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23 December 1944.

SUBJECT: San Marino.

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Air Forces Sub-Commission
Navy Sub-Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

TO	INIT	Date
Public Safety	✓	2/12
Public Health	✓	3/1
Police	✓	3/1
Legat	✓	3/1
Education	✓	3/1
Finance	✓	3/1
44A - Civil	✓	3/1
44B - Civil	✓	3/1

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1. All files and correspondence in connection with the SAN MARINO Republic have now been handed over to EMILIA REGION. All further communications dealing with the Republic will be sent to HQ EMILIA Region and not to AG EIGHTH Army.

2. It will be understood that this instruction applies to correspondence previously sent to AG EIGHTH Army on this subject and not to communications needing attention by AG HQ.

E. Horden
Chief Staff Officer
to the Chief of Staff

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HQ. A.M.G. MAIN EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 26 SEP 44

Subject : SAN MARINO

To : R.C. & M.G. Section HQ. ACC.

Since the date of my last report, the position in SAN MARINO has, in a measure, begun to settle down.

1. PROCLAMATION AND SECURITY

(a) The Republic has posted the Proclamation which is attached to this report. Curfew is not being enforced.

(b) At the time of the original entry into SAN MARINO I had informed the Captain Regent, that in view of the fact of their being a considerable quantity of refugees in the Republic, it might well be that there were amongst them some fascists, whose presence would be dangerous to the security of the allies passing through. I pointed out to him that the presence of such fascists could only be determined by his Government, as it was impossible for ourselves or F.S.S. to locate them, and that consequently I relied upon him through his Police organisation to arrest any prominent fascists amongst the refugees, and to hand them over. Up to date it is understood that no arrests have been made. The possible presence of such fascists is undoubtedly causing a certain amount of worry, but I can see no other alternative, unless incidents occur which would enable Military Government to be strictly imposed, than to leave it to representatives of the Republic.

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Notification about this has been sent separately to A.C.C., with a request that all Consuls concerned be notified.

3. FOOD.

(a) The supply situation is now in hand, and food is being distributed ^{from} from A.M.C. stocks or from stocks already in possession of the Republic. Republic state that they are running out of supplies and this is being investigated today by the Senior Supply Officer of this H.Q., as it is not believed to be the case. In the meantime no further supplies are being sent in.

(b) Water trucks were sent in to alleviate the shortage and it is hoped that these can shortly be withdrawn.

4. REFUGEES

(a) The situation is improving. A very considerable number of refugees now being dispersed back again into surrounding villages, and arrangements made to gradually return into RIMINI, key people for administration and labour have started.

(b) Check posts to prevent refugees getting out are working satisfactorily, but there is and will continue to be a considerable trickle of people, who must inevitably find their way through. I am, however, considerably happier about the refugee question than I was three days ago.

5. BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS.

(a) A few further incidents have occurred and the matter has been taken up with the Corps concerned. It is no use pretending that with the presence of troops engaged in active operation in the Republic there will not be incidents, particularly as some of those troops are Indian troops. Situation is being closely watched.

6. FINANCE

(a) Senior Finance Officer this H.Q. was in SAN MARINO on the 24th and reports no difficulty or troubles. Arrangements are being made to withdraw all A.M.G. lire as they come into the banks.

7. PERSONNEL

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HQ. A.M.G. MAIN EIGHTH ARMY - SITUATION REPORT UP TO 23 SEP 44

Subject: SAN MARINO.

1. PROCLAMATIONS AND SECURITY.

- (a) SAN MARINO was entered on the night of 20/21st September, 44. The town itself is undamaged. S.C.A.O. Eighth Army saw the Captain Regent at 6 o'clock on the evening of the 21st, the following were present
Cp/Capt. Benson, W/Cdr Beer, Lt-Col. Downen (Region IX) and Lt-Col. Plaves (Refugees).

Proclamations Nos. 1 and 2 have not been posted in the Republic of SAN MARINO, but a copy of Proclamation No. 1 was given to the Captain Regent, and he was requested to read it, so that he should be in a position to know what the normal procedure was, if Allied Military Government were enforced in its strict sense.

The Republic were requested to enforce curfew, but objected to it on the grounds that they never had had a curfew and it had not been imposed upon them by the Germans. It was pointed out to them that the curfew was as much in their own interest as in the interest of security, but after consultation with the G.O.C. of the 4th Indian Division, it was decided not to enforce the curfew against their will, and the Captain Regent was informed that curfew would not be enforced at his request, but that he must realise that in meeting the wishes of the Republic on this point, I refused responsibility as regards any incidents which might occur with troops after dark. It is understood that he is now beginning to change his mind!

