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GARRISON, SARDINIA
SEPT. 1944 - FEB. 1945

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Phoned Trans. S.C. ref folio 53. Received no reply to date.
Following up.

12 Jan 45.

J.C. RIVELY
Major.

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TO: C.S.O.

To see folio 56 stating number of trucks turned over to date.

Also see folio 54 on another subject for info.

25 Jan 45.
Office, Chief of Staff,
Ext. 432.

J.C. RIVELY
Major.

58
Major's Rivity.

P. [illegible]

5. 26/1

59.

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J.C.B. 6/2

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Major's Rivity.

Let in touch with R.C.

Suggest he sees hand

Finer He be his truck.

25 Jan 45.
Office, Chief of Staff,
Ext. 451.

58
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M. (Sten up).

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Maj's Rividy.

Ref in March with R.C. "

Suggest he see hand

Finer He is his friends.

h 7/2.

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64.
C SO: see folio 61 for situation on transport and other matters of Sardinia. JCB 8/2

This appearing to have been first a useful meeting
And was ^{ably} arranged by Maj's Rividy, 1197

Ref 4. De Leon stated our views as a Com. Staff.
as far as I know the numbers have not be reduced
below R.C. minimum (not R.C.) figure. De should
leave the matter as it is.

178/10/2

col. Korr is informed
JCB 13/2

30
 Col Staff: Please note file 30. File 16 Nov.

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COS / To See 30.

Ed 16/11

VK 17/11

43.

TO: Econ Sec.

1. Subject is Allied Garrison Comd. - SARONIA. See page 42, paras 1 and 3 (AFHQ memo HED/450 of 9 Dec 44).
2. The COS directs that your Section in concurrence with MMIA take action as required in para 3 of AFHQ memo.
3. Reference is made to Appendix B (at folio 40). You are requested to minute file in return advising what action has been taken to provide transportation requested.
4. Please return file to Office of COS by 1600 hours 14 Dec.

12 Dec 44

For. C. Pively, Major

To: Office of Chief of Staff.
 44.

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Chief

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3. You will be informed of the Reg.Com's reply. Any further action by Econ. Section is being deferred pending replies to these two cables.

Econ. Sec.
Tel. 558.
15 Dec. 44.

45

CSO: to see p. 43 and 44 which show action being taken re: folio 40. 17/12

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Very kindly.

Ref above: This is only an interim reply. Please wait with 1135 let me know the result early.

17/12

cin action done

PAGE

MINUTE SHEET No. 10.

DATE

Oct. 28.

CA Section

17

1. Contact made by phone with H. Minter (Mr. Haden) Italian Officer, L.G.S.C. — H.E. Berruti, Chief of Cabinet (ref. num. 15).
 2. Berruti was asked to state how many troops the Ministry considered necessary to retain in Sardinia for purposes of ~~the~~ internal security.
 3. He telephoned later to say the Ministry considered 5,000 Italian troops enough. The High Commissioner was understood to agree with him.
- By Franklin, Capt
for Director, L.G.S.C.

COS
18.
Please 16 and 17

CAS
23 OCT. 1944

Col.

Your minute of 15. Please see 20 opposite and minute from P15 and minute of 16 and 17. I will send reply by 12 or at A opposite if you agree.

21

31/10

But is it not a fact that the Calabre Division is the only Division in Sardinia?

W. C. H.

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the meeting did not agree with him.
 Cf. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 for Director, HQ SAC.

COS R.
 Please 16 and 17

CAS
 29 OCT 1944

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Cot.

Your minute of 15. Please see 20 opposite and
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31/10

But is it a fact that the Calabria

Division is the only Division in Sardinia?

178/21/2

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C.O.S.

Reference your 21.

Per Order of Battle of the Italian Army issued by Hq MAFIA,
 27 Oct. the Calabria Division totalled 5,784 officers and men out of
 a grand total of 24,324 Italian troops in Sardinia as of 22 October.

Col. Staff.

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To please note #24. Enclosed as our cable to AFHQ (#23)
 covers the main points of this letter, I see no reason
 for further action at this time. CA Section has copy. PHS, Nov

26.

Atcol.

Pl see 25 and 24. I agree no action is required,
 in view of last para.

8/11 - no action. 7

pg. 2

11. 8/11.

