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DO SITREPS, SARDEGNA
SEPT. 1944 - FEB. 1945

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Reference: last sentence of Minute 44 and of Minute 45, may I please have your comments.

24 January 45.

SSC
p. 3.3.6.

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I should be opposed to sending a PRO
simultaneously to Sandino. Our policy in
these matters is to hand over radio and
arms equipment to Indians and not
to interfere. For Panayench who probably
was PWB as Bng. up to us were Basic News
but that is part of our general policy.
Should we more PR officers to local, but
I don't see how for Panayench has any
more claim than Bng. can or any other
Rep. comm.
Jan. 26.

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Cor Pl. Soc 50. I agree with my Father

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Rep. Comm.
Mar 26.

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April 9

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Examine — To see if comments

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PRO

Ref last para of 29 this is based on my conversation with you when you said you would take up. Is action completed?

Ed
Office of COS

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31.
Col. Major Talbot. Capt. Menden

! ~~spoke~~ about 120 Mr. Edwards who is
his head of PWB is located 11.04.
He tells us that they have been concerned
about it for some time but that they have
had a stream of contradictory orders about
badges now higher up. and don't know
where they are. He is taking up the matter
with the military head of PWB.

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The latest IC Sitrep from Sardinia is 16-11-00.

I may be wrong, but I gain the impression that Col. PASTORI and his
 officers are doing rather more than is allowed in Italian Government territory.

For instance, see the last sentence of para. 2, page 45, "the holding of
 public demonstrations has been forbidden" - Who has forbidden them? Continuing,
 "police patrols arranged" - Who arranged them? Again in para. 1, page 45,
 "... mixed patrols of British and Carabinieri ... in the Port", and "Heavy Units,
 both American and British, have been most cooperative in tightening up discipline".

As regards PWB, I have checked with PRC and there is no doubt that PWB
 will be withdrawn from Sardinia as in other parts of Italian Government territory.

23 January 45. 9th Jan the answers to your queries are
 "The High Commissioner". In a fact I am all
 for mixed patrols. There is nothing wrong in MPs being on the
 streets even in P.G. territory (e.g. Rome) & the more they move with
 C.C.R. the better. 9/ PWB is leaving as may be seen from the reading of PRC
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20-23 is an interesting report from RC Sandegren, copies to CA Sec + Econ Sec. On page 23, Legal para, is a statement that 15,000 cases are in arrears. PS + Legal are examining + will report.

Para 3 - Letter to Econ Sec submitted for signature
" 3 - 2nd para. Attd is Lt Col Sharps report. I don't think there is any reason why the RC should not have had a copy except overnight. The extract which he has had is approx 20-22 transportation pages long.

Para 6 - PRO will recommend that PWB officials wearing battle dress wear also a flask or collar insignia denoting "PWB".

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Col

Ref

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Officer concerned - but the attention of Ceece see
 should be drawn there to. PR/30/10.

Capt Lunden Allen Pl. 24 30/10 Th

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19 This sub-commission had no hand in this matter except to provide schooner space from Palermo. Breakdowns or delays are inevitable with schooners but schooner captains are becoming more controlled.

1 We had no application to assist in the other movements which were passed through irregular channels which had previously in the past produced quick results on occasions. With the present bidding system such mishaps are unlikely to occur in future.

28 Oct. 1944

Rebman to A.C. 2E

in A.C. ADAMS.
Sgt. J.R. Director

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 Est ships: Pay 17 to quarry unknown as 10
 & 11 is summarized as 12. Do you wish to
 show to C of S? all 10/10

16.
 Col. Let your minute of 8, my father of food etc. Give an account
 of what happened, taking his responsibility for waste of ration cards
 himself, and giving first contributing causes to their late arrival.
 (files 13) Decs Rec. Sec. presents witness concerned.
 I recommend no further action be taken, as it does not
 kind any case can be made out
17.
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This is typical of what is bound to happen if
 Sub Commissions work in watertight compartments. Denver
 the month of June & July are seen separately
 Naval Craft 2 or 3 times a week. McPhee & Caghen
 to put up Italian troops for Regia. Harvest. Anyone
 if these craft centers have earned the credit
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In S/C.
 comments with respect to

3. I determined no further action is warranted.
 Thank you very much for your letter of 17/10/10

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 the month of June & July we were sending Italian
 Naval Craft 2 or 3 times a week Naples to Cagliari
 to pick up Italian troops for Foggy Harvest. Any one
 of these craft could have covered the route.

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In S/C.

Your comments with respect to
 improvement of this kind of a
 situation.

27/10-44

L. D. DESMORE
 Col., Signal Corps.

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To see 55

for info:

MRS. STARRS

MRS. RIVERT

CAPT. MORAN

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[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

REF : DC/HQ/1052

17th February 1945

FROM : Colonel J.A.C. PENNYCUIK, Regional Commissioner.

Dear Brig. Lusk -

In continuation of my DC/HQ/1052 of 19th January 1945
and Monthly Report for January 1945.

1. MINING

The threatened strike has been averted for the present, but there is a demand for much higher wages. The Prefect is taking action in regard to agitators - he is relying on support from Regional Headquarters and I think the situation, though delicate, is a little better. A meeting has been arranged for Monday the 19th to arrange a recruiting campaign for miners. Captain KIMMERT, Major HATCH, President SARNA of Carbosard, the Prefect and the High Commissioner's representative will attend. The High Commissioner is again in ROME.

2. COAL PRICES

Autonomy seems to have rather gone to the head of the Administration. As already reported to you, the High Commissioner fixed a price for cattle which allowed a margin of profit for the Sardinian Administration. He explained the reason for this as a contribution on his part to improve cattle breeding in the island, the money obtained to be put into a special fund devoted exclusively to that laudable purpose.

The latest price fixing is with respect to coal. The Italian Government has fixed the price of Sardinian coal and on these prices plus freight, the price per U.C.B. cars or at dealer's yard in CAGLIARI should be:

(a)	plus 10 m/m coal	-	1122 Lire per ton
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(b)	minus 10 m/m coal	-	1022 " " "
(c)	Carbo coke	-	2294 " " "

The High Commissioner has, however, published prices as follows for February:

(a)	plus 10 m/m coal	-	1484 Lire per ton
(b)	minus 10 m/m coal	-	1364 " " "
(c)	Carbo coke	-	3075 " " "

As coal prices affect the prices of so many other commodities he has been asked for an explanation of these differences and his reply is awaited. In the meantime a newspaper notice has come out cancelling the published prices, as a result, presumably, of my letter.

