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DO SITREPS, PIEMONTE
OCT. 1944 - JUNE 1946

Executive Committee

Sir,

Please see 10 letter from Colonel Jordan at Folio 33. Colonel Garner's report referred to in para 1 has been submitted to you on file 551/23.

551/23.

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Ex. Com

- Sir, Folios 35-36. Do let you Col Jordan, you have already seen. Any further action please?
- ② Folio 37-38 is a Do let for Lt. Col. Green after cho. Simultaneous, received today.

551/23.

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C.O.

An excellent letter. Lett. If necessary use yes.

Let told him that C.O. Ross is coming in like the dance prevention

C.O. Let PRO see

551/23

Party

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P.R.O.

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CSE

An excellent letter. Tell if necessary we
yes.

Ken told him that CD Ross is coming in
like the dance presentation

CEO. Let PRO see

WV 6/3

Party

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P.R.O. 1's 37-38 for info. See in 40 above.
H.L. 713

EC H.L. 713

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8/5/53

PA 9/3

Went to
open

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Acc.

See please see to the firm. He also received at
H.L. 713

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I will distribute a memorandum.

WV 6/3

CSO

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(1) 161 B base. 2 ref on paras marked & comment ^{2 Dec} _{in 28}

(2) Copy of penultimate para to Ecom Sec for comment.
↓
Dow, sec. 27

CSO

(3) Non-fully ref.

155/11/2

(4) SPRO to sec.

(5) Then return to me for ref.

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Executive Communications

Reference enclosure 25, the personnel position at MEMPHIS is

as follows:

(1) OFFICERS

2 Officers have been posted away within the last few days leaving

only the following Officers remaining to establish:

1. Col. MONTAGUE

Major ZERUBACH

Capt. (USMC)

Capt. MARR (USMC)

- awaiting posting instructions from GHS.

- awaiting authority to reassign in CDR.

- retained as Col. Technical request.

- awaiting reassignment.

(2) Other Corps

Subsequent instructions for 16 BPs were sent to MEMPHIS on 13 Dec 68.

Declassify on 28-9-87

Executive Commissioner

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Reference enclosure 25 to personnel location at PIERMONT is as follows:

(1) CASEWORK

8 officers have been posted away within the last few days leaving only the following officers available to establishment:

- 1. Lt. COL. MONTAGUE
- 1. Capt. ZERUBACH
- 1. Capt. CUBBERG
- 1. Capt. HARR (Public Safety) - awaiting reassignment.

(2) CRIME CASES

Detached instructions for 16 officers were sent to PIERMONT on 3/20/66. The remaining available officers (approx. 12) are due for release with 4's coming 3/23/66 and should all be away within 2 or 3 weeks.

W. E. H. 66

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P. P. B.

as for your information.

MS 24/2.

Ex Con

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Mark P. / pm 23/2

Longford
Hapi
GT (M)

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CSo

In ltr with to read 17 on it's
way to COS. Sgt. Suckin' should be
shown para 3. Col Marshall's
letter to Semmami Section at 16
... to think he has received no
reply - is dated a month ago.

Sheldon Nash
5/1/47

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Cos.

I will like up the point in paras 3 & 4 of the letter
when you have read it. The point raised in para 4 is a
entirely unimportant one and has been raised at a
man conference by General Marshall before.

MS/S/1/47

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Action in respect of Para 3 of 14 taken on 4/20/47 - Feb 21
Action in respect of Para 4 of 14 taken on 4/20/47 - Feb 22

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Shall Mark
5/1/41

19.

Col.

I will take up the point in paras 3 & 4 of the letter when you have read it. The point raised in para 4 is an extremely controversial one and has been raised at a previous conference by General Marshall before.

Mr. C. J. ...

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Action in respect of Para 3 of 14 taken on 4004/1008 - Feb 21
Action in respect of Para 4 of 14 taken on 4004/1008 - Feb 22

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CSO

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D.O. from Col MARSHALL is opposite
at 2. All his points are to

Col Fricke.

Σ 10/10.

Col.

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You would like to see this before!
from extracts to Estab Section for action. Reg II is moving.
The same point arises as with Sandline
Region that we do not wish to take action on the
letter, which should be confirmed officially.