COS

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Ref minutes 3 and 4, Major Stearns has put up a very good minute at 7 and I will take action as at X on 7 (as obtained for A/CC for Sicily today) if you have no objections.

(Col Shipp)
23/10/4

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1. I approve action as at X on 7. A good minute.
2. We should write to AFHQ and refer to p1 and p 2 explaining that
 - (a) No reply has been sent
 - (b) No change in procedure has apparently been adopted
 - (c) The reduction mentioned in para 4 of p 6 has not been remedied.

Telegram & letter to issue

(Brig Luch)
24/10/4

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See file 8255

Italian Garrison Sicily

(Col Shipp)
25/10

14COS

Please see folio #12 & 13

LWS
27/10

Seen 8/27/4

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JLOS cAs.

Please consult (1) P.G. Softly (2) 9th Cav. (3)

R.C. Sand.

(Have any indications of Res Vais)

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See File 8256

Italian Garrison Sicily

(Col. Shipp)
25/10

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COS

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LWS
27/10

See R 27/10

Jeos CAS.

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Please consult (1) P. 6 Soft; (2) 9th Gr. (3)

R.S. Said.

(How we are in decisions of Res Vais)

Then send interim reply to Naples. Try to
get firm reply off by Monday

13/27/4

(7.10.4)

16.

(None)

have not required for police purposes - suggested Army
Sub. Commission is in a better position to advise on this matter

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Ally. J. 80.44.

TO: Major Stearns.

1. Col. Simmons is over here from Sardinia. There are three points to be cleared in connection with his visit:

1. Would you please check with Civil Affairs Section what letters have been written about a reduction of the garrison in Sardinia. Regional Commissioner of Sardinia considers that one security division (5,000 men) is the minimum required for internal security.

2. There are at present a large number of military vehicles in Sardinia waiting to be transported to the mainland. Army S C are willing to transfer some of these vehicles to the Regional Commissioners for the use of Italian civilians in the Island. The High Commissioner has written to Regional Commissioner on this point. Will you please take up with War Material Disposal Sub Commission the technical details of how the transfer from Italian Army through Regional Commissioner to High Commissioner should be affected.

3. There are some 300 prisoners in a civil jail in a small island off the northwest corner of Sardinia, who have finished their sentences long since but have not been able to be returned to their homes on the mainland. Army S.C. is now willing to send them in a ship to Naples in the next 10 days. Will you please contact Public Safety Sub Commission to see that all arrangements for their reception and disposal are made by Southern Region. *necessary.*

13th October, 1944

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

W. J. Stearns

Attached correspondence is relative and may be useful. Col. K. here is in this picture.

Major Stearns.

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To the Chief of Staff.

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#4

Major Stearns.

1. Will You please find out from Army S.C. how many Italian troops they intend to leave in SARDINIA, in view of the letters we have written to AFHQ about the Garrison of Sicily.

2. COS thinks the minimum required is 2 Bns of an Internal Security Div.

23 Oct 44.

C.S.O.,
Office, C. of S.

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MEETING ON SARDINIA GARRISON AND TRANSPORTATION

Held on Thursday, 8 February 1945, at 1600 hrs

in Colonel Kerr's office with following present:-

1. Colonel J.A.C. Pennycook, DG and GC, Sardinia.
2. Colonel G.P. Kerr, OCS, Land Forces Sub-Comm. (MIA)
3. Colonel Simmons, L.O., Sardinia, MIA.
4. Colonel Carnes, Transportation Sub-Comm.
5. Major Stait-Gardner, Transportation Sub-Comm. (Movements).
6. Major J.C. Evely, Office of OCS.

Matters discussed were as follows:-

1. The transaction of 100 "running" trucks from Italian Army to Italian Government will be expedited by Col. Simmons as approved by AFHQ earlier to transfer to AG there.

2. The NC can inform Sardinian High Commissioner that he should ask for temporary use of Army trucks in emergencies such as unloading ships at Cagliari, etc.

3. The matter of de-requisitioning of the Fiat plant at Sassari will be investigated by Cols. Simmons and Pennycook.

4. Col. Pennycook emphasized that more troops are needed besides the 3,000 Carabinieri to maintain law and order throughout the Island.

5. Industry Sub-Comm. (For Mining Div.) should appeal to AFHQ to authorize more trucks for use in Carbonia, etc. to haul miners food supplies, etc.