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- (b) The question of payment for services and food supplied to the large number of refugees who were not citizens of the Republic was mentioned, and I replied that it was too early at this stage to discuss such questions, but that no doubt at a later date the matter could be brought up with the appropriate financial authorities. The question was not pressed.
- (c) I pointed out to the Republic that in view of the violation of their neutrality by the Germans it had been necessary to pursue the enemy through SAN MARINO State, and that this was a most regrettable position forced on us. It was the intention, however, so soon as operations allowed it, to evacuate the Republic of all troops, when their neutrality would be again completely respected. The allied troops, therefore, in the Republic must be regarded as in transit only, due to German action.

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3. DESTRUCTION.

- (a) Certain damage has inevitably been done to some of the villages in the Republic, and a very considerable amount of damage done to roads, which were never good. This last damage was very largely aggravated by heavy rain which occurred during the whole of the 21st. It has made access into SAN MARINO extremely difficult, as the only metalled road leading into the Republic, as the RIMINI/SAN MARINO lateral which is blown at three points near the frontier.
- (b) The enemy have taken away all forms of ~~transport~~ transport and I was informed that SAN MARINO had left only one truck.
- (c) Water supply of SAN MARINO is pumped up electrically from the foot of the hill into the town, and the Germans have destroyed the electrical pump.
- (d) No actual damage has been done to the electrical system, but as the supply comes from outside the Republic and the Power Station from which it comes has been destroyed, there is no lighting or power.

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- (b) The total number of refugees is 10/20,000 in SAN MARINO Town, 10/15,000 in ELERICE, 10/10,000 in SERRAVALLE, and the remainder mostly in the various tunnels on the line running in from RILIAN.
- (c) Great credit must be given to the Republic for the organisation set up to deal with the refugees. As the tunnels contain no shops and properly made latrines, and there is no shelter for the personnel looking after the refugees, the situation is very difficult. But the sudden influx of the population of RILIAN has undoubtedly aggravated the position very considerably.

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(a) Lists were originally made of all refugees as they came in, and it is hoped that it will be possible in a few days to give a fairly accurate picture of the refugees and where they all come from.

(c) There are still some bad spots, namely the village of SERRAVALLE, which has reported short of food and water and medical supplies. There have been sent in to each today, together with a considerable amount of medical supplies to help with the general problem.

6. DISPOSAL OF REFUGEES.

(a) It is not possible for operational reasons to allow refugees back into the coastal towns, such as RIMINI, RICCIONE and CATTOLICA, until such time as the battle has passed considerably further beyond RIMINI. How long this will be it is impossible to say. It is, therefore, necessary to hold the refugees by every possible means in their present positions.

(b) Obviously there is bound to be a trickle back which cannot be prevented, and already some 1,000 have been trying to get back to RIMINI, but have been checked at the frontier and are now camping in the open in a valley just north of FATTINO. To deal with this a Red Cross worker has been sent up and six jeeps and trailers have been loaned by the Army to carry supplies to this rather inaccessible spot.

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(d) To deal with the masses of refugees, Carabinieri checkpoints have been set up along the coast on all roads and the ~~SARRENO~~ Carabinieri are being sent to the coast to assist the difficulty of holding them for a long period in view of the conditions under which they are living and the need for each of them.

7. PERSONNEL.

(a) I so called Command consists of the following:

(1) Captain Reccati - Professor ELSINELLI Francesco and VALLETTINI Sanzio.

The latter has not yet appeared, as he is living in the country district.

(2) Secretary of Staff for Foreign Affairs, ~~ARMANDO~~ ~~ARMANDO~~ ~~GUSTAVO~~.

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Secretary of State for - PORCELLINI Giusseppe.
Internal Affairs

These two are reported by the C.A.O. to be co-operative and helpful.

(iii) Minister of Plenipotentiary - Dott. DAIDUCCI Edzio.

Information on him is that he has been trying to divorce himself of all Fascist ties since his return from Africa and he seems to be popular with the people.

(iv) Sindaco di Governo - Avvocato LONFERMINI Teodoro.

(v) Colonel of the Militia - Dott. CASALI Alvaro.

8. BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS.

(a) There have been one or two incidents reported, the chief one of which has been taken up with the 4th Indian Division. It is hoped that there will be no further incidents, but it must be remembered that there is a battle going on in SAN MARINO, where the enemy are less than 5 kilometres outside the northern frontier.

9. Major ZERVUDACHI is in charge in SAN MARINO Town as Liaison Officer, and has with him a Refugee Officer and a Red Cross worker. It is proposed to send a Finance Officer up tomorrow, 24th September, but there are no real serious financial problems which have come to light. Touch is being kept with the Republic by visiting Officers from this H.Q., some of whom have been in the Republic everyday since it was captured.

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12. Owing to Allied Military Lire being used in the Republic of SAN MARINO as this is the only money which the troops have in their possession, the Finance Officer is going up tomorrow 24th September, to discuss financial questions in general with Bank of Italy (Rimini Branch), which is now in SAN MARINO.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC RELATIONS (FIELD)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. 22 September 1944.

Allied Military Government officials, headed by Group Captain C.E. BENSON, DSO, SCAO (Senior Civil Affairs Officer) of Eighth Army AMG reached the Capital City of SAN MARINO at 1800 hrs yesterday, 24 Sep 44 after a six-hour trip in jeeps over tracks made virtually impassable by rain and military movements.

Acting under orders of the ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, for the Allied Governments, Gp Capt BENSON met the CAPTAIN GENERAL and members of the CONSIGLIO GRANDE E GENERALE. SCAO Eighth Army AMG was accompanied by Wing Commander E.T. DEER, OBE, his principal staff officer: Lt.Col. ALFRED BOWMAN (American) Regional Commissioner, ACC, for that part of ITALY which adjoins the REPUBLIC of SAN MARINO; Lt.Col. GUY ELWES, Chief Refugee Officer AMG Eighth Army; Major L.E. ZERVUDACHI, Temporary Civil Affairs Officer, ACC/AMG for SAN MARINO; Mr. J.A. SMILEY, British Red Cross, and Capt. W.F.D. YOUNG, Supply Officer, AMG Eighth Army.

The Government of SAN MARINO received the Allied delegation in a spirit of friendly co-operation. Assurances were given that the neutrality of the State would be fully respected as soon as operational requirements against the German Army, which violated that neutrality, have been fulfilled. Not only will all Allied military personnel be withdrawn from SAN MARINO at the first possible opportunity, but the Republic will be placed out of bounds to all troops.

A suggestion that a curfew be imposed in SAN MARINO while Allied troops are still there was rejected by the Government on the grounds that never in its long history had SAN MARINO imposed such restrictions on its people and the Government would sooner risk any slight incidents which might occur than break a tradition of such long standing.

AMG Proclamations, which are invariably posted in occupied territory, were NOT posted in SAN MARINO. They were, however, shown to the Government and it was suggested, for the safety of SAN MARINO as well as that of Allied personnel, that any dangerous Fascists found among the refugees now in the State should be interned and turned over to the Allies.

There are 80,000 refugees from ITALY now in the REPUBLIC of SAN MARINO, most of them from RIMINI and nearby districts. All refugees are to be kept in the Republic for the time being, and all roads are to be cleared as soon as possible so they may be fed until they can be returned to their homes in ITALY.

Thirteen lorries loaded with food and medical supplies, stationed outside SAN MARINO by AMG, have not yet been able to go in owing to the condition of the roads. They will be sent in at the first possible moment. The food

the State would be fully respected as soon as operational requirements against the German Army, which violated that neutrality, have been fulfilled. Not only will all Allied military personnel be withdrawn from SAN MARINO at the first possible opportunity, but the Republic will be placed out of bounds to all troops.

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AMS Proclamations, which are invariably posted in occupied territory, were NOT posted in SAN MARINO. They were, however, shown to the Government and it was suggested, for the safety of SAN MARINO as well as that of Allied personnel, that any dangerous Fascists found among the refugees now in the State should be interned and turned over to the Allies.

There are 60,000 refugees from ITALY now in the REPUBLIC of SAN MARINO, most of them from RIMINI and nearby districts. All refugees are to be kept in the Republic for the time being, and all roads are to be cleared as soon as possible so they may be fed until they can be returned to their homes in ITALY.