3. CALL UP OF ITALIAN ARMY

There has been no further trouble and very nearly all of the 10,000 men called for in February have already come in. M.M.I.A. only estimated the intake at 6,000, so the Sards are reporting well. The three Provinces

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have been visited and trouble is not anticipated.

4. NUORO

NUORO continues to be a centre of lawlessness. Shots were fired at a train earlier this month, as reported previously, and this was followed by the throwing of two bombs at the garages of the Carabinieri and Questore who are making themselves unpopular by their energy in chasing bandits.

5. CAGLIARI PORT

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Yours sincerely
W. J. Spence

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1 February 1945.

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I was about to answer your letter DO/HQ/1052 of 19th January containing a host of useful information when I heard of your probable visit here early this month, so I shall save paper and look forward to discussing the points you raised and many others when you come here this week. I do hope, of course, that you will come and stay with us.

M. S. LLOYD

Colonel J.A.C. Pennycook, DSO,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
SARDINIA REGION.

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY COMMISSION
SARAJEVO REGION

19 January 1945

REF : 50/1062

FROM : Colonel J.A.C. PENNYCUIK, Regional Commissioner

JAN 23 1945

Dear Bug? -

In continuation of my Periodical Letter of the 19th
December 1944 and Monthly Report of the 6th January 1945.

1. MINING

The information that A.F.H.Q. require 100,000 tons of coal a month and not the previous target figure given to us of 50,000 tons a month, has come at a time when we have had unusual unrest in the mines. I consider that we shall have to import miners from the mainland, and import them very quickly, to increase the output, and also take sterner measures with the miners to get continuity of work.

The miners came out on a most unwarranted strike on the 11th of the month though, fortunately, they have all gone back to work and production was resumed on the 17th. One reason given for the strike was that the men had not got the extra two weeks' pay promised by the Italian Government and advertised in the newspapers. No-one had said that it was not to be given but Carbosard were awaiting the official decree before issuing the extra bonus. Other reasons were the dismissal of certain employees who were giving trouble coupled with alleged favoritism to fascists, raising of rents, the non arrival of sugar, black market prices, in fact anything that could be made into a grievance. One man even thought the price of tobacco was a cause of the strike.

Several meetings were held and finally, on the 16th January, at a meeting presided over by the Prefect, all the political parties sent representatives and all condemned the strike. As a result the men were promised their 54th week's pay and a modified adjustment of their rents was agreed to; they returned to work the next day. The mentality that has arisen, possibly as a result of concessions given, can be gauged from the following pointers:

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The miners have had the full cost of living bonus and other additions to their pay which more than doubles their original pay. They objected, however, to any increase in the small pre-war rental of 10 Lire a month charged for a room, they even objected to a suggestion that the price of a room should be raised from 10 to 21 Lire per month, but eventually this was accepted. They objected also to an increase in the charge for a hot meal from 5 Lire to 12½ Lire which had been made necessary by the increased cost of living.

Firmness may provoke trouble but I think it will be necessary to take firmer action although, if we once start, we must carry through with it even though we have temporary setbacks. A firm line taken over the food reductions recently produced no violent reactions and, as Lt. Col. CHAYTON described it at one of our conferences, it seems to be a case of having a tooth out which may be painful but is better than prolonged toothache.

Major HATCH arrived on the 16th to take over the Regional Mining Division from Major MATTHEWS and full reports have been sent to you.

see M. 47 to 51. F (S)

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2. DEMONSTRATIONS AGAIN. ALL UP FOR ITALIAN ARMY

There have been two demonstrations in CAGLIARI against the projected call up, on the evenings of the 17th and 18th of January and these are the subject of a special report. The demonstration on the 17th seemed to be a spontaneous affair in front of the offices of the Unione Sarda. Students asked the Paper to publish their manifesto of protest and to publish the Armistice terms, this could not be complied with; there was no violence.

On the following day, the 18th, there was an organized demonstration in the piazza Tona. Only one speech was allowed and the speaker was not unreasonable in his arguments, though outspoken on the subject of the alleged inefficiency of senior Army Officers who, he maintained, were still in command. The Carabinieri kept the crowd moving and adopted sensible precautions, thunder flashes were thrown and unfortunately, grenades as well. One police agent was killed and there were eleven persons admitted to hospital wounded, there was no firing. The holding of public demonstrations has been forbidden, police patrols arranged and P.M.B. have completed arrangements for fitting up a loud speaker in the piazza Tona.

3. P.M.B.

The entertainments side of P.M.B. activities has been handed over to the Italian authorities. I see that P.M.B. appear to be withdrawing from P.M.B., but as far as SARDINIA is concerned we have had most valuable support from the Radio and Press in our efforts to keep the public properly informed on various measures being taken, such as measures being taken with regard to the collection of grain, olive oil etc. I should, therefore, be very sorry not to have a P.M.B. or Public Relations Officer and hope that provisions can be made for an Officer to remain for as long as possible. He would be most particularly valuable if we had elections.

Before leaving the question of publicity, we had another S.C.S. for more newsprint recently and arranged to send a press representative by air to NAPLES to get it. At the last moment this functionary had some family trouble and sent his chauffeur over in his place. This enterprising gentleman managed to get a ton of newsprint sent over by aeroplane, and also brought over with him a party of Neapolitan buyers who came to buy sheep, cheese and other Sardinian commodities. I have not yet heard whether they were disillusioned when they found out the real identity of the distinguished member of the Sardinian Press who had invited them to the Island.

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5. OLIVE OIL

The ROME and NAYLES papers did not report the loan of Allied Officers for olive oil collection quite correctly as they were described as being for all Southern Italy. Actually we are not asking for these Officers to be sent to SARDINIA and are trying the experiment of putting the responsibility for the olive oil collection fairly on to the Sards themselves. The crop is late in this Island because it is the custom (as in North Africa) for the olives only to be collected after they have fallen naturally from the trees and the tress are not shaken up with sticks. The results, therefore, will not be fully known until about April.

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6. PORT OF CAGLIARI

Public Safety Officers have had a continuous series of incidents to deal with and there have been two bad cases of interference with Italian guards on the Port. On one occasion an Italian armed guard in the Port area was injured and his rifle stolen by two sailors, and the Master of the ship seemed to think that the imposition of even a 10/- fine would be doubtful. In another case a drunken steward (whose uniform was mistaken for that of an Officer) threatened a Carabinieri guard with a revolver and ordered him not to interfere with the theft of materiele from the dock area. Navy Units, both American and British, have been most co-operative in tightening up discipline. The R.A.F., who have very few police, are going to start mixed patrols of British and Carabinieri, but the absence of authority in the Port has been a problem.

