

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

ACC

10000/109/286
(VOL. V)

FRENCH
JAN. -

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

100/109/286
VOL. V)

FRENCH ACTIVITIES & INCIDENTS, ITAL/FRENCH FRONTIER
JAN. - JUNE 1946

785017

512
~~509-607~~
 N. 311-312
 CLO. ~~509-607~~ is a report from L.O. Bureau.
 Janda on the subject of frontier passes.
 J.W.C.M. 18/5.

18. 08.
 L.D. is def. signal at 07. I spoke with D. L. D. (Rly Br.)
 who has spoken with L.C.V. Apparently the Italian
 thru Somali set for political activities on the
 frontier question.
 (2) L.D. is informing G.S. and L.C.V. as
 quickly informed.
 J.W.C.M. 18/5.

Have just been informed that railway
 traffic has commenced again & the Chief French
 Representative has gone up to Ventouga to investigate
 trouble J.W.C.M.

C.S.O. N.S. 509.
 Travel control cannot enter into this.
 It is suggested that Brigadier should speak
 of it directly to French Representative
 when he is seen, here. Thursday 20/5

(c) let that is informing G-5 and SCRC as
fully informed.

G.M.C.M. 18/5

Have just been informed that railway
traffic has commenced again & the English French
representative has gone up to Ventouglia to investigate

trouble G.M.C.M.

C.S.O. H.S.

509.

Travel control cannot enter into this.
It is suggested that Bongadner should speak
g it directly to French Representative
when he is seeing him Tuesday P.M. w/s

536.

Ex Comm.

John 500 is a translation of a newspaper
article (it's not a report from Maj. Romine as
Col. Green states)

G.M.C.M. 8/6 H.S. 8/6

John 500

Fr. R. 1/10/50

Mr. L. 1/10/50

Good

4016

514

CSC

⁵⁰⁹

of folio and its enclosures. the
Enc Comms may wish to special personally
with the French Rep. on this, if not, I
will draft a letter to him.
There is no public do office left in R. C. 16/5

515

CSC

Draft and to R. C. Rep. please.

Annexes p 508

(6) No.

(1) Out of order.

15/1/50

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

4015

Draft into 15 Dec. Ref. please

Attachments p 508

(6) Mc

(4) End of section

15 Dec 1971

491.
Cofis to CLOS
SS/12/13, 14/13

492.

A/c.c.

See 491 in reply to our signals
at 491 489 + 490. SS/27/14

493.

French Representative to see SS/27/14

He saw today

SS/27/14

498

Ex Comm.

Ref folio 497. Report at 496 for info. SS/25/14

504

Ex Comm.

Folio 503 and enclosures for info. SS/11/15

C.S.O.

505

P 497 was received on May 6. It must be known that
I had written for the report on the representation of Captain de la
Villeneuve. For 8 days the report has been in our files &
even if I am wrong

488

Ex Comm.

Ref folio 487. Report at 486 for info. *HS 11/5*

504

Ex Comm.

Folio 503 and enclosures for info. *HS 11/5*

505

C.S.O.

P 477 was received on May 6. It must be known that

I had written for the report on the representation of Captain de la
Villafra. For 3 days. The report had been in our files &
seen it in a way

No Action appears to have been taken
surely my office could have passed the report on to
the Prisoner Rep with the Division comment that Lt Pulch
was not there on April 18. *HS 11/5*

HS 11/5

PP 494-497

Please forward report to Prisoner Rep (H)

HS 11/5

Complaint for
Public Safety S/C

8.476

Attached at 2 is a complaint from
the French Repatriation Office in Liqueia
of his treatment by Italian frontier officials.
Folio 103 also refers. I understand these
officials are now controlled by the G. G. G.
but you comments would be appreciated.

8.477

CA Section for Executive Commissioner.

The complaint seems to center on the action of the
customs officials. The matter of customs control is now a
responsibility of the Italian Government subject to such limita-
tions as may have been imposed by the terms of the hand-over
agreement, of which this Sub-Commission has no information.

Apparently the Italian frontier authorities are continuing
to operate under the regulations promulgated by Allied authority
prior to the surrender of control and if we now criticize the
Italian Government, we would be admitting that the Allied regula-
tions were wrong. Knowing the conditions regarding smuggling and
particularly illicit drugs from France, this S/C is not inclined
to criticize.

The complaining officer is of the French Army and is
in no position to criticize when his own country has the same
procedure and exercises it against British officers.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

4.1.45
Ext. 586.

478

Section for Executive Commissioner.

The complaint seems to center on the action of the customs officials. The matter of customs control is now a responsibility of the Italian Government subject to such limitations as may have been imposed by the terms of the hand-over agreement, of which this Sub-Commission has no information.

Apparently the Italian frontier authorities are continuing to operate under the regulations promulgated by Allied authority prior to the surrender of control and if we now criticize the Italian Government, we would be admitting that the Allied regulations were wrong. Knowing the conditions regarding smuggling and particularly illicit drugs from France, this S/C is not inclined to criticize.

The complaining officer is of the French Army and is in no position to criticize when his own country has the same procedure and exercises it against British officers.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

4.1.45
Ext. 686.

478

Ex. Comm. Office

See Apr 6. I don't Gunder any further action necessary in the case.

5/3/46

M. J. Ambry
VP&AS

McG. H. 713

info 1-6 to info - minutes 6-7 also refer. Suggest no further action. H. 6/3.

785017

457.

Wesley H. 10/12

Letter at 457 regarding NSA of 450 submitted to signature.

Signal at 455 per CIO comments in answer to you 454. H. 14/2.

458.

A/C.C. Reply to signal at 447 is

- i) Reply you on 448. Reply to signal at 447 is at 455.
- ii) Reply your instructions at 453, letter submitted for signature at 456. H. 14/2

Wesley H. 10/12

460.

Letter at 459 re alleged closing of Franco-Italian border in answer to you. Co signal at 454. Shall we obtain copy of report referred to in para 4 of 459? In way you shed some light on the situation. H. 15/2.

Wesley H. 10/12

461.

Letter at 460 for info - our finding and information requested in para 2. H. 15/2.

467.

9 will (1) discuss with Capt. Moullec

(2) " " " " Brig Carr on return

Discussed H. 15/2

When at 449 we alleged closing of Franco-Italian border in answer to 2a. Co signal at 446. Shall we obtain copy of report referred to in para 4 of 454? In any way yes. shed some light on the situation.

2191 in. 1612

193

Letter at 450 for info - our binding only
information requested in para 2

4572.

167.

9 will (1) discuss with Cell Muller

(2) $\rightarrow$ Big Car on wheels.

15/12/22

470.

for Cam

4012

Sir, Please see photos nos. 869 which were forwarded under cover of a DO letter which is being submitted in another file.

See also #72 for V.P. cont.
~~X~~ $\Delta/2$

427

Ex. C. has discussed reports with French Rep & rules no further action T.D. 6/3.

785017

V.P. CAS

1139

Plan see H 424-436- Lr

Ed Gardner seems to have failed to know

off the mantle of HIG and assume that

of L.O. He apparently does not live at

Tenda (which he should). He has not a

an office & holds the Allen flag

at Tenda, which he should do. He

has entered well in Franco Italian politics.

Will you please speak

MS/6/2

Seen by

V.P. CAS

document

with

for

11/2

1140

Entered at 1145

CRO

Telegram to Bureau

MS/6/2

an officer & landed the Allen flag
at Tenda, which he should do. He
has entered well in Franco Italian politics.

Will you please speak.

MS/6/2

440 - Issued at 4415

ESC -

Telegram to Paris

MS/6/2

4415

ESC - MS/11/2

4015 - MS/11/2

Understand Fr. Rep. wishes to see
p 436. Until I have a reply to telegram
opposite (which should come) I would
prefer to keep report as non-authentic.
With respect Capt. Drouin

MS/11/2

785017

NDC

417
 417
 Repose to Capitaine Muller & ask him
 to arrange for the French flag to be hauled down. 1132
 him that the C.C. preferred to do it their way
 as we all felt strongly about our flag. The

Subsequently
 Capitaine said that he had communicated with

Pavani & he also suggested that the F.B.H.O. at Toulon

should come under the French Command in Italy

and under the F. Command in France & agreed.

7/11/42

421

ALCO

1) Ref 418: have checked with J2. AMHQ via Office
 here and they state as submitted in this
 letter for sig. at 420

2) Ref 415: if letter at 420 is signed I will prepare
 letter implementing last para of 415 on return
 of file, if in C. winter.

437
 437

437

CSO-

Page 12. 112.

Page 12. 112.

Page 12. 112.

Paris - 4 he also suggested that the FTHO should
 should come under the French Command in Italy
 and under the F Command in France. I agree.
 JH 1/12

421

AC10

- 1) Ref 418: have checked with P2. FTHO Visa Office
 here and they state as submitted in this
 letter for sig. at 420
- 2) Ref 415: if letter at 420 is signed I will prepare
 letter implementing last para of 415 on return
 of file, if in C. makes

ERB 5/2 4011

JH 1/12.

437

CSO - P420 Kbr with drawn. I can see no advantage

When to be so handling on the border-except in special
 circumstances & this should be made clear in our standard
 reply

MS 6/2

438

P ⁴³⁸ Interim telegram to Tunis on decision
 NAC to V.P. CAS to issue (I shall probably ask him
 to go to the sec.) JH 1/12

Covered by signal
 at 445

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

COC

413
H. 291

(in play)

P 410

412 This seems a reasonable request. Full 20

Exo. loan saw
left handled to-day

Capt. Mullica (arrange plan)

Dr (27/1)

See 417

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

551 40
EX-1000
8044
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

3 June, 1946

Subject : Report from Liaison Officer - Tenda.
Ref. : PR/CLO/SV
To. : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION - APO 794.
(Attention Executive Commissioner)

Herewith forwarded, for your information, copy of a newspaper
report received from Major Ronnie, Liaison Officer - Tenda.

F.G. Green
F.G. GREEN
Lt. Colonel - GL
Chief Liaison Officer

Incl: 1
FGG/RL

4003

See 7-547
See M-536-7
PA 14/6

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

581

ALLIED COMMISSION
(LIAISON)

CUNEO-TENDA

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

To: Chief Liaison Officer, A.C. 4120000.

Date: 22 July 1948

Ref: 4120000/1.

Subject: Newspaper Reports on French & BAIR's French Situation.

1. The attached translation of an article written by a special correspondent of the "L'Express" and published on 14th July 1948, is forwarded for your information.

B. R. [Signature]
Chief Liaison Officer.

4/37.

Copy 102- 102 2. 4. 3.

4000

59

From: "GABRIELLA A. CALIA, newspaper dated 1/1/1948, p. 1, col. 1."

FRENCH CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE ALPS VALLEY

WE DO NOT HAVE A JETTER FOR THE AMERICANIZATION - IT IS THE
SOMEONE WHOSE POSITION THAT WE HAVE

(As our special correspondence)

Paris, May.

After the Indians and admitted four Foreign Ministers (Latin
Conference, the definition of our western frontier, or at least a
clarifying solution has not been reached. The County of Brian and
Corda, among the others, remains in trouble of uncertain fate.

The Inquiry Commission composed by Russian, English, American that
went in the zone, has ascertained at Tenda a balanced statistics: 40%
of Alsace (pro-French), 40% of Alsace (pro-Italian), and 40% of people who
hesitate on the problem of their nationality. At Brian a superiority
of Germans represents 60% of the population.

But in reality, what is the value of these figures? Months ago in
the plottings made by our Alpine neighbors as a proof, with promises
and threats, the prevalence for annexation was remarkable. Instead to-day
the foreigner changed its place on behalf of Italy, and more will always
be, if the French action will be kept in limits of loyalty.

It is useless to remember the episode of the occupation period, but
it is much to give a measure to a significant fact that only to-day
comes to light. A little firm was appointed to carry out the work of
re-construction the tunnel that joins the Vercors Valley to the
rest of the French Intelligence Service, not the owner of the firm, trying
to bribe him, in order to slow down the work and to hinder Italy sending
over supplies.

Also at present the French haven't returned to the underground
drilling. A little detachment is now on the spot, composed of an Officer
and three other ranks, with the official pretext to view permission for
French.

In reality, it is an outpost centre of the French Information Service
and a military nucleus of the annexationist movement.

The annexationists for their side, have found a way to give themselves
a place of action, subtly disguised, forming a permanent and exclusive
specialist section, the only party organization that exists in the zone.
The party is made up of a few hundred men, but it is an Italian Socialist Party

534

The Italians, as riding to some newspapers, etc., are remaining hardened sinners, etc. etc., nationalist and authors of indomitable injustice. However the fact is, that the French who are coming to Italy are hostile and respected, whilst many Italians who went over the border searching for work have been sent back and had everything taken from them.

To the tragedy and to the suffering, the hypocrisy and human levity have joined some trail of ridiculous.

On the back of a car of the French Mission, days ago, some Italians have written with shrew characters a "W ITALY", that the four fervent anti-Italians have taken triumphantly with them in French territory and the Inquiry Commission visit has given origin to blots of effervescent cordiality.

Flowers, prepared by the pro-French have been cleverly used by the Italian demonstrators; flags exposed by the annotationists, informing the instructions previously issued on occasion of the visit, have been substituted by a brass-stick or with rage.

The same Commission wanted to give a proof of its humor. At a banquet a cake was brought on the table which had written on it "W. ITALY", the person to whom was given the task to divide it in parts, has cut it exactly in two. It remained so on one side the W and on the other ITALY. There has been a short time of indecision and after that, a Russian forwarded his hand saying: I want to eat a bit of Italy. Certainly it was a good show, but to-day not appreciated by the Italians without a strange shiver.

To finish, it is not hard to remember the phrase that a French officer in a moment of nervousness let slip in respect of the annexationists: "I don't care a button for their health, it is the Electric Power Stations we want."

a. b.

043

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

533

CASE 88/00/50

4006

DATE 10 June 46

Transfer to Egypt Police for photo 90

File 381
832

JUNE 8 1945 AGO

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORT THAT THE HUNGARIAN PRISONERS WHOSE NAMES WERE GIVEN TO THE
AMERICAN ARMY WERE KEPT IN THE PRISON OF LITVINSKY KENNY ID
BUT THE PRISONERS WERE KEPT IN THE PRISON OF LITVINSKY KENNY ID

RE AGO

AGENCY TO INTERVIEW

AGENCY TO INTERVIEW

3588

See 547

*Copy to: C. Em.
French Rep.*

1/5/47

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORT THAT TWO BLANDED MEN, WHOSE NAMES WERE GIVEN AS ALBERTO AND LUIPO, WERE IN THE
REARQUARTERS OF THE 10TH ARMY DIVISION, WHOSE COMMANDER WAS ALBERTO AND LUIPO, WERE IN THE
REARQUARTERS OF THE 10TH ARMY DIVISION, WHOSE COMMANDER WAS ALBERTO AND LUIPO, WERE IN THE

See 547

D. Copy to: C. C. C.
Hutch Rep.

10/25/54

OF PROPERTY
IN CONNECTION

U.S. DEPT
OF COMMERCE

4005

CONFIDENTIAL

(CSO)

Ref. : SDV/13

29 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Frontier Control.

TO : The French Representative BB AG

1. The following is an extract from the monthly Report of the Chief Liaison Officer Piemonte Region:

"All along the Italian-French Border everything is rather quiet. However, at L'ANILLOU, there recently appeared a Colonel of the French Gendarmerie, who during the course of his visit, issued orders that it was absolutely prohibited for Italian citizens to enter France without a complete set of papers vised by the proper French authorities".

2. Your comments on the above would be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner:

13/5 M. TA
Briquet,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: SDV/13

4007

PA
8/11/78

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

581 41
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

17 May, 1946.

531
MAY 23 1946

Subject : Frontier Passes.

Ref. : FR/GLO/10

To : Executive Commissioner, A.C. - A.P.O. 794

529.
Forwarded for your information, please.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

Ray E. Barone
ROY E. BARONE
Captain - FA
Admin. Offr.

Copy to: 3 District (Northern Detachment)
c/o ~~327~~ P.S.S., Milan.

Incl: 1

REB/J1

7/A

MS.

g

(copy R)

4000 P

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

ALLIED COMMISSION

(LIAISON)

CLO

Adm

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ TENDA

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

To Chief Liaison Officer. A.C. PIERMONTE

Date May 15th 1946

Re: PAC/CU/6.

Subject:- Frontier Passes.

1. With further reference to our letter of even number dated 10th May, 1946, all Frontier Passes have now been signed by the French L.O., with the exception of 2 which the French L.O. is now investigating, as he believes they may be undesirable characters who were sent out of FRANCE in 1940.

A. H. Gardner

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

ABG/JN.

Copy to:- 315 P.S.S.

581 ~~528~~ CLO
A L L E D C O M M I S I O N
 (L I A I S O N)
CUNEO T E N D A *HY 20/4*
 L O L T C O L A H G A R D N E R R A
S E C R E T.

to Chief Liaison Officer. A.C. PIEMONTA. Date: 10th May, 1946.

Re: PAC/CH/3

Subject:- Consolidated report on the visit of an Allied Commission from the Council of Foreign Ministers' conference in PARIS - to TENDA and BRIGA. *501*

1. Adverting to our letter of even number dated 3rd-May, 1946, herewith is a consolidated report on the a/n Mission.

2. On Tuesday, 30th April, 1946, at 1600 hrs. the Prefect of CUNEO advised me by telephone that he had just received a telephone call from HOME to the effect that a Commission from PARIS was due to arrive in TENDA at 1000 hrs on Wednesday, 1st May, 1946. I proceeded to CUNEO to obtain further details from him.

3. On Wednesday the Commission arrived in TENDA, its designation and the members being as follows:-

"Commission to Investigate Rectification of the Franco - Italian Frontier in the Upper Roya Valley".

appointed by the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in PARIS, April, 1946.

GREAT BRITAIN : Mr. MAJORIBANKS
 Mr. BRADLEY-JENNINGS
 Miss MINGATE

U.S.A. :

 Mr. REINHARDT
 Mr. KNIGHT

Subject: - Consolidated report on the visit of an Allied Commission from
the Council of Foreign Ministers' conference in PARIS - to
TENDRA and BRIGA. 501

1. Adverting to our letter of even number dated 30u-May, 1946,
herewith is a consolidated report on the c/n Mission.

2. On Tuesday, 30th April, 1946, at 1600 hrs. the Prefect of CUNEO
advised me by telephone that he had just received a telephone call from
ROME to the effect that a Commission from PARIS was due to arrive in
TENDRA at 1000 hrs on Wednesday, 1st May, 1946. I proceeded to CUNEO to
obtain further details from him.

3. On Wednesday the Commission arrived in TENDRA, its designation
and the members being as follows:-

"Commission to Investigate Rectification of the Franco - Italian
Frontier in the Upper Roya Valley".

appointed by the Council of Foreign Ministers
meeting in PARIS, April, 1946.

GREAT BRITAIN	:	Mr. MARJORIBANKS
		Mr. BRANLEY-JENNINGS
		Miss WINGATE

U.S.A.	:	Mr. REINHARDT
		Mr. KNIGHT

U.S.S.R.	:	M. SALESIN
		M. IVANOV

FRANCE	:	M. VISCONT
		M. MARROW

4. I met the Commission at the French/Italian Border and placed
myself, clerk and interpreter at their disposal on the 1st May, 1946,
and on the 2nd May, 1946, conducted them on their tour and was with them
until they left in the evening, apart from the occasions when the Commis-
sion had interviews with representatives of the community.

(cont'd) J.S. 21A

4002...112...

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 735017

- 2 -

5. The following Italian officials were also present:

A member of the Foreign Ministry - Comm. DAVID - who was on leave in TORINO and who was instructed to attend.
 Vice Prefect Conte GIANFRANCO - CUNEO Province.
 Eng. MULLER - General Advisory Director - C.I.E.L.I.
 Eng. ROSIS - Director of C.I.E.L.I.
 Eng. GILBERTI - " C.I.E.L.I.

6. The following meetings were held by the Commission and personnel interviewed.

1st May 1946.

(a) TENDA - 1700 hrs to 2100 hrs.

