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10: Economic Section - *Noted - 30/11/45*
Civil Affairs Section *34/12*
Establishment Section

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MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE
General Direction of penal affairs

Rome, 3/1/1946

Nr. 3083/131/935
Reply to note AC/855/E.C.
dated 5/12/1945

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
Sub Commission of P.S.

R O M E

SUBJECT: Temporary freedom to defendants charged with theft.

With reference to the release of defendants charged with theft, we beg to point out that D.L.L. Nr. 194 dated 10/8/1944 and issued in the "Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno - Serie Speciale Nr. 55" dated 14th Sept. of same year, modifying art. 235, 236, 253 and 254 C.P.P. temporary limited cases of arrest and warrent of arrest during the war and for 6 months after the end of the war.

Consequently, the issue of warrents of arrest against thieves (according to art. 5 of aforesaid Decree, theft is punished with a maximum of Three years imprisonment), is not allowed even if facultative.

Thus, the defendants, even if they were arrested in the deed, must be released, if there is no other reason to detain them, in accordance with art. 269 C.P.P. Anyway, we beg to ask your Commission to point out to this Ministry eventual cases which took or shall take place, in order to submit them to the competent judicial Authorities.

For the Minister

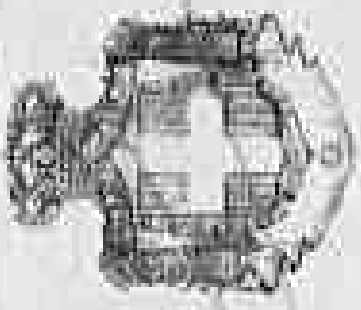
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Ministero di Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEGLI AFFARI PENALI
DELLE GRAZIE DELLA STATISTICA E DEL CASELLARIO

Roma - 1945
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEGATA - SOTTO-
COMMISSIONE PER LA P.S. - R.O.M.A. - e per

CONSIGLIO: ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO
GABINETTO

Ufficio II A.F. Prot. N. 3083.131.935

Regola al p. R. A.O. 855 R.C.

del 5 dicembre 1945

OGGETTO Libertà provvisoria agli imputati di furto.

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

Direzione Generale per la P.S. - Divisione Polizia
Sezione I^a - (risp.a nota del 13.12.945 n.10.10000
ROMA)

* Questo Ministero in relazione alla segnalata scarcerazione degli imputati di furto rileva che il D.I.L. del 10 agosto 944 n.184, pubblicato nella Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno del 14 settembre dello stesso anno Serie Speciale n.55 ha temporaneamente limitato durante lo stato di guerra e fino a sei mesi dalla cessazione di esso i casi di arresto e di mandato di cattura, modificando pertanto le disposizioni degli artt.li 235,236,253 e 254 C.P.P. Sicchè l'emissione del mandato di cattura contro i colpevoli del reato di furto semplice (che è punito con un massimo edittale di tre anni, giusta il disposto dello art.5 del succitato Decreto Luogotenenziale) non è consentito anche se facoltativo.

Quindi gli imputati, anche se arrestati in flagranza per il detto reato debbono essere scarcerati, se non detenuti per altra causa, in applicazione dell'art.259 C.P.P. Ad ogni modo, si prega codesta On.le Commissione di voler segnalare a questo Ministero i casi specifici che si sono verificati o si verificheranno affinché, su essi possa essere chiamata l'attenzione delle competenti autorità giudiziarie.

per MINISTRO

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Ministero di Giustizia

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEGLI AFFARI PENALI
DELLE GRAZIE DELLA STATISTICA E DEL CASELLARIO

Ufficio II A.P. Prot. N. 3083.131.235

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sotto-
Commissione per la P.S. - R.C.M.A. - e per
CONOSCENZA: ALL'UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO
GABINETTO

Reparto di P.S. A.C. 855 E.C.

del 5 dicembre 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-686

AG/855/EC

5 December 1945

SUBJECT : Provisional Liberty for Thieves. DEC 6 1945

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. A report has been received from Allied Forces in which it is stated:

"Along with the reduction of guard personnel, another factor makes the control of pilferage difficult. That factor is the ineffectual methods in which thieves are handled by civil authorities. Such culprits caught by depot guards are turned over to Military Police who in turn turn them over to Italian civilian authorities. It has been noted that frequently it has been only a matter of hours until the thieves are free. Such thieves have sometimes been apprehended a second time within a few days after their first offence. Such policies of the civil authorities (or absence of any policy) is bitterly discouraging to the depot personnel responsible for the stocks".