7. WATER

The prayers of the righteous were answered and rain started on Christmas Day and has come in abundance since then. We have also had an unusual amount of snow which considerably interfered with traffic in the SASSARI and NUORO areas.

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Yours sincerely
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HEADQUARTERS
A.C. COMMISSION
SARONGIA REGION

19th December 1944

REF : DO/HQ/1052

22 DEC 1944

FROM : Colonel J.A.C. PENNYCUICK, Regional Commissioner.

Dear Brigadier,

In continuation of my Periodical Letter of 20th November and
Monthly Report of 6th December.

1. The Prefect of NUORO, Dott. FALLAIANO, was shot at last week, a short burst of fire from an automatic weapon being directed against his window. No great harm was done fortunately and the Prefect is unperturbed. The Prefect serves to show, however, the turbulence that is close below the surface which A.C. efforts are directed to keep quiet and control. This Prefect is the best administrator we have, and is respected on all sides.

2. Medical Stores. After the visit of Major THOMPSON arrangements have been put in hand for the immediate disposal of all medical stores remaining in our hands. The Italian authorities will take them over and pay for them. The distribution has been worked out equitably and this question will thus be disposed of satisfactorily.

3. Transport. The control organisation "ENAC" is not yet formed and this subject is causing us more trouble than any of the others at the moment. The Decks have got through their work remarkably well after the departure of the 300 American trucks; but assistance has to be given at rush periods, when all sorts of transport, including donkey carts, appear at the ships' side. The Sardinian donkey is extremely diminutive but it pulls a brave load.

4. Parachutists. The American radio transmitting set dropped on 20th November in a new area on the east side of the Island has been examined and has proved to be a meteorological transmitting set. The story of two parachutists disappearing into the woods nearby may, therefore, be discredited. The man captured on the 5th November is the tenth and last of the party known to

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5. A weekly football match against minesweeper crews is becoming an institution which gives very welcome exercise. We have received a new football, it cost 3,150 Lire and has been much admired. As the centre-forward had Scotch antecedents the price was not revealed until after the kick-off.

6. The lack of water in CAULIARI is really serious. The rains were broken by bombing and so water was lost early in the year. Since then a dry summer has been followed by the almost complete failure of the Autumn rains. Water in CAULIARI is now turned on for only 1 1/2 hours in the

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morning and again for 1 1/2 hours in the evening. The provision of water ships has been asked for officially. A deputation is said to have approached the Archbishop to put up prayers for rain and there is some apprehension that reprisals will be taken if his efforts are unsuccessful.

May I conclude by wishing everyone at A.C., B.Q. very best wishes for the season from Sardegna Region.

A similar letter to this has been forwarded to Brigadier UPJOHN.

Yours sincerely
D.C. Pennington

Brigadier M. LUSH,
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

20th November 1944

REF : JACP/DO/130

22 NOV Recd

FROM : Colonel J.A.C. PENNYCUICK, Regional Commissioner.

Dear Brig? Genl -

In continuation of my D/O Situation Letter of 23rd November 1944,
and Monthly Report of 7th November.

1. ALLIED GARRISON, SARDINIA

The command of Allied Garrison, SARDINIA, has been passed to me, but so far, no permanent staff has been allotted. The rear parties left behind consist of Major VITALI (with no clerks) and Major MITCHELL with two other Officers and a special party to load up the large quantity of American stores still at the Port.

I do not want to make any unnecessary fuss over this hand-over and feel quite capable of dealing with the problems. Some military staff is, however, required as the activities of an organisation with a staff of between 20 and 30 Officers do not cease suddenly. The R.A.F. also require some assistance. A new defence plan of sorts will be required with co-ordination of the Intelligence Services, the Italian authorities and fire precautions. Allied Garrison administration is also required.

Fortunately some of my Officers have good staff experience, Captain COPPES has proved invaluable in this respect. Lieutenant SCANLAN has handled the MARTINI trial and all Regional legal questions, and in addition a very heavy amount of American Garrison procedure superimposed on his normal duties. His work has been beyond praise. Capt. HENBY and Capt. WATSON have arranged economies on the railway services that should be very effective since that has been handed over. The Port has been handed over to Italian control, but I feel that one "G" and one "Q" Officer should be added for the military requirements and one or two clerks. So far, the extra clerical work involved has been cheerfully accepted by Allied Commission staff. My suggestions for reduction in the Regional Staff were contingent on provision being made to cover Garrison requirements.

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Fortunately some of my Officers have good staff experience, Captain COFFELAND has proved invaluable in this respect. Lieutenant SCANTLAN has handled the MARTINI trial and all Regional legal questions, and in addition a very heavy amount of American Garrison procedure superimposed on his normal duties. His work has been beyond praise. Capt. NEWBY and Capt. MATSON have arranged economies on the railway services that should be very effective since that has been handed over. The Port has been handed over to Italian control, but I feel that one "G" and one "A" Officer should be added for the military requirements and one or two clerks. So far, the extra clerical work involved has been cheerfully accepted by Allied Commission staff. My suggestions for reduction in the Regional Staff were contingent on provision being made to cover Garrison requirements.

2. MEDICAL STORES

I am very sorry the Public Health Sub-Commission has taken exception to remarks made in my last Monthly Report on the medical stores and the institution of ENDIMBA. Incidentally the telegram on veterinary stores, that we are taken to task for not answering, has never reached us. We have been rather harassed on more than one occasion on this subject, in particular by ENIC MADDALEMA to whom a special visit is being arranged to settle the question of stores and food this week.

My previous reports will show that our appreciation of the achievements and helpfulness of the Public Health Sub-Commission is very genuine. I had no intention of making public criticism of that Sub-Commission and am replying to their letter.

3. MARTINI TRIAL

The trial of the Fascist Militia General MARTINI has now, at last, been

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MARTINI, Giovanni	14 years military penal servitude, dishonourable discharge from the Italian Army and perpetual interdiction from holding public office.
PIRISINI, Giovanni	10 years military penal servitude and perpetual interdiction from holding public office.
SABINO, Vittore	6 yrs - 8 mths military penal servitude and perpetual interdiction from holding public office.
CAU, Antonio	4 yrs - 6 mths military penal servitude, reduction from the rank of Sgt in the Italian Navy to that of ordinary seaman, and temporary interdiction from holding public office during term of sentence.
PENSO, Luigi	4 years military penal servitude, reduction from the rank of Lt-Col. in the Italian Army to that of Private, and temporary interdiction from holding public office during term of sentence.
LAI, Dario	3 yrs - 4 mths military penal servitude, reduction from the rank of Captain in the Italian Army to that of Private and temporary interdiction from holding public office during term of sentence.

