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CONCENTRATION & ADMIN OF SURRENDERED ENEMY
FORCES
APR. - JUNE 1945

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84 seen by Ex. La.

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Chief, Criminal Div.

Attached for information are your transmittal and copy of 8/2/68

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N52/54

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/ Guy

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You should see 89 & 95.

29/1/68
N52/54

Approved for release by NSA on 05-08-2014 pursuant to E.O. 13526

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MSZ/ML
/ Guy

96.

You should see 89 & 95.

29/5/65
4/11/65

~~97~~ = 100

C.S.O.

Please see 98th for information

26/45
10/1/6

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G.I.B.

CR necessary to Gen. Name?

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178/8/6
11/1/6
21/1/6

See file has since included that Coe Feary is to be added to the release screen

~~#40~~

CSO

Does E.C. know of ~~#~~?

22/5/45

D.K.

11/4.

Reg. Anderson

I doubt it. but he would not
have seen the hands in
the lamp or the. They were
Coville's hands to be sure.

75.

vs. 4/20/45
E.C. subsequently spoke on the telephone
to Col. Bowman who gave a more accurate
picture of the situation.
P.D.G.R. 25/5.

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I don't it - but he recednt
has some the hands
he temper acute. Day 1000
Coviteami here to be understood.

75. re 23/5 the telephone
E.C. subsequently spoke on
to Col. Bowman who gave a more reassuring
picture of the situation.
PRGR. 23/5.

78.

Ex Com PR sec 26 + 77. Should list
a press release how to be made
indicating that only a small
evacuation will be necessary
it would be prefer to limit until
you have visited the area?

23/5.

Issue as drafted PR/23/5 see (79) 3092

Minute No. 57

To: Executive Commissioner,

1. I am not happy about this evaluation around DUBINI. The letter is all that we can do from here with our present knowledge.

2. It may well be that Colonels BORMAN and FLEASBY have the affair in hand but I am alarmed that a Vice Sindaco should come all the way to Rome and get so little satisfaction on the spot.

3. I suggest that a Senior Officer go up at once, having been fully briefed by you, to see what is going on. We may get serious trouble and I notice that the evaluation is in the "Stars and Stripes" today - it hardly looks well.

4. I would suggest, too, that the Officer be not less than a Lt. Colonel and, if possible, a full Colonel. For reasons connected with PHOENIX, I am not suitable for No.1 District.

A. D. Bohman-Carter

A. D. Bohman-Carter, Lt. Col.
OSO Civil Affairs Section.

21 May 1945

Ec: Can.

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Plans are at ~~the~~ ^{let} the telegrams received yesterday evening from the office of the President of the Council.

Might I suggest - in spite of what you say - that it would be a good thing to see Prince Ruspini for a minute, so as to show that we are sympathetic to the problem, & explain that you wish not deal with him but only with the Post?

T.A. Quarley
21.5.45

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See also Prince Ruspini. Col Ferry

Es: Com.

b2

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Might I suggest - in spite of what you say - that it would be a good thing to see Prince Rasputin for a minute, so as to show him we are sympathetic to the problem, & explain that you will not deal with him but only with the Post?

J.A. Quarley This
21.5.45

67.

Extreme spots hit Prince Rasputin. Col Ferry saw this afternoon to report the only about 1000 people will have to be looked. CAS are checking as the and will instruct PRO to make Res announcement.

H. 22/5.

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CATec

Ref ⁽⁴⁰⁾ Ex Com² would like to see a draft signal.

Thorsden
my

17 May 45

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Folio ¹⁶ 403

Ex Com. draft signal as indicated in Memo 15

D. D. Binkham 15/6/45

19 May 45

(52)

Ex Com. Folio ⁽⁵¹⁾ is a petition left with me today by Vice-Sindaco of Kenner who was sent up by C.I. Office. The order of the day was, unfortunately not provided. It would seem to be out of date now but if evaluation is mentioned in it. Vice-Sindaco visited P.C. Foli on 17 May and claims that he got no satisfaction. His request was made that the area be moved a few miles to the north to avoid interference with evacuated Kenner population.

While I think a misunderstanding must have arisen, I suggest signal (Folio ⁽⁴⁹⁾) which is for your approval.

19 May

D. D. Binkham 15/6/45

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Ex Com. Office (Major Haden)

D. D. Bunker Foster L-61

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19 May 48

to Commissioner Folio ⑤① is a petition left with me to-day by Vice-Sindaco of Rimini who was sent up by C.I.'s Office. The order of 14 May was unfortunately not forwarded. It would seem to be out of date now but if evacuation is mentioned in it, Vice-Sindaco visited P.C. Folio on 17 May and claims that he got no satisfaction. A request was made that the area be moved a few miles to the north to avoid interference with evacuated Rimini population.

While I think a misunderstanding must have arisen, I suggest signal (Folio ⑤②) which is for your approval.

19 May

D. D. Bunker Foster L-61

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to Commissioner's Office (Major Harden)

Letter on Minute ⑤③, Folio ⑤③

" " ⑤④, Folio ⑤④

Folio 17 has been withdrawn.

20 May

D. D. Bunker Foster L-61

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Ex Com

File is returned for your consideration
of reply to 24.

Sh

17/5

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Reply.

Noted. Then instructed the R.C. Site for
second alternative site will be studied. A.C.
already joined that but 12/1/75

See 31

45

44 SEEN - 12/1/75

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Ex. Com

Re cable at file #31 - Col Jones (Ex O B)

states that a very suitable officer for this work is expected from AFHQ in about three days.

Do you wish to wait assign? *pub* 16 May.

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Ex Com

Please see para 2 c of 5 & para 15 of 8:27

16/5/45

pub

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G. I. B. Send Lt Col White to CAS

175/15/45

pub 16 May

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Ex Off (B)

Referend for action please

Est. Sec 17 May 45

pub 16 May

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Please see para 2 c of 5 & para 15 of 8:27

16/5/45

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[Signature]

G. B. Send Lt Col White to CAS

175/1575.

[Signature]
16 May.

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Exec Off (B)

Referend for action, please

[Signature]
Exec with

Est Sec
17 May 45

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NOTE

I have received instructions from Exec
Com to cancel his minutes ³⁴ above which
refer to Lt Col White. Another officer is
being added.

18/5/45

18/5/45.

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Exec. Comm.

To note minutes ³⁶, please

Est Sec
17 May 45

[Signature]
Exec with

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Ex Com²

Do you wish to discuss 7 at your meeting tomorrow?

7/5/45

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Adm. Issue to BERT & Barker - In - see 11.

Sh

7/5/45

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Ex Com²

Please see folio 7. I have phoned Col Montfort's office that no arrangements for evacuation of civilians are to be made without the authority of C.C.

9/8/45

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Signal Family copy Ditons that after discussion

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Ex Com

Please see folio 7. I have phoned Col
Montfort's office that no arrangements
for evacuation of civilians are to be made
without the authority of C.C.

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9/8/45

Signal familia copy ditour that after discussion
C.A.O) ~~proposed~~ this is agreed policy was that
it is for Regional Com. to propose area where
concentration of German troops will affect ~~strategic~~ ^{judicial}
case lead identify locality & circumstances. See folio
10/8/45

~~19~~

Ex Com

To see folio ~~18~~ 18. Feb 12 May

~~10/8/45~~ 10/8/45

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

From:

HQ No. 1 DISTRICT, C.M.F.

Major General C.A. HEYDMAN,
CB, MC.

CO. 1

30th May 1945

JUN 5 1945

Dear Lush,

Reference your BCO/EC dated 27th. May.

I should be grateful if Colonel Peasey could remain until June 7th, by which time all German Cages will have been selected.

I know how short of officers you are, and I think that this District can well carry on with one Lt-Col., and one Agricultural Officer at 21 Tank Bde, P.W. Increment. I do not consider we require any A.C. Liaison Officer at this Headquarters.

Yours sincerely

Col Heydman ^{PMA}_{13/6}

B. for return
AC

Brigadier M.S. LUSH, CB, CBE, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

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Ferry

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(From 40 %)

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T. Col. Peasey

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: 500/102

27th May 1945

I have been discussing with Colonel Bowman and Colonel Peasey the whole question of the disbanded German Army and I want to tell you how grateful the Chief Commissioner is for the very efficient handling of this question (from the point of view of the Italian civil population) which both you and Brigadier Lawley are giving. I am afraid we in the Allied Commission had to take a strong line to begin with and you may have found some of our telegrams unworkable from your point of view. We were most anxious to get the principles established of minimum disruption and thanks to you and your staff the Chief Commissioner is now assured that this has been done.

It is possible that Colonel Peasey may have to take up another appointment and as it appears to me, and to him, it will not be necessary to substitute an officer of his seniority. I will, however, try to ensure that you have a Lieut. Colonel at your Headquarters to carry out general liaison duties and possibly a junior officer at Brigadier Lawley's Headquarters to help with the disbanded army. Lieut. Colonel Kennedy, Agriculture Officer, is arriving without delay to assist in agricultural matters.

Major-General C. A. HICKMAN, C1, MD,
General Officer Commanding,
North District,
C. M. P.

you may have read some of our telegrams unworkable from your point of view. We were most anxious to get the principle established of minimum disruption and thanks to you and your staff the Chief Commissioner is now assured that this has been done.

It is possible that Colonel Vessey may have to take up another appointment and as it appears to me, and to him, it will not be necessary to substitute an officer of his seniority. I will, however, try to ensure that you have a Lieut. Colonel at your headquarters to carry out general liaison duties and possibly a junior officer at Brigadier Denny's Headquarters to help with the disbanded army. Lieut. Colonel Kennedy, Agriculture Officer, is arriving without delay to assist in agricultural matters.

Major-General C. A. HESTERMAN, GS, MD,
General Officer Commanding,
No. 1 District,
C. M. F.

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AG/4002/17/1

4 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Jurisdiction over Surrendered Personnel.

5 JUN 1945

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
Attn: Chief of Staff.

1. I refer to your letter dated 22 May 1945 enclosing a copy of your letter of 19 May 1945 to the German Commander-in-Chief South West on the above subject.

2. At a recent discussion with the G.A.C. it was agreed that it was most undesirable that German surrendered personnel should be tried by Allied Courts.

3. The principal difficulties are :

- (a) Trials will presumably be held only in serious cases and the powers of punishment of Allied Military Courts are limited to death, fine and imprisonment. In cases where a death sentence is inappropriate the imposition of a fine would be nugatory and out of place and the enforcement, either in Italy or elsewhere, of a long sentence of imprisonment raises considerable problems.
- (b) The accused should be defended by a qualified lawyer. For this purpose an Allied officer will have to be detailed not only to conduct the defence but in the event of conviction to settle the petition for appeal.
- (c) The number of legal officers now in this Command is already inadequate for present needs and is being constantly reduced. If such personnel as may be available for duty are furnished to assist the Allied Military Courts, it is clear that an additional burden, possibly heavy, will be thrown not only on the Presidents of the Courts and the officers detailed to prosecute and defend but also on the reviewing staff.

