and forage is extremely scarce. He advised transportation of men and animals to NAPLES area for distribution where most needed.

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20 Dec Col CRAWFORD, designate O.C. of 7 Mixed Mtn Regt R.A. calls on Comd, informs Mission that Italian component personnel are required at DATTIPAGLIA N8324 by mid Jan.

XII. ITALIAN E.M.E. SPECIALISTS

22 Dec Col AMLOT, ADME, FLAMBO, calls and discusses availability of Italian E.M.E. units and personnel in EAST ITALY for Workshops on Allied L of C.

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MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMYLOCATION STATEMENT 31 Dec 43

HQ MIA . . . LEQUITE Q 9257

Liaison HQs . .

NAPLES Liaison with Gen BASSO's HQ of Italian Armed Forces, CAMPANIA, and AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

BARI Liaison with HQ 9 Italian Corps and HQ 2 District

CATANZARO Liaison with HQ 31 Italian Corps

EIGHTH ARMY Rear HQ Liaison with Italian Force HQ and EIGHTH ARMY. There is also an L.O. with each of the two Corps HQs in EIGHTH ARMY.

Appendix B

MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMYSTAFF LIST 31 Dec 43

RANK	NAME	APPOINTMENT	LOCATION if not at HQ
<u>'G' BRANCH</u>			
Maj	J. F. HAMPTON	G. S. O. II	
Capt	G. C. FOX	G. S. O. III	
Capt	B. G. BUNTERWORTH	G. S. O. III (I)	
Maj	R. M. PHILLIPS	S. O. R. E.	
Maj	G. A. FLEMING	G II Sigs	
<u>'G' LIAISON BRANCH</u>			
Lt Col	G. H. MORIARTY	Liaison Offr	
Maj	J. G. LEWIS	G. S. O. II R. E. L. O.	CATANZARO
Maj	H. FIELDMAN	L. O.	Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
Capt	J. R. MORIOO	L. O.	
Capt	E. F. BYATT	L. O.	
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Capt	F. MURCELL	L. O.	BARI
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Capt	N. H. CENTLE	L. O. R. E.	5 Corps EIGHTH ARMY
Capt	P. HERBERT	L. O.	CATANZARO
Capt	G. R. HILLS	L. O.	13 Corps EIGHTH ARMY
<u>A/G BRANCH</u>			
Maj	B. G. CAREW-HUNT	DAA QMG	
Capt	J. G. BIRD	S. C. (Q)	
Maj	S. L. CANN	D. A. D. S. T.	
Maj	M. O'CONNOR	D. A. D. O. S.	
Maj	W. A. HEGGIE	D. A. D. M. S.	
Maj	C. A. MALL	D. A. D. H. E.	
Lieut	N. W. COLLETT	Camp Commandant	

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

A.P.O. 394

12 JANUARY 1944.

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT DEC 1943.

TO : DEPUTY VICE-PRESIDENT
ECONOMIC & ADM SECTION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

1. The General Economic (Commercial) situation in Italian Territory under A.C.C. control underwent little if any change during the month of December 1943. Due to the non-arrival of food supplies, the feeding of civilians became somewhat critical, particularly during the last week of the month. Expected deliveries in the early part of JAN 1944 will almost relieve this emergency. A shortage of medical supplies has also been felt. Some relief in this respect has been given through the issue of Army supplies and also from AMG stocks brought into the mainland from SICILY.

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(iii) 290 tons SHED POTATOES arrived ex U.K. and were in process of distribution at the end of the month.

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(v) An allocation of 900 tons of OLIVE OIL for NAPLES was obtained and this was transported there.

B. ASSISTANCE TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES

Main items in this connection are as follows:-

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B. ASSISTANCE TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES

Main items in this connection are as follows:-

- (i) Release of a considerable quantity of paper for the printing of tax forms etc. was obtained from Allied authorities at NAPLES.
- (ii) Paper was released and facilities obtained for the printing of new ration cards for the civil population.
- (iii) Requests for transportation for the movement of considerable quantities of SALT and TOBACCO, both State Monopolies, were submitted to Transportation Sub-Commission at NAPLES. Transport of CHARCOAL from Region II was arranged.

