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SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

A.M.C.,
H.Q.,
A.C.M.F.

TO: HQ. AMB. 5 Army.

AG/75/37.
1 Feb 44.

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Reference your memo. No. 222 of 28 Jan 44.

1. Under the heading "Administration" should be included such administrative information as progress of Rome Planning, removal or appointment of Prefects, relations with 5 Army, and such other items of this nature which are not purely political.
2. Under the heading "Staff" will be included any information of importance concerning changes in AMG Staff, shortages and matters affecting personnel as a whole. Attention is, however, drawn to AMB/620/30 of 18 Jan.
3. T.C.U. matters will be included under heading 12.
4. The above information is given to you to cover the reports as required under existing instructions. It is possible that with the absorption of this H.Q. by H.Q. A.C.O. fresh instructions will have to be issued in the future.

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for Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.
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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

28 January, 1944.
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SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO: AMG ACMF. ✓

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Reference HQ AMG 15 Army Group letter No. AMG/620/14,
dated 4 Jan 44.

1. Would you kindly explain the subject which should be dealt with under the headings "3. Administration" and "11. Staff"? Under which heading should TCU matters be included?

2. This Hq could keep you supplied with much fresher information regarding events in the Fifth Army if weekly reports were to be continued, but in view of the necessity for the monthly report referred to in para 2 of your letter No. AMG/623/14, dated 4 Jan 44, a report under the headings given will be forwarded for January. It is regretted that it has not been possible to render one in quadruplicate for December, but it is hoped that the weekly reports covering this month will have given the information required by you.

3. Special Division reports for December are forwarded herewith in case they are of use. Legal report has already been sent to Chief Legal Officer, A.M.G. ACMF.

4. A note on the general condition of the people at present is attached. ~~In copy of report, for week ending 5th January.~~

J. O. M. Ashley
J. O. M. ASHLEY,
Colonel, C of S.
for S.C.A.O. A.M.G. 5th Army.

(4) General Condition of The People. #222

As requested in your letter AMG/620/11, dated 4 January 1944, we add below a short note on the general condition of the people in the forward areas.

The area under review is entirely rural and much of it is mountainous. As a result the population is fairly well self contained and has not felt the effects of war to the same extent as the towns. The normal standard of living is low especially in the mountainous parts.

The chief preoccupation of the inhabitants is food. The farmers on the whole have plenty of grain but they will not turn it all in to the Amasai at the official price. As a result there is a great shortage of food for non-producers and A.M.G. flour is very necessary to keep these people going. Flour is being distributed in sufficient quantities to

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enable a small bread ration (100-150 grams) to be given out daily, and as a result they appear to be adequately fed. Black Market food operations are very active; offenders are arrested every day but the Black Market will always flourish until sufficient flour is available to swamp the market. The shortage of flour naturally drives other staple items of food on to the Black Market at fantastic prices. This is most serious in the case of potatoes. Contributory factors are the devaluation of the currency and the large sums of purchasing power in the hands of Allied soldiers.

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Agriculture, the chief occupation of the people, is proceeding normally, except in the small areas where it is impossible for military reasons. Almost all the winter wheat is in the ground and this constitutes the bulk of the crop. Cattle have been reduced to from 50 to 75% of pre-war numbers mainly as a result of German pillaging. Draught animals have been reduced by about 25% and the Allied forces have in addition called for most of the decent miles available. The Germans also decimated the stocks of poultry in their retreat.

The general health of the population is better than might be expected. There have been cases of typhoid in a few places caused by the general insanitary conditions prevailing in the towns. A very few cases of typhus have been reported all among refugees in the combat area who have been hiding in caves during the recent static period.

The population on the whole are well disciplined and orderly; the few disturbances that have taken place have been in isolated communities and have been directed against the Italian civil officials. The Fascist tendencies of these officials is the alleged reason; hunger is more probably the true cause. In some places there seems to have been a widespread impression that the advent of the Allies would bring in an era of plenty with no more payment of taxes. The chief police problems are the Black Market and the illegal circulation of civilians without proper passes.

Relations with Allied soldiers are on the whole very good. Early suspicions of the French troops have turned out to be completely unfounded. The behaviour of the troops in relation to the civil population seems generally to be satisfactory in the forward areas and there is a marked difference from the conditions prevailing in Naples and the back areas.

Great difficulty is experienced in finding suitable persons to replace former Fascist officials who are acceptable to the people. In this connection mention should be made of the numerous denunciations and counter denunciations with which every C.A.O. is instantly faced. These usually prove to have no other foundation than the personal interests of the individuals concerned. Much trouble is caused by the English speaking element, who have either lived in or have relations in the East-ern States of America and who get hold of Allied soldiers and prevail upon them to interfere in local affairs. The clearing up of situations so caused takes up much of the C.A.O.'s time.

During the recent static period on the front relations with A.M.C. officials have been much more satisfactory than formerly. C.A.Os. and C.A.P.Os. have been able to give more attention to individual communes and have been able to establish more lasting relationships with the civil authorities. It has been observed that the people have thus been stirred up to help themselves and get their lives reorganised more than is usually the case. In general the people are apathetic, expect to have everything done for them and rely to much on A.M.C. to solve their problems for them. They have little news of the Italian Government and show as little interest.

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They have little news of the Italian Government and show as little interest. On the whole they think it is best for the Allies to maintain control for a considerable period. After twenty five years of Fascism the instinct and desire to take a constructive interest in self government along democratic lines are virtually nonexistent at the present time. The tendency towards Communism among workers, no doubt inspired by Russian successes, is the only strong political feeling that exists at all widely. News summaries in the form of posters are now being distributed by C.A.Os. in lieu of newspapers and these have been received with great satisfaction.

HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5 ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY
Finance Division

12 January 1944

Subject : , Report for December.

To : Col. J.O.M. Ashley,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. 5 Army.

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A.M.G. financial administration in those parts of provinces in Campania lying within the boundaries of 5 Army have been handled for the most part under previously existing arrangements made through Region 3. Consequently there has been little if any area actually administered as far as the Finance Division of A.M.G. 5 Army is concerned since Region 3 was detached and set up as a separate organization as at December 16. On November 24 an extensive report on the activity of Region 3 Finance Division from September 1 to November 24, incorporating reports rendered prior to the latter date, was furnished by the undersigned to the C.F.O., 15 Army Group. A copy of this report was furnished to A.M.G. Headquarters for inclusion in the overall financial report for all A.M.G. organizations. An additional copy of the report of the undersigned (although without the numerous exhibits contained in the original) can be furnished you if desired. Reports of activity of Region 3 Finance Division since November 24 have been supplied by that division to its own regional Headquarters.

