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DO SITREPS, LIGURIA
DEC. 1944 - JULY 1946

82

L.C.
51

Leave are 30 from 12 as required at 81 ~~81~~
13
Send to Justice petition to Br. Embassy.

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6916

66

C.S.G. H.L. 6/5

Ref para 2 of min 65. Col. ^{as} Fox has now been succeeded by Brig Nixon, I discussed this matter with the Brig.

a) Tank Engines: - These are available in quite large quantities, and at the moment are controlled by A.R.A.S. The C.B.G. (M of S) is agreeable to the plan of converting them to Marine Engines and is looking into the Price question.

b) Jeeps: - It is extremely unlikely that any Jeeps will be available in this Theatre (in case they should, however, Brig. Nixon has written to London asking for authority to waive the flat rate of 75% of its full price and to value them locally, taking into consideration the age and condition of the vehicle and also current prices and demands.)

67
Add 6/5

Thank you. Would you write back to me

68/1/5

BTU: ucm: so.

69.

To CSO.

Ref mins 66 & 7. S.O. at 68 for signals in

Ex London.

72.

Ref paras 1, 2, 3 folio 74. In regard to monthly report.

but Turner's notes is right re the monthly report. The typeset got the pages of my draft mixed up. I checked the volume I was 5 up. I checked the error up. I checked the error up. I checked the error up.

Alt 45

67

Thank you. Would you write D.O. to the CNO

Still want to. 10/11/50

69.

To CSO.

Ref mem 66-7 s.o. at 68 for signature per

Dr. Combs.

72.

Alt 95

Ref paras 1, 2, 3 folio 74. In again No.

Col. Turner's is right re the monthly report.

The typist got the pages of my draft mixed up & when I checked the balance I was

so intent on spelling mistakes etc the error escaped me. I propose that we send

an amendment to all concerned & I submit the attached draft to Col. TC for approval. I enclose request the report

Amendment being

stilled. H.S. 19/6

D. W. C. M. 18/6

Terrible!

but let us try the light touch in reply.

10/11/50

NO. 246 57.
 V.P. C.A.S. (for Director P.S. 5/c)
 Ref telephone conversation (Col Bye - by this date)
 see 454 and in 56. It is understood that
 you will reply to CLO Lignier by H.S. 2014
 58.

R.S. 5/c
 I presume the Italian got. are aware of the
 situation which you will be able to confirm when
 you next have an informal discussion with
 Ferrini.
 M. Lambury
 V.P. C.A.S.

23/4/46

59.

V.P. C.A.S.
 Letter attached for signature
 please if approved.
 25/4/46:
 b1 ✓ E. J. Bye Colonel.
 1350 Letter signed file returned. Please by
 P. Ca. Section.
 27 April.
 4414

You Lex/Love an informal discussion into
Furani.

McLamb
D.P.C. 13.3

23/4/46

59.

V.P. C.H.S.

Letter attached for signature
please if approved.

25/4/46:

E. J. Dye Colonel.

61

1350 Letter signed for return. Please buy
C.A. Section.

27 April.

J.D. 29/4

4714

60-64.

60-64.

See 20th for 10000 Lignaria at 62.063

J.D. 29/4

4714

60-65.

60-65.

- Will you see that A.S.P. Lignaria is kept
proper status
posted regarding the 70000 Lignaria. Also C.O. in
10000 Lignaria.
- Will you discuss with C.O. by 10000 Lignaria. Also C.O. in
10000 Lignaria.

53.

Ex. 6

Sir. Ref. PS at bottom of P. 27 & your minute 50(1).
Correspondence is tabbed in the attached file. I
understand that from Major Wind-Smith that Lt.
Col. Turner. Bates spoke to you about this
matter when he was in Rome a short while ago.

2. Please see further to the at 50.

W. S.
1/4

(54)

4413

C.S.O.

C.F.A.

Ref minute — above see minute 21

file 4615/EC

MS/244

(55)

C.S.O., Ex. Commissioner's Office

noted.

Philomena, St. Col.

by

Certain as must be a matter for the H.A. and
MS/244

350.

E.C. Ref your minute 34(2) - draft submitted
opposite as requested.

22
21

Issue. W/for.

40.

G. B

Zeevudachi's seems a hard case. Please spec.

W/for.

10	41.	18 Dec 1943
	Executive Council of the	
	opposite	
	Attached sheet for your approval please.	
	Thank you. W/for. T.I.	

22

Ex. Com.

Please see folio 43, do report from Regina 21/2

4412

49

TO	18 Dec	1945
Executive Council member attached sheet for your approval please. THANK YOU. <u>W. J. J.</u>		

B. C.
Please see folio 23. DO report from Regina 24/2.

4812

B. C.
Any action please on DO report at 48.

24/3

PA.
1. What is reply to Financial P.S. at end?

MS/20/13

2. B. C. for Deduction 5.

Finance S/C
Can you please throw any light on the P.S. at the foot of page 47. 23

Legal Sec.

Please submit your letter on which you were referred to in memo to AG at

[Signature]

CAS
26 NOV 1945
X 675

51

To: C. A. Sec

1. Reference Minute 30.

2. The letter which is referred to by the R.C. Liguria Region in para 6 of folio 25 is at FLAG. It with the papers on this case now sent herewith. This letter has already been seen by the Executive Commissioner who had no comments to make other than to direct that it be attached to the file of the case then submitted to the Chief Commissioner for review.

3. The case is not yet ready for review by the Chief Commission. The Chief Legal Advisor is in the process of studying the case to make the necessary recommendations to the Chief Commissioner. May the papers therefore please be returned as soon as possible.

[Signature]
JOHN K. WEDER,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief Legal Advisor.

Legal S/C
26 November 1945

52

Ex C.

The paper requested is at flag 13 of the legal record. In view of the request in it may the enclosure be returned directly please

[Signature]

4911

CAS
26 NOV 1945

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Legal S/C
26 November 1945

ForWARDED
JAMES K. WILSON,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief Legal Advisor.

Ex. C.

The paper requested is at flag 27 of the legal record in view of the request in so many the enclosure to return it. Kindly please

4411

CAS
28 NOV 1945
x 105

Ex. C.
Sim,

By your minute 27.
In reply to (1), please see M. 28.
In reply to (2), please see M. 31 &

Flag 'B' of attached file
3rd
1. Return papers to C.L.A. — Done 127/27
2. Please have letter drafted in min 28
127/27

127

20. P. 8

Executive Commission

Other similar cases
are being returned. Inception is by
Civilians, which was turned over to MTOUSA,
per their instructions.

Establishment Section
29/9/41
C. M. Parker
A/R.P.

(2)

P.A.

