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All officers & see 36

Ex 26/7. June 25/7

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Executive Commissioner

Sir, Please see Col. Talbot's supplementary notes
on V. Guiltia visit at Folio 38.

See Note at Ex. 25/7
for 38.

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Chief Commissioner.

Folios 1 - 13 submitted for your information. You may wish to see some of the AMF problems in the N.W.

M. S. L. B. H.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

25 Jan. 45

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CSO

Re Folio 16 - Please see. Ans. to questions brought up during CoS recent trip north. *[Signature]* 31 Jan.

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CoS M See 16. Ref para 2
I am visiting with Lt Col
Budan Story. *[Signature]* 3/2

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CSO
1. Thank 2. Major Stearns should follow up all
my notes & ensure action is taken where
necessary
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M. S. Stearns

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Maj Stearns

A Sec 18.

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Maj Rumbly:

Please see folio 23 & 24. *[Signature]* 3 Mar. 5/3

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CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ARTHUR DASH KNISLEY OF
ONE EIGHT MARCH PD
BRIGADIER LUSH WILL ARRIVE UDINE TWO THREE MARCH AND DEPART
TWO FOUR MARCH

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A. W. Knisley
Executive Commissioner

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref : 305/BO

14 March 1946

The Executive Commissioner intends to visit areas in the North, as per the attached itinerary, during the coming fortnight. Would you let me know if it is convenient for Brigadier Lush to visit you on the dates shown.

He would be most grateful if you could arrange accommodation for himself, Mrs Lush and myself, and also for his British Driver.

(Sgd) O.H.

PA to Executive Commissioner.

Distribution: AC CLO's BOLOGNA, LOMBARDIA,
PIEMONTE, BOLZANO,
VENETIE.
EC, AMG UOINE PROVINCE.

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Executive Commissioner's Tour

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Arrive</u>
17 March	ROME	-	FLORENCE (Excelsior Hotel)
18 March	FLORENCE	BOLOGNA	MILAN
19 March	- - - - -	MILAN - - - - -	- - - - -
20 March	MILAN	TURIN	MILAN
21 March	MILAN	-	BOLZANO
22 March	- - - - -	BOLZANO - - - - -	- - - - -
23 March	BOLZANO	-	UDINE
24 March	UDINE	-	TREVISO
25 March	TREVISO	-	VENICE
26 March	VENICE	-	PERUGIA
27 March	PERUGIA	-	ROME

Composition of Party

Brigadier M.S. Lush, CB, CBE, MC Ex.Com.

Mrs Lush

Mrs O. Moore

PA to Ex. Com.

Drv. C. Preston

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HQ VENEZIA REGION AME
HQ ALCOM

PRIORITY
NOV 16 1945

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Brigadier LUSH going TRIESTE November 15 and 16 at request
commander 13 corps. ETO PADOVA November 17.

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NOV 13 1945

FROM W MCC NR76 ROUTINE
FROM MAIN 15 CORPS 111445A
TO BRIG LUSH HQ AND ROME
OR BT

UNCLASSIFIED . REGRET UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE YOU AT DUEING OWING
TO UNFORSSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES . BUT ALL ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS
ARE MADE FOR YOUR STAY IN TRIESTE AREA . AND PADUA INFORMED

BT 111445A
SENT NR 76 TB AR

Big Lush - ed. by plane 4699

1750 hrs.
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MAIN 43 CORPS FOR AIREX

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7 November 1945

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL CBOE ONE TWO FOUR DATED FOUR NOVEMBER PAREN

TO MAIN THIRTEEN CORPS FOR AIREX PAREN FROM HOW QUEEN ALDOM FROM LASH

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COMMUNICATE FURTHER

Executive Commissioner.

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(Sgt) Nolan

Lt Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 124

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 4/NTT

Message Centre No: G 2840

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 4/1500A

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: MAIN 13 CORPS

TO : ALCCM INFO: ADC BY HAND

NOV 5 1945

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Brig LUSH from AIREY. Understand you will be visiting this area in near future and hope you will be able to stay at DUINO

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ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (2)

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A. C.

Lee (43)

Frank
Gm.

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ADVANCE COPY TO EC.

(CSO)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

31 October 1945.

Ref: 807/79

SUBJECT: Visit of the Executive Commissioner, AC.

TO : SCAO, AIC XIII Corps
AC, Venezia Region
AC, Lombardia Region
AC, Liguria Region
AC, Piemonte Region
Commissioner, AIC Livorno Zone
AC IG, BOLOGNA.

1. The Executive Commissioner will be visiting Regions in the North of Italy during the coming fortnight, as follows:

Date.	Depart.	Arrive.	Stay Night.
7 Nov.	ROME	LUCCA	LUCCA
8 Nov.	LUCCA	GENOA	GENOA
9 Nov.	GENOA	IMPERIA	IMPERIA
10 Nov.	IMPERIA	TURIN	TURIN (10 & 11 Nov)
12 Nov.	TURIN	MILAN	MILAN (12 & 13 Nov)
14 Nov.	MILAN	PADUA	PADUA
15 Nov.	PADUA	TRIESTE	TRIESTE (15 & 16 Nov)
17 Nov.	TRIESTE	PADUA	PADUA
18 Nov.	PADUA	FLORENCE	FLORENCE
19 Nov.	FLORENCE	ASSISI	ASSISI
20 Nov.	ASSISI	ROME	

2. Will you please make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation in your Region (as underlined above) of the Executive Commissioner's party which is constituted as follows:

Brigadier H.S. Lush
Mrs. Lush.
3/Comd. Carlisle, AIC.
Dvr. Preston.

SCAO, XIII Corps please note that Mrs. Lush will not accompany the Executive Commissioner into XIII Corps area.

The Executive Commissioner is looking forward to this opportunity of

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 RO, Liguria Region
 RO, Piemonte Region
 Commissioner, Alto Livorno Zone.
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 Mrs. Lush.
 J/Comd. Carlisle, A.C.
 Dvr. Preston.

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3. The Executive Commissioner is looking forward to this opportunity of meeting as many as possible of the officers of the Commission before the final handing over of the Regions.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
 Deputy Executive Commissioner
 Chief Staff Officer.

J/Comd.,
 PA to Executive Commissioner.

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13 AUGUST 1945

Adj: 300.4

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SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : All Concerned

1. The following named officer, other ranks and civilian, assigned this Headquarters as indicated, will proceed to Florence, Bologna, Padova, Venice, Bolzano, Milano, Torino and Genova, Italy on or about 15 August 1945 on temporary duty for a period of approximately fourteen (14) days in connection with activities of the Allied Commission. Upon completion of temporary duty will return to proper station.

Brig	M. S. LUSH (33 CSE MB)	127012	LATE RA	(3)	Executive Commissioner
MSG.	D. Lush	(Civilian)		(3)	Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees
Sgt	J. Gilleland	3/497713	WASC	(3)	Office of Executive Commissioner
M/Cpl	H. T. Holden	T/6146287	WASC	(3)	Office of Executive Commissioner

2. Rations will be provided as required.

3. Travel by government motor transport is authorized. Travel directed is necessary in the military service.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Nicholas Piontino
NICHOLAS PIONTINO
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

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The following are a few notes that I took which were not included in your notes on our visit to VENEZIA GIULIA:-

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1) Capt SALWAY. BOWMAN is particularly anxious for him to stay and not go to Austria and stated that BENSON had agreed.

2) Military Government. You suggested we should get SACRED to delegate his powers of military government to Corps Commander.

3) New Police. Rates of pay of the police and who pays?

4) Price Control. Mr. STAUFFER promised to come up, but has never done so.

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6) Possibility of getting wood from AUSTRIA for GORIZIA.

7) Necessity for Fine Arts (part time) officer in VENEZIA GIULIA.

8) Possibility of getting some good German vehicles for VENEZIA GIULIA.

9) Slovene judges in Italy - Lionel DAWSON understands there are three. Ask BEHRENS regarding a swop.