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4. There are in addition the following legal considerations:

- (a) It is the considered opinion of the Legal Advisors of this Commission that the only Allied Courts which have jurisdiction over surrendered German personnel are courts constituted in accordance with the Geneva Convention.
AG Courts are not such courts.
- (b) AG Courts have no jurisdiction to punish offenders for disciplinary offences against German military law.
- (c) It is extremely doubtful how far the German troops can be deemed to have knowledge of the Italian Civil Code or even the Allied proclamations unless these are made available in German; this is not practicable, at least in the case of the Italian Civil Code.

5. It is strongly urged therefore that this question may be reconsidered and that in all cases where these troops cannot be adequately punished by their own commanders they be tried in accordance with the Geneva Convention as Prisoners of War.

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MURRY F. SWINE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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EX 87168
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JUN 041530B
ROUTINE

APRQ SIGNED SACRED CITS PHRD
15 ARBY GROUP INFO ALCOM ROME

5 JUN 1945

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German personnel stated making large purchases local shops in BOLZANO and
MERANO areas. Attention drawn to 10/386-3/163 100-0 of 18 May. Request you
ensure preventive action taken forthwith.

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ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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ACTION copy 4041/EC adon in your hands in Hildesheim.

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FX 86249
JUN 0214198

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JUN 0215508
PRIORITY

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE FIRMS
To: DESTROY INFO RE IACR 21 TANK BDE, 214 SUB AREA, CLAIMS AND REVENUE, EMILLA
REGION, ALCOM

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JUN 2 1945

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Reference your Q-31 dated 01 May 45.

Wire now being made available and being dispatched through normal channels.

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INFO-ACTION: Finance S/C
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Econ Sec
Agric S/C
File 2
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HEADQUARTERS
2-JUN-1945
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see M/100

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ROUTINE

FROM: DISTONE

TO: AFHQ SITE PHOTO INFO RE INCR 21 TANK BDR, 714 SUB AREA, 61 CLAIMS AND MININGS, EMILIA REGION, AECOM.

JUN 2 1945

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INFO from HYDROMAN.

61 Claims and Mornings requested arrangements might be made earliest for provision 5 million lire in cash for CGM make initial payments civilians dispossessed or having crops damaged through arrival German surrendered forces. Understand this money not to be made available at once. Consider essential to avoid justifiable bad feeling against Allied Adu that immediate cash payments be authorized and made. Dispute as to ultimate liability for damage must not delay payment. Request you arrange despatch money.

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- INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
- EX COMMISSIONER
- ECOM SEC
- AGRIC
- FILE 2
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HEADQUARTERS
24 JUN 1945
C.

See 99

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19
Date 263
20 MAY 1945

Subject: Four notes by Executive Commissioner.

TO : Civil Affairs Section

The following four notes have been received from the Executive Commissioner and are passed to you for information and appropriate actions:

1. General Malabed Army. Messaged with Colonel Malabed and Malabed's total number 1/4,000 in about 15 groups. Great care has been taken with local population and less than 1,000 will be evicted.
2. Brigadier Army, in command of 21st Tank Brigade, 1st Air Operating Division and has the entire artillery in hands.
3. There appears to be no necessity for a proclamation on intervention but one will be made of the action issued by 5th Army which is in the hands of Malabed.

Medical Supplies. There is a shortage of chloroquine and chlorine compound for major treatment. Chlorine has been supplied but in very packets and as an example at Malabed station the consumption is estimated at 1/2 quanta per week. There are disadvantages to the chlorine solution which has been offered as it is contained in cylinders which have to be returned and for some unexplained reason it is not such a simple process as the use of compounds.

Reference para 10 of Executive Commissioner's notes on fear of Malabed legion dated 25 May 1945, Major Jordan's notes therein referred to are repeated below:

1. Malabed Army. 400 Malabed reinforcements are scheduled for the Malabed 200 of which have not arrived but nearly all are badly clothed and shod. For example, of 100 allotted to Malabed City it is doubtful if more than 50 can be made fit for duty as the remainder are without boots. There is also a shortage of arms and ammunition. An endeavour was made to obtain weapons from Malabed but for the materials but out of 3 trucks-loads only 6

with local population and less than 1,000 will be

2. Brigadier Henry, in command of 2nd Tank Brigade, is the operating officer and has the major authority in hand.

3. There appears to be no remedy for a prohibition on communication but we will be made of the notice issued by 5th Army which is in the hands of 2nd Tank Brigade.

4. Medical supplies. There is a shortage of antibiotics and also various compounds for minor treatment. Chlorine has been supplied but in very packets and as an example at 10:00 AM along the communication is estimated at 1/2 pintals per week. There are disadvantages to the chlorine solution which has been offered as it is contained in cylinders which have to be returned and for some technical reason it is not such a simple process as the use of capsules.

Reference para 2 of operative memorandum's notes on tour of 2nd Tank Brigade dated 23 May 1945, Major Jordan's notes on the same referred to are repeated below.

1. Medical safety. 400 CC.M. reinforcements are scheduled for the 2nd Tank Brigade, 20 of which have now arrived, but nearly all are badly clothed and shod. For example, of 100 allotted to 2nd Tank Brigade it is doubtful if more than 50 can be made fit for duty as the remainder are without boots. There is also a shortage of arms and ammunition. An endeavour was made to obtain weapons from those handed in by the paratroops but out of 5 truck-loads only 6 suitable weapons were returned, the majority being German rifles and other rubber heavy weapons. I understand that all CC.M. reinforcements sent North were to have been properly equipped in all respects.

2. There is the problem of the "recapital". These are the CC.M. who drifted northwards, some hundreds of which are now returning. Not only do they need reclothing but it is thought that they are no longer suitable for duty in the North as (a) many of them have been working with the paratroops and (b) some are of an equal disadvantage because they have not joined the ranks of the paratroops. It is suggested that these should be embarked with CC.M. from the North.

Richard Allen
Chief Staff Officer,
2nd Tank Brigade

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To: ALCON HQBB

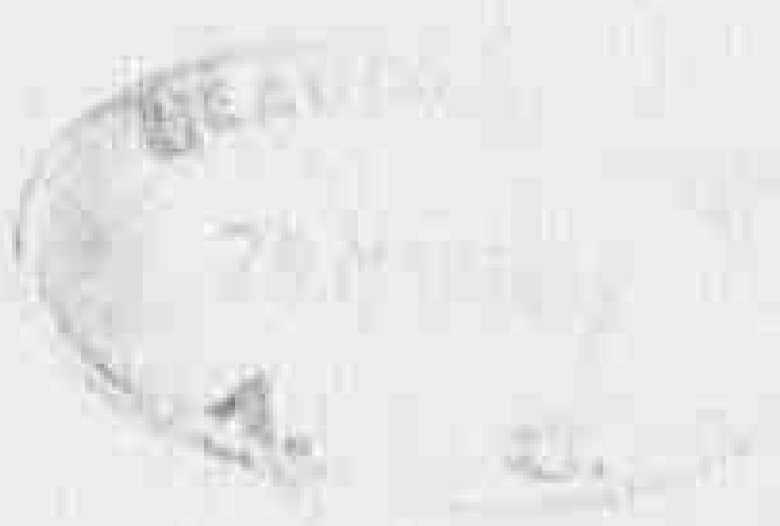
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Reference petition of Municipio di RIMINI dated May 16 requesting revocation of the Provincial Military Govt instructions. It appears that the petition was submitted without a full knowledge of facts. The actual situation is as given in signal message A Q 80 DISTONE to ALCON May 22. No further action contemplated here in respect of the petition.

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Letter No. 1 from Col G.G. FRASER.
19 May 1945.
MAY 25 1945

Dear Brigadier:

I'm sorry that you were out when I rang through yesterday. I reported to District I on Tuesday morning and had a long talk with the General who, at first, seemed inclined to think that my duties were to give orders which he wanted given, although he had received a copy of my instructions. Then this matter had been put right I went on to see Bowman, as you already know. Then on Wednesday back to District where I lunched with the GOC, and had a general talk and attended a conference on the POW question and met LEBEL, PC, FORRI.

At the GOC's request I took up my quarters with HQ 21st Tank Bde whose commander, Brigadier Jarney, is in charge of the corps. He is doing all he can to minimize the dislocation of civilians and four of the camp areas where there was a large population, have now been given up.

The numbers who will have to move have been greatly reduced and the road restrictions on civilian movement have been brought to a minimum. Bowman and Lamas are quite happy about it all and so was the Italian Committee I met this morning at CERNUNTO with Lamas.

Claims and hirings are already in touch with the Gen's Militare about compensation but no agricultural officer from HQ has appeared yet. Ravenna Province is unlikely to be disturbed now that the most northerly camp sites have also been given up. Saw Kuzak there yesterday. A quantity of civilian clothing, chiefly women's, taken from the U.S., is being made over to PC, FORRI who will be glad of it.

If things continue to run so smoothly there will be no need for me to remain at this HQ, and I could go back to District. Brigadier Jarney is extremely sympathetic with all the views put forward by PC FORRI and is most helpful in every way. The GOC agrees that I should collect my kit as soon as possible which I hope to do some time next week. In view of his wish that I should be on the spot with 21st The Bde I have not visited Brigadier Lupton yet.

There is only one bleet. No one could supply a spare wheel for the Jeep and I had to leave some without one, so if we get a burst I am immobilized. It does not seem possible to get one locally as no supplies are being received; but I have managed to beg an outer cover, though still have to wheel to put it on and no inner tube. Hope to be able to type next letter, when I've got my typewriter back.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) G.G. FRASER.

Col.

AC LC, No. 1 District.

The numbers who will have to move have been greatly reduced and the road restrictions on civilian movement have been brought to a minimum. Bosnian and Luxembas are quite happy about it all and so was the Italian Committee I met this morning at CESSAVALICO with Luxembas.

Claims and hirings are already in touch with the Gendo Militare about compensation but no agricultural officer from HQ has appeared yet. Savona Province is unlikely to be disturbed now that the most northerly camp sites have also been given up. Saw Khat there yesterday. A quantity of civilian clothing, chiefly women's, taken from the S.S. is being sent over to PC, POKLI who will be glad of it.

If things continue to run so smoothly there will be no need for me to remain at this HQ, and I could go back to District. Brigadier Lawry is extremely sympathetic with all the views put forward by PC POKLI and is most helpful in every way. The PCO agrees that I should collect my kit as soon as possible which I hope to do some time next week. In view of his wish that I should be on the spot with 21st Fks Bde I have not visited Brigadier Dunlop yet.

There is only one bleat. No one could supply a spare sheet for the jeep and I had to leave some without one, so if we get a burst I am immobilised. It does not seem possible to get one locally as no supplies are being received but I have managed to beg an outer cover, though still have no wheel to put it on and no inner tube. Hope to be able to type next letter, when I've got my typewriter back.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) G. W. WEAVER.
Col.,
AC 10, No. 1 District.

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Brigadier W.S. Lush, CB, CBE, MC,
HQ. Allied Commission.

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Public Relations Branch

Col Talbot

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Press Release - Immediate

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28 May 1945

MAY 27 1945

Only between 500 and 1,000 civilians in the Rimini are being moved to new location to permit Allied military authorities to concentrate German prisoner-of-war, the Allied Commission's announced today. Reports that 10,000 persons would be moved are without foundation.

