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CAPTURED ENEMY ANIMALS
APR. - AUG. 1945

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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AG 454/223 (MAINT) -0

21 August 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Animals to Italian Government. SEP 1 1945

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. General. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have now authorized the Theater Commander to dispose of captured animals within this theater surplus to his own military requirements and any known requirements of the London Munitions Assignment Board.

2. Policy. It has been decided that all captured animals in ITALY which have been declared surplus and which are at present held in loan to Italian farmers, shall be disposed of to the Italian Government as described in paragraph 3 below. Any surplus animals to be disposed of to the Italian Government in future will also be dealt with in accordance with this procedure.

3. Present Position. According to records the undermentioned captured animals have already been placed on loan to the Italian Government.

On US account	10,099
On British account	21,194
Total	31,293

4. Action to Be Taken.

a. The animals mentioned in paragraph 3 above will now be formally made over to the Italian Government and the US/British military authorities will relinquish further claim on them.

b. No cash payment will be made but the numbers and value of the animals handed over will be recorded by the Chief Accountant, AG in a joint Anglo/American account for possible future settlement.

c. The price at which these animals will be recorded in accordance with paragraph b above will be a flat rate of 400 dollars or £100 per animal/

d. Allied Commission will inform the Italian Government of this policy and will carry out the procedure detailed in paragraphs a, b, and c above, will obtain receipts for all animals if not already held and will report to AFHQ the exact numbers dealt with.

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e. Certain receipts are held by the British and American Services in AFHQ who will assist the Allied Commission in compiling records.

f. Allied Commission will report progress to AFHQ by 15 September 1945.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

/s/ KENNETH R. BRUGART
Colonel, AGC
Asst. Adjutant General

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Dated 1 August your 2978.

1st. Details of disposal to civilian authorities of surplus captured animals at present under consideration here.

2nd. You will be notified earliest of decision by directive now being prepared.

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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

AGR/38

16 May 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Animals

TO : AGO, Rear 5th Army

1. Reference your GA/4B of 23 April 1945, subject as above, addressed to 15 Army Group.

2. Referring to the provisions of "Economic Policy for Northern Italy" prepared by the Advisory Anti-Inflation Board on 12 April 1945, we quote:

"II. Basic Price and Wage Policy

Prices and wages will be established at the officially recognized rates existing in the area on 3rd April 1945. Initially, where there is no official price the Provincial Price Committee will establish the appropriate levels."

3. In view of this, it is our suggestion that the carcasses be sold in accordance with the 3 April price of meat.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(S) E. B. McKinney

E. B. MCKINNEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Distribution:

Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
AGO 5th Army
Agriculture Sub-Commission

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Deputy Director
Agriculture Sub-Commission

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From: AFHQ CITE NAQMS SIGNED CG MTCUSA

To: CG 5TH ARMY INFO: CG 15TH ARMY GROUP - ALCOM

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Disposal of animals reference para 3 your 3943 dated MAY 11 by GLASSCOCK not to all. Procedure to expedite disposal of animals has been covered by previous AFHQ instructions. Reference is made to para 2 our PX 69017 dated MAY 1 and our PX 70695 dated MAY 4 to all. Loan of horses to farmers as temporary measure is authorized and should be utilized by AGO officer 5TH ARMY to facilitate quick disposal. Additional information may be obtained from Lt Col MIDDLEWOOD and Major ATC LOCKWOOD who are being sent by ALCOM to 15TH ARMY GROUP.

Being queried by priority cable as to US demands for captured and surrendered animals and other animals now held.

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From: CG 5 ARMY

To : CG 15 ARMY GROUP, ALCON

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Your cable 39371 dated 4 May is subject.

5 ARMY is prepared to turn over a minimum of 10,000 captured animals for distribution by your HQ as referred to in subject cable. Request sufficient ALCON personnel be despatched to supervise distribution and sign vouchers.

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From: 15 ARMY GROUP
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Reference FX 69017 from ARHQ copied to you subject captured animals paragraph 3 if additional personnel available they should be attached VENUELA REGION but under operational control of ARHQ 8th Army in the case of 8th Army. Reply from 5th Army awaited.

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From: FREEDOM FIGHTER SACRED CLITE FREEDOM

To: ACTION: 15 ARMY GROUP, AIDOM INFO: AMO 5 ARMY, AMO 8 ARMY

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Reference your A-52 of 3 May.