CSO

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Σ 10/10

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wrongly, encourage DO letter from R.C. to let M
steem - & I do expect to reply to them in the same
name of mind. Can I have ammunition before
I hear from Sec.

MS/10/10

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Estab Section

Ref 5 above, Can you please let us know an
answer by 11 am today

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MS (copy)

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CSO

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MS/1812

Estab Section

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(2451)

Worship
Lola

1. 10.44.
(2451)

Cpt

12. is a good letter showing progress in assigning officers not required to T.D. elsewhere. I suggest the para about Provincial Officers and transport be passed to Estab Section, through I expect they are aware of the situation already.

I am disturbed at para 2. This should be taken up at once. MS/3012

11. 30/10

SECRET

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Ref: 581/RE.

25. June 1946.

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In considering the future of Liaison Groups I have constantly pressed AMHQ to abolish the French Military Liaison Officer at TEBDA. Both you in your letter of May 29th and your predecessors have constantly pointed out his irregularities (to put it mildly) of Lt. Kalk. I do not think we shall get rid of the Liaison Officer until the Peace Treaty is signed but if you can bring even some definite evidence of Lt. Kalk's irregularities, proven up to the hilt, then I think we have a good case to get him changed.

I am glad Romie is doing well in TEBDA and he ought to be able to give you a good line to follow.

M. S. LUSH

Lt. Col. Green,
Allied Commission,
Chief Liaison Officer,
PIEMONTE.

MSL/JG.

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PERSONAL

HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION.

29th May, 1946.

MAY 31 1946

My dear Brigadier,

Many thanks for your informative D.O. letter of the 25th. I am fully in agreement with your remarks about the present election fever and possible consequences. Our main activities at present in Piemonte seem to be confined to bill-posting and it would be a staggering task if one were asked to calculate the amount of posters (or good white flour) that has been diverted from the Granai del popolo to provide paste to affix these multitudinous manifestos to the walls, pillars, public monuments etc.. The only building in Turin which is at present undecorated is the Albero Principe di Piemonte and that because I have had two successive plaques of bills removed.

Seriously, I am of opinion that the elections and the post-election period will pass off quietly in Piemonte region and without serious repercussions - some isolated incidents perhaps excepted. I'm sure that all the parties are acting in good faith and are anxious that the elections should do credit to the Italian people in the eyes of the world.

As far as we ourselves are concerned, our numbers are, as you know, diminished. Our good friends, the Americans, have left us and the "Union Jack" flies in solitary state from our flagpoles. I would have liked to continue to fly the "Stars and Stripes" as I feel that we are still a part of "Allied" Commission but some strange law of property, it seems, required that the American flag should be returned to "Company C" and therefore we had no option. We shall miss our American friends from our midst but shall retain them in our memories.

We are still keeping the Principe di Piemonte going, our main resident population being a number of Polish Officers, a few Officers of B.L.U., a number of civilian employees of British organisations such as the Consulate, the British Council, the British Press, etc., U.N.R.R.A., and the perennial transients. We are by no means full, and if our numbers get much lower I shall consider with the Town Major the question of handing back part of the hotel to the Italians. Meanwhile, there is still something to be said for maintaining accommodation for the few people who visit us from time to time.

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Major Ronnie has taken over at Tenda and Lt. Colin Gardner has returned to Turin. The latter, before he left, sent me two letters regarding French Liaison Officer - I am enclosing copies of these with this letter as I feel that you should see them personally and I should like to have some instructions on the points raised.

I think I should say that I do not think these reports are written in a peevish vein and; if anything, I feel that Gardner has been very restrained but I do agree that it is essential that some kerf should be placed on the activities of the French L.O. and that Major Ronnie should know exactly how he stands in the matter. My personal opinion is, although I understand higher authority has already decided to the contrary, that there is no need for Liaison Officers either French or British at Tenda and that the presence of the French there

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has merely unnecessarily aggravated what might have been a very minor matter. Regarding the alleged leakage of confidential information to the French L.O. from either 2 (now 1) District or from the French Consul at Turin; I am forwarding a copy of Gardner's report to HQ 3 District for information.

We shall do our best to keep you in touch with the Public Order situation during the elections and will acquaint you immediately of any serious happenings. I am arranging for one Officer to cover each of our Provinces and will submit appropriate reports in accordance with your instructions received.