AMG officers of the Allied Commission's Emilia Region and British staff officers responsible for collecting the German prisoners are working with local Italian authorities and civic leaders to make the transfer of the families affected as easy as possible.

In many cases, the Allied officers are changing locations of prisoner compounds so as to save a family's home which otherwise would have been in the path of the construction planned for the camps.

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(Lt Col Talbot)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Exp. Comm.

Originator's Reference: ACS1
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 26

Message Centre No. E/2399
Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 26 0830
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ACOLO DISTONE
TO: ALCOM INFO: FREEDOM

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Reserve 7854 site ACEKD. Arrangements made 59 carabinieri arrive 27 May. For FREEDOM you PX76475 of 16 May refers.

HEADQUARTERS
26 MAY 1945
A. C.

DIST
ACTION - EX COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
EST SEC
FILE 2
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(for Col. G. ...)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Ly. Center

Originator's Reference: BIA/CAS/MB
Date/Time of Origin: VAY 251425Z

Message Centre No: 2/034F
Date/Time Recd: VAY 251400Z
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AMC EMILIA REGION
TO: HQ ALLY CITE ADEMG FOR ACTION; SYSTEMS FOR INFO 251400Z

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Reference your Nr 8070 of 23 May. Proposed news release roughly as follows:

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"It now appears that unless further unforeseen developments occur, total number of Italian civilians to be removed from the RIMINI - EMILIA surrendered - German - troops - Internment area will be less than 1000. More optimistic estimates closer to 500. The figure of 10,000 earlier give wide publicity was based on an entirely different projected situation than that which now obtains, but the latest extremely low figure is primarily the result of prime cooperation with AMC EMILIA Region on the part of the Commanding General DISTRICT ONE and his staff officers. In spite of the importance and difficulty of their task of rapidly disposing very large numbers of surrendered German soldiers, the officers of DISTRICT ONE have been extremely solicitous and considerate, their forbearance going to the point of altering the locations of large and important compounds and lessening the size of others, often merely to save one family from the necessity of evacuation. After full explanation of the position to civilian officials and citizen groups from the RIMINI AREA, they have expressed themselves as fully satisfied. EMILIA Region AMC officials have been promised by ALLIED COMMISSION that an agricultural

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specialist will proceed to the area immediately to assess crop and loss - of - land - use damage, and if ARMY authorities can arrange prompt compensation, it is now apparent that no substantial civilian hardship will result from the use of agricultural land for this very vital and necessary purpose."

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- Info - A/President
- Chief Commissioner
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ROUTINE

FROM: DISTONE
TO: ALCOM

MAY 24 1945

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IN CLEAR

Ref your 8240 dated 23. Confirm figure should read 1,000.

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FROM: AIG BRILLA REGION SIGNED FRASER
TO: HQ AICOM CITE JCSCC

MAY 24 1945

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Your 5117 dated 21 May.

Situation not as outlined therein. For past week have been in close contact Provincial Commissioner and have visited area daily. Nothing has occurred to alter views expressed in my letter dated 19. If I were Regional Commissioner I should be perfectly satisfied with present position and future developments now pending

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 396
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 6/17 B/OA.

23 MAY 45.

SUBJECT: Concentration of Enemy Troops.

TO: Economic Section.
(Copy to Agriculture Sub-Commission).

MAY 21 1945

- 1 During the course of a telephone conversation yesterday (Tuesday, 22 May 45) Col. Bowen, Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region, stated that he had been promised a special Agricultural officer who would work in close conjunction with Claims and Hirings in the area where the enemy troops are now being concentrated.
- 2 He stated that Claims and Hirings and the Genio Militare are ready to start work and he is very anxious for this Agricultural Officer to report immediately so that claims can be dealt with and paid with the utmost speed. I undertook to pass this on to you.

A. L. Byham-Carter
A. L. BYHAM-CARTER,
Lt. Colonel,
CSD Civil Affairs Section.

Copy to Establishment Section,
Executive Commissioner,
R.C., Emilia Region.

(As per order)

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MAY 24 1945

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A. D. BROWN CARTER Lt Col

NICHOLAS F. BROWN
 CWO, USA
 Asst Adjutant **GTU**

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 (Asst. Adjutant)

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AMB EMILIA BRIGNON (ACTION); DISTONE (INFO)

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23 May

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RE ALCON SITE AGING PAPER

PARA TWO PD WAS CELEBR TO RECEIVE DELEGATION HERE AS IT WAS SENT
OVER BY PRIME MINISTER AND LEGATION PD

PARA THREE PD YOU SHOULD HANDLE PRESS RELEASE AND TELEGRAPH SUITABLE
RELEASE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE PD MISSING THAT ITALIAN PRESS IS
UNWELCOMED

Copy to: CA Section

Executive Coordinator
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Brigadier,
Executive Coordinator

JUVV
NICHOLAS PERRINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant.

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MAY 22 1945

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MAY 22 1945
FRIDNEY

From: WFO WILIA
To: WFO WILIA

MAY 22 1945
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SUSPENSE representations greatly overdrawn and obviously either based on misinformation or deliberately exaggerated. Some of objections mentioned. Your signal 5117 has substantial basis when actual numbers and acreage considered. SUSPENSE favorably known and shall deal gently with deputation but think Commission should not have entertained it before it came to us and regret radio and newspaper publicity permitted without obtaining facts from source.

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- Action - G. A. Sec (2)
- Info - A/President
- Chief Commissioner
- S. O. to G.O.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6/17.B/CA

22 May 1945

SUBJECT: Disposition of Surrendered
Enemy Troops.

MAY 23 1945

TO: Executive Commissioner ✓

1. I spoke to both Colonels Bowman and Feasey on the telephone this afternoon. It was very evident that the urgency of our feelings regarding the apparent situation near RIMINI had been fully appreciated by them, but they were both able to reassure me as to the actual position.
2. The situation is not at all as outlined in the petition which was presented to us and Colonel Feasey stated that he has not had any reason to change the views expressed in his PO letter to you of 19 May 45. He was able to tell me that two particular camps which were expected to cause trouble had been abandoned (Nos 9 & 10) and three others of lesser threat will not be used. Four more will be reduced in size. The result is expected to necessitate an evacuation of not more than 1,000 persons.
3. The principle that no one be moved unless it is absolutely essential for their own safety is being scrupulously observed and the very greatest consideration is being given to farmers. Colonel Feasey added that Brigadier Dawney, who is in command, could not be more helpful.
4. I told Colonel Bowman that you would be in Bologna on Friday and Saturday this week, and also gave this information to Colonel Feasey. Colonel Bowman will await you at his Headquarters and I am sure that Colonel Feasey will arrange to see you there if you are not able to visit him.
5. I suggest that as soon as you consider it possible a press release is made to counteract the damage done by the publication of the story that 25,000 would be evacuated from the RIMINI area.

I was asked to take steps about the promised Agricultural Officer and am in communication with Establishment Section on this matter.

A. D. Bonham-Carter
A. D. Bonham-Carter, Lt. Col.
CSC Civil Affairs Section.

See 4269
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(Lt. Col. Carter)

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MAY 22/1945

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FROM: *DISPATCH*

TO: *ATTN: SAC, INFO: ASST. DIR. HEAD, PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER NIGERIA REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PORTLAND, PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER RIMINI, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SOLEWA*

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subject in your 8117 dated 21. five cages to be erected in area south of
DUBISON each cage approx 350 yds by 350 yds. no question of mass evacuation of
civilian as suggested in your message in fact informed by your provincial com-
missioner less than 100 evacuated to date from whole area final total 10008.
small areas now being occupied do not affect seriously food or labour situation in
RIMINI. much deprecate your signal as likely cause alarm which is entirely un-
justified. nothing known of any radio broadcasts and notices in press and these
have certainly not been done with my authority. I am having situation carefully
watched and self and my staff have made frequent visits to areas. In fact con-
sideration Italians are carrying on with normal work and many are living within
stones throw of cages. regional and provincial commissioners kept fully informed
and agree contents this teletype. you seem to forget air force still occupy
port of CAMEROUN and aerodrome just north of it.

*Note: I checked with figures
of 10008 and n.c. confirm
this figure actually appeared
on ORIGINAL TEXT.*

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ATTN : CA SAC (2)
INFO : PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
SO TO CC
RE COMMISSIONER
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(Mas Holden)

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: **FX 79908**
Date Time of Origin: **MAY 221259**

Message Centre No: **E/1852**
Date Time Recd: **MAY 221420**
Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY FHCT**
TO: **DISTONE INFO ALCOM**

MAY 22 1959

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Your 0 20 of 16 May not to ALCOM. See ALCOM cable 7854 of 17 May.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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27 MAY 1959
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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21 May 45

SUBJECT: Concentration of Enemy Troops.

TO: Regional Commissioner, EMILIA.

1. Prince RUSPOLI and Deputation from RIMINI were received by the Executive Commissioner today after they had seen the Luogo Tenente. You have already had a copy of the petition from RIMINI and at a meeting today the main points were again put forward. They claim that the greater part of the inhabitants of RIMINI evacuated the town and are living in BELLARIA and generally the area between the RUBICON and RIMINI.

They argued their case extremely well and pointed out that should the people be made to evacuate from this area they have no alternative homes to which to go. This will also result in the labour now employed in the reconstruction of RIMINI having to move and the work itself being stopped.

It is also claimed that the same area is highly cultivated and produces the greater part of the fruit and vegetables for the district.

As a final point it was stated that typhoid, which has been imported from the caves of SAN MARINO where many of the population were in hiding, is liable to spread during the hot weather and further evacuation would increase the danger.

2. As a constructive suggestion it was requested that the area be moved so that the RUBICON is the southern boundary and a compensating increase be made to the northern edge.

3. The Chief Commissioner is very anxious that this should have every possible consideration and if the suggestion now put forward is practicable, it is his wish that the change should be urged on the Military Authorities so that the disruption to Italian life for the sake of German troops should be reduced to an absolute minimum.

4. The Chief Commissioner wishes me to add that although this Deputation should have approached you in the first place, it is a matter on which the people concerned feel very deeply and he knows that you will not pay any less attention to their petition on account of wrong use of channels.

5. Prince RUSPOLI is the bearer of a copy of this letter to you.

A. D. Bonham-Carter, Lt. Col.
CSO Civil Affairs Section.

Copies to: AFHQ, G-5.
No. 1 District.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

21 May 1945

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The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

With reference to the letter of the Vice President of the Council of Ministers dated 19 May 45, the Executive Commissioner today received the Representatives of the Giunta Municipale of BIGNI.

You may rest assured that full and sympathetic consideration will be given to their request, although it is not yet possible to give you any definite assurance as to what action will be taken.

The Representatives are leaving immediately in order to see the Regional Commissioner MELLA, who will do everything in his power to ensure that the minimum disruption to Italian life takes place.