1. Animals will not be auctioned.
2. Have no objection any distribution or redistribution of animals already handed over to Syndecos which will be in interest of Italian Agriculture. Request AIDOM take such action as is necessary to effect best distribution. AIDOM must retain record of all captured animals handed over to for civilian purposes. These animals will for the present be considered on loan only. The subsequent financial adjustment or recovery will be a matter for settlement later.
3. Essential point is that Italian Agriculture should not suffer from lack of draught animals whilst such captured animals lie idle in allied hands and we are prepared support any action you find it necessary to take to achieve this.
4. All animals handed over to AIDOM will be reported FIN AD (BR) AFRA under GAO 479/43 distinguishing between captured and other animals as far as possible. Vouchers signed by AIDOM officer taking delivery required by BR

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Ref : 735

5 May 1945

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Animals.

TO : Economic Section.

1. The attached letter from G-5 15 Army Group, reference G-5/3/48 dated 1 May 45, with enclosure, is passed to you for necessary action, on your files.

2. A copy of 4035/6/21 dated 14 April 45 referred to in para 1 of above mentioned letter will be found on the appropriate file now on loan to Agriculture Sub-Commission.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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From: 15 ARMY GROUP

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Reference FX 69017 and FX 69018.

Recommend that all animals not required for essential military purposes be auctioned to highest bidder under auspices and arrangements to be made by Armies. This would ensure that animals required for agriculture would be properly distributed and that others for slaughter would be most economically used.

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From: 15 ARMY GROUP

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Ref AFHQ FK 69017 subject animals. Request you reply direct to AFHQ copy to this Hq your requirements and what action you desire to take to comply with instructions contained in paragraph 1.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED DATE PHODQ

TO: ACTION: 15 ARMY GROUP INFO: 5 ARMY H EAM, HEAR 8 ARMY, HRS ALLIED
COMMISSION, 1 DISTRICT, 2 DISTRICT**SECRET.**

Reference your 00101 of 30 April.

1. It is not desired that large scale movement over long distances of animals should take place from their place of capture to the forward Holding Centre at SAN MARTINO. In view of the localities where animals are now coming into our hands particularly in NW ITALY it is suggested you open a supplementary Holding Centre in NW ITALY and if necessary one in NE ITALY. If you decide to do this, request you report what V and X Units you may require to assist, when we will do our best to provide.

2. It is most desirable that non military animals should not be brought into our holding centers but should be handed to local farmers at the earliest moment in accordance with para 8 of our AFHQ/333/4(Maint) of 19 April.

3. To assist in the handing over of animals to local farmers we are pressing Allied Commission to assist you with additional suitable supervisory personnel

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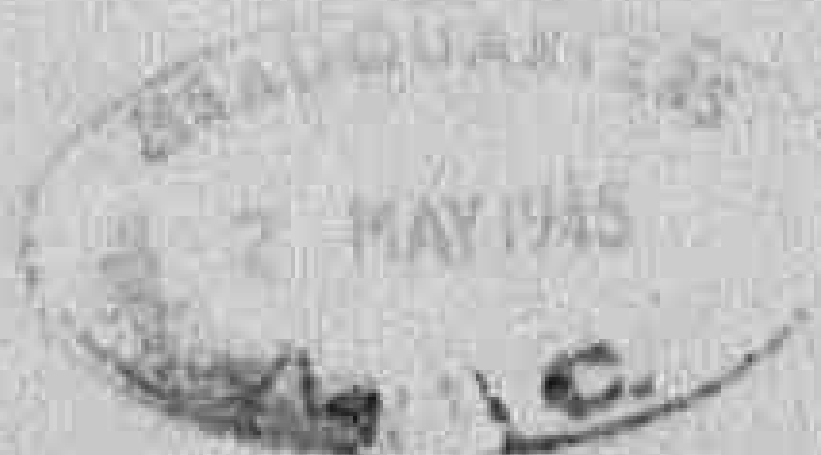
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To: ACTION: ALGOM INFO: 15 ARMY GROUPFOR INFORMATION ONLY
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Large numbers of enemy animals are now falling into our hands particularly in NW ITALY. It is our policy that non military animals are handed over on temporary loan to local farmers for maintenance and employment in Italian agriculture. AGO representatives with 5th and 8th armies are assisting in this work but number of animals is larger than they can deal with efficiently. In the interests of Italian agriculture generally and to avoid the loss of valuable animals which would have an adverse effect on Italian economy it is requested you arrange to despatch suitable personnel to assist your representatives at Army Headquarters in this work. Please report to 15 Army Group ptd this Hq details of the assistance you can give. 15 Army Group will notify you destinations at which personnel are required

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Tel: 478201

Ref: 4655/6/EC.

14 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Animals.

TO : S.C.A.O. Fifth Army.
S.C.A.O. Eighth Army.