Lt. Colonel, A.E. GARDINER.	R.A.	A.E. Division Officer.
Li. L. BALCK		French Liaison Officer
Comm. DANNO SILETO	-	Foreign Ministry - ROMA
Vice Prefect Conte GIANFRANCO	-	CUNEO Province
Gov. DURENO		Sindaco of TENDA
Eng. BALFIN		Sindaco of BRIGA
Eng. MULLER	-	General Advisory Director - C.I.E.L.I.
Eng. ROSIS	-	Director of C.I.E.L.I.
Eng. GILBERTI	-	" " C.I.E.L.I.

2nd May 1946.

(a) TENDA - 1200 hrs.

Gov. DURENO - Sindaco of TENDA
 GIUNTA COMUNALE of TENDA
 Representatives of pro-Italian and pro-French elements.

(c) SAN SALVATORE di TENDA - 1400 hrs to 1530 hrs.

At the invitation of the writer, the members of the Commission were entertained to lunch at the TERNINO Hotel, SAN SALVATORE di TENDA.

(d) 1600 hrs.

The Commission visited the source of the River ROIA and also

1st May 1946.

(a) TENDRA - 1700 hrs to 2100 hrs.

Lt. Colonel. A.E. GARDNER. R.A. A.C. Liaison Officer.
 Lt. L. KALCK French Liaison Officer
 Comm. DANNO Studio - Foreign Ministry - ROME
 Vice Prefect Conte GIBBARDI - CUNEO Province
 Cav. DURERO Sindaco of TENDRA
 Sig. DALFIN Sindaco of BRIGA
 Eng. MULLER - General Advisory Director - C.I.E.L.I.
 Eng. BOSIS - Director of C.I.E.L.I.
 Eng. CHISLERI - " " C.I.E.L.I.

2nd May 1946.

(b) TENDRA - 1200 hrs.

Cav. DURERO - Sindaco of TENDRA
 GIUNTA COMUNALE of TENDRA
 Representatives of Pro-Italian and Pro-French elements.

(c) SAN DALMAZZO di TENDRA - 1400 hrs to 1530 hrs.

At the invitation of the writer, the members of the Commission were entertained to lunch at the TERMINUS Hotel, SAN DALMAZZO di TENDRA.

(d) 1600 hrs.

The Commission visited the source of the River ROIA and also the Rocca and Rail tunnels.

(e) 1700 hrs.

The Commission visited the Electricity Power Station at SAN DALMAZZO di TENDRA.

(f) BRIGA - 1745 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Sig. DALFIN - Sindaco of BRIGA
 GIUNTA COMUNALE of BRIGA
 Representatives of Pro-Italian and Pro-French elements.

- 3 -

7. All members of the Commission stopped individuals in the two Communes as they were motoring through to ascertain their respective views.
8. CC.RR. and all other police arrangements were carried out with the utmost competence.
9. The Commission were well received by both elements - and when leaving BRIGA, received a tremendous ovation from a crowd of 300 - 500 of the Italian element.
10. Crowds were very good humoured and orderly throughout the visit of the Commission.
11. As the Commission left BRIGA, one hysterical pro-French woman stopped the cars and said she was afraid that members of the pro-French element would be shot and killed by the Italian element that night. She so impressed the Commission that I was asked by it (the Commission) - to return to BRIGA to watch developments - this I did, but all crowds were in the best of humour, singing and waving flags.
12. The Public Safety Agents - CC.RR. - and Guardia di Finanza all state that no incidents whatsoever occurred during the two days.
13. The Commission requested me to obtain 4 copies of all the daily newspapers sold in the area, giving details of their visit - these I obtained and forwarded them to the British Delegate in PARIS.
14. Most ITALIAN papers 'headlined' the visit, but two ROMANO papers - "SEMPRE AVANTI" and "LA NUOVO STAMPA" - erroneously published articles, containing statements alleged to have been made by me, however the majority of the papers remarked that no statements had been made by the Commission or by me. I made no statement whatsoever!
15. Two French papers published in NICE were received in this office - "L'ESPION DE NICE" and "LA LIBERTÉ" - after running down everyone who was not pro-French, also attacked me through its columns. (This paper "attacked" many A.M.G. Officers from May to October, 1945 - but they later received instructions from the French Authorities not to mention the Communes of TENDA & BRIGA - the ban was lifted in March of this year when an 'attack' was again made on an A.C. Officer.)

10. Crowds were very good humoured and orderly throughout the visit of the Commission.

11. As the Commission left BRIGA, one hysterical pro-French woman stopped the cars and said she was afraid that members of the pro-French element would be shot and killed by the Italian element that night. She so impressed the Commission that I was asked by it (the Commission) - to return to BRIGA to watch developments - this I did, but all crowds were in the best of humour, singing and waving flags.

12. The Public Safety Agents - CC.BB. - and Guardia di Finanza all state that no incidents whatsoever occurred during the two days.

13. The Commission requested me to obtain 4 copies of all the daily newspapers sold in the area, giving details of their visit - these I obtained and forwarded them to the British Delegate in PARIS.

14. Most ITALIAN papers 'headlined' the visit, but two TORINO papers - "SEMPRE AVANTI" and "LA NUOVO STAFFA" - erroneously published articles, containing statements alleged to have been made by me, however the majority of the papers remarked that no statements had been made by the Commission or by me. I made no statement whatsoever!

15. Two French papers published in NICE were received in this office - "L'ESPION DE NICE" and "LA LIBERTÉ" - after running down everyone who was not pro-French, also attacked me through its columns. (This paper "attacked" many A.M.G. Officers from May to October, 1945 - but they later received instructions from the French authorities not to mention the Communes of TENDA & BRIGA - the ban was lifted in March of this year when an 'attack' was again made on an A.C. Officer.)

16. No incidents occurred in the days following the visit of the Commission and the inhabitants resumed their normal labours with their usual tranquility.

17. The only comment I have heard from the officials is one of surprise that delegates from an interested Country (FRANCE) should have been appointed as part of the Commission.

They seem to hold this rather against the Allies, as the Allies, as far as they are concerned, stand for fairness and justice; although they only appear to register surprise when talking - I think they consider the inclusion of the Delegates was unfair, and therefore - the Allies - should not have allowed FRANCE to be a member of this particular Commission.

.../4..

- 4 -

18. Journalists representing FRENCH newspapers were in TEYDA & BRIGA for 2 or 3 days following the visit of the Commission.

19. So far I have received no official information of the visit of the Commission through A.C. channels - the French L.O. (who is under my command) - had full knowledge of the intended visit and the names of the Delegates.

AHG/JM.

A. H. Gardner.

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

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

18. Journalists representing FRANCE newspapers were in TENDRA & BRIGA for 2 or 3 days following the visit of the Commission.

19. So far I have received no official information of the visit of the Commission through A.C. channels - the French L.O. (who is under my command) - has full knowledge of the intended visit and the names of the Delegates.

A. H. Gardner

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

485/JH.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

Atty General

A. E. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Liaison Officer.

AHG/JH.

Page

0433

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

58-51

524

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: KY 2003
Date/Time of Origin: 141.

Message Centre No. H/3133
Date Time Rec'd: 15.1.201500
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ALLIED COMMISSION (LONDON) TO: HQ ARMY FOR GROUND FORCE IN ITALY
TO: HQ ARMY FOR GROUND FORCE IN ITALY
SUB: ITALIAN SAFETY AND COM - ITALIAN COM.

517

UNCLASSIFIED.

Ref our signal to. 15th dated 17 May 45. Normal rail traffic across Italo-French frontier was resumed as from 0030 hrs 15 May 45 situation tranquil.

AC 1417

ACTION EX COM 2
INFO COM 2 TO MISSION
P. 1417
TN 14
PLAT 2
PL 14

HEADQUARTERS

20 MAY 1946

785017

TO: DIRECTOR FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER INFO: SA AREA - NO 3 DIST PART
DET - PARIS IS SAFETY SUB CASE - REASSURE COM.

517

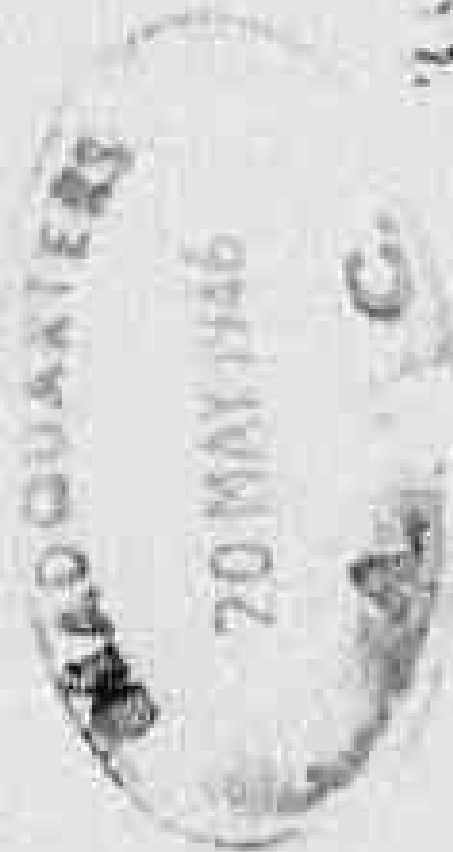
UNCLASSIFIED.

Ref our signal NO. 1502 dated 17 May 46. Normal radio traffic
across Italy-French frontier was resumed as from 0030 hrs 18 May 46.
situation tranquil.

AC LIST

ACTION INFO EX COMM 2
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
P. SAFETY
TH BR
FLAT 2
FILE

NOTATION



388

all
if (in work)
B

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

581
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

Ex Comm 523

17 May, 1946.

To : Executive Commissioner, A.C. - APO 794

MAY 20 1946

Ref. : PR/ADM/

Subject : Bridges erected by the French during their occupation
of TENDA & BRICA.

522

Copy of correspondence received from Lt. Colonel
A.H. Gardner, LC Tenda, is forwarded for your information.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

R. E. BARNES
ROY E. BARNES
Captain - FA
Administrative Offr.

Incl:1

RRB/hl

3897

PIA

HS.

(80)

58141
ALLIED COMMISSION
(LIAISON)

~~GUINEA~~ TENDA

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

CONFIDENTIAL

To: Chief Liaison Officer. A.C. PIGNONTE

Date 14th May 1946

Ref: PAC/GU/3/3.

Subject:- Bridges erected by the French during their occupation of
TENDA & BRIGA.

1. Adverting to our letter of even number dated 30th April, 1946,
attached herewith translation and copy of letter from Lt. Kalck, the
French L.O. at TENDA to the Sindaco of TENDA - for your information.

520
AHG/JM.

521
A. H. Gardner
A. H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Liaison Officer.

523
3838

C O P Y & T R A N S L A T I O N

VIII. MILITARY REGION
Military Government : Lyon

French Liaison after the
Allied Commission in Italy.

TENDA & BRIGA

478/D

Tenda, 9th May 1946.

From : Lieutenant L. KALCK.
French Liaison Officer.

To : The Mayor of Tenda.

Following my letter No. 385/D. dated 17th April last, I have the honour to let you know that the French Authorities have no intention of asking you to remove the provisional bridges in order to recover the woods, as it would be an absurdity, but simply to preserve the wood in question when demolition and permanent re-building takes place.

In any case for my part, these weren't "instructions" but solely a demand made by the French Genio Civile and French Military Authorities that I have passed over to you.

Do accept the assurance of my perfect consideration.

The Lieutenant L. KALCK.
Liaison Officer.

French Liaison Officer.

To : The Mayor of Tenda.

507
Following my letter No. 386/D. dated 17th April last, I have the honour to let you know that the French Authorities have no intention of asking you to remove the provisional bridges in order to recover the woods, as it would be an absurdity, but simply to preserve the wood in question when demolition and permanent re-building takes place.

In any case for my part, these weren't "instructions" but solely a demand made by the French Genio Civile and French Military Authorities that I have passed over to you.

To accept the assurance of my perfect consideration.

The Lieutenant L. KALCK.

Liaison Officer.

Copy to Allied Commission - TENDA -

see 523

3990

C O P Y

VIII^e REGION MILITAIRE
Gouvernement Militaire de Lyon.

Liaison Française auprès de
l'Allied Commission en Italie.

TENDE & BRIGUE

478/D.

TENDE, le 9 May 1946

Le Lieutenant L. KALCK
Officier de Liaison

A Monsieur le Maire de TENDE.

Comme suite à ma lettre N° 385/D. du 17 Avril dernier ,
j'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaître que les Autorités Françaises
n'ont pas l'intention de vous demander de démonter les ponts
provisaires afin de récupérer le bois , ce qui serait une absurdité
mais simplement de vouloir bien conserver les bois en question au
faut et à mesure de leur démolition et de leur remplacement par des
ouvrages définitifs.

Il ne s'agit pas en tous cas de ma part "d'instructions",
mais seulement d'une demande émanant du Génie Civil Français et des
Autorités Militaires que je ne fait que vous transmettre.

Veuillez agréer Monsieur le Maire l'assurance de ma parfaite
considération.-

Le Lieutenant L. KALCK
Officier de Liaison.

478/D.

Le Lieutenant L. KALCK

Officier de Liaison

A Monsieur le Maire de TENDE.

Comme suite à ma lettre N° 386/D. du 17 Avril dernier, j'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaître que les Autorités Françaises n'ont pas l'intention de vous demander de démonter les ponts provisoires afin de récupérer le bois, ce qui serait une absurdité mais simplement de vouloir bien conserver les bois en question au faur et à mesure de leur démolition et de leur remplacement par des ouvrages définitifs.

Il ne s'agit pas en tous cas de ma part "d'instructions", mais seulement d'une demande émanant du Génie Civil Français et des Autorités Militaires que je ne fait que vous transmettre.

Veuillez agréer Monsieur le Maire l'assurance de ma parfaite considération.-

Le Lieutenant L. KALCK

Officier de Liaison.

see 520

Copy to Allied Commission - TENDA.

3006

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1397

Date/Time of Origin: MAY

Message Centre No. 14/2050

Date Time Rec'd MAY 17 1430

Precedence: PRIORITY

MAY 17 1946

FROM: ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON CP LIAISONIA

TO: IN ALBUM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSION - 39 AREA DISTRICT BOMBERS LOT

TRANSMISSION SUB CODE: 1045

UNCLASSIFIED

Railway traffic was suspended on the Italian French frontier Ventimiglia at 1400 hrs on 16/5/46. This followed a refusal by the Italian Authorities to extend a permit to the French railway inspectors. CARLE GIOVANNI to remain in Italy was returned to France. Other French railway personnel protested to the Italian Authorities and afterwards returned to France. Further information is being obtained and reports will be submitted.

AC LIST

ACTION - NO CORRECTION

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FOLIO (A)

FOLIO (B)

IN 16

BOOK

ACTION

see M518 & 519

HEADQUARTERS

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

TRANSPORTATION AND COMM. BUREAU

RECEIVED

UNCLASSIFIED

Railway traffic was suspended on the Italian French frontier Ventimiglia at 1400 hrs on 16/5/46. This followed a refusal by the Italian Authorities to extend a permit to the French railway inspectors. CARLE GIOVANNI to remain in Italy who returned to France. Other French railway personnel protested to the Italian Authorities and afterwards returned to France. Further information is being obtained and reports will be submitted.

AC LINE

ACTION - IN COMBAT

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

COLAS (A)

COLAS (B)

IN ID

SECH

FLIGHT

FILE

ACTION

see 71518 & 519

HEADQUARTERS

17 MAY 1946

C 3393

See 7-524

117. 15. (10000)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

179 ~~40~~
~~581/EC~~
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION
1806/EC

513

Ref. : PR/CLO/501
Subjects : Elections. - Frontier Passes.
To : Brigadier M. Lush; Executive Commissioner, A.C. HQ
12 May, 1946.
MAY 17 1946
512

Enclosed herewith reports from Colonel A.E. Gardner,
Liaison Officer, Tenda, for your information.

For the Acting Chief Liaison Officer:

Roy E. Barone
ROY E. BARONE
Captain - PA
Administrative Officer.

7/A
2/18
Incl: 2
REB/h1

see M.516 3387

512

ALLIED COMMUNICATION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

To Chief Liaison Officer, U.S. Liaison. Date 10/1/50

Re: 10/1/50

Subject: Frontier Issues.

1. On 10/1/50, the French L. O. stated the situation of French was refusing to forward application forms for American at Headquarters. He said he had mentioned that "because" (his actual word) of applications and been refused. I asked the French if this was correct and he said he had only refused to forward 2 (two) applications - he forwarded all application forms to "my" and then the "other" (American) investigation - and usually papers were approved. The only reason I have had refused was for public safety reasons (i.e. omitted - omitted or great concern).

2. The French, in turn, complained to me that the French L. O. was requesting for "1" of 24 but that they (the French L. O.) had not "wanted" them - and nothing taken so far consideration of them. I explained between the two and they both agreed quite happy was satisfied - the French L. O. particularly stated he was to forward any reports through what the matter - to which a person, willing.

3. Yesterday, the French complained there were a large batch of "1" of 24 waiting the French L. O. at Headquarters - and I the French L. O. had the same matter to the French L. O. office for these papers without success. The French stated they (the French L. O.) said it was the Italian authorities - they also to get the papers through - now - "1" will not "retaliate".

4. I raised the question with the French L. O. this morning and he admitted he was 10-10 and had 10-10 papers in his office waiting for signature, and that they would all be signed today. I came via the room for him when he signed - his reply was that he had a personally

511

2. Director of C.I. D.I. brought a copy of the report on both April, 1944, stating that the French had to sign it, as it was essential for him to pass from Paris to London, being responsible for the British Super Division on each side. I discussed the report with the French C.I. on April, 1944, but to date this has not been signed.

W. Gardner

C.I. D.I.
C.I. Division
Division Officer

P.S. Letter to C.I.

The report of the report still not been released by the French C.I., who left for France for the week-end.

0 4 6

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

510

Ref. : 581/506/HJ

16 May 1946

SUBJECT: Report on Prefect's Visit to
TERRA A BRIGA.

TO : The French Representative
A.C.

With reference to our discussion on 23 April 1946 regarding
the visit to TERRA and BRIGA, by the Italian Prefect, I now have
pleasure in forwarding a copy of the Allied Commission Liaison Officer's
report on this visit.

502-497

By Command of Rear Admiral Steno:

A. W. Kuisch.

Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

✓

3320

A
n/3
8

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

581 481
509
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

10 May 1946.

Ref. : PR/CLO/50

Subject : Bridges erected by the French during their
occupation of TENDA & BRIGA.

To : Executive Commissioner, A.C. Hq, APO 794

506-508
Forwarded for your information, please.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

R. E. Barone
ROY E. BARONE
Captain - PA
Admin. Offr.

Incl: 3

RRB/hl

see further

JS.
See Mem 514 & 515.

3028

(1007X)

ALLIED COMMISSION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

CONFIDENTIAL

To: Chief Liaison Officer, A.C. ZIMBABWE. On: 30th April 1945.

Re: 240/10/1/1.

Subject: Bridges erected by the French during their occupation of TENDA & HILDA.

1. The attached translation and copy of letter from Lt. Valde, the French S.O. at TENDA to the Liaison of TENDA is self-explanatory.
2. The bridges mentioned are on the main route from HILDA to TENDA (Route 10), and it is obvious that the return of the timber would mean the road would be impassable, and as there are no diversions, it is of course, impossible for the Liaison to comply with the instructions issued by the French S.O.

3. Has the French S.O. any right to issue these instructions - even if they were practicable - to the Liaison?

4. The Liaison forget to inform me of the receipt of the attached letter until 27th April, 1945, but passed copies to the Liaison and Carlo Givile, A.C. S.O.

5. The French S.O. did not inform me of the action he was taking.

A.H. Gardner

A.H. Gardner.
Lt. Colonel, A.C.
Liaison Officer.

240/10/1/1.

500

Subject:-- Bridges erected by the French during their occupation of
NEMO & BRICK.

1. The attached translation and copy of letter from Lt. Mulock,
the French S.O. at TEMA to the Sindaco of LAMA is self-explanatory.