During December arrangements have been made by A.M.G. 5 Army Finance Division for financing communes in Naples and Benevento Provinces lying within 5 Army boundaries by having the officials of those towns obtain funds through the Prefects of their respective provinces from respective A.M.G. Finance Officers in Region 3. In the case, however, of a few communes in forward Corps areas, where communal officials can travel to their respective provincial capitals only with difficulty, if at all, our S.C.A.O.s attached to Corps have advanced funds direct. S.C.A.O.s have been extremely helpful in meeting the financial as well as the numerous other problems in the communes under their care. The financial problems involved have been nevertheless relatively unimportant because of the small number and small size of the communes involved. Funds required for communes are handled by forward C.A.O.s on the basis of the Financial Instructions issued to them under date of 10 November and 29 December as per copies attached. These will be particularly applicable as these C.A.O.s advance further into Region 4 than at present.

Provincial and State expenditures of various types have been handled through the provincial capitals of Naples and Benevento Provinces and the respective A.M.G. Finance Officers of those provinces.

Control of banks in Naples and Benevento Provinces within 5 Army boundaries has been effected through the respective Head Offices or principal branches in Naples and Benevento Cities of the same banks. The question of reopening a bank in the town of Venafrò in Campobasso Province, which had all its records destroyed was discussed with the Head Office of that bank in Naples, which directed its branch at Campobasso Province, where duplicate records were available, to take steps looking to the reopening of the Venafrò branch.

Bank letters and statements required from banks for use in the area covered as 5 Army advances north have been modified and supplies thereof are being placed shortly in the hands of the forward C.A.O.s.

This division has been of some slight assistance to the Economics and Supply Division in establishing financial control of payments for food supplies distributed to communes through S.C.A.O.s in Corps areas where it has been impracticable to distribute through the Alimentation Section of the respective provinces. It has also established arrangements with the Civil Supply Committee of 15 Army Group for payment of operating costs of schooners being assembled for transport of food to Rome.

The principal activity of this division has been in developing plans with respect to A.M.G. financial administration in Rome, the undersigned being, also, in charge of the Finance Division of A.M.G. Rome group. The general plan was submitted on December 28th to you, of which a copy is attached. Development of this plan and the steps needed to secure its execution as far as they can be taken in advance has been coordinated closely with Region 4, 15 Army Group and the A.C.C. During December the undersigned visited two of the Corps S.C.A.O.s at their respective headquarters and also 15 Army Group in Bari and A.C.C. in Brindisi.

Personnel of this division consists of Capt. G.C. Durham and Pte. J.L. Jarratt in addition to the undersigned. Three of the four officers from Region 4 who have been attached to this division for handling the financial administration of Rome have been handling temporary duties in Region 3, but together with the fourth officer from Region 4 attached to this division have met every day for a brief period in this division for coordinating Rome planning.

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R. T. T. Barrett
R. T. T. BARRETT,
Lt. Col., AUS,
Senior Finance Officer

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U. S. ARMY

14 January, 1944. 2046
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Report of Public Health & Welfare Section for December, 1943.

PERSONNEL:

Director: Lt Col Parr, RAMC (Appointed 22 Dec 43)

Rome Planning: Major L. G. Norman, RAMC (Appointed
17 Dec 43)

MC at Fifth Army Hq: Captain F. Ciulini, MC
(appointed during week ending
18 Dec 43)

The report for the month of December is necessarily brief, as Medical Officers were only appointed to AMG Fifth Army during the latter part of the month.

Visits were paid to the Corps SCAOs and health problems discussed.

Infectious disease: 5 cases of diphtheria were reported from PROSINONE. No cases of typhus were reported during the month.

Venereal disease: No particular incidence of VD has been reported, but a special investigation into this problem was initiated at the end of the month and is proceeding.

Hospitals: The following hospitals were visited:

SESA: 42 beds. Instructions were given to the staff to set up a disinfection unit.

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TEANO: This hospital is damaged and cannot be used:

PIEDIMONTE: 14 beds. Well equipped.

MADDALONI: A small hospital, with a room for expansion.

S. MARIA: This small hospital can be expanded if beds
etc. are available: 2045

VENAFRO: 12 beds. An old hospital with no lighting.
Part of the building is occupied by troops.

All the above hospitals are full to capacity, chiefly with civilian casualties. Arrangements for dealing with these casualties by evacuation away from the forward areas were under discussion during the month. No definite medical plans would be made as future policy in regards to the refugee problem was not decided.

Medical Supplies: AMG supplies were obtained from the Region III storehouse in Naples and distributed to Corps SCAG. Arrangements were put in hand to set up a medical supplies warehouse in the food warehouse at CALVI RISORTI. It is proposed to move one month's supply immediately - hold one month in reserve for eventualities.

Refugees: It was reported that many of the refugees returning from forward areas were lousy, and arrangements are in hand for disinfection. This again depends on the higher policy regarding collection and evacuation of refugees.

It is confidently expected that next month it will be possible to issue definite orders in regard to the above problem.

W. C. (T. PARR)

Lt Col. RMC
Director PH & Welfare
AMG 5th Army.

HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5TH ARMY
A.P.O. 464, U. S. ARMY

January 16, 1944

SUBJECT: Report for Month of December.

TO : Colonel J.O.M. Ashley, Chief of Staff, AMG 5th Army.

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1. Conferences on amount of shipping necessary and total number of schooners were held. At these conferences various totals were put forth but it was finally decided that 3000 tons of schooner shipping would be required for Rome.
2. Plans were discussed during the week with SCAO of the 3rd Corps to try to send some flour up to the forward areas for distribution to the 15th Army Group Civil Supply Section asking for an allocation of about 500 tons for the purpose.
3. Majors Cate and Blais were attached to this section from Region IV. Major Cate immediately drew up an organization chart which was accepted by all concerned. It is planned to put this plan in action as soon as the necessary officers can be obtained.
4. Prices of imported foodstuffs as called for by 15th Army Group were submitted. This entailed quite a lot of study.
5. Necessary reports and replies correspondence were made up and sent out.
6. Lt Laiolo was sent to the forward areas to: (1) Locate some suitable warehouses for the placing of up to 500 tons of foodstuffs. (2) To get an accurate estimate of the quantity of foodstuffs needed by the forward areas up to but not to include the city of Rome.
7. Further conferences were held with the ACC shipping Board regarding the procuring of schooners but many details have not as yet been cleared up by that board so that nothing concrete has been settled as yet. It is assumed that the following week will settle this question.
8. Due to shortage of flour shipping on UGS 24, no flour can be sent to the forward areas for the immediate present.