2. May some action be taken immediately to put a stop to the practice of granting provisional liberty to thieves.

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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Minister of the Interior,
Direction General of Public Security.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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Nov.
16 October 1945

SUBJECT: Summary of Activities Report.

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TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

For necessary action.

For the Asst Chief of Staff, G-5:

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
Office of the Commanding General
APO 782

AG 337/288 C/S-O

2 November 1945

SUBJECT: Summary of Activities Report

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army

Pursuant to MTOUSA letter, AG 337/288 C/S-O, Subject: Summary of Activities Report, dated 6 September 1945, the following report of activities of this Base Section is submitted for the period 1-31 October.

A. SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES DURING MONTH REPORTED UPON

1. Consolidation, Liquidation and Derequisitioning. Plans for the organization of the Residual Base Section were discussed by representatives of PBS, MTOUSA and USFET. A list of troop units required in the Base Section for liquidation and occupational duties has been agreed. It has been confirmed by USFET that the occupational base section will be based at Leghorn rather than Naples. Recommendations were made to the services for consolidation of specific requisitioned properties, 83 of which were subsequently derequisitioned. Orders were issued for the inactivation and disbandment of 72 units. MTOUSA transferred to PBS the responsibility for disposing of surplus and excess property, and a representative of OANLC has been placed in this headquarters to insure a close liaison between OANLC and the supply services in the matter of surplus disposals. Disposal instructions for seventy (70) per cent of disposable theater stocks have been received and necessary action is being taken to expedite disposal. Approximately 100,000 DMT of surplus property have been declared to OANLC and 50,000 tons are scheduled for delivery to UNRRA. Approximately 40,000 DMT were outloaded during October, and 36,000 tons delivered to ALCOM for the Italian Government. OANLC disposed of some 35,000 tons of declared surplus, 8,940 tons were shipped to UNRRA and 8,000 tons of ammunition were dumped at sea. There follows typical examples of the progress being made in disposition of surplus, consolidation and derequisitioning:

a. Hospitals. A detachment of the 64th General Hospital took over operation of the hospital formerly operated by a detachment of the 70th General Hospital at Florence, on 1 October 1945. Before the end of the month plans were completed to reduce this installation to a dispensary and to return more serious cases to the 64th General Hospital at Leghorn. The 16th Evacuation Hospital was moved from Udine to Leghorn on 7 October in preparation for its inactivation on the 31st of October. The 15th Field Hospital replaced the 16th Evacuation Hospital at Udine in support of the 88th Division. During the month the following Medical units were inactivated: the 154th Station Hospital; 28th and 137th Malaria Control Detachment; 479th, 480th, 481st Veterinary Food Inspection Detachments; the 17th, 37th and 70th General Hospitals; 35th Field Hospital; 15th Medical General Laboratory; 3rd Medical Museum and Arts Detachment; 957th Motor Ambulance Co. and 404th Medical Collecting Co. The 300th General

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Hospital at Naples has been delegated the following responsibilities:

(1) Operation of Peninsular Base Section, Southern District, Dispensary, vice 17th General Hospital.

(2) Operation of POW Hospital, Aversa, vice 35th Field Hospital.

(3) Hospitalization and operation of PBS Stockade 1, Dispensary, vice 35th Field Hospital.

b. Engineers. During the month of October, reduction of the backlog of headlined Engineer equipment to less than 1,000 items was accomplished by the disposal of surplus items "as is", shipment to the States of "training serviceable" items and unserviceable items which can be economically repaired, and a concerted effort to salvage items which no longer serve a useful purpose. The maintenance plant in Bologna, Depot E-2B82 was closed 15 October and the few remaining items were either salvaged or evacuated to Leghorn. Several hundred pieces of equipment were evacuated from Naples to Depot E-2L77 at Leghorn to facilitate closing out of maintenance facilities in Naples and to establish only one major maintenance installation to serve units remaining in the theater. Installations reported to OANLC for disposal were the pipeline (35,000 feet of 6" pipe) at Montecatini; Florence Water Works equipment; recreational beach facilities, Leghorn; Po River Highway Bridge, Ostiglia; Po River Highway Bridge, Pavia; and Adige River Highway Bridge, Verona.