Thirteen lorries loaded with food and medical supplies, stationed outside SAN MARINO by AMS, have not yet been able to go in owing to the condition of the roads. They will be sent in at the first possible moment. The food situation in the Town of SAN MARINO is excellent, but distribution is a serious problem because the Germans removed all transport they could find. The lorries to be sent in by AMS will remain. The Germans destroyed the water system of the town, and AMS will send in water carts supplied by Eighth Army. There is ⁵⁰ electric light.

The financial situation of the REPUBLIC is all right. Damage due to military operations is slight. Group Captain BENSON reports that the internal organisation, both for government and relief, is excellent. AMS is posting Italian Carabinieri around the border on the Italian side to assist in keeping refugees in the Republic until such time as they can be disposed of adequately.

Major L.E. ZENAUDACHI will remain in SAN MARINO as a Temporary Civil Affairs Officer until the Republic has been cleared of Allied troops whereupon the Republic will send a Liaison Officer to RIMINI to maintain contact with the Allies.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section

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Ref: 778/8/CA.

13th August 1944

SUBJECT: Neutrality - Republic of SAN MARINO.

TO : Distribution Below.

INFORMATION.

1. The Commander-in-Chief has directed the neutrality of the Republic of SAN MARINO, Mar. Ref: 765545, to be respected and that Allied troops will not violate territory of this republic except where it is definitely established:

- (a) The enemy have first violated the neutrality of this State either by withdrawing through it or by fighting from within its boundaries, or
- (b) The Government and people of SAN MARINO have adopted a hostile attitude.

If it is necessary to enter the territory of SAN MARINO under the provisions of this paragraph, the greatest possible respect will be paid to the inhabitants and property within the State. The decision for armed forces to enter the territory will not be taken by an officer junior to a Divisional Commander".

2. In view of the decision to respect the neutrality of SAN MARINO, Allied Military Government will only be set up if it is necessary for troops to enter the Republic under the provisions of para. 1(a) and (b) but AMG will be responsible in any event for the supply of food and other requirements to the State of SAN MARINO (see paras. 11, 12 and 13 below).

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4. The AMG officer will enter the Republic not as a representative of Military Government, but as Liaison Officer. For the purpose of this instruction he will be known as P.L.O. He will be accompanied if possible by a representative from the Political Section, HQ. AGC.

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5. To ensure that there is a friendly neutral Government in SAN MARINO.

EXECUTION.

6. On arrival in SAN MARINO contact will be made with the representative Government of the State and if found to be friendly and neutral, the function of the Political Liaison Officer will be to establish liaison between the Government and the Allied Military Government operating in the area around the Republic.

7. If it has been possible to observe the neutrality of the State but if on arrival the Political Liaison Officer finds the Government to be hostile to Allied interests or under Republican Fascist influence, he will arrange for a neutral Government friendly to Allied interests to be established as quickly as possible.

8. In the event of it being necessary for Allied troops to enter the Republic, a modified Military Government will be established by the Political Liaison Officer for such time as the troops are within the boundaries of the

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Republic, sufficient to ensure that military operations are not hampered in any way. A friendly neutral Government will be established as soon as the troops have passed through the Republic, and the P.L.O. will revert from his status of representative of Military Government to that of Liaison Officer.

9. As soon as a friendly neutral Government is functioning in SAN MARINO the P.L.O. will arrange for an accredited representative of the Republic to be sent to the Provincial Commissioner of FORLI Province, and to be located at the latter's discretion at the most convenient place, probably with the Civil Affairs Officer at RIMINI. The function of the SAN MARINO representative will be to make all local arrangements necessary for supplies, refugees, and similar matters of a non-political nature.

10. As soon as the representative of the Republic of SAN MARINO has reported to the Provincial Commissioner, FORLI, the P.L.O. will leave the Republic and all future local liaison with AMG will be conducted through the representative of the Republic and the Provincial Commissioner.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES, ETC.

11. For so long as the Province of FORLI remains within Tenth Army area it will be the responsibility of AMG Eighth Army to ensure that supplies, medical stores, etc., are furnished to the Republic. This responsibility will pass to Region IX when the Province of FORLI reverts to under administration Region IX.

FINANCE.

12. Detailed instructions regarding the accounting and payment for supplies, medical stores, etc., furnished to the Republic of San Marino will later be issued by the Chief Accountant, Finance Sub-Commission. It is anticipated that such supplies will be charged to the Italian Government and acknowledged as received by SAN MARINO from ACC. This is in line with arrangements made for supplying the Vatican. A later financial settlement will be made in both cases.

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