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FRANK E. TOSCANI
Major, USA
Director Economic & Supply
AMG 5th Army

HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G. 5th. ARMY
A.P.C. 46th U.S. ARMY.

21st. January 1944.

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To: S.C.A.O., A.M.G. 5th. Army

From: T.C.U., Labour Division.

Subject: Report on activities for month of December 1944.

Rome Planning Labour. Plans for action on occupation of Rome were studied and submitted for approval. These included not only the possible supply of labour to the Army, but also the essential re-organisation of the political - labour set up on lines as carried out in Region 3, the protection of necessary buildings and notes for the S.C.A.O. on information urgently required within the first 48 hours.

Transport Survey. A survey of passenger and goods road transport within 5th. Army area has been carried out on instructions of A.M.G. 15th. Army Group and is now ready for presentation.

Motor Transport Rates. Truck transport rates for the provinces of Naples, Avellino and Benevento have been made out in consultation with local authorities and implemented with the approval of H.Q. Region 3.

Labour Situation. Visits are being paid to C.A.Os. to ascertain the availability of labour in the forward area and methods of procurement. In no case has the supply been insufficient. It would appear that in most cases the Collocamenti in Communes entered are either destroyed or closed with the personnel removed, and it has been necessary to create an organisation working under the Podesta. In some cases political organisations have attempted to instal Collocamenti with a view to obtaining some political advantage and this has had to be guarded against.


I.M. LUIS,
MAJOR, R.C. OF S.
T.C.U., LABOUR DIVISION.

HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U. S. ARMY
Refugee Field Section

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14 January, 1944.
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO: AMG Fifth Army.

1. During the month of December, Lt Liese was in charge of the handling of Displaced Persons. He was the only one in this Section until the arrival of Lt Col Halls and staff on the 29th December, to take over for the Refugee Field Section.

2. During this month a building for the housing of refugees was taken over in Naples at 5 Piazzette Forcella. Here the refugees are cared for until transportation is arranged to Southern Italy. The American Red Cross and Italian Red Cross cooperated in carrying out this work.

3. During the month 208 refugees were sent to Salerno Province and 30 were sent to Potenza.

4. At present the method of handling refugees is in course of reorganization.

L.R.H.
L. R. Halls,
Lt Col.



Headquarters,

Fifth Army, APO 464 U.S. Army.

Public Safety Division.

14th January 1944.

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Subject. Monthly Report for December 1943.

To. S.C.A.O., AMG Fifth Army and AMG Public Safety, 15th Army Group.

1. This report deals with the activities of the Public Safety Division, Fifth Army, during the month of December 1943.

2. Territory

The Public Safety Division is responsible for the area included in II, VI and X Corps, Fifth Army. Responsibility for the districts to the rear of Corps boundaries rests with Region 3.

3. Police Efficiency

Apart from small bodies of Finance Guards, Forest Guards and Municipal Guards, the policing of the area is carried out by CC.RR, whose strength is insufficient to meet the heavy demands being made as a result of our occupation..

Satisfactory co-operation has been received from all police agencies. Although the standard of efficiency is not comparable with that in England or America, no complaint can be made considering the difficult conditions in the forward areas. The CC.RR suffer from lack of warm clothing (especially boots), shortage of food and absence of transport.

4. State of Crime

Crime is mostly of a petty nature and does not present a serious problem. The "black market" - that is, the practice of buying and selling commodities in short supply at an exorbitant price - is universal, and it is idle to expect that this state of affairs can be cured by police prosecutions. Police are instructed to

prosecute all black market offences, but the practice will not cease until adequate supplies are available.

Cases of the unlawful possession of Allied property, including food-stuffs, cigarettes and petrol are being prosecuted. In a number of instances, Allied soldiers are implicated.

Arrests by military police of civilians found in possession of Army clothing cause some difficulty as enquiries frequently reveal that Army units have issued the clothing to civilians employed by them.

5 Conduct of Allied Troops.

The standard of discipline and behaviour among Allied troops is not as high as might be desired. It is true to say, however, that less trouble is experienced in Corps areas than in the rear areas. The chief sources of complaint are drunkenness, theft, and knocking at houses in search of women.

Every effort is being made to suppress the illicit sale of wine to which a large part of the trouble is attributable.

The rate of venereal disease among the troops is regrettably high and local police (in conjunction with Military Police) are taking the strictest measures to deal with prostitutes, touts and unlicensed brothels. It will be realised that Italian police are powerless to deal with women in the company of Allied soldiers who resent any interference.

6 Relations with Military Police.

The closest relations are maintained with the Military Police. CC.RR have been lent to assist in clearing military routes of civilian traffic, establishing control points on roads and bridges, guarding communications, military installations, etc.

7. Refugees.

So far, refugees have not created any serious problems. The situation has been handled by the Field Refugee Section in conjunction with local welfare organisations. CC.RR have been used

to control the movement of refugees and to work with Military Police, F.S.S. and C.I.C. in screening civilians through control posts.

8. Public Morale.

In general, the morale of the public is fairly good, considering that in the forward area many have been rendered homeless and all are short of food.

The main preoccupation of people in this area is to find food, warmth and shelter.

Once their immediate needs are satisfied they seem resigned to the present state of affairs.

9. Attitude towards AMG.

Officials of AMG. are welcomed. The people are inclined to rely too much on AMG and do not make enough effort to help themselves. They are inclined to expect to be given food and clothing and shelter and to have all their problems solved for them.

10. Attitude towards the Italian Government.

The people have little news of the Italian Government and they exhibit little interest. On the whole they think it best for the Allied Military Government to maintain control for some time. They are not convinced that an Italian Government would be strong enough and trust-worthy enough to govern any part of Italy.

Opinion of the desirability of retaining the Monarchy is divided, but it seems that the present King is not personally popular.

Although the general attitude is apathetic, there is a tendency among workmen towards Communism, chiefly out of the admiration for the achievements of the Russian people under Stalin.