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7. The PC stated that his Region could effect its move to mainland much easier in shuttles so coordinated with MIA water transport, if the movement orders were flexible to this extent that they so state: on first available transport after 1 March, ~~as arranged~~.

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Col. Pennycook thanked all for their cooperation and assistance.

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Meeting adjourned 1720 hrs.

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JCP:ind
Major.

see 1192 to 664

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EQ ALLIED COMMISSION ROMA

IN CLEAR

Para 1. Release to ALOPA by MATA 100 trucks is subject.

Para 2. 27 trucks received to date from MATA

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AG/IN/GRS

6 January 1945

JAN - 9 1945

My dear Prime Minister:

I received your letter of 1 January and have had inquiry made into the working arrangements at Cagliari.

With regard first to the vehicles operating at the port, it is true that most of them had to be transferred to the mainland to meet operational requirements. To offset this loss, it has been agreed to release one hundred military vehicles for the port. These will be taken over at the rate of forty a month, after being overhauled at Italian military workshops.

In the meantime, a temporary arrangement has been made between the Port Commander and the High Commissioner; five vehicles are being allocated for the permanent use of the port and when any big ship arrives, additional vehicles up to about forty can be obtained on giving twelve hours' notice to the High Commissioner.

The cranes and other movable equipment which have been taken away were also required for the discharge of military cargoes on the mainland; but it is emphasized that what has been removed is mobile equipment brought there by the Allies in the first instance, and not the permanent equipment of the port. For the present it is difficult to allocate such mobile equipment to Cagliari, but you may be assured that the requirements of the port will not be overlooked in the general plans for developing the transportation system of the country.

Yours very truly,

1/3/Elley W. Stone

ELLEY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, RNVR,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA

JAN - 9 1945

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PRIORITY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ PD

PARA ONE PD MESSAGE TO ALCON BY MRIA OF ONE LRG HAND TRUCKS
IS SUBJECT PD

PARA TWO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA FROM ALCON FARM

PARA TWO PD STATE NUMBER OF TRUCKS RECEIVED TO DATE FROM MRIA PD

File 56

Reply Cable (348) states 27 trucks rec'd. to date.

JCB 17/1

see Minute 55

Copy To: Co S.

TRANSMISSION 8/8/

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NICHOLAS PIGLI
CWO U.S.A.
Asst Agent

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Tel. 558

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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CWA/10

Ref. 6.04/ES

2 January 45

JAN - 7 1945

SUBJECT: Transportation - Port of Cagliari.

TO: Regional Commissioner
Sardinia Region.

1. Reference your Signal No. 277, dated 26 Dec. 1944, and previous correspondence on this matter.

2. Land Forces AC, (MMIA) were asked, in view of the fact that the vehicles being handed over were required for civilian use other than for port duties, whether they could release a further 50 vehicles.

3. A copy of their reply is attached, your comments on which will be appreciated as soon as possible.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

L.D.
L.D. LENSEMORE
Colonel, P.A.
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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Ct Chief of Staff
Transportation S/C

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Subject: Transportation - Port of Cagliari

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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/5
26 December 1944

To : Economic Section, Allied Commission

M/R Cus

Reference your letter of 21 Dec 44, above subject.
(Evidently your file 6.04/ES)

1. A large number of Italian Army motor vehicles were found to be in Sardinia. These vehicles have been and are being repaired for the use of the Italian Army and transfer to the mainland. None of the vehicles considered economically repairable for transfer to the mainland can be given to the Regional Commissioner, Sardinia for civilian work, inasmuch as the Italian Army does not now have sufficient vehicles to meet its commitments as demanded by the Allies.
2. The Regional Commissioner, Sardinia requested 80 trucks for port work. This request is shown in Annex B to AFHQ letter HSD/460 of 9 December. MMIA had previously authorized the transfer of 100 trucks from the Italian Army pool in Sardinia to the Regional Commissioner. These trucks are not considered economically repairable for Italian Army use. However, since the Italian Army shop is to remain in Sardinia longer than anticipated, we are processing these 100 vehicles through the Italian Army shop before delivery to the Regional Commissioner. It appears that only 13 of the repaired vehicles have been delivered and an estimated rate of hand-over of 40 per month in the future. We will be glad to deliver all unrepaired vehicles at once if he so desires, so that the Regional Commissioner can repair them in his own shops. It must be understood that our shops must process Army vehicles destined for the mainland in order to maintain our shipping priorities.
3. Shipments by the Italian Army through the Port of Cagliari are handled in Italian Army Trucks organically assigned to the Italian Army in Sardinia.
4. We have also loaned some trucks to the OC 63d Staging Wing in Sardinia as requested by the Regional Commissioner. We now find that the Italian Air Force in Sardinia itself has more than sufficient trucks for this purpose, and we are taking steps to get the Air Corps to meet their own commitments.