Will you look B. B. about this Request & the

Personnel

(2) find out about the C. M. Parker

& C. M. Parker's letter

Mr. Parker

(2)

P.A. to Executive Commission

2010

(2) RESERVE is not a voluntary deferred officer. His release group is 21, is not eligible for LIAP, but will be released during the next month or two. (2) CARICUT has been posted to 7 ATRA under CNY instructions of 20 Oct. I consider it undesirable that we should ask AFM to cancel this posting especially in view of the possibility of handing over in the near future. (3) Nothing is known at present in 7-1A or 7-1B of any re-assignment of

29/9/78

A/R.P.

P.A.

(28)

Will you ask G. B. about the Remembrance & the

Personnel file

(2) find out about the C. murder cases

& Col. Selby's letter

Mr. Selby

(28)

P.A. to Executive Development

6.5.78

(1) REMARK is not a voluntary referred officer. His release group is 24, is not eligible for LIA, but will be released during the next month or two. (2) REMARK has been posted to 7 ATRA under GNY instructions of 20 Oct. I consider it undesirable that we should ask ATR to cancel this posting especially in view of the possibility of handing over in the near future. (3) Nothing is known at present in G-1A or G-1B of any re-assignment of FISHER (A).

J.L.S.

23.11.45

(29)

CA Section

Kr. Com wishes to see correspondence referred to in para. 6 of Folio 25. Can you provide please?

~~Mr. Selby~~ to be copied

Off Ex Comm 26/9

QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

23.

CA Parker

CA Seby has returned his car
to Piemonte.

Have other similar cars been returned?
If not why not?

MS 2718

2309

Executive Commission

Please see folio 11. All information, with the exception of administration matters, has already been received by signal.

P.A. Ministry. D.L. 17/5/43.

MS (17/5) de (13)

19

Ext. Sec. (Col. Sower)

~~Would you take action on X of 12.~~
What is the form on last para. of 16?

~~File~~ 20/9.

20

Exec. C.

Exec Selby is not concerned to
an appointment in the new proposed
set up.

4908

J.C.T. 26/9.

Ext. Sec. (Col. Sower)

Will you take action on X of 17.
What is the form on last para of 16?

T.M. 25/9

20

Exec. C.

Cue Selby is not convenient for
an appointment in the near future
let up.

6908

J.V.I. 26/9.

20.

Executive Commissioner.

Reference 17 and minute 20, DO letter at 21 opposite in reply
is submitted for your signature. Action on 17 is being taken on another
file.

(X of 17)

T.M. 25/9

1007

C.S.O.

27 Sep 45.

Col.

Shall I pass on the request about a good film for
Cinema to Estab. Sec? I can find this is necessary.
You will probably wish to check with the other points
yourself.

Yours
JH

With the appointment of Major Sullivan to
be carefully considered & recesses against
the appointment reported to me. HJ/11/12.

Action on the above contained on file 5606/cos.

5

COS

COS

at 4 is a DC report from Col. Treacy as requested
by COS.
of four provincial teams only, SPECIA is named
as being complete with vehicles & stores. The
other teams are glossed over but COS may know
the position already.
RC says he is fairly happy over staffs ready 4907
to go at short notice.

Shaden Capt

9 Feb 48

Appointment referred to us Mr (1/11/12)

Action on the above continued on file 5606/1005.

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COS

CSO

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Sh. side Capt

9 Feb 1972

14/10/72

CO Treacy to speak in A. Mr (1/12/72)

G. B.

I should like CO Treacy to know

15 days L1AP team. Can you arrange

C.O.S. has given further info (14/12)

8/17/72 directions on this + have matter in hand J.H. 14/12

2

Thy

15-10-1972

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H. QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 178/37/33

15 July 1946

SUBJECT: Jewish Petition.

TO : British Embassy,
Rome.

I enclose for your information a copy of a petition handed by the
Prefect of G. H. A. to the Allied Jewish Liaison Officer.

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Kisch.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

4806

PA
15/7/46

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF APO 394

8th July, 1946.

JUL 13 1946

DO/61

Dear Brigadier,

You know how sympathetic I am towards all Jewish refugees. I am therefore forwarding copies of letters from the Prefect and the Jewish Community of Genova, together with translations.

Posters were exhibited in the town calling on all shops, trams and buses etc. to close down for a quarter of an hour today, as a protest against the Trieste decision. The Socialists and Communists refused to take part in this demonstration, and it therefore fizzled out.

The anti-Allied (particularly British) feeling in this part of the world is somewhat on the increase, although no definite demonstrations have occurred.

Smuggling on a large scale still goes on in the Port, and to date the Italian Authorities have done nothing to provide either suitable launches for their preventative officers or to increase the number of Guards on the Dock Gates.

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Yours sincerely,

T. G.

4805

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Yours sincerely,

T. G.

4905

Brigadier M.S. Bush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

See m. 42. 93.

(P/EC)

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C O P I A

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PREFETTURA DI GENOVA

Genova, 3 Luglio 1946

Div. Gab. Prot. No. 5521

OGGETTO : Petizione Comunità Israelitica Provincia di GENOVA.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

GENOVA

Trasmetto per conoscenza copia della petizione in data 2/7/46 presentata dalla Comunità Israelitica della Provincia di GENOVA per il superiore inoltro.

IL PREFETTO

4904

C O P I A

COMUNITA' ISRAELITICA
GENOVA
Passo Assarotti 6

79
Genova, li' 2/7/1946

I componenti la Comunita' Israelitica di GENOVA, e i profughi quivi temporaneamente rifugiati, solennemente oggi riunitisi nel Tempio Israelitico :

esprimono il loro profondo dolore ed elevano la loro protesta per le recenti misure antiebraiche prese dalle Autorita' Inglesi in Palestina, che gettano nel lutto tanti correligionari, e impediscono a migliaia di confratelli di raggiungere quell'unica Terra, in cui potranno ricostruire la loro esistenza;

riaffermano i diritti del popolo Ebraico, cosi' duramente provato dalle barbarie naziste, ad avere in Palestina le proprie possibilita' di vita e di lavoro;

manifestano il proprio sdegno per il mancato adempimento, da parte della potenza mandataria, degli impegni assunti con la dichiarazione Balfour; volgono ai confratelli di Palestina, in questa tragica ora, il loro commosso e solidale pensiero;

pregano il Governo Democratico Italiano di rendersi interprete di questi sentimenti presso le Autorita' Allente.

P.C.C.
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

4903

C O P Y

3rd July 1946

78

Prefettura of GENOA
Div. Gab. Prot. No. 5521

Subject : Petition of the Jewish Community of GENOA Province -
To : Allied Commission - GENOA -

Herewith please find enclosed for your information, a petition, dated 2/7/46, addressed to me by the Jewish Community of GENOA Province, that I am asked to forward to higher Authorities.

Sgd : Il Prefetto

(C O P Y)

Genoa, 2nd July 1946

Jewish Community
Genoa
Passo Assorotti 6

The members of the Jewish Community in GENOA, in this Jewish Temple, assembled with the refugees staying here temporarily, herewith express their deep regret and their protest against the recent anti-Jewish measures taken by the British Authorities in Palestine causing suffering to so many of their co-religionists and which prevent thousands of their brethren to reach the only country where they could settle down and live in peace.