11. Political Activities.

In the Corps area no permission has been granted for political meetings to be held.

The Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale is becoming active.

12. Riots or Civil Disturbances.

None have come to notice.

13. Industrial Conditions.

The people are almost entirely engaged in agriculture. Farmers are cultivating their fields and crops should not be far short of normal. There is no industrial unrest.

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14. Sabotage.

No cases of sabotage have been reported. There is some slight interference with Army telephone wires, but there is nothing to show whether these thefts are being committed by Allied troops or by civilians.

15. Control of Movement.

Circulation permits are issued to civilians having legitimate reasons for travelling more than a distance of 10 Kms.

Standardised forms are used and the permits issued are kept to the minimum.

An Army control line has been established along the Volturno and Calore rivers. Nine control posts, manned jointly by Military Police and CC.RR. have been established at bridges and only persons in possession of special passes are allowed to cross.

16. Civilian Internees.

A number of civilians have been arrested for security reasons by F.S.S. and C.I.C. Many of these have been placed in civilian prisons and it has been necessary for C.A.P.Os to make representations to have these internees transferred to the internment camp at Aversa.

30 still remain in the prison at Sessa Aurunca.

17. Curfew.

The curfew which continues from 7 p.m. to 5.30 a.m. is enforced by local police. Offenders are tried by AMG. Courts.

18. Prisons.

The undermentioned prisons are situated in the area:

<u>Name of Prison</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>No of Inmates.</u>
Piedimonte d'Alife	32	10
Venafre	15	7
Capriati	12	2
Sessa Aurunca	95	54
Reccamonfina	20	9
Carinola	Completely destroyed.	

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a) Administration.

The officials have remained at their posts and are carrying out their duties in the normal manner. There is a shortage of blankets.

b) Sanitation.

The prisons are being kept as clean as possible to prevent danger of disease, but so far it has not been possible to obtain a supply of disinfectant.

c) Discipline.

Good.

d) Buildings.

The prison at Sessa Aurunca has been badly damaged and the prison at Reccamonfina slightly damaged, which has resulted in some overcrowding. It has not yet been possible to undertake repairs to the buildings.

e) Food.

The ration of food for staff and prisoners is very small but cannot be raised until more supplies are available for the population in the communes in which the prisons are situated.

f) Political Prisoners from Fascist regime.

None are imprisoned.

g) Prisoners awaiting trial.

In the 5 prisons, 18 civilians are awaiting trial. Every effort is made to hold courts as quickly as possible but delay is caused owing to the difficulty of securing the attendance of witnesses, at Court, especially in the case of soldiers. The present position is not unsatisfactory.

19. Fire and Civil Defence.

a) No civilian Fire Brigades exist in the area occupied

by Corps, and apart from military supplies which are protected by Army PAD units, ~~no~~ real fire risk exists.

- b) The only Civil Defence measures prepared locally are shelters and some rudimentary system of Air Raid alarm. No rescue or ambulance services are in ²⁰³⁶existence.

c) U.X.Bs and Mines.

No Italian organisation for dealing with unexploded bombs or mines exists. Requests to remove mines or bombs are referred to the PAD offices, Fifth Army. After military needs have been served the bombs and mines are dealt with in order of priority, but the service is inadequate to remove with mines planted in fields, vineyards, etc.

20. Staff.

Director of Public Safety

Major A.F. WILCOX
(assigned on 26 Dec. 1943
but not released from
Region 3)

C.A.P.O. at Advanced AMG.HQ.

Capt. A.K. Jefferson
(assigned on 13 Dec. 1943)

Fire and Civil Defence

Capt. Robert J. Hott
(assigned on 21 Dec. 1943)

C.A.P.O. II Corps

Capt. Campbell Dickson
(assigned on 1st Dec. 1943)

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Lieut. L.B. Whyman
(assigned on 10th Dec. 1943)

C.A.P.O. VI Corps

Lieut. A.B. Mack
(assigned on 26th Nov. 1943)

C.A.P.O. X Corps

Capt. G.W. Brooke
(assigned on 25th Nov. 1943)

A.F. Wilcox

Major, G.L.
Director of Public Safety.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5 ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

11 January 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : AMG HQ, 15 Army Group. ✓

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1. In reply to your letter of 7 January 1944, reference AMG/75/15, the officers referred to were Major Elmer Holgreen and Lieut Daniel Petruzzi, both American.

2. Para 3 of your same letter seems to be answered by your HQ letter AMG/620/14 dated 14 January 1944, calling for a monthly report (starting with December last) in which more general information on local conditions will be included.

for the Commanding Officer.

D.R.B. Mynors Capt.

D.R.B. MYNORS.
CAPTAIN SCOTS GUARDS.
G-3 AMG FIFTH ARMY.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5 ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

9 January 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for week-ending 1 Jan, 1944.

TO : H.Q., AMG 15 Army Group.

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1. ARMY AREA

(a) 2 Corps

No new communes have been brought under Military Government.

The Corps rear boundary has moved forward during the week; this involved a considerable reduction in the number of communes under the supervision of Corps SCAO.

All communes in the Corps area now have enough flour and grain to last till the middle or end of the month at the present ration.

Disinfectants have been supplied to the communes of Mignano and S. Pietro, where many of the population are still living in caves. Arrangements are being made for the cleaning up of the caves and the inhabitants and the closing up of some of the houses in the communes, after which the A.R.C. will provide some clothing for those in greatest need of it.

During the week a certain number of objects d'Art were looted by troops from the collection in the Castle at Mignano. As the civilian guards had been unable to stop this, the Corps Chief of Staff agreed to the placing of a temporary guard of Military Police on the place. Arrangements have now been made for the removal of the accessible part of the collection to the Naples Museum before the end of the week.

13 persons were convicted before Summary Courts during the week for being in possession of Allied Government property and unlawful transportation of foodstuffs. Other cases are pending.

(b) 6 Corps.

The communes of Castel San Vincenzo, Conca Casale, Cervo al Voltorno and Filignano were brought under Military Government during the week.

The chief problems during the week were those of organisation caused by the hand over of 6 Corps to the C.E.F. and the moving forward of the Corps rear boundary. This is dealt with in Section 3, para (a) below. The incoming French Headquarters has been assisted in the procurement of billets.

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SECRET 18(c) 10 Corps.

No new communes were brought under Military Government during the week.