(iv) Contact was maintained with the Italian Under-Secretary for Merchant Marine regarding the provision and use of schooners for coastwise traffic.

C. Requisitions were submitted to A.F.H.Q. (M.G.S.) for the under mentioned, to complete long-term requisitions for the period 1 JAN to 30 JUNE 1944.

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CAUSTIC SODA (For Soap-making and
Olive Oil refining)

- 1440 tons over
6 months.

CHEESE

- 2880 tons over
6 months.

AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES

- 66 units over
6 months.

D. COAL & PETROLEUM

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(ii) New price policy for GRAIN and OLIVE OIL.

(iii) The promotion of the normal flow of commercial traffic. Permits were given and facilities obtained for the export of dried figs and wine from APOLIA and the import into APOLIA of fruit and vegetables from areas outside APOLIA with enclosures of these.

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J.D. MURPHY.
COLONEL, R.A.C.
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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18 January 1944

Subject: Finance Sub-Commission Operations Report.

To: General F. N. Mason MacFarlane

1. Attached here-with is the operations report of the Finance Sub-Commission for 1-15 January 1944.
2. In the future, a report will be submitted every seven-day period.
3. I trust that the foregoing procedure is agreeable to you.

E. H. Foley Jr.
per J. J. J.

E. H. FOLEY, JR.
Colonel,
Finance Sub-Commission.

1 Incl: above report

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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In reply refer to:
AG 350

15 January 1944

→ Subject: Report on Educational Situation

To: Colonel Gayre, Director, Education Sub-Commission, HQ AMG,
Naples

In the absence of Signor Cuomo, I had a conversation with Dottore Rossi, the local Provveditore. The following subjects were discussed.

1. Memorandum from HQ AMG (1 Jan. AMG 550. AD) asking consideration of classes in Language for British troops in 2 District. Dr. Rossi could not speak with authority on this point; he thought the idea good, but pointed out it might be difficult to get teachers. I shall discuss the matter with Signor Cuomo on his return.

2. Reopening of Schools. The schools of Lecce and Taranto are open. Most schools in Bari are closed, and practically all in Brindisi. Main reason; requisitioning of school buildings by Allied Forces, Italian Army, and recently, refugees. Rossi seemed particularly irritated by the Italian Army. He pointed out that the reopening of schools was of vital social importance, especially for the great mass of poor; the well-to-do have in general been able to find tutors. He also pointed out that school property suffered greatly in requisitioning and many buildings which had been requisitioned would be practically unfit for their original purpose. Also, many records had been and would be lost.

3. Text Books. In some schools old pre-Fascist text books had been used. This was not a good general solution because such books are not available in sufficient number. In his own district, Dr. Rossi had accepted the old Fascist books for such scientific matters as mathematics, etc., had recommended cutting history books off at 1918, and as for the primary grade readers, had instructed his teachers to make up their own readers by use of blackboard and copy books. 249

I have asked him to write me a short note on the school and text book situation to confirm our conversation of this date.

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T. G. BERGIN
Major, Spec Res

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In reply
refer to: AG 391.1

29 January 1944

Subject: Monthly Reports

To: Military Government Section, AFHQ, APO 512

Reference our letter of 20 January 1944.

Enclosed is a copy of the Naval Sub-Commission's report for
December 1943.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

A. J. COLLINS
Captain, R.E.
Asst Secy of Commission

28 JAN 1944

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF NAVAL SUB COMMISSION.
(Commodore I.M. Palmer, D.S.C., Head of Naval
Sub-Commission, Salerno's letter dated 21st
January, 1944.)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Forwarded.

TARANTO.
26th January, 1944.

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From..... Commodore I.M. Palmer. D.S.C.
Head of Naval Sub Commission, SALERNO.

To..... Rear Admiral R.R. Mc Grigor. C.B: D.S.O.
Vice President, Military Section,
Allied Commission of Control. TARANTO.

Date..... 21 January 1944.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION.

With reference to your T.A.6 / 25 of 15th January on A.C.C. 391.1 of 6th January, the following report of the activities of the Naval Sub-Commission is submitted.