Yours sincerely,

H. L. Green *HL*

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ALLIED COMMUNICATION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO: TENDA

L. O. LT. COL. A. H. GARDNER R. A.

SECRET

To: Chief Liaison Officer A.O. PIMMONT

Date: 25th May 1946.

Re: PAC/CH/3/3.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer - TENDA.

1. Major Ronnie is due to take over from me on Monday morning, (27 May 46) and I would like to place on record, in his interest, certain observations. Naturally, it is difficult to obtain absolute proof of the activities and procedure adopted by another nation, but I would not place this on record unless I was certain of the facts.

2. Information sent by me to you - presumably for onward transmission - is passed back to the French L.O. TENDA - before it can possibly reach you. Copies of letters are frequently sent to the 315 F.S.S., at their request, and to prevent them having a 9.5.3. Sgt. in TENDA; this in turn is, I believe, passed to 2 District. You also pass information to 2 District, and arrangements were made by Col. Jordan when he was L.L.O. that I could pass information direct to R.O.G. of 2 District when requested and Col. Arnold, when he was L.L.O. also instructed me to advise 2 District direct on some matters. Whether information is passed back through the French L.O. of 2 District (a Col. Curle ?) or the French Consul in TORINO - I do not know - but - I do know he gets this information in the very early stages. A good example is his second letter to the Sindaco of TENDA regarding the bridges between "the tunnels and the border" when a copy was sent to me after I had complained about lack of information on the subject. Col. Curle ? visited TENDA with Major-General Heydeman on the day before this letter was written!

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3. The French L.O. makes frequent trips to TORINO & MILANO, apart from trips to NICE, MONTAN (where he has his radio transmitting set) and LYONS -- he has the run of the two Countries.

4. Never, on any occasion, has information sent in by the French L.O. been passed back to me.

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5. The Allied Officer at TUNDA - a neutral observer - is at a great disadvantage compared with the French L.O. - since the French L.O. is supposed to be under the orders of the Allied L.O.

6. The French L.O. is not a L.O. in the true sense of the term - he is fighting tooth and nail to get the Communes of TUNDA & BRIGA for FRANCO and he is completely unscrupulous in the manner in which he does it - and - has admitted this to me in private conversation.

7. These points were brought out many times in A.M.G. days - and I have also brought them to the notice of previous C.L.Os - Colonels Jordan and Arnold.

8. Since writing the above paragraphs, the French L.O. has been to see me - stating he is leaving BRIGA at 0900 hrs on Monday, 27 May 46, by plane, a seat having been reserved for him by Col. Curie, French L.O. of 2 District. This was a statement - not a request.

I advised him it would not be practicable for him to go on Monday as I should want to introduce him to Major Rounie on the handover. I also requested his silence until Monday on the change of Allied L.Os, as I am endeavouring to keep the move as quiet as possible and advising no one unless it is essential.

AHC/JM.

Copy to:- 315 P.C.S.

A. H. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
District Officer.

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ALLIED COMMUNICATION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

L. O. LT. COL. A. H. GARDNER R. A.

To Chief Liaison Officer A.C. PIERMONTES Date: 21st May 1945.

Re PAC/CU/3/3.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer - TENDA.

1. Major Bonnie took over at TENDA & BRIGA to-day, and I left the COMMUNI immediately I had introduced him to the officials.
2. During the introduction to the French L.O. the following points were discussed -

That the French L.O. had dispensed with his orderly and substituted a Sgt. Major - he now has the following staff -
(Military personnel) -

Sgt. Major
Cpl. - Clerk
Pte. - Driver
" - Cook

I advised him his instructions were to have a staff consisting of a Clerk - Driver - Orderly and Cook.

He said he would effect the change when his Sgt. Major returned from ROME.

No travel orders were issued by me for the Sgt. Major to proceed to ROME and I had no knowledge of this trip. The French L.O. stated he had sent his P.O. to MILANO and that travel orders were issued from there.

I again pointed out that he came directly under the orders of the Allied L.O. at TENDA - who in turn is under the orders of the A.C. PIERMONTES (at TORINO), and that apart from the correct procedure of orders, through the usual military channels - there were also two such

Subject:- French Liaison Officer - THADA.

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Cpl. - Clerk
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" - Cook

I advised him his instructions were to have a staff consisting of a Clerk - Driver - Orderly and Cook.