Billets and horses have been found for various military units. A scheme for the reception of civilian casualties from Army Medical units has been put into operation and at the request of the D.D.M.S. steps have been taken to try and improve conditions for civilian sick and wounded at Sessa. An experimental disinfection station is being organised there to deal with evacuees. One officer is making a special investigation of the evacuee problem in the area with a representative from the A.R.C., who is also surveying the essential needs for civilian clothing in the area. 2032

There was one fatal case of typhoid fever at Conca.

The supplying of food to the area from Naples has been continued.

18 cases have been dealt with by Summary Courts: sentences of from 30 days to 6 months and fines of from 1500 to L. 2000 have been imposed; one case was remanded with a recommendation that it be referred to a Superior Court.

(d) Rear Army Area.

At the request of 1st Armoured Division arrangements are being made for the complete evacuation for about three weeks of several communes north of Capua as the area is to be used for Tank Battle Practice. The population will be temporarily housed in other communes North of the Volturno.

Boots have now been obtained for the mobile force of Carabinieri referred to in last week's report and it is hoped that torches and blankets will also be secured in the near future.

The check line on the Volturno appears to be working well and the roads in the forward areas are now satisfactorily free from civilian traffic.

2. GENERAL.(a) Food Supply.

The supply of flour to communes in the Corps areas has continued. Nearly all communes have sufficient to last till the middle or end of the month. Further supplies of flour are still required in order to build up stocks in the communes on which the population can be fed when the army goes forward and distribution by Corps AMG vehicles to outlying communes is no longer possible.

The advanced warehouse at Calvi Risorta is proving very satisfactory. A stock of several tons of concentrated soup and some biscuits has been built up and space is available for flour as soon as it becomes available. Some 700 tons of food have now been released and the building up of stock-piles at the warehouse is beginning at once.

SECRET(b) Medical.

Capt Ciulini has continued the work of supervising the civilian hospitals in the Corps areas and the issue of medical supplies to communes through the SCAs. A stock of medical supplies is being built up at the advanced food warehouse at Calvi Risorta.

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(c) Public Safety.

Law and order have been well maintained; there have been no riots or disturbances and no political activities have been reported.

The department is preparing a plan in agreement with the Provost Marshal Fifth Army and Generale Sarrino, Divisional Commander of the C.C.R.R., whereby the mobile force of Carabinieri which has been procured for manning the Volturno River check line would be considerably increased in numbers. It has been found that particularly in rural areas the number of local Carabinieri is insufficient to carry out normal police duties satisfactorily in addition to the abnormal demands made upon them by the presence of large numbers of troops in the Army area and the various military regulations which they have to enforce among the civil population.

(d) Legal.

Arrangements have been made for a General Military Court to be held at Capriati, in 6 Corps area, on Tuesday, January 14th. The defendants are two women accused of sabotaging a 155 mm. gun. Another General Court is to be held later in the week when three youths accused of espionage will be tried. Investigations are still proceeding in another espionage case which will come up for trial later.

(e) Mines and Unexploded Bombs.

The Italian Bomb Disposal squads referred to in the last two reports have not been organized as was hoped. It has appeared impracticable to take them on as civilians and the local Italian authorities refuse at present to conscript them into the Italian Army. The problem of the mines and bombs still remains: although Fifth Army Bomb disposal units have promised to give help in dealing with bombs the presence of which causes danger and disruption in the organized life of the civil population, some organization for picking up minefields in rural areas which have been passed over by the Army Engineers is badly needed.

(f) Refugees.

Apart from the evacuation scheme near Capua mentioned above there have been no new refugee problems.

(g) Planning for Rome.

The work of coordinating the various Staff Sections plans for the occupation of the City and the working out of details is proceeding. Major-General Crane, the Army Area Commander designated for Rome attended a meeting at this Headquarters on January 3rd, and is working in close cooperation with us. He maintains an office at our Headquarters as well as one at Caserta.

SECRET**3. ORGANISATION.**

(a) 6 Corps has now handed over to the Corps Expéditionnaire Français. An officer was sent out from here to discuss AMG work and organisation in the Corps areas with the American Liaison Section attached to the Corps and the French Deputy Chief of Staff. The 6 Corps team has been transferred to the C.E.F. and has been reinforced with several French speaking officers. At the same time the G-1 of 6 Corps indicated that 6 Corps would be needing AMG officers again fairly shortly and when the time comes it is proposed to re-allocate to the 6 Corps some of the officers formerly with the Corps. It will, however, be appreciated that the addition of a fourth Corps to the Army makes it imperative that reinforcements of officers and transport be sent ~~not~~ if the same service is to be given as has been given in the past to the various Corps; this is being asked for separately when requirements have been confirmed.

(b) The promised reinforcements of EM/ORs are now scheduled to arrive on January 10th. The need for clerical help has been accentuated by the amount of work involved by the planning for the occupation of Rome.

(c) A legal officer has been added to the Advanced Headquarters at Rear Army HQ whose work will be mainly that of arrangement for Superior and General Courts.

(d) The moving forward of the rear boundaries of 2 and 6 Corps has materially reduced the number of communes for which Corps SCAOs have been responsible. The districts released from Corps areas have been handed over to Provincial Administration of Naples and Benevento, but in the case of the Benevento area the Corps SCAO is continuing to watch local problems as the Provincial organisation is prevented by shortage of officers and transport from giving the same attention as has been given by the Corps SCAO.

(e) During the week one American Red Cross representative was attached to each Corps SCAO. Apart from general assistance with Refugee and welfare problems these workers are particularly concerned with the distribution of clothing to the civil population where a really urgent need exists.

(f) Lt Col Hulls of the Displaced Persons Subcommittee arrived during the week. He has already proved of assistance over the matter of the forced evacuation referred to above.

J. C. M. Ashley
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COLONEL, CHIEF OF STAFF.
for S.C.A.O. AMG FIFTH ARMY.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for week ending Dec. 25.

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

AMG/75/15.
7. Jan. 44.

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TO: HQ. AMG. 5 Army.

I am directed to inform you that the D.C.C.A.O.
has read your report with interest.

2. Will you please supply the name of the C.A.O. referred
to in the first paragraph of your report who distributed food
and medical supplies.

3. More information is requested in your next report on
the general condition of the people.

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Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

Subject:- Weekly Report.

Hq AMG,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AMG/75/12.
6 January 44.