The remaining 13 accused were absolved.

These sentences are not unsatisfactory, particularly in view of the long drawn out nature of this trial. The release of some of the accused who are well known Fascists will not, however, be understood though, in justice, nothing else could be done. OFFEDU is an example. He was the General Secretary of the Fascist Party throughout SARDINIA and there is little doubt that there is an unpleasant group of Fascist elements lying low in NUCERO and CASSARI. Some of these people are influential and wealthy. The bomb thrown at the house of OFFEDU and at the house of AVV. MASTINO, who is a marriage connection with OFFEDU, show something of the bitter feeling against these people, that lies in the background. I hope I may be consulted before any important changes, involving the appointment of local people, are made.

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4. ENEMY AGENTS

Another enemy agent (the 10th of this series) was dropped by parachute at S. VERO MILIS, near CRISTANO, on 9th November. He was a man of the name of TRINCAS and he was quickly rounded up by the local people. He had with him a wireless set and I believe he was sent over partly to discover the political situation. His case is being investigated by an Officer sent over specially, Captain CERUTTI.

5. VISITS TO ROME

I feel I must draw attention to the amount of time that is being taken up by Italian officials in visits to ROME. During November the High Commissioner has been away for over a week and is still away in ROME; his Chief Executive has visited ROME, the Prefect of SASSARI has been in ROME over a fortnight and is still there, the Prefect of CAGLIARI also visited ROME although in his case the visit was only for five days. The Genio Civile, BUTTINI, has been in ROME over a fortnight and is still there.

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All these officials, and others, also visited ROME last month, and wherever I go I keep coming across these absences. At a visit to the Montepioni mines a few days ago I was shown around by the Vice Direttore, the Direttore being "in ROME". I realise fully the necessity for close liaison but these visits seem to occupy too much time each month. Could a hint be dropped to the Italian Government on the subject? If it gets carried much further, Officials will be running their offices from ROME.

5. ARMISTICE CELEBRATIONS

The Italians had their Armistice Day celebration in CAGLIARI on the 4th November. It was a short ceremony which I attended and wreaths were sent on behalf of the Allied Garrison and the Allied Commission.

On the same day a small party at NUORO, accompanied by a Priest, took it upon themselves to hold a ceremony in memory of the Germans. They were reproved by the Prefect and the Bishop.

6. TRANSPORT

We have had a visit from Lt.Col. PENNYCROFT who has been investigating transport. I have not seen his report as yet. The departure of the Italian Army makes this question urgent as we have no other reserves.

7. FOOD

I have nothing further to add at the moment. All food stocks have been handed over to the High Commissioner and grain is still coming in well. We are extremely grateful to you and the Food Sub-Commission for the grain ships now in prospect this month.

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A similar letter has been sent to Brig. 14ptm

Yours sincerely

MacFerryville

Brigadier H. LUSH,
Vice President, Chief of Staff,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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~~OFFICE MEMO~~

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 324
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 735

Ref: 175/36/OCS.

7 November 44

SUBJECT : Reports - Sardegna Region

TO : Economic Section.

1. Attached is copy of letter from Sardegna Region dated 2 November 44 for such action by you as is considered necessary.
2. Regional Commissioner's letter dated 26 October was sent to you under cover of this Office's letter dated 31 October and letter HQ/1008 dated 11 October 44 was sent to you by this Office on 23 October 44.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

End November 1944

Reference : CCB/5030

Subject : Report of Lt. Col. Sharp.

To : HQ, Allied Commission.
(Office of the Chief of Staff)

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Follow 32 to Mr. Sharp

1. With further reference to my letter of the 20th October of the above number, I have now received ACC/5018/Commerce dated 20th October 1944. From this it would seem that Lt. Colonel Sharp has made recommendations for a reduction in the Staff of this Region and implies that his recommendations have the agreement of the Regional Commissioner. In consequence action is being taken on these recommendations.

2. May it please be made clear to all concerned that I have not seen Lt. Colonel Sharp's report and that no statements or recommendations he may have made in it have had any approval by me.

3. I have given a considered opinion on possible future reductions in staff in my HQ/1008 of 11th October 1944; they do not include the removal of the officer in charge of Commerce and Labour, even at a future date.

4. At the time of Lt. Colonel Sharp's visit I had only just taken over Regional Commissioner, and the officer in question has made any report as a result of a brief four days' stay in Sardinia. Apart from a visit to CARBONIA and trips to the Cagliari water supply reservoirs and bathing beaches, this stay was confined to CAGLIARI itself. May I ask for action on any of his recommendations to be suspended until the report is referred to me for examination.

26th October of the above number. I have now received ACC/5018/Commerce dated 25th October 1944. From this it would seem that Lt. Colonel Sharp has made recommendations for a reduction in the Staff of this Region and implies that his recommendations have the agreement of the Regional Commissioner. In consequence action is being taken on these recommendations.

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J.A.C. PENNYCUIK.
Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

J.A.C. Pennycook

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Ref. #6/5018/Commerce

2 November 1944

SUBJECT: Re-assignment of Capt. J. B. H. Turner

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region

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1. Further to this Office letter of even reference dated 23 October 1944.

2. It is now desired to re-assign Capt. J. B. H. Turner to Piemonte Region as Commerce Officer. He will first be required to report to this H. Q., however, where he will be employed pending call by Piemonte Region.

3. Will you please signify your concurrence with this proposal, indicating the date on which Capt. Turner will be available to proceed to this H. Q.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

W. J. SCOTT
Major, R. I. C.
Acting Director
Commerce Subcommission

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SUBJECT: Re-assignment of Capt. J. B. Turner

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region

1. Further to this Office letter of even reference

dated 25 October 1944.

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For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

E. C. SCOTT
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Acting Director
Commissariat d'Administration

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

WES/jfl/ec

Ref. AC/5018/Commerce

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of letter re Removal
of Commerce Officer from Sardinia Region

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to your office letter ref. 23/21/5 dated 18 October 1944.
2. There is transmitted herewith copy of a letter addressed to Sardinia Region indicating the action taken on the basis of Col. Sherr's report on Economic Section work in Sardinia.

