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RECCE REPORTS TREMITI & PIANOSA
ISLANDS
OCT. 1943 - JAN. 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REG. SUPPLY OFFICER
BRINDISI

8 JAN 1944
642.

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SUP/R/11
Jan. 7th 1944

Subject: Feeding of Tremiti Islanders

To : Civil Supplies Officer,
Allied Control Commission
B A R I
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The attached copy of letter is forwarded for
your information in continuation of my SUP/R/11 dated JAN. 1st 1944.

Please arrange that supplies for the civilian
population of the Tremiti and Isole Groups is effectively carried
out by the Sezione Provinciale dell'Alimentazione at BARI and that
use is made by them of the transport for military supplies provi-
ded by the Commissariat of the Army Corps in Bari, as suggested in
Genl. Aliberti's letter.

J. Moore

Capt.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REG. SUPPLY OFFICER
Adv. Command Post

Copy to: ECON. and SUPPLY DIV.
H.Q. AMG.
15 Army Group
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MINISTRY FOR WAR

Jan. 2 1944

No di prot.4/C

Subject: Supply of the TREMITI islands

To the Ministry for the Interior
and for the knowledge of The
Allied Control Commission
Brindisi
To the Commissariat of the 9th Army Corps

The Allied Control Commission has requested assurance of the Ministry that regular provision is being made for the sending of supplies to the civilian population of the Tremiti islands.

Such assurance can only be provided by the Ministry for the Interior since these supplies come under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Food Section (Sezione Provinciale dell'Alimentazione) dependent upon the Bari prefecture.

While one would like to furnish the assurance requested by the Allied Control Commission, one must point out that the Military Management of the Commissariat of the Army Corps at Bari periodically provides for the supply of the military detachments on the islands.

Therefore, the aforementioned Food Section (Sezione d'Alimentazione) could take advantage of (through direct agreement with the Commissariat of Army Corps in Bari) the same transport means used for military supplies for their own supply uses.

/s/ General Aliberti

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION 2 JAN 1944
REG. SUPPLY OFFICER
BRINDISI

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SUP/R/11
JAN. 1 st 1944

H.Q. AMG
15 Army Group
CMF

Reference your AMG/642/12 dated 16th Dec. 1943 copy of letter received from Genl. Alberti is forwarded. This appears to contradict the previous assurances given to us about the feeding of the civilian population of the islands, but a definite understanding will be reached with the Alimentazione at BARI to ensure the regular feeding of these islanders.

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Lt. Col.
for C.L.O.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Adv. Command Post

Copy to: CIVIL SUPPLY OFFICER
A.C.C.
BARI

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TRANSLATION

DEC 28 '43

SUBJECT:- SUPPLIES FOR THE TREMITI AND PIANOSA ISLANDS.-

Referring to your letter Sup/R./11.

From assurances made by the ~~the~~ Direction of the Military Commissariato of the Army Corps of Bari we have that the periodic supplies to the Troops of the Tremiti Islands are taking place regularly.

The last supply shipment for 30 days of ordinary food, food for reserve, water, medical items and clothing, has taken place on the 15th of the month with the Auxiliary Ship "NUOVO S. GIORGIO".

Concerning supplies for the civilian population, it is a matter of the Provincial Section of Alimentation depending from the R. Prefecture of Bari, to which you may ask for information.

SIGNED

GEN A ALIBERTI

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Feb 5 14
SUBJECT: Supplies for TRAMITI Gp and PIANOSA ISLAND

HQ AMG,
15 ARMY GROUP,
CMF.

AMC/G.2/12
16 Dec 43

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ACC. BRINDISI

Reference your letter Sup/R/11/ of Dec 2 and the attached correspondence.

1. We had understood that the provisioning of these Islands, both civil and military personnel, was to be assured by the Italian Government.

2. Please advise if this understanding is incorrect.

WLB/FAD.

JB
Brigadier,
DECAO.

plA 17/12
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Office.

Dec, 12, 1943.

Subject: Supplies to Trinit Island
To : Economics & Supply Division
H.Q. A.M.C. 15 Army Group
From : ACC LO Bari Lt: Shephard, Civil Sup. Officer

Ref your AMG/642/5 dated 23 Nov. 43.

