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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/680/34/CA

WDW/mrd
17 February 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly and Weekly Reports

TO : S.C.A.O., 5th Army
S.C.A.O., 8th Army
R.C., Region III
R.C., " IV
R.C., " V

1. Now that Headquarters, AMG., ACMF (late 15 Army Group) has been disbanded the weekly situation reports and monthly reports previously sent by that Hq. direct to Military Government Section, AFHQ, will be consolidated into one set of reports for the whole of liberated Italy.

2. For the sake of uniformity the instructions contained in AMG/620/14 of 4 January (not sent to Region V) are hereby cancelled and are replaced by those contained in AMG/319.1 of 4 January, copies of which are attached.

3. These instructions will become effective forthwith in respect of the weekly reports and effective for the February and subsequent monthly reports.

By Command of Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE:

N.E. Fiske
for NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Encl.

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D.C.C.A.O.

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1. Report on ARG ACNIF areas for December is received.
2. Headings as at 14 in this file.
3. References are;

- (a) 8 Army Area - From report marked X in AR16/79
- (b) 5 " " - " " " " 7 in AR16/75

[No reports from Region III & IV coming this period]

- (c) Attached copy of C.C.A.O.'s farewell message
- (d) Attached reports from Division which cover Heads 4-11
4. I have not attempted to summarise reports for Heads 1-3 as you will probably wish to glance through them as they stand and draft on general lines.
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G.P.S. 2/11.

7 in ARG/75

[No repeats from Region III & IV during this period]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Reference
to
A.C.C.M.P.

TO: All Heads of Divisions.

AG/620/32.
22 Jan 44.

Reference AG/620/15 of 4 Jan 44.

1. As no further situation reports will be sent to A.C.C.M.P. from this Headquarters, the procedure outlined in above-quoted memo will not be followed pending further instructions.
2. Arrangements are being made for a combined report to be forwarded from A.C.C.M.P. Headquarters.

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

RECOMMENDATION: Legal.
Finance
Public Safety
Public Health.
E. & S.
Prop. Custodian.
File AG/717.

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JAN 1944
IMPORTANT
US CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO 00384
JAN 44.

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FROM; SIGNED CINC CITE FHMGS.
TO; FILPOT FOR AMG AND TO FARGO
ORIG NO; 30343

T00; 1126A/19
TOR; 1355A/19

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EXCEPT REGION ONE NO COPIES OF RETURNS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY
MGS A.F.H.Q. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGS LETTER 330.31 OF 22 NOV 43.
ENSURE COPIES ON RETURN AS AT 15 JANUARY 44 ARE DESPATCHED TO
MGS A.F.H.Q. SOONEST.

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Monthly Reports

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1. Reference SEC/620/14 of 4 Jan 44 on the above mentioned subject.

2. As monthly reports are for the information of the SEC they should not contain requests for action by this HQ. Shortages of any kind and matters that will require action by this HQ may, of course, be mentioned in the reports but they will be referred to this HQ for action in separate memoranda in which the necessary amount of detail can be given.

(JRS)

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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

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AMC/620/29.

16th January, 1944.

Dear

The D.C.C.A.O. has asked me to reply to your letter of 10th January, 1944 concerning reports. He agrees with what you say in your last paragraph and particularly wishes your monthly reports to remain on the same lines as the ones that you have been sending in.

AMC/422/33 of 4-January was issued after a good deal of discussion and only after Public Safety Division had convinced us that it was necessary, bearing in mind A.F.H.Q. and other higher bodies, to have information on these subjects at hand. It is quite clear that such detail could not go into your monthly report and that is why the method outlined in the memo was adopted. Some of the detail may not be applicable to forward areas in any case.

The D.C.C.A.O. suggests that if your S.C.A.P.O. has information on the subjects listed which cannot be condensed into your monthly report, he should forward that information as an appendix to the report.

Group Captain C. E. Benson, D.S.O.,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Allied Military Government,
Ninth Army Main.

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Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Allied Military Government,
Eighth Army Main.

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Reports file
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C.S.O.