W/E. SCOTTEN
Major, M.I.S.
Acting Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

1 Incl. as above

C O P Y

SUBJECT: Transmittal of letter re Removal
of Commerce Officer from Gardinia Region

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to your office letter ref. 32
23/21/5 dated 13 October 1944.

2. There is transmitted herewith copy of a letter
addressed to Gardinia Region indicating the action taken on
the basis of Col. Sharp's report on Economic Section work
in Gardinia.

1 Incl. as above

W/E. SCOTTEN
Major, M.I.S.
Acting Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

223/341/ee

Ref. AC/501E/Commerce

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: Removal of Commerce Subcommission

Specialist Officer from Sardinia Region

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region
(Attn. Economics and Supply Division)

1. Reference is made to appendix on Commerce furnished under cover of a report made by Lt. Col. G.V. Uberti to the Executive Officer, Economic Section, this HQ, dated 3 September 1944 (ref. 22/21/6) on the subject: "Transfer of Economic Section work to Sardinia, Region VI".

2. In accordance with the recommendations contained in the first paragraph of the Appendix above referred to, from which it appears that the Regional Commissioner has agreed that operational work now being carried on by this officer could be turned over to the Italian Government on or after 30 September 1944, releasing this officer for reassignment, and in accordance with a memorandum addressed to the Chief of Staff of this HQ, dated 11 October 1944, ref. HQ/1008, on the subject: "Reduction of Staff, Sardinia Region", it has been decided to transfer Dept. Turner, at the earliest possible date, to Piedmont Region.

3. It will be appreciated, therefore, if the necessary steps can be taken to hand the work of an operational nature affecting civilian supply, in which he has been concerned, to the Industry and Commerce Division at the High Commissioner's HQ, and that suggestions be made to the Allied Forces that they agree to procure, in the future, their requirements direct from local producers.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

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SUBJECT: Removal of Commerce Sub-Commission
Specialist Officer from Sardinia Region

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region
(Attn. Economics and Supply Division)

1. Reference is made to appendix on Commerce furnished under cover of a report made by Lt. Col. G.A. Sharp to the Executive Officer, Economic Section, this HQ, dated 9 September 1944 (ref. 33/21/5) on the subject "Economic Section work in Sardinia, Region VI".

to file 522/105

2. In accordance with the recommendations contained in the first paragraph of the Appendix above referred to, from which it appears that the Regional Commissioner has agreed that operational work now being carried on by this officer could be turned over to the Italian Government on or after 10 September 1944, releasing this officer for reassignment, and in accordance with a memorandum addressed to the Chief of Staff of this HQ, dated 11 October 1944, ref. HQ/1006, on the subject: "Reduction of Staff, Sardinia Region", it has been decided to transfer Capt. Turner, at the earliest possible date, to Piedmont Region.

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For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

M. E. SUGGINS
Major, R.I.S.
Acting Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: Agriculture S/C
(Attn. Lt. Col. Muller)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref 175/29/008

2nd November, 1944

Thank you for your most informative letter dated 23 October, 1944.

Replying to your part on Visiting Officers I have again brought to the notice of all concerned that you and other Regional Commissioners should be warned in advance of the arrival of personnel from this HQ. As regards bedding the normal method of travel to Sardinia is by air and I believe this restricts the amount of kit that can be carried.

I am sorry you did not have a copy of the report made by Lt. Col. Sharp following his visit to you. I have instructed Economic Section to repair this omission. To clarify this particular visit, to which you have referred before, it is a policy that officers of HQ will visit Regions from time to time for the purpose of maintaining contact with the field and discussing problems which arise. Any visit of this kind is recorded by means of a report put in by the visiting officer on his return, so that no special emphasis should be laid on the fact that Lt. Col. Sharp made a report on this occasion.

As regards the P.W.B. official who wears British battle dress, he does so at his peril as he is liable to be arrested by the Military Police. I have recommended to P.W.B. that their staff should wear some distinguishing flash or badge.

M. S. LUSH

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Col. J.A.C. Pennycook,
Regional Commissioner,
SARDINIA.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ext. 735

Ref 175/8/008

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Reports - Sardegna Region

TO : Economic Section

1. Attached is letter from Sardegna Region dated 26 Oct 44 for necessary action by you.

2. A copy of Lt. Col. Sharp's report on his visit to Sardegna Region which you loaned this office is returned herewith, and I am instructed to add that a copy of any report of this character must always be sent to the Regional Commissioner or SCAC concerned.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

TO : Headquarters, A.C.C. (Office of the Chief of Staff).

SUBJECT : Report by Lt. Col. SHARP

REFERENCE : CCR/5030.

1. Soon after my arrival as Regional Commissioner in SARDINIA in August last we received a visit from Lt. Col. SHARP and I understood that he has submitted a report on this visit in which he has mentioned Officers freely by name.
2. I first heard of the existence of this report when I received a confidential letter 13170/7 of 6th October from the Director of the Finance Sub-Commission. From this letter it can be inferred that I had made adverse comments on a particular Officer and as a result his promotion was questioned.

I have since put in a recommendation for promotion on A.P. 194D for this Officer, as I now know him and his work well enough to be confident to do so. I want to make it quite clear, therefore, that Lt. Col. SHARP had no sort of authority from me to make any kind of adverse comment on any member of my staff. At the time of his visit I hardly knew the Officers.

3. Since the receipt of the above quoted letter I have also received an extract of the actual report with AC/5145/1 No. 19/Comoros of 11th October. The extract is interesting but voluminous and includes recommendations made partly on the strength apparently, of conversations with junior Officers on my staff. I was not kept informed of these conversations.

We deals with the most complex subject of transportation and quotes figures which are not altogether accurate, ending up with a recommendation for an arbitrary cut in the Sardinian civil petrol supplies of 33.1/3%.

I feel sure that the Sub-Commission will not act hastily on this report. The subject is one which requires some patience to sort out particularly as control has been in the hands of the Allied Garrison of Sardinia. We are dealing with it now in consultation with the High Commissioner and we are making every endeavour to stop any further action. An interim reply has been sent to the Commerce Sub-Commission and I have asked previously if we could have the temporary loan of an experienced Transport Officer (Major GILES).

4. It would be a help if we could also have a copy of Lt. Col. SHARP's report. He was, however, only here on a very brief visit, which I understood at the time was in the nature of a holiday. He brought no terms of reference with him and gave no notice of his arrival.