10) Ministry of Interior letter to Questura, TRIESTE - tell Civil Affairs Section.

When you have noted I will take these points up with the appropriate sections.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 805/EC.

23 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes on visit to TRIESTE by
Executive Commissioner.

TO : Distribution below.

VENEZIA GIULIA AG is settling down from the initial difficulties and there is no doubt that the stabilising effect of military government is being felt and is becoming apparent. There are many difficulties ahead but I am much impressed by the manner in which they are being tackled and the excellent team spirit shown in the Region. I was able to visit the whole of the area including POLI and to attend the SCIO's first Staff Conference with his Area Commissioners and Heads of Divisions. I also discussed problems with the Corps Commander, his EGS and other staff officers. The following notes are the results thereof:

1. Organisation. HQ 13 Corps definitely consider AMG VENEZIA GIULIA as part of 13 Corps organisation. The Corps Commander has no objection to the title SCAG, VENEZIA GIULIA in order to distinguish him from the Provincial Commissioners of the three Provinces of VENEZIA proper who will shortly come under the military jurisdiction of 13 Corps. 13 Corps also recognise the arrangement by which technical direction is given by Sub-Commissions to specialist officers in the area on technical points. They feel, however, that on any matter of policy 13 Corps should seek direction from AFHQ: this includes certain matters of personnel such as the appointment of a new SCAG, or Chief of Police (see below). The SCAG himself is fully alive to the value of remaining under the technical control of the Allied Commission and so long as care is exercised both from this HQ and by the SCAG, I think a satisfactory method of working can be achieved. I have made it quite clear to the SCAG that neither he nor his staff are entitled to correspond with AFHQ and if they receive instructions direct from AFHQ, they should refer them to 13 Corps. 4692
2. War Establishment. 13 Corps HQ have submitted direct to AFHQ, without, so far as I know, any reference to this HQ, two WE's, one for AMG in general, and the other for the police force. I have pointed out the difficulty of adapting a British WE to an integrated organisation and of the experiences the Commission has had in trying to run WE's on a Regional basis. EGS, 13 Corps agreed that the WE should be regarded more as a target than as a definite WE. This will need further discussion with AFHQ. For the Police WE see below.

VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force. The SCAG, AFHQ at a recent meeting in

23 JULY 1945.

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1. Organisation. HQ 13 Corps definitely consider AMG VENEZIA GIULIA as part of 13 Corps organisation. The Corps Commander has no objection to the title SCMO, VENEZIA GIULIA in order to distinguish him from the Provincial Commissioners of the three Provinces of VENEZIA proper who will shortly come under the military jurisdiction of 13 Corps. 13 Corps also recognise the arrangement by which technical direction is given by Sub-Commissions to specialist officers in the area on technical points. They feel, however, that on any matter of policy 13 Corps should seek direction from AFHQ: this includes certain matters of personnel such as the appointment of a new SCMO, or Chief of Police (see below). The SCMO himself is fully alive to the value of remaining under the technical control of the Allied Commission and so long as care is exercised both from this HQ and by the SCMO, I think a satisfactory method of working can be achieved. I have made it quite clear to the SCMO that neither he nor his staff are entitled to correspond with AFHQ and if they receive instructions direct from AFHQ, they should refer them to 13 Corps.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force. The CAO, AFHQ at a recent meeting in VENEZIA GIULIA, agreed that a special VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force should be formed comprised of military police with the Provost Staff and the civil police with AMG staff. This was the result of a report made by an AFHQ Provost Officer together with 13 Corps Provost and has been accepted by the SCMO and also, I understand, by Colonel Chapman, Public Safety Sub-Commission, although he was not present at the final meeting. The main difficulty of the scheme is that it has been laid down in the submission to the Corps Commander that the head of this

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police force (a British officer) should be directly responsible to the Commander, 13 Corps and that the Police Superintendents in the areas would be responsible to the Head of the police force. I pointed out the administrative impracticability of this ruling to EGS, 13 Corps and the SCMO, who both agreed that the Area Commissioners and the SCMO must have full operational authority over the police force in the areas. There would be no objection to the head of the police force being in charge of the administration and organization. This matter will want careful watching by the SCMO and Public Safety Sub-Commission with whom I should like to discuss the matter.

4. Local Government. The Area Commissioners are setting up quite reasonable local governments. The plan is to have Presidents of Committees in place of Prefects and Sindaci. There is at the present moment some confusion as to whether the Committees are really advisory or executive although the Area Commissioners stoutly affirm that they are advisory. The Area Commissioners will undoubtedly be compelled to give them certain powers in the future which will have to be covered by legislation. The point was fully discussed at the meeting and I am content to leave it at that but CA Section should watch this carefully.

The Regional Committee functioning in TRIESTE is suffering slow dissolution which the SCMO seems to be handling extremely well.

5. Official Gazette for V. GIULIA. The SCMO and his Legal Advisor wish to introduce an official gazette for VENEZIA GIULIA in which all the proclamations and orders will appear. A proclamation setting up this gazette should, in their opinion, be signed by SACCHETTI, unless, or until, he delegates his powers as Military Governor, VENEZIA GIULIA, to Commander 13 Corps.

6. Personnel. I stated at the Area meeting that it was the Chief Commissioner's intention to produce parity as between British and American officers and to improve the quality by drafting officers from the Northern Regions beginning with EMILIA Region. 13 Corps are in entire agreement and I have brought back with me a list of officers, and EM, chiefly American, whose transfer from EMILIA Region the SCMO desires. Unless there are any vital objections, I should be grateful if VP's would discuss with me, these transfers should take place at the earliest possible moment. This includes EM.

SCMO requested that Major TURNER, Communications Sub-Com, should be posted to VENEZIA GIULIA.

An Industry officer is badly needed.

I have already telegraphed regarding the appointment of Lieut. Colonel TOSCANI as chief of the Economic Division.

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Education. Lieut. Colonel WASHBURN's education plan has been warmly welcomed in the area and the SCAO is prepared to adopt the bulk of his recommendations. Colonel BOWMAN requests that all surplus Italian teachers in VENEZIA GIULIA should be removed from VENEZIA GIULIA to some other part of Italy and that any Slovene-speaking teachers now in Italy should be transferred to VENEZIA GIULIA.

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8. Economic and Industrial Committees. The participation of ENEZIA GIULLA in the discussions of the Economic and Industrial Committees of Northern Italy was discussed and rejected. It was, however, decided that close touch should be kept by means of Allied officers with these Committees and the minutes or records of the meetings should be sent to ENEZIA GIULLA.
9. Bishop of GORIZIA. The Bishop of GORIZIA, an Italian, is said to be antagonistic to the Slovenes and it was suggested that he might be replaced by someone with broader imagination.
10. Deportees. It was mentioned that 138 Italians previously deported by the Yugoslavs have been returned and that two American Red Cross members who have been working in Italy have been transferred to YUGOSLAVIA for work there.
11. Wages. A rise in wages to bring them parallel with those settled at the MILAN meeting will probably come into force after the next area meeting, say by 1st August. The general strike on 26th July delayed the application of this rise. The SCAO and his advisers agreed that the economic price of bread should be imposed at the same time. This is a matter that should be referred to 13 Corps as affecting policy.
12. Ration. I discussed privately with the SCAO the possibility of raising the ration in ENEZIA GIULLA from 200 to 300 grams, while maintaining the supplementary workers' ration. This would bring them 100 grams above the rest of Italy and much above the food that is being distributed, or not distributed East of the Morgan Line. We both think that it is proper policy to do all that is possible to make the administration in ENEZIA GIULLA a success and so making a sharp comparison between East and West of the Morgan Line, even to the extent of giving them more food than the rest of Italy. Again a policy matter in which the Corps Commander will make his recommendations.
13. Food Supplies. It was reported with some exasperation that the food supplies billed for July 5 - 14th, and which are urgently needed for hospitals, prisons, etc., have not yet arrived. They apparently have been bid for by 8 Army and, it is suspected, Allied Commission. There appears to be some confusion but the fact is that the food has not arrived and that its absence is causing a very bad impression. It is absolutely essential that food should be brought in regularly and without fail to ENEZIA GIULLA. I suspect that part of the confusion is due to direct communication between 13 Corps AMG and AFHQ, initiated by AFHQ.
14. Postal Rates. It was reported by the Communications Officer 449 that the Yugoslavs are charging foreign postage rates, at any rate from YUGOSLAVIA and possibly from ENEZIA GIULLA East of the Morgan Line, to AMG VENEZIA GIULLA.
15. Legal. The Chief Legal Adviser asked that three judges of Slovene origin now in Italy should be transferred to ENEZIA GIULLA. On this subject, the SCAO again stressed the desirability of removing all surplus Italian officials in ENEZIA GIULLA to some other part of Italy.

