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CIVILIAN SUPPLIES, AMG 5TH ARMY
FEB.-NOV. 1944

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CSO

69 is a very interesting
Signed from Dec 40 in reply
to your letter also 67.
69 has not been copied to
Eugene Seneca. I don't know who inspired
67.

31/10.

7d seen by col. J. A.

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Cor.

Please see 57.

Lg 19/10.

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A/c.c.

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7/5/13/x.

A/C.C.

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A/C.C. 702
22/10/46

Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval. HSR!

Then sent copies of all three telegrams together
with SACCOM's Ackgram of 24/10 & telegram of 15/10
with CA Montfort KAC.

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NOTE FOR INFORMATION REF. FOOD
SHORTAGE IN LUCCA/PISTOIA AREA

(Ref. conversation Major IMRIE (Food Sub-Commission)/J/Cdr. Mason of 30.10.44)

1. The bread ration throughout ITALY is 200 gms. daily, though the pasta ration is 550 gms. weekly South of Southern Region's boundary (plus the islands) and has just been stepped up to 300 gms pasta fortnightly North of this line as from 4th Nov.
2. There are sufficient stocks of flour and grain for the 200 gms. bread ration for LUCCA and PISTOIA.

The exact position is as follows :

- 1) At LIVORNO are 5,000 tons of imported flour of which a sufficiently large balance can go to LUCCA/PISTOIA area
10,000 tons are to be sent there also, earmarked for the NORTH however.
- 11) In GROSETTO are 5,000 tons of local grain for the PISTOIA/LUCCA area which are to be used if possible before the imported flour.
3. The policy in newly conquered territory where transport is practically always difficult at first is to start with a daily bread ration of 100 gms., increasing this as soon as transport is available to the overall 200 gms.
4. There is therefore not such a great discrepancy between the bread ration in LUCCA/PISTOIA area and the rest of ITALY and it is only a temporary condition which will end when transport is organised.
5. But the temporary condition has lasted long enough to create grave unrest.
6. Therefore transport is required acutely.

(Ref. conversation Lt. Col. BORDASS (Transportation Sub-Commission)/J/Cdr. Mason of 30.10.44)

1. The transport situation was taken in hand immediately, and on 26.10.44 27 trips were made from LIVORNO to LUCCA carrying 108 tons of flour.

Trucks have been running constantly since LIVORNO/LUCCA.

2. There has been no hauling from GROSETTO yet.

C.O.S. Office,
Ext. 451
30.10.44

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HEADQUARTERS
AMC FIFTH ARMY
APO 461 U.S. ARMY



November 4, 1944

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8 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Civilian Ration Scale.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Referenc this HQ letter and Pasta/Flour ration of 27 October quoting, HQ, ACC Cable 5452 of same date.
2. The supplementary issues of Pasta/Flour to heavy workers should be reduced by an amount equivalent to the amount authorized as a General issue to the whole of the ration card population.
3. New position will therefore be as follows:

Heavy Workers entitled to Scale A

Issued by Supplementary Ration Card "A" - Pasta 550 gr per week Dehyd Soup 200 gr per week

Heavy Workers entitled to Scale B

Issued by Supplementary Ration Card "B" - Pasta 200 gr per week.
In each case Midshift Meal in addition.

For the Commanding General:

[Signature]
J.R. STILES, 5331
Major, A.A.S.C.,
Asst Supply Officer,
AMC Fifth Army.

/cpn

Distribution:

G4 - 5th Army
SCAO's All Corps

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R.S.O. Region VIII

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Major General S.O.
Asst Supply Officer,
AMG Fifth Army.

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" Pistoia	10
" Florence	10
" Florence City	10
" Bologna City	10

U.S.O. Region VIII	5
" Region IX	10
All P.O. Reg. IX	10
HQ 8th Army AMG	2
HQ AC	5
ADW AC HQ, AAI	2
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 300
Office of the Chief of Staff

Art. 300

7th November 1944.

Ref 4810/71/008

SUBJECT: Supply Problem - Fifth Army Area.
TO : D.S.O.S. Economic Section.

1. Reference my letter 4810/71/008 dated 1st November 1944,
will you please state whether you have replied to D.S.O.S.O. as
requested in paragraph 3 of the letter under reference.

Ray Tallent
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

*see
File 5806/cos
File 32*

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Noted 5330
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF
AND 354

Office of the Chief of Staff

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1st November 1944.

Ref: 2/21/71/100.

SUBJECT: Supply Problem - 9th Army Area.

TO : D.C.C.S. Records Section.

1. As a result of reading a series of descending letters from the 9th Army, D.C.C.S. directed me to write the attached letter Annex A. — 67

2. A reply to this has been received by signal, Annex B. — 69

3. Would you please reply direct to D.C.C.S. saying whether you can agree to the proposals in their signal, with a copy to me.

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Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to D.C.C.S.

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INCOMING MESSAGE 9 151

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TO: HQ ALLIED COMMISSION FOR LUSH

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 65/31

FROM: CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION HQ AMI

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: CAS/34

PRECEDENCE:

ROUTING Recd

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 31 1345 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

67. ACTION

RESTRICTED.

Ref 151/236/COS dated 24 Oct. Enquiry made. Plentiful food supply except sugar olive oil and tinned meats. All is question of transport particularly for grain CROSSSTO and SIEMA Areas to forward areas. Unless grain can be brought forward 5 Army will have to eat down flour stockpiles at LETHORN and FLORENCE which they wish to keep as operational reserve. Problem is 5 Army has daily commitment 594 tons all told and has only lift of 250 tons with 1000 Coy plus what they can occasionally get from 1024 and 1025. 2 further Companies urgently required. Interim recommendations 1024 and 1025 be placed immediately under operational control AMG 5 Army to carry out present AOC commitment and help AMG lift. This would maximise economy in use until US LT COL arrives. LT COL CLINGENSHI should be ordered forward to establish Headquarters near 5 Army AMG and take command and operational control in liaison with 5 Army 1024 and 1025 and 1000 Coys and others arriving. Responsible senior executive authority coordinating lift of all Companies in close touch 5 Army and AOC LETHORN essential

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31 OCT 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

October 27, 1944

SUBJECT: Pasta/Flour Ration.

TO : See Distribution.

1. In accordance with cable ref 5462 received from ACC HQ dated 27 October 1944 the following ration of pasta or flour will be given:

300 Grams of pasta or flour each fortnight (15 days) to bread ration card holders only, commencing on or about November 4th. First issue will be considered issue for first two weeks of November.

2. Provincial Supply Officers will arrange to immediately get pasta factories working so that this commitment may be met. Flour may be issued for first issue if pasta not available.

3. Bread ration will be increased to 200 grams in all areas under 5th Army AMG where that ration does not exist today.

4. Flour to implement the above may be drawn on 5th Army AMG depots only where local grain/flour stocks are not sufficient.

For the Commanding General:

FRANK E. TOSSANI,
Lt. Col., P.M.,
Senior Supply Officer,
AMG Fifth Army.

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Chief Staff Officer.

151/236/COS

Food 5 Army Area.

24th October 1944.

DCCAO, HQ A.A.I.

1. Reports from 5 Army AMG for the last 6 weeks and more have all stressed the extreme shortage of food. This point has also been raised at various conferences in Siana and suggestions to form new transport companies are being put into effect. This does not, however, seem to stop the continuous burden of their lamentation which is always to the effect that there is "a serious grain shortage".

2. Would you please find out and let me know what the exact trouble is. Is it that there is food in the stock piles and depots on the lines of communication and no transport to get it forward or is there no food at all?

3. Finally the Chief of Staff wishes for constructive suggestions to be put forward in your reply if the situation in your opinion requires improvement.

W. I. SHIPP
CHIEF OF STAFF

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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A. L. J. B. COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC rptd ACC MAIN FOR STONE, INFO: AAI, CG 5 ARMY, CG 8 ARMY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED

REFERENCE No: FX 43285

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 24 18 15

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

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SECRET. 1. Ref ACC 5145 of 22 Oct. Confirming conversation ANTO-

LINE/BUTTERWORTH 21 Oct no objection this Hq to proposed fortnightly issue of 300 grams pasta/flour to area indicated.

2. Trucks. 104 GT Coy available 0001 hours 26 Oct. Available date of second GT Coy now organizing will follow. 100 US trucks delivered. Balance 150 US trucks available 15 Nov. Above delays due to operational priority for trucks to AAI and PBS, for 5 Army haulage.

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100 MAIN FOR STORE, INFO: AAI, CG 5 ARMY, CG 8 ARMY

CENTER No: 84/24

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACHED

REFERENCE No: PX 43285

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 24 1815Z OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE PHGEG PHGDS PHOA

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT

Distribution:

Ref : 4-140/64/305

24 October 1944

Dear General Clark:

I refer to your telegram PK 41304 of 21 October 44.

I think in fairness to the Commission I should tell you that a requisition for 2000 trucks covering requirements south of the Piner River line was submitted to AFM on 17 May 1944. Not only was this figure reduced by AFM to 1700 but it was made negligible next to the area south of the Rimini-Rimini line, but to Northern Italy. Our estimate for Northern Italy is 5000 trucks. Actual vehicles issued to date on the basis of this requisition amount to 100 and assignment of two G.I. companies has been made, but these have not yet reported. AFM signal PK 43215 of 24 October advises that our G.I. company will be available 25 October and that a further 200 U.S. trucks will be released on 15 November.

Neither tires nor tubes have been received from a requisition for more 11,000 of each placed late in June.

Colonel Bonfort, who has been suggested DESIG at ALI HQ is now at ALI and can doubtless explain both to ALI and 5th Army some of the points raised in General Clark's telegram and your own.

