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AC, 2, Dist, GEF.
23.10.45

Dear Brigadier,

Thank you for your letter of 19.10.45. It is good news that you are coming up and the GOC wants to talk with you as soon as you can manage. Points upon which he may want to speak are these:

- This has been settled*
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1. Failure of Colonel Hancock to visit him. I ^{am} really at a loss what to do about this. I conveyed the General's desire to meet Col. Hancock to him in far more tactful words than the General used. Col Hancock asked me to arrange a time for him, the answer to which was anytime, but the trouble was that it had already been left too late and the GOC was already offended at having been in command for 6 weeks and at having to mention that the local Reg Com had not seen him. Col Falk reported to him almost immediately and Brigadier Dunlop is on excellent terms with him. The Reg Com of Liguria has only just been appointed but I think he should be asked to see the GOC as soon as he can. Mr. Hopkinson called on the General as a matter of course and made a most excellent impression. I don't think AMG/AC officers realise the importance of contacting military commanders, or the assistance they can get from them when they keep in close touch with them, in particular in such matters as transport, intelligence and public safety.
 2. Clandestine manufacture of arms:
 - a. PS officers of all Regions and Provinces are carrying out investigations on the ground in close touch with GSI 2 Dist when they meet at a weekly conference. Their reports are however very slow in coming in. I do feel, however, that the situation is not so bad as it has been painted and we can certainly say that at the moment all that can be done is being done. Shortage of officers is a grave handicap, for an instance, Major Fowler of Milan Region has in some cases only one PS officer for 3 Provinces. The main fault is with the Agencies who did not at once picket all factories and report on their stocks and condition, which left AMG in a bad position from the start.
 3. 2 Dist liaison with Italian local authorities when AMG moves out. I have said nothing about this yet except that there will be some kind of liaison groups left to facilitate this.
 4. The Roja valley supply situation. The latest (yesterday) is that the railway tunnel should be clear by the end of November and excellent contact is established between AMG Eng officers and S.O.R.E. Capt Hodges is doing very good work on this and other situations as AC 10 (roads) 2 Dist.

These are the main concerns at present and if there are others I will have them ready for you when you arrive.

There are one or two local matters about which I should like to see you when you come. Please forgive such a long letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) A. Hamilton.

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See 1478

A.C. 2 Dec 1945

23/10/45-

Dear Brigadier,

Thank you for your letter of 14.10.45.
It is good news that you are coming up as the
G.O.C. wants to talk with you as soon as
you can manage. Points upon which he
may want to speak are these:-

- (1) Failure of Colonel Hancock to visit him.
I am really at a loss what to do about this. I
conveyed the General's desire to meet
Hancock to him in far more detailed words than
the General used! Colonel Hancock asked me
arrange a time for him the answer to which was
any time but I did not

you can manage. Points upon which he may want to speak are these:-

(1) Failure of Colonel Hancock to visit him. I am really at a loss what to do about this. I conveyed the General's desire to meet Col. Hancock to him in your more official words than the General used! Colonel Hancock asked ^{for} ~~for~~ to arrange a time for him. The answer to which was any time, but the trouble was that it had already been left no later and the G.O.C. was already off duty at having been in command for 6 weeks and at having to mention that the Local Reg. Com? had not seen him. Colonel Falk reported to him almost immediately and Brigadier Dunlop is an excellent terms with him. The Reg. Com. of Singapore has only

just being appointed, but I think he should be asked to see the G.O.C. as soon as he can. Mr. Hopkinson called on the General as a matter of course and a most excellent impression.

I don't think A.M.C./P.C. officers realize the importance of contacting military command, or the assistance they can get from them when they keep in close touch with them, in particular in such matters as transport, intelligence. P.S.

2. Characteristics manufacture of arms:-

As P.C. officers of all Regions & Divisions are carrying out investigations on the ground in close touch with P.S.I. 2 District, whom they meet at a weekly conference. Their reports are known very slow in coming in. I do feel, however, that the situation is not so bad as it has been painted and we can certainly say that at the moment all that can be done is

2. Chandrasekhar was speaking of course. -
 3. R.S. Officers of all Regions & Provinces
 are carrying out investigations on the ground
 in close touch with I.S.I. 2 District, then
 they meet at a weekly conference. Then reports
 are known very close in coming in. I do feel,
 however, that the situation is not so bad as
 it has been painted and we can certainly say
 that at the moment all that can be done is
 being done. Shortage of Officers is a severe
 handicap, for an instance Major Fowler of
 Madras Region has in some cases only one R.S.
 Officer in 3 Provinces. The main fault lies
 with the Agencies, who did not at once recognize
 all factories and report on their stocks and
 condition, which left A.I.C. in a bad
 position from the outset.

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 3. 2 District Liaison with Italian based
 authorities when H.M.P. moves out. I have
 said nothing about this yet except that the
 wife of some kind of liaison group's life
 is facilitated etc.

The Pope valley supply situation. The
 (Liaison) is that the suit way tunnel
should be clear by the end of November &
 excellent contact is established between S.P.F.
 Eng. Officers and S.O.P.E. Capt. Hodges is
 doing very good work in this and other
 situations as H.C.C. (roads) 2 Dist.