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5. It is possible that some hundreds of Italian Army vehicles will be turned over to the Regional Commissioner in Sardinia when the Italian Army work shop goes to the mainland. These vehicles will be available for civilian use, but must be repaired in civilian work shop.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Lend Forces
Sub-Commission, AC (MMIA)

CPK/lak

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

22469/10473/8/3

Rome, 1 January 1945

JAN - 3 1945

Dear Admiral,

According to the agreements which took place between the High Commissioner for Sardinia and the Allied Authorities, on November 15th, the administration of the Cagliari harbour has been given back to the Italian administration and assumed by the Comando Marine.

Nevertheless, the main services, such as loading and unloading of wares, supplying of the ships, maintenance, repairs, and salvages meet with great obstacles because of the lack of mechanical means. It seems that, when they handed over the administration of the harbour, the Allies transferred somewhere else all vehicles, cranes, and other movable equipment for loading and unloading.

Considering this, the High Commissioner, - not knowing how to provide for the requirements of the traffic of the harbour - pointed out that it was most necessary the Allies should consent to leave in the island at least hundred of the two thousand Italian military trucks which they meant to transfer on the continent.

I will be most grateful, my dear Admiral, if you will consider this with your usual kind comprehension for civilian requirements, and do what you can for the proposal of the High Commissioner to be granted.

I remain,

Truly yours,

B. I. General

Admiral Hilary W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
R O N E

B.C.

AC Dicta

ACTION: Evon Lee (2)

TP8 Ship Comm

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Pa. 8571

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

Ref. 8258/48/COS.

3 January 1945

SUBJECT: Allied Garrison Command - Sardinia.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference is made to an AFHQ memo HSD/460 of 9 Dec which was minuted to your Section 12 Dec with instructions to see that steps were taken to induce a more co-operative attitude with MIA and AC on the part of Italian Army authorities regarding availability of motor transport for port use Cagliari. H2

2. Your reply by minute of 15 Dec stated that this had been discussed with Transportation S/C and MIA; - 2 cables were sent to Sardinia as regards turn over of some 100 vehicles for civilian use there and you would inform this Office further pending replies to cable. H4

3. This Office desires information on present status of motor transportation serving the port of Cagliari, civilian and military, and whether or not the MIA instruction in AQ/5 dated 12 Nov, referred to in your minute, was carried out.

*Problems:
What is present situation?*

JCK
4 Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

BU 5/1/45

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HEADQUARTERS

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS:

UNITED STATES ARMY

APO 512

AP 3 RHP/mlm

AUTH: CG MTCUS

Initials: *RT*

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AG 370.43/198 D-0

27 December 1944

SUBJECT: Closing of United States Army Installations in Sardinia.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO, APO 650
 Commanding General, North African Division, ATC (1250th AAF Base Unit)
 APO 396

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 27 October 1944 is amended as follows:

- a. Delete "Commander, Eighth Fleet (USN)" as an addressee.
- b. Paragraph 4 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:
 "4. Hospitalization and Evacuation.

a. It is desired that the Commander, Eighth Fleet (USN), be responsible on Maddalena for hospitalization of all personnel for whose hospitalization the United States is normally responsible. Such personnel as cannot be hospitalized in facilities available to the Commander, Eighth Fleet (USN) will be evacuated to hospitals in Italy or Corsica. When evacuation cannot be accomplished with facilities available to the Commander, Eighth Fleet (USN), request for evacuation will be made to this headquarters.

b. United States Army personnel in Sardinia, other than on Maddalena, who require medical care not available locally will be evacuated by the local commander concerned to hospitals in Italy. Direct arrangements with ATC authorities in Sardinia for such evacuation are authorized".