He said he would effect the change when his Sgt. Major returned from HOME.

No travel orders were issued by me for the Sgt. Major to proceed to HOME and I had no knowledge of this trip. The French L.O. stated he had sent his L.O. to MILANO and that travel orders were issued from there.

I again pointed out that he came directly under the orders of the Allied L.O. at THADA - who in turn is under the orders of the A.C. PERMONT (at TORINO), and that apart from the correct procedure of orders, through the usual military channels - there were also two such things as courtesy and etiquette !!

3. Please say Major Bonnie have the following points clarified?

- (a) The channels of communication of the French L.O., now he comes under A.C. - to whom does he submit reports - and are copies sent to the Allied L.O.?
- (b) Does he and his staff have the complete run of ITALY - or do they request travel orders from the Allied L.O. THADA and give reasons for their journeys?

A. H. Gardner
A. H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

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Ref: 179/47/EC.

18 April 1946.

Thank you for your letter of April 8th. I was sorry to have missed you on the road but I do hope that you will either be in Rome or I shall have another opportunity of coming to Turin. I am glad things are going well in Piemonte although you seem to have had a small fracas in Aosta the other day. I took this up with the French Representative on the Allied Commission who said that the French Government could take no cognizance of the affair and assumed no responsibility for it. He replied by asking whether your Colonel Gardner was still at his post and said that with regard to alleged machinations of Lieut. Kalle at Tenda, his Government had found that he was quite guiltless.

(Sgd) *h. I. Lusk*

Colonel John Arnold,
AC Chief Liaison Officer,
PIEMONTE.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PIEMONTE REGION
LIAISON GROUP

Perco.

8 April, 1946

TO : Brigadier Maurice S. Lish, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.
Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

My dear Brigadier:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th instant.

I deeply appreciate the information made available to me, and have accepted it under the conditions stipulated.

From what I have seen of this region and from the impressions gained since my somewhat recent arrival here I am of the opinion that things are going quite well, in practically all respects. At the moment I would describe conditions in general, as being very good.

I regret that I did not have the opportunity of seeing you when you were up North, nor when I was in our Headquarters. It seems that we passed as two ships in the night. However, I do remember you from earlier meetings here in Italy. I look forward to meeting you again in the near future.

While in New York, on my return trip from the United States, I met Colonel Bowen, who was just arriving there for a leave period at home. He asked that I tell you that he arrived in the States, by water, on 3rd March, that he was to have thirty days leave at home, and that he expected to arrive back in Italy about the middle of April.

Based on my own experience on my leave trip, ^(4/3) I am of the opinion that the Colonel will probably arrive later than he estimated, due to the fact that getting flying priorities is quite difficult and that most water transport available is quite slow.

With kind personal regards,

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Yours very sincerely,

John P. Arnold

See memo 26
4.07

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

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27 March 1946.

Pleading Colonel Ross in Rome when I got back I am writing to thank you and the officers of the Liaison Group for your kindness and hospitality to myself and my wife when we were in Turin the other day. It was very good to meet you all and to find a good team all working together. I have taken notes of the queries raised at your meeting and I hope you will find that the Minister of Interior at any rate will take up the question of providing sufficient POL for your police force.

I have been extremely busy since I came back, prematurely, on a new directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff dealing with the future of the Commission. It is not a very tidy document but we hope to get something a little more satisfactory in the course of a week or so. I will keep you fully informed as to events.

M. S. LOWN

Lt.Col. F.C. Green,
Liaison Officer,
Allied Commission,
FRENCH.

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Personal

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

2 March, 1943.

To: Brigadier Maurice S. Lush, C.B., C.M.G., M.C.
Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission
ROME.

Dear Brigadier,

Your letter of the 23rd February, addressed to Col. Jordan, was handed to me by him on his departure for Rome on the morning of the 27th, when he intimated to me that, owing to the non-arrival of his successor, I was delegated to act temporarily as C.L.O., Piemonte Region.

As I am aware of the fact that you are favourable to the use of D.C. letters from Chief Liaison Officers, I am taking the liberty of sending a letter in that form partly for the purpose of replying to your letter and also to mention other matters which I feel you should know.