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16. Transport. Together with personnel from EMILIA Region the WD vehicles should be assigned from this Region to VENEZIA GIULIA. There is the usual criticism that the majority of vehicles assigned from other Regions arrive at the new Region unserviceable. This must be avoided.

Other points for Establishment Section are covered in separate memoranda.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 805/34/EC

24 July 1945.

My dear Bowman:

Thanks to your car and your good driver we caught the plane by the skin of our teeth: it had to be hauled back as it was about to fly off.

Both Evan and I are most grateful for your abundant hospitality and kindness in every way. We both gained a great deal from our visit - and if it had only been the peace of watching your city and fishing fleet and the illuminative effect of a benevolent military government from your terrace each evening after dinner, it would have been well worth while.

But we gained more than that. We found, as I have told you, a far greater degree of stability in the administration, and I suspect among the people too, than I had anticipated. Your area commissioners and the heads of your divisions have a grip on their problems which, considering the short and rather hectic period of military government, is really remarkable. I was much impressed by your staff meeting and the sober and sensible approach made to all your problems. I sense also that XIII Corps have the same impression.

I feel that you can handle the delicate question of command and channels of communication without further intervention from here. I will also impress on this HQ the necessity of tact and wisdom in this matter. We are, after all, out to help and assist you rather than command, and technical control will, I hope, consist of that. But I do want you and your officers to know that you can, and indeed should, turn to the Allied Commission for guidance and assistance whenever you require either.

I understand that arrangements have already been made to rectify the breakdown of supply of foodstuffs, due, I am told, to delay in bidding by 8th Army. I have told Food Sub-Commission to advise you how best these bids should be made in future, to keep a constant scrutiny on the supply of food to Venezia Giulia and to arrange if possible for a reserve.

I find opposition here to the appointment of Toscani. He is required to replace the Deputy Director of the Sub-Commission and to work for all Northern Italy. I must go further into this. Alternatively I may try for Crump.

I confirm my advice to you to keep your area commissioners as they now are with the future object of sending Kuosera to an area when Robertson goes.

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I have already begun the consideration of the assignment of those officers whom you have earmarked from Emilia Region. I have asked Colonel Fiske to try to send you at once a temporary PA.

Try to relax at least one day a week. You have a staff good enough to do that and you owe it to yourself and your staff to do so. I also repeat my suggestion that your deputy should now represent you on alternate days at the GOC's conference (if the General agrees).

Good luck to you - I can see Venezia Giulia turning out as good a child as Emilia - and all my thanks to yourself, Lt.Col. Robertson, Major Freese and others who did so much for us.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) M. S. LUSH

Colonel Alfred C. Bowman,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Headquarters,
Allied Military Government,
VENEZIA GIULIA.

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P.S. Following handed to me by Food Sub-Commission:

TRIESTE.

Signal sent.

Quantities to be supplied from VENICE, now:

Meat 14 tons
Soup 60 "
Sugar 76 "
Fats 61 "
Milk P. 26 tons

Scheduled for shipment approx. 25 July ex-ANCONA:

By rail	-	Lard	-	150 tons
By sea	-	Meat	-	80 tons
		Soup	-	50 tons
		Sugar	-	90 tons
		Evap. Milk	-	120 tons
		Powd. Milk	-	90 tons
		Dried Veg	-	20 tons
		Powd. Egg	-	20 tons

Phoned VENEZIA Region 23.Jul45 advising them to give all possible assistance and to ensure speedy release from VENICE warehouse.

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24 May 1945

TO: SO(M) LO, Rome.

Please despatch following signal:

REFERENCE NO. 8375

TO KEYCHAIN FOR HOPKINSON

FROM HQ ALCOM FROM LUSH

PRIORITY

IN CLEAR

Your four zero four five of two three pt one of two stp

Hope arrive BOLOGNA night twenty six.

Please contact BOWMAN EMILIA REGION.

Authenticated: E. Talbot
E. TALBOT
Lt. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ext. 415

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20 March 1945

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SUBJECT: Comments on Executive Commissioner's visit
to Emilia Region

TO : Chief Staff Officer to the Executive Commissioner.

Reference your memorandum of 2 March, File
805/EC.

a. Sugar Beet. Sugar beet factory at Cesena was inspected sometime ago with a view to reactivating it in time for the 1945 sugar crop. Because of transportation conditions and availability of raw materials, a limited production is expected to produce about 5,000 tons of sugar, 1,600 tons of molasses and about 25,000 tons of undessicated beet pulp. This will be produced during the late summer and early autumn. Bids for the necessary gas, coal, coke and P.O.L. have been submitted. Construction materials and labor are being obtained. Destroyed and missing plant units are being replaced from other plants unactivated because of damage. The price of sugar beets was fixed by AMG 8 Army at 8 lire per polarimetric grade. This is more than the price recommended by the Inter-Ministerial Price Committee, but meets with the approval of the Agriculture Sub-Commission.

b. Schooners. The ports of Rimini and Ravenna are mined. It is expected that Ravenna will be cleared by the end of March. AFHQ has agreed to the use of this port for AC traffic. A request has been submitted for the sweeping of Rimini but clearance date is not yet known.

c. 1000 G.T. Company. This company was not promised to Emilia Region by the representatives of the Movements or Roads Division of the Transportation Sub-Commission. It is at present employed on the amassing of wheat and the haulage of food from Ancona to Forli. 1001 G.T. Company is operating in Emilia Region, although under the control of AMG 8 Army.

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d. Railway Employees. The following is quoted from a letter dated 17 March from the Transportation Sub-Commission to the Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region:

"Whilst the forward area is fully under control of Military Railway Service, if any difficulties exist in regard to wages, this Sub-Commission will draw the attention of the Director of Military Railway Services to them on receipt of full information."

For the Acting Vice-President:



ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Chief, Admn. & Pers. Div.
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 805/20.

2 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Visit to MILLIA Region.

TO : VP, Economic Section,
VP, Civil Affairs Section,
VP, Establishment Section.

The following notes were made during the Executive Commissioner's recent tour of MILLIA Region. They are forwarded for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

Info/Action.
Econ Sec.

1. Labour. It was reported that the Labour Offices were working well. Mr. Bruine has not yet visited the Region.

2.

Sugar Beet. We were told that 300,000 tons of sugar beet had been wasted from last year's crop for lack of processing owing to destruction of factories. One processing factory at CHSMM can be got into commission and can produce 7-8000 tons of sugar beet at the expense of 4000 tons of coal. I was asked whether coal could be imported. A Welsh-Gardiner mixture at a proportion of 1-3 was desirable. I gave no commitment but the matter should be followed up. It is essential to fix the price of sugar beet now if it is to be sown at all.

Econ Sec.

3.

Schooners. There seems to be the usual frustration on all schooner traffic. The ports of NIMINI and HAVENAM could be used and would solve many regional problems. Transportation Sub-Com should take up.

Econ Sec.

4.

100 Gram Ration. Millia Region had never received the signal announcing the increased ration.

Econ Sec.

5.

1000 ST Company. This Company had never appeared in Millia although promised. Companies needed 2 508 sulphur and for general purposes.

Econ Sec.

6.

Railway Employees. The question of the wages of these employees was raised. Transportation Sub-Commission should take up.