They insist herewith on the Jewish people's right to have in Palestine a place to live and to work, after having so badly suffered by the barbarous hands of the Nazis. They express their utter disappointment upon seeing that the obligations taken by the Mandatory Power on the basis of the Balfour declaration have been ignored and they remember deeply moved in this tragic hour their brethren in Palestine and assure them of their utter solidarity.

They will request the democratic Italian Government to inform the Allied Authorities of their present feelings.

Certified Copy

Sgd. IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

(Signature illegible)-

6802

xxx 794

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Ref: 178/TI/EC.

21 June 1946.

74

I have read your D6/60 of 17th June with great sympathy.

I am not quite sure what the antithesis to a cuckoo is but you must share all the feelings of that phenomenon: to have laboured much - produced haematomata and then find six of these little chaps in somebody else's nest, must be terrible. But think of Locksley's feelings too. They, like the little wren, find a wretched hatch of six little Ligurian bastards in their tidy nest.

The whole thing is deplorable and you must accept my most sincere apologies. Don't let it stop your literary efforts which always provide a sunny ray when I have to wade through the other rather dull monthly reports - alas, they may soon be no more.

M. S. LUSH

Lt. Col. W. Turner Coles,
AD CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER,
LIGURIA.

6801

MSL/23.

14/24
1946

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
C.M.F. - A.P.O. 304

17th June, 1946.

DD/60

Dear Bris,

Just a line to make a slight comment on H.Q. A.C.
Monthly Report for March.

Whilst my poor little Liaison Group only got 5 paras
I note with interest that Lombardia had a total of 15, of which
paras 15 to 20 are concerned entirely with Liguria.

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I have ever been able to compile a Monthly Report (bad as they are)
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somebody else's, I feel that my literary efforts must have some value.

The situation here is peaceful, trade more or less at
a standstill, chiefly owing to the lack of contracts which they hope will
be effected when the new Government comes into being.

As I have told you before, the workmen of large firms
such as Ansaldo are not Communists at heart, but merely want work and
a living wage which will ensure the wellbeing of their families.

Yours sincerely,

T.S.C.

4950

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.E., C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner

Monthly Report for March.

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T. C.

6800

Brigadier M. S. Lush, C. B., C. E., M. C.,
Executive Commissioner,
H. Q. Allied Commission,
C. M. F.

*Let me see 76
77*

73

Ref. : 17/73/50.

16 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Civilian owned Jeeps.

TO : C.I.O.
Liguria.

70

With reference to your DO letter No. 32 of 23 May 1946, addressed to the Executive Commissioner, I have to inform you that the question of repainting Jeeps before sale to Italian civilians has been taken up with AFHQ and I quote an extract from their reply.

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"The painting of surplus vehicles some color other than the original service color prior to sale for Italian civilians is not feasible, inasmuch as paint and personnel are not available for this purpose.

Identification markings are covered when possible prior to delivery".

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

A. W. Knutson.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:- Brigadier HIND
Chief Disposal Officer
Ministry of Supply (Br.)
Rome.

9399

[Handwritten mark]

[Handwritten signature]

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9006

EX-COMM

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386

11 June 1946

JUN 13 1946

SUBJECT: Surplus Property.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission, APO 794
(Attention: Executive Commissioner)

Reference 9006/EC dated 29 May 46.

1. The painting of surplus vehicles some color other than the original service color prior to sale to Italian civilians is not feasible, inasmuch as paint and personnel are not available for this purpose.

2. Identification markings are covered when possible prior to delivery.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamble
A. L. HAMBLE
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to 3604/EC

4898

See 73

Q
(COPY K)

71

Ref. : 9006/50

29 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Surplus Property.

TO : G-5 Section
AFHQ

A report has been received from the Allied Commission Liaison Officer, Liguria, to the effect that jeeps sold to Italian civilians as Surplus Property are being handed over in their original service colour.

The result is that should any accidents occur, they will immediately be attributed to the Allied Forces, especially as many of the drivers are in possession of battle dress or partial American uniform.

It is suggested that all Surplus Army vehicles are sprayed some colour other than khaki in order that the various Police Forces and civilians may be able to differentiate between civilian owned jeeps and those operated by Allied Drivers.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Kasey

Brigadier,
Reserve Commissioner.

4587

Copy to: Brig. MCM
Chief Disposal Officer
Ministry of Supply (Lk.)
Rome

Copy to: FLS 173/EC

PA
20/5/46

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

23rd May, 1946.

DO/52.

MAY 27 1946

Dear Brigadier,

Just a line to confirm the telephone message which I gave to Wilbe-Jones and asked him to pass on to you, saying that I was not taking advantage of your kind offer of a few days leave, as I feel it is better to postpone it until after the elections, and I feel sure you will agree.

Another matter which I feel is likely to cause a certain amount of trouble is the fact that jeeps which are being sold to Italians still have service colouring, and I have seen several of these "roaring round" the country driven by civilians (some of whom are in possession of Battle Dress or partial American uniform). Any accidents caused by these jeeps will be attributed to Allied Force vehicles and I was wondering if it would be possible to ensure that all surplus army vehicles are sprayed some colour other than khaki in order that the various Police Forces and civilians will be able to differentiate between civilian owned jeeps and those operated by Allied drivers.

Regarding the forthcoming elections, the walls in this town are smothered with electoral posters, mainly of the Communist Party. In addition there have been a considerable number of broadcasts over loud speakers in which the various parties say their piece.

The general trend of information is that the elections here should pass off without any serious disturbances, but it all remains to be seen.

Yours sincerely, 4896

T.C.

Brigadier M. S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner,
R.Q. Allied Commission,
C.M.F.

Colt K.
CSO

... Taken up with AFHQ

175/1714

see 71-2

(CSO)

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Ref: 173/63/83

9 May 1946.

Thank you for your D.O. letter no. DC/39 dated 26 April 1946 and trust that now that the Jews have sailed, you have one less worry.

With regard to Surplus Allied War Materials, I have discussed both these questions with Brigadier Nixon of the Ministry of Supply.

He states that tank engines are available in quite large numbers and are at the moment controlled by A.R.A.R., the Italian Government Agency, and he sees no objections to your plan.

With the question of jeeps, I am sorry to say we did not have the same success as the number likely to be available in this theatre is negligible. It seems that they and Buses are being retained by the Army.

Lt. Col. W. Turner-Coles,
AO Chief Liaison Officer,
LIGURIA.

4895

see M.69

JA
9/12

Dec

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

63

26th April, 1946.

DO/39

APR 29 1946

Dear Brigadier,

Extract &
report of
P.S. Officer
submitted
in L.L.
1112/EC

Jews at LA SPEZIA. The latest information regarding these people is that unless they get permission to leave for Palestine they will either:-

- a) Sail without permission.
- b) Stage a suicide scene.