- c. Paragraph 6 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"6. Shipment to the United States Navy of items of supply common to the Army and the Navy, from sources outside of Sardinia, will be by ship, and delivery will be accomplished by this headquarters, FOB dockside, Maddalena".

- d. Paragraph 7 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"7. The United States Navy will be responsible for the reception of such supplies for the Navy and for United States Army personnel on Maddalena, at dockside, and for the proper distribution thereof."

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Ltr, MTOUSA, AG 370.43/198 D-0
27 December 1944 (Cont'd)

c. Paragraph 9 is added as follows:

"9. The above arrangements have the concurrence of the Commander,
Eighth Fleet (USN)."

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

R. H. Freeze
R. H. FREEZE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

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2-CG,NAFD, ATC(1250th AAF Base Unit)
2-G-1
3-G-3
2-G-5
2-G-4 (B)
1-Ordnance
1-Mov & Tr
2-Surgeon
2-Signal
1-AG Postal
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G - 3 SECTION

057/CEB : CA TITLE

SUBJECT : Allied Garrison Comd. - SARDINIA

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Reference AG letter 323/035 GOS-0 dated 26 Sep 44, Appx 13,
(revised 27 Nov 44), Serial 3, columns (1) and (2).

1. Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA, who is also Regional Commissioner, Sardegna Region, Allied Commission has represented certain difficulties in carrying out his responsibilities. These are given in paras 2 and 3 below, for such action as you may consider possible or advisable. The policy regarding SARDINIA is to keep all British military commitments to the absolute minimum, as the Island has now no operational significance. Nevertheless, the Allied Garrison Comd. must be in a position to discharge his responsibilities which include the operation of the port of CAGLIARI, order and discipline, and certain maintenance services for R.A.F. (ASD/460 dated 19 Nov , not to all, refers.)

2. Discipline and Polio. (G-1 (B) and D. 212.)

Copy of para 3 of AG's letter HQ/1019 dated 5 Dec 44 is attached. (AGX '11').

3. Transport & Port Clearance (T.T.L. & L.C.)

Copy of paras 4 and 5 of above letter is attached (Apix 'B').
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By Command of General WILSON :

J. L. R. G. HILL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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Reference 45 letter 523/035 GCM-0 dated 28 Sep 44, Appx 'B' (revised 27 Nov 44), Serial 3, columns (3) and (4).

1. Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA, who is also Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region, Allied Commission has represented certain difficulties in carrying out his responsibilities. These are given in paras 2 and 3 below, for such action as you may consider possible or advisable. The policy regarding SARDINIA is to keep all British military commitments to the absolute minimum, as the Island has now no operational significance. Nevertheless, the Allied Garrison Command must be in a position to discharge his responsibilities which include the operation of the port of CAGLIARI, order and discipline, and certain maintenance services for R.A.F. (RSD/460 dated 19 Nov, not to all, refers.)

2. Discipline and Police. (C-1 (B) and D. 2.1.1.)

Copy of para 3 of A.C.'s letter R/1049 dated 5 Dec 44 is attached. (Appx 'B').

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J.A.H. G. M.L.,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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RSD/460

Copies to : C-5
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MAF (R.A.F., A.O.L.)

see Minutes 43-46

Exhibit 'A' to
HED/460 dated
9 December 44

3. As regards police I have drawn the attention of No. 3 District and Allied Commission Headquarters to the lack of military police. As an example, we now have 4 Deserters from Allied Units on our hands.

One of these men has broken out of the military blockade at CORBIA. I don't like having Allied personnel guarded by Italian personnel but we have no military police and no stockade and no personnel to act as guards for these men. The Navy have no clear police establishment and the R.F. profess to be unable to deal with deserters. They are, therefore, virtually at large.

Appendix 'B' to
 130/450 dated
 9 December 44.

4. As regards Transport, acting on your suggestion I have now applied to Allied Commission Headquarters to ask for transport for the Port.

The Italian Military lorries so far used at the port were taken away without notice, this has delayed a grain ship unloading by at least 12 hours. That ship delayed the berthing of another ship and I don't think it is really a practical proposition to draw fine distinctions between military and civil needs in the working of a port.

Large regular shipments of Pigments, fire clay, kaolin and firebricks are being made from here for British Ordnance and other strictly military purposes, in addition there are shipments from the Island of Sardinian Coal, lead oxide, lead and other minerals also for military purposes.