With regard to the allocation of vehicles, Captain Lyon, G-4 (B) Rome has just left my office having discussed the matter. He is now on his way to inspect our transport, fully cognisant of our needs, and I am sure that he will do his best to be helpful. On our part, the position is understood, and we shall do our best to nurse the transport provided and will return all surplus vehicles as soon as possible.

75th Medium Regt. R.A., our garrison troops are to be withdrawn from this area in the near future and some units, R.E.M.B., for example, have already gone. Our nearest R.E.M.B. workshop will now be at Milan, which will make our transport situation more difficult.

We are still maintaining the Piemonte Hotel with an AFHQ Military manager in charge. Colonel Jordan, before his departure agreed with O.C. 59 Area that we should be responsible for drawing British rations from Milan for the hotel and for a few scattered units. So long as the Military manager remains this will present no difficulty but, should he be withdrawn, transport and other difficulties will need to be overcome.

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See M. 39.40.42

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Our general Regional situation remains outwardly fairly calm. The change over of all our prefects is causing perturbation and some uneasiness in some provinces. Asti and Vercelli in particular have been the scene of demonstrations and in Asti, in particular, threats have been made that the next demonstrations will not be so peaceful.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUPE
PIEMONTE REGION

25 February 1946

To: Brigadier Maurice S. Lush
Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission
Rome.

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I have been fortunate, that I have always had a substantial job, which kept me interested and busy. Sicily, Florence with General Nares, Liguria and Piemonte.

Buring practically all that time, you have been the point of contact with Headquarters. You have given me the utmost of consideration and the finest support. You have prevented mistakes, pointed out constructive policies and have been fully

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aware of and helpful concerning the problems in the field. I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your interest.

If my successor has not arrived, by the time I must leave, I will designate Lt. Col. F.G. Green as the acting C.L.O.

Yours Sincerely,

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

20 February 1946.

To: Brigadier Maurice LUSH, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.
Executive Commissioner,
Hq., Allied Commission, ROME.

Dear Brigadier Lush:

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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 DC 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 VERZIA GIBLIA AMG. The figures in British officers work out as follows:

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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, USRA 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 USRA will be able to provide pasta at all after 1st March. They describe the March situation as catastrophic.

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

(S) M.S. Lush

To: Am AC encl

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Ref: 179/29/EO.

17 February 1946.

Thank you for your letter of 6th February. I am very glad to hear that you are content with your liaison group in Piemonte. I presume I shall hear more about Colonel Gardner when Brigadier Carr returns. We want to be extremely careful that Liaison Officers do not get involved in international questions.

I do not altogether like your even inviting the Prefects to an all day meeting. I fully realise that no pressure was put on them to come but I do not want liaison groups to appear in any way as a remnant of AMG. If the Prefects come together themselves and invite you it is a different matter. But I should be careful not to repeat what to them, however carefully worded, must appear almost a summons. Contact with Prefects should be made by visiting them in their HQs and, of course, by asking them to call in on you whenever they happen to be in Turin.

Transportation on the British side will continue to be difficult. I have just approved the British TO for vehicles and this will be coming to you shortly.

Finally, thank you for your invitation to visit you which I shall hope to accept in the near future. Please go on writing.

M. S. LUSH

Colonel W. R. Jordan,
Allied Commission Chief Liaison Officer,
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Ref: 179/27/EC.

14 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Extract from DO Report.

TO : Economic Section.

I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to forward for comment by you the following extract from a DO report he has received from the AG CLO PIMENTA:

"Your inquiry about the food situation and the removal of the pasta ration has been discussed with Capt. Perry. If the rice for the minestra had been provided, the lack of pasta would not have been serious. As it is, there is considerable discontent and much criticism of the Rite Risi for the failure of the rice program. The fact that no pasta had been manufactured here, since October, causes considerable hardship to the employers who would normally make their living in the small pasta factories."

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PA to Acting Chief Commissioner.

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6 February 1946.

To: Brigadier Maurice LUSH
Executive Commissioner, ALLIED COMMISSION HQ.

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We have made considerable effort to meet the commercial and industrial leaders of this Region and have visited a number of factories, PIAT, Borsalino at Alessandria and the Textile concern at Biella. The workers are quiet but the Executives are concerned about exports, imports, currency exchange, coal and electricity.