Nobody seems to want to accept responsibility by either saying yes or nay to them, and quite frankly, the sooner they are out of LA SPEZIA, the better I shall be pleased, and that goes for all the Italian authorities there, who are frankly bored with them. Copy of P.S. Officer's report enclosed herewith.

Surplus Allied War Material. As the outcome of a conversation regarding surplus Allied war material, it was suggested that certain types of tank engines are suitable, (with very minor conversions) to use as marine engines in small coastal craft. It appears that some of the smaller shipyards who build these coastal craft would be prepared to buy in bulk, provided that the price was reasonable.

The question of conversion of Jeeps for use on farms was also discussed and I am informed that many farmers could be persuaded to use these, but the price is prohibitive. The only conversion necessary in this case would be additional wheels for use when ploughing, and the adoption of a special paraffin carburettor. Such conversion to be done in bulk in order to avoid Black Market. If it is desired to sell a large number of jeeps in this country, it will be necessary to give demonstrations to groups of farmers to whom, as you know, it is difficult to sell a new idea.

Liberation Day. The day, which was a glorious one, bright sun and not too hot, passed off without incident. The main procession, which took place in the morning and wandered round the town was a blaze of scarlett, practically every group was headed by a Communist flag, and nowhere in the procession was a single Allied flag. All "black shirts" now appear to have become "red shirts" as small bands of the more ardent members paraded in red shirts. The smartest in the parade where the Boy Scouts.

Brigadier M.S. Lush C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
A/Chief Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

Yours sincerely,
W. Turner

See in 63.64-65-67

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF 1 APR 304

19th April, 1946.
APR 24 1946

DO/38.

Dear Brigadier,

Further to my DO/26 dated 27 March 46.

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Since the closing of this Casino, another clandestine one has been opened at RAPALLO. The Prefect has no knowledge of any official authority from the Italian Government, nor has he given his consent.

I feel personally that should the Italian Government decide to re-license the old Casino, which was closed by order of the Fascists, no harm would be done, provided that the persons responsible for the running of it were very carefully screened.

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To really put the Carabinieri on the top line, a second suit of uniform and boots are needed, and these are being attempted by M.M.I.A.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY. Conditions in the Region are satisfactory in view of prevailing conditions.

A hold-up by masked and armed men took place on Sunday night near NERVU, where they held up a motor car and relieved one of the passengers of 50,000 Lit. Investigations are going on.

5. PERSONAL. A personal question - General DI MARTINO, who was in charge of the Italian Forces when I was in LEOE, and who was very helpful to us, is now demobilized and anxious to obtain some form of employment. I have made various efforts to find him something locally, but have failed. Can you give me any suggestions, as he is a very pleasant fellow ?

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,
A/Chief Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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*Yours sincerely,
M. Lush*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
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27 April 1946

SUBJECT : Claudette Casinos.

TO : The Chief Liaison Officer,
Algiers.

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1. With reference to your letter to the
Respective Commissioner dated 17 March, in which
you mention the question of the closing of Casinos
which are opening in Algeria.

2. Under Royal Law Decree No. 13 dated
27 April 1934, Casinos in Italy may be permitted
to operate under the authority of the Ministry of
Interior through the local Prefect in the vicinity
of pleasure resorts where the population does not
exceed 200,000. Such permission is sparingly given
and strict regulations have to be observed.

3. Mr. Ferrari, the Director General of
P.S., has been consulted. He states that the whole
question of licensing Casinos is now under considera-
tion by the Council of Ministers. Meanwhile no action
is being taken against those already open.

4. It will be appreciated that this is a
matter for the Italian Government, and is no concern
of the Allied authorities unless Allied interests are
jeopardized.

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M. CARR, Brigadier
V.C. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
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27th March, 1946.

DO/26.

Dear Brigadier,

I am sorry that I did not have the pleasure of seeing you when you toured the North, but hope on the next occasion you will visit us.

Elections. Reports regarding the elections have been sent in, but as I doubt whether you see them, the main points are:-

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May some action please be taken in order that these "gambling joints" which call themselves "Casinos" be closed as soon as possible.

The general opinion in most of the Communes appears to be, that if they can have a casino, clandestine or otherwise, work will be found for everybody, and all the municipal taxes would be paid by the casino. (Nice work if you can get it.)

I have discussed this matter fully with the Public Safety Officers, who are in full agreement that these clandestine casinos should be closed at once.

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Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
G.M.F.

Yours sincerely,
H. T. Lush

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

18th March, 1946.

DO/24

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2. Italian Military Discipline. During the past week there have been several demonstrations by Italian troops stationed in Genoa, protesting against the new rate of 3 lire imposed by the Tram and Bus Authorities as the fare for all military personnel. Previously, travel was free. After a delegation had seen the Prefect, he, in conjunction with the Tramway and Bus Authorities, arranged for the fare to be reduced to 1 lire for travel by tram and 2 lire for travel by bus.
3. Frontier Zone. A request from 2 BLU to allow Italian Sappers to erect a Bailey Bridge at AIPOLE on the EPAREL - VENTIMIGLIA Road, due north of VENTIMIGLIA, approximately 5 km. from the Frontier has been passed to 2 District for their decision.

For information, I enclose copy of Major Kane's report to me, copy of which has been sent to the Public Safety Sub Commission.

The matter is one which certainly does not reflect any credit on the present discipline of the Italian Army, and local authorities are gravely concerned as they feel it is a very poor start to their new Army.

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The concrete piers in this Bridge have been nearly completed by civilian labour.
4. U.S. Personnel. Major G.R. Koopman left yesterday for RCME on his way to the States, and to date I have no news of any replacement. I would request that if no replacement is being sent, M/Sgt Wax and 1 E.M. be posted to their own Coy H.Q. Whether Maj. Koopman is replaced or not, I feel it would be advantageous if M/Sgt Wax was transferred to another town, in view of the fact that he is a Genoese born American - this purely for the benefit of Liaison work.
5. The general conditions in LIGURIA are quiet, the only people giving any trouble being REDUCI. The genuineness of their grievances seems

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to be in doubt, but I am investigating the matter thoroughly.

I understand from a reliable source that part of the cause of the trouble is professional agitators, who by their efforts get themselves set up in an office at the expense of the Reduci.

I am also told that a school to which Reduci can go to learn "this or that" and where they are paid 50 liras a day does not appear to appeal to them.

6. When in Rome I saw Maj. Leacocoe and gave him some very indifferent data for an article in the Bulletin. He however, seems to think it will do.

7. I understand that the arrangements for your tour of the North do not include GENOA. I am sorry I shall not have the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Lush and yourself, when I would be able to offer you a slice of "bully" and/or "Span".

8. This letter comes to you by the hand of Major Kane, who can explain any points which you might wish to clear up.

Yours sincerely,
W. Turner. (Lush)

Brigadier M. S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

P.S. To date I haven't received your note
to my 29th line cabinet par 5

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2 March 1946.