Econ Sec.

7.

Personnel. Ident. Colonel PETER to go. Regional Commissioner quite keen to have MORTIMER, GILBERT and THOMSON. Executive Officers, Establishment Section had not visited the Region.

Est Sec.

SUBJECT: Visit to Emilia Region.

TO : VP, Economic Section,
VP, Civil Affairs Section,
VP, Establishment Section,

The following notes were made during the Executive Commissioner's recent tour of Emilia Region. They are forwarded for your information and any action you may consider necessary.

Info/Action.
Econ Sec.

1. Labour. It was reported that the Labour Offices were working well. Mr. Brains has not yet visited the Region.

Econ Sec.

2. Sugar Beet. We were told that 300,000 tons of sugar beet had been wasted from last year's crop for lack of processing owing to destruction of factories. One processing factory at GEMMA can be got into commission and can produce 7-8000 tons of sugar beet at the expense of 4000 tons of coal. I was asked whether coal could be imported. A Welsh-Cardiffian mixture at a proportion of 1-5 was desirable. I gave no commitment but the matter should be followed up. It is essential to fix the price of sugar beet now if it is to be sown at all.

Econ Sec.

3. Schooners. There seems to be the usual frustration on all schooner traffic. The ports of RIMET and RAVENNA could be used and would solve many regional problems. Transportation Sub-Com should take up.

Econ Sec.

4. 100 Gram Ration. Emilia Region had never received the signal announcing the increased ration.

Econ Sec.

5. 1000 Gf Company. This Company had never appeared in Emilia although promised. Expenses needed ⁴⁰⁰⁰ sulphur and for general purposes.

Econ Sec.

6. Railway Employees. The question of the wages of these employees was raised. Transportation Sub-Commission should take up.

Econ Sec.

7. Personnel. Ident. Colonel EXETER to go. Regional Commissioner quite keen to have ROBERTSON, GILBERT and THOMPSON. Executive Officers, Establishment Section had not visited the Region.

CA Sec.

8. Drug Prices. EMULFAME good at all. Prices not fixed for basic drugs but only for special preparations. Basic drug prices should be fixed. Public Health Sub-Com has not visited.

CA Sec.

9. Decrees. There seems a lag and some confusion in the application of Italian decrees to 8 Army territory and the follow-up Province. I found a wages decree signed on 13 November made applicable by General Order signed 13 February. Something wrong here. VP CA Sec will take up on his forthcoming visit.

Chief Staff Officer.
to the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 805/ke.

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Subject: E.C. Visit to Emilia Region

1 March 1945.

Notes on Visit to Emilia Region on 20 February
by the Executive Commissioner

Info/Action

1. Labour.

Econ.

It was reported that the Labour Offices were working well.

Mr. BRUNO had not yet visited the Region.

2. Mine Clearance.

Mention was made of a Major ZASILE who had suffered injury in this work.

3. Sugar Beet.

Emilia Region has ~~committed themselves with the Italians to~~
~~the reopening of the CASALE beet factory and require 4000 tons of~~
Sardinian coal. SEE 17

3. Schooners.

1 Lt. Col. RUM, Supply Officer, said that if schooner traffic could be started to RIMINI and RAVENNA it would solve many regional problems. There seems to be the usual frustration on all schooner traffic. The ports of RIMINI and RAVENNA could be used. Epton 9/3 ^{could} take up.

4. 500 Gran Ration.

Emilia Region had never received the signal announcing the increased ration.

5. 1000 G.T. Coy.

This Company had never appeared in Emilia although promised. Companies needed to move sulphur and for general purposes.

6. Railway Employees.

The question of the wages of these employees was raised. Executive Commissioner promised to take it up with Mr. RAILOR.

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Econ

2. Labour.

Econ.

It was reported that the Labour Offices were working well.

Mr. RADICE had not yet visited the Region.

2. Mine Clearance.

Mention was made of a Major RADICE who had suffered injury in this work.

3. Super Beet.

Emilia Region has committed themselves with the Italians to the reopening of the CASALE beet factory and require 1000 tons of Sardinian coal. SEE 12

3. Schooners.

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Econ.

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E.C.?

6. 1000 C.T. Gov.

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Econ

6. Railway Employees.

The question of the wages of these employees was raised. Executive Commissioner promised to take it up with Mr. TAYLOR.

Econ

7. Personnel.

Lt. Col. RADICE to go. PG quite keen to have ROBINSON, CHILBERT and THOMPSON. RADICE thought too Florentine.

Est.

Executive Officers, Establishments Section, had not visited the Region.

Drug Prices.

ENDING is good at all. Prices not fixed for basic drugs but only for special preparations. Basic drug prices should be fixed. Public Health Sub-Commission has not visited

CA Sec.

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CA

Sec.

Labour Offices.

Labour offices and federations seem to be working very satisfactorily.

Sugar Beet.

We were told that 500,000 tons of sugar beet had been wasted from last year's crop for lack of processing owing to destruction of factories. One processing factory at CESENA can be got into commission and can produce 7-8000 tons of sugar beet at the expense of 4000 tons of coal. I was asked whether coal could be imported. A Welsh-Sardinian mixture at a proportion of 1-3 was desirable. I gave no commitment but the matter should be followed up. It is essential to fix the price of sugar beet now if it is to be sown at all.

Leon.

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Chief Staff 4/6/81
to Ex. Com.

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

3 March 1945

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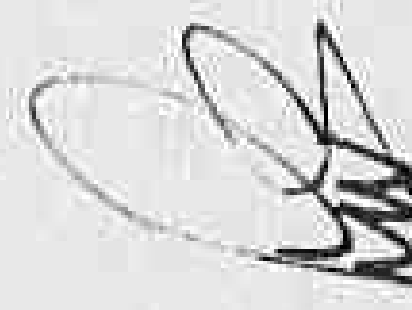
MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section (Attention: Major DOR)

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1. This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum, file 88/3.20, dated 1 March 45, outlining the action taken in regard to the Executive Commissioner's trip into the APO Fifth Army area in January. The memorandum is sincerely appreciated and is extremely helpful to this office.

2. In the future it is desired that you submit similar memoranda on any of the Executive Commissioner's tour notes that are turned over to you for appropriate action.


Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 2 March 1948.

Visit to EMILIA Region. Ex C had made a recent visit to Emilia Region and found that the Administrative HQ with Eighth Army was working well.

Schooners. Schooner traffic into RIMINI and REVERENA would solve many regional problems. Ex C directed Econ Sec to study the schooner problem and report so that, after a decision had been taken regarding CCEMA, the matter of Shipping Sub-Commission and COBBO could be raised at a high level, perhaps at SAC's Political Meeting.

1000 G.T. Company. RC had expressed the hope that this Transport Company was going to be moved to his Region as promised.

Sugar Beet. The question of sugar beet had been discussed and was a matter of some urgency as the beet had to be planted early in March. Emilia Region wanted to know if coal would be made available to run the CCEMA factory, which would need 4,000 tons

per annum to produce 7/8,000 tons of sugar beet. If the factory was set working the price of beet should be fixed and notified. There was some discussion as to whether it would be more advantage in planting corn instead of sugar beet and Ex C told Econ Sec that an early decision on this was essential.

Implementation of Italian Decrees. There was a certain amount of delay in the implementation of decrees in forward areas. Ex C stated there should be a quick follow up on these decrees.

Distribution of Drugs. Ex C had been informed that the distribution of drugs had failed completely in Emilia Region. One of the main troubles was that the basic drug prices had not been fixed. The Regional Public Health Officer wanted to know these as quickly as possible.

Ex C would send some notes on his tour to Heads of Sections.

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1 March, 1945

MEMORANDUM

MAR 2 - 1945

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner
Attention: Major Rively

5.

1. In reference to your memorandum 805/1/008 of 26 January, following is a summary of comments by sub-commissions and is submitted for your information:

Reference your I - A complete program covering agricultural requirements of sulphur has been drawn up and deliveries have commenced. Failure of the vine crop in Sienna however was not alone due to lack of sulphur but due also to the extreme early Fall rains which spread disease and cause defoliation of the vines before the sugar content of the grapes had developed to an adequate degree.