I have said exactly what we want, which is a minimum of 50 trucks for Port work. The American Allied Garrison had 300 and even the Italian Army had 120 working in Cagliari Port after the American trucks were withdrawn. All of these have now been withdrawn and such civil motor transport as can be made available is being supplemented by donkey carts.

The working of the Port will not stop and we will do all we can to prevent ships from being delayed even if M.T. is not forthcoming.

5. Our position would be eased if the Italian Military and Air Authorities were really out to co-operate.

The military have trucks and want load them even in an emergency and I have not been given powers to force the issue over Italian military priorities. They will not co-operate in other ways, for example, with the Italian Civil authorities over the water shortage which is reaching a dangerous stage in Cagliari.

The Italian Air Force have trucks, to our knowledge, yet they will not loan them to C.C. 63rd Staging Wing for essential work on MEALS aerodrome. I am putting what pressure I can on them through the High Commissioner, to help the Wing Commander at MEALS but the attitude of all these Italian officers is peculiar.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section

AC/3036/PH

9 December 1944

SUBJECT: - Medical Attention - Sardinia.

TO : - Regional Commissioner, Southern Region,

10 DEC 1944

1. With the departure of No. 60 Station Hospital from Sardinia, the Regional Commissioner became anxious regarding the medical care of all troops stationed on the island. He wrote, in consequence, to this Headquarters on October 10th and all the relevant correspondence is included for your information.

2. With the departure of Lt. Colonel Dobos from the island, the Regional Commissioner is without a medical adviser. Gladly arranged, therefore, for Major Thompson to visit Sardinia, explore the situation on the spot, confer with the Regional Commissioner, make what arrangements he deems desirable and report to this office.

3. The following points are suggested for guidance: -

(a) Reference AFHQ letter 9-5: 735-1 dated 24th November, does this indicate that the American Naval Authorities in Sardinia have the facilities for the treatment, hospitalization and evacuation, if necessary, of all American personnel on the island?

(b) Reference same letter, is it to be deduced that the RAF will undertake the emergency treatment of British personnel on the island and their evacuation to mainland hospitals by air as soon as such a course becomes necessary?

(c) If these deductions from AFHQ letter are correct it would appear that the situation could be considered reasonably satisfactory.

(d) If not, the Italian Army has military hospitals with a total of 1200 beds at Cagliari, Sassari and Iglesias. Although Colonel Dobos has reported unfavourably in the Italian civilian hospital, it is possible that the standard of facilities and equipment in the military hospitals is higher. If it was thought that Allied personnel could receive satisfactory treatment in these hospitals the question could be taken up at this Headquarters with the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

4. It is felt that Major Thompson could remain in Sardinia until a satisfactory solution to the present problem has been obtained.

By Consent of Commodore STONE:

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By Command of Commodore STONE: 1173

G. S. P. Thompson
G. S. P. THOMPSON, Brigadier
Acting VP, CA Section.

Incl:

1. Copy of letter PH/1305, HQ Sardegna Region, dated 2 Dec 44.
2. Copy of letter AC/3038/PH, CA Section HQ AC dated 28 Nov 44.
3. Copy of letter AC/3038/PH, " " " " dated 1 Nov 44.
4. Copy of letter PH/1305, HQ Sardegna Region, dated 27 Oct 44.
5. Copy of letter PH/1305, " " " " dated 10 Oct 44.
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Copy to Chief of Staff, HQ Allied Commission. V

Copy to Regional Commissioner, Sardegna Region.

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APO 594

ECONOMIC SECTION

CWA/hs

Ref. G.04/76

25 Nov 44

27 NOV Recd.

SUBJECT: Administration - Sardegna.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardegna Region.

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1. Reference your TPTM/1935 dated 1 November 1944 and enclosure.

2. On the instructions of the Chief of Staff, it is suggested that you take up the problem raised in your para 8. direct with AFHC.

3. The point mentioned in para 8. is dealt with in the following extract from a reply by Transportation Sub-Commission:

"The subject matter of this paragraph (para 8) has been completely dealt with prior to the arrival of the letter from Regional Commissioner. This Sub-Commission sent an officer over to Cagliari in the latter part of October for the purpose of inspecting the port, particularly to make sure sufficient gear would be available for civil use after the withdrawal of the army. All necessary arrangements were made, Sardegna Region was so advised, and in addition, a full discussion of the matter was had with Captain Turner, Sardegna Region, who stated to the Director of the Transportation Sub-Commission that he was quite clear on all points necessary in the matter of taking over the port. There is no further action on this matter necessary by the Transportation Sub-Commission."