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Copy to :

J.A.C. PERRELLI
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED ARMY OF
INDIA
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Tel. 735

Ref : 302/23/004

30 October 1944

SUBJECT : Visits to Regions

TO : D.C.O., Economic Section.

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1. In para 3 of a letter from the Regional Commissioner, Madras Region, dated 23 Oct 44, copy to you, reference is made to the visit of Lt Col [redacted] at short notice and without booking.

2. This complaint has arisen before, and orders have been issued from time to time, the most recent being in Daily Bulletin No. 714, para 5. Will you please ensure that officers are made aware of the standing instructions on the matter.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to:

G. A. Sect.
Comm. S/C
Gen & Insp S/C
P.S.
File 173/000

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HEADQUARTERS
CONTROL COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

REF : JACP/50/127

23rd October 1944

FROM : Colonel J.A.C. PENNYQUICK, Regional Commissioner.

Dear Brigadier Lusk -

In continuation of my D/O Situation Letter of 23rd September and my last Monthly Report.

1. FOOD

The situation since the reduction in the workers ration on the 1st October, bringing them into line with the rest of Italy has, so far, fortunately been negative. It is, however, rather like being on the top of a sort of volcano and trouble bubbles up unexpectedly. The tobacco workers struck work and sent a message to us because they thought their extra food had been forgotten by the Government. Then there was some trouble at CARRONIA itself which was followed later by a strike at S. ANTONIO, the coal loading port, where there is also a coal distillation plant.

In this case the complaint was that the coal miners got the "A" supplementary ration whereas the S. ANTONIO workers got nothing although they also handled coal products, lived in the same area and were employed by the same Company. It was necessary to point out to the workers on the distillation plant that they were not covered by A.S.C. and Italian Government orders for extra rations, as they were not paid from A.S.C. funds nor were they miners. A small concession was made to them in that they were allowed a ration similar to that received by the miners of dehydrated soup, vegetables and meat and vegetables.

The Secretary of the Sindaco, an alleged ex-Fascist, was put on a cart and run out of the place. Insults were freely given but there was little physical violence fortunately. The Carabinieri acted satisfactorily and the situation was well handled locally by Major MARTENS. Quiet has been restored for the moment.

EMILIO LUSSE came to make an appeal about these particular workers but I told him that we could not establish a precedent against A.S.C. and Italian rules. I also pointed out that work at the coal distillation plant was not essential to the war effort. There is, however, a case for these men, who only number about 300. (The total number of the 11,000 miners

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The High Commissioner is carrying out an energetic campaign to get in more grain. One of our troubles is that prisons are over-full and we want to empty them, we do not, therefore, wish to fill them up further with recalcitrant farmers. The solution the High Commissioner is trying out is to collect all the Sindacati in turn at various selected centres where he can address them and explain their responsibilities. Those Communes that have not produced the expected quantity of grain are then visited in turn by a small force of Carabinieri. While the Carabinieri clean their rifles and sharpen their weapons rather ostentatiously the people are reminded that although the date for the grain collection is past, no punishment will be given to anyone bringing it in voluntarily even at this date. The effect, so far, in two Communes has been encouraging. 300 quintals of grain were brought voluntarily at VICINHAS on the first day and 500 quintals in one day at SARONIA.

Olive Oil prospects continue to be good and oil prospects are taking a lively interest in the arrangements for amending the oil. The price fixed, however,

is considered low in SARDINIA.

2. LEGAL

The imminent departure of Major ALEXANDER, our Regional Legal Officer, is a real blow but I quite understand that we cannot expect priority here. The reason he will be such a loss is that we have been trying to make a drive to get past the apathy shown in connection with the accumulation of untied cases. We had a preliminary meeting with the High Commissioner and the Procuratore Generale and were hoping to follow this up with further meetings when the Minister of Justice came to visit SARDINIA. There have been some faint signs of interest and energy and it is disappointing that the visit of the Minister of Justice is now postponed and will not take place before Major ALEXANDER has left. I think the feeling of hopelessness over these arrears (15,000 cases) is having a clogging effect on the machinery of administration, but quite frankly I do not think it will now be possible for Region VI to give more further help. Our Legal Officer, Lieut. SCARLAF, will have his hands full for the present with Allied cases and routine work and has also to do the administration of American personnel.

The case of the Fire Fighters, Major ELIA and others, has been tried at CRISTIANO and the result is fairly satisfactory. Although it was obvious that these men intended to escape into German occupied territory it was impossible to prove that intent by law. The charges had to be reduced to misuse of a fire boat and Italian petrol and theft of American petrol. ELIA and PALLESCHI were sentenced to 4 1/2 years imprisonment and 10,000 Lire fine, and ZEMAGLIA 3 years and 2,000 Lire fine. The other defendants were acquitted.

The trial of General MARTINI and others is due to begin this week and we have to thank you for your help in getting over the necessary witnesses to SARDINIA.

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3. VISITING OFFICERS

I apologise for raising this point again but I have asked demi-officially and officially to be given some notice of Officers sent over to SARDINIA. They still arrive, however, unheralded, although the war situation in the island is not acute. The last case was on the 17th October; a cable was received that day announcing the arrival of Lieut. WATLEY to investigate procedure for handing over the Port of Cagliari when A.G.S. leave. The Officer arrived by air the same afternoon, without bedding and without a mosquito net.

I may also mention that we have received an extract of a report that had apparently been made by Lt. Col. SWAPP on his visit to SARDINIA in September. It was sent with AC/5146/2/No.19/Communications of 11 Oct 44. The extract is very interesting; I did not know, however, that Lt. Col. SWAPP was being sent over to make a report on SARDINIA and feel that I should know what he said. He arrived with the impression of reference unexpectedly just after I had taken over and gave me the impression of

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coming on a sort of Friday. May I please have a copy of the document.

4. DEMOCRATIC INDUSTRIAL SURVEY.

I understand that the field work of the 22 Italian officials is now nearing completion. Lieut. HIGGS visited SARDINIA and made a tour of various centres involved, accompanied by an Allied lady interpreter. Transport was supplied by Region VI. We should be interested to have a copy of the statistics obtained in due course.

5. SAFETY AGENTS DROPPED BY PARACHUTE

You will have noticed that the man who escaped, Lieut. R. PINCHERLE, was run to earth and died after an exchange of shots with a courageous Carabinieri who was himself wounded. There have been no more parachutists so far this month, so we have eight for trial shortly at CRISTANO.

