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SUPPLIES FOR YUGOSLAVIA
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13 Queens Gate,
London, S.W.7.

29th. December, 1944

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Dear Brigadier Lush,

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Thank you very much for your letter of the 1st. December in regard to supplies for the Yugo-Slavs. I appreciated your reply more than I can say. Since I wrote my appeal I have heard that indirectly that the Higher Command in Italy have been most helpful and asked for sipping space. Meanwhile supplies have continued to come in from all over the country and it is hoped that these voluntary gifts will be able to reach the Yugo-Slavs for their women and children before long. Before Richard Law went away to America - managed to see him, and he was most interested to hear about the Camps in Italy and the great need of the Italians, as well as that of the Yugos. He was also most helpful and encouraging. I have myself been speaking appeals in large factories, and the response was overwhelming. There seems no doubt that people here are ready to help the more unfortunate in any practical way that they can, and to feel there is something that they can all do or give to help. Madge Angus and I are also writing secretly about refugees, and finding great delight in handing the bouquets to the military doing the job and not always getting the credit while conferences are being held and lengthy speeches without action.

When one has made an appeal to someone who is very busy it is rather moving to have received a quick reply, and to find that something has been done.

Thank you very much indeed

Yours sincerely,
Anne Ducie

Brigadier Lush,
Headquarters Allied Commission
Office of the Chief of Staff
G. M. F.

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BY ORDINARY MAIL.



Brigadier Lush

Headquarters Allied Commission

Office of the Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. R-12-B

18 December 1944

20 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Relief Supplies for Yugoslavia

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Ref your 4812/4/COS of 6 Dec 1944 and Miss Anne Dacie's letter.

71 tons of the Canadian Red Cross gift clothing have already been offered by War Office and accepted by AFHQ. Arrival is still awaited. As a result of Miss Anne Dacie's letter a follow-up cable has been sent requesting early advice as to when shipment can be expected and inviting investigation into any clothing etc., subsequently collected. On receipt of details these additional stores will be called forward.

Miss Dacie's letter is being retained here as no request was made to return it. It will, of course, be returned if Brigadier Lush so desires.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. E. Butterworth
J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, G.S.C.

Chief, Economics & Supply Division

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19 DEC 1944

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Tel. 489081 Ext. 289

6 December 1944

Ref. 4812/4/008

SUBJECT: Relief Supplies for Yugoslavia.

TO : AFHQ G-5.

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Attached air letter dated 21 Nov 44 received by
Brigadier Lush from Miss Anne Dacic is passed to you for
action as you may consider necessary.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF,
C. M. F.

1st December, 1944.

Thank you for your letter of 21st November on the subject of supplies for Yugoslav Refugee Camps. I am, of course, in full sympathy with any effort to help these unfortunate people, but I myself cannot directly deal with the matter beyond forwarding your letter to the authorities concerned with a strong recommendation that something is done to help - and quickly.

M. B. HUGH

Miss Anne Dacie,
130, Queen's Gate,
LONDON, S.W. 7.

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130 Queen's Gate, S.W.7. **4B**

21st November, 1944

Dear Sir,

As I travelled home from Italy with a great friend of yours, Mrs. Angus, I am venturing to address this appeal to you on behalf of the Yugoslavs.

I was out in Italy since January, working in the camps for Yugoslavs, and therefore know the real picture of the terrible suffering and privation among the women and children in Yugoslavia. This is intensified now their resources are completely exhausted. I know for myself that many of them have no clothing whatsoever and that the condition of the children is pitiful. This is confirmed by all official reports from Yugoslavia where it is now a matter of life and death. Thousands have little hope of surviving another winter.

We have now in England 780 wooden cases (13 cubic feet capacity) ready for shipment. These contain men's women's and children's winter clothing and bedding given by the Canadian Red Cross. If not sent to Yugoslavia soon, the Canadians will feel it useless to send further help. Otherwise they are eager and ready to send all they can. Also in England supplies of secondhand clothing are now pouring in from individual sources; particularly are the school children eagerly saving up and collecting to send help to the children in Yugoslavia. But again, unless shipment is provided quickly, these gifts will never reach those for whom they are intended until too late. If supplies can be shipped to Bari, the Yugoslav Red Cross will arrange the rest of the transport to Yugoslavia. The Committee responsible here (under the Chairmanship of Professor Seton Watson) are entirely satisfied that the distribution will be made according to need.

It is understood that a request for shipping space from the Military in the Middle East would not be refused here; is it possible that the Military Authorities in Italy could be asked to act in this matter? As you will understand, it is essential to send help quickly, not only for the sake of helping these women and children but also for the sake of our own prestige.

Feeling in this matter is growing stronger every day. Up to the present NO official supplies whatsoever have been sent in for civilian use in Yugoslavia. As transport allowed.

At the moment I am helping the Yugoslavs all I can here, but am hoping that it may later be possible to link up in Relief work, in some way, with Mrs. Angus.

Hoping that you may be able to help in this matter of the shipping space,

I am

Yours truly, **5353**

/s/ Anne Dacie

C/o the Yugoslavia Emergency Committee,
5 Kensington Court Gardens,
London, W.8

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

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Food for Balantian Islands.

3 Nov 44

DOOS, Economic Section

1. Reference your AOC/90-6/FOOD of 2 Nov 44 in reply to our 4502/15/008 of 28 Oct 44.
2. The Chief of Staff agrees with your views. Would you therefore please take action accordingly.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Economic Section

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2 November 1944

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Tel: 761

ACC/90-6/FOOD

SUBJECT: Food for Dalmation Islands

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Reference your 4802/15/COS dated 28 Oct 44.

2. As you are aware, representation have been made to G-5, AFHQ that the continued supply of the Dalmation Islands represents a strain upon A.C. resources that is dangerous at the moment. The matter is still sub judice, but G-5 have already expressed verbally ~~the~~ agreement with our submissions and has further indicated that the original commitment imposed upon A.C. to supply through March 1944 has been over-generously interpreted by this HQ to mean continuance of this commitment to date, although this was not expressly stated in the beginning.

3. It is considered therefore that the issue should not be prejudiced by further supplies being sent, particularly as non-arrival of expected grain ship has already endangered the general flour situation in Apulia.

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A.C. ANTONI
Acting Deputy
Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref: 1802/15/008

Tel: 300

SUBJECT: Food for Dalmation Islands,

28 October 1944.

TO : Economic Section.
Attention: Col. Denamore.

1. Reference our conversation, attached is letter handed to me by Lt. Col. Henderson of "M" Military Mission. This officer had an interview with Chief of Staff yesterday at which he urgently requested that the quantities in para. 3 of this letter should be made available to him as soon as possible. This was urgently required because their own arrangements had not been satisfactory. I believe your Section has full particulars of the matter. An early delivery of these quantities which had been withheld by us for this month was pressed for.

2. The Chief of Staff agreed for political reasons that this quantity of approximately 500 tons should be made available by you, if possible and without prejudice to the future. He also agreed to wire G-5 AFHQ saying that he was willing to make this release owing to political reasons, but that he would like this quantity and all previous quantities issued for Dalmation Islands since January 1944 to be repaid from BALKAN stockpiles.

3. Would you please therefore :

- (a) Arrange for these quantities to be made available at the earliest moment.
- (b) Submit a draft telegram for the Chief of Staff to send to G-5 on the above lines.

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Office, Chief of Staff.

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