Yours sincerely,

(SAC) KELLEY W. STONE

WALTER W. STONE
Commander, 10th
Acting Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General J. G. H. Clark, G.O., 10.
Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Forces Headquarters.

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Dear General Clark:

I refer to your telegram PI 41564, of 21 October 44.

I think in fairness to the Commission I should tell you that a requisition for 3000 trucks covering requirements north of the Rimini line was submitted to AFM on 17 May 1944. Not only was this figure reduced by AFM to 1700 but it was made applicable not to the west south of the Rimini-Pisa line, but to Northern Italy. Our estimate for Northern Italy is 5000 trucks. Actual vehicles issued to date on the basis of this requisition amount to 100 and assignment of two G.I. companies has been made, but these have not yet reported. AFM signal PI 43215 of 24 October advises that one G.I. company will be available 25 October and that a further 150 U.S. trucks will be released on 15 November.

Neither tires nor tubes have been received from a requisition for some 23,000 of each placed late in June.

Calvin H. Moffatt, who has been appointed DCMO at AAI HQ is now at AAI and can undoubtedly explain both to AAI and Jth Army some of the points raised in General Clark's telegram and your own.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgt) KELLEY W. STONE

WALTER H. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General J. G. R. Clark, G.O., M.
Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Forces Headquarters.

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AOC HQ
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ROUTINE
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Refer 63

SECRET PD MEMPHIS LEFT HERE FOR YOUR HEADQUARTERS YESTERDAY PASSE TO ADV AAI FOR
GENERAL ROBERTSON FROM AOC HQ FROM COMBUDOKI STONE PERSONAL PAPER UNDER MY DIRECTION
AND WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ADVISE

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5: L. F. HESTANT, Jr.
2nd Lt AGO
ADJUTANT

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For INFORMATION ONLY ⁴⁸¹⁰
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SECRET. Personal for Commodore STONE from General ROBINSON.

Please see 5 ARMY signal 6355 of 19th Oct and AFHQ PX 11804 of 21st Oct.

This is typical example of question on which my C in C needs first hand advice.

If MONTFORD is still not repeat not available I should be grateful if some Senior Officer from your HQ could come investigate this matter and give General ALEXANDER the benefit of his advice.

See 64

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I directed M to proceed
by air yesterday for your HQ

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I left here yesterday under my duty for your HQ 5322
I will be in a position to advise

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AFHQ INFO AAI 5 and 8 ARMIES

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CHIEF OF STAFF

SECRET PARA ONE PD IN ORDER TO MEET SITUATIONS THROUGHOUT AREA NORTH OF GARIGLIANO AS DESCRIBED BY COMMANDING GENERAL FIVE ARMY IN HIS SIX THREE FIVE FIVE OF ONE NINE OCTOBER PD I SUGGEST IMMEDIATE FORTNIGHTLY ISSUE OF THREE ZERO ZERO GRAMS PASTA OR FLOUR THROUGHOUT ITALY NORTH OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARIES OF NAPLES SLANT CAMPORASSO PROVINCE WHICH IS PRESENT LIMIT OF THE HIGHER BREAD PASTA RATION PD PARAH TO AFHQ FOR SACRED INFO C IN C AAI CMA CG FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PARAH THIS WOULD BE PRELIMINARY STEP TO RAISING TO THREE ZERO ZERO GRAM LEVEL AS ALREADY PROPOSED TO CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR BY YOU PD GRATEFUL APPROVAL SO THAT FIRST ISSUE CAN BE MADE ON OR ABOUT FOUR NOVEMBER PD

PARA TWO PD REFERENCE FIVE ZERO ZERO TRUCKS AUTHORIZED BY YOUR HQ ON ONE THREE SEPTEMBER REFERENCE AFHQ SLANT EIGHT ZERO SEVEN ZERO SLANT QUEEN ARLE EASY FOR ACC PD ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH AFHQ CALLING FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ACC OF TWO GEORGE TANK COYS AND TWO FIVE ZERO TRUCKS TOGETHER WITH EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVATION OF ADDITIONAL QUEEN COYS PD TO DATE NO REPEAT NO GEORGE TANK COYS HAVE REPORTED PD ONLY ONE ZERO ZERO TRUCKS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED PD UNLESS YOUR COMMITMENT IS COMPLIED WITH IMMEDIATELY WE WILL HAVE EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN EVEN TRANSPORTING ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE RATION AS INDICATED ABOVE AND IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS REFERRED TO IN REFERENCE MESSAGE PD

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Office of the Chief of Staff
Food Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission

Economic Section
With telegram under ref
TO: Mr. Kirk and
Mr. Noel Charles.

L.T. MONTAG
ADV.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,
APO 394,
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref: 1007/10/001

I am taking the opportunity of moment coming to AMI to send you copies of AMI's telegrams of Sept 24th and Oct 19th regarding the issue of a 300 grain bread ration all over Italy. You will see that action is being taken at the very highest level in order to try and get the bread ration on to this minimum subsistence scale. If this can be done, and we have been fighting for 18 months for this, then I think a great deal of our, and your, anxieties can be removed.

We are, as I have told you, faced with a very serious food situation throughout Italy if the general terms of the President's and the Prime Minister's utterances are not implemented. It is the usual story of shortage of everything.

There also arises the difficulty of transportation. We are having great difficulty in getting AMI to implement the assurance given to us that 500 trucks would be provided and turned into British and American oil tanks. There is, in fact, a time lag of very nearly a month. We are doing our best to overcome this but with your knowledge of the shortage of transportation throughout the theatre you will realize that our hopes are not very high.

With regard to feeding the population in 18 and 19, Italy, even if we have both the food and transport the lines of communication in the first instance are going to be so long that it may be impossible to provide proper food supplies for the civilian population until the port of Genoa is open. You yourself indicated this at the meeting on 12th Oct.

I am asking Montfort to explain this to General Hux and if possible to General Gortner, and I hope that the telegram sent by General Wilson will show that the best is being done to meet the situation caused by lack of coordination between public authorities and the implementation thereof.

M. S. LUSH

Copy to: Gen. Sec

Major-General Sir Brian B. Robertson, Bt.,

CMO, G2, G2E, HQ, AF, Chief Administrative Officer,

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2000 AMI

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Ref: 1037/21/008

I am taking the opportunity of this report coming to HQ to send you copies of JAGP's telegram of Sept 24th and Oct 19th regarding the issue of a 500 gram bread ration all over Italy. You will see that action is being taken at the very highest level in order to try and get the bread ration on to this minimum subsistence scale. If this can be done, and we have been fighting for it now for six months, then I think a great deal of our, and your, anxieties can be removed.

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I am sending you to explain this to General Ban and if possible to General Gunther, and I hope that the telegram sent by General Wilson will show that the best is being done to meet the situation caused by lack of coordination between public utterances and the implementation thereof.

M. S. LUSH

Major-General Sir Brian E. Robertson, Bt.,
CWO, CS, CBE, MC, MP,
Chief Administrative Officer,
HQ, ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY, G.A.F.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACTION ADV AAI INFO ACD NFO - ACTION

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 86/21

FROM: FREEDOM FROM CLARK PERSONAL ++ CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: FI 41804

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 21 1506A OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE PHCAO

++ FOR ROBERTSON SIGNED WILSON

SECRET. Your CAO 329 dated 20 Oct. Cannot understand reason of Mark Clark's personal message 6355 of 19 Oct. What is G-5 Fifth Army doing about this. It should keep itself informed of the status of supplies through ACC. I have heard no similar reaction from 8th Army. Transportation of civil supplies is a military responsibility within AAI Area.

New Subject. SACRED has already recommended 300 gram bread ration to CCS who state they are studying urgently. Reasonable to suppose this may be granted.

New Subject. Requisitions were placed in August for trunks, tires, tubes, etc. for ACC account but doubtless, 5th Army will appreciate there a world shortage of these commodities.

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27 OCT 1944

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A. C. C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

8667

INFO - ACTION

TO: ACTION AFHQ, INFO AGO (RAC PASS) FIFTH ARMY

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 68/21

FROM: ADC AAI

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SECRET. Personal for General CLARK from ROBERTSON.

Please see 5th Army Signal 6355 dated 19 Oct. General ALEXANDER is very disturbed by this report and would appreciate fullest information as to what steps are being taken to improve the situation.

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SUBJECT:- Vehicles.

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Ref. Y/50/19/B.

In view of the role now required of this Company to work in forward Divisional areas I wish to make the following report on the condition of the vehicles.

- (I) the vehicles are Bedford O.Y. 3 ton 4 x 2., and 90% of them were operating in the North Africa campaign. Their average mileage is 60,000 miles. The Company is 5 short of establishment.
- (II) The majority have within the last 12 months been fitted with re-conditioned engines, but this does not make a new vehicle. The reconditioned engines have now on an average done 6,000 miles, and many of them require replacement. 24 engines are on demand.
- (III) The position regarding spares is not good. Difficulty and delay is experienced in obtaining such essential items as valves, springs and radiators. Stocks of these items are nil.
- (IV) The number of vehicles off the road at the moment awaiting spares is 4, but many vehicles are kept runners by improvisation, and many are running on 4 or 5 cylinders having no compression on the others due to burnt out valves.
- (V) At the end of a days work there are invariably 6 - 10 vehicles which require Workshops attention, and few days pass when the breakdown lorry is not called out to recover broken down vehicles.

It is understood that this Company will be required to send out lorries, individually or in small numbers to liberated town and villages over very difficult country and roads and it is felt that with vehicles in the condition as indicated that:-

- (I) the number of V.O.R. will rapidly mount.
- (II) that breakdowns might cause traffic dislocations on Divisional maintenance routes.
- (III) that food urgently required in newly liberated towns might be delayed in reaching its destination.

In view of the facts enumerated above it is suggested that steps might be taken to re-equip the unit with new, or more serviceable tank vehicles.