G. E. Johnson
G. E. JOHNSON, Brig.
Vice President
Civil Affairs Section

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MAY 20 1948
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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGEB
To: ALCOM ROME

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MAY 2 1948

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Definitive document is AG memo 383.3/163 LOG-0 of 18 May. Reur 8052 cite ACCAS (paragraph 5 (D) (3) main point. This lays down buildings may only be requisitioned if to be used as hospitals or offices and even then subject to following conditions (A) There will be no eviction of civilian inhabitants (B) Permission must previously have been given by appropriate Allied Commander and by you. Para 6 (D) (1) of same document states buildings are not to be used for accommodation surrendered forces unless surplus to Allied and Civil requirements and then only with authority appropriate Allied Commander and your full consent.

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AFHQ
R. C.

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(Mrs Helson)

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To: DISTRICT FOR 1890 AREA SITE BECAO DIA SMILLA REGION

0117

21 May 45

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

MAY 22 1945

IN REPLY TO
 YOUR MESSAGE TO SUBJECT IS AREA OF CONCENTRATION OF MANY THOUSANDS
 WHOSE FOOD IS BEING SUPPLIED THROUGH DEPORTATION FROM NIMINI TODAY TO BECAO DIA
 SMILLA THAT AREA BE MOVED NORTH SO THAT SOUTHERN BOUNDARY IS LINE OF RIVERS AND
 HEAD OF BELLARIA IS
PLEASE TO DISTRICT FOR 1890 AREA SITE BECAO DIA SMILLA REGION FROM AREA SITE BECAO
SMILLA
 YOUR MESSAGE TO DEPORTATION CLAIMED THESE ARE PERSONS THAT MAJORITY OF DEPARTMENTS
 FROM NIMINI ARE NOW IN BELLARIA AREA AND A BRIDGE EVACUATION WOULD FIND THEM WITHOUT
 ACCOMMODATION TO THEM TO GO FURTHER BACK FROM THEM INSTEAD THEY WOULD STOP
 PROTESTATION OF NIMINI AS LABORER WOULD BE FORCED TO FIND HOUSES AWAY FROM THE
 DISTRICT AREA BECAO DIA SMILLA AREA SOUTH OF RIVERS AND ARE AT PRESENT ENCLINED
 OUR PROPOSED GREATLY PART OF FOOD FOR NIMINI ARE IN VERY HIGHLY CULTIVATED TO
 YOUR FOOD TO BEING SUPPLIED AND DEPORTATION NOW GOING TO REGIONAL CONCERN
 SHOULD BE I WISH THAT IF THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS POSSIBLE AND BRIDGE EVACUATION
 IT SHOULD HAVE YOUR EARNEST AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO PUBLICATION OF DETAILS
 OF THE EVACUATION IN THE PRESS AND BY RADIO HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION

Chief Commissioner

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FROM: G. R. GUNN, Brig.

INT DIST:
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 SA Camp (2) 1

NICHOLAS PIONEER
 CWO USA
 Asst Adjutant

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 JTC

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet
Telegraph and Statistics Office

Telegram in Envelope

Rome, 20 May 1945

Admiral Ellery S. Stone
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
R O M E

MAY 21 1945

It has been brought to the attention of the Italian Government that the population of the Rimini coast is in a very serious state of discomfiture as a consequence of the evacuation order issued by the Allied Military Government. Since this involves an area particularly affected by the war I beg of you, Admiral, to examine with sympathy the possibility of sparing these people from new discomferts and suffering.

I thank you.

For the president of the Council,

Rodino

Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lvs

EC Distribution - 21 MAY 45

Action: C/ASST SEC
CHIEF COMMR
EXEC COMMR

(Mrs. Anderson) [Signature]

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 580/SC.

21 May 1945.

→ Exec
Commissioner.

1. We shall from now onwards be bombarded by Italian representations against the eviction of the Italians from the RIMINI area to make room for the disbanded German Army.

2. I presume that you wish to abide by the decision made by AFHQ which is now being implemented by GOC No.1 District.

3. If this is the case, then I recommend the following:

Hold for awhile

(a) that the Government should be informed of our intentions and the way we propose to implement them;

I agree

(b) that protests from the Government be sent to the CAO, GOC No.1 District and RC, Emilia Region;

I agree

(c) that protests from lesser authorities, including the Rimini People's Council, Prince Ruspoli, etc., be not considered here but referred directly to RC, Emilia Region with copy to GOC, No.1 District with whom you have a Liaison Officer.

4. I have no doubt that we shall shortly receive representations from the Vatican which can be dealt with on a governmental level.

5. The only other alternative is to reopen the whole question on the lines that now the fighting has stopped, military necessity becomes military convenience and over that the civilian necessity for not only relief but for reconstruction as well, should have priority. If you intend to take this line, then I think the sooner the better.

I have, but with not much success

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Cabinet
Telegraph and Statistics Office

Telegram in Envelope

Rome, 20 May 1945

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
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I thank you.

For the President of the Council:

Rodino

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Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lwa

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UFFICIO DEL TELEGRAMMI E DELLA CIPRA

Telegrammi

TELEGRAMMA IN BUSTA

Roma, 20 maggio 1945

Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo Commissione Alleate

R O M A

Essi stata segnalata et Governo italiano gravissima situazione disagio in cui viene a trovarsi popolazione del litorale di Rimini in conseguenza ordine sgombero che sarebbe stato impartito da Governo Militare Alleato stop Trattandosi di zona già particolarmente provata dalla guerra prego lei, Signor Ammiraglio, di esaminare con ogni benevolenza possibilita risparmiare al predetta popolazione nuovi disagi et sofferenze.

Ringrazio

PER PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO

RODINO

TRANSAZIONI AT 63

TELEGRAMMA IN BUSTA

Roma, 20 maggio 1945

Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo Commissione Alleata

R O M A

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Ringrazio

PER PRESIDENTE CONSIGLIO
RODINO'

Translation as (64)

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Ministero delle Corporazioni

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
DI S. E. IL MINISTRO

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Bugadieu Luck.

The Luogo Tenente has asked through
Lt Chinetti (the Italian Liaison Officer) if either you or
the Admiral would give an interview to Prince
Raspoti who has arrived in Rome from Rome
& wishes to present concrete proposals for the accommodation
of the German P.O.W.'s in that area. He says
that there is an area near Rastano where they
could be much better accommodated than is at present
planned & that less suffering will be entailed for the
local population.

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Lt Chinetti will get in touch with your
office first thing Monday to arrange an interview
J.A.R. 20.5.45

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

(66)

Originator's Reference: 9091
Date Time of Origin: MAY 20

Message Centre No: E/1608
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 20 1605
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: HQ 5 ARMY FOR G-5 FROM SUTHERLAND CITE F 165
TO: HQ ALCOM FOR ADMIRAL STONE

(u9a)

Confidential

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This refers your 7876 subject accommodation German surrendered personnel GHEDI. Have telephoned your message to General HUME in MILAN and at his direction sent Lt Colonel MICHIE to look over situation with special reference Italian population. He reports great bulk of land was a disused airfield, only small portion on one side inhabited from which 50 families displaced. These with their domestic animals are being cared for. MICHIE and Provincial Commissioner are convinced Army using every means to solve difficult problems with minimum disturbance to Italian population.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers.

M:

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Rome, 19 May 1945

Dear Admiral,

I enclose the request of the Giunta Municipale of Rimini to obtain the revocation of the order to evacuate the coastal region Rimini - Bellaria, order which has been given by the Command of the Villa Army.

This request has been handed over to me by two representatives of this Coastal Administration who expressed the anxiousness of the population, which after being one of the greatest sufferers in this war, is now threatened by this new danger.

I beg you, my dear Admiral, to ask for the kind intervention of the competent commands, to avoid the evacuation of this zone.

I remain,

Truly yours,

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

(Giulio Rodino)

G. Giulio Rodino

Admiral J. Hilary W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R. O. M. E.

EC LIST - 21 MAY 45

ACTION: CA SEC

INFO: CHIEF COMM

EXEC COMM

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Translation

COMUNE OF R I M I N I

Rimini, 16 May 1943

Plans for the evacuation of the Rimini - Verucchio coastal zone

Request for

the revocation of the order

issuing of May 16th 1943

The Giunta Municipale of Rimini, the Presidents of the Committees for Liberation of Rimini and Verucchio, the Municipal Delegates of Verucchio and Bellaria:

Having seen the order of May 14th, 1943 of the Allies Provincial Government for the evacuation of the coastal region of the territory of the Comune of Rimini, from Rimini to the northern boundary of the said comune, including the populous centres of Verucchio, Verucchiello, Torre Pedrera, Lusa Marina, Bellaria, of over 25,000 inhabitants, mostly composed of refugees who couldn't go back to the town which has been almost entirely destroyed;

Considering, above all, that the order mentions neither the death of the coastal zone to be evacuated, nor the delay for the evacuation, nor the obvious fact that, now, the beginning of organization for the reception of these people in the said zone;

CONSIDERING:

That the order of the Allies would bring about for defeated Germans the evacuation that armed Germans didn't succeed in obtaining because of the temporary resistance of the population - the human and political conscience of the Allies would certainly object to that;

That the population to be evacuated, which in less than twenty months had to put up with many disastrous transfers, cannot and mustn't be obliged to new transfers and cannot be made to endure new physical and moral tortures

The Junta officials of Rimini, the President of the Committee for Liberation of Rimini and Viterbo, the Municipal Delegates of Viterbo and Soliera;

Having seen the order of my fifth, 1815 of the Alie Provincial Government for the evacuation of the coastal region of the territory of the Comune of Rimini, from Rimini to the northern boundary of the said comune, including the populous centers of Viterbo, Viterbole, Terra Pedrosa, Loma Marina, Bellaria, of over 20,000 inhabitants, mostly composed of refugees who couldn't go back to the town which has been almost entirely destroyed;

Considering, above all, that the order mentions neither the death of the coastal zone to be evacuated, nor the delay for the evacuation, nor the emergency zone, nor some beginning of organization for the reception of these people in the said zone;

CONSIDERING:

That the order of the Alie would bring about for defeated Germans the evacuation that would succeed in obtaining because of the long-sustained existence of the population - the moral and political conscience of the Alie would certainly object to that;

That the population to be evacuated, which in less than twenty months had to put up with many disastrous transfers, cannot and mustn't be obliged to see transfers and cannot be made to endure the physical and moral torments after that it has been through;

That the said population, which has lost its houses, its property, its furniture, because of the war and the looting that took place, cannot without a great injustice be made to lose all (this will be the greatest part) the things that it cannot remove, and which will certainly disappear because of the presence of the prisoners and of the troops, as experience has already shown;

That a large number of people who work and make their living in Rimini live in the zone to be evacuated, and this, besides reducing them to starvation, would paralyze the activity for the organization and reconstruction of the town;

Fruit and vegetable

That all the production which supplies the town and most of the neighboring population comes from this zone; the evacuation would not stop to this production;

That the exodus of this huge mass of population implies very hard problems and sacrifices which contrast with the aims of humanity and liberty declared by the Alie, who, re-examining the special conditions of Rimini, cannot possibly want to add more suffering to those already went through; nor delay its rehabilitation

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That the population has already stated its firm determination not to obey the evacuation order, which will be accepted neither by the inhabitants of the municipality, nor by the political parties, nor by the popular organizations, but could only be materially enforced and this with unavoidable and tragic incidents which the Allies certainly do not mean to cause in the case of this long suffering population which wants to live on its own land to heal its wounds;

That the miserable sanitary conditions of this population which is still suffering from typhus, and carries the germs of all kind of epidemics, constitute a danger for the localities where it should be transferred, and for the prisoners and troops;

incoming

That it would be more convenient to instal the prisoners of war in zones where the population is less numerous and suffered less from the war; there are many such zones in Romagna (the pineta of Ravenna, the coastal zone stretching from Ravenna to the mouth of the Po, Apenino, etc.);

That the Comune which most suffered in Italy should be spared this last material and moral ruin;

ANK

The Command of the VIIIth Army and the Allied Headquarters to revoke the regulation for the evacuation of any part whatever of the coastal zone and of the territory of the Rimini Comune, this because of their sense of humanity, justice and responsibility.