2. The bridges mentioned are on the main route from ITALY to
PARMA (Route 20), and it is obvious that the return of the timber would
mean the road would be impassable, and as there are no diversions, it is
of course, impossible for the Sindaco to comply with the instructions
issued by the French S.O.

3. Has the French S.O. any right to issue these instructions -
even if they were practical - to the Sindaco?

4. The Sindaco forgot to inform me of the receipt of the attached
letter until 29th April, 1946, but passed copies to the Prefect and
Genio Civile, 2.4.46.

5. The French S.O. did not inform me of the action he was
taking.

W. Gardner

A.D. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. A.D.
Division Officer.

21/5/46.

see M515

COPY OF TRANSLATION

Ville Military Region,
Military Government of Lyon.

Tende, 17 April 1946.

French Mission by Allied Commission in Italy
LADA & HADA

No. 185/3

SS. L. HADA
Mission Officer

To the Mayor of Tende.

I have the honor of drawing your attention to the fact that all temporary bridges between the Valle di Tenda and the French - Italian border have been built part by the French army and part by the Genio Civile.

Consequently, I should be very obliged if you would give the necessary instructions or intervene by the Genio Civile of Italian Communications in order to have the wood used for these buildings delivered to Mr. Duelli, consignee of all materials belonging to the French Genio Civile and the Army.

I remain dear Mayor yours sincerely,

(JGS) HADA.

507

Mr. E. Salok
Liaison Officer

In the Super of Tzumi.

I have the honour of drawing your attention to the fact that all temporary bridges between the Galla di Tzumi and the French - Italian border have been built part by the French Army and part by the Genio Civile.

Consequently I should be very obliged if you would give the necessary instructions or intervene by the Genio Civile of Italian Communications in order to have the road used for these buildings delivered to Mr Buselli, commander of all materials belonging to the French Genio Civile and the Army.

I remain dear Mayor yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Salok.

C O P Y

VIII^e REGION MILITAIRE
Gouvernement Militaire de LYON

Liaison Française auprès de
L'ALLIED COMMISSION en Italie

TENDE & BRIGUE

No. 386/2.

TENDE, le 17 avril 1946

Le Lieutenant L. KALCK
Officier de Liaison

A Monsieur le Maire de TENDE.

J'ai l'honneur d'attirer votre attention sur le fait que tous les ponts provisoires entre le Col de Tende et la frontière Franco-Italienne ont été construits soit par l'Armée Française, soit par le Génie Civil Français.

En conséquence, je vous serais infiniment obligé de bien vouloir donner les instructions nécessaires, ou d'intervenir auprès du Génie Civil des Communications Italienne, afin que les bois ayant servi à ces constructions soient remis à Monsieur BULLI, consignataire des matériaux appartenant au Génie Civil et également à l'Armée.

Veuillez agréer Monsieur le Maire l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

Sgd. L. KALCK

Le Lieutenant L. KALCK
Officier de Liaison

A Monsieur le Maire de TRENK.

J'ai l'honneur d'attirer votre attention sur le fait que tous les ponts provisoires entre le Col de Fende et la frontière Franco-Italienne ont été construits soit par l'Armée Française, soit par le Génie Civil Français.

En conséquence, je vous serais infiniment obligé de bien vouloir donner les instructions nécessaires, ou d'intervenir auprès du Génie Civil des Communications Italienne, afin que les bois ayant servi à ces constructions soient remis à Monsieur BUELLI, consignataire des matériaux appartenant au Génie Civil et également à l'Armée.

Veuillez agréer Monsieur le Maire l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

Sgd. L. KALCK

CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

MAY 10 1945

5 May 1945.

Ref. : PR/^{CLO}~~ADM~~/50

Subject : Visit of Allied Commission from the
'BIG FOUR' Foreign Ministers' conference in
PARIS.

To : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Herewith submitted report by Lt. Col.
A.S. Gardner, L.O. Tenda, on visit of Allied Commission
for the settlement of the Italo-French Frontier question.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

R. B. Gardner
ROY B. GARDNER
Capt. - FA
Administrative Offr.

Subject : Visit of Allied Commission from the
'BIG FOUR' Foreign Ministers' conference in
PARIS.

To : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Herewith submitted report by Lt. Col.
A.E. Gardner, L.O. Tenda, on visit of Allied Commission
for the settlement of the Italo-French Frontier question.

For the Chief Liaison Officer:

R. E. Gardner
ROY E. GARDNER
Capt. - FA
Administrative Officer.

REB/hl

17504.505
4510

3000

Q/
(Capt K)

ALLIED COMMISSION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO TENDA

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

to Chief Liaison Officer. A.C. FIENOFF. Due 21st May 1946.

Re PAC/CV/3.

Subject:- Visit of Allied Commission to TENDA & BRISA. 501

1. Further to my letter of even number dated 2nd May 1946.
2. Enclosed are copies of all daily papers giving accounts of the visit of the Allied Commission to TENDA & BRISA - they are as follows:-

"Gazzetta d'Italia"; "Il Popolo Nuovo"; "L'Espresso";
"L'Espresso"; "L'Espresso"; "L'Espresso"; "L'Espresso";

3. The papers - "L'Espresso" and "L'Espresso" of 4th May published in their articles on the subject alleged statements by me. These are entirely incorrect. Two journalists called at my Villa asking for a list of the names of the Commission and that I arranged to supply at the office later in the day, as they had already appeared in the French newspapers, and the list had been passed to me by the Commission.

4. The journalists asked if I could give them my opinion or any information regarding the visit of the Commission - I replied I could make no statement in any way whatsoever as I was in TENDA as a neutral observer only.

5. The two papers have already offered me an apology by telephone, on their own behalf, and also on behalf of their own respective reporters, and are publishing the apology in the next issue.

6. I believe the two reporters who called upon me represent many papers, I am endeavouring to trace them and to ensure that no other erroneous alleged statements are accredited to me.

Subject:- Visit of Allied Commission to FANDA & BRICK. 501

1. Further to my letter of even number dated 3rd May 1946.

2. Enclosed are copies of all daily papers giving accounts of the visit of the Allied Commission to FANDA & BRICK - they are as follows:-

"ESPRESSO ITALIAN"; "L'ESPRESSO ITALIANO"; "CORRIERE ITALIANO";
"Gazzetta d'Italia"; "Il Popolo Nuovo"; "L'OPINIONE".

3. The papers - "L'ESPRESSO ITALIANO" and "L'ESPRESSO ITALIANO" of 4th May published in their articles on the subject alleged statements by me. These are entirely incorrect. Two journalists called at my Villa asking for a list of the names of the Commission and this I arranged to supply at the office later in the day, as they had already appeared in the French newspapers, and the list had been passed to me by the Commission.

4. The journalists asked if I could give them my opinion or any information regarding the visit of the Commission - I replied I could make no statement in any way whatsoever as I was in FANDA as a neutral observer only.

5. The two papers have already offered me an apology by telephone, on their own behalf, and also on behalf of their over zealous reporters, and are publishing the apology in the next issue.

6. I believe the two reporters who called upon me represent many papers, I am endeavouring to trace them and to ensure that no other erroneous alleged statements are accredited to me.

ARG/NA.

W. H. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel, R.A.
Liaison Officer.

3384

ALLIED COMMISSION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO TENDA

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

To Chief Liaison Officer. A.C. PIERRETS.

24 PAC/09/3.

Subject:- Visit of Allied Commission from the 'BIG FOUR' Foreign Ministers' Conference in PARIS.

1. On Tuesday, 30th April, 1946, at 1000 hrs, the Prefect of CUNEO advised me by telephone that he had just received a telephone call from MORE, to the effect that a Commission from PARIS was due to arrive in TENDA at 1000 hrs on Wednesday, 1st May 1946. I proceeded to CUNEO to obtain further details from him.

2. On Wednesday the Commission arrived in TENDA, its designation and the members being as follows:-

Commission to Investigate Rectification of the Franco - Italian Frontier in the Upper Aupa Valley".

appointed by Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in PARIS, April, 1946.

UNITED KINGDOM :	MR. HARRISON
	MR. BRIDLEY-JENNINGS
	MISS KING
U.S.A. :	MR. REINHARDT
	MR. KNIGHT
U.S.S.R. :	M. GAGARIN
	M. YATSKOV

Subject: Visit of Allied Commission from the 'BIG FOUR' Foreign Ministers' conference in PARIS.

1. On Tuesday, 30th April, 1945, at 1300 hrs, the Prefect of CUNEO advised me by telephone that he had just received a telephone call from SORE to the effect that a Commission from PARIS was due to arrive in TANZI at 1000 hrs on Wednesday, 1st May 1945. I proceeded to CUNEO to obtain further details from him.

2. On Wednesday the Commission arrived in TANZI, its designation and the members being as follows:-

"Commission to Investigate Rectification of the Franco - Italian Frontier in the Upper Aosta Valley".

appointed by Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in PARIS, April, 1945.

CHIEF BRITISH : Mr. MARJORIBANKES
Mr. BRANLEY-JENNINGS
Miss KING

U.S.A. : Mr. BRIDGEMAN
Mr. LIGHT

U.S.S.R. : M. GAGARIN
M. IVANOV

FRANCE : M. VIGNOT
M. MARION

3. The following Italian officials were also present:-
A member of the Foreign Ministry - Comm. DANNO - who was on leave in TANZI and who was instructed to attend.
Vice Prefect Conte CERRATO - CUNEO Province
Eng. MULLER - General Advisory Director - C.I.S.L.I.
Eng. BOSIS - Director of C.I.S.L.I.
Eng. CHIARI " " C.I.S.L.I.

3952
...../2..

- 2 -

4. The following meetings were held by the Commission and personnel interviewed.

1st May 1946.

(a) TRENDA - 1700 hrs to 2100 hrs.

Lt. Colonel. A.H. GARDNER. R.A. A.C. Liaison Officer.
 Lt. L. KILICK French Liaison Officer
 Comm. DANNO SILVIO - Foreign Ministry - ROME
 Vice Prefect Conte GIBBARDIO - CUNEO Province
 Cav. DUNERO Sindaco of TRENDA
 Sig. DALPIN Sindaco of BRIGA
 Eng. MULLER - General Advisory Director - C.I.E.L.I.
 Eng. BUSIS Director of C.I.E.L.I.
 Eng. GHISLERI " " C.I.E.L.I.

2nd May 1946.

(b) TRENDA - 1200 hrs.

Cav. DUNERO - Sindaco of TRENDA
 GIUNTA COMUNALE of TRENDA
 Representatives of Pro-Italian and Pro-French elements.

(c) 1600 hrs

Visit to the source of the River ROIA and also the Road and Rail tunnels.

(d) 1700 hrs

Visit to Electricity Power Station at S. DALMAZZO di TRENDA.

(e) 1745 hrs to 2120 hrs

BRIGA Municipio.

Sig. DALPIN - Sindaco of BRIGA
 GIUNTA COMUNALE
 Representatives of Pro-Italian and Pro-French elements.

5. All members of the Commission stopped individuals in the

in their respective places.

Vice Prefect Conte GIBBATO - CUNEO Province
 Cav. DUNERO
 Sig. DALFIN
 Sig. DALFIN - Sindaco of TRUDA
 Sig. MULLER - General Advisory Director - C.I.E.L.I.
 Sig. BOSIS - Director of C.I.E.L.I.
 Sig. CHISLERI - " " C.I.E.L.I.

2nd Nov 1946.

(b) TRUDA - 1200 hrs.

Cav. DUNERO - Sindaco of TRUDA
 GIUNTA COMUNALE of TRUDA
 Representatives of Pro-Italian and Pro-French elements.

(c) 1600 hrs

Visit to the source of the River NOIA and also the
 Road and Rail tunnels.

(d) 1700 hrs

Visit to Electricity Power Station at S. DALL'AZZO di
 TRUDA.

(e) 1745 hrs to 4130 hrs
 BRIGA Municipio.

Sig. DALFIN - Sindaco of BRIGA
 GIUNTA COMUNALE
 Representatives of Pro-Italian and Pro-French elements.

5. All members of the Commission stopped individuals in the
 Communes as they were motoring through to ascertain their respective views.

6. CC. RR. and police arrangements were carried out with the
 utmost competence.

7. The Commission were well received by both elements - and when
 leaving BRIGA, received a tremendous ovation from a crowd of 300 - 500
 of the Italian element.

.....2452

44

444

- 3 -

8. Crows were very good humoured and orderly throughout the stay of the Commission.

9. As the Commission left SAIG, one hysterical pro-French woman stopped the cars and said she was afraid that members of the pro-French element would be shot and killed by the Italian element that night. She so impressed the Commission that I was asked by it - to return to SAIG to watch developments - this I did, but all crows were in the best of humour; singing and waving flags.

10. The Public Safety Agents - CO. SA. - and Guardia di Finanza all state that no incidents whatsoever occurred during the two days.

AWG/JH.

A. H. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel, R.A.
Liaison Officer - RVNA.

10. The Public Safety Agents - CO. RR. - and Guardia di Finanza all state that no incidents whatsoever occurred during the two days.

A. H. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Liaison Officer - TSNDA.

AHG/JR.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND

No.

785017

3981

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

581 A

497

PERSONAL

HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

30 April 1946

MAY 6 1946

My dear Brigadier

489

In further compliance with your signal No. 2657 the report of Lt. Col. Gardner is forwarded for your information.

I can only add that the report enclosed covers the situation to the best of my knowledge.

The tunnel at Tenda was closed off by water for a few days - hence the delay in getting the report out.

With kind regards

John F. Howells
Col. Inf.

Brigadier M.S. Lush, CB, CBE, MC
Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

See 498 + 491 + 498 504 + 505.
+ 7510

2 more copies
of report

3380

ALLIED COMMUNICATION

(LIAISON)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ TENDA

L O LT COL A. H. GARDNER R A

24th April 1946

To Chief Liaison Officer, A.C. PIEMONTE.

Re PAC/CU/E.

Subject:- Report on Prefect's visit to TENDA & BRIGA.

1. Further to our telephone conversation this morning and my conversation at TORINO with you this afternoon (Col. Arnold and Lt. Col. Gardner speaking on both occasions).

2. No statement was made in public by the Prefect when he visited the Communes of TENDA & BRIGA on Tuesday, 11th April 1946. I was with him during the full period of his visit and submit the following details.

3. On Monday, 8th April 1946, the Capo Gabinetto (CUNEO) contacted me by telephone and said he would like to call on me if I was visiting CUNEO on that day (Monday). (The Sindaco of TENDA states that "clear" speech by telephone through the exchange at TENDA is not advisable, as the two operators are members of a family with a very pro-French tendency). I made an appointment and he called stating that the Prefect was expected to be re-called to ROME for a short period and anticipated it would be either the following week-end - week-end of 13th - 14th or that of 20th - 21st. - (He was called for and left on Sunday, 21st April) - and prior to his call to ROME he wished to visit TENDA & BRIGA - but purely informally, and would I be available to meet him there that week. I replied that I would be in TENDA all the week - and Thursday was the day decided upon, at 1130 hrs.

4. The Capo Gabinetto asked me not to "broadcast" the visit of the Prefect as he wished it essentially to be informal. No one except the Sindaco of TENDA and myself knew of the intended visit.

Station custom - at 1200 hrs

Subject:- Report on Prefect's visit to TENDU & BRIGA.

1. Further to our telephone conversation this morning and my conversation at FORINO with you this afternoon (Col. Arnold and Lt. Col. Gardner speaking on both occasions).

2. No statement was made in public by the Prefect when he visited the Communes of TENDU & BRIGA on Thursday, 11th April 1946. I was with him during the full period of his visit and submit the following details.

3. On Monday, 6th April 1946, the Capo Gabinetto (CUNEO) contacted me by telephone and said he would like to call on me if I was visiting CUNEO on that day (Monday). (The Sindaco of TENDU states that "clear" speech by telephone through the exchange at TENDU is not advisable, as the two operators are members of a family with a very pro-French tendency).

I made an appointment and he called stating that the Prefect was expected to be re-called to ROMA for a short period and anticipated it would be either the following week-end - week-end of 13th - 14th or that of 20th - 21st. - (He was called for and left on Sunday, 8th April) - and prior to his call to ROMA he wished to visit TENDU & BRIGA - but purely informally, and would I be available to meet him there that week. I replied that I would be in TENDU all the week - and Thursday was the day decided upon, at 1130 hrs.

4. The Capo Gabinetto asked me not to "broadcast" the visit of the Prefect as he wished it essentially to be informal. No one except the Sindaco of TENDU and myself knew of the intended visit.

5. The Prefect arrived - according to Italian custom - at 1200 hrs together with the Capo Gabinetto, and they, in addition to the Sindaco of TENDU, my interpreter and I, all went into the Sindaco's office in the Municipio, TENDU.

6. The Prefect, who was only appointed on 8th March 1946, asked if I would express my opinion to him on the situation in the two Communes. I replied that my position was that of liaison only, and that I could not and would not express any opinion. He asked about the frontiers and I replied I could only say to him as I had said to the 103's of 1944 that people who had asked the same question - that if there was any question of disputed territory it was a question far above my head and could only be settled at the Peace Conference, and - until then - I was sure that no

authentic information would be available. We then discussed the past, and I gave him any information he required about the A.M.G. period of the two Communes.

7. The Prefect then left me for 5 or 10 minutes in order to greet the Secretary and staff of the Municipio.

8. The same party of 5 then left for lunch, which was taken in S. DALMAZZO di TENDA - the party going down in my car. We lunched in a private dining room - general conversation ensuing - food, Italy and the various Provinces, habits, speech, etc.

9. After lunch we visited the Electric Power Station at S. DALMAZZO di TENDA, the Prefect being shown round by the Director, at my request, as I have been there on several occasions previously.

10. The whole party then proceeded to BRIGA - The Sindaco of BRIGA had no knowledge of the intended visit of the Prefect until he was informed - whilst the Prefect was either in the Municipio of TENDA - or at lunch. We arrived at BRIGA Municipio at about 1700 hrs. The Sindaco had advised the Giunta Comunale, the Secretary, Doctor and Priest - who were all there to greet us. General conversation about the Commune followed, chief points being - (a) the return of the Sports and Football ground to the Commune (at present it is under cultivation); (b) a long discussion between the Prefect and the Doctor about the health of the Commune; (c) wine production in the Commune and (d) the production of Lavender in BRIGA and its Fraziones. Two P.Cs of BRIGA were produced and signed by everyone present - one being presented to the Prefect and the other to myself for us to write the respective addresses of our wives, when the Sindaco said he would mail them - the party of 5 then returned to TENDA, The Prefect and Capo Gabinetto leaving there for CONGO at 1745 hrs.

11. Apart from 5 minutes when the Prefect greeted the staff of the Municipio at TENDA, I was with him the whole time - I asked my interpreter if I had missed anything during the general conversations - and he said I had not.

12. It was obvious from the commencement that the Prefect knew very little about the situation in the Communes or even about the Communes, and, in my opinion, he was anxious to learn as much as he could before his impending call to ROMA. I have gathered from other officials in the

9. After lunch we visited the Electric Power Station at S. DALMEZZO di TENDA, the Prefect being shown round by the Director, at my request, as I have been there on several occasions previously.

10. The whole party then proceeded to BRIGA the Sindaco of BRIGA had no knowledge of the intended visit of the Prefect until he was informed - whilst the Prefect was either in the Municipio of TENDA - or at lunch. We arrived at BRIGA Municipio at about 1700 hrs. The Sindaco had advised the Giunta Comunale, the Secretary, Doctor and Priest - who were all there to greet us. General conversation about the Comune followed, chief points being - (a) the return of the Sports and Football ground to the Comune (at present it is under cultivation); (b) a long discussion between the Prefect and the Doctor about the health of the Comune; (c) mine production in the Comune and (d) the production of Lavender in BRIGA and its Fraxiones. Two P.Cs of BRIGA were produced and signed by everyone present - one being presented to the Prefect and the other to myself for us to write the respective addresses of our wives, when the Sindaco said he would mail them - the party of 5 then returned to TENDA, The Prefect and Capo Gabinetto leaving there for CUNEO at 1745 hrs.