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10. TRANSFER OF OFFICERS

Major ALEXANDER, our Legal Officer leaves us tomorrow and Capt. KREITZER, Regional Agriculture Officer, left on the 15th October. Lt. Col. CHAYTON has taken over Agriculture with his other duties. Lieut. SCARFANO also left on the 8th October.

11. PROVINCIAL ITEMS

The Cagliari water supply is still causing great anxiety as the restricted hours were not at first observed fully by the Allied Garrison engineers, and we have now water turned on for only five hours daily.

In the Province of CAGLIARI, one of the Priests has created a minor problem. It appears that the local people consider he is charging too much for ceremonies such as funerals etc and there is undue delay when the fees are not forthcoming.

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Th., rather unexpected way. On an island market practice is in island where violences is not far below the surface has resulted in a bomb being thrown near his and even attempt to strike him at his personal window. The Prefect is asking the Arch Bishop to arrange for an exchange.

A similar report to this has been forwarded to Brigadier USCHB and Brig-Gen. O'NEILL.

Yours sincerely
The Spengler

Brigadier M. LUSH,
Vice President, Chief of Staff,
Headquarters, A.C.S.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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15 October 1944

18 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Ration Cards - Sardinia

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Reference your 175/CO3 dated 9 Oct 44.
2. The attached report from Major A.J. Parker, Food Sub-Commission is forwarded.

1 Incl: Report dtd 13 Oct 44
ref. ACC/43-10/FOOD

A. G. Antolini
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Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
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13 October 1944

ACC/43-10/FOOD

SUBJECT: Ration Cards Sardinia

To : Chief Staff Officer, *Sassari Section*
~~Chief of Staff~~

C.O.S.
1. ~~Letter~~ letter 175/COS of October 9 has been passed to Food Sub-Commission for reply.

2. From early information, the rationing period for Sassari commenced 1st July, for Cagliari August and Nuoro, September. The cards for Sassari were put in hand at Palermo at the end of May for delivery direct to Sardinia. We then received information that Cagliari also required cards for 1st July from Italian sources. We had arranged to print at Palermo two million standard cards for use if necessary north of the winter line. As these had been despatched by schooner from Palermo to Naples the first week in June, it was decided to transfer the quantity of cards necessary, from this printing. Owing to breakdown and delay of the schooner, the cards did not arrive at Naples until 29 June when they were unloaded into warehouse.

3. Lt. Falvo of the Food Sub-Commission was instructed to arrange for the shipment to Sardinia by the cruiser service but it was not until 10 July that they were accepted and a promise given of immediate shipment. The Food Sub-Commission transferred from Naples to Rome on July 10/12. On July 15, a cable dated 13 July was received from Regional Commissioner which stated "Ration Cards have arrived here".

4. On 9 August a wire from Regional Supply Officer Sardinia said that the cards from Naples had not arrived and cable was sent to the Food Sub-Commission rear party, Naples, to trace. Although a clear receipt giving a number of a warehouse and the name of the officer i/c had been given to Lt. Falvo, it was not until 7 September that the cards were located. The warehouse number given was an internal number of the P.B.S.

5. In the meantime Lt. Falvo had been sent to Replacement Depot and the Food Sub-Commission Rear Party brought to Rome.

6. A new printing of cards had also been arranged in Rome.

7. Arrangements to ship the Naples cards were made by 12 September and they left by the S/S Argentina about the 16th.

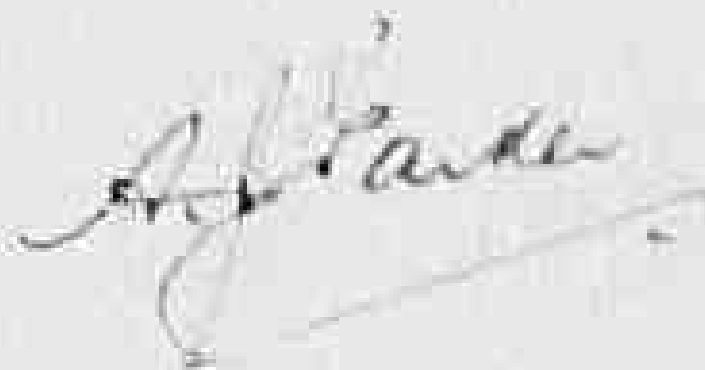
8. The new printing from Rome was not completed in time to catch the same boat and they actually were shipped from Naples aboard a cruiser on 20th September.

RATION CARDS SARDINIA: Cont'd.

Summarized, the situation arose through:

- a. delay in schooner service from Palermo to Naples.
- b. Inability to obtain emergency shipment to Sardinia.
- c. Failure by warehouse keeper to implement promise to Lt. Falvo to ship as arranged.
- d. The misconstructed cable from Sardinia which referred to cards from Palermo but coincidentally, fitted intimate table of the Naples acceptance.
- e. The transference of H.Q. to Rome, Lt. Falvo to Replacement Depot and the Food Sub-Commission rear party from Naples to Rome had its effect in the course of events.

The undersigned officer was responsible for the issue of the cards.



A. J. PARKER
Major,
Food Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Economic Section

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

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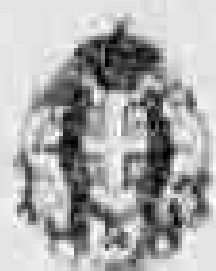
9 October 1944

SUBJECT : Ration Cards - SARDINIA

TO : Economic Section.

1. Information has been received from Sardinia Region that the badly needed ration cards were finally received late in September. These cards covered the period July through October inclusive.
2. The cards, it is reported, were stored in Naples for a greater part of the period for which they were to serve resulting in loss of use besides the relative cost involved.
3. Could you please advise who was responsible for the issue of these cards and the circumstances which led to the delay in delivery.

B/W
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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.
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Ministero delle Corporazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL SEGRETARIATO
DEL CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE CORPORAZIONI
DEGLI AFFARI GENERALI E DEL PERSONALE

File 175

CS Office

1. Please take up. Para 1 - reportedly
paid thousands of Lira for the tickets.
Identify who was responsible.
for issue of tickets & disciplinary
action must be taken. Capt. [illegible]

2. Co S meeting ✓
3. V P S meeting ✓
4. Co S meeting ✓

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SECRET 9

Extract sitrep from R.C. Sardinia Region dated
23 Sept 1944.