2. 2nd December I was requested by the A.C.C. to arrange the visit of Mr VYSHINSKY and his staff to Taranto to visit F.O.T.A.L.I. and the Dockyard. Arrangements were made by telephone, and party had lunch with F.O.T.A.L.I.

3. 4th December. Several Coastal Force Officers arrived from BARI after the air raid there, requesting accommodation: at N.O.I.C.'s request I called on the Italian Admiral, who kindly allocated cabins in the Italian parent ship "CAMPIDOLIA". General Taylor also put four rooms at the American rest hotel available for British convalescent Officers.

4. 6th December. Attended conference with FLAMBO over the feeding of the Italian armed forces. It was agreed with the R.A.F. that all Italian Naval and Air Force personnel should be on the same operational scale of victuals. All FLAMBO's instructions were forwarded to F.O.T.A.L.I. for B.A.O.'s guidance and remarks.

5. 14th December. I visited the Naval College in the old C.I.L. headquarters where there are 790 Naval Cadets and a small number of Air Force Cadets. The administrative staff and instructors number 51. I was shown over the college by the second in command Captain SITTA, in the absence of Admiral Bacci di Capace. Instruction is carried out in difficult circumstances owing to lack of text books &c, but the smartness cleanliness, and discipline is praiseworthy. Some of the cadets are accommodated in the VESPUCCI and COLOMBO training ships. A number of cadets are being fitted with uniforms by a tailor, and some are passing out in February, and will, I understand, join ships as arranged by Admiral Courteen and yourself.

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23 February 1944

Subject: Monthly Reports.

To: Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Enclosed herewith are reports for the month of January from the
Army, War Material Disposal and Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commissions.

For the Chief Commissioner:

ROBERT A. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

Encls.
As noted above.

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WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
APO 394.

JAN 31, 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Activities of the War Materials
Disposal Sub-Commission for month of JANUARY, 1944.

1. OPERATIONS.

a. In the absence of a definite directive, this sub-commission continued to operate under policies as authorized in para 2 of December Report.

b. Arranged details concerning the despatch of a representative of Italian War Ministry to take over Italian M.T. Spares parts Depot at Caltanissetta, Sicily.

c. Completed inspection and survey of all Italian Depots and supply installations located in Italian Mainland, including depots in the Forze Armate Della Campania.

d. In addition to those previously reported a further 20 depots in Puglia and Lucania inspected and reports compiled. In Campania 11 more depots of the F.A. Della Campania were visited, also two factories, reports and lists compiled.

Copies of all these reports have been furnished A.F.H.Q. (Q.M. (CMPC)) and to M.M.I.A. Completion of translation and filing are now in progress.

e. Close contact continued with M.M.I.A.

f. Plans completed on Jan 28, for acting chief of sub-commission with a representative of the Italian War Ministry to proceed to Palermo, Sicily, with the following missions:

1. Investigation into discontented elements reportedly, in the SABAUDA Division, and recommendation of corrective action.

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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Recommend that scheme of supervision and control as outlined in attached memorandum be followed.

The supervisory groups indicated therein to act in all matters under directives issued directly under control Headquarters, A.C.C.

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JOHN T. ZELLARS,
Col. Inf.
Acting Chief M.M.D.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
APO 394

25 JAN 44.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Fiske.

SUBJECT: Supervision of Italian receipt, distribution, transport, and use of supplies furnished Italian Army, Navy and Air Forces, from Allied sources.

1. Reference attached document, letter A.F.H.Q., 9 JAN 44, subject Supply Organisation Italian Army.

2. Directive.

"The Allied Armies will provide a minimum number of officers and enlisted men for supervisory purposes. The use, manner of operation, and maintenance of any motor transport provided by the Allied Armies will be actively supervised. Supervisory personnel will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for, and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive".

3. The inspection teams indicated below will be organized and will proceed to stations shown without delay.

4. These teams will operate directly under the Military Section this headquarters, or M.M.I.A.

5. Co-ordination of operations by teams will be direct with Allied Force base echelons concerned (Districts, or Base Sections).