c. Ordnance. The closing out and consolidation of various Ordnance maintenance installations was further emphasized in order to release real estate holdings and to provide more efficient operating crews for the installations to be retained. During October approximately 50 per cent of all maintenance activities existing in September were closed out and consolidated with remaining maintenance activities. The commitment of a 20,000 ton lift of General Purpose vehicles to be delivered in "as is" condition to the Allied Commission for turn over to the Italian Government was completed during the month of October. A total of 14,341 vehicles of all types were thus transferred. A total of 3,336 vehicles in training serviceable, or better, condition were delivered to UNRRA during this month. These vehicles are being delivered at an average rate of 150 per day. Six (6) Liberty ships were loaded with a total of 33,050 long tons of Ordnance Ground Force Grade 1 ammunition and returned to the United States for War Reserve.

d. Transportation. At Pensouth the Freight and Water Divisions completed their first month as a combined section. The merger has eliminated duplication of cables sent, duplication of files, double handling of ship nominations and has eased numerous situations arising in the loading of ships. Incoming air freight fell to a total of only four (4) tons, but outgoing air freight was six times that of the month of September. This large increase was due to the shipment of Signal equipment to the Balkans. The truck unit consolidation program inaugurated during September was continued. The continued loss of high point men has made it necessary to rebuild and strengthen certain truck companies with low point personnel, so that the lift required for the increased shiploading program can be maintained. Truck operations in the forward area were

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all discontinued during the month, resulting in the release of three truck companies. The lumber project in Bolzano was closed about the 15th of October; operations at Bologna for the 61st QM Base Depot ceased about the 10th of October; and operations in the Florence area were greatly reduced by the closing of the Florence RTA. 1,400 vehicles, 1,400 tons of Engineer supplies, 500 tons of QM Class I supplies and 100 tons of Ordnance Class II and IV supplies were delivered to UNRRA at Trieste. German drivers now transport the vehicles direct from Leghorn to the turnover point, thus releasing U.S. personnel that were stationed at Mestre.

e. Signal. Signal tonnage shipped out of the theater from Leghorn amounted to 2887 tons. 1211 additional tons were processed and are awaiting shipment. The VILLAGE switchboard was discontinued and 10th Port telephone service was consolidated with PBS Headquarters service on the VALUE switchboard. The VAMPIRE switchboard (Staging Area No. 1) was discontinued and a considerable number of dial telephones in the Naples area was discontinued. Two carrier terminals were removed as a result of rerouting long distance telephone toll circuits. PBS units are being furnished CEM telephone equipment, permitting the return of U.S. equipment to depot stocks.

f. Quartermaster. Close out operations in ABC were responsible for an increase in receipts of salvage both in Penbase and Pensouth installations. Close out of Florence area salvage installations was expedited. Salvage operations at the civilian laundry Q5F64 was discontinued entirely. Laundry Dump Q5L69 was closed out with the necessary POW personnel and operating equipment transferred to and installed at Q5L67. Installations closed out in the Naples area included the railhead Q5N73 at Marcianise, Q5N61 bakery, Q5N73 supply point and the ice cream plant, and Q5N58 coffee plant at Maddaloni. The rate of receipt, classification, renovation, repair and disposal and return to stock of Quartermaster Class II and IV items was increased by 20 per cent.

g. Army Exchange Service. All AES activities of Adriatic Base Command were consolidated with PBS as of 15 October. The Post Exchange store at Cecchingola RTA was closed, as well as the Post Exchange store at Viareggio which had been serving the 92nd Division.