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Thank you for your letter of 18th February. I am unofficially drawing the attention of the Italian Government to their vacillation in labour matters in LIGURIA.

I do not want you to have any illusions about food. The situation is very grave. Mr. Keary's hopes are quite groundless for at the present moment UNRRA has no assurance that any food will be loaded on ships leaving the US or other countries in March. We are, in fact, living from hand to mouth with no prospect of additions in the future. This is for your own information and to check any undue optimism that Mr. Keary's remarks may have created.

M. S. LUSH

Lt. Col. W. Turney-Coles,
AC Chief Liaison Officer,
LIGURIA.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

21 February 1946.

I have to thank most of you for some interesting letters in reply to my DO letter of 31st January. I hope that those of you that have written will repeat the performance regularly and those who have not will reply to this letter.

Since I wrote we have received approval (subject to War Office concurrence) on the new British War Establishment which has been divided into four parts, i.e., HQ, Liaison Groups, UDINE AMG and VENEZIA GRULLA AMG. The figures in British officers work out as follows:

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This, of course, is all subject to any drastic changes that may be made at governmental level and on this subject we are still awaiting reply to a telegram which was despatched to the Combined Chiefs of Staff before Christmas. It is difficult to say what the reply will be but I do not think you need worry about security of tenure for several months.

I am very concerned about the food situation. The truth is that we are living from hand to mouth on wheat and flour and that reserve stocks are down to about a week's supply for the country. This, mind you, on a ration of 200 grams with 500 grams of pasta monthly. For your own information, and not for publication, HQ, UDINE in Washington are extremely gloomy about the March loadings for which they have not even obtained any assurances whatever, and in future arrivals after that. I hope there won't have to be a further cut in the ration but I very much doubt if UDINE will be able to provide pasta at all after 1st March. They describe the March situation as catastrophic.

I want you all to realize that on the British side transport is extremely short. Our WE figures have been cut drastically and we shall get no new vehicles. In fact I doubt if we shall get any

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Admiral Stone who has been in London all this week returns today. Colonel Kenfort is also visiting Rome, I believe, in connection with the Cardinals. We shall all be glad to see him.

(Sgn) M. S. Lush

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
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18th February, 1945.

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Dear Brigadier,

Thank you for your 0450/20 of 16th February regarding the Bulletin. I will try to dig out some bits of journalistic material, but quite frankly, I don't find it very difficult to think of one article, let alone 1000.

The general situation here is unusually calm. Whether this is the lull before the storm or merely that the populace is so indifferent to politics and the general future of Italy, it is difficult to decide.

The trouble way in which the Italian Govt. are dealing with the strike of the statal and para-statal employees has given magnificent fuel to the pro-French propagandists in the area near the border. The strike is now over, but there is still grave discontent as the Italian Ministry concerned has only stated that they will go into the question, and have given no definite promise of meeting the demands made by these employees.

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Yours sincerely,

T. C.

Deputy L. J. Spies, C.O. C.B.S. C.O.
Executive Commissioner,
U.S. Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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31 January 1946.

Those of you who have been Regional Commissioners know that I have always been glad to receive DO letters from you from time to time on matters of general and particular interest. The monthly report is generally too late for anything but historical interest, while on the other hand it is difficult perhaps to put down in official reports some of the things which we should like to have here at Headquarters.

I would therefore ask you to let me have a rather gossipy letter two or three times a month, particularly at the outset of your liaison work, telling me how things are working out and some of your official or personal views on the general situation.

I for my part will try to keep you unofficially informed on all matters of general interest with regard to the Commission.

I have just returned from a short visit to England but I could glean little news about the future of the Commission with the exception that both the War Office and the Foreign Office have the idea that a split between the functions of the Allied Commission and the Chief Civil Affairs Officer at this time was desirable. I tried to point out to them that such a split would involve redundancy in work and extravagance in officers. We still have no news from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the general lay-out. At Headquarters, the turnover in the Economic Section from the Allied Commission to UNRRA and the Embassy is progressing smoothly. I am not quite so happy about the turnover of Displaced Persons for in this respect UNRRA does not seem to be ready to run the camps or to tackle the hundred-and-one problems of Displaced Persons. In these turnovers, we are, of course, losing a number of officers to UNRRA.

We are all very concerned about the food situation for it looks as if we shall be nearly 100,000 tons a month short from the February arrivals. I do not think we can lay it at anybody's door for it is due to the general world shortage but the fact remains that Italy is now the worst fed country in Europe (on paper at any rate). I should be interested to learn from you whether the removal of the

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Admiral Stone hopes to go to London on February 9th, amongst other things to receive his R.E.F. We have lost Colonel Denmore this week, a real loss to the Commission in which he was a tremendous standby.

I am sending a copy of this letter to all Chief Liaison Officers.

To: Am AC ChOs

(Sgd) M S Lusk

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Ref: 178/42/EC.

22 December 1945.

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Before Colonel Selby went back to England he wrote to me about your promotion, or rather the lack of it, and I want you to know that I have gone into the matter very carefully.

It seems to me that after your return from the Middle East you had every intention of leaving the Service, as according to the records you had taken no action to offer yourself for deferment under the various schemes. Nevertheless your name was considered at the Promotions Board held on 13 September (at which Gardner and Howell were approved) but as you were likely to go almost at any time the Board did not approve the recommendation. I am now told that you signed a document for a "Gentleman's Agreement" deferment on 7 November, but in view of the imminent handover of the Northern Regions to the Italian Government the justification for your promotion, which we have to supply to GSH, no longer exists.

I am extremely sorry about it all because I know so well that based on the value of your work with AG your claim was strong. GSH, however, is quite adamant in its policy not to promote officers due for early release. What opportunities there will be under the new WE is rather difficult to judge until we have had time to study the requirements, but I would hesitate to recommend extending your service on the grounds that promotion may follow because such as I should like you to continue serving with the Commission, any such application must be unconditional in so far as promotion is concerned.

M. S. LUSH

Major L.G. Zervadaci,
Headquarters,
Allied Military Government,
PIEMONTE REGION.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

~~APPROX~~

GENOA

3rd December 1945
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Dear Brigadier,

When we last met I said I would probably not be at the conference on the 11th. I particularly want to be home by the 12th as I want to be at a show at my boy's public school, where he has gone for his first term, on that date. If I get released while I am on LIAP we may not have the opportunity of meeting again for some time but I hope we will later on and United Service Club, Pall Mall, W.1. will always find me. Jordan will be at the conference.

You may like to know the arrangements I have made for carrying on AMG as long as it continues when various people go on LIAP.

Vining, Provincial Commissioner, GENOA, goes about the 18th December and Lt Col Lee (E), who is Regional Engineer and a very capable and experienced chap, will take over from him while he is away and he, Lee, has a capable American assistant.

SAVONA Province. Cousins goes on LIAP about the same date and Major Fischer (A), now Public Safety in Imperia, will take over from him.