11. Apart from 5 minutes when the Prefect greeted the staff of the Municipio at TENDA, I was with him the whole time - I asked my interpreter if I had missed anything during the general conversations - and he said I had not.

12. It was obvious from the commencement that the Prefect knew very little about the situation in the Communes or even about the Communes, and, in my opinion, he was anxious to learn as much as he could before his impending call to ROME. I have gathered from other officials in the Province that Prefect FASCUCCI is really an Inspector of the Ministry of the Interior and that he has only been sent to this Province as Prefect until after the elections - CUNEO being the largest Province in Italy, and having the greatest number of Communes.

13. In my opinion, he is a clever shrewd man, and equally efficient, and would not make any statement likely to aggravate the situation here at present.

14. The French L.O. was away on a trip to LYONS - he left on Monday, 8th April, and did not return until Friday, 12th April. During general conversation with the French L.O., after his return from LYONS, the

...../3..

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

- 3 -

Prefect's visit was mentioned, when I informed him that the visit was of a purely informal nature and that the Prefect had enquired whether the French L.O. was in residence and that I had informed the Prefect of the French L.O.'s visit to LYONS.

ARG/JE.

A. H. Gardner

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

3377

II COMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Message Centre No: H/2383
Date Time Rec'd: APR 25 1545
Precedence: ROUTINE

APR 26 1946

Original's Reference: PW/CLC/50
Date/Time of Origin: 25 1200

FROM: AC CLO PIENOMTS

TO: HQ ALCON CITE ACXG FOR BRIGADIER LUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Para 1. Ref your signal 2657 dated 23 April.

Para 2. Gardner states that Pascual, prefect since 6 March 45, made in formal visit to Lenda and Briga on 11 April but made no public speeches nor statements. He was accompanied by LT Col Gardner.

Para 3. Full report from Gardner following in mail.

AC DIST

ACTION: EX COMM. 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FLOAT 2

FILE

ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL

16 M 492

TO HQ ACCOM CITE ACEXC FOR ENVOYABLE LUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Para 1. Ref your signal 2657 dated 23 April.

Para 2. Gardner states that Pasquod, prefect since 6 March 46, made in formal visit to Lema and Briggs on 11 April but made no public speeches nor statements. He was accompanied by LT Col Gardner.

Para 3. Full report from Gardner following in mail.

AC DIST

ACTION: EX COMM. 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ACTION
FLOAT 2
FILE

CONFIDENTIAL

See to 492. 493

3376
READQUARTERS
26 APR 1946
C.

8
(-200)

0 4 4 2

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

56'

490

BY ALICE GITE ACHD NICKED LEM

24 APRIL 46

ROOM 10 PERSIN

2675

UNCLASSIFIED

REFERENCE WAS GIVEN TWO SIX FIVE SEVEN SIX THREE APRIL 46
FOR QUOTE ONE APRIL UNQUOTE PLEASE READ SEVENTEEN QUOTE ONE ONE APRIL
UNQUOTE

SECURITY

EX. COMPT.

XX

W. W. HIND SMITH

see 489 + 491

3375

785017

581

439

YH

FM ALCON CITE AGENC SIGNED LUSH

23 APRIL 46

ALCON LO PERDURE

2657

CONFIDENTIAL

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED ME TODAY THAT ACCORDING TO HIS
INFORMATION THE PROPECT OF GURBO VISITED TERIDA ON ONE APRIL
AND MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING FUTURE OF TERIDA AND BRIRA
AND THAT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL GARDNER AT
TIME OF DECLARATION TO REPORT FULL CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING
GIST OF PROPECT'S STATEMENT

11 Apr

See 491 - 490

207-497

PRIORITY N. W. HIND SMITH

EX. COMEX.

3974

13-24

0 4 4 3

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

file 488

Ref: 584/NND/31

12 March 1946

SUBJECT: Travel Control.

TO : Travel Control Sec., P.S. 1/0.
SMA Venezia Giulia.
P.S. Udine Province.
SMA's Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia.

486

The attached copy of letter ASI.389.506/60 of 8 March on the a/q subject is forwarded for your information.

For the Chief Commissioner,

Alant Kinsely
6941
Director
Executive Commissioner

3370 PA 136

0 4 4 7

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

486

81 46

RESTRICTED

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 Ex Comm
APO 512, U.S. Army

MAR 11 1946

8 March 1946

OSI 389.506/60

SUBJECT: TRAVEL CONTROL

TO : OSI 13 Corps
OSI 3 District
OSI 2 District
OSI 100
G-2 HAHQ

1. It has become apparent that there is still some doubt as to what authority is responsible for maintaining the necessary frontier controls along the French, Swiss and Austrian frontiers with ITALY.

2. It should be noted that wef 1 Jan 46, except in 13 Corps territory, control of these frontiers in respect of civilian traffic, was handed back to the Italian authorities. Such Allied personnel as are still located at the frontier control posts are there purely in an advisory capacity in respect of civilian traffic and to deal with such military traffic as may be necessary.

See 488

CHARLES B. NICHOLS,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Acting AC of S, G-2

(35)

Copy to: Allied Commission (ref 501/SC of 6 Mar)
OSI
OSI(3)
LO IAI

See to 47.
3972

RESTRICTED

(Cont. 3)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

C.S.O. to see

this file.

for 6/3.

See
J.S. 713

NOT ON

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017493
473Ref: 281/22. ✓6 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Franco-Italian Frontier.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-2 Section.*File 83. File 535/EC refers*

1. There seems to be some doubt in the minds of the local representatives of the SOI/E as to the control of the Franco-Italian frontier in Liguria. Recently a representative of SOI/E stated that that organization still had control of the frontier; she then altered her statement to read that the CIO had control of the frontier.

2. So far as I know neither organization has, or should have, control of the frontier. If this assumption is correct I should be glad if the local representatives could be so informed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

MEL/SL.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: AG CIO, LIGURIA.
Travel Control Section, Public Safety S/C.
Copy to File 535/EC

3328
1/3
H

U 4

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Have h. Os in Piemonte
S. Lepina had copies
of this? If not please
send them one each
Copy of BP.

581

Ex (C) 184

HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AG 371/052 A-0

5 March 1946

SUBJECT: Supervision and Control of the France-Italian Frontier

TO: The Commanders of all Major Commands MTOUSA

1. Your attention is directed to the attached letter from the French Military Mission to Allied Force Headquarters, dated 23 January 1946.

2. It is desired that all United States Military personnel be informed that the representatives of the French Control Service will be given full cooperation in exercising control of civilians crossing the France-Italian Border in all types of transportation under the control of, or operated by United States personnel.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

John R. Hayes
JOHN R. HAYES
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
Ltr, French Military
Mission to AFHQ
23 Jan 1946

INFORMATION COPY:
CG, AFHQ

DISTRIBUTION:

PLM
1 - G-1
2 - AG Records

Copies sent to all spec & liaison offrs.

7820

(400) 615

FRANCE MILITARY MISSION X
TO A.S.H.Q.

Ref. 201/MA/2

23 January 1946

SUBJECT: Supervision and control of the France - Italian frontier

1. The Chief of the French Control Service for the France - Italian border has informed the French Command of the difficulties he is meeting in carrying out his mission because of the action of certain Allied Military personnel who refuse to allow him to exercise control of civilians traveling in these areas.

2. Now it is imperative that competent French authorities continue with the necessary control measures of civilians entering or leaving National territory.

3. Consequently the Chief of Staff, General Staff of National Defense has authorized this Mission to request the Supreme Allied Command in the Mediterranean to be good enough to issue the necessary instructions to personnel under its command in order that they may assist with good grace in the control operations of the French authorities on the France - Italian frontier and thereby avoid any incident.

4. Detailed action has been taken by the Chief of Staff, General Staff of National Defense, with the Chief of the French Mission to USMPT, in respect of the control of the European Theater of Operations.

5. The Chief of the French Military Mission to A.S.H.Q. has the honor of requesting the Allied authorities to be good enough to inform him of the outcome of his present request.

Reig. LAMON,
Chief of the French Military
Mission to A.S.H.Q.

P.C. : Major LAMON
/of LAMON

581-56
ALLIED COMMISSION 482

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

1. Chief Liaison Officer. A.G. PIERCE. Do. 22nd February 1945

MAR 7 1945

Re PAC/CO/3/3.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer - TESSA. 469

1. Further to our letter of even number, dated 18th February, 1945, the French L.O. returned from FRANCE last night, and I saw him to-day.

2. He stated he is no longer attached to LYONS, but now comes under command of MOULIN, from whom he has to draw pay and rations.

3. He asked permission to visit MILAN early next week to make contact with a French L.O. there who is in direct communication with his H.Q. in SOISSON, to arrange to draw rations through TORINO.

4. He did not see General Meyer during his visit to LYONS as the General had been summoned to PARIS.

5. The French L.O. is leaving TESSA again to spend the week-end in MILAN.

AGV/JH.

A.H. Gardner

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

Subject: French Liaison Officer - TENDA.

1. Further to our letter of even number, dated 18th February, 1940, the French L.O. returned from FRANCE last night, and I saw him to-day.

2. He stated he is no longer attached to LYONS, but now comes under command of ROUE, from whom he has to draw pay and rations.

3. He asked permission to visit ALIAS early next week to make contact with a French I.C. there who is in direct communication with his H.Q. in ROUE, to arrange to draw rations through TOHINO.

4. He did not see General Loyer during his visit to LYONS as the General had been summoned to PARIS.

5. The French L.O. is leaving TENDA again to spend the week-end in NICA.

Alb. H. Gardner

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

400/34.

300.

573

(11025)

0 9 0 3

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

CA. Sect.

File 581

481

Ref: ^{581/EC}
~~321/73/21~~

26 February 1946

SUBJECT: Franco-Italian Border.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

Attached for your information is an extract from the monthly report for January submitted by the Chief Liaison Officer, Piemonte Region.

For the Chief Commissioner,

B3
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to 821/EC

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

5 february 1946

Subject: Monthly Report - January 1946

PART I

The Italian-French border has been the focal point for rumors. At various times, it has been reported that large areas will go to France and the next day that no territory will be ceded. This war of nerves has kept the areas, near the border, in a state of unrest and has seriously affected the ability of the people to make plans for their own future. Actually things are quiet, with no tangible basis for nervousness, except the fact that the treaty discussions are going on in London.

PART II

The French-Italian border is quiet. Newspapers and individuals have spread rumors, either Pro-French or Pro-Italian. These rumors have kept the border inhabitants unsettled. The Commune of Tenda has about timber. Employment is needed for its people and the timber could readily be sold in Italy. But purchasers hesitate to buy it because of the rumors and possibility that France will take over this territory. As long as a French liaison Officer is stationed in that area, it will be regarded as disputed territory. Propaganda in favor of annexation to France appears on the French side of the border, from Ventimiglia to Aosta.

Declassified

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

22nd February, 1946.

REFERENCE: AO/23.

SUBJECT : Franco-Italian Border - Report.

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. Copy of complaint from Lt. Richard, French Repatriation Officer, together with Report and copy of Allied Forces Frontier Control - San Remo Det. Orders are forwarded for your information and action as you consider necessary.

W. Turner-Coles

W. TURNER-COLES.
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.

See M.E. 67-6
477, 478, 479

JK/La

22 nd Feb. 46

REF : LOP. 501

SUBJECT : Attached Report of Lt. Richard
French Repatriation Officer A.C.

TO : Chief Liaison Officer -
Liguria Region

1. Enquiries have been made into the action complained of by the above mentioned officer, and it would appear the action of the Italian officials is based upon an order dated 27/1/46 by the Allied Forces Frontier Control, San Remo Detachment, signed by special Agent ANIPREAS.

2. A copy of this order is attached and it directs different action against certain classes of Allied Officers, e.g.

(a) American, British Officers may pass without luggage or vehicles being inspected.

(b) French, Russians, Poles, may pass properly authorised, but inspection of luggage and vehicles is obligatoire.

3. This would appear to be discriminatory treatment, and would inevitably result in repercussions, possibly serious.

4. I have contacted S.C.I./E Genoa, (office of Major Segreli), which has jurisdiction over the San Remo Detachment mentioned in the order quoted, and as informed the Detachment ceased to have any control on the Italian Frontier Officials as from 5/2/46, and that all orders that emanated from the Office had been rescinded; and that control now followed normal frontier regulations, and A.P.H.Q. Directives.

5. A letter from this office has been sent to the Command of Guardia di Finanza setting out the information quoted in foregoing paragraph.

6. In relation to Lt. Richards complaint information in this

1. Enquiries have been made into the action complained of by the above mentioned officer, and it would appear the action of the Italian officials is based upon an order dated 27/1/46 by the Allied Forces Frontier Control, San Remo Detachment, signed by Special Agent AKREHAS.

2. A copy of this order is attached and it directs different action against certain classes of Allied Officers, e.g.

(a) American, British Officers may pass without luggage or vehicles being inspected.

(b) French, Russians, Poles, may pass properly authorised, but inspection of luggage and vehicles is obligatory.

3. This would appear to be discriminatory treatment, and would inevitably result in repercussions, possibly serious.

4. I have contacted S.C.I./2 Genoa, (office of Major Negrelli), which has jurisdiction over the San Remo Detachment mentioned in the order quoted, and am informed the Detachment ceased to have any control on the Italian Frontier Officials as from 5/2/46, and that all orders that emanated from the Office had been rescinded; and that control now followed normal frontier regulations, and A.P.H.Q. Directives.

5. A letter from this office has been sent to the Command of Guardia di Finanza setting out the information quoted in foregoing paragraph.

6. In relation to Lt. Richards complaint information in this office reveals that similar procedure by French Frontier Officials is meted to British Officers passing into the French Zone.

J. Kane
J. KANE

Major

Liaison Officer.

3004

C O P Y

Genoa, the 16th of February 1946

n. 474/A/B.

FROM : 2nd.Lieut. J.A. RICHARD
French Repatriation Officer - AC - D.P.R.S.C.
TO : Capt. P. HARTLEY R.A.
C.O. "C" Group D.P.R.S.C.

SUBJECT : Protest against treatment on the part of Italian officials
on the franco-Italian border.

1. I was coming back to Genoa on Friday 15th of February on duty from Nive where I had accompanied a convoy of repatriates. I reached the Italian control - post at 19,30 Hrs.

2. A civilian official asked for my documents. I produced my travel orders, my trip ticket and my assignment to A.F.

3. This civilian official did not understand English and did not appear to understand any of the documents, even implying they were not genuine. However after twenty minutes perusal they handed them back to me and let me through.

4. I next reached the customs. They said they wished to visit the car and its contents, stating they had to do so, as I did not belong to the Allied Forces. I informed them I was assigned to the Allied Commission and that I objected to the search. The civilian customs inspector discussed with the "Guardia Finanza" for twenty minutes and eventually requested the search.

The whole car was turned inside out and all my baggage opened; they even read some of the documents relating to repatriation cases which had slipped out of my bag.

Needless to say they found no contraband in the car.

5. In fact I lost one and a quarter hour at the border. I submit this report to ascertain the position of:
a) any Allied Officers crossing the border.
b) Allied Commissioned Officer on authorized duty, crossing the border.

and up to what extent the Italian authorities are entitled to search baggage and personnel and military documents in both the above cases.

Sgd.
J. A. RICHARD
2nd.Lieut.

CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

472

SUBJECT: NOTE ON THE SITUATION AS REGARDS LT. COLONEL GARINER.
LIAISON OFFICER, TENDA.
TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. It seems probable that the recent incident connected with the hauling down of the Allied flags and the French flag in the CINEO-TENDA Area might have been avoided if the Liaison Officer, TENDA, had had his Headquarters located at TENDA instead of at CINEO.

2. Allied flags were flying at the Liaison Officer's Headquarters CINEO and at the Municipios of TENDA and ENIGA although at the last mentioned place the Liaison Officer had no staff at all.

Added
All these flags were taken down on the morning of Saturday, 9 February 46, but the French flag was not removed from the Headquarters of the French Liaison Officer until the night of Sunday, February 10/11 under circumstances which have been fully reported.

3. Lt. Colonel GARINER has now set up his Headquarters in TENDA.

The C.L.O. agreed that Lt. Col. GARINER could not be blamed for previously having his Hq. at CINEO because he, the C.L.O. had acquiesced in this arrangement. For purposes of maintenance and communications, Lt. Col. GARINER is based on the Detachment of British Troops at CINEO. Now that the Liaison Officer is located at TENDA, messages can only be relayed through the Detachment at CINEO.

With inefficient transport, communications between TENDA, CINEO and TURIN present difficulties owing to the journey through the 6-mile long railway tunnel between CINEO and TENDA. When I arrived, the L.O. TENDA's only transport was a 15-cwt truck which had no lights and which could not make the journey between CINEO and TENDA. This was remedied during the time I was there. The British Detachment is expected to leave CINEO at the end of February, which will increase the difficulties as regards maintenance of and communications with the L.O. at TENDA.

4. The C.L.O., PIEMONTE Region, prior to my visit, had not paid a visit to either CINEO or TENDA, to which places he accompanied me during my tour.

5. Lt. Col. GARINER is very much bound up in the affairs of his old Province of CINEO but now that the Allied flags have been taken down as above and he has moved his Headquarters to TENDA the situation should improve.

See hq. 474.

471

- 2 -

I think, however, that as soon as the incident of the French flag at TENDA has blown over it would be advisable if a change was made in the L.O. TENDA. The post is a difficult one to fill. The French Liaison Officer is under the Allied L.O.'s command and therefore he must be an Officer of some seniority.

The Allied L.O. TENDA is completely isolated and has little or no work to do.

The best solution, in my opinion, would be to have no L.O. in the area at all, but if there is no prospect of the withdrawal of the French L.O., presumably he must have an Allied counterpart.

23/2/46

mc
M. CARR, Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

NOTE: No Liaison Officers are flying Allied flags in LIGURIA or PIEMONTE. It was to be noted, however, that Allied flags were still flying from the Montecatini buildings, where the LOMBARDIA Liaison Group is located. Col. HANCOCK appeared to consider that there was no objection to this.

3361

ALLIED COMMISSION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

CONFIDENTIAL

12th February 1946.

To Chief Liaison Officer A.C. PIERMONT

Day

Re PAC/CH/13/3.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer.

1. Reference our letters of even number, dated 11th and 12th February, 1946.

2. The French L.O. informed us that a short paragraph appeared in the NICE Press, regarding the removal of the French flag from his balcony. He visited NICE and took the matter up with the Prefect there as all articles likely to cause trouble regarding TENDA & BRIGA are not allowed to be published - at least that is the information he passed to me.

3. He also stated he had received a signal from General Doyen to report at LYONS within the next day or two, and is likely to absent himself from TENDA for a period of approximately 4 - 7 days.

4. Quietness prevails throughout the two Communes, although the CC.Rk. and other police organisations are actively engaged nightly on anti-smuggling measures.

5. Lieut. KALOK left TENDA yesterday to report to General Doyen and expects to return on Wednesday or Thursday.

A. H. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER.

Lt. Colonel. R.A.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer.

1. Reference our letters of even number, dated 11th and 12th February, 1946.

2. The French L.O. informed me that a short paragraph appeared in the NICE Press, regarding the removal of the French flag from his balcony. He visited NICE and took the matter up with the Prefect there as all articles likely to cause trouble regarding FENDA & SAIGI are not allowed to be published - at least that is the information he passed to me.

3. He also stated he had received a signal from General Doyen to report at LYONS within the next day or two, and is likely to absent himself from FENDA for a period of approximately 4 - 7 days.

4. Quietness prevails throughout the two Communes, although the CC.RR. and other police organisations are actively engaged nightly on anti-smuggling measures.

5. Lieut. Kalk left FENDA yesterday to report to General Doyen and expects to return on Wednesday or Thursday.

ARG/SV.

W. H. H. H. H.

Lt. Colonel, R.A.
Liaison Officer.

See item 470 474.

P.

3060

468
ALLIED COMMISSION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

CONFIDENTIAL

To: Chief Liaison Officer L.O. FISHBONE Date: 19th February 1946.

Re: PAC/CU/3/3.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer.