1. Enclosed find letter P.M. 11/12/43 from COMANDO IX CORPO
D'ARMATA Stato Maggiore Ufficio Servizi.

(Sgd.) M. SHEPHARD, Lieut, USNR.

Lt. Shephard, USNR
ACC LO Sup. Officer

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P.M. 67 11/12/1943

AL: LIAISON OFFICE
Palazzo del Governo
BARI

Risposta al foglio del: 2 corrente

Prot. N: 03/3727

OGGETTO: rifornimenti per le Isole di Tremiti e Pianosa.

In esito alle Vn. richieste comunico che il servizio di rifornimento per i militari e civili delle Isole Tremiti, viene effettuato con un motoveliero che questo Comando richiede allo S.M.R.E. di volte in volta che se ne presenta la necessità.

In relazione alla disponibilità di naviglio il Ministero della Marina Mercantile assegna per tale servizio il motoveliero richiesto.

Dovendo questo Comando provvedere all'imminente spedizione di viveri per il Presidio delle Isole in oggetto, è stata già richiesta allo S.M.R.E. l'assegnazione del motopeschereccio "Luigina" stazionario 32 ton. per il giorno 13 corr. -

L'imbarco si dovrà effettuare al molo S. Antonio di Bari in tale giorno. Questo Comando si riserva di confermare la data a mezzo fonogramma.

d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
(Giacomo Siccardi)

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COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO

14 DEC 1943

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE

Dec., 18, 1943

Subject: Supplies to Tremiti Island

To : Economics & Supply Division
H.Q. A.M.G. 15 Army Group

From : ACC LO Bari Lt. Shepard; Civil Sup: Officer

Ref your AMG/ 642/5 Dated 6
28 Nov. 43

1. Enclosed find letter P.M. 11/12/43
from COMANDO LX CORPO D'ARMATA Stato Maggiore Ufficio Servizi.

Memoir Shepard Lt. USNR.
Lt. Shepard USNR
ACC LO Sup. Officer

Action at 14

Target

*Letter to all - working on this -
must be completed by 14 Dec 43
that the purpose of this is to
inform the staff of the
status of the supplies
to the island. The
information is being
provided to the
staff of the
island.*



COMANDO IN CORPO D'ARMATA

Stato Maggiore Ufficio Servizi

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IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.

(Giacomo Sicardi)

Sicardi

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SUBJECT: Tremati Group and Pianosa Island.

4 DEC 1943

AMG.HQ. Eighth Army.

OA 67/2A.

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AMG.HQ. - 15 Army Group.

1. Reference your AMG/642/5.
2. Prior to receipt I had arranged with Prefettura ^{Foggia} ~~MARITIMONIA~~ to send certain supplies to both islands as soon as possible ^{Via Manfredonia}.

Copy to: Capt. Imrie, A.C.C.
Brindisi

" " S.C.A.O. - Foggia.

[Signature]
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG.HQ. Eighth Army.

[Signature]
5 Dec

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4 DEC 1943
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SUP/R/11/
Dec. 2nd 1943

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Subject: Supplies for TREMITI
Group and PIANOSA ISLAND

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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See Folio 5

The question of the provisioning of the TREMITI GROUP and PIANOSA Island has been represented to us by H.Q. 15 Army Group. It is understood from conversations here that arrangements were made in BARI in Sept. 1943 for supplies for these islands.

Will you please give us an assurance that these arrangements are continuing; and confirm that the COMMISSARIATO MILITARE at BARI is the channel for these supplies.

Medical Supplies, water and clothing, including 40 military uniforms, are required, in addition to food.

L. M. G.
A.U.S.
C.P.I.C.
A.C.C.

Copy to: H.Q. AMG
15 Army Group
P.L.C. BARI

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Subject: Supplies to TREMITI ISLAND

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4 DEC 1943

SUP/R/11/

ECONOMICS & SUPPLY DIVISION

H.Q. A.M.G.
15 ARMY GROUP

Ref. your memo dated 28 Nov. 43

I have seen the Italian authorities here to-day and understand that a system of provisioning the Tremiti Group of island was instituted in BARI as from Oct. 1943. Two things, however would seem to emerge from the discussion-first that demands be submitted regularly on behalf of the islanders to the COMMISSARIATO MILITARE BARI and second that, in view of the change of status of the STATO MAGGIORE here consequent upon the formation of an Italian Ministry of War, formal application be made to the latter for continuance of old system. The second will be from here.