Field.
10 Sep 44.

/s/ R. Taylor, Major R.A.S.C.
Comdg. British Cadre R.A.S.C.
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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
Economic and Supply Division
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

September 8, 1944

MEMORANDUM:

1. It can be said that the present difficulties of our food supply position started on August 19th when the following cable was received from ACC Main to AMG 5 Army:

8/19/44
(TWO THOUSAND TONS MAINTENANCE ALLOTTED FOR PIOMBINO SLASH LEGHORN FOR PERIOD NINETEEN TO TWENTY SEVEN AUGUST PBS NOW STATE NO SHIPPING SPACE AVAILABLE AND REFUSE ANY UNLOADINGS FROM NAPLES PD CANNOT HEREOFRE SUPPLY YOU WITH FLOUR CMA OLIVE OIL AS PROMISED PD SUGGEST YOU INFORM GEORGE FOUR OF SITUATION)

2. This cable was discussed with Col. Eberhardt by Col. Mayne. Col. Eberhardt requested certain information and the following cable was sent to HQ, ACC for Food Sub-Commission for Legg:

8/22/44
(REQUEST SOONEST NAMES OF SHIPS AND MANIFEST LISTINGS OF CIVILIAN SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR LEGHORN FOR IMMEDIATE CALL UP PD PLEASE CABLE REPLY) APPROVED F.R.TOSCANI

3. In response to paragraph 2, we received the following cable from ACC Main:

8/24/44
(SUBJECT IS SUPPLIES FOR LEGHORN PD NO OUTLOADINGS ACCEPTED BY PBS PD CAN YOU ARRANGE CALLING FORWARD OF ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES BY YOUR GEORGE FOUR PD WILL FURNISH INFORMATION REQUIRED WHEN LOADINGS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED PD OUR SIGNAL 1960 of 18TH AUGUST EXPLAINS SITUATION)

This again emphasized the importance and necessity to get G-4, 5th Army to call forward our supplies.

4. Then General HUME wrote the following memo to G-4, 5th Army setting forth the necessity to do something regarding our food situation:

8/25/44
1. The present position of the food supply for civilians is as follows:

a: There is a 10 day supply of food for the city

of Florence at the Siena depot.

b. There is a 10 day supply of food at Cecina depot for 500,000 people.

c. There is approximately another 10-15 day supply of food at the ACC depot at Piombino which we are transporting to the Siena depot for further use in Florence.

2. It is apparent that even before the tactical picture changes we will have to withdraw our transport from Piombino using it to stockpile in Florence for use further north. It is not yet agreed whether ACC can handle the lift of 150 tons daily which we are now lifting from Piombino to Siena.

3. Allied Control Commission has sent us a cable stating that PBS will not accept any more out-loadings from Naples to Leghorn or Piombino (copy attached).

4. It is therefore requested that, if the present supply program is expected to proceed as at present scheduled, you arrange with PBS to load now for immediate unloading at Leghorn, as soon as operations allow, a minimum of 350 tons daily. If this is agreed to by all concerned, ACC HQ., will furnish the breakdown required.

5. It is pointed out that otherwise our present supplies will see us through 15 September 1944 at which time our stocks will be nil.

6. I feel that if we do not get the necessary shipping approved, it cannot be our responsibility if our supply program breaks down because obviously we are then not getting the desired support from the supply services concerned.

7. It is obvious that this matter is one of the greatest seriousness. AMG work centers around our responsibility for feeding the civil population in the Army Area.

In addition, we discussed it personally with General Tate who agreed it was most urgent. Col Mayne and I then sent the following cable: TO: HQ, ACC for Food Sub-Commission for Legg, G-4, 5th Army

(SUBJECT CIVILIAN FOOD MAINTENANCE ALLOTMENT TO MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH G4 FIFTH ARMY WHO AGREES URGENCY

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OF PROBLEM AND SUGGESTS THAT LOADED VESSELS CONSIGNED TO OR AWAITING UNLOADING OR BERTH AT NAPLES BE DIVERTED TO PIOMBINO WHERE TONNAGE CAN BE HANDLED PD CABLE YOUR PROPOSALS AT ONCE SO THAT G4 MAY BE ADVISED)

5. In addition, we planned to commence stockpiling in Florence and eventually Pisa of miscellaneous foods which we had stockpiled in Siena and Cecina. To do this it was necessary to use our trucks which were being used to lift supplies from Piombino to Siena. Therefore, the following cable was sent by Col. Mayne to: Hq ACC for Food Sub-Commission, for Transportation Sub-Commission and for Executive Commissioner:

8/25/44

(AT PRESENT OUR TRUCKS LIFTING AVERAGE 150 TONS CIVILIAN SUPPLIES DAILY FROM PIOMBINO TO SIENA PD PRESENT SITUATION URGENTLY DEMANDS THAT THESE TRUCKS BE WITHDRAWN FOR USE FORWARD PD CABLE EARLIEST DATE YOU CAN ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY LIFTING TO SIENA PD ABOVE TONNAGE WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED UNTIL ACC DEPOT ESTABLISHED LIVORNO PD TREAT AS URGENT PD)

6. The response to the above cable was as follows: Cable from ACC HQ to FIFTH ARMY:

8/27/44

(REFERENCE YOUR TWO SIX ONE PD PAREN TO AMG FIVE ARMY FROM ACC HQ FROM ADAMS PAREN THIS SUBCOMMISSION FORTHWITH ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY OF TOTAL DAILY LIFT ONE FIVE ZERO TONS CIVILIAN SUPPLIES FROM PIOMBINO TO SIENA PD OUR CAPT JESSUP IN CHARGE AT PIOMBINO INFORMED PD FOOD SUB COMMISSION NOTIFIED PD

7. On August 30th as no trucks had yet been sent in reference to paragraph 6 above, the following cable was sent to HQ, ACC for Adams:

8/30/44

(WE CANNOT MOVE OUR TRUCKS FROM PIOMBINO - SIENA HAUL UNTIL CAPTAIN JESSUP ASSUMES THE RESPONSIBILITY PD TO DATE CMA HE HAS SENT NO RPT NO TRUCKS TO SIENA PD AM MOST ANXIOUS HE START THE HAUL IMMEDIATELY PD TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE PD)

8. On August 31, still being very much perturbed over the lack of supplies coming in, Col Mayne sent the following cable to Hq ACC for RC and MG Section and for ACC Food Sub-Commission:

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8/31/44

(FEEL IT VERY DESIRABLE THAT REPRESENTATIVE FOOD SUB-COMMISSION CONFER WITH US ON SUPPLY MATTERS FOR FORTH-COMING PHASE OF AMG OPERATIONS PD CAN COLONEL LEGG OR MAJOR IMRIE VISIT THIS HQ IN NEAR FUTURE PD FAILING THIS WILL ENDEAVOUR ARRANGE LT COL TOSCANI GO TO ROME)

9. Still "losing sleep" over the food situation the following memo was sent by me to the SCAO 5 Army, GENERAL HUME:

8/31/44

1. Recently Col Legg verbally told me that AAI was going to have PBS load supplies on ships for AMG Fifth Army to be unloaded at Piombino. Today Col Legg told me that again PBS has not accepted any ship loadings at Naples for us.

2. Our present supply situation is such that we have sufficient to see us through for about 20 days at the present rate of consumption.

3. It is requested that in view of the fact that we are responsible for feeding Florence and that most of our present stocks go there, that G4, 5th Army, be requested to immediately add 300 tons daily to his Army maintenance for AMG Fifth Army. Breakdown will be supplied by ACC if this is accepted by G4. Unloading to be at Piombino or Leghorn Ports.

10. General TATE, meanwhile, also sent a cable to PBS, AAI, and ACC as follows:

9/2/44

(STOCKS CIVILIAN FOOD SUPPLIES FIFTH ARMY AREA BECOMING CRITICAL PD DESIRE THAT YOU ARRANGE TO SHIP 3,000 TONS EACH TEN-DAY PERIOD TO PIOMBINO OR LEGHORN BEGINNING NEXT CONVOY PD ACC WILL FURNISH BREAKDOWN OF FOOD SUPPLIES TO BE SHIPPED PD REGULAR SHIPMENTS URGENT IN VIEW PROGRESS OF OPERATIONS PD CONFIRM SHIPMENTS WILL BE MADE)

11. PBS made the following reply to Five Army:

9/4/44

(UNDER EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON LOADING CARGO FOR NORTHERN PORTS EX DUKO CMA REURAD 878 DATED 3 SEPTEMBER PD PENBASE 26459 PD CITE BPTPN RPT BPTPN 2328 PD PENBASE TO FIVE ARMY FOR ACTION CMA TO ACC AND AAI FOR INFORMATION PD SHIPMENTS CANNOT RPT CANNOT BE MADE UNLESS ACC CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RAIL TONNAGE OR ~~SONOERS~~ ^{SONOERS} FOR WATER LIFT AS WELL AS TRUCK LIFT FROM FORWARD PORT TO DESTINATION)

12. To which G4, 5th Army sent to AAI, PBS and ACC:

(ATTENTION INVITED PBS MESSAGE 26459 AND OUR MESSAGE 8278 PD NEED FOR CIVILIAN SUPPLIES IN QUANTITIES REQUESTED OUR MESSAGE 8278 PD ADVISE ARRANGEMENTS MADE) 7/4/44

13. AAI then replied as follows to CG Fifth Army:

(REF FIFTH ARMY SIGNAL 3768 OF 5 SEP X AGREED AT RAIL PRIORITY MEETING TODAY PAREN FROM AAI CITE Q-1420 FOR ACTION TO FIFTH ARMY CMA PBS FOR INFO TO ACC PAREN THAT PBS WOULD ALLOT NECESSARY TONNAGE IN PERIOD 11 TO 17 SEP FOR MOVEMENT CIVILIAN SUPPLIES OUT OF THEIR TONNAGE ALLOTMENT X PBS REQUESTED BID FUTURE REQUIREMENTS CIVILIAN SUPPLIES BY RAIL TO MEET FIFTH ARMY REQUIREMENTS) 9/6/44

14. On September 5, in accordance with the reply received to paragraph above, Col Mayne and I proceeded to ACC Hq at Rome and had a meeting with Brig LUSH, Col Adams, Col Legg, and a few other officers. At this meeting the question was asked to Col Legg if he could fulfill the 300 tons per day asked for by AMG 5 Army thru G-4. He stated that he could not because the supplies he had received were only for the area up to the Pisa - Rimini line. He also stated that G-5, AFHQ had told him back in July that he was not to worry about Northern Italy as the supplies had been ordered and planned for delivery in late November 1944. He then went on to say that he would try to ship on rail (as PBS had accepted rail bids) as much up to 300 tons per day as he could but that no flour was available and any we did receive would only be a dribble.