h. Chemical Warfare Service. All Class V stocks have been either shipped out of the theater, processed for shipment, or, in the case of toxics and smoke pots, are being disposed of by dumping at sea. Disposition instructions have been received on all but 110 tons of Class II and IV items. Approximately 3,000 tons were declared to ANLC and 2,000 tons were placed on TSD, for return to the United States. Seventy 2-1/2 ton power-driven decontaminating apparatus are still to be delivered by the Air Force, for repair and shipment to the United States. During the month, the contract for the repair of 4.2" shells and M8 grenades, was terminated, and final settlement made with the contractor. The Chemical Warfare Service, Pensouth, has continued to receive, process and store supplies from depots in the Adriatic Base Command and Penbase Main areas. Supplies from the Air Corps and units in the Pensouth area were also received. Approximately 225 tons of material were received from these sources since 25 September 1945. 1913

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1. Headquarters Command. The Bologna stop-over camp for Swiss Tours personnel was discontinued, the property released to the Engineer Officer for derequisitioning and the personnel and equipment returned to Leghorn. Demands for transient billets and messing fell off considerably and it was found possible to billet additional assigned officers at the Terminus and Palace Hotels. This resulted in the closing and derequisitioning of one officers' billet, while another officers' billet is in the process of being cleared for derequisitioning. Decreasing demand for transient accommodations has also made additional space available at the Transient Enlisted Men's Camp. It is planned to utilize this space by transferring enlisted personnel from Headquarters Detachment #3 (Army Exchange personnel) to billets at the transient camp. This will be accomplished prior to the end of the month, and the two apartments now used by Detachment #3 will be derequisitioned.

j. Piombino - Bari. Ammunition shipments from the Piombino area have nearly closed out that area. All stocks at Bari will be substantially closed out by 15 November except for pierced steel plank and AAF bombs.

2. Redeployment.

a. Redeployment to the United States from this command was negligible during early October due to inadequate shipping facilities and overcrowded replacement installations. No quotas were allocated to the command until 20 October. The redeployment inactivity during the first half of the month facilitated planning and readjustment. The mandatory transfer of high score personnel to replacement installations for transshipment to the United States has created a critical situation throughout the command. Low score personnel made available by the inactivation of units of this command are reassigned where most needed but do not constitute an adequate source of personnel. Requisitions for low score personnel for the occupational base section and liquidation units have been submitted to Headquarters MTOUSA and forwarded from there to the War Department. The large majority of experienced specialists, both from the Headquarters and units under the command, will, however, have departed from the theater prior to the arrival of the necessary replacements. Sections of this Headquarters are, in general, critically short of clerical personnel in the low score brackets, and there is no immediate solution possible in view of the equally critical situation in units of this command. During October under current allocations orders were issued transferring to replacement depots approximately 6,000 military personnel with ASRS of 80 or above and approximately 4,000 personnel with ASRS of 76 through 79 for transshipment to the United States. Included in the above groups were approximately 700 high point officers.

b. Approximately 1,400 enlisted personnel, aged 38 and over or 35 years with a minimum of two years honorable service, were transferred to the 7th Replacement Depot during the month for transshipment to the United States.

c. Upon MTOUSA direction to furnish approximately 2,000 low score colored personnel to USFET and USFA, plans were completed for the shipment in early November of 1,500 low score enlisted men and 200 low score

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officers to USFET and 500 enlisted men to USFA.

d. Facilities of the 1st Staging Area Battalion at Leghorn have been organized to completely process a maximum of 150 outgoing and 250 incoming casualties daily. Such action has been taken in view of the close-out of the 27 Replacement Depot. Small outgoing casual shipments will henceforth be placed on unfitted Liberty ships, etc, which sail from the Port of Leghorn. The experience of the 27 Replacement Depot has been drawn upon by borrowing depot personnel to assist in setting up the casual processing station within the 1st Staging Area Battalion.

e. Authority was obtained from MTOUSA to transfer automatically to the 7th Replacement Depot, in an attached unassigned status, personnel from Detachments of Patients who has ASR scores above the critical scores, other than volunteers, and applicants for discharge because of age. This eliminates return to unit, or temporary reassignment within this command of high score personnel.

f. During October all the carrier units in the Leghorn area except the 92nd Division were embarked. All personnel were cleared from the 27 Replacement Depot.

g. 18,300 troops were redeployed through the Pensouth staging areas during the month of October. Departure of the 34th Division represents the final "unit" move from the present College area, which is being turned over to the Replacement Command.

h. All nurses with ASRS of 73 and over have been transferred to the 7th Replacement Depot for shipment to the United States. The transportation of eligible ANC personnel to the United States was alleviated greatly by the shipment of 383 nurses aboard the "Wakefield" from Naples on 24 October.