AMG HQ.,
Fifth Army.

Reference weekly report for week ending 25 Dec,
information is requested regarding progress made in the
organization for the disposal of refugees referred to in
para General (2).

It is understood that Lt.Col.P.Rodl and Lt.Col.
Hulls have recently been investigating this problem on the
spot.



Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO: S.C.A.O. 5 Army.
S.C.A.O. 6 Army.
R.C.A.O. Region III.
R.C.A.O. Region IV

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

AMG/630/14.
4. Jan. 44.

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2. In order to provide the material for consolidated reports you will submit to this H.Q. by the 12th of every month a report on the area under your control covering the previous month. The following headings will be used:

1. General conditions of the people.
2. Political.
3. Administration.
4. Justice.
5. Public Safety.
6. Finance.
7. Supplies.
8. Agriculture.
9. Medical.
10. Refugees.
11. Staff.
12. Miscellaneous.

3. The monthly reports called for above will take the place of the reports previously forwarded by S.C.A.Os. 5 and 8 Armies.

4. The first report will be in respect of the month of December. Short notice may prevent the December report being received here by 12 Jan., but it is essential that it be received as near that date as possible.

5. The report is required in QUADRUPPLICATE.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for week ending December 25.

TO: AMG Hq, 15 Army Group.

1. ARMY AREA

(a) II Corps

Name
No new communes have been brought under Military Government during the week. The commune of Mignano (9812) has been almost completely destroyed and all communal officials had been removed by the Germans. The 36th Division CAO has appointed a temporary Podesta, provided food and medical supplies for the remaining inhabitants and supervised the starting up of 3 bakeries. A similar situation exists in San Pietro (9716), where the CAO distributed food and medical supplies under heavy enemy shell fire. In both villages and at Marziano Appio (0302) lice and scabies are very prevalent: soap is being supplied in an attempt to remedy these, and powder has been asked for, but at present is not available.

Several hundred civilian labourers have been procured for the tactical units and more are being supplied this week by arrangement with civilian labour agencies in rear of the Corps areas. Sufficient food to last till the middle of January at the present ration has been supplied to all communes in the Corps areas. 14 cases have been disposed of by Summary Court, mainly for illegal possession of Allied property or for illegal transportation of food.

Carabinieri have been provided in this Corps Area to work with the Military Police on traffic control and this arrangement has been very effective in keeping the roads clear of civilian traffic and breaking up the transportation of food for black market purposes.

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A report has now been received from the local CAO on a case of murder which took place on November 29 at Picilli, when two civilians were killed and another wounded by an American soldier. So far the soldier has not been identified but the Military Police are continuing their investigation. 2025

(b) 6 Corps

No new communes were placed under Military Government during the week. The programme of distributing flour or pasta to the towns in the area has been continued during the week, but is now held up until more flour is available. The distribution of salt has been restarted through normal civilian channels. There is a small local refugee problem in the forward areas, but the situation has been kept under control by means of local absorption. There are still some refugees at Piedimonte d'Alife who evacuated to the area from Crotona by the Italian Authorities before the Armistice: the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission has indicated that it will ultimately take over responsibility for them and it is hoped that they will soon be returned to the South of Italy.

(c) 10 Corps

No new communes have been brought under Military Government during the week.

300 refugees were evacuated from Rocca d'Evandro: some were absorbed locally in the Corps area, the remainder were sent to the PW Cage at Aversa. The distribution of flour to communes in the Corps area has continued. Medical supplies have also been distributed and it is proposed to set up a small isolation hospital at Sessa Aurunea if the necessary beds can be obtained.

One superior court was held at Sessa Aurunea and Summary Courts at Sparanise and Teano. 41 cases in all were dealt with and fines of up to £150,000 and sentences of up to 12 months imprisonment were imposed. One case of possessing arms and military equipment was remanded. Court work is taking up a large part of the time of the CAOs and the Corps CAPO owing to the static conditions prevailing on this part of the front.

(d) REAR ARMY AREA

Food is still short. It is hoped that the shipments promised for January will alleviate the position.

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One case is awaiting trial at Caserta of a civilian accused of carrying a concealed weapon and making speeches to the public.

As a result of a complaint from the Royal Navy of subversive activities on the island of Ponce, involving a serious lack of security, an expedition was organized by CIC to deal with the position. AMG representatives from Naples Province accompanied the expedition.

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The check on the Volturno is now in operation; great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining adequate equipment for the mobile force of Carabinieri, referred to in last week's report. The most serious shortages are boots and torches; efforts are being made to obtain some items from salvage stores.

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(a) Food Supply

All communes in Corps areas have been supplied with some flour by means of the military vehicles allotted to the SCAOs. At present the position in the communes is fairly satisfactory, but it will become bad unless the promised shipments of flour arrive in the first week of January.

During the week arrangements were completed for the setting up of the warehouse at Calvi Risorta referred to in last week's report. A guard of Carabinieri has been secured: two American enlisted men have been put in charge of the warehouse and first deliveries of food will be made on December 28. A small amount of the biscuits earmarked for Rome have been released at the direction of Lt Col Gerry for issue to communes where destruction is so great that bakeries cannot be set up at once.

At present the SCAOs are being asked to submit their estimated flour requirements and, when these are available it is hoped that 15 Army Group Economics and Supply Advanced Headquarters will release flour for this scheme as the quantities needed to keep the various communes supplied with a small ration are not large.

During the week Lt Laiolo of the Economics and Supply Section completed a survey of the forward areas, visiting the various SCAOs and looking for warehouses in which some of the forward deliveries of flour could be stored outside the Naples area.

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Salt is very short in many communes at a time when it is badly needed for cheese making and curing of pig-meat as well as the normal requirements for daily consumption. Supplies have been organized in several places, using the old civilian supply channels.

(b) Medical

Captain Ciulini of the Public Health Section, visited 3 hospitals in the Corps areas. Instructions were left for the construction of Serbian Barrels as patients are being brought in covered with lice. 2023

(c) Public Safety.

Law and order has been well maintained everywhere and there have been no riots or disturbances.

(d) Legal

Investigations are still proceeding in a case of espionage for which a General Court will ultimately be necessary.

(e) Political Activity

No political activity has been reported from the area. The recent tightening up of restrictions on civilian movement in the forward areas has doubtless been partly responsible.

(f) Mines and Unexploded Bombs

The Italian bomb disposal squads referred to in last weeks report have not yet been taken on, but negotiations are still in progress.