15. When asked if the supplies were actually in Naples stockpiled he said no, that wheat was in Foggia and had to be railed to Naples, milled and then loaded. This then showed us that the request for a maintenance bid by us on Army G-4 was a useless gesture as the bottleneck was not in Naples as had been implied by paragraph 1, above.

16. Realizing the difficult position we now found ourselves in, I immediately issued the following directive in order to make our supplies last as long as possible:

1. Effective immediately, all communes coming under IV Corps excluding the City of Pisa will be issued 80 grams of flour per person per day and the bread ration for those 7/7/44

communes will be 100 grams.

2. The above order will be in effect until further notice.

3. Every effort will be made to get local mills running as the flour situation is extremely critical and only the minimum flour requirements will be ordered on the AMG Food Depots.

4. As soon as any commune can mill its own flour requirements, Corps or Provincial Officers may increase the ration to 160 grams of flour or 200 grams of bread.

17. It is also to be pointed out that the responsibility accepted by ACC Transportation Sub-Committee on August 27, has not yet been effective to date. On September 5, only 45 tons were lifted and that represents the only work done by them under the cable above referred to. This, therefore, represents the "loss" of 1300 tons lifted over a period of 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ days for us and is one which it is doubted can be overcome. Someone slipped up badly here and I'm afraid repercussions may occur from it.

18. It is evident that ACC realized the future position because the following directive was issued on July 23, 1944:

1. Owing to limited supplies and decreasing imports of sugar, meat, dried vegetables, and dehydrated soup,

a. The ration of sugar will be on the scale of 125 grams per capita per month until further notice.

b. The scale of issue of dried vegetables, meat or meat and vegetable stew, dehydrated soup and milk (to priority classes only as previously defined) will remain unaltered. These should only be issued, however, where the need for such items exists, e.g. in large urban areas. Distribution to rural areas at this season of the year should largely be unnecessary; it is left to the discretion of Regional Supply Officers as to what proportion of their territories should be issued with these commodities.

2. Allocations will be made giving consideration to demands submitted by Regions, which should be prepared in the light of the foregoing paragraph.

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19. It was also brought to their attention that heavy commitments were ahead when they agreed to the increase to 200 grams of bread in army area by the issuing of the two orders by AMG 5 and 8 Armies as follows:

7/9/44

1. By agreement with AMG 5th Army it has been arranged that the basic bread ration in 8th Army area shall be increased to 200 grams per person daily.

2. This decision is subject to your assurance that supplies upon the necessary scale will be available from ORVIETO and SIENA.

3. The figures given for FLOUR in the schedule to my OA/41 of 2 Jul 44 are accordingly INCREASED by 33% and will now total 165 tons per day.

4. The summary of Requirements should therefore read as follows:-

TONS per day	ORVIETO	CIVITA CASTELLANA(b)	SIENA (a)	CHIUSI/ASSISI (c)
	Immediately fr 10 Jul 44		As soon as PIOMBINO opens	As soon as Rhd comes forward.
Flour	136	29	136	-
Miscellaneous	82	20	82	40
TOTAL	218	49	218	40

Copy to OA/83

7/9/44

1. In agreement with SCAO Eight Army, and until further notice, the ration of bread, flour and biscuits in Region 8 will be as follows:

- Bread - 200 grams per person per day or, in lieu thereof.
- Flour - 160 grams per person per day.

2. This change in ration goes into effect at 0800 hrs, Tuesday, July 10, 1944.

3. In Communes newly occupied, where emergency issues of biscuits must be made, 120 grams of biscuits, type "C", will be issued in lieu of 1a or 1b above.

4. Reference AMG Fifth Army Supply Procedure folder, dated July 1, 1944, the following changes will be made,

a. Ration Scale and Price List of Imported Foods.

Serial	Commodity	Unit	Grams person per day	Amount for 1000 persons for 10 days
1	Bread	Kg.	200	-
2	Flour	Kg.	160	16 Quintals
4	Biscuits	Kg.	120	12 Quintals

For the Commanding General:

Frank E. Toscani
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
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ACC/Tn/GTR
Date 19 Sept. 44

SUBJECT : Truck Movements Piombino to Florence.

TO : Vice President Economic Section.

1. At a conference in Capt. Stone's office yesterday on the food situation in 5th Army AMG Area, Brig. Lush stated that he had been informed that the Transport Company of the Transportation Sub-Commission had delayed taking over the movement from AMG 5th Army of supplies from Piombino and that the first trucks had arrived Thursday 7 Sept. and were only 16 in number.

2. Further statement was made in a signal from 5th Army AMG that supplies in Piombino were exhausted.

3. I explained yesterday that there had been a delay in taking this over, however, this happened last week, when the Company continued for a few days on port clearance and the movement of the badly needed salt to rail head for Rome.

4. Lt. Col. Toscani was here a few days ago and I suggested that we take the supplies all into Florence as they were needed there rather than to continue hauling into Siena as this would save AMG 5th Army the haul from Siena to Florence also the additional handling. This was agreed.

5. The 16 trucks mentioned by Brig. Lush were therefore the first trucks to arrive in Florence, however, the Company had been hauling into Siena all week and to date a total of 500 tons have been hauled to Siena and Florence from Piombino.

6. The supply at Piombino is not exhausted as there remains a total of 656 tons. This move is continuing into Florence.

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D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C. E.
Tn. Sub-Comm., Director.

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CITE OUR 306. 1000 OF COMBAT PROVED INADEQUATE TO STOCK PILE AND DISTRIBUTE ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN FOOD AND MED RESOURCES IN PRESENT BATTLED AREA. POSITION IS AGGRAVATED BY CONTINUAL BREAKDOWN OF CLANG & VEHICLES. IN ORDER TO HANDLE SUPPLIES NOW BEING FORWARDED IT IS URGENTLY REQUESTED THAT AN ADDITIONAL COMPANY BE ASSIGNED TO AID FIVE ARMY. ACKNOWLEDGE

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Spoke Col Legg.

It is not being stamped. H. Adams, & Antelini are going up to 5 Army On 11 Sep to have it out with Semtman.

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9 of the G.S. who state that this is now responsibility of G. 4 5 Army who have been ordered to produce the trucks

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7 September 1944

SUBJECT: Emergency Supply Programmes for Territory North of Rimini-Pisa.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, through Economic Section.

Various conferences with you refer.

1. Predicated on information from AFHQ that no supplies have been phased into areas north of Rimini-Pisa prior to November. An emergency supply programme has been evolved.
2. First Phase: Immediate transfer of stocks from the Mainland and Sardinia and consequent emergency movement by rail or sea. In view of the urgency it will be necessary to have the immediate approval of AAI for movement as follows:

ITEM	TONNAGE	FROM	TO	METHOD	REMARKS
Flour	500	Lugano	5 Army	Railhead	
"	450	Civitavecchia	"	"	
"	250	Naples	"	"	
"	1000	Cagliari	Leghorn	Sea	(Subject to transfer from MMIA stocks)
Total	2200				
Miscell. foods.	1500	Naples	Leghorn	Rail or sea	
"	3700	Bridisi	5 Army	Railhead or Leghorn	
Total	5200				

Regular daily movement commencing approx. 15th of September:

ITEM	TONNAGE	FROM	TO	METHOD
Flour	100	Foggia	5 Army	Railhead
"	45 tons incr. 75	Torre Annunziata	"	"
"	200	Bari	"	"

This will provide an opening stockpile of 2200 tons of flour and 5200 tons of miscellaneous foodstuffs.

3. Second Phase: Plans are being made by G-5 AFHQ to ship the following tonnage ex Mideast or nearby stocks:

a. To East Coast:

10,000 tons of flour
1,000 " " sugar
300 " " milk

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b. To East Coast: 5,000 tons of flour
500 " " sugar
150 " " milk

This constitutes a provisional bid for Port acceptance for October. Firm date will be notified on receipt of information from AFHQ.

4. Third Phase: Commencing November, no firm date can be stated, normal supply programme will operate in accordance with shipments set up from outside the Mediterranean theatre.