1. Reference our letters of your number, dated 11th and 12th February, 1946.

2. The French L.O. informed me that a short paragraph appeared in the WICK PRESS, regarding the removal of the French flag from his balcony. He visited WICK and took the matter up with the Prefect there as all articles likely to cause trouble regarding WICK & WICK are not allowed to be published - at least that is the information he passed to me.

3. He also stated he had received a signal from General Dwyer to report at WICK within the next day or two, and is likely to absent himself from WICK for a period of approximately 4 - 7 days.

4. Quietness prevails throughout the two commands, although the M.E.R. and other police organizations are actively engaged nightly on anti-sabotage measures.

5. Lieut. Smith left WICK yesterday to report to General Dwyer and expects to return on Wednesday or Thursday.

A. H. Gardner

Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Liaison Officer.

Subject: French Liaison Officer.

1. Reference our letters of even number, dated 11th and 12th February, 1940.
2. The French L.O. informed me that a short paragraph appeared in the *WIDE PRESS*, regarding the removal of the French flag from his balcony. He visited YVES and took the matter up with the Prefect there as all articles likely to cause trouble regarding YVES & EVIG are not allowed to be published - at least that is the information he passed to me.
3. He also stated he had received a signal from General Boyen to report at YVES within the next day or two, and is likely to absent himself from YVES for a period of approximately 4 - 7 days.
4. Quietness prevails throughout the two communes, although the CC.BR. and other police organizations are actively engaged nightly on anti-raiding measures.
5. Lieut. Zulek left YVES yesterday to report to General Boyen and expects to return on Wednesday or Thursday.

W. J. J. J.
A.D. GARRARD.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Liaison Officer.

486/37.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

PR/100/50

14 February 1946.

To: Brigadier Maurice L. LUSH
Executive Commissioner, A.C. HQ.
ROME.

Dear Brigadier:

Inclosed herewith is a consolidated report, from Lt. Col. Gardner, on the French-Italian situation at Tenda.

This report is sent to you, as confidential and personal, for reason that you may prefer to treat the matter as unofficial, in view of the offence to the dignity of France. The French Liaison Officer had not reported the incident, through his channels, up to 13 Feb. 1946.

Brigadier Carr and I visited Cuneo and Tenda, yesterday - 13 February 1946. The directions with reference to Allied Flags, residence at Tenda, instruction on movement of the French Liaison Officer, etc., are all now in force.

Other affairs in Piemonte are running normally. Our people are moving about the Region to the full extent which transportation will permit. British transportation is still a problem, although the number of vehicles is now satisfactory. None have spare tires, jacks, tools or other accessories. Some are not roadworthy. Lt. Col. Green has discussed this situation with G-4 British in Milan, who is fully conversant with the problem.

Much effort has been spent in visiting various factories and plants and building up General Good-will. These visits are productive of intelligence and information.

Yours sincerely,

William R. Jordan

0318

Dear Brigadier:

Inclosed herewith is a consolidated report, from Lt. Col. Gardner, on the French-Italian situation at Tenda.

This report is sent to you, as confidential and personal, for reason that you may prefer to treat the matter as unofficial, in view of the offence to the dignity of France. The French Liaison Officer had not reported the incident, through his channels, up to 13 Feb. 1945.

Brigadier Carr and I visited Cuneo and Tenda, yesterday - 13 February 1945. The directions with reference to Allied Plugs, residence at Tenda, instruction on movement of the French Liaison Officer, etc., are all now in force.

Other affairs in Piemonte are running normally. Our people are moving about the Region to the full extent which transportation will permit. British transportation is still a problem, although the number of vehicles is now satisfactory. None have spare tires, jacks, tools or other accessories. Some are not roadworthy. Lt. Col. Green has discussed this situation with G-4 British in Milan, who is fully conversant with the problem.

Much effort has been spent in visiting various factories and plants and building up general good-will. These visits are productive of intelligence and information.

Yours sincerely,

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN

Incl. 1

Incl. Report of -t. Col. A.H. Gardner.

See to 467

303

ALLIED COMMISSION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

CONFIDENTIAL

To Chief Liaison Officer. A.C. PIEMONTE. Date 12th February 1946.

Re PAC/CU/3/3.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer - TENDA.

1. Further to the conversation held in your office to-day, the following is the full report of the period 5 - 11 Feb. 46, which I hope will supply any missing links that may have been omitted between my letters of even number, dated 6; 8; 10 and 11 Feb. 46.

2. On the 4th February, I received a copy of a message from ALCOM, Ref. 849, dated 021515 L, when in your office, and, further to our conversation, I visited TENDA on the 5th February, 46.

3. I saw the French L.O. and made the following points quite clear to him.

- (a) He is under my command.
- (b) He must notify me of any intended absences from TENDA - his time of departure and estimated time of return on journeys to FRANCE.
- (c) As he is French L.O. TENDA & BRIGA only - if he wishes to visit other towns in ITALY - to contact me first, when I will give him written orders; as is customary with the Allied forces.

4. I requested him to remove the French flag and informed him that flying the French flag was contrary to the arrangement made by General Hume and Major Gaynard (the previous French L.O.) on the 10th July, 1945, when the French troops were withdrawn from ITALY. This arrangement was made in my presence. I made a request only for the removal of the flag.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer - TENDI.

1. Further to the conversation held in your office to-day, the following is the full report of the period 5 - 11 Feb. 46, which I hope will supply any missing links that may have been omitted between my letters of even number, dated 5; 10 and 11 Feb. 46.

2. On the 4th February, I received a copy of a message from ALCOCK, Ref. 849, dated 021515 L, when in your office, and, further to our conversation, I visited TENDI on the 5th February, 46.

3. I saw the French L.O. and made the following points quite clear to him.

- (a) he is under my command.
- (b) he must notify me of any intended absences from TENDI - his time of departure and estimated time of return on journeys to FRANCE.
- (c) As he is French L.O. TENDI & BRIGA only - if he wishes to visit other towns in ITALY - to contact me first, when I will give him written orders; as is customary with the Allied forces.

4. I requested him to remove the French flag and informed him that flying the French flag was contrary to the arrangement made by General Hume and Major Gayward (the previous French L.O.) on the 10th July, 1945, when the French troops were withdrawn from ITALY. This arrangement was made in my presence. I made a request only for the removal of the flag.

5. The French L.O. advised me of the result of his visit to NICE on Sunday (3 Feb) when he met General Doyen's Staff Officer there; the information he received was as follows:-

- (a) Lieut. Kalck is French L.O. TENDI & BRIGA only.
- (b) General Doyen had no knowledge of the recent trouble in VENTIMIGLIA area.
- (c) Lieut. Kalck must not accept any leaders of pro-French demonstrations in TENDI or BRIGA.

0548

6. On the 7 Feb, 46, Lieut. Kalck 'phoned saying he was proceeding to FRANCE but would return in the evening (thus complying with my instructions of para. 3 (b) above).

7. On 8 Feb, I was unable to visit TENDA, as previously arranged, as my car was being repaired and off the road. The French L.O. visited my office in CUNEO at 1500 hrs - (A short time prior to this visit, Colonel Jordan, Chief Liaison Officer, A.C. PIEMONTE) had 'phoned giving me instructions to remove the Allied Flags flying throughout A.C. buildings in the Province). - he stated he was uneasy about removing his flag - I asked him if he would be happy to remove it if the Allied Flags were removed also - he replied, "Yes". I then called my interpreter from TENDA into the office (the French L.O. had brought him up to CUNEO from TENDA in his car), and gave him instructions to remove the Allied Flags on his return to TENDA that evening. The French L.O. heard my instructions quite clearly as they were given to the interpreter then, partly for the benefit of the French L.O. I also instructed the interpreter to visit BRIGA on the 9 Feb and remove the Allied Flags flying from the Municipio in that Commune. The French L.O. then promised me he would remove his flag that evening.

8. I visited TENDA on the 9 Feb arriving there at 1100 hrs - the interpreter informed me that the French L.O.'s car had developed trouble on the return journey to TENDA the previous afternoon and as they had not arrived at TENDA until after 1930 hrs, it then being dark, he (the interpreter) had not removed the Allied Flags until first thing on the morning of the 9 Feb. The French Flag was still flying from the balcony of the French L.O. I discussed the question of accommodation with the Sindaco, advising him I expected to live in TENDA shortly, and inspected possible accommodation.

The Allied Flags were removed from the Municipio at BRIGA the same afternoon.

9. As the Sindaco and I were returning to the Municipio at TENDA, he said he thought trouble would occur if the French Flag continued to fly now that the Allied Flags had been hauled down. These remarks were obviously caused by one or two groups of Italians who were standing looking at the French Flag. I told him I thought the flag would be removed and for him to take all precautions to prevent any incident occurring. This he promised to do.

it if the Allied Flags were removed also - he replied, "Yes". I then called my interpreter from TENDI into the office (the French L.O. had brought him up to CUNEO from TENDI in his car), and gave him instructions to remove the Allied Flags on his return to TENDI that evening. The French L.O. heard my instructions quite clearly as they were given to the interpreter then, partly for the benefit of the French L.O. I also instructed the interpreter to visit BRIGA on the 9 Feb and remove the Allied Flags flying from the Municipio in that Commune. The French L.O. then promised me he would remove his flag that evening.

8. I visited TENDI on the 9 Feb arriving there at 1100 hrs - the interpreter informed me that the French L.O.'s car had developed trouble on the return journey to TENDI the previous afternoon and as they had not arrived at TENDI until after 1930 hrs, it then being dark, he (the interpreter) had not removed the Allied Flags until first thing on the morning of the 9 Feb. The French Flag was still flying from the balcony of the French L.O. I discussed the question of accommodation with the Sindaco, advising him I expected to live in TENDI shortly, and inspected possible accommodation.

The Allied Flags were removed from the Municipio at BRIGA the same afternoon.

9. As the Sindaco and I were returning to the Municipio at TENDI, he said he thought trouble would occur if the French Flag continued to fly now that the Allied Flags had been hauled down. These remarks were obviously caused by one or two groups of Italians who were standing looking at the French Flag. I told him I thought the flag would be removed and for him to take all precautions to prevent any incident occurring. This he promised to do.

10. I then visited the French L.O. at 1330 hrs, and reminded him of his agreement of the previous evening. I took him to his balcony and made him look at the Municipio from where the Allied Flags formerly hung, pointing out that the Allied Flags were no longer being flown. He then promised he would remove his flag that evening. I did not press for his promise of the previous evening to be fulfilled in broad daylight especially when I was in the Town, knowing the subject was of a delicate nature as far as he was concerned, but my demand was quite firm and clear, and fully understood and appreciated by him. He then advised me he was going to NICE that evening and would return to TENDI the following evening Sunday. I naturally presumed he would advise his soldiers to remove the flag if he went before it was dark.

- 3 -

11. I was worried that an incident might occur in the evening, and instructed my interpreter to 'phone me immediately the flag was removed. I returned to CUNEO in the afternoon - my car broke down - and appreciating the situation - I borrowed a car from the Questura in order to return if trouble arose. My interpreter advised me by telephone at 2130 hrs that the flag was still flying and that the French L.O. had left for FRANCE. I instructed him to visit the office of the French L.O. and ask the N.C.O. or soldier in charge if he had received any instructions from the French L.O. regarding taking down the flag - the answer was in the negative.

12. I then 'phoned the Chief Liaison Officer at TORINO, and left a message for him with one of his Officers, advising him of the possible trouble - and also had a telephone conversation with Lt. Col. Green, one of the C.L.O.'s staff on the subject at 2330 hrs. My interpreter then advised me that everything appeared to be normal.

13. The flag was flying on Sunday, 10th February, 1946.

14. I contacted my interpreter at 0900 hrs on 11 Feb, 46, who advised me that the French Flag was no longer flying from the balcony of the French L.O. but a dirty piece of rag hung in its stead.

15. The French L.O. had not returned to TENDA on the Sunday evening (10 Feb) as was his intention, and did not arrive in TENDA until 1100 hrs on 11 Feb, 46. After visiting his office he (the French L.O.) continued his journey through to CUNEO to lunch with me - an arrangement which had been made the previous week.

16. The French L.O. upon arrival, stated the French Flag had been removed during the night and the dirty rag substituted.

17. He also stated that he did not intend to report the removal of the flag unless I reported it through channels.

18. He further stated he had received a signal at 1100 hrs that morning from PARIS ordering him to remove his flag.

19. I advised him he had made two promises to me to remove his flag on the 8th and 9th February, 1946.

20. He said he had not understood these instructions but had

left a message for him with one of his Officers, advising him of the possible trouble - and also had a telephone conversation with Lt. Col. Green, one of the C.L.O.'s staff on the subject at 2330 hrs. My interpreter then advised me that everything appeared to be normal.

13. The flag was flying on Sunday, 10th February, 1946.

14. I contacted my interpreter at 0900 hrs on 11 Feb, 46, who advised me that the French Flag was no longer flying from the balcony of the French L.O. but a dirty piece of rag hung in its stead.

15. The French L.O. had not returned to TENDA on the Sunday evening (10 Feb) as was his intention, and did not arrive in TENDA until 1100 hrs on 11 Feb, 46. After visiting his office he (the French L.O.) continued his journey through to CUNEO to lunch with me - an arrangement which had been made the previous week.

16. The French L.O. upon arrival, stated the French Flag had been removed during the night and the dirty rag substituted.

17. He also stated that he did not intend to report the removal of the flag unless I reported it through channels.

18. He further stated he had received a signal at 1100 hrs that morning from PARIS ordering him to remove his flag.

19. I advised him he had made two promises to me to remove his flag on the 8th and 9th February, 1945.

20. He said he had not understood these instructions but had understood I was removing the Allied Flags from the Municipio, giving them to him to fly with his flag from his balcony, and had advised General Doyen of this - by signal.

21. I pointed out that my conversation with him had been perfectly clear and that it was impossible for him to have misunderstood anything I had said. I also pointed out that if the Allied Flags had been given to him to fly from his balcony it would have been tantamount to showing an agreement had been made whereby the territories under dispute had been handed over to FRANCE.

...../4..

- 4 -

22. He then stated that owing to his wounds (he was wounded in the abdomen) he was sometimes slightly deaf.

23. I again went through my previous conversations with him point by point and he ended by putting his hands in front of his face - as if in mental distress.

24. Owing to the delicacy of the situation regarding his flag, and his perfect knowledge of English, I spoke to him with no witnesses - but in view of his obvious misunderstanding of a perfectly clear request, and his definite promises, I feel I must in future, always have a witness by me to substantiate any statements made by him, and also as a witness for any statement I may make to him. One of the reasons he was sent to TENDA was his excellent knowledge of the English language.

25. I feel Lieut. Kalck realises he has been foolish, and is putting forward a very lame excuse, hoping that no action will be taken by us in reporting the removal of his flag. I shall advise him that a full report is being sent to HQ. A.C., marked CONFIDENTIAL, regarding the incident.

26. I could not visit TENDA on Sunday (10th) or Monday (11th) as transport was not available - the car kindly lent to me by the Questura was not suitable for the journey - owing to bad tyres - except as an endeavour to get there in an emergency.

27. PLEASE MAY I BE EQUIPPED WITH ADEQUATE AND SUITABLE TRANSPORT FOR MY JOB ?

AEG/JH.

A. H. Gardner.

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

also as a witness for any statement I may make to him. One of the reasons he was sent to TENDI was his excellent knowledge of the English language.

25. I feel Lieut. Kalick realises he has been foolish, and is putting forward a very lame excuse, hoping that no action will be taken by us in reporting the removal of his flag. I shall advise him that a full report is being sent to HQ. A.C., marked **CONFIDENTIAL**, regarding the incident.

26. I could not visit TENDI on Sunday (10th) or Monday (11th) as transport was not available - the car kindly lent to me by the Questura was not suitable for the journey - owing to bad tyres - except as an endeavour to get there in an emergency.

27. PLEASE MAY I BE EQUIPPED WITH ADEQUATE AND SUITABLE TRANSPORT FOR MY JOB ?

AHG/JM.

A. H. Gardner.

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

3854

~~2705~~ 581 91
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512
El Camp 460

G-5: 211 Liaison Officers

13 February 1946

SUBJECT: French Military Liaison Office at TENDA.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394. 415 454

Reference your Signals 848, 2 February 1946, and 1087
cite ACEXC, 11 February 1946.

No further action appears to be necessary, provided
that the French Liaison Officer, Lt. Walck, leaves on his trip
in the near future. Have you any information as to when he is
likely to be going.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

F. G. A. Parsons
F. G. A. PARSONS,
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

See M. 461.

581-91
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

14th February, 1945.

REFERENCE: AO/23.
SUBJECT: Closing of Italy-French Frontier.
TO: Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

- 444
1. Reference your signal 945 of 6 February which reached this H.Q. at 1000 hrs on 10 February, and our telephone conversation of this morning.
 2. I regret that I did not send a specific report on this incident, but this was entirely owing to the fact that I had spoken to you twice on the telephone on the subject, and gathered wrongly, apparently, that the incident was closed.
 3. The cause of the rumour that the Frontier was closed doubtless came from the fact that C.I.G. issued orders to the Frontier Guards to tighten up existing regulations with a view to stopping unauthorised persons crossing the Frontier, and also to enforce customs regulations.
 4. I have no knowledge from whom they received authority to issue these instructions, but am informed by Capt. NEGHELLI, C.I.G. Geneva that a full report on the subject was submitted to No. 3 District and A.P.H.Q.
 5. C.I.G. do not consult or advise this office of their actions on the frontier.

W. Turner-Coles

W. TURNER-COLES.
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.

See M 460

3852

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ref: 581/456/ED

February 1946

Dear Dr. Prunas,

With reference to your letter no. 5/60 of 23 January 1946, I have been informed that the French Liaison Officer at Tenda is to leave that city for a few days on orders emanating from Paris, and that before leaving he will remove the French flag from his house.

On his return I have been assured that he will not hoist it again.

Yours very truly,

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Dr. Renato Prunas
Secretary General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government.
Rome.

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PR/CLO/50
Date/Time of Origin: FEB. 12 1946

Message Control No: G/9152
Date Time Recd: FEB. 12 1946

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: CEO PIEMONTE SIGNED JORDAN.

TO : HQ ALCOM

FEB 12 1946

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL.

1. Reference your radio 1073.
2. A social and informational meeting of all prefects and questors was held on invitations of Chief Liaison officer. On the same day the prefects of Cuneo, Torino and president of Aosta met informally with Capt Ciliberti and Lt Barone for a discussion of the border situation. Both meetings were held on the responsibility of the Chief Liaison officer. Care was observed not to exercise any executive authority nor to give advice. See minutes of meetings forwarded. — *in file 50/100*
3. Any further meetings will await your decision.

AC DIST

ACTION EXECUTIVE COMM 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC
FILE

CONFIDENTIAL

100 4/3

HQ AECOM

FEB 12 1946

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL.

1. Reference your radio 1073.
2. A social and informational meeting of all prefects and questori was held on invitations of Chief Liaison officer. On the same day the prefects of Cuneo, Torino and president of Aosta met informally with Capt Ciliberti and Lt Barone for a discussion of the border situation. Both meetings were held on the responsibility of the Chief Liaison officer. Care was observed not to exercise any executive authority nor to give advice. See minutes of meetings forwarded. *see file 5456*
3. Any further meetings will await your decision.

AC DIST

ACTION EXECUTIVE COMM 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC
FILE
SKELETON

ACTION

See M 457

3850

CONFIDENTIAL

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

785017

454

RE ALON SITE AGEND

11 Feb 56

AFTER FOR 6-5

ALON LO FICHONTE

1087

CONFIDENTIAL

415
FURTHER REFERENCE OUR NIGHT FOUR NIGHT DATED TWO FEBRUARY PD
FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO ALLIED COMMISSION PD
QUOTE PD FROM PARIS I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT FRENCH LIAISON OFFICER LIEUTENANT
KALON IS TO LEAVE TEMA FOR A FEW DAYS PD BEFORE LEAVING HE WILL REMOVE THE FRENCH
FLAG FROM HIS HOUSE PD ON HIS RETURN HE WILL NOT HOIST IT AGAIN ORA THEN
CONFORMING HIS ATTITUDE WITH THAT OF OTHER ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS PD UNQUOTE

See 460

ROUTINE

Office of Executive Commissioner

R. W. HIND SMITH

Maj.

