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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

4/31.8/CA

10. Feb 45

SUBJECT: Subscription in aid of the homeless
in Devastated Areas.

TO: Deputy Chiefs of Staff, all Sections,
Directors of all Sub-Commissions.

1. Last winter's fighting was established for months on a belt stretching across Italy which, because of the destruction wrought, has become known as a Devastated Area. In this region between 150,000 and 200,000 men, women and children are practically destitute and among them are many who put up a continuous resistance to the enemy and gave protection to over 6,000 escaped Allied prisoners. The majority now live in mountain communities, some of which are difficult to reach because of snow. Windows are broken, there is little fuel and little protection from the weather. Thousands are sleeping on bare floors, crowded, cold and dirty. Food, clothing, medicines and other welfare aids have been sent, AS having given its utmost aid to the Italian authorities.
2. An Italian Committee, organized by Prince Dorio, Sindaco of Rome, and by His Excellency Zanotti-Bianco, head of the Italian Red Cross, under the Presidency of On. Gasparotto, Minister of Aviation, is carrying on a city-wide drive in Rome for blankets, clothing, shoes, money, for these people.
3. The Committee has not asked the Allies for subscriptions, but AS is concerned to help these people in any way possible. There is a supply of civilian type blankets from which purchases can be made but a large amount of money is needed and anything else we can contribute.
4. I should be glad if you would encourage your Allied staff to give all they can to this excellent cause - money, old clothing, especially underwear, shirts and battle dress or uniforms are particularly required. Any uniform will be dyed by AS before being released to the Italian Red Cross for issue. Perhaps you yourself would receive contributions or appoint one or more officers in your Section or Sub-Commission to receive them. Lists of all contributions, not for publication, together with cash and clothing will be sent by the Head of each Section or Sub-Commission to Civil Affairs Section, Devastated Areas Branch on or before 17 February 45.

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Chief Commissioner. 103

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1 February 1945

Dear

In reply to your letter of the 27 January 45, I am directed to state that the Chief Commissioner is glad that you have found Lt. Col. Paul Shipman Andrews of assistance to your Committee. He will be available to assist you until such time as it is found necessary, owing to the exigencies of the Service, to post him elsewhere in the work that he normally carries out for this Commission.

It is regretted that it is not possible to give you any idea of the length of time for which Lt. Col. Andrews will be available as this depends entirely upon military operations.

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G.R. IMJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section,
HQS AC

Principe A. Doris-Pamphili,
President,
National Committee for Organising Italian Assistance to Devastated Regions,
c/o Italian Red Cross,
ROME.

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COMITATO NAZIONALE PER LA RACCOLTA
DEI SOCCORSI ITALIANI ALLE REGIONI DEVASTATE

SOTTO IL PATRONATO DELLA CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

Roma, 27 January

1945

IL PRESIDENTE

My dear Admiral Stone,

I believe you have already received from the Committee over which I have the honour of presiding, a letter of thanks for the invaluable work Lt.Col.Paul Shipman Andrews is doing for us.

In fact it is largely owing to him that we have been able, in such a short time, to achieve such satisfactory results.

But the Committee's work is by no means over: it still has a vast amount of difficult work to undertake on behalf of other Italian regions where warfare has brought so much misery, and such work can be accomplished only if we can still rely on the Allied Authorities' co-operation.

Our Committee having seen and benefited from Lt.Col.Andrews's exceptional gifts of intellect, energy and human sympathy, asks that he may be allowed to continue his most valuable work with us.

Sincerely yours,

A. Doria Pamphili

(Principe A. Doria-Pamphili)

To Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

ROME

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Request for Paul Shipman Andrews
in his report on 10/1/45
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APR 29/45

Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: 1/31B/CA

Jan 15.

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TO: Deputy Chiefs of Staff, All Sections.
Directors of All Sub-Commissions.

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2 But there is still a ^{great} crying need for blankets, among other things. It is cold where these unfortunates live; often below zero Fahrenheit. Most of them live in high mountain communes, of which many have already for days or weeks been cut off by snow; there are few panes of glass, little fuel, little if any cover for the night. Thousands sleep on bare floors in rooms with windows shattered, crowded, cold and dirty. Some sleep in cow stalls, in roofless houses, in caves. The Germans took away blankets, clothing, animals, transport, food, fuel, everything they could move.

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WILLIAM W. STONE, 2251
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

27 Jan 45

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