FOR THE GIUSTA COMANDA
AND THE OTHER CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN
THE BIRMEJO

S. Clari

THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE COM. UN. OF RIMINI

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FOR THE GIUNTA COMUNALE
AND THE OTHER CIVILLIAN AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN
THE SINDACO

S. Ciari

THE ASSISTANT GENERAL
OF THE COM USE OF MILITARY

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: 6/17 B/CA.

20 May 45

SUBJECT: Concentration of Surrendered Enemy Troops -
Petition from RIMINI.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

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I am instructed, in the absence on duty of the Vice President Civil Affairs Section, to request that one copy of the attached Petition from RIMINI be brought to the notice of the Chief Administrative Officer with the compliments of the Chief Commissioner.

A.D. Bonham-Carter
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER,
Lt. Colonel,
Civil Affairs Section.

Copy: Executive Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 994
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 6/17 B/CA.

20 May 45

SUBJECT: Concentration of Surrendered Enemy Troops -
Petition from RIMINI.

TO: G O C, No. 1 District,
(Attn. A.C. Liaison Officer).

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- 1 Attached is a copy of a translation of a petition from RIMINI. The Italian original was not available at this Headquarters and the translation is, therefore, not good. It was left here by the Vice-Sindaco yesterday.
- 2 The Vice-Sindaco was asked if he had seen the Provincial Commissioner. He replied that he had done so, but that the Provincial Commissioner was unable to assist him. This may, of course, mean that the petition has already reached you through the Provincial Commissioner and that everything possible is being done to alleviate any hardship.
- 3 You will agree, I am sure, that it is essential for any necessary evacuation to be done with as much local agreement as is possible. While it may ultimately be necessary to force an order against strong opposition, every effort to get co-operation should be attempted.
- 4 This Headquarters is very anxious to be informed of any developments in this and similar matters, and feels that it is very desirable to meet the RIMINI wishes where possible. The alternative which has been suggested - moving the area some 7 miles further up the coast - would meet RIMINI and no doubt you will consider it.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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G.R. HUNTER, Lt Col.
V CA Section.

Copy to: RE, Emilia Region with copy for PG, Forli.
AFHQ, G-5 Section (2).
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI FROM THE SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) RE: [Illegible]

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20 May 45

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT NEW YORK MAY FIVE
ARMY GROUP ON DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS OF BOMBING OF

PARA TWO MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI FROM THE SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) RE: [Illegible]

PARA TWO PD IT IS ASSUMED THAT PARAGRAPH ONE FIVE ABLE MEANS THAT CIVILIANS
MAY BE EVICTED FROM SUITABLE BUILDINGS WHICH CAN BE USED AS HOSPITALS BUT
NOT FROM CIVILIAN HOSPITALS

Internal Distribution: Public Health Sub-Commission.

Civil Affairs Section.

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NICHOLAS TORRINO,
CWO USA,
Asst. Adjutant,
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Ref: 580/EC

18 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Information obtained from German
Surrendered Forces.

TO : VP, Economic Section.

1. I forward some valuable information extracted from the German
SW Command by the 15th Army Group Liaison Section. You will notice
that Lt. Col. White, one of our representatives there, is endeavouring
to obtain further information from Colonel Fiske.

2. I should be grateful if special attention could be paid
immediately to the disposal of Italian local resources, taken, stored
and ordered by the Germans. A policy decision is required on this
but you will remember that Log Plan 177 definitely laid down that
Italian local resources could not be used for the disbanded German Army.

REL/AV.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Rimini 16 May 1945

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COMITATO DI RIMINI

Project of evacuation of the coastal zone Rimini - Bellaria.

PETITION

for the revoking of the order
(meeting of 16 May 1945)

The Giunta Municipale of Rimini, the Presidents of the Committees of Liberation of Rimini and Viserba, the Communal Representatives of Viserba and Bellaria;

Having considered the order of the 14 May 1945 of the Provincial Allied Government for the evacuation of the coastal zone of the Comune of Rimini from Rimini to the Northern border of the same Comune, including the populous centres of Viserba, Viserbella, Torre Pedrera, Igea Marina, Bellaria with more than 25,000 inhabitants, for the most part refugees who have not yet been able to enter the city almost entirely destroyed;

Noticing particularly that the order does not specify either the depth of the coastal zone to be evacuated or the fixed time for the evacuation or the zones where people should be sent or an organized plan for reestablishing the evacuees;

Considering:

That the Allied decision would put into practice for the conquered Germans that plan of evacuation that had been unsuccessful for the armed Germans, thanks to the resistance of the people:- and all this is certainly in contradiction with the humane and political conscience of the Allies;

That the people to be evacuated, who in less than 20 months have been subjected to repeated disastrous uprootings, cannot and must not be obliged to new migrations or subjected to further political and moral tortures after the atrocious torments from which they have suffered ;

That the same people who have lost their houses, goods, belongings through war damages and looting cannot be put in the condition of losing all what they are unable to carry away and which will certainly disappear because of the presence of prisoners and troops, without committing a very great injustice;

That in the zone to be evacuated there live many people who work in Rimini and that their removal, beside driving it to hunger, would paralyse the activity of settlement and reconstruction of the town which has begun just now;

That from the same zone there comes the production of vegetables for the whole city and for a great part of the neighbouring people: production which will stop after the evacuation;

That the removal of all these people will cause them extremely hard problems and sacrifices, which are in contradiction with the declared purposes of humanity and liberation of the Allies who after examining the particular conditions of Rimini, certainly cannot add sufferings to sufferings and still postpone its relief from its long salvary;

That the people have already shown their determined will , not to comply with

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the order of evacuation and it will never be possible for either the inhabitants of the Comune or the political parties, or the popular organizations to accept it, but it will be imposed only by main force or with the inevitable consequences of tragic incidents which the Allies certainly do not wish to cause among so many suffering people who want to live in their land, to heal their wounds and to resume normal living;

That the bad hygienic conditions of these people among whom there are still cases of typhoid fever and incipient epidemics, are a danger for the places to where they might be transferred and for the prisoners and the troops who might occupy their houses;

That the distribution of prisoners of war should be more proportionally done in zones less densely populated by civilians, less tried by war, zones which are not lacking in the same Romagna Region (Pinewood of Ravenna, coastal zone from Ravenna to Rocche del Po, Appennines etc..)

That it is our duty to avoid to the most mutilated Comune of Italy the last material and moral ruin;

MAKE PETITIONS

that the Command of VIII Army and the Allied HQ with their sense of humanity, justice and responsibility may revoke the provisions of evacuation of any point of the coastal zone and of the territory of the Comune of Rimini.

FOR "the GIUNTA MUNICIPALE"
AND THE OTHER CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN
THE SINDACO



THE GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE COMUNE OF RIMINI

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: ~~15 ARMY GROUP~~ ~~INFO.~~ MTOUSA, DISTONE

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SUBJECT IS MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP ON
DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED ENEMY FORCES (.)

PARA ONE (.) THIS COMMISSION PROTESTS STRONGLY AGAINST PARAGRAPH
15A IF THAT IS TO MEAN THAT CIVILIANS MAY BE EVICTED FROM EXISTING CIVILIAN
HOSPITALS (.) IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE COMPILED TO
PERMITTING EVICTION FROM SUITABLE BUILDINGS NOT IN USE AS CIVILIAN HOSPITALS

PARA ONE () IT IS ASSUMED THAT PARAGRAPH
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NOT FROM CIVILIAN HOSPITALS

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FIVE ARMY (ACTION) RPTD DISTWO (INFO) LOMBARDIA REGION (INFO)

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS ACCORDATION GERMAN ARMY PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION FIVE ARMY FOR AMG PERSONAL FOR GENERAL HUSE FROM AIRMAIL STONE
RPTD FOR INFO DISTWO CMA AND LOMBARDIA REGION FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACXED PARER

PARA TWO PD I AM IMPRESSED THAT PORTION OF THE GERMAN ARMY WHICH IS RESPONSIBILITY OF AMERICAN ARMY WILL BE CONCENTRATED AT GREDI NEAR BERGOLIA PD IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO KNOW THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BETWEEN THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CMA ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS AND MYSELF REGARDING THE GERMAN SURRENDERED ARMY UNDER BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY IN NUMBER ONE DISTRICT PARER AMLE PARER NO ITALIANS WILL BE EVICTED EXCEPT FOR THEIR SAFETY AND AT THE INSTANCE OF AMG OFFICERS PARER BAKER PARER NO SURRENDERED TROOPS WILL BE KILLED IN BUILDINGS EXCEPT WITH YOUR FULL CONSENT PD

PARA THREE PD I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD APPLY THIS POLICY EQUALLY IN FIFTH ARMY AREA PD

PARA FOUR PD EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO REDUCE DISRUPTION OF ITALIAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE TO MINIMUM PD IT IS FOR AMG OFFICERS TO SAY IF ITALIANS ARE TO BE EVICTED AND YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR AMLE AND IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION WHERE NECESSARY PD IT HAS BEEN REPRESENTED TO ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS THAT WE CANNOT TREAT

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OVERLAP WITH ITALIANS WORSE THAN GERMANS AND SEVERE DAMAGES TO AGRICULTURE AND
EVICTIION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF ITALIANS IS TO BE AVOIDED PD GRATEFUL FOR REPORT
ON AREA AS SOON AS YOU HAVE MADE RECONNAISSANCE

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C.A. Sec

Office of Area Commissioner

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SUBJECT: German Surrendered Personnel
TO: Executive Commissioner

FILE No: 5/170/CA

17 May 1945
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Reference Minutes of Conference held at HQ 15 Army Group on 10 May 45 on Disposition of Surrendered enemy forces.

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Will I prepare a signal to HQUSA and 4 Dist.

(Mrs. Harlan)

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PARA ONE PD WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR FAX SEVEN FIVE TWO NINE ZERO OF FOURTEEN MAY I MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ENDEAVOURS TO RECONCILE OPERATIONAL NECESSITY WITH NEEDS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION PD I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER ACCORDINGLY PD PARA TWO AFHQ FOR GENERAL ROBERTSON FROM HQ ALCOM FOR ADMIRAL STONE CITE ABOVE PARER

PARA TWO PD REFERENCE PARA SEVEN WE ARE CONTINUING RECONNAISSANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SITE SUITABLE TO BOTH PARTIES CMA DETAILS OF WHICH I WILL TRANSMIT AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE PD

PARA THREE PD AS ARRANGED ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICERS HAVE NOW JOINED
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17 May 45

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RESULT WITH COPY TO AFHQ PD FOLLOWING FOR AFHQ ONLY CMA LIAISON OFFICERS
APPOINTED TO DISTONE ARE COLONEL PHASKY AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL THORNTON

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

1730 hrs.
16 May 45

SUBJECT: German POWs.
TO: Executive Commissioner.