3349A

13/2

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

453

CSO

Repeat to AFHQ & CSO by telegram
& inform H Galt

✓

NS 11/2

will sign (see folio 456)

334*

See 454

Translation

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 396

R. 8802

Gene, 9 February 1946

Captain ROULLIER
French Representative to the Allied Commission
to
The Executive Commissioner

S u b j e c t: Liaison Officer at TENDA

From Paris, I have been informed that Lieutenant
SAUCK is to leave TENDA for a few days.

Before leaving, he will remove the French flag
from his house.

On his return, he won't hoist it again, thus con-
forming his attitude with that of the other Allied
Liaison Officers.

a. Roullier

See 454

n/s

3847

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

451

N° 2802

Rome, le 9 Février 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
à
Monsieur l'Executive Commissioner

O B J E T : Officier de liaison à TENDE.

Je suis informé de Paris que le Lieutenant
MALCK doit s'absenter de TENDE pendant quelques
jours.

Avant son départ, il retirera le pavillon
français de sa maison.
A son retour il ne le hissera pas, conformant
son attitude à celle des autres officiers de
Liaison Alliés.

Moullec

See 452

450
581/40
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

7 February 1946.

FEB 11 1946

File : PR/CLC/50

Subject : French Liaison Officer, Tenda.

To : Hq. Allied Commission, Attn. Executive Comm.

415

1. Reference your telegram 848 dated 2 Feb 1946, subject above.

2. Herewith inclosed report of Lt. Col. Gardner, L.O., Tenda, reference instructions to French Liaison Officer, Tenda.

William R. Jordan

WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel - C.A.C.
Chief Liaison Officer,
Allied Commission - PIEMONTE

WRJ/Al

To : Hq. Allied Commission, Attn. Executive Comm.

415

1. Reference your telegram 848 dated 2 Feb 1946, subject above.

2. Herewith inclosed report of Lt. Col. Gardner, L.O., Tenda, reference instructions to French Liaison Officer, Tenda.

William R. Jordan

WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel - C.A.C.
Chief Liaison Officer,
Allied Commission - PIEMONTE

WRJ/hl

3345

(MISS)

449
618
ALLIED COMMUNICATION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

CONFIDENTIAL

To Chief Liaison Officer L.O. PIERMONT. Date 5th February, 1946.

Re PAC/08/13/3.

Subject:- French Liaison Officer.

1. Further to our conversation on Monday, 4th February, 1946, and copy of message from HQ. ALCON.

2. I visited TENDA to-day, saw the French L.O. and made the following points quite clear to him.

- (a) He is under my Command.
- (b) He must notify me of any intended absences from TENDA - his time of departure and estimated time of return on journeys to FRANCE.
- (c) As he is French L.O. TENDA & BRIGA only - if he wishes to visit other towns in ITALY - to contact me first. When I will give him written orders; as is customary with the Allied Forces.

3. I requested him to remove the French Flag and informed him that flying the French Flag in TENDA was contrary to the arrangement made by General Hume and Major Gaynard (the previous French L.O.) on the 10th July, 1945, when the French troops were withdrawn from ITALY. This arrangement was made in my presence.

I made a request only for the removal of the flag - if this has not been removed on my next visit to TENDA - I will advise you accordingly.

4. The French L.O. advised me of the result of his visit to NICK on Sunday when he met General Doyen's Staff Officer there; the information he received was as follows:-

Subject: French Liaison Officer.

1. Further to our conversation on Monday, 4th February, 1945, and copy of message from HQ. ALGER.

2. I visited TENDI to-day, saw the French L.O. and made the following points quite clear to him.

- (a) He is under my Command.
- (b) He must notify me of any intended absence from TENDI - his time of departure and estimated time of return on journeys to FRANCE.
- (c) As he is French L.O. TENDI & BRIGA only - if he wishes to visit other towns in ITALY - to contact me first, when I will give him written orders; as to customary with the Allied Forces.

3. I requested him to remove the French Flag and informed him that flying the French Flag in TENDI was contrary to the arrangement made by General Hume and Major Gayard (the previous French L.O.) on the 10th July, 1945, when the French troops were withdrawn from ITALY. This arrangement was made in my presence.

I made a request only for the removal of the flag - if this has not been removed on my next visit to TENDI - I will advise you accordingly.

4. The French L.O. advised me of the result of his visit to NICK on Sunday when he met General Loyer's Staff Officer there; the information he received was as follows:-

- (a) Lieut. Zalk is French L.O. TENDI & BRIGA only.
- (b) General Loyer had no knowledge of the recent trouble in VENTIMIGLIA area.
- (c) Lieut. Zalk must not accept any leaders of pro-French demonstrations in TENDI or BRIGA.

5. The French L.O. (75 Med. Regt) arrived at TENDI whilst I was there, on his return from FRANCE to TORINO.

ANG/JM.

Copy to:- B15 F.S.O.

334

A.B. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Liaison Officer.

A.B. Gardner

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

447

ALLIED COMMISSION CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER PIERSONE

1073

11 FEB 46

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

436
YOUR PETER ROGER SLASH CHARLES LOVE OBOE SLASH FIVE ZERO OF FIVE
FEBRUARY ENCLOSES RECORD OF MEETING BETWEEN PERFECTS AND PRESUMABLY
YOUR LIAISON OFFICER PD WHO CALLED THIS MEETING AND FOR WHAT
PURPOSE PD IF YOUR LIAISON OFFICER WAS RESPONSIBLE IT IS CLEAR
THAT HE IS INTERVENING ACTIVELY IN POLITICAL MATTERS WHICH IS DEFINITELY
CONTRARY TO DIRECTIVE PD HE SHOULD BE EMPHATICALLY DIRECTED AS TO
HIS DUTIES

See 455 See to work
3343

Ex. Commissioner

343 H. W. BIRD-SMITH

Major,
OSO to Ex. Com

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

447A

Chief Staff Officer.

Sir,

You asked me to let you know the position on this file:

1. Except for odd folios, I do not think you have seen anything on this file from folio 418 onwards.
2. No reply has yet been made to letter from Prime Minister at folio 412. In this connection please see pencilled portion of EC's cable to AFHQ at folio 415. Reply from AFHQ is at 441. EC has NOT taken any action in regard to informing the Italian Government.
3. Action is required on EC's minute at 437 re cancellation of letter at folio 420. ✓

No need yet.

HSC

Then thro'

→ Bombasse.

Fullland 7/2
48

M

3342

0541

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 581/446/EC.

February 46.

SUBJECT: Authorization for travel: French-Italian border.

TO : Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
PIEMONTE.

1. Reference our 581/420/EC dated 5 February 46, the Executive Commissioner directs that this letter be cancelled following on the instruction contained in para (d) of this HQ signal 964 of 7 February 46.

2. It is considered that there can be no advantage gained by our Liaison Officer in TBMIA travelling over the border into FRANCE except in very special circumstances.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

See in 457

3341

ALLIED COMMISSION CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER PIEMONTE

964

7 FEB 46

PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD

YOUR PRIOR MESSAGE SLASH CHARLIE LOVE ONE SLASH FIVE ZERO

DATED FIVE FEBRUARY PD

YOUR ACTION THROUGHOUT APPROVED PD YOU SHOULD DIRECT

COLONEL GARTNER PAREN ABLE PAREN TO RESIDE IN TENDA CIN

PAREN BAKER PAREN NOT TO FLY ALLIED FLAGS OVER HIS OFFICE CIN

PAREN CHARLIE PAREN TO REFRAIN FROM INTERVENING IN FRANCO HITTER

ITALIAN AFFAIRS CIN PAREN DOG PAREN NOT TO CROSS THE FRONTIER

CIN PAREN RASY PAREN TO STUDY THE DIRECTIVE SENT TO LIASSEN

OFFICERS REFERENCE SEVEN ZERO ZERO TWO SLASH RASY CHARLIE DATED

TWO THREE SEPTEMBER ONE NINE FOUR XXX FIVE AND ACT ACCORDINGLY PD

PARA TWO PD YOU ARE AT LIBERTY TO REPLACE HIM BY ANY MEMBER

OF YOUR GROUP AT ONCE PD

PARA THREE PD BRIGADIER GARR WILL BE VISITING YOU EARLY

NEXT WEEK WITH FURTHER COUNSEL.

Copy to: OA Section

Ex. Commissioner

343

(Sgt) Marcel Hurd Smith

Major,

CCO to Ex. Com.

3340

SE/EC

1148

AD LIAISON OFFICER LIGURIA

948

6 Feb 46

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

ON FOUR FEBRUARY YOU WERE INFORMED OF RUMOUR ABOUT CLOSING OF
FRANCE NEARBY ITALIAN FRONTIER AND INSTRUCTED TO REPORT PD
I HAVE YET RECEIVED NO REPORT FROM YOU ALTHOUGH INFORMATION IS
COMING FROM SEVERAL SOURCES CMA INCLUDING LIGURIA

Ex. Com.

23

M

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

0 5 4 3

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

443

AD LIAISON OFFICER PIERMONT

949

6 FEB 46

PRIORITY

443

UNCLASSIFIED PD

REFERENCE YOUR PETER ROGER SLASH CHARLIE LOVE OBOE SLASH FOUR OF
FIVE FEBRUARY PD YOUR DIRECTION TO COLONEL GARDNER APPROVED PD
HE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT INVITATION

Ex. Com.
43

M B LUSH

Brigadier,
Ex. Commissioner.

3338

581
INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RA/CLO/4

Date/Time of Origin: 051715

Message Centre No: 9/8731

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 6 0845

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER 5 Y PIEMONTE (REGION AMS)
TO : ALCOM EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

FEB 6 1946

UNCLASSIFIED

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY LT. KALK, (FRENCH LIAISON OFFICER), TENIA, FROM GENERAL LOYENS STAFF: "AS WE AGREED, GENERAL DOYEN IS AWAITING COLONEL GARDNER AND INVITES HIM TO LUNCH. THE GENERAL WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET THE COLONEL AT THE END OF THIS WEEK OR THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT." COLONEL GARDNER HAS BEEN DIRECTED NOT TO GO INTO FRANCE, UNLESS YOU DIRECT OTHERWISE, COLONEL GARDNER WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO DECLINE INVITATION. WIRE INSTRUCTIONS.

ACTION

AG DIST

ACTION: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER 2

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FILE 2



UNCLASSIFIED:

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY LT. KALK, (FRENCH LIAISON OFFICER), TENDA, FROM GENERAL
LOYERS STAFF. ' AS WE AGREE, GENERAL DOYEN IS AWAITING COLONEL GARNER AND INVITES
HIM TO LERCH. THE GENERAL WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET THE COLONEL AT THE END OF THIS WEEK
OR THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT.' COLONEL GARNER HAS BEEN DIRECTED NOT TO GO INTO FRANCE
UNLESS YOU DIRECT OTHERWISE, COLONEL GARNER WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO DECLINE INVITATION
WITH INSTRUCTIONS.

AG DIST

ACTION: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER 2

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

FILE 2

ACTION



3937

0 5 4

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 60129

Date/Time of Origin: FEB. 051611A

Message Centre No: G/8736

Date Time Rec'd: FEB. 060930

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACHED CITE FHQEG

TO : ALCOM ROME

FEB 6 1946

RESTRICTED

AFHQ

RESTRICTED.

No action proposed result your 848 of 2 February pending information result your action. Please keep AFHQ informed.

AC DIST

ACTION EK COMM 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
FLOAT

HEADQUARTERS
FEB 11 1946

RESTRICTED

See 4514

RESTRICTED

413

RESTRICTED.

No action proposed result your 848 of 2 February pending information result your action. please keep AFHQ informed.

AC DIST

ACTION EX COMM 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
FLOAT

HEADQUARTERS
6 FEB 1946

See 454

RESTRICTED

ACTION

3436

WHA

Lt Col Thomas. Cotes . telephoned

He was obviously disappointed that you had not considered it essential to come to Base but all he actually said - was -
"That's all right. I'll stay here - and you can assure the Brigadier that I have my finger on the pulse - whatever he reads in newspapers" He added that communication is very difficult (or slow) as - teleprinter service is ~~down~~ out of action - signals takes 4 days.

He will of course remain.

His ^{monthly} report is already dispatched.

WV

381 91
ALLIED COMMISSION
PIEMONTE REGION
LIAISON GROUP

5 February 1946

FEB 5 1946

File : PR/CLG/50

SUBJECT: French Situation - Piemonte Region

TO : Hq Allied Commission, Attention Ex. Comm.

43851

1. Herewith enclosed a special report on the Italian-French border situation in Piemonte.

2. This report is a summarization of conferences with the Prefects of Cuneo, Torino and the President of the Council of Aosta.

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel CAC
C.L.O. Piemonte

See to 438-439-440 447
447
447

February 1948

FEB 5 1948

File : PR/CLC/50

SUBJECT: French Situation - Piemonte Region

TO : Hq Allied Commission, Attention Ex. Comm.

435

1. Herewith enclosed a special report on the Italian-French border situation in Piemonte.

2. This report is a summarization of conferences with the Prefects of Cuneo, Torino and the President of the Council of Aosta.

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel CAC
C.L.O. Piemonte

See M. 437, 438-439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447.

(101555)

3934

31
Confidential

4 February 1946.

FRENCH SITUATION - PIEMONTE REGION

At a meeting of the Prefects of the Province of Cuneo and Turin, together with the President of the Council of the Autonomous state of Aosta, the French situations in their respective areas were discussed.

The Prefects were definitely disturbed about the unusual activities of re-entering French sympathizers. Accusations were made that French Officers in the guise of civilians were actively engaged in propaganda favoring their annexation to France. The argument which predominated was to the effect that the final peace treaty terms would concede the disputed areas to France. That Italy, being declared a defeated nation would be subjected to exorbitant taxes and that the past history of the area - their language and French interests should be recognized and advantageous to them in the event of their annexation.

The consensus of opinions of the Prefects were that the disputed areas, particularly Tenda and Grise were predominantly pro-Italian. That the Italians, realizing this, have belatedly the confidence of the inhabitants by declaring that peace treaty would probably in no way affect these areas. Passive resistance was recommended and particularly the avoidance of any incident which may be used as sufficient grounds for more active and definite propaganda and action.

This battle of nerves has created a state of uneasiness in the population and a seemingly indifference in the situation to avoid any possible retaliation when and if the matter is finally determined.

The President of Aosta declared that all these arguments and propaganda had been previously presented to the Aosta population but failed to take a strong foothold. The Aosta newspapers published in Paris had actively advocated an Autonomous state for this area, advancing the arguments of language, geographical and economical differences from the national state. On the concession of autonomy, the newspaper immediately ran its position and now stresses the benefits from annexation to France. The election of the present President, definitely pro-Italian, indicated the sentiments of the populace. The Autonomous state granted, conferred merely administrative rights to Aosta and the future development of additional water power which would result in more economical independence. The power generated, however, must remain in the country according to terms of the autonomous state.

activities of re-entering French sympathizers. Accusations were made that French officers in the guise of civilians were actively engaged in propaganda favoring their annexation to France. The argument which predominated was to the effect that the final peace treaty terms would concede the disputed areas to France. That Italy, being declared a defeated nation would be subjected to exorbitant taxes and that the past history of the area - their language and French interests would be recognized and advantageous to them in the event of their annexation.

The consensus of opinions of the factions were that the disputed areas, particularly Tenda and Briga were predominantly pro-Italian. That the Italians, realizing this, have bolstered the confidence of the inhabitants by declaring that peace treaty would probably in no way affect these areas. Passive resistance was recommended and particularly the avoidance of any incident which may be used as sufficient grounds for more active and definite propaganda and action.

This battle of nerves has created a state of uneasiness in the population and a seemingly indifference in the situation to avoid any possible retaliation when and if the matter is finally determined.

The President of Aosta declared that all these arguments and propaganda had been previously presented to the Aosta population but failed to take a strong foothold. The Aosta newspapers published in Paris had actively advocated an Autonomous state for this area, advancing the arguments of language, geographical and economical differences from the national state. On the concession of autonomy, the newspaper immediately revr said its position and now stresses the benefits from annexation to France. The election of the present President, definitely pro-Italian, indicated the sentiments of the populace. The autonomous state granted, conferred merely administrative rights to Aosta and the future development of additional water power which would result in more economical independence. The power generated, however, must remain in the country according to terms of the autonomous state.

He declared that some industrialist of France had visited Aosta and viewed the water power possibility. His opinion was that the propaganda in Aosta was not so much for the diversion of electrical power from Italy to France but to control the water power so as to eventually control the large FIAT plant in Turin by granting electrical power in return for the majority stocks in said Company. In all disputed areas, water power was involved. Hence particularly was very much disturbed by the loss of these areas and the resultant loss of power. In all areas disputed the military importance was stressed. They bring in ridges of mountains which dominate Italian plains. This military importance may have special significance.

.....//.....

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

3 February 46.

File : PR/CLO/
Subject : Tenda Situation
To : ALLIED COMMISSION HQ., Attention Executive Comm.

1. Lt. Col. A.H. Gardner(B) reported for duty as I.O. Tenda, on 21 January 1946.

His reports, of 24 January 1946, designated as Incl. 1, 29 January 1946, designated as Incl. 2 and 29 January 1946, designated as Incl. 3; and 30 January 1946, designated as Incl. 4; and letter from this HQ dated 1 Feb 1946, designated as Incl. 5, are inclosed.

The report of 30 January 1946 was received at this HQ on 31 January 1946. Col. Gardner was immediately directed, by telephone, to cease negotiations with the French Military Authorities and to withdraw any proposals made. This was followed by direction in writing under date of 1 Feb. 1946 (see Incl. 5).

On 2 Feb 1946, Col. Gardner reported in person to this HQ and matters were fully discussed. He had been informed that General Doyon (French) desired to visit him at Tenda on 3 Feb. 1946. It was not known whether this was a social call or concerned with negotiations. Col. Gardner was directed to conduct no negotiations of any kind. Major Hamilton, an Intelligence Officer from No. 2 District arrived in Turin to take part in the conference as an observer.

On the morning of 3 Feb. 1946, Col. Gardner telephoned that the French Liaison Officer on duty at Tenda has incorrectly reported that General Doyon would arrive but that it was a staff officer of General Doyon who desired the conference. It was further reported that the invitation to the meeting was at Nice, France.

Col. Gardner was informed, by telephone, that AFHQ directions, received by telephone from A.C. HQ., prohibited any travel into France or any activity that would regard Tenda as disputed territory.

No. 2 District has been kept posted of these reports and developments, through it. Col. Hamilton, A.C. Liaison Officer, No. 2 Dist. and Major Hamilton, Intelligence Officer No. 2 District, and a visit from General Heydeman is expected at 15:00 hrs., 4 February 1946.

2. His reports, of 24 January 1946, designated as Incl. 1, 29 January 1946, designated as Incl. 2 and 29 January 1946, designated as Incl. 3; and 30 January 1946, designated as Incl. 4; and letter from this Hq dated 1 Feb 1946, designated as Incl. 5, are inclosed.
3. The report of 30 January 1946 was received at this Hq on 31 January 1946. Col. Gardner was immediately directed, by telephone, to cease negotiations with the French Military Authorities and to withdraw any proposals made. This was followed by direction in writing under date of 1 Feb. 1946 (see Incl. 5). *then Col Gardner set out.*
4. On 2 Feb 1946, Col. Gardner reported in person to this Hq and matters were fully discussed. He had been informed that General Doyon (French) desired to visit him at Tenda on 3 Feb. 1946. It was not known whether this was a social call or concerned with negotiations. Col. Gardner was directed to conduct no negotiations of any kind. Major Hamilton, an Intelligence Officer from No.2 District arrived in Turin to take part in the conference as an observer.

5. On the morning of 3 Feb. 1946, Col. Gardner telephoned that the French Liaison Officer on duty at Tenda has incorrectly reported that General Doyon would arrive but that it was a staff Officer of General Doyon who desired the conference. It was further reported that the invitation to the meeting was at Nice, France.