Reference your II - Both British and American armies have full authority to make cash payments for goods and services. It is not Claims and Hirings who make payments but rather the procuring officer or service. The position will not be entirely clear in the requirements of the armies until a new AFHQ Admin. Memorandum to replace numbers 95 and 31 on payments policy is issued.

Four Italian Quartermaster truck companies have been attached to AMG 5 Army for maintenance. 1001 GT attached to AMG 8 Army is under the GRASO who is responsible for the administration and supply of that company.

Reference your IV - Concerning Major Walker's withdrawal. This officer was not assigned by Agriculture sub-commission and it is presumed that he was a regional officer placed there on temporary duty. This area is under the supervision of AMG 5 Army/Toscana Region. Lt. Col. Andrews and Lt. Col. Kennedy cooperate to provide their staffs, adequate agricultural supervision.

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Reference your IV - (cont'd). Concerning Olive Oil amassing. Toscana Region while unsatisfactory has been relatively better than most of the olive oil producing regions insofar as compliance with regulations is concerned. This region is normally later than the rest of Italy in maturing of its crops and great transport difficulties because of a portion of the region being within army area is a further contribution to the difficulties of getting the oil in.

Concerning requisitioning of cars. It was verbally agreed to at the conferences at AFHQ on 1 October, 1944, that AC would be one of the subordinate headquarters delegated to requisition cars. A paper was received shortly afterwards wherein AC was not so delegated. Upon query to AFHQ it was stated that this paper was merely a policy paper and that when the final working paper was issued, AC would be given the necessary authority. When however, Administrative Memorandum No. 53 appeared, the wording of the paragraph relative to requisitioning of cars had not been altered in any way. The order forbidding this procedure has resulted in considerable hardship to agricultural specialist officers and their Italian agencies.

Reference your V - The financing of hospitals in AMG areas is now adequately provided for. Finance S/C circular 13065/F of 1 February. (copy attached).

Reference your VI - Food situation at Livorno. The projected action has been taken. Cable No. 553 dated 25 January, 1945, (copy attached) refers.

Reference your VII - The mines in the Valdarno area are badly damaged by demolition. The railroad line Arezzo/Florence is badly damaged. The I.S.R. does not raise money through loans but by provisions in the budgets. The Arezzo/Florence line is scheduled for repair at a cost of 470,000,000 lire. An officer of Transportation S/C is now in the district fixing contracts. All lignite sold must be trucked. Unsuccessful efforts were made to stop the requisitioning of the miners' settlements at Prato by a South African armoured brigade. Sufficient power is not available to permit economic production. Money has been borrowed on lignite stocks which permits operation on a limited scale.

Robert E. Doe

Enc. 2 - Cpy. cable 553
Finance S/C circular
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ROBERT E. DOE,
Major, A.C.D.
Chief Adm. & Pers. Div.
Economic Section 4677

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AMG TOSCANA REGION (ACTION) REPEAT TO ALCOM LIGHORN (INFO) REPEAT TO
FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP (INFO)

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25 JANUARY 1945

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS RATION SCALES PD

PAREN TO AMG TOSCANA REGION (ACTION) REPEAT TO ALCOM LIGHORN (INFO) REPEAT
TO FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS FOR STEWART (INFO) FROM HQ ALCOM
FROM LEG/ SIGNED STONE PAREN

PARA TWO PD POPULAR KITCHEN MEALS AUTHORIZED FOR LIVORNO PD RATION SCALE
FOLLOWS CMA PER PERSON PER DIEM CMA DRIED VEGETABLES SLASH PASTA TWENTY EIGHT
GRAMS CMA DEHYDRATED SOUP TWENTY THREE GRAMS CMA OIL FIVE GRAMS PD
PARA THREE PD FOR VARIETY DRIED VEGETABLES MAY BE USED ALTERNATIVELY FOR PASTA
PD NO REPEAT NO FOODSTUFFS WILL BE ISSUED EXCEPT THROUGH MEDIUM OF POPULAR
KITCHEN MEALS PD ORGANISATION WILL BE REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
PD ONE OF ATTACHED FOOD OFFICERS WILL BE NOMINATED EXPRESSLY FOR SUPERVISION
AND COORDINATION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES PD INFORM HQ ALCOM STATE OF READINESS FOR
AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF SUPPLIES PD

DISTRIBUTION (BY ELS)
CHIEF OF STAFF

FOOD SUB COMMISSION

N.W. DRAGHEFF
MAJOR, AGD
ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
TEL: 478601

13065/F

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Financing of Hospitals and semi-Public Institutions.

TO : All Regional Commissioners (attention R.F.O.):
SOAO, AMG 5th and 6th Armies (attention S.F.O.).

MAR 2-1945

1. In the field of public finance the obligations of Allied Military Government are to provide such State assistance as will maintain the civil administration in operation in accordance with the prevailing law. Such assistance is narrowly restricted to the minimum consistent with effective economical management.
2. It is recognised, however, that the fact of government imposes responsibilities not foreseen in the existing law; and it might be incumbent on Allied Military Government to take extraordinary measures to assist certain private institutions where they perform a public function or service, and where failure to make such provision would have results harmful to the war effort or to the urgent needs of the civilian population. The maintenance of hospitals is a case in point.
3. Hospitals come within the provisions of two basic laws: namely
 - (a) RDL 30th September, 1938, n.1631; the technical law; which prescribes the functions and duties of hospitals, their supervision, and the power to collect debts due to them either from individuals or from communes and provinces. The procedure for the collection of debts is similar to that for the compulsory collection of State taxes (Law of 3rd December, 1931, n.1580).
 - (b) Law of 17th July 1890, n. 6972, as amended by RDL 30 December, 1923, n.2481; the law on charitable institutions; placing all such institutions under the Prefect's supervision, including the grant of assistance to the poor in hospitals. By the law of 2nd February, 1922, the State appropriated a sum of 125 million lire for the assistance of hospitals operated by charitable institutions, and provided grants to hospitals to offset the debts of communes due for fees charged for consultation prior to the law. These grants were allotted by committees and ordered by decrees of the Ministers of Interior and Treasury conjointly. The grants were recovered compulsorily from debtor communes by means of "delegazioni" on the communal overtaxes (land and buildings).
4. Except for military hospitals, no hospital is directly operated by the State. Generally they are controlled by charitable institutions and are classified as enti morali. Their income is derived from fees, from charitable bequests, from individual contracts made with communes and provinces, or from obligatory contributions by communes and provinces under the existing law, (see J.U. 3 March 1934, n. 383 and amendments). Experience has shown that many hospitals are in financial difficulties because communes have defaulted in the payment of their debts over a period of years.
5. It is essential in forward and combat areas that all civil hospitals and hospital services should be maintained in operation, but it is equally important that any State assistance given should follow a valid legal procedure. Hospitals in financial difficulties fall generally into two classes: -
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 - (b) those without any claim on other public bodies.

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(b) those without any claim on other public bodies.

Where debts are legally due from communes, they should be discharged in accordance with the provisions of Executive Memorandum No. 73, and included within the budget of the commune as "spese obbligatorie". In order to ensure that funds intended for a hospital are not misappropriated by a commune, the credit issued should be in two parts; one in

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favour of the hospital, and the other in favour of the commune, to meet communal requirements. Both credits should be issued through the Prefettura office. Where hospitals in need of assistance have no claims against public offices, the Prefect should require each hospital to produce a balance sheet, and an estimate of the funds required to meet expenses for a quarterly period. The Prefect should include any amounts approved by him for this purpose in the Prefettura budget (forms S.2.), showing the expenditures as "servizi ospedalieri", and annexing the balance sheets, etc. as supporting documents. The credit issued by Finance Officers will be on form S.3. 6, and the amount appropriated to "servizi ospedalieri" will be shown as one sum, even though there are several hospitals involved. It will be the responsibility of the Prefect to satisfy himself as to individual need and to the proper allocation of the credit to the various hospitals.