5. AFHQ have agreed that commitment of 10,000 tons Italian wheat earmarked at Bari for Balkans is cancelled.

6. Provision for replacement of Mainland stocks for long term maintenance will be taken up with AFHQ.

W.J. Lee

W.J. Lee
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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REFERENCE FOOD SITUATION IN AREA NORTH OF RIMINI DASH PISA PD PARA ONE IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FROM YOUR OFFICE TO THE EFFECT THAT NO REPEAT NO FOOD HAS BEEN PHASED FOR CIVILIAN POPULATION NORTH OF RIMINI DASH PISA PRIOR TO NOVEMBER IT IS SUBMITTED THAT A MOST SERIOUS SITUATION IS ENVISIONED AND DRASTIC STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO COPE WITH IT PD PARA TWO PLANS AGREED WITH BUTTERWORTH SIX SEPTEMBER FOR EMERGENCY SHIPMENTS TO ARRIVE HERE OCTOBER WHEN EFFECTIVE WILL BE HELPFUL AS PARTIAL SOLUTION PD PARA TO AINO FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM ACC HIGHER STONE PAREN PARA THREE AS SUGGESTED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION STONE DASH SPOFFORD RECOMMEND/DIVERSION OF FOOD FROM OTHER STOCKS PD PARA FOUR IN VIEW OF THE PRIME MINISTER APOSTROPHE SUGAR VISIT TO ITALY AND HIS STATEMENT TO ITALIANS IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SACRED AUTHORIZE ARMY COMMANDERS TO PROVIDE MINIMUM SUBSISTENCE TO CIVIL POPULATION IN CASE OF URGENT NEED TO SUPPLEMENT AND SHIPMENTS PD PARA FIVE URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL FOOD AVAILABLE LOCALLY/NORTH OF THE PRESENT LINE/BE RESERVED FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CIVIL POPULATION PD ORDERS TO THE EFFECT THAT ALL CIVILIAN EATING PLACES ARE OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL TROOPS AND THAT SUPPLY AND MESS OFFICERS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO PURCHASE CIVILIAN FOOD SUPPLIES FOR ARMIES SHOULD BE ISSUED AND RIGIDLY ENFORCED PD PARA SIX SUGGEST THAT CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR BE INFORMED OF THE EFFECT OF DELAYED/SHIPMENTS

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IN ORDER THAT NO REPEAT NO PROMISES BE MADE OF OBVIOUS IMPORTS OF FOOD UNLESS
THEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY AND^{SO} THAT THE FULL FACTS MAY BE WELL
APPRECIATED.

AUTHENTICATED:

L. D. DICKSON
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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Present flour stocks in Florence will be exhausted by night of 8 September. By depleting Cecina depot we can give Florence flour for three days more. However this means we have no flour for other cities and towns in recently occupied areas.

Conditions in such towns are bad.

In Prato, population 60,000, for instance, there has been no food distribution since 22 August.

Arepoli and other places are likewise in serious plight.

Electricity for flour mills in Florence cannot be expected before 15 Sept. and possibly later.

Minimum of 150 tons flour per day is required by us and any failure in this amount will entail most serious consequences.

This flour must be sent us daily no matter from what source or what distance of haul, otherwise cannot answer for consequences.

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REPEAT MESSAGE DASH FIVE AFHQ FROM HQ AOC FROM CHIEF COMUSMACV TO BE SIGNED ATONCE
PARISH PD AS STATED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU YESTERDAY EVERYTHING
 POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS PD FOLLOWING PRESENT EMERGENCY
 CIVIL SUPPLY PROGRAMS FOR AND FIFTH ARMY PD NEW PARAGRAPH PD IMMEDIATE INVOICENT
 TO PORT OR RAILROAD AGREED AAI PD FIRST PHASE PD FIRST TWENTY DAYS CALL FORWARD
 ON PRESENT AGREEMENT AT RATE OF THREE ZERO ZERO TONS PER DAY COMMENCING ONE ONE
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 TONNAGE IN MIDWEST OR SEABAY STOCKS PD ABLE TO WEST COAST TEN THOUSAND TONS OF
FLOUR ONE THOUSAND TONS OF SUGAR THREE HUNDRED TONS OF SUGAR
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QUANTITY IS INFORMATION RELATIVE FIFTH ARMY DESIRE TO LIFT NOT EXCEEDED
FOUR ZERO ZERO TONS PER DAY CONSUME.

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L. B. DENMORE
Colonel, Sig C
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH TODAY'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROVISION OF FOOD WITH WHICH TO CONTINUE OUR NORMAL CIVILIAN FEEDING PROGRAM. OUR PRESENT STOCKS ~~SUFFICE FOR~~ ^{SUFFICE FOR} APPROXIMATELY 500,000 PEOPLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 8 TO TEN DAYS. UNLESS ADDITIONAL FOOD, PARTICULARLY FLOUR, IS MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NEXT 8 DAYS WE WILL FAIL TO FEED COMMUNITIES IN THE FUTURE AS FAST AS THEY ARE LIBERATED AND AS THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. MANY OF THE TOWNS ARE NOT SELF MAINTAINING AND STARVATION WILL STARE THEM IN THE FACE. THE MILITARY IMPLICATION OF THIS IS TREMENDOUS AND APPALLING. IT MAY EVEN BECOME NECESSARY TO EMPLOY COMBAT TROOPS TO MAINTAIN ORDER THEREBY STULTIFYING THE ENTIRE CONCEPT OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVT. THIS WOULD FORM A MOST DANGEROUS GROUND FOR ENEMY PROPAGANDA AND THEY WOULD AT ONCE REALIZE THAT THEIR DESTRUCTION OF FOOD STOCKS, MILLS, BAKERIES AND THE LIKE AS WELL AS TRANSPORT WOULD MAKE ALLIED MILITARY GOVT COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE IN THIS THEATRE. ALL THIS HAS A TREMENDOUS BEARING ON PLANS NOW BEING FORMULATED. WE MUST HAVE SOME DEFINITE ANSWER AS TO WHAT IS TO BE EXPECTED IN THE WAY OF FOOD IN ORDER THAT THE ARMY COMMANDER MAY BE FULLY ADVISED AS TO WHETHER MILITARY GOVT CAN OR CANNOT CARRY OUT THIS PHASE OF ITS COMMITMENTS.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
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4 September 1944.

Subject: Food and Medical Supplies Requirements for 11 SEP Recd
Excelsior Plan.

1. Following is an estimate of food and medical supplies required for the Excelsior Plan. Normally, flour is based on 70% of the population. POL is ordered in lieu of flour except for Genoa, Milan and Turin, on the assumption that the local mills may be in order and only require POL to grind locally grown wheat.

2. The following phase figures are a recapitulation of the attached sheets each one showing the populations and requirements of each phase:

	Misc. Items	Flour	POL	(all figures metric tons per day)
Phase 1	102	60	9	
Phase 2	276	-	39	
Phase 3	408	320	50	
Phase 4	190	120	20	
Total all phases.	976	500	109	or 1,585 metric tons per day.

3. 13 Medical CAD units (6 tons each) are required for the entire Excelsior Plan for one month.

4. The above figures are being discussed with AGO Food Sub-Commission on Sept. 5th 1944 to see what their ability will be to supply and may be modified downwards. If so, they will be revised and all recipients of these figures will be notified accordingly.

FRANK E. TOSCANI,
Lt. Colonel, P.A.,
Chief of Food Sub-Comm.,
AMG Fifth Army

SECRET**Confidential** ³¹1st Phase - Excelsior Plan.

Comprises Provinces of Bologna, Le Spezia and Modena.

Normal Population:-	Bologna	740,000
	Le Spezia	235,000
	Modena	485,000
	<u>Total</u>	<u>1,460,000</u>

Misc. Items	- 68 grams for all	- 102 M/T per days
Flour	- based on 160 gr. for 70% of pop.	- 168 M/T " "

Total tonage Phase I	- 270 M/T per days
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POL required in lieu of flour per day:	2,000 gal. Gasoline
	500 gal. Diesel Oil
	100 gal. Kerosene.

Requirements for Phase I.

Misc. Items	102 metric tons per day.
POL	9 " " " "
Flour (Bologna)	60 " " " "

<u>Total</u>	<u>180 metric tons per day.</u>
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2nd Phase - Excelsior Plan.

Comprises Provinces of Mantova, Verona, Parma, Brescia, Cremona, Piacenza, Bergamo, Sondria and Reggio Emilia.

Normal Population:-	Mantova	-	410,000
	Verona	-	600,000
	Parma	-	400,000
	Brescia	-	800,000
	Cremona	-	375,000
	Piacenza	-	300,000
	Bergamo	-	640,000
	Sondria	-	150,000
	Reggio Emilia	-	390,000

Total Population:

4,065,000

Misc Items for all (68 gr)	-	276 M/T per day.
Flour - based on 70% pop. at 160 gr.	-	454 " " "

Total tonnage Phase II	-	730 M/T per day.
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POL required in lieu of flour per day:-	6,000 gal. Gasoline.
	2,000 gal. Diesel Oil.
	300 gal. Kerosene.

Requirements Phase II.

Misc. Items	-	276 metric tons per day.
POL	-	30 " " " "

Total	306 metric tons per day.
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Comprises Provinces of Milan, Genova, Alessandria, Pavia, Novara, Vercelli, Varese and Como.

Normal Population:	Milan	-	2,375,000
	Genova	-	870,000
	Alessandria	-	500,000
	Pavia	-	500,000
	Novara	-	410,000
	Vercelli	-	370,000
	Varese	-	435,000
	Como	-	520,000

Total Pop.	-	5,980,000
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Misc. Items for all (68 gr)	-	408 tons per day.
Flour - based on 70% pop. at 160 gr.	-	672 " " "

Total tonnage Phase III		1,080 tons per day.
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POL required in lieu of flour per day:	7,000 gal. gasoline per day.
	3,000 " Diesel Oil " "
	500 " Kerosene " "

Requirements Phase III.

Misc. Items	-	408 metric tons per day.
POL	-	50 " " " "
Flour (Milan and Genova)	-	370 " " " "

Total	-	778 metric tons per day.
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SECRET4th Phase - Excelsior Plan.

Comprises Provinces of Turino, Aosta, Cuneo, Savona and Mondova.