6. Col. Gardner was informed, by telephone, that AFHQ directions, received by telephone from A.C. HQ., prohibited any travel into France or any activity that would regard Tenda as disputed territory.

7. No.2 District has been kept posted of these reports and developments, through Lt. Col. Hamilton, A.C. Liaison Officer, No.2 Dist. and Major Hamilton, Intelligence Officer No.2 District, and a visit from General Heydeman is expected at 15:00 hrs., 4 February 1946.

William R. Jordan

WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel - C.A.C.
Chief Liaison Officer,
ALLIED COMMISSION - PIEMONTE

581

46

433A, 1.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Rel. Ext. 585.

29 Jan 46.

Inter-Office Memorandum.

TO: Executive Commissioner,
Polar (A),
Polar (B).

- 1 With reference to the information contained in the press that the Franco-Italian Frontier had been closed by the Headquarters of the Allied Forces of Occupation, which was mentioned at the Executive Commissioner's meeting this morning, appropriate enquiries have been made.
- 2 Nothing is known of this alleged closure, either at AFHQ or in Italian Government circles. The Italian Government are checking up as to the origin of the newspaper report.
- 3 In connection with the above it is to be noted that control of the Frontier in the Ventimiglia Area has been handed over by the Allied to the Italian authorities.

MCD
M. CARR, Brigadier,
VF CA Section.

See 2 & 3

(MISS S)

PA
4/2

5818

CONF

ALLIED COMMINTION

(LIAISON)

CUBERO - TENDRA

L. L. COL. A. H. GARDNER, A.

TO: Chief Liaison Officer, A.C. Piemonte

24th Jan 46

Ref: PAC/CH/S

SUBJECT: Political situation - TENDRA-URBIA

1. The following report by the Questure of CUBERO covers the political situation in the Tendra area from the time of the closing of A.M.T. up to the present date.

2. On 3 January, a certain Donetta Pierre, French subject, provided with a regular permit, arrived in Uriga to see his mother living there. Donetta is a journalist and reporter of the paper "la liberte" de Nice at du Sud Est. He is well known for having recently written anti-Italian articles.

The inhabitants of the zone, on seeing him, openly showed their dislike; Donetta returned to France of his own accord but had also been advised to do so by the local authorities: he was accompanied to the border by militaries of the C. C. for protection. During his stay in the zone, no propaganda was carried out by him; no incidents have occurred.

3. A French almanac, Lieu-Tenant Guido Mauriclon arrived in Tendra the 11 January, provided with a regular permit: he is a French subject, but was born in the Comune of Tendra. From his documents, he appeared to be charged to keep in contact with the French officer of Tendra; he remained with his relatives 48 hours, and the next caused disagreements among the people with Italian feelings and the pro-French; the latter have manifested their liking to the Officer.

These two facts reveal that persons, who are French subjects and are born in the zone are used with the aim of making propaganda.

During the night of January 12, phrases against the Giuseppe Angelo Dararo have been written along the streets of Tendra, charging him to be a bad administrator, evidently this has been done by pro-French who hope to have the best of the next administrative elections.

The pro-French movement seems to be backed by the local Socialist Party. These are the most important facts we can report.

4. We also beg to inform that time ago a P.S. Commissary, Dr. M. CALATO Augusto was sent to Tendra; requested by the Questura, the MINISTRO has sent another public officer, to replace him; Dr. Rosaroli Francesco, who will take up service within

SUBJECT: Political situation - TENDA-ERITREA

1. The following report by the Questure of Tenda covers the political situation in the Tenda area from the time of the closing of A.V.S. up to the present date.
2. On 3 January, a certain Donetta Pierre, French subject, provided with a regular permit, arrived in Eriga to see his mother living there. Donetta is a journalist and reporter of the paper "La Liberté de Nice et du Sud-Est". He is well known for having recently written anti-Italian articles.
The inhabitants of the zone, on seeing him, openly showed their dislike; Donetta returned to France of his own accord but had also been advised to do so by the local Authorities; he was accompanied to the border by employees of the C.T. for protection. During his stay in the zone, no propaganda was carried out by him, no incidents have occurred.
3. A French airman, Lion-Tenant Guido Maurizio, arrived in Tenda the 11 January, provided with a regular permit; he is a French subject, but was born in the Comune of Tenda. From his documents, he appeared to be charged to keep in contact with the French officer of Tenda; he remained with his relatives 48 hours, and the first accused disagreements among the people with Italian feelings and the pro-French; the latter have manifested their liking to the Officer.
These two facts reveal that persons, who are French subjects and are born in the zone are used with the aim of making propaganda.
During the night of January 12, phrases against the Sindaco Angelo Durero have been written along the streets of Tenda, charging him to be a bad administrator, evidently this has been done by pro-French who hope to have the best of the next administrative elections.
The pro-French movement seems to be backed by the local Socialist Party. These are the most important facts we can report.
4. We also beg to inform that time ago a P.S. Commissary, Dr. VACCARINO Augusto was sent to Tenda; requested by the Questure, the Minister has sent another public officer, to replace him: Dr. Romano di Francesco, who will take up service within 30 January in the former has proved to be unfit for the position.
We hope that the latter will be up to us an important and delicate task.
5. Concerning local traffic across the Frontier, the Ministro requested by this Questure, has authorized to grant Frontier permits, as was already fixed by A.S. on 25 August, and with the same modalities.
At present owing to the recent snowfalls, road traffic to Tenda some is interrupted. Telephone service has been restored yesterday: the P.S. Commissary of S. Salvatore di Tenda has phoned yesterday, that there is nothing to report.
6. Attached also - marked appendix "A", are copies of a report brought to this officer by a former interpreter employed by A.V.S.

S/ A.M. Gardner
A. M. Gardner, Lt. Col. S.A.
Mission Officer

Arch 1

SITUATION AT TENDA

The population is very delated after the withdrawal of the AMI Officer. The presence of the French Liaison Officer increases the nervousness and fear of the people with Italian feelings who now think that they are completely abandoned to the French propaganda and without any protection.

The French lieutenant is doing a very clever propaganda, of course unofficially, but he and his collaborators are behind all actions. He is approaching in a very polite manner all the pro-French families, even persons with Italian feelings not only at Tenda, but also at Limone and Briga and tries to persuade them, that the only future of the zone is France.

Also a very clever and intense propaganda is carried out at Tenda in prevision of the administrative elections. The initiative started from the pro-French inhabitants, who having lost the hope of seeing the "liberators" to arrive, are now trying to win all kinds of administrative elections and so to become the leader of the town. They already drew the list of the candidates.

They are also trying with all means to discredit the actual sindaco: Bertero, reproaching him that he favors the partisans, abuses his power and acts illegally. They also charge him of having rented a car, for which the Comune pays to his relatives monthly 1,000 lire, besides the expenses for driver, petrol, oil, etc. They also say that, as 25 years ago he went bankrupt, he cannot be a good administrator of the public budget and so.

There are rumors that the French lieutenant is almost every second day in France bringing with him propaganda material and new promises of the French authorities.

13th January 1960.

Signed:

439

IPY

The French Movement is doing a very clever propaganda, of course unofficially, but he and his collaborators are looking all actions. He is appearing in a very public manner all the pro-French families, even persons with Italian feelings not only at Tenda, but also at Lissone and Briga and tries to persuade them, that the only future of the zone is France.

Also a very clever and intense propaganda is carried out at Tenda in preparation of the administrative elections. The initiative started from the ex-French inhabitants, who having lost the hope of seeing the "liberators" to arrive, are now trying to win all means the administrative elections and so to become the leader of the town. They already drew the list of the candidates.

They are also trying with all means to discredit the actual sindaco: Durero, reproaching him that he favours the partisans, abuses his power and acts illegally. They also observe him of having rented a car, for which the commune pays to his relatives monthly 1,000 lire, besides the expenses for driver, petrol, oil, etc. They also say that, as 25 years ago he went bankrupt, he cannot be a good administrator of the public budget and s.o.

There are rumors that the French Movement is almost every second day in France bringing with him propaganda material and new promises of the French authorities.

13th January 1945.

Signed:

3328

ALLIED COMMUNICATION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

L O IY COL A H GARDNER R A

Chief Liaison Officer A/C. PIERRE. Dec 19th January 1945.

PAC/30/1.

Subject:- TENDA - BRIGA Situation.

1. I visited TENDA & BRIGA yesterday, 18th January, 1945, and established an office there - an interpreter who had been with A.M.G. since the occupation of the Province, and who is thoroughly reliable, speaks English, Italian and French fluently, has been installed, and he will maintain daily contact with me on the days I do not visit the COMRADES.

2. The road to TENDA is clear, but parts of it - especially in the LIMONE area are still bad and dangerous in the early morning and also late afternoon - added to which is the inevitable danger of avalanches in this same area, where nearly 3 metres of snow fell during the fall of last week.

3. Telephone communication is again established to the 30.31 post at TENDA to the exchange in CUNEO.

4. The French L.O. was not in residence as he had been away since last Thursday, his clerk stated he had been in TENDI. My interpreter advised me by phone this morning that the French L.O. returned to TENDA late last night.

5. I visited the Hydro Electric Station at B. VALMAREO 41 TENDI, and interviewed the Managing Director. The output at present is 100,000K per day (total output when water supply allows the station to operate to full capacity is 600,000 Kw per day), of this 100,000 - 75,000 is supplied to MANTOVA and 25,000 to ITALY. This arrangement was made some months ago, but in view of additional railways now operating

Subject:- TANDA - BRIDA Situation.

1. I visited TANDA & BRIDA yesterday, 20th January, 1946, and established an office there - an interpreter who had been with A.M.O. since the occupation of the Province, and who is thoroughly reliable, speaks English, Italian and French fluently, has been installed, and he will maintain daily contact with me on the days I do not visit the Communes.

2. The road to TANDA is clear, but parts of it - especially in the MACHO area are still bad and dangerous in the early morning and also late afternoon - added to which is the inevitable danger of avalanches in this same area, where nearly 3 metres of snow fell during the fall of last week.

3. Telephone communication is again established to the C.C. post at TANDA to the exchange in CUNDO.

4. The French L.O. was not in residence as he had been away since last Thursday, his clerk stated he had been in CUNDO. My interpreter advised me by phone this morning that the French L.O. returned to TANDA late last night.

5. I visited the Hydro Electric station at S. SALMADO at TANDA, and interviewed the Managing Director. The output at present is 100,000Kw per day (total output when water supply allows the station to operate to full capacity is 600,000 Kw per day), of this 100,000 - 75,000 is supplied to SANTO and 25,000 to TANDA. This arrangement was made some months ago by American officers, but in view of additional railways now operating and industrial plants re-starting in Northern Italy, the Director is very anxious to have a re-allocation of current, thereby supplying more power to TANDA.

...../8...

End 2

6. Quietness seems to prevail in the Communes apart from allegations recently made against the Sindaco, this being in the form of writings on street walls - this is obviously the work of the pro-French element and appears to have the support of the Socialist Party. The Sindaco has had a manifesto printed and displayed throughout the Communes denying the allegations, and giving answers to all the points raised.

7. From my own observations - and I have known the Sindaco for over seven months - I consider him to be very hard working, conscientious, and fully aware of his country's interests, and he is making full endeavour to run his Commune in an efficient manner, and is only hindered from doing so by French propagandists.

8. I have established my office as near as possible to his in the Municipio and have Allied Flags flying from the building, and A.C. notices (in English and Italian) on the main entrance - thus endeavouring to give him full moral support.

A. H. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel, R.A.
Liaison Officer.

ABG/35.

Copy to:- 313 P.S.B.

7. From my own observations - and I have known the Sindaco for over seven months - I consider him to be very hard working, conscientious, and fully aware of his country's interests, and he is making full endeavour to run his Comune in an efficient manner, and is only hindered from doing so by French propagandists.

8. I have established my office as near as possible to his in the Municipio and have Allied flags flying from the building, and A.C. notices (in English and Italian) on the main entrance - thus endeavouring to give him full moral support.

A. H. GARDNER

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

AHG/JM.

Copy to:- 315 P.S.S.

3024

58191
ALLIED COMMUNICATIONS

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

To: Chief Liaison Officer A.O. PIMONIER Do: 29th January 1946.

Re: PAC/US/3/4.

Subject:- TENDA - BRIGA Area.

1. In to-day's issue of the "MONTAGNE D'ITALIA", a paragraph appeared stating that FRANCE would most likely win their territorial revenge against ITALY and would obtain the mountain area over which the French Politicians and Newspapers have recently had so much to say.

2. It is regretted that this article cannot be suppressed.

3. I have had conversations with the Prefect of CUNEO and also the Sindaco of TENDA, and they are worried as the inhabitants of TENDA & BRIGA are reluctant to pay their TAXES due to ITALY now, as they feel they will be called upon to pay additional taxes to FRANCE shortly.

4. A large sale of timber is taking place to-morrow; the buyers all being from Communes throughout the Province, however a number of prospective purchasers will fail to attend the sale, as they know, if the French did occupy their Communes, they would have no chance of removing it as wood is in very short supply in FRANCE.

5. Can I please have any definite information regarding these Communes, and their ultimate fate, i.e. as to whether any decision as to their return to FRANCE or retention by ITALY is likely to be made before the Peace Conference.

6. The Prefect and Sindaco are anxious for me to make a statement to them, this of course I cannot do, but I do feel that any information on this point should be made available to me at the earliest opportunity.

Subject: - TEMA - BRISA Area.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

1. In to-day's issue of the "Gazette d'Italie", a paragraph appeared stating that ITALY would most likely win their territorial revenge against ITALY and would obtain the mountain area over which the French Politicians and Newspapers have recently had so much to say.
2. It is regretted that this article cannot be suppressed.
3. I have had conversations with the Prefect of CUNEO and also the Sindaco of ITALY, and they are worried as the inhabitants of ITALY are reluctant to pay their taxes due to ITALY now, as they feel they will be called upon to pay additional taxes to FRANCE shortly.
4. A large sale of timber is taking place to-morrow; the buyers all being from Communas throughout the Province, however a number of prospective purchasers will fail to attend the sale, as they know, if the French did occupy their Communas, they would have no chance of removing it as wood is in very short supply in FRANCE.
5. Can I please have any definite information regarding these Communas, and their ultimate fate, i.e. as to whether any decision as to their return to FRANCE or retention by ITALY is likely to be made before the Peace Conference.
6. The Prefect and Sindaco are anxious for me to make a statement to them, this of course I cannot do, but I do feel that any information on this point should be made available to me at the earliest opportunity.

A.B./M.

Allegandine

A.B. GAZONER.
Lt. Colonel. R.A.
Division Officer.

Sheet 3

3020

ALLIED COMMISSION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

U.S.A.R.P.

to Chief Liaison Officer U.S. Liaison Det. 30th January 1946.

Re 200/21/4.

Subject:- 200 - 100th Station, etc.

1. Further to our letter of even number, dated 25th January, 46.

2. I visited Tenda again this morning and ascertained from the Sindaco that standing timber had been offered for sale, and that tenders were due to be opened this morning - the value of this timber was estimated at 14,500,000 by the Comune, but one could be larger, the society which, while an offer privately of 5,000,000 lire; as this society was also submitting a tender, it is fair to presume that this tender offer would be the same value.

3. This morning, representatives of all the firms who had submitted offers visited the Sindaco and asked for the return of the envelopes containing their offers (each letter contained a cheque for half their offer) - this being according to custom. The reason being that it would take approximately 12 months to cut and transport the timber out of the Comune.

4. A SINDACO newspaper "Gazzetta d'Italia", published an article yesterday 25th January, 1946, (a copy of which is attached herewith, together with a translation of the relevant paragraph) stating - "that France is likely to get the mountainous zone of Italy", this, of course, included Tenda & Tenda.

5. The firms upon withdrawing their tenders stated that if the Comune were handed to SINDACO, they considered they would not be allowed to convey the timber, or any balance of timber left, to Italy. All tenders were submitted from individuals or firms in SINDACO Province.

7. In order to prevent stagnation taking place in the work of the Commune, could the French authorities be approached and asked to give a guarantee that in the event of these communes being handed over to them - these contracts - if made - could be allowed to continue for a period of 12 months, and no interference would be made by them?

8. I saw the French M.O. and put this proposal to him - he stated he would send a signal to General DEH to-night and endeavour to ask him to forward it - with his blessing to the French Government.

9. I did this in order that preparation could be made for the receipt of our suggestion on its arrival.

10. The guarantee should be for all works or projects of a purely Communal nature.

W. S. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER,
M. O. Colonel, M. A.
Maison Officiere.

AUG/32.

Copy to:- 31/7/32.

8. I saw the French MP, and put this proposal to him - he stated he would send a signal to General BOYD to-night and endeavour to ask him to forward it - with his blessing to the French Government.

9. I did this in order that preparation would be made for the receipt of our suggestion on its arrival.

10. The quartermaster should be for all work or projects of a purely commercial nature.

W. Gardner

A. J. GARDNER,
Lt. Colonel, R.A.
Mission Officer.

210/10.

Copy sent 115 P.M. 11.

3923

426
THE "FOUR" RESUME THEIR LABOURS

It is foreseen that territorial "rectifications" will be granted to France.

Soviets contrary to Austrian vindications.

London 28 Jan.

To-morrow, the substitutes of the four Foreign Ministers, will examine again, and in particular, the territorial settlement to be included into the treaty of peace with Italy. The meetings were suspended last week owing to the indisposition of the Russian and French delegates.

Informers, well acquainted with the discussions held during the conferences of the "four", declares that it is likely the french vindications will be granted, that is, France will get that mountainous zone, on the "exiguity" of which political men and news-papers have insisted so much, forgetting the fundamental importance the zone has for Northern Italy's hydroelectric industry.

To-morrow, the substitutes of the four Foreign Ministers, will examine again, and in particular, the territorial settlement to be included into the treaty of peace with Italy. The meetings were suspended last week owing to the indisposition of the Russian and French delegates.

Informers, well acquainted with the discussions held during the conferences of the "four", declare that it is likely the French vindications will be granted, that is, France will get that mountainous zone, on the "exiguity" of which political men and news-papers have insisted so much, forgetting the fundamental importance the zone has for Northern Italy's hydroelectric industry.

8819
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

425
1 February 1946

File : PR/CLO/50

Subject : Tenda

To : L.O. Tenda

1. Reference your letter PAC/CU/3/4 dated 30 January 1946 - same subject:

2. Negotiations with General Doyon or other French Officials are disapproved by this Headquarters and immediate steps will be taken to withdraw any suggestions made, in the event that any Italian territory should be turned over to Brance.

3. It is considered inappropriate for members of the Liaison Group A.C., to engage in negotiations relative to Italian territory.

4. These matters are the concern of higher authority.

WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel - C.A.C.
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Commission - PIEMONTE

WRJ/hl

1. Reference your letter PAC/CU/3/4 dated 30 January 1946 - same subject:
2. Negotiations with General Doyon or other French Officials are disapproved by this Headquarters and immediate steps will be taken to withdraw any suggestions made, in the event that any Italian territory should be turned over to France.
3. It is considered inappropriate for members of the Liaison group A.C., to engage in negotiations relative to Italian territory.
4. These matters are the concern of higher authority.

WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel - C.A.C.
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Commission - FIENONIE

WRJ/hl

Chad 5

3322

ALLIED COMMUNICATION

(LIAISON)

CUNEO - TENDA

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

To Chief Liaison Officer. A.C. PIEMONTE Date 3rd February 1946

Re PAC/CU/3/4.

Subject:- TENDA - BRIGA Area.