3. German Prisoners of War.

a. The strength of German service personnel was reduced to less than the planned 48,000 by 31 October. The principal factor which may make it difficult to meet the 1 December ceiling of 40,000 is the lack of funds with which to pay for the employment of civilian personnel.

b. The status of GSU as of 31 October is as follows:

	<u>Pensbase</u>	<u>Pensouth</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assigned as of 1 October 1945	36,444	18,178	54,622
Released during October 1945	6830	1238	8068
Assigned as of 31 October 1945	29,614	16,940	46,554

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c. A total of 4,729 German Service personnel, released by other major commands, was received in the several PWEs, and a total of 6,563 shipped to USFET.

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d. Until recently, the POW hospitals in the three PTEs, as well as the POW Hospital Train recently taken over by PBS, were operated by merely detailing Medical personnel, present in the PTEs, for duty with the hospitals or the train. The hospitals and the train have now been organized in accordance with appropriate U.S. Army T/Os. This firm organization resulted in making available sufficient Medical personnel to permit establishing dispensaries in places where they can better serve the needs of individual and scattered units. Fewer men will require transportation over comparatively long distances to and from places for medical attention of minor natures, and a saving of several thousand man-hours of labor each month will be insured.

e. All forms, certificates, and other papers required for the repatriation of the 61 female prisoners have been completed. Clearance by CROWGLASS has been requested. Action taken by CROWGLASS will determine which, if any, may be released.

f. With the absorption of the Adriatic Base Command by PBS, 15 German service units of various types were transferred to PBS as of 0001 hours, 31 October 1945. Three of the units have already been declared in excess of requirements, and made available to USFET.

g. When GSU truck units are no longer needed in this theater, they will be transferred with German equipment to USFET or TSFET. All Italian-made vehicles operated by German POWs were turned in to Ordnance. This made for a loss of 274 vehicles in the Leghorn area and approximately 400 vehicles in the Naples area.

4. U.S.-Italian Units.

a. An analysis of US-ITI requirements resulted in release of a substantial number of units. The status of US-ITIs under the operational control of PBS is as follows:

	<u>Penbase</u>	<u>Pensooth</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assigned as of 1 October 1945	3457	6217	9674
Released during October 1945	2192	3874	6066
Assigned as of 31 October 1945	1265	2343	3608

5. Penbeach.

Shortly after the closing of Penbeach at Leghorn on the 30th of September, attendance figures were compiled for the 4-month period that the Beach was open. Penbeach consisted of two fine sandy beaches, a large one for enlisted men and women and a smaller beach for officer personnel. Records of the bath house facilities show that during the summer 208,817 swimmers used the facilities, and it is estimated that 50,000 additional swimmers who came in trucks already dressed in bathing suits used the beach facilities. The personnel operating the Beach did a splendid job, and the task accomplished by the life guards was most outstanding. It was a daily occurrence on the part of the life guards to bring in one or more distressed swimmers, yet out of an estimated 258,817 swimmers using the beach, not a single fatal accident was recorded.

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6. Transfer of MTOUSA Responsibilities to P.B.S.

Steady progress has been made by all sections in assuming additional MTOUSA responsibilities. The increased workload is being satisfactorily taken care of but with not a little hardship due to the loss of experienced key personnel. From the many duties taken over from MTOUSA, the following are typical:

a. Under the direction of the Adjutant General plans were formulated for the merger of the American Civilian Personnel Section with the Italian Civilian Personnel Section. It is anticipated that prior to 1 November 1945, the jurisdiction, responsibilities and functions of Hq MTOUSA in relation to civilian employees, both Italian and American, will have been transferred to this headquarters. Concurrently, MTOUSA labor personnel will be transferred to PBS and, with some of the labor staff of that command, will be placed on D/S with Southern District, PBS, in order to institute in Naples a centralized labor office for the theater. Operations Division of the AG Section took over the reproduction and distribution of the daily TTX conferences (PBS-NYPE).