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The electrical rationing has not been going too well, here. It was off to a slow start and the Prefect and Sindaco have kept their weather eyes on public reaction and have not crowded economy to the limit. We are informed that the situation is improving and about 15% reduction is now in effect.

Major General Hydeman called Monday afternoon, and is helpful and cooperative.

We have six British Public Safety Officers, and about 30 C.R.s awaiting posting or release. The lack of a real job for them has made their waiting period difficult.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 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.

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Admiral Stone hopes to go to London on February 9th, amongst other things to receive his E.B.E. 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.

Ans: HC Cud

(Sgd) M.S. Lusk

Ref: 179/23/033.

10th January 1945.

DEAR Colonel MARSHALL

Thank you for your 30 letter of 3rd January and good wishes conveyed therein.

I have written to the Establishment Section on the subject of Lieut. Colonel LAMBLE and Major WATSON, asking them to take the necessary action, and will inform you of their decision as soon as a reply comes to hand.

With regard to your communication No. 3/Gen/24 of 4th December in connection with restrictions to be applied to Piemonte Region, a reminder has been sent to the Economic Section who are now dealing with this matter and from whom it is hoped to receive an immediate reply.

Reciprocating your good wishes and with kindest regards.

M. S. LUSH

Colonel S. P. Marshall,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
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Ref : 4408/15/COS.

5 January 1945

TO : Economic Section.

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I hope heard from Colonel Marshall that he has had no official reply to letter Pie/3/gen/24 of 4 December 1944 on the subject of "Free Trade for Piemonte." This is an old chestnut that has been raised at various conferences and meetings. Will you please let me know whether you have replied to this letter, and if you have let me see the copy of your letter.

G. W. I. STURP

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Ref : 7007/COS

5 Jan 44

To : Establishment Section.

I forward for your information and any action you consider necessary an extract from a letter from Colonel Marshall to Brigadier Lush.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

3 January 1945

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Dear Brigadier Lush:

During the recent holiday season many of Piemonte officers attached elsewhere for TD were able to return to this Hq for brief periods. This provided an opportunity to review their work, bring them up to date in Regional matters and make such minor changes as seemed indicated. These were very few and relatively unimportant. Some of our officers have completed the special duties for which they were attached to other units and thus become available for TD elsewhere. A list of such officers - three or four in number - showing rank, nationality and qualifications, is being sent to other Regions so that they may be usefully employed where most needed. The rest of us keep active here with our Regional affairs and in assisting local authorities, mainly in respect to roads, bridges and utilities.

All documents affecting N.W. Italy, particularly recent Logs and drafts of proposed Administrative Annexes, have been studied at this Hq, and circulated to Lombardia and Liguria. Our views appear to be entirely in accord and when the final drafts are received we shall be prepared to offer such comments and suggestions as you may invite.

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Under date of 4 Dec 1944 a letter from this Hq was addressed to Hq AC (Economic Section) in respect to restrictions and control of certain items upon entry into Piemonte. Copy of this communication is attached hereto. It would be helpful in our planning and approach if an answer, or at least tentative views of Economic Section, could be had at an early date. Anything you may be able to do to expedite action will be greatly appreciated.

With the compliments of the season and all good wishes

Most sincerely yours

Robert P. Labbani

Brigadier M. L. Lush
Chief of Staff
Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

4th December, 1944.

REF: P10/3/Gen/24.

SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS TO BE APPLIED IN PIEMONTE REGION.

TO: Hq A.C. (Economic Section).

1. Upon entry into Piemonte Region it is desired to apply as few restrictions in respect to trade and prices as may be compatible with operational security and assistance to Allied Forces. To this end it is suggested that no restrictions be imposed upon travel and circulation within the Region except:

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- (b) such as automatically follow the control and issue of motor vehicle permits and allowances of P.O.L.
- (c) such as are included in the regulations of any Italian Transport organisation handling the distribution of food and other essential products.

2. It is further suggested that no control be exercised in respect to trade or prices of any commodity except:

- (a) Cereals in all forms
- (b) Olive oil
- (c) Sugar
- (d) Salt
- (e) Imported articles
- (f) Commodities subject to Italian Government monopoly.