(g) Refugees

The refugee problem has again not been pressing owing to the static conditions on the front. The outstanding difficulty at the moment is that of the Neapolitans at present north of the Volturno: if they could be evacuated there would be more room for local absorption in the forward areas, but at present it is impossible for them to be allowed to return to Naples.

It Liese, of the Displaced Persons Subcommittee is still working on plans for an evacuation scheme similar to that now

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in force in the 8th Army area, and it is hoped, that it will be possible soon to return to their homes the persons from Crotone referred to in paragraph 1 (b).

(h) Planning for Rome

Staff Sections have submitted preliminary plans for the administration of the city and close touch is being maintained with the Army Rome Planning Staff. 2022

3. ORGANIZATION

In the forward areas there are now sufficient officers to maintain close supervision of local officials while at the same time attending to the requirements of the tactical commanders. This is made possible by the fact that each SCAO Corps has two or more Region 4 officers with him, who are ultimately destined for the Provincial organizations of Grosinone and Littoria Province, but difficulties of transportation still remain.

Jan Ashley
J.O.M. ASHLEY,
Colonel, C of S.

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SUBJECT: Forward Warehouses for Civil Supplies

HQ AMG
15 ARMY GROUP
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AMG FIFTH ARMY
Through Lt-Col MERRALL,
15 ARMY GROUP Supplies

AMG/151/2
30 Dec 43

Reference report for week ending 12 Dec 43, para 2 ³2021

1. Please submit a report on the capacity and arrangements for operating the warehouse at CALVI RISORTA. Include your estimate of the amounts of soup, milk, soap, cheese and vegetable oils required to supply the FIFTH ARMY area up to but not including ROME.
2. A warehouse well forward of the present location should be located at the earliest opportunity and a similar report rendered.

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Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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24 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for the week-ending 19 December, 1943.

TO : HQ., AMG 15 Army Group.

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1. ARMY AREA.

(a) 2 Corps.

No new towns were brought under Military Government during the week. Nine cases affecting civilians have been disposed of by Summary Court and others were awaiting trial at the end of the week. Some trouble has been caused by soldiers giving away Army clothing to civilians who are subsequently arrested for being in possession of military equipment; the SCAO reports that steps are being taken to prevent this happening in future. A number of diseased prostitutes were arrested in Calvi Risorta and taken to the prison at Santa Maria.

A full report has now been received from Lieut. Whyman on the incident mentioned in our report for W/E 12 December, 43, where American soldiers had been masquerading as AMG officials. The former Podesta has submitted his resignation and a new one appointed: conditions in the village are now said to be quiet and normal.

(b) 6 Corps.

The towns of Laure, Sant'Agapito, Castel Pizzuto, Longano and Macchina d'Isernia have been brought under Military Government during the week. The two AMG vehicles available have been continually transporting flour to the communes in the forward areas. At present the food situation is under control, owing to the static conditions prevailing on the front and the small number of the local population. But the ration is very small and the situation generally is far from satisfactory. Salt is very short but small quantities have been taken out to the area from Naples.

The Italian Labour Companies which Captain Carr, AMG, has organised for the Corps Engineers are now recognised as regular units of the Italian Army. This will prevent the men being called up for military service elsewhere, which had otherwise been anticipated as possible.

(c) 10 Corps.

The communes of Laure and Rocca d'Evandro were brought under Military Government during the week.

In several towns billets were arranged for troops: the Provost Marshal's attention was called to cases in which this had resulted in difficulty in maintaining law and order.

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(c) 10 Corps continued.....

10 cases were dealt with by Summary Court, all charges being for either travelling more than 10 kilometres from home town without a pass or being in possession of military equipment. In three cases appeals were made against sentences of imprisonment.

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In this as in the other Corps areas the static conditions availing are putting much police work on the Corps Officers and some difficulty is being experienced in getting prisoners brought to trial as soon as is possible.

(d) Provinces of Naples and Benevento.

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The chief problem during the past week apart from the shortage of food, which still continues, has been that of establishing check line on the Volturno River to stop civilians circulating into the forward area. Check points have now been chosen, a squad of 100 carabinieri have been got together and the scheme is expected to be in operation in a few days. Before the arrival of printed notices from 15 Army Group notices were prepared and being printed locally, and these will also be used as they are in large type and easier for the average peasant to read.

2. GENERAL.

(a) Food Supply.

Shortage of flour is still very pressing. Personnel were allocated for the forward warehouse referred to in last weeks report but now the flour needed for the forward stockpile is not forthcoming, so the scheme is still held up for the time being. Flour was hauled from Naples to some of the communes in the forward areas, but many are still without flour. Salt is generally short, though supplies have been distributed to some communes. Biscuits are being sent up for places where it is impossible to cook flour, eg to San Pietro.

(b) Medical.

There are no special points to report from the forward areas.

(d) Public Safety.

Law and order have remained good and there have been no riots or disturbances. Reference is made above to the institution of check points on the Volturno River.

(d) Legal.

Investigations are being made into the case of 3 youths arrested in 10 Corps area and accused of espionage. This case will involve the setting up of a general court.

(e) Political Activity.

The firm line taken with the Committee of National Liberation last week has been effective and there have been no reports of political activity in the forward areas.

(f) Mines and unexploded Bombs.

There is a demand for Italian bomb disposal squads to deal with bombs, mines and boob-traps which are not dealt with by the engineer units of combat formations. The shortage of equipment is a difficulty, but we are trying to obtain the services of 3 Italian bomb disposal squads for this purpose through the Italian Army Headquarters in Naples.

(g) Refugees.

Owing to the continuing static conditions on the front this problem has not been so pressing this week. Progress has been made with the organisation for evacuating refugees to the rear areas and premises have been obtained for the handling of 150 persons at a time. 150 persons have been handled this week. Food is supplied to this centre from AMG stocks.

On Wednesday, 15 December 1943 a meeting was held here attended by the three corps SCAOs, Major Collins from Adv HQ at Army and Lt Col MacFarland of the Displaced Persons Subcommittee. At this meeting Lt Col Rodd explained the functions of the evacuating officers who will be attached to each Corps and Army Headquarters. It was agreed that the attachment of these officers will be of great help in solving the refugee problem.

(h) Planning for Rome.