Reports in general from SCARs & REARs
are very good. I should like you to check
the tendency to fire off requests for staff
transfers in the middle of a Report.
These should form part of separate specific
letters.

HS (15/1/44)

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13 JAN 1944

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

10 Jan 44.

Dear Brigadier.

I am writing this letter to you D.O. because I hesitate to bring the matter up (such as it is) officially until I know your views.

Under AMG/620 of 4 Jan 44, I am asked to make a monthly report under various headings laid down in that letter. This, of course, I do by obtaining from my various branches their reports which I incorporate in my main report.

In the particular case of the Public Safety side under ref. AMG/422/33 of 4th Jan, 1944, a copy of the actual report to me by my S.C.A.P.O. is required to be forwarded to AMG. 15 Army Group as well.

It seems redundant to forward a complete report to H.Q. of a particular branch and also a covering or main report, which must embody all major points in the branch report, and if it is asked for also by other branches the volume of paper expended, which I would like to keep to a minimum in the forward area, will become alarmingly great. May I have your views?

Brigadier M. Lush,
C.C.A.O.
H.Q., A.M.G.
15 Army Group.

D.C.C.A.O.

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Your sincerely,

Prof. M. Lush.

Brigadier M. Lush,
C.C.A.O.
H.Q., A.V.G.
15 Army Group.

D.C.C.A.O.

Above.

You will remember you spoke about this before the issue of circular at front cover.

The position is that P.S.D. wants the information for departmental purposes but you will not want it all in the monthly report.

S.C.A.O. 8 Army would put only what he considers most important in his monthly report to you.

(S.D. 14/1)

AMG 15 Army Group.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PO 512

AMG/319.1

4 January 1944

SUBJECT: Reports

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

1. Attached is a copy of a letter addressed to R.C.A.O.s of Regions I and II.

2. Special attention is directed to para 6 from which it will be seen that the monthly reports from Regions are required by the TENTH day of the month.

3. Heads of Subcommissions, etc. will submit reports on the activities of their Subcommission to Chief HQ AMG (through channels) by the TWELFTH day of the month, latest.

4. All previous instructions on the subject of reports other than those relating to vehicles, stores and personnel are cancelled.

Encl - Letter on Reports

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CHARLES M. SPÖFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.S.A.O., AMG HQ

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

AMG/319.1

4 January 1944

SUBJECT: Reports

TO : R.C.A.C. Region I
R.C.A.C. 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 AMHQ has directed the following regular reports:

- (a) Weekly - To be known as SITREP - Situation Report
 - (b) Monthly - To cover activities of the previous calendar month
3. The weekly report will be sent by cable. In order to simplify the rendering of form of report a code of key words has been drawn up, (see Appendix A) and will be strictly adhered to in the cables. A specimen report is shown in Appendix B with translation in Appendix C.

4. The same general form will be used for the monthly report except that the activities of all special divisions must be covered. The list of headings is given in Appendix D.

5. The weekly report will be dispatched so as to reach this office not later than 1200 hours on the Sixth (6), Thirtieth (15), Twentieth (20) and Twenty-eighth (28) day of each month. Cables will be addressed EARCO for SPOFFORD. (If any more expeditious method of ensuring that the report reaches its destination by the ordered time can on occasion be used, such method will be used in addition to the cable - e.g. an officer flying to report to HQ; special DLIS or ADLS, etc.)

6. The monthly report in triplicate will be dispatched so as to reach this office by the Tenth day of each month.

7. It is appreciated that the preparation, compilation and submission of reports entails considerable work. However, these reports are necessary if AMHQ 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.

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 PERYONE NOT YET NOT RECEIVED EXPEDITE IMMEDIATE

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

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App. A, B, C, & D

Distribution:

All Submissions AMG HQ
15 Army Group AMG
AFHQ, MGS (Info)
HQ ACC
HQ AMG Sardinia

CHARLES M. SPORFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
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.