IMPERIA Province. Renwick is not eligible for LIAP being in Release Group 21 and will stay on as P.C. I have ironed out the difficulties with Garigue and Freeth and I am sure Renwick is doing a very good job there. Garigue is very run down and not at all fit and has been recommended a fortnight's sick leave by the Medicos. As he is also due for LIAP I am sending him off with the next batch.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Can you see what can be done to get "Lucky" Zerrudaci his promotion. I do feel that he has had rather a raw deal about it - he, Howell and Gardner have all done and are doing a first class job as P.Cs. in Piemonte. In Gardner's case, he stepped into a Lt Col's shoes as P.C. CUNEC when a good deal of the spade work had already been done and although I think he is worth his promotion every time and recommended him for it, he has only been in the Commission a very short time compared with Lucky. Although they have all done such an excellent job I do feel that the amount of time that Lucky spent as a spearhead CAC should also be taken into consideration.

I know how highly Gen Benson thought of him and when he was under me in 5 Corps I formed the opinion that he was one of the best and most capable Civil Affairs Officers of that excellent team I had working for me. As Alessandria borders on this territory I continually hear how highly he is thought of in his Province although I no longer have any direct contact with him. As I got to know him very well when he was serving with me he has written to me about his case and I attach a copy of his letter with the hope that, difficult though British promotions may be today, his meritorious service can be recognised.

I think that the flag will continue to fly here alright after I have gone.

With kind regards to both of you,

Yours ever
Geoffrey Kelly

Brigadier M.S. LUSH, CBK., MC.,
Executive Commissioner, HQ., AC.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Alexandria Province
PIEMONTE REGION

2 December 1945

Dear Colonel Selby,

I am writing to you regarding the question of my promotion as I do not seem to be getting anywhere with my own senior officers at Regional Headquarters. I have always been adverse to begging for advancement even when I have felt I deserved one but in this circumstance I truly feel that I have been let down and because of your past connections with Piemonte Region and your occasional trips to Rome I am wondering whether you could have a word with the Executive Commissioner on the subject. If you will be so good as to do so I had better first put you into the picture.

When I went up to Turin a fortnight ago to see Brigadier Lush on one or two official matters he raised the question of my promotion and said that there had been certain establishment difficulties in the past but that now he expected the difficulty could be overcome; I pointed out that I had signed on until the hand-over of AMG but that the incentive of going up a pip would make me stay on for a while; he agreed with my way of thinking and mentioned until the peace treaty (with Italy I presume).

Well since then the only other P.C. to have run a Province from the very start in Piemonte, Howell, and Gardner who took over from McCullum, have been promoted; I'm talking of British Officers only.

When I mentioned this to T.C. he said that 4881 there were only three British promotions for Piemonte Region that went to Officers who had signed on for a year and that it

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When I went up to Turin a fortnight ago to see Brigadier Lush on one or two official matters he raised the question of my promotion and said that there had been certain establishment difficulties in the past but that now he expected the difficulty could be overcome; I pointed out that I had signed on until the hand-over of AMG but that the incentive of going up a pip would make me stay on for a while; he agreed with my way of thinking and mentioned until the peace treaty (with Italy I presume).

Well since then the only other P.C. to have run a Province from the very start in Piemonte, Howell, and Gardner who took over from McCullum, have been promoted; I'm talking of British Officers only.

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I'm quite certain that Howell and Gardner are entitled to their promotion and probably deserve it much more than I do. However there are in my civil affairs career certain items which, I feel, on the eve of my release, should have been taken into account. In Civil Affairs I am certainly senior to them, having joined CETA in February 1941.

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I hate to bother you with all this. It should you agree to have a word on my behalf with Brig. Lush you will want to know a bit more about my last few years since I joined. 36

Well I joined CETA and the British Army in a voluntary capacity because not wanted in my own Army being over-age and not knowing the Greek language well enough. CETA had to obtain a special release for me from the Greek Chief of Staff and I was only commissioned when this was obtained as a s/lt. t/Cpt. (before joining CETA I served for a few months with CSDIC in Egypt as a civilian with Officer status).

I remained with CETA until May 1943 and after a short stay at the Civil Affairs School at Meina I was chosen to join the spearhead into Sicily as CAO Syracuse. After two months in Syracuse the F.C. of that Province recommended me for promotion but Lord Rennell who knew me in CETA decided he wanted me as his PA. He already had a Military Assistant who was a Major and I remained a Captain. I tried to join AMG 8 Army several times but without success until May 1944. Between the departure of Rennell and then I was assigned first to 5 Army and then to Region IV but neither in the field.

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Well in a nutshell that is the position. I have never been very good at sounding my own trumpet but I will not try to hide the disappointment that I have felt which has led me to write this letter. This is my eighth month as P.C. of Alessandria Province.

I am hoping to come to Genova soon to see the British Consul there and will ring you up beforehand to scrounge a meal off you if I may.

Yours ever,

(Sd) L G Zanfudaci.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 178/35/EC.

29 November 1945.

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Many thanks for your letter of 20th November.

As regards para 4, I now find that BISHOP is not a
voluntary deferred officer and as his Release Group is 21 he is
not eligible for LIAP.

GARIGUE should already have reported to 7 AGRA and
G-1(B) have signalled you to this effect. I am afraid we
cannot take any action to have this posting cancelled.

You mention the appointment of FISHER but G-1(A) and
G-1(B) at this HQ knew nothing about any re-assignment of this
officer.

W. S. LUSH

Colonel J.G. Selby,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
LIGURIA REGION.

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LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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15th November 1945
JGS/DC/32

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Dear *Brigadier*,

1. Thank you for your letter, we enjoyed having you and your wife staying with us very much indeed. I am glad you made Nice alright.

2. It was a pity that you did not stay longer as I would have liked to have been able to show you some of the magnificent work being done in the shipyards here by the local workers. Incidentally the first Italian ship to be launched since the Armistice was launched here yesterday morning from the Ansaldo yard and the whole thing was a great success.

3. Your letter re wheat amassing dated the 5th October was received here yesterday. In spite of the fact that there has been no Agriculture Officer here since the middle of September, a fact of which the Agriculture Sub Commission must be well aware, I am now able to give a statement on the matter as obtained by my Commerce Officer who has been into the matter very fully and that report will be forwarded to you on Saturday.

4. With regard to Imperia, it would appear from records here that Renwick is not eligible for LIAP according to latest AFHQ instructions but I have signalled G1-B to find out whether he is, in fact, a deferred Officer in which case he can go. The appointment of Fisher who is the Police Officer will make my Public Safety problem more difficult than ever but I will certainly do so directly the question of Renwick's LIAP is settled. Garigue has already been posted to 7 AGRA by an AFHQ posting but I have written to G1-B asking for this to be deferred until AMG closes down owing to lack of Officers. If he does come under my direct command again, it would be difficult to exchange him because of the use made of him by Freeth. If his posting order to 7 AGRA is cancelled I would, however, exchange him with Bentley in La Spezia in spite of the opposition which

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would undoubtedly be raised by 7 AGRA.