1. Reference my letters of even number dated 29th and 30th January, 1946, and your PR/CLO/50, dated 1st February, 1946, and also conversation at TORINO on 2nd February, 1946, between Colonel Jordan and Lt. Colonel Gardner.
2. I am unable to understand your letter and disapproval, and can only conclude that para. 8 of my letter of the 30th January was not clear, or had been mis-read. If this was the case, it is regretted.
3. In para. 7 of the a/m letter dated 30th January, I ask you - "Could the French Authorities be approached, etc., etc". - this is my suggestion to you - and you as Chief Liaison Officer will either approve or reject this suggestion. If you do approve, I take it that you will forward it to higher authorities.
4. I have made no negotiations with the French relative to Italian Territory.
5. On the day in question, the would be buyers were in TENDA, and a large crowd had assembled - the majority of the population being aware of what had occurred - the pro-French element were well in evidence.
6. The French L.O. appeared to be as worried as the Sindaco and Giunta when I visited him in his office.
7. I merely advised the French L.O. of the proposed suggestion I intended forwarding to you - if it was subsequently approved and forwarded, the French Authorities would be ready to deal with it if the

Subject:- TENDA - BRIGA Area.

1. Reference my letters of even number dated 29th and 30th January, 1946, and your PR/CLO/50, dated 1st February, 1946, and also conversation at TORINO on 2nd February, 1946, between Colonel Jordan and Lt. Colonel Gardner.
2. I am unable to understand your letter and disapproval, and can only conclude that para. 8 of my letter of the 30th January was not clear, or had been mis-read. If this was the case, it is regretted.
3. In para. 7 of the a/m letter dated 30th January, I ask you - "Could the French Authorities be approached, etc., etc". - this is my suggestion to you - and you as Chief Liaison Officer will either approve or reject this suggestion. If you do approve, I take it that you will forward it to higher authorities.
4. I have made no negotiations with the French relative to Italian Territory.
5. On the day in question, the would be buyers were in TENDA, and a large crowd had assembled - the majority of the population being aware of what had occurred - the pro-French element were well in evidence.
6. The French L.O. appeared to be as worried as the Sindaco and Giunta when I visited him in his office.
7. I merely advised the French L.O. of the proposed suggestion I intended forwarding to you - if it was subsequently approved and forwarded, the French Authorities would be ready to deal with it if the French L.O. forwarded it as he said he would. Once I mentioned it to him it was for him to decide whether or not he would send it forward, or act on it in any way. I did not ask him to take any action - the action he intended to take I quoted to you in this letter.

...../The 3341

Sub 6

- 2 -

8. The position regarding the finances of the Commune are very bad - this week the telephone in the Municipio was cut off as the account had not been paid, and as it is essential for me to have this communication, I had to intervene through the Prefect for its re-installation.

9. Will you please advise me if you have taken any action regarding this matter.

10. Having dealt with the French Situation in this area since May, 1947, I do fully appreciate that matters of this nature are the concern of higher authority. Copies of any letters sent to the French L.O. will always be forwarded to you as a matter of routine, as they were always similarly forwarded to HQ. AMG. Piemonte Region, in the past. Could I please have copies of letters concerning this area, sent to higher authority by you - to enable me to be kept in the picture at this end.

AMG/JM.

A. H. Gariner

A. H. GARINER.
Lt. Colonel.
Liaison Officer.

10. Having dealt with the French Situation in this area since May, 1945, I do fully appreciate that matters of this nature are the concern of higher authority. Copies of any letters sent to the French L.O. will always be forwarded to you as a matter of routine, as they were always similarly forwarded to HQ. AHG. Piemonte Region, in the past. Could I please have copies of letters concerning this area, sent to higher authority by you - to enable me to be kept in the picture at this end.

AHG/JM.

A. H. Gardner

A. H. GARDNER.
Lt. Colonel.
Liaison Officer.

3320

HEADQUARTERS
LIGURIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO+ 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/1

2 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Franco Italian Frontier

FEB 5 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission Hq., Rome

I confirm the information given to you by phone last night, following your further enquiry, concerning the origin of the report circulated by the Press that the Franco-Italian frontier had been closed on orders from the Allies.

It appears that a U.S. Special Agent of S.C.I.(2) named ANDREVITCH, (spelling open to correction), stationed at San Remo received phone instructions from his superior, Major NEGRELLI, stationed at Genoa, to tighten up on the control of Allied Military traffic (U.S., British, French, Polish) crossing the Franco-Italian border.

It is assumed that ANDREVITCH may have interpreted the instruction too literally and may have ordered the CC.RR. to take restrictive measures in regard to all frontier traffic, or that the CC.RR. misinterpreted the order and acted too rigorously.

G.S.I (I), No. 2 Dist. has arranged with Maj. Negrelli to see Andrevitch in order to get the precise facts which, by telephone, it has not been possible to obtain.

G.S.I (I), No. 2 Dist. will issue a final report in due course of which I will send you a copy.

While on the subject of frontier control, I am informed that the Swiss authorities have increased their guards by 300 on the

LOG/CIC/1

2 February 1946.

FEB 5 1946

SUBJECT: Franco Italian Frontier

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission Hq., Rome

I confirm the information given to you by phone last night, following your further enquiry, concerning the origin of the report circulated by the Press that the Franco-Italian frontier had been closed on orders from the Allies.

It appears that a U.S. Special Agent of S.C.I.(2) named ANDREVITCH, (spelling open to correction), stationed at San Remo received phone instructions from his superior, Major NEGRELLI, stationed at Genoa, to tighten up on the control of Allied Military traffic (U.S., British, French, Polish) crossing the Franco-Italian border.

It is assumed that ANDREVITCH may have interpreted the instruction too literally and may have ordered the CC.RR. to take restrictive measures in regard to all frontier traffic, or that the CC.RR. misinterpreted the order and acted too rigorously.

G.S.I (I), No. 2 Dist. has arranged with Maj. Negrelli to see Andrevitch in order to get the precise facts which, by telephone, it has not been possible to obtain.

G.S.I (I), No. 2 Dist. will issue a final report in due course of which I will send you a copy.

While on the subject of frontier control, I am informed that the Swiss authorities have increased their guards by 300 on the Italo-Swiss border with the object of checking the increasing contraband traffic.

W. H. Hancock
Col. A. N. HANCOCK, O.B.E.
Chief Liaison Officer

420

Ref: 531/420/30

3 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Authorization for travel: French-Italian border.

TO : HQ, Piemonte Liaison Group, A.O.,
APO 394.

418

Reference PR/CIA/50 dated 25 January 1946.

1. It is not necessary for Lt. Col. A.H. GARDNER to have special permits to travel into France on duty.
2. It is sufficient if he is in possession of regular travel orders signed by an officer of the rank of Lt. Col. or above.

*Withdrawn
see ~ 446*

Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

Copy to file 3613/30.

*see to 421.
see to 437*

Message from Lt Col Turner Coker.

GENOA

- 1.) Signal dated 1 Feb. to G.S. Two DIST ref: 837. only arrived ARG office Genoa at 1030 am.
- 2.) It was reported by the Carabinieri at ^{T.C. reportedly} ~~Vindimiglia~~ that they had no knowledge of the Frontier having been closed.
- 3.) T.C. says that the SCIC now says that he did not actually order the Frontier to be closed, but gave orders for a more thorough check to be made.
- 4.) The C.I.C. have sent all information on the incident of closing of frontier to Major Hamilton (2 Dist)
- 5.) Col T.C. would like to see you on ^{page 2} Saturday morning about the monthly report and above incident. He will telephone for confirmation at 1030 ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow morning.

Lt Col Turner Coler should remain at

his post & report to me

(a) by signal

(b) by letter.

MS 411

PA to LC has informed
Lt Col Turner Coler

fy 1/2

0544

581 / 34137
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

418

25 January 1946

File : PR/CLO/56

Subject : Authorization for travel over the French-Italian border in the Tenda area.

To : HQ., ALLIED COMMISSION, (attn Executive Commissioner)

1. Lt. Col. A.H. GARDNER (B) is assigned as Liaison Officer, Allied Commission Piemonte Region in the Tenda area.

2. It is highly desirable that he frequently visit the French Military Command, in the French territory which in turn is a part of another Allied Theater.

3. It is requested that action be taken, through appropriate higher headquarters, to obtain for Lt. Col. Gardner authorization for necessary trips into France, and across the French-Italian border.

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel - C.A.C.
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Commission - PIEMONTE.

446
#20

To : HQ., ALLIED COMMISSION, (attn Executive Commissioner)

1. Lt. Col. A.M. GARDNER (S) is assigned as Liaison Officer, Allied Commission Piemonte Region in the Tenda area.

2. It is highly desirable that he frequently visit the French Military Command, in the French territory which in turn is a part of another Allied Theater.

3. It is requested that action be taken, through appropriate higher headquarters, to obtain for Lt. Col. Gardner authorization for necessary trips into France, and across the French-Italian border.

William R. Jordan

WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel - C.A.C.
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Commission - PIEMONTE.

WRJ/hl

See #20

446

Copy to file 3613/EC

3316

(MISS 3)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017446

ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER PIEMONTE

849

2 Feb 46

ROUTINE

CONFIDENTIAL PD

SEE MY SIGNAL EIGHT FOUR EIGHT OF EVEN DATE PD YOU SHOULD INSTRUCT
LIAISON OFFICER AT TEMA ACCORDINGLY AND REMIND HIM THAT SACRED'S
PERSONAL ORDER IS THAT THE PIEMONTE LIAISON OFFICER COMES UNDER HIS
PARSH COLONEL GARNIER'S PARSH COMMAND

see Cable at 7305 file 581/EC

Ex. Commissioner

343

Brigadier
Ex. Commissioner.

3910

0587

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

541

415

9-5 AFHQ (ACTION): AG LIAISON OFFICER ~~XXXXXX~~ (INFO)
PIEMONTE

848

2 Feb 46

ROUTINE

CONFIDENTIAL PD

I HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM ITALIAN MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMPLAINING THAT WHILE BRITISH AND AMERICAN FLAGS WERE HAULED DOWN ON CLOSE OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT JANUARY FIRST ONE NINE FOUR SIX CMA THE FRENCH FLAG CONTINUES TO FLY OVER THE OFFICE OF FRENCH MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER AT TENDA PD ^{IT} ~~HE~~ ALSO COMPLAINS OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF FRENCH LIAISON OFFICER AND ASKS THAT FRENCH FLAG SHOULD BE HAULED DOWN AND FRENCH MILITARY MISSION BE WITHDRAWN PD I HAVE TAKEN ~~XXXXXXXX~~ UP THE MATTER OF THE FLAG WITH FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO ALLIED COMMISSION WHO HAS PROMISED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PROPER AUTHORITY PD IF THIS HAS NO RESULT YOU MAY WISH TO INSTRUCT DISTWO TO ORDER THE FLAG TO BE HAULED DOWN PD I AM INSTRUCTING CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER ~~XXXXXX~~ PIEMONTE TO CURB ACTIVITIES OF FRENCH LIAISON OFFICER AND REMINDING HIM THAT HE COMES UNDER COMMAND OF ALLIED LIAISON OFFICER AT TENDA PD I ASSUME THAT YOU WILL NOT CONSIDER ACCORDING TO REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{FRENCH LIAISON OFFICER} AND WILL SO INFORM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Ex. Com.

343.

Brigadier

Executive Commissioner

See 416
441
454
471
460

3314

0.5 H 2

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785017

File 581

1414

NR ALCON

011800PT045

G-2 AFHQ: DISTRO

AC LIAISON OFFICER LIGUEIA (INFO)

837

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL PD

SUBJECT IS ALLEGED CLOSING OF FRENCH HOPIEN ITALIAN FRONTIER PD
MY INFORMATION NOW IS THAT MISTER ADDRESS OF UNITED STATES SUGAR PD
CHARLES PD ITEM PD CHARLES PD AT SAN REMO ON TWO SIX JANUARY ISSUED
ORDER WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN BY MY INFORMANT WHICH IN EFFECT SUSPENDED
USE OF PRENTALIA PASSING

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Pub Safety (Travel Control.)

PRIORITY

Rx. Com.

343

(Sgt) M. E. LUSH,
Brig.,
Rx. Com.

3913

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

n° 5/60

rough translation

Rome, January 23rd, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

I refer to your letter n° 581/EC, dated 31 December 1945, in which you informed me that in the district of Tenda and in the Province of Torino there are no longer any French troops.

While I appreciate greatly your communication concerning the situation at the Italo-French border, a situation which is being very closely watched by the Allied Authorities, I wish to call your attention to the fact that, although it is correct that no regular formation of the French Army is at present stationed in Italy, yet there is still at Tenda a small French military Mission, formed by one officer and some men.

The officer is Lieutenant Kalck, who was stationed in that town with duties of Liaison official with the Allied Military Government of Tenda. It is obvious that after the passage of the Northern Provinces to the Italian Administration, there is of course no reason whatsoever for the continued permanence in the district of the above named French officer, who keeps the French flag hoisted on his headquarters.

The showing of said flag, whilst the American and British flags were hauled down on December 31st last, contributes to keep up among the population of the district a deeply felt unrest, a situation which it would be desirable should be obviated as soon as possible.

Lieutenant Kalck's activities also considerably contribute to accentuate such unrest. He tries in every way to interfere with the local Administration, he assumes the attitude of a true and proper constituted authority and closely keeps in touch with the local "separatists"; he spreads alarming rumors and even veiled threats against the Italian citizens who are contrary to the annexation to France of that district.

1945, in which you informed me that in the district of Tenda and in the Province of Torino there are no longer any French troops.

While I appreciate greatly your communication concerning the situation at the Italo-French border, a situation which is being very closely watched by the Allied Authorities, I wish to call your attention to the fact that, although it is correct that no regular formation of the French Army is at present stationed in Italy, yet there is still at Tenda a small French military Mission, formed by one officer and some men.

The officer is Lieutenant Kalck, who was stationed in that town with duties of Liaison official with the Allied Military Government of Tenda. It is obvious that after the passage of the Northern Provinces to the Italian Administration, there is of course no reason whatsoever for the continued permanence in the district of the above named French officer, who keeps the French flag hoisted on his headquarters.

The showing of said flag, whilst the American and British flags were hauled down on December 31st last, contributes to keep up among the population of the district a deeply felt unrest, a situation which it would be desirable should be obviated as soon as possible.

Lieutenant Kalck's activities also considerably contribute to accentuate such unrest. He tries in every way to interfere with the local Administration, he assumes the attitude of a true and proper constituted authority and closely keeps in touch with the local "separatists"; he spreads alarming rumors and even veiled threats against the Italian citizens who are contrary to the annexation to France of that district.

On the subject I wish to recall the contents of my letter 12/31008/35 of December 22nd, 1945, and in view of the above consideration, I take the liberty of insisting that it would be very de-

388.
Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R O M E

P.t.o.

sirable and advisable that the French flag be hauled down at Tenda and that the French Military Mission be withdrawn.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(sgd) R. PRUNAS

785017

UNITED STATES FRONTIER CONTROL - SANBORN TACHWANT

Villa Lilla

14 Strada Bolore
San Semo

27th January, 1946

Pr. N. T. c/I.

Notice

Due to further notice of the frontier between France and Italy, which is to be in force from the date of this notice, except for the following persons:

a) members of the Allied Forces (British, American, etc.)

They may enter only for reasons of service and must be provided with regular military order and pay-letter for their vehicle. It is not necessary to inspect the interior of the vehicle.

b) Other military personnel (French, Russian, etc.)

Only those who are mentioned in the enclosed list. But only if provided with a regular order and with pay-letter for their vehicle. For these persons inspection of the interior of the vehicle and of luggage is obligatory.

c) Civilian personnel

They must be provided with regular passport and all supplementary documents. They must also be in possession of a transit-ticket for the vehicle and they are subjected to the visiting regulations as to customs inspection.

d) Civilians

They must have a regular passport, regularly signed. They are subjected to customs inspection and to inspection for ... measures.

e) Various

All other persons must be in possession of a permit given by this command, which will be checked in accordance with the indications mentioned in that permit from case to case. In case of necessity the above regulations will be modified, when controlling personnel at the frontier will be duly informed.

Signed by Frank J. Andres
C.I.C.

3311

785017

FIELD FORCES FRONTIER CONTROL - SAIRMO - ATTACHMENT

Ville Lisle

14 Strada Solara
San Remo

27th January, 1946

Pr. N. 7. c/1.

No 1000

As to further notice across the frontier between France and Italy across the Alps is forbidden from the date of this notice, except for the following categories:

a) members of the Allied Forces (British and American):

They may pass only for reasons of service and must be provided with regular written order and visa-letter for their vehicle. It is not necessary to inspect the interior of the vehicles.

b) other military personnel (French, Russian, Polish, etc.):

Only those who are mentioned in the enclosed leaflet A, but only if provided with a regular order and visa-letter for vehicle. For these persons inspection of the interior of the vehicle and of luggage is obligatory.

c) diplomatic personnel:

They must be provided with regular passport and all supplementary documents. They must also be in possession of a visa-letter for the vehicle and they are subjected to the relative regulations as to customs inspection.

d) civilians:

They must have a regular passport, regularly visaed. They are subjected to customs inspection and to inspection for security reasons.

e) various:

All other persons must be in possession of a permit given by this command, which will be checked in accordance with the instructions mentioned in that permit from case to case. In case of necessity the above regulations will be modified, when controlling personnel at the frontier will be duly informed.

Signed by Frank J. Andrew
CAIC.

3911



Ministro degli Affari Esteri

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

ROMA, 28 DICEMBRE 1944

Caro Ammiraglio,

con la sua lettera 501/EC del 31 dicembre us. Ella ha voluto comunicarmi che nella zona di rendà e nella provincia di Torino non vi sono più truppe francesi.

Mentre la ringrazio di quanto mi assicura in merito alla situazione al confine franco-italiano che è seguita molto da vicino dalle autorità alleate, ritengo opportuno farle notare che se è esatto che nessuna formazione regolare dell'esercito francese si trova attualmente in Italia risulta tuttavia essere rimasta a rendà una piccola miscelone militare francese composta da un tenente e da alcuni soldati.

Si tratta dell'ufficiale (ten. Kalck) che collà risiedeva con l'incarico di mantenere il collegamento con l'A.M.G. di rendà e che, con il passaggio delle province settentrionali all'amministrazione del governo italiano non ha evidentemente più ragione di rimanere sul posto, mantenendo alzata sulla sua residenza la bandiera francese.

L'esposizione di tale bandiera, mentre quelle britannica ed americana sono state ritirate il 31 dicembre, contribuisce a mantenere vivo fra le popolazioni di quella zona uno

5/30

411

con la sua lettera 501/20 del 31 dicembre us. Ella ha voluto comunicarmi che nella zona di Renda e nella provincia di Torino non vi sono più truppe francesi.

Mentre la ringrazio di quanto mi assicura in merito alla situazione al confine Franco-italiano che è seguita molto da vicino dalle autorità alleate, ritengo opportuno farle notare che se è esatto che nessuna formazione regolare dell'esercito francese si trova attualmente in Italia risulta tuttavia essere rimasta a Renda una piccola missione militare francese composta da un tenente e da alcuni soldati.

Si tratta dell'ufficiale (ten. Kalck) che colà risiedeva con l'incarico di mantenere il collegamento con l'A.M.G. di Renda e che, con il passaggio delle provincie settentrionali all'amministrazione del governo italiano non ha evidentemente più ragione di rimanere sul posto, mantenendo alzata sulla sua residenza la bandiera francese.

L'esposizione di tale bandiera, mentre quelle britannica ed americana sono state ritirate il 31 dicembre, contribuisce a mantenere vivo fra le popolazioni di quella zona uno stato di inquietudine che sarebbe desiderabile vedere al più presto cessare.

Ad accentuare tale stato di inquietudine contribuisce altresì in maniera notevole l'attività svolta dall'ufficiale

331 p. /
Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Capo della Commissione Alleata

R o m a

francese il quale cerca in ogni modo di ingerirsi nell'amministrazione locale, si atteggiava a vera e propria autorità costituita, mantiene stretti contatti con elementi separatisti locali; diffonde voci allarmistiche e talvolta oscure minacce nei confronti di quei cittadini i quali nutrono sentimenti contrari all'annessione del territorio alla Francia.

A questo proposito mi riferisco alla mia lettera n.12/31008/35 del 22 dicembre e in base a quanto sopra esposto mi permetto di insistere sull'opportunità che al più presto la bandiera francese venga ammainata a tenda e la missione militare francese sia ritirata.

Mi creda, molto cordialmente

R. Ruff

0597