6. Records and Reports.

a. Each team will keep a complete record of all supplies received and their ultimate disposition into Italian hands, to include delivery to warehouses. Monthly reports covering the same will be submitted to this headquarters.

b. Frequent check inspections will be made to ensure delivery to Italian Troop units - Reports of all such inspections will be included in reports mentioned under para 6, a. above.

c. The Italian War Ministry will also make a monthly report direct to this headquarters showing in detail the receipt, use and distribution of all supplies received from Allied sources.

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7. Organisation of Teams.

a. Initially, four teams will be organised. One each for GAGLIARI, NAPLES, BARI AND PALESTINO.

b. Each team will consist of the following members:

- 1 - Lt. Col., (B)
- 1 - Major or Capt. (A)
- 1 - Major or Capt. (Italian Army) (Preferably English speaking)
- 1 - N.C.O. (A) or (B)
- 1 - N.C.O. (Italian, preferably English speaking)
- 2 - Staff Cars with Drivers (A) or (B)

JT
JOHN T. ZELLARS.
Col. Inf.
Act. Chief Mil. Section.

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POLITICAL SITUATION IN BRINDISI AREA.

FROM FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE 3rd February, 1944.

No. T.A. 763/43a.

TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

The following extract of the Report of Proceedings of Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brindisi for the month of December, 1943, is forwarded for information.

"The political and general situation in the Brindisi Area remains the same:-

✓ Many Fascists are still in power ostensibly because the Badoglio Government is incapable of finding competent men to replace them.

✓ The political situation is still confused - there are many political parties with different views as to what sort of a Democracy Italy should have.

"Black Market" still flourishes - Italian Government does nothing to counteract it. Italian people tend to blame Allies and Italian Government has not organised food rationing, as it should. Perhaps the new Control Economic Committee of the Italian Mainland which the Allies have recently established in Naples will tackle the problem.

Many demands for increase in wages are being received. Complaints are made that with the devaluation of the lire and increased cost of living, wages have ? risen accordingly."

How would this be done - until more sup-? phes are added?

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ALLIED MILITARY FINANCIAL AGENCY

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25 January 1944

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Subject : Monthly Report of AMFA Activities in December 1943.

To : Combined Chiefs of Staff (through channels)

1. Herewith copies of revised paragraph 4 (d) which are to replace the original text of this paragraph, transmitted on 15 January 1944, and to be forwarded to Treasuries, London and Washington.
2. The revisions result from the discovery of an error in subtraction, and also from a corrected estimate of AM Lire currency held by Finance Officers of the Allied Armed Forces as of 31 December 1943, which was made possible by the receipt of a statistical report after 15 January 1944.
3. It will be noted that the effect of these two revisions is to reduce the estimated total of AM Lire in circulation from 14,597,185,976 lire to 9,897,185,976 lire.
4. The arithmetical error is regretted.

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O. V. Clairborne
O.V. CLAIRBORNE,
Lieut. Colonel.

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- 1 copy with 1 enclosure to D.C.F.O., AMG/ACC.
- 1 copy with 1 enclosure to Chief Accountant, AMG/ACC.
- 1 copy with 1 enclosure to each branch of AMFA.
- 1 copy to AMFA Headquarters with 1 enclosure.

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d. (Revised) An attempt is made below to estimate the amount of lire held by the Italian banks in their own vaults, by the Bank of Italy, and by the public, as of 31 December 1943:

New AM Lire received (after deduction of shortage)	39,332,287.500
Less - Lire held by AMFA in current cash, reserve cash, and current accounts (incl. utilized)	<u>19,772,576.624</u>
AM Lire Outstanding	19,512,710.976

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Less - Provision against unutilized credits, and funds deposited by banks with AMFA.	<u>1,713,225.000</u>
	17,897,185.976
Less - Unexpended Funds Held by Accounting Officers in the Field (est.)	<u>2,000,000.000</u>
	15,897,185.976
Less - Currency Held by Finance Officers of Armed Forces. (est.)	<u>6,000,000.000</u>
	<u>9,897,185.976</u>

Requests have been addressed to the branches that they report each month estimates of currency held by the Bank of Italy. The first report, from Naples, indicated that the Bank's cash increased from 582,974,000 lire on 30 November, exclusive of the 500 million lire deposited by AMFA, to 537,401,000 lire on 31 December 1943.

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