5. We spoke about the trial of the murderers of the Carabinieri, and you indicated that there is a possibility that the sentences of execution on two of the accused may not be confirmed.

6. I wrote to the Chief Commissioner about this after the trial, as I had discussed the matter with him on my appointment as Regional Commissioner, but I received no acknowledgement or reply to my letter.

7. The trial was presided over by Lt Col Elder who is a very experienced criminal judge, now returned to Canada. He did not think that the case could be upset on the matter of procedure or law.

8. All of us, who were present at the trial, judges, prosecutor, and myself were of the opinion that the two condemned persons should, in spite of their age, suffer the death penalty. I knew, but it cannot be proved in evidence, that they had been responsible for, or present at, other murders when members of a Partisan band.

9. A reprieve cannot fail to have a bad effect on public opinion here, and I have that from the Prefect, but will also of course seriously effect the morale of the Carabinieri in the Region

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*Yours sincerely
Geoffrey Selby*

Brigadier M. S. LUSH, OBE., MC.,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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Thank you for your letter JCS/DO/18 of 22 September.

I am so glad to see that you are handing back the car.

I certainly do not see why the others should keep their Piemonte cars, and the matter is being taken up from here.

On the closing down of the Regions we shall have several surplus officers, and I think you can certainly take it that, as you wish to return, you can be regarded as surplus.

Colonel J. G. Salby, M.C.,
Regional Commissioner,
Liguria Region.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
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Message Centre No: 7/8926

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 24 1700A

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 25 0930

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMB LIGURIA FROM SELBY

TO: HQ ALCON FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

SEP 25 1945

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Reference by JCS/DC/15 of 22 September please cancel paragraph concerning Jussiere LA SPERIA who has now reported for duty and is quite satisfactory.

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22 September 1945

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SEP 25 1945

FROM : Colonel J. G. SELBY, M.C., Regional Commissioner.

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Dear Brigadier,

Thank you for your letter of 14 September, and I am grateful to you for having gone into the matter for me. I did feel, having talked to you and then having wired twice and phoned about a matter which I considered, and still do, to be important, that I might have had some sort of an answer, but I realize now that Talbot had the matter in hand, and I am grateful to him too.

When you were here, I explained to you the circumstances under which I brought the cars here. The whole matter was brought up by Marshall in front of Carr, and I accepted the latter's guidance on the subject, and the cars were returned.

I do not see how that perhaps unfortunate incident should have finally affected the matter. I have Marshall's verbal and Thomas' written statement that they would be willing to let me have the car provided the 2675th Regiment sanctioned the exchange.

As you say, there are other matters of greater importance, and I agree to the ruling provided that it is enforced. As far as I am aware, the three Alfa cars in Piemonte, which were all obtained at the same time, are still in use; the one that I had by Ciulini, the Regional Public Health

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If I am not allowed to have mine, I do not see why two very junior officers should still be able to go about in these cars, when the instructions say that they must be handed back to the owners.

The Region flourishes, and activities are centered upon trying to get the Carabinieri and the Questura agents in as good shape as possible for the handover. This is not helped by the fact that ap-

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parently no career Questore is keen on having the job in the Provinces here. The case in point is that of the man appointed to La Spezia, who arrived on a Saturday, and after a short look around, departed for Rome on Sunday, without ever having reported to the Provincial Commissioner, the Provincial Public Safety Officer, or even the Prefect.

The Carabinieri murder trial is drawing to a close, and I hope a verdict will be reached today which should have a salutary effect on the worst elements in this part of the world.

It would be most helpful if we could have the date of withdrawal made known as early as possible. The Public Works Division particularly have great difficulty in dealing with the approval of projects until they know a firm closing date.

I hope that we may see you before we close down, and if you do come this way, there is a very fine grand piano available for you.

Am I to take it that when the Region closes down I shall be regarded as surplus, and can therefore make some arrangements about my return to the U.K.?

Yours sincerely
Geoffrey Selby

Brigadier M.S. LUSH, C.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission

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14th September 1945.

DEAR SALLY

Your letter of September 7th arrived here on the 11th and I have delayed answering until I was in full possession of the facts.

I would first point out that Talbot has spent considerable time and taken a great deal of trouble to find out what could be done about the matter of your car at a time when he already has more than enough work of first importance. Your implied criticism of him is quite unjust.

The question of these cars is most unfortunate. The fact that you brought the car to Genoa without Marshall's approval (which Marshall has reported to me) did not give the matter a good start. But that does not affect the matter of principle. The 4th Army, it is widely agreed, let us down on the question of requisitions. The cars are, therefore, on temporary receipt and (a) cannot be moved from Region to Region (b) must be handed back to their owners. We have to accept this even unwillingly. Other Regional Commissioners who have received cars of this kind from Region to Region have been told to return them and this will be enforced. There is no discrimination against you.

The telegram which was sent to you was sent therefore with my authority.

Now there are many other matters far more important than individual cars and my advice to you is to accept a ruling which, while it hits you individually, is of general application. In any case do not remain under the impression that I have not given it a great deal of consideration. I have.

I hope the Region of Genoa will be.

Colonel G. Selby,
Regional Commissioner,
Headquarters, AMG.

Yours sincerely
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Colonel S. Selby,
Regional Commissioner,
Headquarters, AEG,
LONDON.

Yours sincerely
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(Sd) M. Price, Lt.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION

MC/DO/19

25th May 1945

FROM : Brigadier M. CARR, Regional Commissioner.

My dear Lush,

A day or so ago I sent you an official letter enclosing copy of a IV Corps Order which appointed me as DCAO which, so far as I know, they had no power to issue, in view of the fact that I am a British Officer, I also drew attention to the fact that I was made deputy to an Officer much junior to me in rank.

I asked for the matter to be regularised but I do not want to make difficulties about it. So far as your Headquarters and the Military Secretary's Branch is concerned presumably I am still a Regional Commissioner and perhaps matters will adjust themselves with the early passing of the present phase when the appointment made by IV Corps will sink into oblivion.

Affairs are going well here except for Patriots and for the confusion that exists over this Army AMG set-up.

As regards Patriots, all current directives which I possess clearly lay down that the feeding of them, their movement and the setting up and maintenance of Patriot Centres is a military responsibility. It is only with the greatest difficulty that we can get any assistance from the military. The fault does not lie with local organisations who are frequently only too willing to help -- the trouble lies higher up.

I am hoping to see Upjohn today on his way back to your Headquarters and he will hear all about any difficulties we have.

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Brigadier M.S. LUSH
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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23 May 1945.

Thank you for your letters and your invaluable nitreps. Talbot brought me back a very good account of your Region and I hope to see you there in the near future.