CODE LETTER

GOOD	ABLE
SATISFACTORY	BAKER
CAUSING ANXIETY	CHARLIE
B.D	DOG
NO CHANGE	EASY
SPECIAL REMARKS	FOX

(To be sent in clear)

CODE LETTER

<u>PERIOD COVERED</u>	WILLIAM
Day 1 to Day 7	
Day 8 to Day 14	GRAY

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ONE
 TWO
 THREE
 FOUR
 FIVE
 SIX
 SEVEN
 EIGHT
 NINE

FOOD
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CODE LETTER

ABLE
 BAKER
 CHARLIE
 DOG
 EASY
 FOX

(To be sent in clear)

CODE LETTER

WILLIAM
 XRAY
 YOKO
 ZEBRA

OVERALL COMMENT

GOOD
 SATISFACTORY
 CAUSING ANXIETY
 BAD
 NO CHANGE

SPECIAL REMARKSPERIOD COVERED

Day 1 to Day 7
 Day 8 to Day 14
 Day 15 to Day 21
 Day 22 to end month

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APPENDIX "B"SPECMEN SITREP CABLE

FARGO FOR SPOFFORD

SITREP REGION ONE JAN WILLIAM ID ONE CHARLIE TWO BAKER THREE DOG
FOUR EASY FIVE BAKER FOX FLY 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 BEST FULL REQUIREMENTS FOLLOW LETTER SEVEN
CHARLIE FOX RATE FLOW IN DOWN TO ONE FIVE ZERO DAILY SATURATION POINT
NEARLY REACHED SPECIAL REPORT SENT THREE JAN CURRENT EIGHT EASY NINE NIL

APPENDIX "C"TRANSLATION OF SITREP

Situation report Region I for period 1-7 January.

Political	- Causing anxiety
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 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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TO: MEMORANDUM FOR AEG

DATE: AUG 15 1951 GROUP

UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

Orig. No. PA 781

8 Jan

SIXTEEN (.) Sitrep 6 Jan (.) For headings see PA 718 of 3 Jan (.)
ONE (.) General condition of people poor mainly owing lack of food (.) In forward areas joy at liberation overcomes all difficulties and many prepared remain in battered villages under fire rather than retire (.) Further back physical need food overcomes first honeymoon elation (.) Static areas continued shortage food, eviction and requisitioning necessitated by military operations brings suffering and disillusionment (.) In NAPLES where average rations still below previous Italian ration situation aggravated by typhus due under nourishment, hasty evacuation civilians by troops and constant overcrowding, serious but not out of control (.) Imports food now improving and if report is sustained will assist medical, morale and physical rehabilitation (.) As usual rural district better than urban (.)

TWO (.) Meeting of Committees of National Liberation prohibited NAPLES hope meet EARLY end of January (.)

THREE (.) Have arranged co-ordination between ACC, Italian Government and AEG Bear and AEG Forward regarding administration but must point out difficulty of proper administration when three authorities responsible for King's Italy, Southern Italy and Forward Areas respectively are responsible to different Headquarters in the first instance, viz., ACC, AEG, direct and GOC respectively (.) Plans for administration and feeding ROMAN nearing completion (.) NAPLES Province and city now under Region III Colonel KRUGER (.) Region IV now administering PUGLIA Province (.) ORFONA Commune taken over (.)

FOUR (.) Italian Courts functioning normally despite extensive damage court buildings (.)

FIVE (.) Resumed service government debt (.) Subscriptions to new Treasury bonds satisfactory (.) Owing devastation and evacuation refugees tax collection NAPLES Provinces almost at standstill (.) In Province CHIUSTI provincial seat still occupied by enemy (.) Necessary financing channelled through local banks and post offices (.) Conforming to Italian government decrease increase ordered in price salt and tobacco (.) BANKS (.) MARCH of SAURO river most banks devoid of cash and officials have fled NAPLES with records (.) First time such evacuation has occurred and may be general policy (.) Officials obtained from banks in NAPLES and EARLY to investigate position and re-open if desirable (.)

SIX (.) Serious situation WEST of APENNINES slightly relieved by arrival one month's supply food for population NAPLES area but this still below minimum subsistence diet (.) Situation easier EAST of APENNINES owing local production (.) Shortage of socks preventing internal distribution of grain (.) Acute need for soap and caustic soda (.)