MAY 17 RECD

Col. Friend-James has just telephoned with a message from Brig. Henn re American Army German POWs.

Policy will be to concentrate them at Ghedi, near Brescia. These POW will gradually be withdrawn to form labour units as required until, it is hoped, none will be left at Ghedi. The USITI Ceiling will be reduced pro ratio as German POWs are absorbed for work.

British policy not yet decided.

G. R. Wynn

G.R. WYNNE, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Economic Section,
Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PX 76475
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 10 15 1945

Message Centre No: 27, 1025
Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 15 20 00
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ALLIED BROADCAST SITE (MSG#)
TO: ALLIED BUREAU INFO: DISTURB

MAY 11 1945

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FROM: AUSA BUREAU SAC/ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MAY 11 1968

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Signal provision reauthorized for DISSEM. Rec our TX 71243 and your 71857. Notify Signal details regarding provision Civil Affairs Lab.

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• EMILIA REGION (ACTION): DISTONE (INFO)

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS ACCOMMODATION DISBANDED GERMAN ARMY PDPARA TWO PD I HAVE AGREED THAT FAILING ANY SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE SITE THE AREA CERVIA DASH CESENA DASH RIMINI SHOULD BE USED PD I HAVE AT THE SAME TIME EXPRESSED MY GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT THE REACTIONS LOCALLY AND IN ITALY IF THIS IS TO INVOLVE SEVERE DAMAGE TO CROPS AND EVICTION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF ITALIANS PD I HAVE REPRESENTED THAT WE CANNOT TREAT COBELLIGERENT ITALIANS WORSE THAN THE GERMANS PDPARA TO AND EMILIA REGION FOR ACTION RPTD DISTONE FOR INFO FROM HQ ALOOM OTE ACEXG PARENPARA THREE PD CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AFHQ HAS INSTRUCTED FIRMLY DISTONE THAT NO ITALIANS WILL BE EVICTED EXCEPT FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND AT THE INSTANCES OF AMG OFFICERS PD SMOORLY CMA THAT NO SURRENDERED TROOPS WILL BE BILLETED IN BUILDINGS EXCEPT WITH YOUR FULL CONSENT PDPARA FOUR PD EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE BY YOU TO REDUCE DISRUPTION OF ITALIAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE TO MINIMUM PD YOU SHOULD REALISE THAT IT IS FOR YOU TO SAY IF ITALIANS ARE TO BE EVICTED PD YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR AMPLA AND IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION PDPARA FIVE PD YOU WILL RECEIVE EVERY HELP FROM DISTONE WHO RECOGNISE SYMPATHETICALLY THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE SITUATION

Executive Commissioner

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.NICOLAS PIGNINO,
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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INCOMING MESSAGE
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Originator's Reference: SR21
Date-Time of Origin: MAY 161645B

Message Centre No: E/1008
Date-Time Recd: MAY 161645B
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FROM: DISSTONE
TO: HQ ALGOM CITE ACBYS INFO LPHQ RGR 05

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Ref your 7185 of 6 May.

Col FLESHY arrived 1000 hrs today and after hearing problems raised by opening TV camp, considers it essential have another offr.

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15 ARMY GROUP

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16 May 45

ROUTINE

IN 2224 PD
 PARA ONE PD UNDERSTAND ANSWERS OF GERMAN CHARLIE IN CHARLIE IN CIVIL
 AFFAIRS MATTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED PD
PARA TWO 15 ARMY GROUP FROM ALONG SITE AGERS PAREN
 PARA TWO PD WOULD APPRECIATE COPY OF POINTS AND REPLIES AT EARLIEST
 CONVENIENCE

Exec Commissioner
 U.S. LINE Brigadier.

NICHOLAS PIGNONE
 CWO, USA
 Asst Adjutant

(Mrs Moroni)

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HEADQUARTERS
15TH ARMY GROUP
APO 777

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By Auth. of
CO, 15th AG
Intls: [Signature]
Date: 5/14/45

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14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Minutes of Conference Held at Headquarters 15th Army Group on
Disposition of Surrendered Enemy Forces.

TO: See Distribution.

1. Attached are copies of minutes of a conference held at this Headquarters on 12 May 1945 on the above subject. It is requested that action on each point covered in the conference be taken as indicated in the attached minutes, without further instructions.
2. It is important that surrendered forces be disposed of at an early date. Accordingly, it is requested that prompt action be taken to implement responsibilities accepted at the conference.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLARK:

[Signature]
RALPH E. TATE
Brigadier General, GSC
A. C. of S., G-4

A. N. GRUENTHER
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

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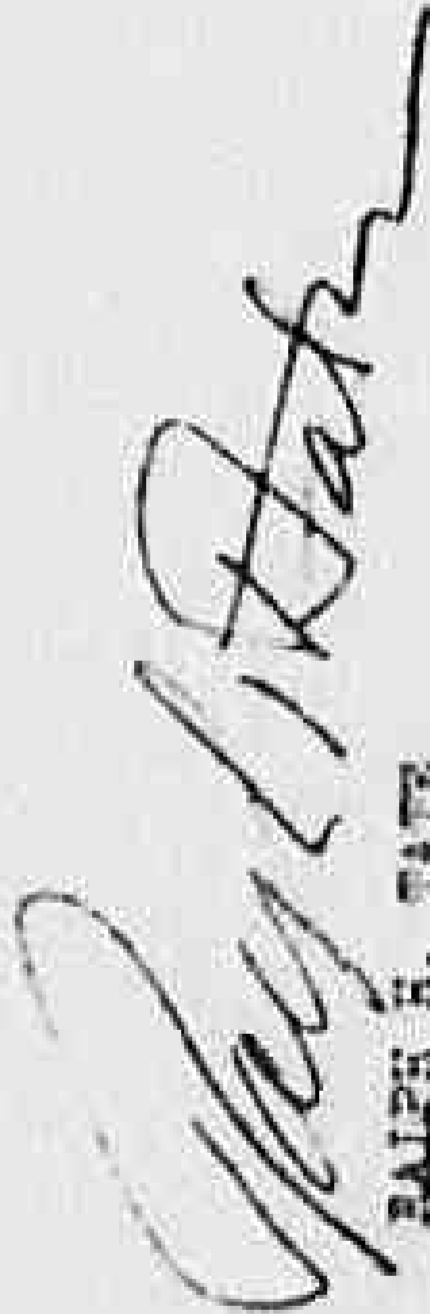
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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

ON 12 MAY 45 ON DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED JAPANESE FORCES

1. PRESENT.

Presiding - Brig. Gen. E.H. Tate, A.C. of S., G-4, 15th Army Group.

AFHQ

- Major Gen. M.W. MacLeod, DAG.
- Major Gen. H.G. Hites, G-1 (A)
- Major Gen. C.B. Wagner, G-4(A)
- Brig. Gen. I.L. Foster, G-3
- Colonel V.A. Hardie, PIG
- Lt. Col. H.R. Hunt, 3(Weint)
- Lt. Col. F.L. Jagger, G-4 (Mov & Tr)

15 ARMY GR-

- Brig. Gen. V.C. McCaffrey, G-1
- Brigadier M.H.D. Ritchie, DA & QMG
- Brig. Gen. E.B. Moran, CSO
- Colonel C.C. Sloance Jr., G-2
- Colonel C.S. McGraw, G-4
- Colonel M.W. Montfort, G-5
- Colonel J.A. Guinness, DCS
- Colonel T.R. Horn, DCSO(A)
- Colonel G.H.L. Smith, DUS
- Lt. Col. W.D. Gibson, GSI(b)
- Lt. Col. W.J. McConnell, G-3 (Plans)
- Lt. Col. T.D. Gerrett, DAG
- Lt. Col. F.M. Sberhard, G-4 (Plans)
- Lt. Col. G.J.F. Mackay, AGMG
- Lt. Col. R.D. Hallid, AGMG (Mov)
- Lt. Col. R.C.L. Terzin, G-4 (Tr)
- Lt. Col. D.E. Cameron, SORE.1
- Major I.M. Scott, G-1
- Major F.D. Leke, G-4

Fifth Army-

- Colonel A.J. O'Neill, G-4
- Lt. Col. V.L. Olsen, G-1
- Lt. Col. J.H. Xerxon, Engrs.
- Major A.E. Coven, G-3

Eighth Army- Major J.M. Teesdale, DAG/G

1 District - Major Gen. C.A. Hayden, GOC

FBS

- Colonel E.H. Wolla Jr., G-1
- Colonel A.T. Foster, G-4
- Colonel M.B. Parsons, PM
- Colonel S.H. Forbes, AMO

Brigadier V.H.D. RITCHIE, DA & GIG
Brig. Gen. E.B. GEAR, CSO
Colonel, C.C. Slonace Jr., G-2
Colonel C.S. D'Crass, G-4
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Lt. Col. G.J.F. Mackay, AAG
Lt. Col. H.D. Phillip, AAG (Nov)
Lt. Col. H.C.L. Terzin, G-4 (Tr)
Lt. Col. J.S. Cameron, SCHS.1
Major I.M. Scott, G-1
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Eighth Army - Major J.H. Teesdale, MAJIG

1 District - Major Gen. C.A. McJULIAN, GOC

POB
- Colonel S.H. Wells Jr., G-1
Colonel A.T. Foster, G-4
Colonel L.S. Parsons, FM
Colonel S.H. Forbes, AMO
Major R.O. Dees Jr., 2694 TSE

AFS
- Colonel J. Ratter
Colonel J.S. Guilfoyle

Allied
Commission - Colonel C.P. Kerr, MAIA
Lt. Col. C.P. Fothergill, DP & ESC

2. INTRODUCTION.

A. Brig. Gen. TATZ drew attention to the minutes of the meeting held at COLONA on 7 May 1965, which considered the Final Concentration Area for surrendered enemy forces. These minutes were circulated for preliminary study by all present.

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b. Fifth Army has been charged with responsibility for initial concentration of all surrendered forces of Army Group "C", wof 0001 hours, 10 May 1945. This task was given Fifth Army because the bulk of the surrendered forces is in Fifth Army's sector, and Eighth Army is engaged in occupying VENEZIA GIULIA and southwestern AUSTRIA.

c. Fifth Army is now engaged in concentrating surrendered forces in initial concentration areas. This task is about completed. It is now necessary to move enemy troops to final concentration areas.

d. Following is estimate of surrendered forces and PW in the area under control of Fifth Army:

<u>Surrendered Personnel</u>		
Tenth German Army	34,458	
Fourteenth German Army	58,859	
Miscellaneous	35,094	
In present Eighth Army Zone	<u>5,000</u>	133,380
<u>Other Categories</u>		
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In hospitals (German & Allied)	49,000	
Czechs	<u>10,000</u>	
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		216,699

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c. The 40,000 PW of Eighth Army have now almost completely been evacuated to 1 District. These are largely disorganized and, with the exception of any organized units, will be evacuated to Base on a phased programme to be agreed between AFHQ and 1 District.