There are the main concerns of present and
 if there are others I will have them ready for
 you when you require
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should be clear by the end of November or
 earlier. In fact is scheduled between A.H.G.
 Eng. Officers and S.O.R.E. Capt. Hodges is
 doing very good work in this and other
 situations in R.C.L.O. (roads) & Dist.

There are the main concerns of present and
 if there are others I will have them ready for
 you when you arrive.

There are a few local matters which
 which I should like to see you when
 you come. Please prepare such a list
 when.

Yours sincerely,

H. Hamilton

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19 October 45.

Mary thanks for your letter of 12 October. I am glad things are going well and grateful to you for oiling the wheels. You are right when you say that it is now for Heads of Departments to get in touch with the G.O.C. and his staff. I hope to be North soon and will do so myself.

Please tell the General how grateful we are for his action over the Polgore Division.

Lt. Colonel The Hon. R.A.B. Hamilton,
AC Liaison Officer,
Headquarters,
No. 2 District.

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6.10.48.

McCall
Dear Brigadier

8.10.50

I must regret my error in addressing
Lieut. Col. Campbell direct and with see
in future that the correct procedure is
followed.

The confusion in W. Humphreys is straightening
out and Major Drew has satisfied the
S.P.C. He interviewed him personally at
once and I hear now that the Sergeant
was very satisfied with all the cooperation
he received in the Bologna area from
H.P.C.

to insure that the correct procedure is followed.

The confusion in W. dumps is straightening out and Major Drew has satisfied the G.O.C.

He interviewed him personally at once and I hear now that the ~~Sanitary~~ was very satisfied with all the work done. He received in the Bogomo area from Major Gregory and all other A.M.G./H.C. officers there.

The matter was precipitated by an U.S. Lieutenant asking to allow 2 Dist. officers into a dump. As you know the G.O.C. is inclined to be explosive. I did not

Know that definitely. Conditore has gone to London, but he had promised to see 2 Dist. on his next visit here. During his last visit he straightened out everything with R.E.M.E. to everyone's satisfaction. By now as I know he had gone to London - unfortunately after the telegram was sent - I asked Roy's views if he could assist, which he did most efficiently.

Thank you for your letter of the 10th as the family situation is a heavy responsibility on your father's view's victory, which we all like with to repeated.

Grand Father intervened the 20th. Yesterday and they are preparing to book dinner parties

Unfortunately after the telegram was sent -
I asked Roy's Dad if he could assist,
which he did not affirming.

Thank you for your letter of the 10th in
the family question and thank you very much
on your photo team's victory, which we
are like with to repeat.

Clara Fiske interviewed the G.P.C.
Yesterday and they are preparing to
swap some photos.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hamilton

H.C. 402 Dist. C.F.

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12.10.75

Dear Brigadier,

I thought I would write a brief
 note on things at the family. As for
 as the social division picture I see there is
 an improvement. Brigadier Dunlop looked
 today with the J.O.C. and there is very good
 contact between the Region and 2 District
 and quite fair contact between Tatin and
 3 Regs. Technically Polyzans presents
 some problems than elsewhere, but R.F.M.E.

& W.H.D. are working well together and
 I think things will go smoother now Campbell

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I thought I would write a brief
 note on things up here presently. As far
 as the General's liaison position goes there is
 no information. Brigadier Russell looked
 today with the P.O.C. and there is very good
 contact between the Rajan and 2 Division
 and looks very much better between Rajan and
 7 Alpha. Presently, Polgano presents
 some problems. The situation, but R.E.M.2.
 & W.D. are working in well together and
 I think things will go another one Campbell
 when you return & meet the P.O.C. He
 intended to on his last visit to Rajan, but
 unfortunately the General was not. I have
 tried to impress on the P.O.C. our desire
 to avoid all this. He on the part

Samuelson wants to help us, whereas 2 Dist. are
able to and it seems to get on heads of
departments - I tried not only with him, but
with the G.O.C. himself. Major Davis addressed
Mr. Campbell & I think the G.O.C. was quite
impressed with his grasp of the W.H.O. problems.
Colonel Falk has much improved the G.O.C. and
has done a great deal to make contact all round
Cairo.
The outstanding trouble is the breakdown
of news by factories & the other of news and
spies - there many small factories, mostly
ungraded. I think anyone who is handicapped
doing all they can to put things right. I am taking
the responsibility here that the fault is not me in
A.C. but is the Army's fault for not organizing
the places right away & making proper provisions
for all landing such places and also the many
arms dumps over to 2 District under a Fleet
Group. The District Command can't do it.

present with his group of the W.A.C. problems.
Bliss Field has been informed the D.O.S. and
has done a great deal to make contact all round
class. The outstanding factor is the discussion
of arms by Johnson & the arrival of arms and
spare - there being small problems, mostly
granted. I think everyone was in contact with
doing all they can to find things right. I am taking
the position that the point is not now in
the. But is the Army's point for all purposes
the places right away & making better conditions
for not handling such places and also the many
arms dumps are 2 District under a Black
guard. The District cannot contain, but will
have on as soon they must have the arms in
the center.

Yours sincerely,

H. Hamilton.

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