6. Cases of doubt or difficulty should be reported to this Headquarters, as should also claims for assistance by private organisations performing any essential service.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

Cap Snodgrass Smith
Chief

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

Subject: Your 805/3/COS

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
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24 January 1945

To : Chief of Staff,
Headquarters Allied Commission

1. With reference to your note I, immediately upon receipt of your telephone call, this matter was taken up with the Italian War Ministry; and the Italian Army Recruiting Officer was instructed to accept all volunteers, and this is being done throughout Italy. Just how this particular Italian Army Recruiting Officer figured he could only accept a certain number of volunteers is not known, but the War Ministry has issued sufficient instructions to clarify the matter.

2. With reference to your note II regarding Italian Army vehicles in Florence. This matter has been the subject of correspondence between Fifth Army, 15th Army Group and ourselves. In November, Fifth Army directed AMG to return these vehicles to the Italian Army, and in January, 15th Army Group directed Fifth Army to see that this was done. It appears that there are some 60 of these vehicles in the hands of civilians in Florence which Fifth Army is having returned to the Italian Army. Major Van Kirk, our liaison officer, Fifth Army Headquarters, is handling the matter for Fifth Army. The decision has been made by AFHQ and 15th Army Group that these vehicles belong to the Italian Army, and since the whole matter has been handled by the highest military authorities and the contentions of AMG that these vehicles should remain with civilians have been overruled, MMIA is complying with the orders which we have received.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for and in the absence of
Major General BROWNING
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of Staff.

Thank you for sending me the attached file.

It seems to me that paragraph 7 of your notes on SIENA should be gone into immediately. If Land Forces Sub-Commission have stopped recruiting of volunteers in the face of insisting upon call-ups to complete the Italian Army strength, the most vigorous steps should be taken to resume volunteer recruiting immediately. I should be grateful if you would report to me promptly the results of your discussion of this point with General Browning.

Paragraph 1 of your notes on Florence and paragraph 9 of your notes on Arezzo are no doubt having your attention.

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Recent Inspection Tour of the Chief of Staff

TO : DCOB, Establishment Section, Hq. AC

The following notes and observations were made during the Chief of Staff's recent tour of inspection (Jan 17-23) of AMG Fifth Army, Northern provinces of Toscana Region, and Perugia area. They are submitted to you for information and such action as may be appropriate.

- 1 -

Discussion with Brigadier General HUME, Florence, 18 Jan 45

a. Promotion - Captain Linbert, British Police Officer - General Hume warmly recommended the promotion of this officer, not only on account of his work but on account of the appointment which he holds, i.e., Patriots Officer, Fifth Army. I saw some of this officer's work in the refugee camp later. This certainly is first class and merits some special treatment for the officer.

b. Officers for Olive Oil Amassi - At General Hume's request and with Establishment Section's approval, I agreed that AMG Fifth Army should nominate their six officers for the olive oil amassi instead of those nominated by Establishment Section.

c. Attachment of AMG Fifth Army to Fifth Army - Major Wynors raised this subject, and pointed out that it would be extremely useful from the point of view of housekeeping, maintenance of transport, provision of tents, etc. General Hume pressed for it. After discussion with Colonel Monfort and subject to any technical objections, I think that it might be possible to allow this to go through but I did not commit the Commission to anything and said I would get the Establishment Section to examine the matter in Rome.

d. Domestic Transport - AMG Fifth Army - G-4, Fifth Army, appear indirectly to have accepted responsibility for replacements but the attachment of AMG to Fifth Army mentioned above would probably help. What happens in Eighth Army?

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- II -

At Siena, 17 Jan 45

a. Saw Colonel Nichols who had an apparent staff of six and one of the Piemonte provincial teams attached. Several officers have been removed from him in order to join the olive oil amassing in the South. As olive oil amassing has to be done in the North it seems a pity to have removed them, particularly as they are not Venetian Region men.

b. For administration purposes only, Colonel Nichols does not want extra staff for he uses, as he calls them, Italian GAO's, that is to say, husbands of American and English wives, many of whom speak English and are apparently unpaid, and who do his work for him. This is all right so long as great care is used in picking the men and that they do not go corrupt.

c. Colonel Nichols said that at any moment he thought Siena and Grosseto could be amalgamated and run by one provincial team.

- III -

At Pistoia, 19 Jan 45

a. Provincial Commissioner - Captain Dunn was acting for Major McBratney who was away. He seems to have a good grip of the situation and talked well.

b. Requisitioning of Cars - The order forbidding the requisitioning and hiring of cars has filtered down to Provinces and will restrict enormously the work of the Provincial and technical officers. Something must be done about it. If cars cannot be requisitioned, can tires be requisitioned? This would put cars off the road and would enable officers to cannibalize.

- IV -

At AMB IV Corps

a. BCAO - Met Lieut Colonel Walker, (A). Senior Civil Affairs Officer, IV Corps, a first-class officer obviously in the closest touch with General Grittenberger, the Corps Commander, who has the greatest confidence in him and spoke very warmly of his work.

- V -

At Livorno, 20 Jan 1945

a. Provincial Team - Livorno Province team is practically all American. It did not strike me as being a cohesive unit. The Provincial

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Commissioner does not get on with Colonel Kirkwood and wants a new assignment. Undoubtedly he has his points but both he and Colonel Kirkwood are too inclined to say that what FBI says must be done. This is quite a wrong approach. Colonel Kirkwood wants an American officer there and it looks as if we shall have to send someone from outside the Province.

- VII -

a. I was very struck with Lieut Colonel Walters, Provincial Commissioner, Pisa, a policeman from Sicily (Agrigento) who seems to have a grip of his Province and his Provincial staff. My criticism of him would be that he is a little too much of the policeman and for that reason I doubt whether he would fit into Florence Province.


Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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SUBJECT: Recent Inspection Tour of the Chief of Staff

TO : Director, Land Forces Subcommission

The following notes and observations were made during the Chief of Staff's recent tour of inspection (Jan 17-23) of AMG Fifth Army, Northern provinces of Toscana Region, and Perugia area. They are submitted to you for information and such action as may be appropriate.

- I -

At Siena, 17 Jan 45

Colonel Michole said that an Italian Army recruiting officer had been to Siena with a target figure of 1500 volunteers. He got his 1500 and reported that he could get a further 1500 but was told by the Land Forces Subcommission to stop recruiting as there was no clothing or equipment. In view of the deficiency of 42,000 and the intensification of the call-up in the South, this defeats me.

- II -

Discussion with Brigadier General Ruse, Florence, 18 Jan 45

Italian Army Lorries - MMIA (Major Van Kirk) came here and removed eight ten-ton lorries which were being used for feeding Florence City. It is doubtful as to whose title is correct over this. The lorries are said to have been sold to the civilian owners by the German Army. MMIA were apparently working on the AFHQ order directing that all Italian Army transport and materials should be taken over by the present Italian Army.

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SUBJECT: Recent Inspection Tour of the Chief of Staff

TO : DCS, Civil Affairs Section, HQ, AC

The following notes and observations were made during the Chief of Staff's recent tour of inspection (Jan 17-23) of AMG Fifth Army, Northern provinces of Toscana region, and Perugia area. They are submitted to you for information and such action as may be appropriate.

- I -

At Siena, 17 Jan 45

a. The Committee of National Liberation has been giving trouble but has been put firmly down: the Communists, as usual, were to the fore.