3. The foregoing is subject to:

- (a) Continuance of present rationing system or modification thereof that may be directed by higher authority
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 - (b) such as automatically follow the control and issue of motor vehicle permits and allowances of P.O.L.
 - (c) such as are included in the regulations of any Italian Transport organization handling the distribution of food and other essential products.
2. It is further suggested that no control be exercised in respect to trade or prices of any commodity except:
 - (a) Cereals in all forms
 - (b) Olive oil
 - (c) Sugar
 - (d) Salt
 - (e) Imported articles
 - (f) Commodities subject to Italian Government monopoly.
3. The foregoing is subject to:
 - (a) Continuance of present rationing system or modification thereof that may be directed by higher authority
 - (b) Clear price marking of all items offered for retail sale. 4525
4. Permissive authority or direct orders of H.Q. A.C. to implement the policies outlined above are requested.

ROBERT P. MARSHALL
Col. F.A.
Regional Commissioner.

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31 October, 1944.

Thank you for your letter of 28 October. I am concerned at the remarks in your second paragraph about officers serving with AMG Fifth Army not being released when called for.

I understood that there was a particularly clear agreement with AMG Fifth Army that they would release these officers when they were called for by the Region to whom they were assigned and I only agreed to give them these extra officers on this undertaking. I do not therefore understand why there should be any doubt that officers could be released when called for.

Will you please clarify this point with DCMAC and Colonel Mayne. If there is any doubt about the matter I should like a reply; otherwise the matter will be brought up at the next conference at Siena.

Colonel Robert P. Marshall,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
PIEMONTE REGION.

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PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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28 October 1944

Dear Brigadier Lush:

Since my last report to you I have consulted at some length with AMG 5 Army (Brig. Gen. Hume and Col. Wayne) and No. 2 District (Maj. Gen. Nares and Col. Lavan-Gray). Two main points were developed, first, that all preliminary thinking and planning were in the same general pattern and second, that final detail decisions would have to await further information in respect to the strength, composition and scheme of manoeuvre of the occupying forces. Regional plans and movements will, of course, be adapted to these elements which will be a simple procedure when the information is available. To expedite such action, and in accordance with verbal instruction, Maj. Graham (8) and Maj. Washer (A) have been named as Liaison Officers to be attached to HQ, No. 2 District and will be sent forward on call. Gen. Nares suggested that I see the G.O. Turin Area, whom he has only recently appointed, and this I plan to do at an early date. In summary, I believe you may rest assured that all planning will go forward smoothly and as rapidly as military decisions permit.

Col. Wayne expressed doubt that officers assigned to Piemonte Region and now serving with AMG 5 Army could be released on call from this Hq. This gives me no real concern as most of these officers went to AMG 5 Army from Toscana Region and will be released when 5 Army clears that territory. Thus, I feel confident that the solution will be automatic.

With the additional assignments recently made, Regional deficiencies in officers are as shown in the enclosed memorandum. So far as Special Division officers are concerned I feel that the matter of assignments, both in number and time, may be left entirely in the hands of the Sub-Commissions concerned but I am hopeful that your Establishments Branch may be able to make very prompt assignment of the officers needed in Hq and Provinces. The deficiency of one Provincial Commissioner results from the unavailability of Maj. Murchie, as recently notified to us.

We recently sent lists of Piemonte officers, available for TD, to other Regions. Responses from Abruzzi-Marche, Lazio-Umbria and Toscana Regions were promptly received. Because of duplication of applications and lack of Special Division officers we could not honor all requests but were able to comply in the main, with the result that practically all of our officers are now usefully employed on a full time basis. As others become available the same policy will be pursued.

The Region is rapidly coming into final shape which will be completed with the assignment (although attached for TD elsewhere) of the remaining officers. We have, I believe, an excellent team and I am confident we shall be able to serve you well and meet your standards of performance.

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My only real worry is transport. Vehicles actually in hand, regardless of condition, are shown in the enclosed list. It calls for no comment except to say that any accretions that you may be able to provide will be most welcome and greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours

Robert P. Marshall

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PIEMONTE REGION
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28 October 1944

Officers Deficiencies as at 28 October 1944

Regional Headquarters:

Adjutant (Lieut. U.S.)
Provincial Commissioner
Provincial Officers

1
1
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Special Divisions :

Food
P. W. & U.
Legal
Transportation
Labor
Property Control
Public Health & Welfare
Education

1
1
5
4
1
4
2
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* Medical Officers

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Vehicles assigned to Co. "S"

Staff Car	1
Jeeps	12
C & R	2
Amphibs	4
3/4 Ton W.C.	4
2 1/2 Ton	5

Total	28
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ALLIED OCEAN COMMISSION,
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17th October 1944.