SEVEN (.) Typhus situation NAPLES has increased in gravity (.) Number of cases has increased considerably with better organization of detection (.) Anti-typhus campaign in full swing under directions General ROM and co-workers DR LYNCH COMMISSION, HICKMAN Foundation workers and clinical experts from UK (.) General policy is (one) search for undetected cases (two) disinfection contacts (three) hospital organization (four) establishment dusting stations (five)

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General Policy is (one) search for undetected cases (two) disinfection contacts.
(three) hospital organization (four) establishment dusting stations (five)
immunisation by vaccination (six) control of refugees (.) Otherwise medical
situation satisfactory and Italian help for wounded civilians forward area likely
forthcoming early date (.)

TEN (.) Number of refugees on NORTHERN ARMY front has decreased (.) New refugee
organization nearing completion (.)

ELEVEN (.) Need for approval Global WE route (.)

This message must be sent in
PLAIN

PRIORITY.....

..... Lt.Col.

TO:
THI:
THI:

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BRITISH CIPHER MESSAGE

FOLIO NO: 02394
JANUARY 04TH

FROM : FREEDOM, SIGNED: C IN C, CITE: FMGS.
TO : FILPOT FOR AMGOT.
ORIN. NO: 23770.

TOO : NIL
TOR : 0630A.05

REFERENCE YOU SA 718 DATED JANUARY 03RD. YOUR PROFORMA IS
SATISFACTORY. IT WAS INTENDED THAT EACH ADDRESSEE SHOULD
WORK OUT HIS OWN PRO FORMA ACCORDING TO THE MATERIAL TO BE
REPORTED AND THEN KEEP TO IT.

SAC, DISTRIBUTION.

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SAC : 0740A/05
ST : 0840A/05 DWP

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IMPORTANT.
BR CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO NO: 02153
4 JAN 44

FROM: FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE
TO: FREEDON
INFO: PARCO FOR GUETERBOCK
INFO: PLATBO FILPOT FOR ANG
ORIG NO: 1304

TOO NIL
TOR 2007A.04

REF YOUR 22464 WE PROPOSE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
REGULAR REPORTS FULFILLING PARA 1. MONTHLY REPORT TO BE
DESPATCHED BY AIR COURIER ON 18TH CONTAINING A SECTION
DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES EACH SUB COMMISSION IN THE AREA
UNDER ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION JURISDICTION. THIS TO CLEAR (CLEAN)
MONTHLY AMPA REPORT AND CEC REPORT TO BE FORWARDED FROM
PLATBO.

PARA 2. AS THERE ARE NO MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION TERRITORY NO SITUATION REPORTS TO BE
FURNISHED

ANGOT

4 ACTION

SMC 2357A.04
M.T.P. 0004A.05 jt

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SUBJECT: Reports.

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

AG/620/15.

4. Jan. 44

TO: All Heads of Divisions.

The following is a paraphrase of a message received from A.F.H.Q. :

"Demands from London and Washington for information as to the general situation in occupied Italy necessitate the following reports being made :

- (a) Situation Reports by Signal to reach A.F.H.Q. on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and last days of each month.
- (b) A monthly report to reach A.F.H.Q. by the 22nd of each month covering activities during the previous month. Activities of the Central Economic Committee will be included in the report to be forwarded by A.C.C. The ACPA report will be submitted as an annex to the A.C.C. report.

The first situation report is required at A.F.H.Q. by 8 Jan.

2. Situation reports will be completed by G.S.C.1 from brief telegraphic sentences to be forwarded by Heads of Divisions to G.S.C.1 on the evenings of the 6th, 13th, 20th and last day minus two of each month. Nil reports are required. It is suggested that each Division open a special file for these reports. Registry will arrange to bring these up on the morning of the day on which reports are required.

3. As regards the monthly reports, see copy of AG/620/14 of 4. Jan. 44 attached. On receipt of the reports from R.C.A.Os. and S.C.A.Os. pertinent extracts will be passed to Heads of Divisions for consideration, additional information (if thought necessary) and return to G.S.C.1.