Imme
Capt.

R. Sup. Officer
A.C.C.

Copy to P.L.O. BARI

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Note to Reg 4 letter
1. Attached correspondence refers to
supply of the Tremiti & Pisanotti
Islands.
2. Will you arrange for the regular
submission of demands on behalf
of the islanders to the
COMMISSARIATO MILITARE BARI
as suggested.

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SUBJECT: Trenti Group and Pianosa Island.H.Q. A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

AG/642/5.

28. Nov. 43.

TO: Capt. Lurie,
Allied Control Commission,
PERDISI.

1. The Trenti Group and Pianosa Island are in Foggia Province and therefore the responsibility of AG 8 Army until AG Region IV takes over. It is believed, however, that they have been supplied in the past from Bari, and that the Italian garrison at Bari and the Comando Supremo at Perdisi are familiar with the procedure for supply of these islands.

2. According to a report from 15 Army Group, they received supplies on November 2, and were expecting more in early December. Generally speaking, the supply situation, including water, was easy, but they need a monthly shipment to fill the needs of 600 people, 75 of whom are soldiers, sailors and police. In addition to food, they want medical supplies, water, and clothing for everybody, including 40 military uniforms and overcoats.

3. Their greatest economic hardship is their lack of market for their fish. A very useful trade might be established here.

4. Will you look into this and see if a system for automatic provisioning of these islands is in hand, as this 15 Army Group report would indicate. Let us know what you discover.

WILLIAM L. BART, Jr.
Captain, Inf.
Economics & Supply Division.

RAC.

Copy to: P.O. Bari.
AG 8 Army.
" Region IV.
File 112.

3GS, 15 Army Grp }
No. 2 District }
M. M. I. A. }

Copy to: 9 Corps Italian Army
(att: Capt Regayne)

Sent 11/24/43

Sent on 29 Nov 43

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H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP,
C.M.F.

15AG/54/G(OPS).

21 Nov 43.

SUBJECT: Recees of Islands of
TOBIAI and PLANOSA.

To : No. 2 District.
M.M.I.A.
JAG HQ PAFI.

Copy to : A.F.H.Q. (G-2).
JAG OP.
8 APRIL.

1. Attached is an extract from the report of a Reece carried out in the Islands of TOBIAI and PLANOSA on 15 Nov 43.
2. A Reece will be made to PLANOSA ISLAND shortly.
3. The operational aspect of this reece report will be dealt with by HQ 15 Army Group, in conjunction with the authorities concerned.
4. Will Maj HQ, No. 2 District and M.M.I.A. take up the administrative points brought out in the report.
5. Should it be intended to use these Islands for any operational purpose, HQ 15 Army Group will issue the necessary orders.

J.M.N. LAGOT,
Brig G.S.
for Major General
C.C.S.

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R.N.L.C. (3)
LAGOT.
War Diary.

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R.M.I.A.
REF HQ PART.

Copy to : A.P.R.Q. (C-2).
Map CP.
8 AMST.

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*Cap. Lauer is checking. He sees what Penner
New Island is as the part of supply in Ban.
I suggest that he should be checked. Penner Ban.
26 Oct. Last. Penner has might be the day of the
water & medicine supply. Penner has Ban. Penner
Lauer.*

R/L 23/11

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SECRET equals U.S. SECRET.RECCE REPORT.TREMITI GROUP AND PLANOSA ISLANDSON 15 NOV 43.

(REF MAP 1/500,000 ITALY)

PART IGENERAL.1. ENEMY OCCUPATION.

No indication of presence of Germans on any of the islands.
 Few German chocolate papers found on S. DOMINICA.

2. IMPORTANCE OF TREMITI GROUP AND PLANOSA.

(a) S. NICOLA Island has a cable station which is a link in the CAPOLIE - NICOLA PELAGOSA - LAGOSTA inter island cable, which may have value in later operations in the Eastern Adriatic.

(b) The TREMITI Group and PLANOSA are possible locations for watching enemy shipping or aircraft. Might be of use for guiding signals to our own aircraft.

(c) Apart from the above the islands appear to have no operational possibilities. Any further garrison placed in these islands would have to be self contained for food and water.