b. The project of supplying all of the Balkan missions was taken over from MTOUSA. Upon assumption of this assignment it was found that a considerable backlog of shipments had accumulated. While progress has been made in the reduction of this backlog, it is recommended that additional air transportation be provided prior to winter when weather conditions will make it more difficult to maintain normal and regular air transportation.

c. The P.W.I.B., formerly in the Office, Provost Marshal General, MTOUSA, was transferred to PBS on 20 October 1945, and attached to Auxiliary Troops Command for operations. This activity, operated by three officers and 55 enlisted men (U.S.) and one GSU, was set up in PWE 334, near Florence.

d. During the month of October the following Staff functions of MTOUSA were taken over by PBS Exchange Service:

- (1) Stock control.
- (2) Preparation, consolidation and dispatch of requisitions for supply to ZI.
- (3) Communication with NYPE on all matters of supply.
- (4) Responsibility for maintenance of levels of supply.
- (5) Responsibility for determination of adequacy of consumption factors.
- (6) Responsibility for dissemination of information on arriving merchandise.

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(7) AES procurement in foreign countries.

e. Plans were put into effect to take over the publication of the G-4 Statistical Summary formerly prepared by MTOUSA G-4 Section.

f. PBS Chaplain (Colonel Frank M. Brown) was designated Theater Chaplain in addition to his other duties.

g. During the month, the Special Service Section has assumed three additional responsibilities from MTOUSA; namely, Musical Section, Master Motion Picture Branch and Technical Information Branch.

7. Road Blocks.

a. A total of 8403 vehicles were checked by personnel assigned to road blocks. Both mobile and static points are in operation with the primary objectives of apprehending persons illegally disposing of Government property and operating Government vehicles without proper authorization. A plan to control Government vehicles sold by ANLC or other agencies has been suggested to MTOUSA through G-4 PBS. The plan would make use of civilian automobile registration facilities now in operation. This would materially aid police in locating unauthorized or illegally held equipment.

8. Complaints.

a. Numerous inquiries and complaints regarding the operation of the redeployment program were received. Many of the complaints were manifestations of impatience. Several alleged that they were being held while others with lower point scores were being or had been returned to the United States. Some with long overseas service but with points below the present critical score were bitter about not being eligible for early return to the United States and discharge or release from the service. Complaints regarding redeployment, however, tapered off toward the end of the month.

9. Supply of 88th Division.

a. On the 4th of October, Penbase assumed direct supply of the 88th Division in Udine.

10. Closing Out of Adriatic Base Command.

a. A survey was made by the various PBS section chiefs concerned and appropriate action was initiated to close out ABC as expeditiously as possible. It is anticipated that the close-out operation will be completed not later than 15 November. Since 25 September POWs of the Adriatic Base Command, totaling 2274 have been taken over by Auxiliary Troops Sub Command, Pensouth. All units under ABC were assigned to this headquarters effective 31 October 1945.

11. Italian Civilian Personnel.

a. Italian Civilian Personnel Branch reports an

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in Regular Army Commissions submitted by officers of this command.

3. Merger of G-2 and G-3.

a. During the month of October the G-2 and G-3 Sections merged in accordance with the plan for the Occupational Base Section.

4. Consolidating Prisoner of War Enclosures.

a. Due to the fact that PWE #338 is not winterized to sufficient degree to properly care for all operating personnel, and not at all for the POWs, the number of POWs confined in that enclosure will be decreased as rapidly as movements to USFET will permit. A large number of POW have already been transferred to PWE #334, and such movement will continue until that enclosure has reached its capacity. It is anticipated closing out PWE #338 completely by 1 December 1945.

5. Non-Citizen Wives.

a. The Cavour Hotel in Naples is now operating as a residence for non-citizen wives and children of military personnel. A Post Exchange store was opened in this hotel on 24 October 1945.

6. Ordnance Projects.

a. During the latter part of the month disposition instructions were received from the War Department on all Class V stocks remaining in this theater and on the majority of the military type Class II and IV supplies. All of these materials excess to theater requirements may now be returned to the United States or disposed of locally in accordance with TM 30-420.

b. The winterization of vehicles prepared for shipment to UNRRA, Allied Commission and overseas has been instigated at the Ordnance Tank and Vehicle Park.