4. First action on para.2 is required on evening of 6. Jan. 44.

DISTRIBUTION: Legal, Finance,
Public Health, Public Safety,
Prop. Custodian, N. & C., ACPA.

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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.

AMT/630/14.
4. Jan. 44.

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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.

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5. The report is required in QUADRUPPLICATE.

P. M. L.
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US OLIVER MESSAGE
IN

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3 JAN 43

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TO:-- IIS FOR SNAB FOR ANG REGION 1 FOR
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MONTHLY REPORTS. REQUEST THAT DECEMBER REPORTS FROM LEGAL, INTERIOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY, EDUCATION, MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS, AND
ARCHIVES AND PROPERTY CONTROL BE FORWARDED THIS HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

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TO : FREEDOM FOR MGS rptd FATIMA FOR JOYCE
FDS FOR FARCO
FABLE FOR DUNLOP

FROM : 15 ARMY GROUP FROM AMG.

Originator's No. FA 718.

3 Jan.

Propose forward monthly report under following twelve headings: General
Condition of People, Political, Administration, Justice, Public Safety,
Finance, Supplies, Agriculture, Medical, Refugees, Staff, Miscellaneous (.)
Presume all addressees your 22464 of 1 Jan should follow one pro forma

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means.

PRIORITY: *Rm/me.*

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..... *Encl.*

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C. S. O.

Message at 11

1. As regards 1, I suggest that we only circulate Div. Heads in this HQ asking for the briefest notes (one or two sentences) to be submitted on the 6th, 13th, 20th & last day minus two of each month - we will then send off the message.
2. As regards 2, surely they will want one program for all and that must be laid down by RLB. Shall we write suggesting that (copies to other addressees)?

As regards meeting reports from Reginald & Annan I would like to speak to you.

JB 2/1.

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2 JAN 1944

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IMPORTANT.
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IN

FOLIO NO: 01235
1 JAN 44

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED CINC CITE FMGS
TO: FATIMA FOR JOYCE
FARGO, FAHLE FOR DUNLOP
FILFOT FOR AMG
ORIG NO: 22464

TOO 2124A.01
TOR 0458A.02

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:

ONE. A WEEKLY SITREP SENT BY CABLE TO REACH THESE HEADQUARTERS ON THE EIGHTH, FIFTEENTH, TWENTY SECOND, AND LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH.
TWO. A MONTHLY REPORT SENT BY AIR COURIER TO ARRIVE ON THE 22 ND OF EACH MONTH COVERING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR MONTH EG MONTH OF DECEMBER. CEC REPORT TO BE INCLUDED IN ACC REPORT. MONTHLY AMFA REPORT TO FORM ANNEX TO ACC REPORT. VEHICLE/PERSONNEL AND TONNAGE REPORTS TO CONTINUE TO BE SENT AS ALREADY LAID DOWN. 25 COPIES OF MONTHLY REPORTS REQUIRED. SUITABLE PROFORMA SHOULD BE WORKED OUT AND MAINTAINED. FIRST SITREP TO REACH HERE EIGHT JANUARY.

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Subject: Civil Administration in 8th Army Area.

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15 May 1945,
C.I.C.

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17 November 43

General Officer Commanding in Chief,
15 Army Group.

1. I have, with myarrison deputy, Colonel E.S. Gentry, been for a three days tour to 8th Army area.

2. With the exception of certain incidents to which I am referring in a separate report, I have no particular comment to make. On Capt Benson's staff, with the addition of staff from A.M.C. Region IV, which has been called forward, have set up an administration in forward light; they are up to the front line.

3. This area is fortunate in having an adequate food supply and in the case of some districts, a certain surplus. The difficulties therefore which have confronted us in Italy and Calabria find no parallel in this happy area. It is indeed lucky that this should be so, since means of transport among the civil population hardly exists. The only difficulty reported, apart from manufactured necessities such as clothing and boots, is salt in the western parts of Capobianco Province. This has been made good by bringing salt from the coastal districts. Both the corps in 8th Army have been most helpful in making available military transport to move local stocks of grain to villages where local shortages exist.