3. WELFARE OF THE ISLAND.

General food, water and health situation appears satisfactory. Some medical supplies are needed. Local Italian Army Doctor handed list to Recce party giving his requirements.

Most serious outlook for the islanders is the lack of a market for their fish.

There seems to be no reason why the present population and garrison should not remain, provided food and water is sent at reasonable intervals. 2069

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PELAGOSA Island was not visited. Has a small party of Naval personnel; 17 Oct 43 was the last date that cable communication was through to S. NICOLA (See 2 (c) above).

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6. SAN NICOLA.

(a) POPULATION. 360.

(b) ITALIAN FORCES. - Comd. Lt MIRAGLIA
Tps. 30 ALPINI (2nd Coy 112 Bn).

12 CARABINIERI.

14 Naval personnel.

6 Customs Guards.

Arms 5 Desn M.Cs.

Rifles, Revolvers.

Plentiful supply of S.M.A.

- (c) PAY. Troops have not been paid for some time.
- (d) COED. Lt. MIRAGLIA appears competent and reliable.
- (e) CABLE AND SIGNAL STATION. Signal and Cable Station were visited. Register of shipping sighted is kept. No enemy shipping reported.
- (f) VISUAL SIGNALS. Visual signals to Mainland have received no reply.
- (g) CABLE COMMUNICATION. Up to 4 Nov 43 there was cable communication with Mainland at CAROLLE. (Note as a security measure the Mainland cable terminal has been disconnected).
- (h) TELEPHONE. Normally telephone communication exists between S. NICOLA and S. DOMINO.
- (i) V/T Set. A dismantled V/T set is kept in Mainland office. Power is generated from local generator on S. DOMINO.
- (j) BOATS.
 - 1 Motor fishing boat (out of order).
 - 10 Fishing smacks 32 ft.
 - 27 Rowing boats 16 ft.
 - 2 Rowing boats 26 ft.
 - 1 Sailing boat 30 ft.
 - 1 Sailing boat 20 ft.

7. SAN DOMINO.

- (a) Population. 140. Who have recently arrived from S. NICOLA into the houses previously used for internees.
- (b) Power Plant. The generator which provides light for S. NICOLA and S. DOMINO has about two months supplies of oil.
- (c) Light House. Manned properly and log kept. No acetylene for light. Building in poor state of repair.
- (d) Agriculture. A few sheep and small cultivated areas.
- (e) Water. About two months supply remains. Water has to be brought by tanker from mainland for SAN DOMINO and SAN NICOLA.
- (f) Signs of German Occupation. German chocolate wrappers picked up. Several unused slit trenches.
- (g) Boats. 12 rowing boats 12 ft.

- 8. CAPRA. No population. Lighthouse disused since 1940. Light is acetylene type. All tracks appear unused.

- 9. CHETACCIO. 4 barren rock.

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11. General Information.

- (a) Lt. MIRAGLIA considers strangers would have difficulty in reaching the islands and remaining undiscovered.
- (b) Fishing boats from the mainland often call at S. NICOLA.
- (c) There are NO Fascists on the islands.
- (d) No hostile aircraft have been seen.
- (e) Food supply at present satisfactory. Further supplies awaited early in December.
- (f) Water supply satisfactory for the present.
- (g) Supplies of medicines, clothes and food were received 2 Nov 43. Further medical supplies wanted. Outbreak of typhus in hand.

(...../(h).....)

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- (h) Supplies most needed PASTA, FLOUR, OIL, CONSERVA, CHEESE, CANNED MEAT, TOBACCO, SOAP. Clothing for 600 people required and uniforms and great coats for 40 military personnel. (Suggested Source BARI ITALIAN Garrison).
- (i) Lt. MIRAGLIA requests permission for him to visit POTENZA.
- (j) Lack of market for their fish appears to be greatest hardship for the islanders.
12. PELAGOSA. (Not visited).
It is reported that PELAGOSA has a garrison of 12 naval personnel.
No communication with other islands since 17 Oct 43.
On 31 Oct an Italian Tanker with water and supplies from BARI was unable to get any answer to their signals, and the crew did not land.
The ship left S. NICOLA on 2 Nov 43 to report to Comando Supremo BRINDISI.

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