Staff Section heads have now disengaged from administrative matters pertaining to Region 3 and concentrating on AMG 5th Army affairs and planning for Rome. Conferences have been held with officers of Region 4 and 15 Army Group and a certain amount of intelligence publications have been received from HQ 5th Army. Lt Col Pollock has arrived to take charge of Public Safety planning for Rome.

3. ORGANISATION.

(a) The reinforcements awaited have not yet arrived, except for 6 officers. The continued delay in providing promised reinforcements of EM/ORs is still preventing AMG 5 Army from functioning either at full efficiency or separate from Region 3. The deficiencies in EM still amounts to approximately 100 between AMG 5 Army and Region 3.

(b) Captain Davis, the Company Commander of Company 'G', 2675th Regiment is now in Naples and is starting to organise the Company; he is working in close collaboration with the AMG 5 Army Detachment Commander.

COLONEL GSC.
S.C.A.O. AMG 5 ARMY.

J.O.M. ASHLEY

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15 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Report for week-ending 12 December, 1943.

TO : AMG 15 Army Group.

1. Army Area.

a. 2 Corps.

Town of Mignano now under AMG administration is 95% destroyed. In the Castle a large proportion of a notable collection of works of art which had been crated is well protected by rubble from the ruins.

Several civilians have been sentenced by summary courts mainly for stealing army rations and equipment, and curfew and circulation offences.

One CAO, Lt Whyman, turned over to the P.M., several American soldiers who had been masquerading as AMG officials.

b. 6 Corps.

There were no outstanding incidents in this area during the week. The chief problems are refugees and the shortage of food. (See below).

c. 10 Corps.

Marzano Appio was taken under AMG control during the week.

At Mondragone steps have been taken to bring the Black Market in wine, under control. Several cases of stealing military equipment were disposed of by Summary Courts.

d. Province of Naples.

Food is very scarce and the refugee problem is serious. Both these subjects are dealt with below.

e. Province of Benevento.

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2. General.

a. Food Supply.

The shortage of flour is still very acute; during the week steps were taken to establish a forward warehouse of flour at Calvi Risorta for the 3 Corps Areas. This plan is, however, held up by the difficulty of finding suitable personnel to run the warehouse, and by the non-arrival at Naples of expected supplies.

The local food supplies in the communes are extremely short except in a few cases. Small supplies of milk and soup are available to SCAsOs for distribution in exceptional circumstances, the milk only against a doctor's certificate.

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b. Medical.

AMG medical supplies are now located in each Corps area and a workable scheme has been arranged by which they are released by SCAOs to communal medical officials as required.

c. Public Safety.

Has been good throughout the area. No riots have been reported, except a few minor hunger demonstrations in Benevento Province.

d. Political Activity.

The National Committee of Liberation which had been causing considerable trouble by its activities in the forward areas has been quieter during the week. At a conference of SCAOs held during the week, it was made clear that no political activity can be tolerated in operational areas.

e. Legal.

Application was made by SCAO, 10 Corps, for the establishment of a Superior Court for the trial of a case of attempted bribery of Allied Military personnel.

f. Labour.

CAOs continued their work of obtaining local labour for Engineer Units and Captain Carr (6 Corps) continued his work with the 6 Corps Engineers.

The labour obtained by CAOs is in all cases controlled and administered by Army personnel and not by AMG.

g. Refugees.

The refugee problem is becoming more serious with the static conditions prevailing on this part of the front and the great amount of destruction to civilian property and houses which the Germans are now able to carry out before they are driven back. The final arrangements for setting up an organisation for medical and security screening and subsequent evacuation of refugees involve the cooperation of many different branches and the final approval of Lt Col MacFarland of the Displaced Persons Subcommittee is awaited before such an organisation can be put into operation. At present problems are dealt with by improvisation as they occur. On much of the front the problem is solved by local dispersion among communes in Corps rear areas, but several hundreds have had to be moved back behind the Corps rear boundaries. The great number of troops billeted in this area and the shortage of food complicate the problem of housing and feeding refugees by large numbers. SCAOs with Corps have managed to obtain army rations for those in forward areas.

3. Organisation.

a. AMG 5 Army is still short of 8 American Lieutenants as CAOs and CAPOs.

e. Legal.

Application was made by SCAO, 10 Corps, for the establishment of a Superior Court for the trial of a case of attempted bribery of Allied Military personnel.

f. Labour.

CAOs continued their work of obtaining local labour for Engineer Units and Captain Carr (6 Corps) continued his work with the 6 Corps Engineers.

The labour obtained by CAOs is in all cases controlled and administered by Army personnel and not by AMG.

g. Refugees.

The refugee problem is becoming more serious with the static conditions prevailing on this part of the front and the great amount of destruction to civilian property and houses which the Germans are now able to carry out before they are driven back. The final arrangements for setting up an organisation for medical and security screening and subsequent evacuation of refugees involve the cooperation of many different branches and the final approval of Lt Col MacFarland of the Displaced Persons Subcommittee is awaited before such an organisation can be put into operation. At present problems are dealt with by improvisation as they occur. On much of the front the problem is solved by local dispersion among communes in Corps rear areas, but several hundreds have had to be moved back behind the Corps rear boundaries. The great number of troops billeted in this area and the shortage of food complicate the problem of housing and feeding refugees by large numbers. SCAOs with Corps have managed to obtain army rations for those in forward areas.

3. Organisation.

a. AMG 5 Army is still short of 8 American Lieutenants as CAOs and CAPOs. Until reinforcements arrive there are only about 20% of the authorised number of EM/ORs available which is delaying the severance of AMG 5 Army from Region 3, on which the former has to rely almost entirely for EM/OR personnel.

b. Major Collins was established in charge of Adv HQ AMG 5 Army, at 5 Army Rear HQ at the beginning of the week: with him are one CAO, one CAPO and a medical officer and a legal officer (Captain Glenn) is under orders to report to him in the next few days.

c. During the week a French Division was put into the line under command of U.S. 6 Corps. Captain Jecquier, a British officer who has lived much of his life in France, has been attached to them as CAO and a French speaking American officer will be added this week. Major Collins delivered a lecture on AMG at the French Force Headquarters at Maddaloni during the week and the reception was very

favourable.

d. Arrangements were made with SCAO, Campobasso Province for the administration by him of certain communes in 5 Army area which are inaccessible from this side of the hills. In return the responsibility of two communes near Isernia which are actually in the 6th Army area has been accepted by SCAO, 6 Corps.

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