4. With the exception of the incidents referred to in the report which I am submitting separately, law and order has been good; Military Courts have dealt with the usual petty crimes under Proclamation No. 2. Only one more serious crime has been reported, namely an alleged case of arming at Montebelluna; a General Court is being set up to try the accused under the warrant issued by you to G.C.C. 8th Army.

5. The principal problem in Puglia and Capobianco is that of refugees and displaced persons, on which subject I shall be addressing you separately. While the situation is not easy, it appears to be in hand, and nothing has occurred to affect the operations of your troops.

6. The advent of the Allied Air Force in Puglia and surrounding villages is having very considerable repercussions. A number of difficulties have arisen in connection with billeting and requisitioning which are at present under discussion, and I prefer to make no further reference to the subject until certain points have been cleared up. The Prefect of Puglia, Major General Picote formerly second in command of the Carabinieri for the whole of Italy, has recently been transferred to Bari under the instructions of Marshal Badoglio to take up the appointment of G.C.C. the Carabinieri for the whole of Italy. His place has been taken by Major General Cotroneo who arrived in Puglia on 14th November to assume office without prior consultation either of G.C.C. or 8th Army or myself. I am dealing up with the Allied Military Administration

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7. I am also taking up with C.I.C. the acceptability of Italian 7th Army orders in the area administered by I.I.C. 15 Army Group. While these orders of the 7th Army, which have in certain instances been posted with or without permission, are primarily military in character and therefore do not concern I.I.C. one order has been made calling or recalling men to the colours, which would have had the effect in the Campobasso area, if carried into execution, of breaking up two very important labour groups working on roads in 13 Army area. After discussion with I.I.C. 8th Army, I.I.C. 15 Army, I.I.C. 15 Army has been instructed to inform the Italian civil authorities at Campobasso that the call up notice under the Italian 7th Army order is to be disregarded in that area.

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8. The health of the population in 5th Army area is generally very good with the exception of a few cases of typhoid here and there. There are no signs of epidemic conditions, even among the refugees or displaced persons. Medical stores for civil use as well as hospital consumption owing to the occupation of hospitals by military patients have been very short but not critical; a supply of medical stores for civil use has now arrived and is in process of being distributed.

9. Certain difficulties have arisen in one or two areas in the supply of water to towns and, more so, for milling wheat by the failure of electric current. This is in many cases not due to our damage of power lines but to the use of power lines for signal purposes by signal units of the Eighth Army. The subject is under discussion between U.S.A.C. Eighth Army and Signals Eighth Army and I understand is in process of being settled.

ph
Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

Correspondence: G.O.C. (3), including 2 for A.S.M.O.
Allied Control Commission (1)
H.Q. A.M.G. Palermo (1)

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SUBJECT: Report.

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

P.A. to C.G.S.
15 Army Group.

5th November 43

The attached Report for period 24 October to
31 October 43 is submitted for information.

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Encl.

Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED EISENHOWER
TO : 15 ARMY GROUP AMG
ORIG. NO: 4399 CITE FBGS

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TOR 1415A/01.

MORE TIMELY REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND PROGRESS IN MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN
YOUR AREA ARE NEEDED.
FOR EXAMPLE WE FIRST LEARNED OF THE INTENTION TO OPEN THE BANKS AND THE
RESTORATION OF ELECTRICAL POWER IN NAPLES FROM THE PRESS WOULD IT BE
CONVENIENT AND SAVE TIME IF 5 ARMY AMG SHOULD MAKE SUCH TIMELY REPORTS TO YOU
AND REPEAT AMHQ.

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Int. Div.
Records & Supply Div.
Public Safety Div.
Public Health Div.
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Reference Value 1 - Heads of Branches are particularly requested to see that action is taken to report all matters of importance and progress to A.F.M.C. as soon as possible. 5th Army have been instructed to request important timely reports to A.F.M.C. in order to save time.

Per *to* 4/11
to 4/11

[Signature]
R.A.P. THORNTON, OBE, DFC
Colonel,
Senior Staff Officer.

PA *[Signature]*

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SUBJECT: A.M.G. 15 Army Reports.