With regard to the chain of command, I can only tell you that the Admiral and myself have been fighting, I hope, a gaining battle for the last three weeks but the position is very difficult. I am attending a conference at Florence tomorrow at which I hope I shall be able to get some satisfaction.

In the meantime the situation in NW Italy is being considered as a whole largely based on your reports and those of the Economic Group and I hope that we shall be able to give you help to meet the unemployment situation which, as I see it, will be your most serious problem.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier M. Carr, CBE, MC,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
LIGURIA REGION.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION

14th May 1945

REF : MC/DO/6

FROM : Brigadier M. CARR, Regional Commissioner.

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My dear Lusk,

I have received your 1DO/54/EC of the 29th April, but it only reached me on the 12th May.

We have been sending you Sitreps every 48 hours and I have received a telegram to confirm that these have been reaching you. In addition we are sending to 15 Army Group, repeated to your Headquarters, a Daily Political Situation Report.

I hope that these Sitreps contain all the information that you require at this stage. A detailed report is now being compiled.

I have not included in my reports any information regarding the opening of the Port of GENOA as this is a matter for which LIGURIA Region is not responsible. I presume and feel sure the Transportation Sub-Commission of your Headquarters is being kept fully informed as to the situation but I will check on this at the earliest opportunity.

Supplies have started to arrive by sea over the beaches and our food situation has improved very considerably in the last two days. Our main difficulty is transportation within the Region but with the repair of the roads this aspect improves daily. I hope that today LIGURIA will be on an average basis of 150 gram ration of bread and that very shortly we shall be able to raise it to 200 grams.

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I consider that in general the situation here is very satisfactory. The big problem is going to be unemployment and with lack of raw materials and the finish of the war in Europe I can see no early solution to this problem.

The French are still in occupation of a small part of LIGURIA. The present situation is that the 92nd Division have sent an Officer to discuss the matter with the French High Command in the district and the Division has troops ready to take over the frontier should the French withdraw. The Provincial Commissioner of IMPERIA Province had previously made liaison contact with the

French authorities particularly regarding feeding of the population this side of the French border but they said that they did not require any assistance from us, and so the matter rests as far as A.M.G. is concerned. We are ready to establish A.M.G. in the area if and when we get the all-clear from the military authorities. Latest information is that another Allied Division is to take over the area opposite the line held by the French.

As usual we have had our accommodation difficulties. We were allotted the second best hotel in GENOA but the CLM and certain Partisan Headquarters were in the building. We have not succeeded in solving the problem of other accommodation for these organisations and as I could wait no longer I decided to set up the Officers Mess and quarters at NERVI which is a part of GENOA but some 20 minutes' from the centre of the city. Up to the present we have been living in four separate hotels. By the end of this week I hope we shall have our new Officers' accommodation arrangements complete and be all ready to receive you and any other visitors who may arrive. I understand that a large Economic "Circus" is on its way to visit us and may arrive at the end of this week. Halford of the Political Advisors Branch was with us during the early days and gave valuable assistance. He departed for MILAN some ten days ago and promised to return but I have not heard of him since.

We have a good Regional Headquarters office in the Italian steamship company's building in the Piazza de Ferrari in the centre of the city while Provincial H.Q. is in an historic building which they are using with the permission of Monuments and Fine Arts not very far away.

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Yours sincerely
M Carr

Brigadier M. LUSH,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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Headquarters Liguria Region.

O.O. Letter from Col. G.C. Feasey.

7 Feb. '45.

Dear

Brigadier

FEB 9 1945

In accordance with your request here is a very brief account of regional activities and plans.

The Spezia team under Lt. Col. Robertson, complete with vehicles and stores is still with AMB 4 Corps 5 army. Robertson will be down about the 12th if you would like to see him.

The Imperia team, Lt. Col. Cowina, is now in Arezzo Province, and I went over and saw most of them at Cortona a few weeks ago. Two of them are away ~~Evans~~ Finance, at the 10 where he has been doing a good job, and Tough, Public Safety still at Leghorn.

Genoa, Savona and some headquarter officers are scattered widely; but their whereabouts are known.

A little trouble was experienced with the EMS detailed to be trained as soldiers, some of whom were not anxious to go. Capt. Thomas, the Coy Cdr. reported to me in Rome, I saw Lt. Col. Uhler and everything was fixed satisfactorily. The men have now left, and their replacements are settling down well; unfortunately we lost some of our best.

I had a very successful two days with Admiral Horne, and will let you have an account of what took place directly the typed copy is received. All Navy requirements for Genoa have been communicated to the P.I. Co so that skilled, as well as unskilled, labour may be available as soon as possible. This will help in solving the problem of those patriots who want to work.

Plans for other ports and centres are being prepared, and when they have reached a concrete form will be put over in the same way. AMB 5 army has been asked what civil relief measures are contemplated, so that we can arrange for their continuation vide AFHQ instructions.

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I am fairly happy over staff, though of course the position has changed now with officers, whom I have never seen, coming in. With the original group I was pretty well acquainted, knew their capabilities, knew just how far they would need support and when they could act on their own - that is as far as one can ever know without actually seeing a man in action; but I did know what not to expect from them. With the men it was rather the same the British ranks, however, have not changed much, the Americans have. I am hoping that we shall be able to continue the joint mess for EMOs which has been such a success so far.

One or two officers and men will be swallowed by a typhoon in a few months time, and my own position with regard to that you know already. There is really nothing to add: we are ready to go at short notice and could move ourselves in a few hops, though we should be woefully short of vehicles on arrival at our destinations. We are not browned off, and are physically in pretty good shape.

Yours sincerely

G. C. Feasey

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HEADQUARTERS FIGURIA REGION.

D.O. LETTER FROM COL. G.O. FEASEY.

5 Dec. '44.

7 DEC 1944

Dear Brigadier,

When I was in Rome the other day you stressed the importance of having a competent officer for port duties in Genoa. In Sept. last a request was made from here for Major Noel Sullivan (A) then with the Economic Section; but this was turned down. (My RD/2 of 18 Sep. and G-1 (A)/LMS/el of 26 Sep. refer). I have now made another application for the same officer, or failing him that special consideration be given to the question of assigning a fully qualified officer for port work in Genoa.

We are in pretty good shape here, mostly employed in making hoods for jeeps and road repairs. The Spezia team has been moved out of Viareggio with two exceptions, owing to intermittent shell fire, and is now in the neighbourhood of Lucca. Porter (R) remains there as CAO and Mittel (A) in charge of our spearhead CO. RE at the Training Centre.

I have written officially asking that Cantor be Provincial Commissioner Savona vice Wilson irrespective of whether the latter returns or not.

Maybe it is a waste of time writing this; but would there be any possibility of getting to England on any sort of mission or job that would give me a little leisure to look into my affairs, including my destroyed house that I mentioned to you. True, I become eligible under Pytton next year; but a short time now would mean a lot to me.

Yours sincerely
G. O. Feasey

Brigadier M. J. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.

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