Normal Population:	Turino	-	1,300,000
	Aosta	-	240,000
	Cuneo	-	610,000
	Savona	-	235,000
	Mondova.	-	400,000

Total Pop. - 2,785,000

Misc. Items for all (68 gr)	-	190 tons per day.
Flour - based on 70% pop. at 160 gr.	-	320 " " "

Total tonnage Phase IV - 510 " " "

POL required on lieu of flour per day:	3,000 gal.	Gasoline per day.
	1,000 "	Deisel Oil " "
	250 "	Kerosene " "

Requirements Phase IV.

Misc. Items	-	190 tons per day.
POL	-	20 " " "
Flour (Turino)	-	120 " " "

Total - 330 tons per day.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

3 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

11 SEP Recd

FOR : Chief of Staff

1. With the fall of Pisa and the imminent fall of Lucca and Pistoia, together with our commitments for Florence which were unforeseen in advance of our taking over, the situation with respect to food supply for civilians in the Fifth Army area is extremely critical. No feature of AMG is as important in the eyes of the Italians as the provision of food and any failure to provide food is tantamount to failure of AMG.

2. We have, at present, about ten days' food supply for Florence. This is based on the present population of the city and province but, as the Germans are pushed back, other communes will fall into our hands and will increase the population that must be fed from our Florentine supply.

3. In our Cecina depot, we have approximately ten days' supply of food for one-half a million people. This was set up for the purpose of feeding Pisa primarily and Lucca and Pistoia secondarily.

4. At present, there are no additions being made to these supply dumps so that in ten days time or even less, we will be without food and our whole program will go on the rocks unless something is done at once. The Allied Control Commission through the Food Sub-Commission indicate willingness and ability to turn over the necessary food to us provided it is called forward by the Army (G-4) and provided further that transportation is made available by PBS. We are now informed by PBS that they have sent in nothing forward by ship for more than two weeks but they are sending certain supplies by train as far as Grosseto. The haul from Grosseto by truck is a long one and AMG is without means to accomplish it. As it stands, we urge that a special ship for transporting food be called forward to Livorno if that port is ready to receive it, otherwise, that such special ship be sent into Piombino from which, with ~~the~~ limited transportation, we can move it to the various cities and other centers for distribution.

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5. Yesterday, the Italian truck company (1000 G.T. Company) with Italian drivers, reported to AMG for duty, replacing the 548 G.T., R.A.S.C. (British) Company. The ability of this company to deliver food will be taxed to the utmost and, indeed, as it was based on our work exclusive of Florence, it will be inadequate if it is expected to lift the food from Grosseto inland to points to the north. For supplying Florence alone, some sixty trucks are necessary out of a total of one hundred and twenty. Therefore, if it is not practicable to move the food north of Grosseto by boat, other transportation will be needed. It is thought that this will be almost impossible to arrange in view of the great difficulties experienced in obtaining the first company.

6. Lt. Col. Toscani, chief of the Economics and Supply Division of AMG, Fifth Army, has been asked to come to Rome within the next day or two, time to be selected by him, for a conference with the Food Sub-Commission who expressed themselves as being fully awake to the gravity of the situation with respect to the food needed for the civil population of the Fifth Army area. Colonel Toscani has had preliminary discussions already and believes that they will state at this conference that they will at once make the food available provided means can be found to transport it to our various dumps.

7. It is urged that as prompt action in this matter as is practicable be taken as the matter is of the utmost seriousness. Any adverse comment by the press on our food program would be most unfortunate at this time. I am asking Colonel Toscani to bring this memorandum in person in order that he may be available to answer any questions that may arise. I am also asking Colonel Toscani to see General Tate in this regard in order that when the matter comes to the attention of the Chief of Staff, all available information may be set forth.



EDGAR ERSKINE HUME
Brigadier General, GSC
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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REGION	PROVINCE	OBLIO-SAFETY OFFICERS	POPULATION	CC.RR. REQUESTED	DATE OF ARRIVAL
EMILIA IX	Piacenza		3,339,050	370	
	Parma			50	
	Reggio			50	
	Modena			100	
				170	
LOMBARDIE	Sondrio		6,171,704	1910	
	Como			30	
	Bergamo			80	
	Varese			100	
	Milano			150	
	Brescia			1120	
	Pavia			200	
	Mantua			80	
	Cremona			100	
				50	
LIGURIA	Imperia		1,466,915	1370	
	Savona			60	
	Genova			50	
	La Spezia			500	
				100	
PIEMONTE	Novara		3,620,312	660	1882
	Vercelli			100	
	Aosta			110	
	Torino			50	
	Asti			150	
	Cuneo			50	
	Allesandria			100	
				100	

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ALIC SAFETY OFFICERS	POPULATION	CO. REQ. REQUESTED	DATE OF ARRIVAL	REMARKS
	3,339,053	370 50 50 100 170		
	6,171,704	1910 50 30 100 150 1120 200 80 100 50		
	1,466,915	1370 60 50 500 100		
	3,620,312	660 100 110 50 150 50 100 100	1852	

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CABLE FROM G-4, FIFTH ARMY.

TO: P.B.S.

Copy to : A.A.I., A.C.C.

3 Sep 424

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Stocks civilian food supplies Fifth Army Area becoming critical. Desire you arrange to ship 3,000 tons each day period to Piombino and Livorno beginning next convoy. ACC will furnish breakdown to be shipped. Regular shipment urgent in view of progress of military operations. Confirm shipments will be made.

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HEADQUARTERS
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Daily Requirements of Allied Military Government, Fifth Army

Flour.

160 grams based on 70% of Normal Population.

<u>Livorno Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Pisa Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Lucca Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Pistoia Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Apuania Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
26.7 M/Tons	151000	39.2	245000	40.8	255000	24.0	150500	24.0	150000

Total Flour needs to be supplied from Livorno Port. 154 M/Tons daily.

Misc. Items 68 grams daily.

<u>Livorno Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Pisa Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Lucca Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Pistoia Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Apuania Prov.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
15.6	230000	23.3	350000	24.8	365000	14.6	215000	17.0	205000

Total Misc. Items - 95 tons daily.

Total Civilian food needs for the above provinces totals 250 tons daily from Livorno Port.

Daily Requirements of Allied Military Government, Fifth Army.

Flour.

160 grams based on 70% of Normal Population.

<u>Florence</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Sienna</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
72.5	625000	21.5	133500

Total Flour needs to be supplied from Sienna Depot - 94 tons.

Misc. Items. 63 grams daily.

<u>Florence</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Sienna</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
60.3	337000	18.7	275000

Total Misc. Needs - 79 tons.

Total Civilian food supply needs for the above 2 provinces totals 173 M/tons daily from Sienna Depot.

As the advance goes ahead, the total requirements necessary to come in from Leghorn Port is 425 tons daily.

- Daily Needs -	
150 tons flour	740
50 tons meat	57
The above until Sept 15th -	

15th of September mills
should turn out 110 tons
daily as Florence.

Program 4th Corp Area

Daily needs after Sept 15/78
210 tons flour
90 tons misc

The above based on taking
in north of Region 8 today
and that Lima, Peru, Port-au-Prince
Le Spizier and others will
use flour for some time.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
OUTGOING MESSAGE

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11 SEP Recd

REF NO: 8278 CLASSIFICATION: SECRET DATE: SEPTEMBER 1944

TIME DATE: 031649B PRECEDENCE: SEE ADDRESSEES

ORIGINATING SECTION: G-4

APPROVED:

RALEH H. TATE,
Brig. General, GSC.
A.C. of S, G-4

TO: PBS (ACTION) (OP)
AAI (INFO) (PRIORITY)
ACC (INFO) (PRIORITY)

Stocks Civilian food supplies Fifth Army area becoming critical. Desire that you arrange to ship 3,000 tons each ten day period to PIOMBINO or LEGHORN beginning next convoy. ACC will furnish breakdown of food supplies to be shipped. Regular shipments urgent in view progress of operations. Confirm shipments will be made.

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REF: 2639

ASS FIFTH ARMY

HQ ASD

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FOOD CASH-COMMERCIAL

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REFERENCE IS YOUR RIGHT TWO THREE EIGHT DATED THREE ONE AUGUST TO PARSE TO AND
FIFTEEN ADVISE FROM HQ ASS FARM AND BLENDED STONE PARSE ABOUT FIFTEEN COLORED LUGG
OR RAYON MORE USABLE TO VISIT YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO SUGGEST IF COLONEL
POGGANI VISIT THIS HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS SUPPLY MATTERS AS REQUESTED RE ADVISE
THE ARRIVAL

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COPY TO: R.C. & M.C. SECTION ✓

L. F. MONTAGU, JR.
1st LT ASD
ADJUTANT

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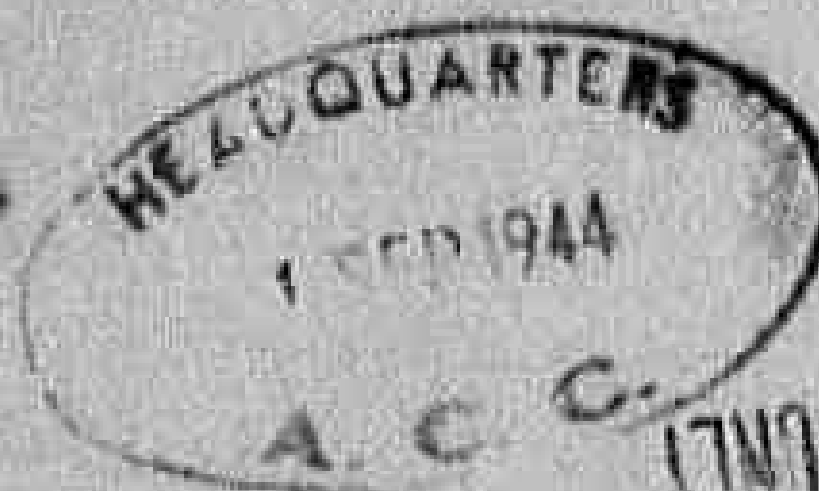
HA AGG FOR HC & HD SECTION

HA AGG FOR FOOD SUB COMMISSION

1 SEP 1944
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AND FIVE ARMY SHIPED HOME FOR
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PRIORITY

CITE: OCM 277

1700 NOV 1944 PM 1 SEP Recd

FEEL IT IS VERY DESIRABLE THAT REPRESENTATIVE FOOD SUB COMMISSION CENTER WITH
US ON SUPPLY MATTERS FOR PORTUGUESE PEOPLE OF AIG OPERATIONS. CAN COLONEL LING
ON MAJOR INSURE VISIT THIS HQ IN NEAR FUTURE. FAILING THIS WILL ENDEAVOUR ARRANGE
IF COLONEL TOSCANI GO TO HOME.