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

TO: G.O.C. in C., 15 Army Group.

AMG/6/24.

FROM: A.M.G., 15 Army Group.

4th November, 1943.

Report for period 24th October to 31st October 43.

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2. A.M.G. Headquarters, 15 Army Group, is located approximately one mile South West of Bari on the Taranto road.

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(d) The sanitary conditions are improving and it is anticipated that repairs to the sewers will be completed in about three weeks time.

(e) Fire Services are non-existent. Representations have been made to the Italian Authorities to assist FOGGIA by providing necessary equipment.

The Prefect of FOGGIA wrote to the Military Mission complaining that there was disorder in the province and requesting the Italian Government to establish an Italian Garrison at FOGGIA or BOVINO "to restore order in the province." The establishment of an Italian Garrison would not serve any purpose. The implication that there is disorder in the

province is not true. There is, admittedly, disorganization caused by the bombed state of FOGGIA and aggravated by the City being practically taken over by the N.A.A.F. A military necessity of this nature is bound to militate against the resumption of normal economic life and administration and no doubt acts distasteful to the Prefect have been perpetrated by the Services. It is understood that permission to establish an Italian Garrison has been refused.

ISLAND OF TREMITI. The food position of the island is satisfactory and the position is safeguarded until the end of December. Water was available to the end of October and further arrangements have been made.

Medical Supplies. 40 tons of medical supplies have been received from NAPLES and will be used for emergency situations in FOGGIA Province, and other provinces as they are captured.

Preliminary reports from the towns forward of VINCHIATURO on the ISERNIA road show that food is scarce. Fuel for the mills is a pressing need, but 13 Corps are giving all possible help in this respect until other arrangements can be made.

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Financial. In Eighth Army area the banks are now open and in most cases deposits exceed withdrawals. The banks in TERAMO had no lire currency, as all cash had been distributed to depositors before the arrival of the Germans, as a safeguard against looting. A transfer of cash was arranged from CALPOBASSO and the banks are now functioning. 100 million lire have been sent to CALPOBASSO as a reserve. As in Sicily, it has not been found possible to reopen Post Office Savings Accounts.

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The provincial treasury at Foggia have been burnt, the money on hand in each post office is insufficient to assess and the provincial P.O. Savings Office has been closed. This problem will be tackled on the arrival of a permanent financial staff in the province. Criminal, Environmental, and State funds follow the usual channels. In 1960 all estimates are being submitted for a programme of street cleaning; and the execution of central shower-baths and latrines. Funds are being provided by ASST for the repair of those roads necessary for military operations.

Legal. A full tour of the area has, during the period, been made by its Senior Legal Officer. In FOGGIA Province, about 30 cases per day have been tried in the Summary Court, but the offences were mostly trivial and tended to fall off with the imposition of stiffer sentences. In the Province of CALABRIZZO there have been five cases heard by the Summary Court for curfew offences and there are further cases of a somewhat more serious nature pending. In TERAMO there has been so far only one case. An investigation is being made of the available Italian judicial officials, some of whom have been found unsatisfactory, and a quantity of work was done with a view to re-opening the Italian Tribunale and Praetorian Courts at an early date in this area.

4. FIFTH ARMY AREA.

No general report has been received to date from Fifth Army area.

Financial. On the financial side little news has been received and further reports have been requested. In the city and province of LECCE the banks were reopened on the 30th October without any limitation on withdrawals. It is too early to assess results, but so far the experience is satisfactory, and it is hoped to open the banks similarly in the other provinces within the next ten days. In view of the systematic destruction and scorched earth policy of the Germans, the discovery that the banks possessed 1,000 million lire in currency was unexpected. Post Office Savings Accounts are not open, and the closing of the Post Office in Naples will delay the resumption of Postal facilities. It was found that Lotteries had never been reopened; it was decided to allow them to continue, in view of their important contributions to revenue.

Legal.

(a) Military Courts already established are continuing to operate with satisfactory results. There has been a re-opening of further Italian criminal courts in the area and the antecedents and records of the judges of these courts have been investigated. (b) There has also been a further investigation in regard to civilians held in Italian jails and with a view to those convicted persons in the Italian jails who had been released prior to occupation by the enemy. Instructions have been given that Italian Military Tribunals may be permitted to function in occupied territory under close supervision.