ACTION - AFHQ
1 District

d. The principle at b above will be applied to the 33,000 PW held by Fifth Army at MODENA, but MTOUSA are anxious that as many as possible should be treated as surrendered personnel by getting them reorganized into units. MTOUSA agreed to issue a directive on classification.

ACTION - MTOUSA
Fifth Army

e. Personnel in hospitals will be treated as PW but should be returned to organized formations where possible (see para 21).

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ACTION - Fifth Army

4. FINAL DISARMAMENT AND DISARMAMENT.

Major General WITZ stated that SBAEF Disbandment Directive No. 1 planned for the early return to Germany of key personnel for industry and agriculture. AFHQ will issue an instruction for registration of such personnel to take place in the Final Concentration Areas. This will not apply to SS or non-German personnel. SBAEF are being informed of our action, but otherwise nothing firm can be stated.

5. SELECTION OF CONCENTRATION AREAS - GERMAN VIEW.

a. Brig. Gen. TATE read for information a memorandum submitted by the German C-10-C Southwest requesting that concentration should take place in the South Tyrol on the principal grounds of:

- (1) Avoidance of move of hospitals.
- (2) Available accommodation.
- (3) Better climate.
- (4) Hostility of PO Valley population.
- (5) Threat of desertion becoming uncontrollable in event of move.

It was decided to ignore this request.

6. SEPARATION OF GERMANS AND ITALIANS IN FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

Only about 3000 Italians are now held. These will be kept separate from Germans and will all be held under US control, but will count against the overall allocation of surrendered forces as between US and British.

ACTION - Fifth Army

7. EMPLOYMENT ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS OF CZECHS, AUSTRIANS AND OTHER SUCH TROOPS.

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- e. AFHQ will issue policy directive on rules of employment, pay, clothing, etc. This will probably be on the same basis as for Italian co-operator units.
- f. There is no policy yet for release and use of other than Czech units, but they should be kept intact.

ACTION - AFHQ
Fifth Army
 DMS

8. RESPONSIBILITY OF US AND BRITISH IN FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

Agreed this should be on 50-50 basis taking a cross section of all categories as far as possible, except in the case of Italians (see para 6 above).

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ACTION - Fifth Army

9. DISPOSITION OF SS AND OTHER SPECIAL CATEGORY PERSONNEL.

b. G-2, 15th Army Group, stated that about 60,000 SS and other special category personnel were now held, of which approximately 55,000 were SS and a very small proportion Italian. It was agreed that it was most essential that there should be no further delay in evacuating the SS personnel to PW cages out of the Army area.

b. It was agreed that movement would take place approximately as follows:

- (1) To PBS - 14 May 5,000
- 15 May 10,000
- 16 May 10,000

(2) To 1 District - Commencing 17 May as rapidly as possible at rate of approximately 10,000 per day, dependent on movement facilities and 1 District capacity to accept.

c. GOC 1 District stressed that his ability to accept would depend on his being able to commence building cages immediately on certain sites now occupied by the Air Force. AFHQ agreed that they would press clearance of these sites with IMAF as of operational necessity.

d. Responsibility for movement and escorts will be as in para 14 a, b, and c below.

e. Fifth Army agreed to increase the guard over SS troops in the Army area once movement had started in order to prevent attempts at desertion.

f. Agreed that all such personnel will be classified as PW and should be disarmed prior to movement to PW cages.

ACTION - AFHQ
Fifth Army
PBS
1 District

10. DISPOSITION OF LUFTWAFFE PERSONNEL.

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ACTION - Fifth Army

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ACTION - Fifth Army

11. REFORMING SURRENDERED PERSONNEL INTO UNITS PRIOR TO EVACUATION TO FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

a. Brig. Gen. TATE stated it had been ruled that:

(1) In the case of combat troops depleted units could be reorganized so as to make up standard type German units. Details to be worked out with C-in-C Southwest to keep personnel records in order.

(2) Service units would not be reorganized but would retain their identities. Their strength might, however, be built up by drafting suitable combat personnel.

ACTION - Fifth Army

12. MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS FROM FINAL CONCENTRATION AREAS.

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a. No eviction of civilians to take place except for their own protection and after agreement with AC. In order to avoid delays AC were asked to ensure a reasonable policy would be adopted and that powers of decision on such matters be delegated to Regional Commissioners.

ACTION - 1 District
AC

b. KAS desired to place on record that there was unlikely to be any capacity for movement of civilians by rail.

13. PLACING OF SURRENDERED FORCES INTO FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

a. It was agreed that the following priorities should be observed:

- (1) German HQ (probably Corps) with Engineer and Signal Recce parties.
- (2) Engineer units.
- (3) Hospitals and sanitary units.
- (4) Essential Service troops.
- (5) Remainder of Force.

b. AFHQ undertook to give disposal instructions for:

- (1) HQ Army Group #0.
- (2) HQ Tenth Army.
- (3) HQ Fourteenth Army.

c. If necessary Fifth Army must examine the evacuation of certain German hospitals to allow proportion to be set up in the Final Concentration Area.

ACTION - Fifth Army
1 District

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a. Fifth Army to arrange movement direct with 1 District and US HQ. 15th Army Group to coordinate where any conflict should arise, and be kept informed of progress.

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1 District

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c. Fifth Army will furnish escorts. 1 District and US HQ will be responsible for their prompt return. Fifth Army will ensure adequate feeding arrangements made for escort going to 1 District.

d. Disarmament will be completed by 1 District and US Headquarters before entering into the Final Concentration Areas.

ACTION - 15th Army Group
Fifth Army
1 District
ATCUSA

15. USE OF BUILDINGS BY SURRENDERED FORCES IN FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA.

a. No eviction of civilians for surrendered forces except for hospitals.

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- b. Any vacant buildings or buildings becoming vacant as a result of movement of tenants out of the area may be used.
- c. Any buildings previously requisitioned by the Allies and not yet derquisitioned may be used.
- d. Otherwise German or Allied tents or improvised shelters must be used.

ACTION - 1 District
WTCUSA

16. DISPOSITION OF SENIOR GERMAN OFFICERS.

Fifth Army or other Headquarters concerned will furnish AFHQ with a list of names and appointments of officers of the rank of Colonel and above. AFHQ will decide disposition and issue necessary instructions.

ACTION - Fifth Army
AFHQ

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ACTION - AFHQ

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a. It was agreed on MRS recommendation that German Railway Battalions as required should be employed on an organized basis on the BAELER Route. MRS would be responsible for their technical employment and Fifth Army for their maintenance and for guards.

b. It was agreed that units so employed would count against the overall US allocation of surrendered personnel.

c. CSO, 15th Army Group, stated there would be a requirement for employment of certain signal construction units under CSO L of C. It was agreed that if possible these should not be brought into the Final Concentration Area, but would be counted against the British allocation and be a British commitment. CSO undertook to give further details of the units required.

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6. It is agreed that Nine Clearing personnel and equipment should be divided equally between British and US.

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20. DISPOSITION OF SURRENDERED FORCES IN PRESENT EIGHTH ARMY ZONES OF ACTION.

Eighth Army are holding some 40,000 Germans and 50,000 Cossacks, of which latter 20,000 are women and children, in their present Zone of Action. CAC has been informed and has stated that AFHQ will issue a policy decision on disposal. Notwithstanding Eighth Army will be responsible for maintenance of these personnel.

ACTION - AFHQ
Eighth Army

FINAL CONCENTRATION AREA (US)

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c. It was emphasized that classification of German personnel by civilian occupation must proceed as rapidly as possible. General MCMAHONEY has directed that conversion of the units must not require longer than six weeks. This time limitation is necessary in order that staging areas at PHS can be cleared for redeployment of troops. Some 90,000 German personnel must be provided for by that time in order to clear these staging areas. The German personnel will take over the equipment and the accommodation now being utilized by the Italian units. When the conversion of an Italian unit has been accomplished so that the personnel can be released, the organization which now has operational control of such a unit will report this fact to G-3, AFHQ, for disposition of the Italian personnel. German personnel will not be used to release Italian civilian personnel. Also it is considered impracticable to work the Germans along-side Italian civilians.

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d. The surrendered personnel may be used on any type of work including clearing of mines, after the proper training and the provision of equipment. For the present, German personnel classified as PWs can only be used on work as provided by the Geneva Conventions. Within these limitations General HACGRUBER pointed out that maximum use of the German personnel could be used for units to be redeployed. He cautioned about the use of German personnel in maintenance units at the moment, inasmuch as the maintenance program is critical and it is desired that nothing be done which would retard the progress of the present program.

e. It was announced that the technical services regiments would remain at present under the command of PBS and Fifth Army for the control of the Italian PW and military units which remain, and, for the German units, which are formed.

f. Under this program no change is contemplated in the present instructions for the disposition of enemy captured materials.

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Fifth Army
PBS

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference:	P 75290	Message Centre No:	E/754
Date/Time of Origin:	MAY 141653H	Date/Time Rec'd:	MAY 142145H
		Precedence:	OF PRIORITY
FROM:	AFHQ STAFF SACRED DIST BRAC FROM GENERAL ROBERTSON		
TO:	ACTION ALOC FOR ADMIRAL STONE		

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Your 7488 dated 12 May. I desire put following considerations before you.

1. Instructions have been given to DITONE that no Italians will be evicted except for their own safety and at instance of your officers.
2. Every endeavour has been made to find alternative and more suitable area in conjunction with Regional Commissioners. The only alternative proposed has been again condemned by medical authorities and estimates that it would produce 50 per cent malaria risk.
3. Instructions have been given that no surrendered troops will be billeted in buildings except with full consent of your officers.
4. General WEYDENH is fully alive to the considerations presented by you and will do his utmost to avoid damage to crops and hardship to civilians.
5. The matter is most urgent. These surrendered Germans must be got away from where they are and back to an area where we can maintain them. In view particularly of situation in VENETIA

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GEULIA I cannot possibly agree to their remaining in an area which would involve heavy transport commitment for their maintenance. It is also essential that they should be put where they can be guarded easily.

6. I believe the estimates as to numbers of civilians who will be displaced and damage to crops have been greatly exaggerated. However I am calling for further reports in this connection.

7. If with your assistance we can find more suitable area quickly elsewhere I shall be glad to arrange for transfer of Germans from present area to it as soon as practicable. SAC has seen this telegram and approves of it.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Brigadier M.S. LUSH.

Sir,

MAY 12 1945

Colonel Hartley telephoned the following message:-

"Reference Surrendered German Armies the number of civilians who will have to be evacuated from the new proposed area amounts to 12,000".

13 MAY 45.

Stanger

M. Lush

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Ref: 580/30.

14 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Liaison - HQ No.1 District.

TO : GOC, No.1 District.

The Chief Commissioner has appointed Colonel G.G. PEASBY to be Liaison Officer at your Headquarters, and he has been instructed to report to you immediately. I attach copy of his general instructions.

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For the Chief Commissioner

Y.S. Lark

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 580/10.

14 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Liaison - HQ No. 1 District.

TO : Colonel G.C. Peasey,
HQ. Allied Commission.