- II -

Discussion with Brigadier General Hume, Florence, 18 Jan 45

a. Patriot Clothing - General Hume tells me that a maximum of 15,000 blue suits are on order and no more. Nothing like this has yet been finished but the completed results are good and the wearers obviously pleased with them.

b. Visit of Palermo - The Under-Secretary of State for War, Signor Palermo, arrived in Florence the other day and proceeded to the patriot centre where he spoke to them. AMG Fifth Army gave no permission for him to come to Florence and he is believed to have obtained permission (from whom?) to visit Eighth Army area and was detained in Florence by bad weather. It looks rather as if he had been sent specially to discount the visit of the Lieutenant General who was distributing medals that day and had arranged to visit the patriot centre but on information that there might be a demonstration, desisted.

c. Russian POW - General Hume informed me that he had experienced a good deal of trouble with the Russians and their POW question and then found that Colonel Findley had initiated the whole question.

d. Promotion - Captain Lambert, British Police Officer - General Hume warmly recommended the promotion of this officer, not only on account of his work but on account of the appointment which he holds, i.e., Patriots Officer, Fifth Army. I saw some of this officer's work in the refugee camp later. This certainly is first class and merits some special treatment for the officer.

- III -

Conversation with Lieut Col Rolph, Provincial Commissioner,
Florence Province, Florence, 18 Jan 45

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a. Political - Lieut Colonel Golph did not seem unduly worried by the political situation and was of the opinion that if there was a municipal election here, which he strongly recommends should take place, that the Communist Party would probably be beaten by the Christian Democrats. He also agreed with me that the bulk of the Communist Party are not Trotsky Communists or anarchical but that they have a long, unwieldy and rather undisciplined tail which sometimes wags them.

- IV -

At Pistoia, 19 Jan 45

a. Prefect - The Prefect is a career man appointed by the Ministry of Interior and the Local Government Subcommission, by name, AMES. The local people and Captain Dunn would have liked a local man who was a member of the CLNAI without politics. No change at present but Local Government Subcommission should watch.

- V -

At Lucca, 19 Jan 45

a. Prefect - Saw Captain Valentine recently from Sardinia, Acting Provincial Commissioner, with his Executive Officer, an American lieutenant, and the Supply and Public Safety Officers. Here, as opposed to Pistoia, they have the President of the CLNAI as Prefect. He is a Christian Democrat and politically innocuous but administratively incompetent. They would like to have a career man appointed; Prefect's name is CARALIGNINI. It might be possible to bring the career Prefect from Pistoia and so please all parties.

b. Purification Committee - The Purification Committee is headed by a Communist who seems to be working well. The senior judge appears to be under investigation and is in a concentration camp.

- VI -

At AMG IV Corps

a. Partisans - IV Corps are apparently using partisans extensively for operational purposes and are, off the record, feeding, supplying them with khaki uniforms and hospitalizing them. It seems clear that if partisans are to be used for operations they should be clothed in khaki and not in "Florence blue" which should be restricted to those whose operational service is completed.

We afterwards saw General Crittenberger who was extremely complimentary to AMG and spoke warmly of the partisans and the help that they were giving.

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- VII -

At Pisa, 20 Jan 45

a. Legal - Lt Navins, Legal Officer, reported that approximately 90% of his cases were those involving illegal possession of military property.

b. CC.RR. - In regard to the CC.RR, it was brought out that the local Italian officer in command, one by the name of ALEXANDER, has one of the best reputations in this section as a CC.RR officer. He is very dependable and is regarded as of the finest type.

c. Public Health - The general health conditions of the Province were considered to be comparatively good. However, the hospitals were suffering from a serious lack of fuel. The distribution of drugs going on through the Florence centre was very bad. Distribution was being made on a hand-to-mouth basis and it had not been found possible to accumulate any stocks in Pisa.

d. Funds for Hospitals - In addition to the bad fuel situation the hospitals are faced with a serious problem in regard to lack of funds. The communes which are served by the Pisa area hospitals owe in excess of 14,000,000 lire to the hospitals for services rendered. While a substantial portion of this debt was incurred prior to the liberation it was still held against the communes and the hospitals, as a result of this tremendous debt, have lost their credit standing and are required to pay cash for all their purchases. The question of advancing money through Allied agencies was brought up with the Finance Officer who said that this could be done only in respect of the debts incurred since liberation. Chief of Staff suggested the possibility of a voluntary subscription from the communes in order to create a central fund from which the hospitals in worst need could draw. Provincial Commissioner said he would take the matter up with the local Prefect. It was observed that a debt of approximately 7,000,000 lire was charged by the hospitals against the Department of Justice for criminal and psychiatric cases that were carried by the Italian Government.

e. Evacuation - Plans had been made to take the necessary action but they were awaiting further instructions from Rome. It was observed that the worst elements of Pisa had left with the Germans and consequently the problem was not felt to be serious.

f. Prisons - These were felt to be in fair condition.

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At Livorno, 20 Jan 45

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a. Political Meetings - The Provincial Legal Officer, Major Woodward, was concerned about ten cases of transgression of the proclamation over political

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meetings which were pending. I found in discussion that there was indecision on this question and obviously lack of agreement between the law and the Provincial Commissioner. I told the Provincial Legal Officer that he must administer the law with regard to the cases he had before him and I told the Provincial Commissioner to call a meeting of the CSM and all political parties and tell them that if political meetings were forbidden, they must not be held. At the same time I instructed the Provincial Commissioner to explore the possibility of giving vent to political feelings by allowing a limited number of meetings in the city. Again CAC DIVORCE Town appeared rigid and unimaginative.

b. Prostitution - The old question of civil legislation against prostitution came up. The Provincial Legal Officer did not think it was possible to administer the Italian law against solicitation and wanted AMO legislation. I told him that I disliked AMO legislation on this question and that on no account was there to be a recurrence of the Naples Prostitution Courts which approached a scandal. He is going to a Regional Legal Meeting and Legal Subcommittee should obviously give a ruling on this. (Spoke to CA Sec who will instruct Legal Subcommittee to direct Regional Legal Officer, Toscana).

- IX -

Conference with Lt Col Quinn Smith at the Arezzo Provincial Headquarters, Arezzo, 21 Jan 45

a. Prefect - The Prefect, a career man, is satisfactory. However, he is short two vice prefects and two consiglieri. The carabinieri are far from satisfactory. They are all living at home and it is felt that they should be interchanged with the other provinces so that the carabinieri will be operating as units independent of personal connections with the comune and accordingly billeted, etc., at their own caserma.

b. Refugees - There has been some difficulty experienced with the No. 20 Camp, which is just outside Arezzo, sending out refugees into the comune without any warning given to the provincial commissioner. This matter has been, at least for the time being, straightened out with the camp commander.

There seems to be complete lack of coordination between DISPER and Public Safety. Before DISPER or anyone under him moves people from refugee camps to comune the agreement from Public Safety must be obtained and Provincial Commissioner must be consulted.

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SUBJECT: Recent Inspection Tour of the Chief of Staff

TO : ECOS, Economic Section, HQ, AG

The following notes and observations were made during the Chief of Staff's recent tour of inspection (Jan 17-23) of AMG Fifth Army, Northern provinces of Toscana Region, and Perugia area. They are submitted to you for information and such action as may be appropriate.

- I -

At Siena, 17 Jan 45

a. The food situation is in order and Siena Province supplies a great deal of Florence's food. The vine crop appears to have failed entirely in this Province owing to lack of sulphur.

- II -

Discussion with Brigadier General Basso, Florence, 18 Jan 45

a. Inter-Provincial Trade - There still appears to be an inter-provincial trade blockade in Toscana Region quite apart from any Army control. It seems to me that, for example, Siena Province prohibits the issue of unrationed food to Florence.

b. Payment for Local Material taken by Military Units - General Basso raised the difficulty in which small industrial owners found themselves when military units removed their material, sometimes in good faith, sometimes in bad, without payment. Failure to pay resulted in the men going out of business and his production is lost to the country and to the Army. Claims & hirings ought really to pay spot cash in cases like this but it seems to me that we should be able to help through AMG. (For discussion with CPA). Otherwise it seems a matter for the ANLSP.

c. Domestic Transport - AMG Fifth Army - G-4, Fifth Army, appear indirectly to have accepted responsibility for replacements but the attachment of AMG to Fifth Army would probably help. What happens in Eighth Army?