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(c) All the proclamations have now been published in the area other than No. 6 dealing with Property Control, No. 7 dealing with the Fascist Party and No. 8 dealing with the Publication of the Gazette. During the past week, however, the contents of proclamations No. 6 and 7 were under discussion with the changed circumstances of the situation and the time is not yet ripe for the publication of Proclamation No. 9 in the area.

REPLY/SOL
C. J. S. S.

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REPLY/SOL
C. J. S. S.
Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Subject: Report on Evacuation of Ethiopia.

Military Government Section,
A. P. H. C.

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12. Oct. 43.

I am directed by Major General Lord Rennell to reply to your telegram H-956-B dated 1 October, regarding the report on the evacuation of Ethiopia.

This report is being prepared by Lt. Col. The Honourable Peter Ridd. Colonel Ridd is at the present moment Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Bona Province and in view of the many duties which he has to perform, is unable to complete this report. He states that in order to produce a report of value, he will require somewhere in the nature of a fortnight and further that he would require the use of a stenographer for that period, who, at the present moment, cannot be spared.

In view of the above it is suggested that possibly Colonel Turner be asked to prepare this report as in view of Colonel Ridd's further pressing duties in this theatre, it is unlikely that he will be free to devote his time to the report for some considerable period.

A. H. G. O. T.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. P.
ICE/JC.

[Signature]
Major,
H.A. to C.C.A.O.

Copy to: H.Q. East Africa Command.
H.Q. AMST, PALESTINE.
Lt. Col. Ridd, H.Q.A.O., Bona Province.

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TO: SEVENTH ARMY FOR AMG FOR RENNELL REPTD FILPOT
ORIG NO: R-956-B 1749

TOO: 1427A/01
THI: NIL.
TOR: 1920

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ETHIOPIA. THIS HQ HAS BEEN ASKED IF REPORT HAS BEEN DESPATCHED AND IF SO
WHEN AND BY WHAT ROUTE. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST.

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My dear B.B.

is attached.

I have not completed report and don't know when I shall. I cannot write reports of this kind and do other things as well. Most of it is ready in M.S. form but is quite incomprehensible to anybody except myself. I never did have in the Evacuation office and have not now, a typist, let alone a stenographer. If they provide one and the requisite leisure they can have a report. It is not possible without both to write anything like a coherent account of a business that involved seven separate operations and took nearly two years to complete in 4 different territories. These things can't be written in snatches when the day's work is over. They need a certain amount of concentration which I am at present devoting to my job. I could write a report reading "During 1941-42, 15,000 Italians were evacuated from East Africa, some to Italy, some to British possessions, yours truly Radd," but then so could Turner.

Refs to
M.E. on
these lines of
C.P. Palmer

Enna
5/10/43

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• If they want to know how it was done, they must provide proper opportunities, or ask Turner. My idea of proper opportunities is a fortnight in England on a duty trip. I am not being idle, in fact I know I am not idle and the days work in this job does not leave much over even for reading let alone writing. Now that I come to mention it, this fortnight in England seems to me a remarkably sound idea. Two and a half years is a long time to be away for chaps who belong here. If there is another job on hand and urgent. That is of course different, but it's no good trying to get away from the preoccupations of this damned job simply by staying away from the office. In any case where would one stay.

Yours
P. H.

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(TO 7TH ARMY FOR AMG FOR RENNEL REPEATED FILPOT SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FIDMS)

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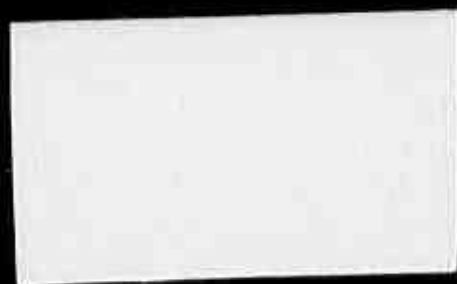
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