Dist

Art: Food 50 (2)

Inf: A/KC

Leon Sec

P.A. Br.

File

L. C. Shipp

Food 50c and Sep 11/17
L. Tosecani to come
L. Rome. 11/17

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HEADQUARTERS
AMC FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U. S. ARMY

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25th August 1944

SUBJECT: Food for Civilian Needs.

TO : G-4.

29 AUG Recd

1. The present position of the food supply for civilians is as follows:
 - a. There is a 10 day supply of food for the city of Florence at the Siena depot.
 - b. There is a 10 day supply of food at Cecina depot for 150,000 people.
 - c. There is approximately another 10-15 day supply of food at the Allied Control Commission depot at Piombino which we are transporting to the Siena depot for further use in Florence.
2. It is apparent that even before the tactical picture changes we will have to withdraw our transport from Piombino using it to stockpile in Florence for use further north. It is not yet agreed whether Allied Control Commission can handle the lift of 150 tons daily which we are now lifting from Piombino to Siena.
3. Allied Control Commission has sent us a cable stating that PBS will not accept any more out-loadings from Naples to Leghorn or Piombino (copy attached).
4. It is therefore requested that, if the present supply program is expected to proceed as at present scheduled, you arrange with PBS to load now for immediate unloading at Leghorn, as soon as operations allow, a minimum of 350 tons daily. If this is agreed to by all concerned, ACC Hq., will furnish the breakdown required.
5. It is pointed out that otherwise our present supplies will see us through 15 September 1944 at which time our stocks will be nil.
6. I feel that if we do not get the necessary shipping approved, it cannot be our responsibility if our supply program breaks down because obviously we are then not getting the desired support from the supply services concerned.
7. It is obvious that this matter is one of the greatest seriousness. AMC work centers around our responsibility for feeding the civil population in the Army Area.

Signed/ Edgar Erskine Ross
Brigadier General
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
AMC FIFTH ARMY

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Copy to: RCMG Section (Att: Brig Lush) ✓
Food Sub-Commission (Att: Col Legg)
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Att: Col Adams)

See 12 MA

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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AGC HQ FOR FOOD SO ACTION AGC HQ FOR TRANSPORTATION SO ACTION AGC HQ
FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER INFO 111/25

AGC 5 ARMY STORED HERE

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CITE OUR 261 HM

AT PRESENT OUR TRUCKS LIFTING AVERAGE 150 TONS CIVILIAN SUPPLIES
DAILY FROM PLOESSING TO SIENA. PRESENT SITUATION URGENTLY DEMANDS THAT
THESE TRUCKS BE WITHDRAWN FOR USE FORWARD. CABLE EARLIEST DATE YOU CAN
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY LIFTING TO SIENA. ABOVE TONNAGE WILL CONTINUE TO
BE REQUIRED UNTIL AGC DEPT ESTABLISHED AT LIVORNO. THREAT AS URGENT.
CITE OUR 261.

HEADQUARTERS

26 AUG 1944

A. C. C.

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have sent signal
accepting responsibility
for handling 150 tons
as per

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FROM..... ACC MAIN
TO..... AMB FIVE ARMY

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11 SEP Recd

Reference your 261. (To AMB 5 Army from ACC HQ from ADAMS). This Sub-commission forthwith accepts responsibility of total daily lift 150 tons civilian supplies from PIOMBINO to SIENA. Our Capt. JAMESOP in charge at PIOMBINO informed. Food Sub-Commission notified.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

INCOMING MESSAGE

11 SEP Recd

FROM: ACC MAIN PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY TIME DATE GROUP: 241703B
REF NO: NONE CLASSIFICATION: SECRET-CIPHER TIME DATE REC'D: 241942B

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TO: AMG FIVE ARMY

SUBJECT IS SUPPLIES FOR LEGHORN PD PAREN CITE ACC 2158 TO
AMG FIFTH ARMY FROM ACC MAIN FROM LEGG SIGNED STONE PAREN
NO OUTLOADINGS ACCEPTED BY PBS PD CAN YOU ARRANGE CALLING
FORWARD OF ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES BY YOUR GEORGE FOUR PD WILL
FURNISH INFORMATION REQUIRED WHEN LOADINGS HAVE BEEN
ARRANGED PD OUR SIGNAL 1960 OF 18TH AUGUST EXPLAINS
SITUATION

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

INCOMING MESSAGE

11 SEP Recd

FROM: ACC MAIN

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

TIME DATE GROUP: 190945B

REF No: 1960

CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED TIME DATE REC'D: 190050B

TO: AMG FIVE ARMY

TWO THOUSAND TONS MAINTENANCE ALLOTTED FOR PICOMBINO SLASH
LEGHORN FOR PERIOD NINETEEN TO TWENTY SEVEN AUGUST PBS NOW
STATE NO SHIPPING SPACE AVAILABLE AND REFUSE ANY UNLOADINGS
FROM NAPLES PD PAREN TO AMG FIFTH ARMY FROM ACC MAIN FROM
LEGG SIGNED STONE PAREN CANNOT HEREFOR SUPPLY YOU WITH FLOUR
CMA OLIVE OIL AS PROMISED PD SUGGEST YOU INFORM GEORGE FOUR OF
SITUATION

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C. H. Br

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80 JUN 1944

ROME AREA COMMAND FOR HQ ACC FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COM

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CITE/HOME

AME 5 ARMY

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JUN 29 1053

CITE OUR 101. OPENING OF PIOMBINO PORT AND PART EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS HAS UTILISED ALL AVAILABLE MOBILES AND REGION. CAN 100 CTR OF ROME RESERVE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS URGENT ARMY REQUIREMENT. THEY SHOULD REPORT GROSSETO TODAY.

ACC DIST

Accom - Public Safety (Rome)

Info - Dep CC

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30 JUN 1944

A. C. C.

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OF PRIORITY
CITE/NONE

AMB 5 ARMY
6401
JUN 29 1953

CITE OUR 101. OPENING OF PIOMBINO PORT AND PART EVACUATION OF
CIVILIANS HAS UTILISED ALL AVAILABLE MOBILE AND REGIONAL
CAN 100 CCH OF HOME RESERVE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS
URGENT ARMY REQUIREMENT. THEY SHOULD REPORT GROSSETO TODAY.

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30 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL 9528 OF 21 JUNE. PIONEERS CAPTURED YESTERDAY, /
PLEASE CONFIRM AGAIN AND PERSONNEL AVAILABLE BY TIME FIRST SHIPS
ARRIVE AND ADVISE ETA OF FIRST SHIPMENT

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Col Legg is dealing
and all is ok.
JL*

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JL 26/6

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26 JUN 1944
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REFERENCE OUR PREVIOUS SIGNAL FOR 26 JUNE. POMBINO EXPECTED TO BE OPEN 30 JUNE.

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PORT FACILITIES PROBABLE THAT PORT WILL BE BUS BEFORE SUPPLIES ARE LANDED. VIEW
FAST MOVING SITUATION STRONGLY ~~RECOMMEND~~ RECOMMEND THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE
VISIT BOTH ARMY AND AFTER COORDINATING PLANS WITH COLONEL MARVIN REPRESENTS BY
CABLE 6290.

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Telephone: 177

18 June 1944

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AMG 5th Army (Field)

See Army Cdr
D.R.B. WYNORS, Capt., Scots Guards.

HQ, ACC, for Food Sub-Commission ✓
Rpt to Executive Commission (Info) ✓

Edited Literal

VIEW INCREASING EXTENSION OF SUPPLY LINES CONSEQUENT AS
RAPID AND CONTINUING ADVANCE REQUIRE URGENTLY KNOW DATE
WE CAN DRAW FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM CIVITAVECCHIA
OR ROME CITY

DISTRIBUTION

Food Sub-Commission ✓
Executive Commission ✓
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HEADQUARTERS
 AM. FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
 APO 464 U.S. ARMY

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 30 MAY Recd

28th May 1944.

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SUBJECT: Food Depots.

TO : See Distribution.

1. The following changes will take effect this date:

- a. The Food Depot at Sessa Aurunca is closed.
- b. The Food Depot at Terracina (Map #170 Coordinates 641-801) on west side of Route 7 is open for issuing effective Monday, May 29th, 1944. 2nd Corps will send all requests for food for communes North of Fondi to this depot.
- c. The Food Depot at Gaeta (Map #171 coordinates 665-790) on east side of shore road next building to building occupied by N.O.I.C. Gaeta is open for issuing effective Monday, May 29th, 1944. Littoria Province communes South of Fondi, including that commune, and North of Seauri, including that commune, will draw from Gaeta Depot.
- d. The C.E.F. will continue to draw from the Minturno Depot.
- e. The Carinola Depot is now officially closed as a distribution center and will be used to furnish stocks to the above mentioned new depots. As no telephones can be installed in the new food depots, it is suggested that the S.C.A.O.s send their food requests direct to the food depot by motorcycle courier. Deliveries will be made as soon as practicable after receipt of request. C.E.F. may also draw supplies from the most convenient of the above depots.