7. Quartermaster Projects.

a. Sale of salvage material to Allied Commission and civilian bidders closed 15 October, with the exception of condemned foods, garbage, tin cans, and airplane aluminum, which will be sold as heretofore. All salvage material will be sold to the Italian Government.

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b. Responsibility and operation of discharging and outloading of bulk petroleum products in tankers was transferred to British effective 1 October 1945. The base petroleum refueling point SNEB, Caserta, Italy, was transferred to British responsibility and operation effective 1 October.

8. Breweries.

a. Breweries in Leghorn and Naples are at present in

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the process of being transferred to the British. When this is effected the Army Exchange Service will have no more local brewery interests.

9. Army Education Program.

a. Plans are rapidly shaping up for the Naples Central High School which will be similar to the present school in Leghorn. It will offer essentially a full high school curriculum (fifteen subjects) to all eligible U.S. personnel in the Naples area. In addition it is planned to offer a series of courses given by professors from the University and Conservatory in Naples. Art, music, literature, economics and jurisprudence and kindred subjects of general interest are being considered.

10. Trials of War Criminals.

a. This command has been directed to try such cases against war criminals as may be referred to it by the Theater Commander. Two cases have already been so referred and it is anticipated that a number of others will be received in the near future.

11. Provost Marshal Activities.

a. In response to information that Government property is being illegally transported into Rome, a mobile road block has been dispatched to that area. Road blocks will operate from sundown to sunrise with frequent changes of location each night.

b. A detachment of eight (8) men is being detailed to patrol Northern Italy with headquarters in Milan, in conjunction with the British District No. 2 Provost Marshal, commencing 27 October 1945. Primary duties are apprehension of AWOL personnel, investigation of black market activities and escort of apprehended personnel to Garrison Stockade No. 2 for return to units.

12. Special Service Activities.

a. Plans are being made to form a basketball league, or leagues. Madison Square Garden is being converted to basketball. In the future there will be a limited number of U.S.O. shows due to arrive in this theater, therefore, plans are being made to present to the military personnel some well-organized Italian variety shows.

C. ACTION PENDING OR DELAYS WHICH ARE CHARGEABLE TO UNITS HEADQUARTERS.

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1. Orders for inactivation, discontinuance, and discontinuance of 23 units have been requested from MTOF33 but authority has not been received to date.

2. Disposition of surplus equipment through OANLC is still not being effected with dispatch.

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3. No information has been received concerning date of arrival in this theater of badly needed officer and enlisted replacements. In view of the fact that this command is losing hundreds of key individuals, this is a serious matter. As a matter of fact, replacements should be available here on the job before and not after departure of the persons to be replaced.

D. MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS.

1. During the current month Penbase has not been subjected locally to pressure for wage increases. However, recently authorized special bonuses payable to Italian Government and Communal employees and a request from CGIL to AG for a liberation bonus for Allied employees indicate that further general wage increases will have to be considered before long.

2. Pilferage of ammunition, principally by civilians, has been a problem ever since the establishment of the first ammunition depot. However, within the past month this activity increased greatly in all three PBS Class V installations. This increase is mainly due to the sharp reduction of guard personnel which was necessitated by the current policy to release Italian military personnel equipped by the United States Armed Forces. Guard personnel as well as depot operating personnel which were lost through redeployment have been decreased far too rapidly in proportion to the rate at which supplies have been released for shipment. In the Aversa depot, for example, personnel were reduced from 890 to 500 while depot stocks were reduced from 47,000 long tons to 42,000 long tons. Since declaration of surplus items has been made much of the present stock has value only as scrap. However, the chief concern now on the subject is the incalculable damage which may result from the possible fires and explosions which may arise from the debris left by pilferage. Along with the reduction of guard personnel, another factor makes the control of pilferage difficult. That factor is the ineffectual methods in which thieves are handled by civil authorities. Such culprits caught by depot guards are turned over to Military Police who in turn turn them over to Italian civilian authorities. It has been noted that frequently it has been only a matter of hours until the thieves are free. Such thieves have sometimes been apprehended a second time within a few days after their first offense. Such policies of the civil authorities (or absence of any policy) is bitterly discouraging to the depot personnel responsible for the stocks.

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