1. You have been appointed by the Chief Commissioner as AC Liaison Officer with GOC, No. 1 District.
2. As such, your duties will be to advise the GOC in all matters pertaining to civil affairs in his District and to interpret to the GOC and his staff the instructions sent to the Regional Commissioners and AMG officers from time to time, as may affect military interests. You should maintain close contact with the Regional Commissioners administering AMG territory in No. 1 District and with the AC Liaison Officers in that territory in No. 1 District which is administered by the Italian Government.
3. You will report direct to HQ AC on all matters which require direction and which cannot be settled by the Regional Commissioner responsible.
4. You have no executive authority.

M. S. Lamb

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ROUTINE

From: 15 ARMY GROUP

To: AFHQ, ALCOM, 5TH ARMY, 8TH ARMY, 15TH ARMY GROUP LIAISON DET

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15 ARMY GROUP Liaison Detachment with CINC Southwest have requested instructions in response to request from CINC Southwest for substantial releases from blocked German funds for pay and for supplies. While under surrender instructions German Army is supposed to maintain itself from its own resources it was accustomed to make certain local purchases which it declare essential to continue. Lire. Release requested by Germans one thousand million lire to pay recent bills for cattle and for grinding flour command essential three thousand million lire PM. While present instructions prohibit surrendered forces from use of local resources, consider that initially (in ITALY?) local purchases must continue until full survey of maintenance situation has been made. This Hq recommends (A) sufficient funds be released to pay outstanding bills (B) directives prohibiting purchase local produce eventually be followed except in case of Dire(?) necessity which will be a decision of Army Commander; latter case corresponding funds will be released; (C) pay be effected through German Army paymasters by book credit in Reichsmarks. Request early instruction on which to base reply.

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PARA TWO AFHQ FOR GENERAL ROBERTSON FROM HQ ALCON FROM ADMIRAL STONE PAREN

IT HAS BEEN LAID DOWN FOR INSTANCE THAT TROOPS SHOULD NOT BE BILLETED AND BUILDINGS ONLY OCCUPIED IF NOT REQUIRED BY CIVIL AND AMG AUTHORITIES PD

PARA TWO THE PRESENT PROPOSAL WHICH INVOLVES THE DESTRUCTION OF LOCAL RESOURCES AND THE EVICTION OF TWO ZERO ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ITALIANS APPEAR TO BE ABLE COMPLETE REVERSAL OF THIS PLAN. IF SUITABLE AREA IN EMILIA REGION CANNOT BE FOUND THEN ITEM SUBMIT WE MUST EXAMINE OTHER SITES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE ACCOMMODATION OF ANLE SURRENDERED GERMAN ARMY WILL NOT LEAD TO THE EVICTION OF THOUSANDS OF ITALIANS WHOSE SOLDIERS AND PARTISANS HAVE FIGHT FOR US AND WILL NOT ADD TO THE SUFFERING AND DESTRUCTION OF

(Approved by Ex Com)

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THAN THE GERMANS PD I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD SHOW THIS
TO SACMED WITH WHOM ITEM DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT THIS MORNING

Copy to C. Commissioner

Office of ORIGIN: *Walter H. Haax*
W. H.
Executive Commissioner

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DISTONE RPTD PERBASE LEBRON AFEL 15 ARMY GROUP

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12 May 45

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12 May 1945.

AIDE-MEMOIRE FOR FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER

Consideration is now being given to the accommoda-
tion of those of the German disbanded Army under British command
(No. 1 District) in an area near Rimini. This would involve
considerable damage to crops and evacuation of about 20,000
Italians. We urge most strongly from every point of view,
having particular regard to political reaction of the Italians,
that this be not done and that an alternative site be chosen
which does not involve the eviction of Italians.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Originator's Reference: FE 73121
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 10 1451B

Message Centre No. 1/241
Date/Time Recd: MAY 10 1815Z
Precedence: PRIORITY

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TO: 1 DIST INFO PPS DESIGN FOR GENERAL ROBERTSON, 15 ARMY GROUP,
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Look at PPS DESIGN signal 02 May 09 from General ROBERTSON. Adviser in malariaology reporting to you today 10 May will submit to you before noon tomorrow 11 May report assessing malaria risk in each of areas involved.

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Originator's Reference: 92
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 102045B

Message Centre No: E/264
Date/Time Recd: MAY 102150B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: GEN ROBERTSON
TO: ACTION ALCOM INFO AFHQ, 15 ARMY GROUP, DISTONE

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General HEYDEMAN has convinced me that area between CERVIA REGINA and RIMINI is most suitable from every point of view for accommodation of surrendered enemy personnel. He has been in consultation with Deputy Regional Commissioner BRITIA who can only suggest an alternative area north of RAVENNA which is condemned by medical authorities. Above would involve considerable damage to crops and would mean evacuating about 20,000 Italians or exposing them to certain violence. Before final choice is made I request IAS AFHQ to detail expert malariologist to assess extent of malaria risk in alternative area and possibility of controlling. He should report Hq DISTONE earliest. Request ALCOM to attach senior officer temporarily to Hq DISTONE until this matter is settled. DOB AFHQ to investigate immediately availability of mosquito nets. I will make final decision on receipt of reports from above.

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SUBJECT IS EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS FROM ~~KILUKUKUKUM~~ CONCENTRATION AREA GERMAN
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PARA ONE PD AT DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AMHQ IT WAS
AGREED THAT NO EVACUATION WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHOUT AUTHORITY CHIEF COMMISSIONER PD
PARA TWO PD REGIONAL COMMISSIONER WILL SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR AN AREA WHICH
WILL OCCASION LEAST DISRUPTION TO POPULATION SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY

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TO : AFRIC FOR G-5(ACTION) rptd DISTONE for (INFO)

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PARMS TO AFRIC FOR G-5(ACTION) FIVE SECTION FOR ACTION RPTD DISTONE FOR
INFO FROM HQ ALGERIA CITY ALGERIA PAPER

DO NOT CONSIDER LAMPS DETACHMENT NECESSARY AND THINK THAT TWO HEADQUARTERS
OFFICERS WHO WILL WORK WITH DISTONE AND BOTH REGIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL
HEADQUARTERS WILL BE SUFFICIENT PD THERE WILL BE PROVIDED AT ONCE

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M. S. LUSH
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Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
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Ref: G-5/S/59

SUBJECT: Concentration of Surrendered German Forces.

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TO: Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. Maj Gen HEYDEMAN, Commanding No. 1 District, in a top secret memo dated 3 MAY 45 to AFHQ G-3 Org, subj: "Concentration of Surrendered German Forces", intimates that it might be necessary to evacuate civilians from certain areas within the concentration zone of surrendered German forces. Paragraph 4 of Gen HEYDEMAN's memo is quoted as follows:

"The British portion of the concentration area is in three separate provinces and it will be appreciated that a very large number of questions will be raised with A.C. I anticipate considerable difficulties will arise with the civilian population in relation to damage to crops, etc, and it may even be necessary to evacuate certain areas. In view of this and the difficulties of dealing with three separate provincial Headquarters, I request an AC Staff Increment be attached to my Headquarters."

2. You will recall that I told you a few days ago that I have cleared the question of evacuating civilians at this Headquarters, and that in Phase 1 there will be no evacuation of civilians from the concentration areas. Additionally, 15th Army Group Directives prohibit purchases by the Germans of civilian food.

3. Gen HEYDEMAN also requests an Allied Commission Staff Increment to be attached to his Headquarters. This I suggested last December. I refer you to my letter S/9/DOCAC, dated 28 Dec 1944. I assume you will wish to discuss with AFHQ Gen HEYDEMAN's intimation that it may be necessary to evacuate civilians.

Nelson W. Monfort

NELSON W. MONFORT
Colonel, G.S.C.
DOCAC

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5th MAY 1945.

ALIAS REPORT FOR LITERARY GENERAL DIRECTOR.LOCATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF
DISBANDED GERMAN UNITS.1. Accommodation.

DEMAC, 15th Army Group reports this morning that difficulties have arisen regarding the location of the disbanded German troops between Route 9 and the PO Valley and that during the discussions a suggestion was considered that the Italian population should be evacuated from whatever area was arranged. General Hayden, Commanding 20.1 District, who expects eventually to have full responsibility for them, also mentioned to an AC officer that German troops would be billeted.

2. DEMAC has been instructed to take the line that before any suggestion of evicting the Italian population is considered the matter should be referred to the Chief Commissioner (CCAC). The idea of billeting is contrary to the administrative directive of 15th Army Group in which it is laid down that surrendered forces will "live in whatever tentage they possess. Accommodation for surrendered troops will not in any case exceed bivouac scale. Houses will not be requisitioned for accommodation of the enemy, but buildings now occupied by enemy installations may be retained. Use of warehouses or other similar structures which are not required by the Allied Military or Allied Commission is authorized".

3. In view of the political situation in Northern Italy it is hoped that the reactions of the Italian population will be well considered before any decision is taken.

4. Judicial Procedure.

15th Army Group have also laid down that all crimes committed by disbanded enemy forces may, at the discretion of the appropriate Allied Commander, be tried in the Allied Military Government Courts, notwithstanding any powers of summary jurisdiction which may have been given to enemy commanders.

5. The Allied Commission have protested that AMG Courts have no jurisdiction to try such cases and consider that all such cases must be tried by Courts Martial established in accordance with Geneva Convention. 15th Army Group do not agree and refuse to withdraw this instruction stating that AFMG say there is no difficulty over jurisdiction.

6. Not only because of the juridical position but because the Allied Commission has not sufficient legal personnel to deal with such cases, it is strongly urged that the Allied Commission's view be upheld. 3017

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MEMORANDUM.

To: Executive Commissioner

From: Executive Officer (B)

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Reference attached Signal.

DISTONE requirements are as follows.

1. Liaison
Colonel 1
Captain 1
2. Public Safety
Major 1
3. Neon Supply & Agric
Lt. Colonel 1
Majors 2
Captains 3
4. D F & R.
Major 1
Captain 1

I suggest that 2, 3 and 4 above must remain the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner concerned, and that we must give consideration to their demand for Liaison Officers only.

7 May 1945

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- 1. NICTONS request additional resources sent to deal with many problems due to large number of German POW to be concentrated south of river PC.
- 2. Following additional requested from you.
 - A. 100 Carabinieri.
 - B. Civil affairs detachment for Hq NICTONS. Latter demand necessitated since Hq ITALIA Region in IBS and 3 provinces ITALIA and part of 4th in NICTONS.
- 3. Contact NICTONS and arrange meet A) as far as possible if need still exists. Ascertain exact requirements B) and signal details where not possible meet from your resources.

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Ref: 56/206/10.

24 April 1945.

Subject: Control and Administration of
Surrendered Enemy Forces.

To: Director,
Communications Sub Commission.

The following is an extract from a 15th Army Group Directive,
subject as above, regarding the postal services for surrendered enemy forces
in Northern Italy:

"Initially discarded forces personnel mail will be handled
through the International Red Cross in same manner as for
POW's. Subsequently, mail will be handled through more
direct means (military or civilian), subject to security
considerations and the facilities that may become available.
In all cases, mail will be censored."

Major E. Tabor

Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commission.

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