For the Commanding General:

ASST May 1944
for
 E.B. WAYNE,
 Lt. Col., U.D.F.,
 Chief of Staff,
 A.M.G. Fifth Army.

DISTRIBUTION:

A.M.G. Region 3.	- 2
A.M.G. Region 4.	- 5
A.M.G. 8th Army	- 2
H.Q., A.C.C.	- 5
S.C.A.O. All Corps	- 40 each
E & S. 5 Army C.A.S.	- 10

*Ex Comm.**To See**30/5/44*

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HEADQUARTERS
 28 MAY 1944
 A.C.C.

This if comm should go
to the Food Controller. Has it done so.
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they have a copy. [unclear]

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5TH ARMY
Economics & Supply

20 February 1944

TO : C. G., AMG, 5th Army

SUBJECT: Supplies unloaded at Palermo

1. Under orders from DESTO, Naples, three (3) coasters moved to Palermo, on 12 February 1944, and one (1) on 17 February 1944.
2. Information that coasters were to unload at Palermo was received by this Division on 15 February 1944, at 1145 hours.
3. Two (2) officers and four (4) EM were flown to Palermo on 16 February 1944; one (1) EM went by boat 17 Feb. 44.
4. Report by Maj. R.E.H. Horn, in charge of Palermo detachment is attached.
5. His recommendation that the total supplies moved and unloaded at Palermo be transferred to E & S., ACC for use in Region I is approved.
6. It is further recommended that Major Horn be ordered to return to Palermo with one (1) additional officer and five (5) additional EM to take complete charge of the transfer; and to set up proper warehouse records for E & S., ACC, Region I, at present terribly understaffed and completely swamped.

KARL S. CATE
Major AUS
Econ & Supply, AMG 5th Army

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HEADQUARTERS
AUG 5th ARMY
Logistics & Supply.

TO: Major K.S. Cato, Dir. E & S Div., AUG 5th Army

FROM: Major R. E. Horn, AUG 5th Army

SUBJECT: Transfer of Supplies to Palermo

DATE: 19th February, 1944

1. On 15 February, at 1145 hours I was 'alerted' to proceed at once to Palermo on an emergency assignment connected with the unloading of four coasters diverted from Naples to Palermo containing AIF food destined for Region.

2. On 16 February, at 1500 hours, together with Capt. Stark and four OR I arrived at Palermo and at once made contact with Major Clayton, A/Chief of E & S, AOC Region 1, in the absence of Major Alexander.

3. Major Clayton informed me that three of the coasters - (a) Arsis, (b) Emilia Croce, and (c) Palagona, had arrived some days previously and had been unloaded, the supplies having been placed in warehouses.

4. I asked him if he had kept a tally of the supplies received. He informed me that he had not and was unable to do so for the following reasons:

- (a) Extreme shortage of staff.
- (b) The urgency for speed in discharging the cargoes as the ships were required for immediate operations.
- (c) Unloading, trucking and warehousing were done at night and many of the warehouses were without lights.
- (d) Four different warehouses had to be used simultaneously to expedite the clearing of the ships; these warehouses were not conveniently located and were scattered, thus making supervision difficult.
- (e) As many as six trucks were unloaded at the same time at some of the warehouses.
- (f) During the whole of this period supplies for Region 1 were also being handled.

5. I next proceeded to an inspection of the warehouses, intending to check the supplies in the warehouses. It was soon apparent that any check would be out of the question as in the darkness sacks of flour, pasta, sugar and grain were all mixed up and stacked together ceiling high. This was also true of the boxes of rations. Warehouses themselves were small and it is not possible to re-stack and check without taking all the supplies out into the open and starting afresh. In this connection it should be noted that rain is and has been falling on and off all the time.

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DATE: 19th February, 1944.

1. On 15 February, at 1145 hours I was 'alerted' to proceed at once to Palermo on an emergency assignment connected with the unloading of four coasters diverted from Naples to Palermo containing AMB food destined for Rome.

2. On 16 February, at 1800 hours, together with Capt. Stark and four OR I arrived at Palermo and at once made contact with Major Chayton, A/Chief of E & S, ACC Region 1, in the absence of Major Alexander.

3. Major Chayton informed me that three of the coasters - (a) Arca, (b) Zailita Croce, and (c) Pelagos, had arrived some days previously and had been unloaded, the supplies having been placed in warehouses.

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6. The condition of the supplies was as follows:

- (a) Sacks of goods - a number had been spoiled by exposure as they had been deck-loaded; many more had been split and the contents lost.
- (b) Packaged milk - some of the cans had been breached and the contents severely damaged by exposure to the weather.
- (c) Cartons of tinned milk - a very large proportion of the cartons were split and the time either lost, or loose and damaged.
- (d) Tinned tinned food - many boxes broken and contents lost or damaged. This type of supply arrived in much better condition than any of the other.

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7. I spoke to Col. Adanson, Director of Shipping I.B.S., who agreed on the condition of the supplies and stated that he had inspected the supplies whilst being unloaded and considered there had been a minimum loss of 20%. I consider this a fair estimate.

8. On the evening of 18 February, a fourth coaster, the "Salvador" arrived and started to unload at 1900 hours. There will undoubtedly be a similar lack of check, damage and loss of supplies for the reasons stated in para. 4 above.

9. I returned to Naples by air on the morning of the 19 February to report to Dir. E. & S., A/C, 5th Army.

10. It is my considered opinion, whole-heartedly supported by Col. Adanson, that the supplies still intact will not stand more than one more handling. Their present condition will not permit further loading and off-loading into ships.

11. In the interests of economy, both in material, labour and shipping, these supplies should be vouched over to AOC Region 1 and equivalent supplies be made available direct to Economics and Supply Division, AIG 5th Army.

12. Attached is an inventory of supplies loaded on to the four coasters.

NOTE: I was given to understand that the supply of powdered milk now held in Palermo is excessive and was not in demand by the local population.

R. C. Horn
Major.
D.C.I.I.

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HEADQUARTERS
AND 5TH ARMY
Economics & Supply

20 February 1944

TO : Major K. S. Cato

SUBJECT: Cargoes of the ARISIA, RIZILDA-CROCE, PELAGOSA, AND
SALVORE

1. The manifest for the Salvore dated 7 January 1944 listed a cargo of 1100.7 tons.
2. On 18 January 1944 letter from Major Smallwood reported a cargo of 669 tons on the Croce.
3. On 18 January 1944 letter from Major Smallwood reported a cargo of 499 tons on the Arisia.
4. On 13 January 1944 letter from Major Smallwood reported a cargo of 673 tons on the Pelagosa. Loading slips in the 397th Port Battalion office show additional loadings of 237.368 tons. Total 910 tons.
5. Attached list shows that above named coasters were loaded with 3178.7 tons.

WALTER M. JACKSON
Captain, AUS

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HEADQUARTERS
AMX 5TH ARMY
Economics & Supply

20 February 1944

	Ezilda-Groce	Palagosa	Arula	Salvora	Total
Flour	222				
Milk	176		284	465	971
M & V Stew	185		117		293
Pasta	86	526		121.2	832.2
Soup					86
Misc.		237		73.5	310.5
B & C Rations		147	98		245
C-Boof				21.4	21.4
Pro. Butter				163	163
V - Sausage				115.5	115.5
Pro. Cheese				9.2	9.2
Sardines				4.5	4.5
Herrings				56.9	56.9
Chili con Carne				.5	.5
				70	70
TOTAL	669	910	499	1100.7	3178.7

DISTRIBUTION:

- (9) AEG 5th Army
(2) CO
(1) Lt Col Shipp
(6) Director E & S
- (2) AFHQ Advance Administrative Echelon
(1) Brigadier Fellows - Movements
(1) Captain Trevor - DSTO Italy
- (4) HQ ACC
(1) Brigadier Lush
(1) Chief Accountant
(1) Director Industry & Commerce
(1) Chief Food Sub-Commission
- (3) AEG Region 4
(1) RCAF
(1) Director E & S
(1) Director Finance
- (3) AEG Region I
(1) RCAF
(1) Director E & S
(1) Director Finance
- (1) Transportation INS
(Col. Adanson)

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DISTRIBUTION:

- (9) AMB 5th Army
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 - (1) RGAO
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 - (1) Director Finance
- (1) Transportation IRS
(Col. Adamson)

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Headquarters: A.M.G., 5th ARMY.
NAPLES.

To: All Officers Concerned.
From: Dir. Econ. & Sup., AMG, 5th Army.
Subject: Civilian Supplies.
Date: 16 Feb. 1944.

1. Following Ships have been ordered to Palermo, where they are to be unloaded by order of the DSTO, Naples:
S.S. Emilia Croce
Pelagosa
Arsia
Salvora
Other ships may follow.
2. All Civilian Supplies aboard these ships are the property of AMG, and are consigned to this Division, for later use in an important operation.
3. Major R.E.H. Horn, of this Division is hereby authorized and instructed to proceed at once to Palermo, to arrange for the delivery of, proper receipt and checking of the Supplies ashore, their delivery to proper warehouses or dumps, where they will be placed under guard, inventoried and kept at the disposition of this Division.
4. All Officers of Services interested in these important operations are earnestly requested to lend their aid and assistance to Major Horn in the accomplishment of this assignment.

By command of Brigadier General HUME.

Copies:

- 1) DSTO, Naples.
- 1) Col. Fisk, AGC.
- 1) Maj. Derham, 5th Army, AMG.
- 1) AMG, 5th Army File.

Karl S. Cate
Karl S. Cate
Major, AUG 263
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