- III -

Conversation with Lieut Col Rolph, Provincial Commissioner,
Florence Province, Florence, 18 Jan 45

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a. Transport - The chief problem in Florence Province is transport, not only for food but for the transport of Italian officials. Lieut Colonel Rolph fully realized the truth that Italian officials properly supervised can run their local government better than Allied officers, but they are terribly handicapped here, as elsewhere, without transport.

- IV -

At Pistoia, 19 Jan 45

a. Olive Oil - Captain Dunn was pessimistic about the amassi figures and said that it was generally accepted that the price was too low. Both here and at Lucca a price of L. 110 was suggested as reasonable to cover cost of production.

b. Agriculture Officer - Major Walker, Agriculture Officer, had been recalled, apparently without replacement. Where is he going and why?

c. Requisitioning of Cars - The order forbidding the requisitioning and hiring of cars has filtered down to Provinces and will restrict enormously the work of the Provincial and technical officers. Something must be done about it. If cars cannot be requisitioned, can tires be requisitioned? This would put cars off the road and would enable officers to cannibalise.

d. Inter-Provincial Trade - Captain Dunn raised the question of free trade between Provinces and a long discussion ensued. There seems no doubt that freedom of trade between Provinces is more than desirable but when you ask a Provincial Commissioner to allow stuff to move out of the Province, he invariably refuses.

e. Genio Civile - The head of the Genio Civile is far too old and quite incompetent and should be removed.

f. Food - Food seems to be adequate but not plentiful and here again they are pessimistic about the olive oil amassing.

- V -

At Pisa, 20 Jan 45

a. Supplies - The Supply Officer, Lieut Blair, (B), said that his most serious problem was transport and the lack of tires. They have sufficient wheat supply to last through the end of March. They are operating on a 200-gram ration.

b. Olive Oil Amassing - Olive Oil amassing is not up to expectations. It was suggested that the price might be increased to assist in the amassing but it was agreed that no increase which the Government could grant would be sufficient to break the black market. In other words, the producers would like an increase of ten times which would put it at the black market level which is beyond question.

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c. Red Cross Activities - The Red Cross representative was questioned with regard to her problems and again the chief of these was the lack of transport. In this particular case it has held up the distribution of clothing to the community pending the time she can get shoes from the Naples depot. She could give no definite time as to when she expected to get the shoes through. Colonel Kirkwood suggested that she contact the Regional Red Cross representative and perhaps the Region will be able to furnish sufficient transport to go down and pick up the shoes from Naples in order that the distribution of clothing can be made. It was pointed out that the clothes turned over by the Taylor Committee in Abruzzi came into the hands of the Communist Party representatives which in turn made distribution giving the people the impression that the clothes were the result of the Communist Party's efforts. The Chief of Staff made the observation that steps would be taken to ensure that the Taylor Committee and Red Cross distributions would be made through proper official channels and that they would not allow them to fall into the hands of political parties.

d. Funds for Hospitals - In addition to the bad fuel situation the hospitals are faced with a serious problem in regard to lack of funds. The communes which are served by the Pisa area hospitals owe in excess of 14,000,000 lire to the hospitals for services rendered. While a substantial portion of this debt was incurred prior to the liberation it was still held against the communes and the hospitals, as a result of this tremendous debt, have lost their credit standing and are required to pay cash for all their purchases. The question of advancing money through Allied agencies was brought up with the Finance Officer who said that this could be done only in respect of the debts incurred since liberation. Chief of Staff suggested the possibility of a voluntary subscription from the communes in order to create a central fund from which the hospitals in worst need could draw. Provincial Commissioner said he would take the matter up with the local Prefect. It was observed that a debt of approximately 7,000,000 lire was charged by the hospitals against the Department of Justice for criminal and psychiatric cases that were carried by the Italian Government.

e. PW & U - Captain Perkins, (B), Public Works Officer, reported that the ~~principle~~ (principal) problem at the present time was that of flood control. He said that the American military engineer outfits in the area were extremely helpful in meeting all the emergency situations which had arisen.

f. Captain Perkins, Public Works and Utilities officer, struck me as most efficient. He has tackled rehabilitation of water, light, bridges, etc., in the right way and does not seem to get disturbed at lack of material or the inefficiency of Italian engineers.

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At Livorno, 20 Jan 45

a. Food Situation - Livorno struck me as a hungry city. There were food queues and groups of people looking hungry and the general impression that I gathered from the Provincial staff bore out FB's letter that food is short. The

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Provincial staff put it down to the requisitioning of food by the military. They said that purchasing officers were buying fresh food in Livorno and in the hinterland, i.e., Pisa Province, that messes were purchasing far and wide and that the troops did the rest, especially the Italian Army who, numbering 20,000, spend 400,000 lire a day on food (latter point can be taken up with the Land Forces Sub-commission). At the same time the Provincial staff admitted that Livorno Province was not a fresh food producing province and they seemed a little hazy as to whether the province would be self-supporting if the troops were not there.

It is, however, certain that the 50,000 troops in Livorno are eating out of hearth and home the 50,000 civilian population and something must be done about it. We can stop purchasing officers buying food in Livorno and Pisa Provinces and I think we should. Siena is a surplus province and not too far away. We could and should, in my opinion, regard Livorno town and possibly 70,000 population in the outside communes as a special food problem and issue to them sufficient food, at any rate until the Spring, to give them a mid-day soup meal. If we are going to do this I think we should insist on the provincial staff setting up a number of communal soup kitchens so that the best results can be obtained. The CAO, Livorno, did not seem keen on this but I was not impressed by his approach to the question at all. I left the meeting with instructions to examine with PPS the ways and means of setting up communal kitchens and said that I would explore the provision of extra food.

Everyone agreed that if the ration could be raised to 300 grams no other efforts would be necessary.

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Conference with Lt Col Quinn Smith at the Arezzo Provincial
 Headquarters, Arezzo, 21 Jan 45

a. It was stated that the biggest single problem was the industrial rehabilitation of the Val D'Arno area, that is, the steel mills, mines, and communications system serving that area. Particularly, the debt problem is paramount. For example, the mines of the area are in debt in excess of 7,000,000 lire to the Bank of Italy. Without financial relief, the problem of unemployment is liable to become a serious factor in the area. Currently there are some 600 people on relief and by the end of the month, when the lignite mines will lay off, this relief figure will be increased to approximately 1200. It was estimated by the PC that a loan of approximately 7,000,000 lire would, at least for the time being, carry the area well into the year on a satisfactory basis. This money, it is understood, will be used in the reconstruction of the communal roads, bridges, etc., as well as the road bed reconstruction of the rail lines. The rail bridges would be undertaken by separate financing. The principal problem in connection with financing is the high interest rate of 8 plus 1%. It was felt that if such loans could be obtained at a 3% rate it would be more equitable to everyone concerned. The PC stated there was a backlog of some 2000 laborers that could be readily called upon for such reconstruction work. The PC strongly recommends ISR taking up question of repair of permanent way even if materials, e.g., for bridges, track and sleepers, are not forthcoming. Financially, also, ISR could work a 40 loan whereas any industrial concern would be charged 9%. The PC would like to employ men

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on (a) railway; (b) non-military highways. In any case if DUES is thinking of repairing permanent way he must be encouraged to use local labour (i.e., miners). Maj or Lieut, Region PW & U Officer, said that No. 1 District gail took over responsibilities of roads without attempting to do maintenance.

b. The Florence and Siena areas draw upon the Arezzo railhead for their supplies and it is felt that a permanent stationed transportation representative should be placed at Arezzo. Some inadvertent sent in some twenty tons of fresh vegetables into the Arezzo area, which is surplus in such items. This could have been avoided had proper liaison been maintained.

c. Generally speaking, the food situation is considered satisfactory. In regards to olive oil, there is considerable trouble experienced with trucks coming in from Florence and surrounding country and buying oil wherever they can find it. Military units, it seems, have been sending trucks down with an interpreter and just canvassing the country. This practice, if allowed to continue, is particularly detrimental to the oil amassing.

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To the Chief of Staff

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