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SITREPS, HQ AMG, 15TH ARMY GROUP
JAN. 1944

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SUBJECT: Reports.

A.H.O.,
H.Q.,
A.C.G.P.

TO: All Heads of Divisions.

AMG/620/32.
29 Jan 44.

File 620

Reference AMG/620/15 of 4 Jan 44.

1. As no further situation reports will be sent to A.F.H. 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.G. Headquarters.

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Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: FREEDOM FOR NGS

FROM: HQ ACMP FOR AMS

Orig's No. FA 917

21 Jan

SECRET (..) Sitrep 20 Jan (..) For headings see FA 713 of 3 Jan (..)

ONE (..) General conditions (..) Fine weather has improved general conditions (..) There seems to be plenty of money most of which is spent in purchasing food on black market (..)

TWO (..) The politically minded are preparing for the BARI meeting on 28 Jan (..) Signor MONTAGNA lobbying for appointment RADOCEIO's High Commissioner NAPLES (..)

THREE (..) Administration (..) RBSE planning well advanced (..) Bad communications rendering local administration difficult throughout (..)

FOUR (..) Two death sentences on spies confirmed and executed (..) One convicted one sub judge (..)

FIVE (..) Situation generally satisfactory (..) Italian agencies cooperating (..)

SIX (..) Subscriptions to Treasury bonds generally exceed repayments (..) In area 8 Army expenditure on road repairs remains high (..) Where possible financing channelled through AASS equals Italian Government's state road organization (..)

SEVEN (..) Imports of food in past week adequate until end January at 150 grams bread ration (..) Have recommended to CEC adoption old Italian scale ration earliest (..) Present scale does NOT approximate to this (..) NAPLES black market price of white bread is 150 official price 3 point 60 olive oil 200 lire per kilo official price 28 (..) Transport difficulties still enhance supply problems in forward areas (..)

EIGHT (..) Amount olive oil reaching masses unsatisfactory (..) Prices recently increased but too early yet to judge effect (..)

NINE (..) Decline in Typhus NAPLES (..) Additional 500 beds provided (..) British officer appointed as General Hospital Chief Superintendent (..)

TEN (..) Number refugees in 5 Army front generally increased (..) Urgent need for material assistance from Army being pressed

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PA 11

OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: FREEDOM FOR NERS

FROM: AMO-15 ARMY GROUP

Orig's No. PA 361

15 Jan

SECRET (.) Sitrep 13 Jan (.) For readings see PA 715 of 3 Jan (.)

ONE (.) As in last Sitrep (.) There is a very large movement of population from and to NAPLES chiefly in season food (.) Food EAST of NAPLES better than WEST and majority people now on old Italian ration scale (.) Food shortage in NAPLES still very serious (.) Troops now forbidden buy food and restaurants and eating houses off limits (.)

TWO (.) Communist leaflet appeared in NAPLES inciting disorderly action (.) If found perpetrator will be tried (.)

THREE (.) Italian Government continue attempt to act as if governing occupied territory and recently remove Prefect one province appointing another and declared another district separate Province (.) All within Asci area (.) This being represented to AGC (.)

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SIX (.) Public Finance (.) Tax collectors have been impressed necessity increasing revenue and improvement expected (.) Most post offices now operating for all services except mail and issue postal savings bonds (.) Latter will be resumed shortly Region Three (.) Sales of Treasury bonds remain satisfactory (.) In devastated areas communal expenditures remain heavy owing demolition unsafe buildings and extensive repairs public services (.) Banks (.) Situation generally good (.) Accommodation difficulties PUGLIA and CA' POLASSO (.)

SEVEN (.) Imported food still in serious short supply (.) Problem transporting imported supplies to forward areas from ports of entry now arising (.)

EIGHT (.) Agriculture (.) Wheat seed being distributed (.)

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: WITNESS FOR MRS

FROM: ANG 15 ARMY GROUP

Orig. No. PA 701

8 Jan

SECRET (.) Sitrep 5 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 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 repeat if 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 BARI end of January (.)

THREE (.) Have arranged co-ordination between ACC, Italian Government and AMG Rear and AMG 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, AMG direct and GOC respectively (.) Plans for administration and feeding ROUTE nearing completion (.) NAPLES Province and city now under Region III Colonel KRAEPE (.) Region IV now administering POGGIA Province (.) CRONCA Commune taken over (.)

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

ELEVEN (.) Need for approval Global WE acute

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SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO: S.C.A.O. 5 Army.
 S.C.A.O. 8 Army.
 R.C.A.O. Region III.
 R.C.A.O. Region IV.

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

AMC/650/14
 4. Jan. 1945

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[Signature]
 Colonel,
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For weekly status reports

- see AMC/650/15

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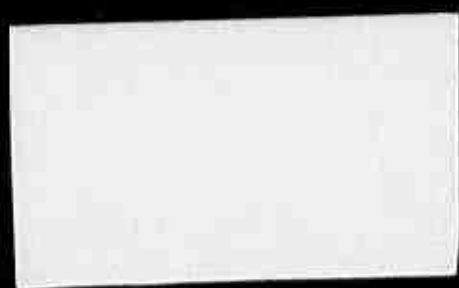
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