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7 Take this up as a general
matter with GS asking them to
let us know plans. - & they must
first be in the hands themselves
See 6 Capt. Warden

8 V.P. P.A. Sec. should see more
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DS / Spa Capt. Warden
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Folios 6 7 7 as follows

1) Letter 175/6/COS dated
9 Oct 44 subij "Defection
of the Garrison - SARDINIA"
to G-5

2) Extract from
Sardina begin
Strip dated 23
Sep para 7
'Subj as above'.

Transferred to 8258.



HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CSF
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 175/5/003.

6 October 1941.

Thank you for your most interesting DO letter of September 25. You are certainly being kept busy in Sardinia and I wish you all success.

I am taking action on the various points you raise, but in future I would ask you to embody each point for action in a separate official letter which can be more easily dealt with in the new office procedure here.

I shall, of course, still appreciate your DO letters as a means of keeping me fully informed as to what is happening in your Region, but the action will be taken on your official letters.

Colonel J.A.C. Pennyquick,
Regional Commissioner,
Sardinia Region.

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LAUNDA/THE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SECTION VI

23rd September 1944

8 OCT 1984

FROM : Colonel J.A.C. FOUNTAQUICK, Regional Commissioner.

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In continuation of my second D/O situation letter of 14th September, local events in SARDINIA are given below.

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2. SALT

I am not sure if this is food or not, but we have an abundance of Salt. Admiral NEMI from MARELLA informs me he has N.O.I.C. permission to send a small shipment to ELBA where it is badly needed so I understand. I promised to inform you and he was anxious that this should be handled on arrival by A.C.C. Officers and not French officials. A schooner is also returning shortly to SICILY and we propose to let it take a load of salt.

/S. GRANAI DEL POPOLO.....

Accepted

3. TRAVEL DEL POPOLO

There are no new developments over the wheat harvest. The grain is still coming in slowly but we are doubtful if we will reach the figure of 300,000 quintals. The grape harvest is just beginning and the prospects are good. Some recent rain has also been beneficial to the olives.

4. VISITS OF OFFICERS

We have been very glad to receive visits from two more officers since I last wrote. We did our best to help them with transport and accommodation, but had no notice of their proposed visits.

5. CRISTIANO MILITARY TRIALS

The CRISTIANO Tribunal, presided over by Major-General SARDI and a Court of six Italian Military members has just completed the case against GRAUSO Brothers and others involved in a fraud against the Allied Military Government.

Briefly, there were six accused: two GRAUSOS, Adriano and Vincenzo, who were wholesale distributors for the Province of CAGLIARI; two YESPA Brothers, Marco and Luigi, who were members of the Consorzio which had complete responsibility for handling and despatching A.C.C. food from the warehouse to the distributors of the various Provinces; PAGONI, a shipping clerk and MONTALDO, head book-keeper of the Consorzio.

Information reached this Headquarters from various sources of frauds, and investigation disclosed the presence of food to the value of 725,000 Lire in the GRAUSO warehouse which could not be explained. PAGONI was alleged to have received 15,000 Lire to destroy certain shipping tickets.

The result of the trial which lasted five days was as follows:

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The result appears to be very satisfactory from our point of view.

As regards the MARTINI case, the witness COCCINI has now arrived and we are most grateful for your successful action in getting him over. The case will come on next month on 23rd October. One of the first reactions to the arrival of this witness has been curious. There are 13 accused and they have now been classified into five categories according to the evidence available against them. There is little evidence against categories 4 and 5 and, in consequence, eight of the now awaiting trial have been provisionally released. The released included Martino OFFEDU, the former Fascist Inspector of RAGINIA and he promptly returned to his home at NARCO. His home-coming was greeted by the local populace with the throwing of a bomb at his back yard. A second bomb was thrown into the back garden of Avvocato MASTINO whose niece OFFEDU had married.

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The Union Garde has come out with an indignant article on the subject of the release of this Fascist. OFFICER was, however, expected for being an accomplice in the Mattini Plot and not for being a Fascist.

6. ASINARA PENAL SETTLEMENT

I have sent an official note on my visit to this settlement on the 20th September. It is a really God-forsaken place. Of the 396 "prisoners", 611, or nearly two-thirds, have completed their sentences and some have been awaiting release for over a year. More than half of the time-expired men come from Southern Italy and neither justice nor reason appears to warrant the retention of these men at ASINARA where food has to be imported and conditions are miserable. I fancy it is seldom visited as the crossing from PORTO TOMESE takes two to three hours according to weather, and the regular vessel is out of action.

The crew of the fishing vessel had to be shivvied out in the face of a moderate north-west wind on the day of the visit. Once committed to the voyage the skipper extolled the perfection and sea-worthiness of his rather small old tub, but the journey in winter can seldom be a pleasure trip.

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8. POLITICAL

DR RUZZO was over here on some de-Fascism programme I believe, but he avoided my Office. The visits I received from SARACAT and COMSI were profitable and of great interest. I think it would be useful if these visiting officials could be told to contact this office when they come over to SARDINIA.

ENRICO LUSCU came to see me on the 22nd September and was interviewed alone without an interpreter. After a shaky start he talked freely. He was interested in the English and American Party systems of politics and agreed that strength depends upon having two main Parties, not a host of small ones.

He said he had admitted he was a Republican and would like to see considerable changes in Italy. A strong Action Party both in SARDINIA and Italy was his ideal, i.e. A Party of the Left which would absorb all others except perhaps the rather negligible Christian Democrat opposition. Not quite the ideal two balanced strong Parties.

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He did not make any particular complaint about conditions in SARDINIA but he asked pointedly whether I had seen the mines and was interested to hear that I had done so. He said that he had just visited the local Salt Works and had seen 500 salt workers. He described their plight as being miserable, their chief difficulty being lack of shoes. I pointed out that everyone wanted boots or shoes - coal miners, copper miners, farmers who trod on the prickly pears and so on. In fact, about 200,000 pairs of boots and shoes were really needed. I also said that I thought local manufacture should be more enterprising and there should be a large scale use of wooden-soled clogs. He agreed, but put the salt workers' needs first and there is no doubt that if anything can be done to produce two or three thousand pairs of boots or shoes for this group it would be a helpful political move.

LUSU went on to say that conditions in SARDINIA were a good deal worse than in the rest of Italy and he said that he had visited Southern Italy and all occupied Italy extensively. I told him that I did not agree that conditions in SARDINIA were much worse than those prevailing in Italy and went on to tell him that I had covered about 12,000 miles by car in the course of six months in Italy this year myself, and seen a great deal of the conditions there. This was perhaps a mean advantage as, obviously, he could never have been able to cover anything like this distance on account of lack of transport, and it shook him visibly.

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