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1. Attached hereto is copy of AMH letter G-5: 454.2 dated 9 April 1945. Your attention is invited particularly to para 5c and succeeding paragraphs.

2. I believe that S.C.A.O.s are best qualified to work out a simple procedure and form of receipt and I should be grateful if S.C.A.O.s would coordinate in order to produce a uniform system.

3. When agreement has been reached copies should be sent to this Office for information.

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Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

Incl.

Copy to: A.C. of S., G-3 Section,
HQ 5 Army Group.

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Tel: 478201

11 April 1945.

Ref: 4035/5/30.

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Animals.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

Receipt is acknowledged of your G-5; 454.2 dated 9 April 1945.
Action is being taken to devise a suitable receipt form for use of
SOM's Fifth and Eighth Armies.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Major E. Talbot

Colonel,

Acting Executive Commissioner.

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Tel: 478201

11 April 1945.

Ref: 4035/4/EC.

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Animals.

TO : A. G. of S., G-5 Section, Hq 15 Army Group.

1. Attached hereto is copy of AFHQ letter, G-5: 454.2 dated 9 April 1945. Your attention is invited particularly to para 3 e. and succeeding paragraphs.
2. It is considered you are best qualified to deal with this matter and will you please work out with SCAG's Fifth and Eighth Armies a procedure and suitable form of receipt.
3. When these have been agreed copies should be sent to this office for information.

Major E. Talbot

Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

Ded:
as above

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G-5 Section
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Ex. Commissioner

G-5: 454.2

9 April 1945

APR 10 1945

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Animals.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. The question of disposing of and caring for animals captured from the enemy in the pre-surrender period has been under discussion at this HQ. (Under surrender conditions the maintenance of animals would rest with the German Army and no immediate problem should arise).

2. The objects in the pre-surrender period will be:

a) to secure for the Allies the maximum number of fit mules.

b) to avoid the loss by starvation or destruction of a number of animals which, if kept alive, would benefit Italy generally.

3. The procedure decided on would be as under:

a) Forward unit commanders would act as they thought best to keep animals off the road.

b) Collecting parties and collecting centres (formed from grounded Mule Companies) would operate well forward to collect animals.

c) At the collecting centres animals would be screened and branded (broad Arrow and letter "C").

d) Fit mules would be evacuated to remount depots.

e) Other animals would be quartered on local inhabitants by AMG representatives through Italian local authorities.

4. With regard to animals quartered on local inhabitants it was decided that:

a) No payment for quartering would be made by the Allies.

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b) The person on whom the animal was quartered could work it.

c) Title to the animals would not pass to the Italian Government or the person on whom the animal was quartered (the Allies reserve the right to recover or re-distribute these animals though doubtless many of the animals, especially oxen, will ultimately be disposed of to the Italian Government).

5. Appropriate instructions are being issued to Armies by this HQ.

6. It is suggested that AMG representatives be provided with a standard form of receipt for signature by the Syndaco or other authority acknowledging receipt of so many animals for quartering, and his liability to collect them again and hand them over to Allies on demand. As a matter of interest a copy of a similar type of form used in Italy during the last war for sick animals is attached. This form is not of course applicable to the above conditions.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

H. Y. Anderson
H. Y. ANDERSON
Lt. Colonel, R.A.

Incl:
as above.

1- Spare copy attached.

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Horse Recovery Form No. 1.
(Document to be given to the person with whom an
animal of the British Army is left for care)

To _____ (Recipient)

I am leaving _____ horses
mules belonging to
cattle

the British Army to be taken care of and
fed until removed by the British Military
Authorities.

The _____ is at the present time in
condition _____ good
fair
poor

Animals left _____
Brand or
identification _____

Signature of person leaving
the animal _____

NOTES

1. The certificate shown above signifies that
animals belonging to the British Army
are left in your charge. You should water
and feed it and look after it well.
2. It is strictly forbidden to work the animal.
3. If the animal dies you should immediately report
to the Syndeco (Maire) and keep the four feet of

Fed until removed by the British Military

Authorities.

Good
fair
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The _____ is at the present time in

condition

Animals left

Brand or
identification

Signature of person leaving
the animal

NOTES

1. The certificate shown above signifies that
animals belonging to the British Army
are left in your charge. You should water
and feed it and look after it well.
2. It is strictly forbidden to work the animal.
3. If the animal dies you should immediately report
to the Syndaco (Maire) and keep the four feet of
the animal as proof to be shown to the officer
coming to collect the animal.
4. The amount which you will receive will depend on
what you have given the animal to eat and on its
condition.
5. This note will be produced by you in support of
your claim.

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