Thank you for your D.O. letter of the 7th October 1944.

I have enquired into the position of your Officer personnel. The attached List shows the situation as planned by the Establishments Branch. All the Officers earmarked have not yet been assigned. Officers assigned from Regions other than Toscana Region, or Emilia Region and Abruzzi - Marche Region in the case of the northern most provinces of that Region are instructed to report at once.

I am taking up the question of the Special Order of Toscana Region and will mention it at the Siena Conference.

I am in complete agreement with your proposal to move the Headquarters of Piemonte Region from Chiavari.

We are drawing some more transport vehicles this week and I hope to be able to help you in that matter very shortly. The transport as issued and to be issued is shown on the attached list.

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For - Colonel. R. MARSHALL,
Regional Commissioner,
PIEMONTE Region.

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OFFICER SITUATION - V IN REGION.

<u>Division.</u>	<u>No Required.</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Assigned.</u>
Adjutant.	1	-	-
Prov. Officers.			
Incl. Patriots.	54	21	21
Pub. Safety.	10.	12	10
Food.	8	9	7
P.W & Mail.	7	5	5
Legal.	9	9	3
Transportation.	4	3	3
Agriculture.	2	3	2
Finance.	10	11	11
Prop. Control.	2	2	-
Pub. Health.	4	4	2
Sanitation.	1	-	-

VEHICLE SITUATION

Already Issued. 32 American Vehicles and 12 Trailers.
1 British Vehicle.
Vehicles to be issued shortly: 8 American Jeeps.

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PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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7 October 1944

DOT Recd

Dear Brigadier Lush:

I take advantage of your invitation to address you in D/O fashion to submit the following report and recommendations:

1. Piemonte Region at present has the deficiencies shown in the enclosed schedule. This is after giving effect to all assignments heretofore made by Hq ACC orders even though officers concerned have not yet reported. It is requested that these deficiencies be filled immediately by assignment of the required number of officers of the classifications indicated.

2. In cases where officers assigned to Piemonte Region are relieved from duty with units other than Toscana and Emilia Regions or AMG 5 Army, it is requested that they be directed to report to this Hq forthwith. Where officers assigned to this Region are at present on duty with Toscana or Emilia Regions or AMG 5 Army it is requested that they be attached for temporary duty in their present positions subject to relief from such attachment on twenty-four hours notice by orders of Hq Piemonte Region or higher authority.

3. S.O. previously issued by Hq Toscana Region have specified that only orders of that Hq are effective in respect to officers heretofore assigned to Piemonte Region and that "any instructions received direct from Hq ACC may be ignored" (Sic). Obviously this can only lead to future complications and it is therefore requested that clarifying orders be issued from your Hq.

4. Chianciano, by reason of location, road net and prospective climatic conditions is not well suited for Hq Piemonte Region. Therefore, with clearance and approval of 5 Army received yesterday through Colonel Monfort, I am sending a reconnaissance party forward to find a new and more appropriate location as far North and West as tactical and other considerations permit. The situation here is somewhat complicated by the anticipated installations required by Hq 55 Area for one of the Indian Divisions and a Canadian Convalescent Depot, the total involving something over 2,000 all ranks. Therefore, subject to your approval, the move of Piemonte Region will be made at the earliest convenient date.

5. The ever present problem of transportation has now changed from the difficult to the acute stage. May I have your advice as to the prospect of prompt availability of WD vehicles suggested in our recent conversation.

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Yours sincerely,
Robert P. Marshall
ROBERT P. MARSHALL
Colonel, FA
Regional Commissioner

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PYRMONT REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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7 October 1944

OFFICER DEFICIENCIES AS AT 7 OCT 1944:

Regional Headquarters:

Adjutant	1
Patriot Officer	1
Intelligence C (Pat Br)	1

Provincial Officers	19
Provincial Police Officers	2
Special Divisions:	

Food	5
P.W. & U.	3
Legal	7
Transportation	4
Agriculture	2
Finance	3
Property Control	2
Public Health	3
Education	1

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