4. Are there any outstanding points on this matter which you desire this Headquarters to act upon?

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Ref. 6.04/ES

25 Nov 44

27 NOV Recd.

SUBJECT: Administration - Saragosa.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Saragosa Region.

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1. Reference your TPTN/1006 dated 1 November 1944 and enclosure.

2. On the instructions of the Chief of Staff, it is suggested that you take up the problem raised in your para 2. Direct with AFM.

3. The point mentioned in para 2. is dealt with in the following extract from a reply by Transportation Sub-Commission:

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A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

Copy to
Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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1 November 1944

REFERENCE: TPTM/1605

SUBJECT: Administration - SARDINIA

TO: Headquarters, A.C. (Office of the Chief of Staff)

1. In continuation of my B51 of 22 Oct 44 and letter TPTM/1605 of 23 Oct 44 and wire of 1 Nov 44, I forward herewith a copy of a letter 800.1 dated 30 Oct 44 received today from the Colonel Commanding Allied Garrison of Sardinia.
2. It will be appreciated that Allied Garrison of Sardinia has a large staff and I have no staff to operate as Allied Garrison Commander. I understand that even the S.T.O. referred to in Para.5 of the attached letter is to leave SARDINIA.
3. The institution of a port agency to keep the Port of CAGLIARI open is now very urgent. The importation of grain will be required this month and it will be seen that the port will close down about the 10th of November unless a port agency is authorized.

J. A. C. Pennyquick

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J. A. C. PENNYQUICK,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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AG 370.43/001 GCT-O

26 November 1944

28 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Command of Troops in Sardinia.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 3, letter this headquarters, file AG 370.43/001 GCT-O, dated 27 October 1944, subject: "Command of Troops in Sardinia".

2. The Senior Officer of Allied Commission, SARDINIA, assumed command of Allied Garrison SARDINIA effective 6 November 1944.

By command of General WILSON:

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A. B. KING,
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Reference

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

5-30-44 COS-34 8384

Reference : HQ/1019.

Subject : Command of Troops Sardinia.

To : A.P.E.Q.

14th November 1944.

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1. With reference to MG 370-43/087 of 27th October 1944 and AG, H.Q. letter 6552/5/008 dated 3rd November 1944 which has just been received, Colonel HARDING left Sardinia on 5th November last and I assumed Command of the Allied Garrison from that date.

2. With the exception of a rear party, his staff and the American Port unit is due to leave Cagliari on the 16th of November but, so far, no arrangements have been made to provide me with any permanent staff to carry on the work of the Allied Garrison which will not end when they leave.

3. My own Allied Commission staff is much reduced and the Officers left are specialists to deal with civil activities :- Food, Law - Police, Commerce, Transport, Railways, Finance, Public Health and Education.

I have not yet received instructions as to the responsibilities required of the Allied Garrison Commander, but understand they will include co-ordination of Defence, including Air Defence, Intelligence, Administration, liaison with Navy and Air authorities, responsibility for the safe turn round of ships in the Port of Cagliari, coal distribution, disposal of salvage and liaison with Italian personnel Navy, Army and Air Services.

It would appear therefore, that some military staff will be required urgently, possibly one Officer and a clerk will be found to suffice, when the responsibilities are defined but it is likely that more may be required. In the meantime every endeavour will be made to maintain the prompt compilation and despatch of Garrison reports and returns required.

4. Arrangements have been completed for the Italian Naval and military authorities to operate the Port of Cagliari as from the 15th of November, after the departure of the American Port Unit. That Unit comprises over 200 Officers and MM and disposed of some 300 vehicles, Port operation and police supervision will, in consequence, be on a reduced scale.

5. I understand that the shipment of over 1,000 tons of bombs, now stacked in the centre of the waterfront parallel to one of the main thoroughfares of the Town, is in hand. At present these bombs constitute a risk to Allied Shipping and to the Port itself. Their removal is, therefore, a matter of urgency.

6. In connection with stores such as bombs and defence problems it may be noted that an enemy agent, by name THIMIAS, was dropped by parachute from an enemy plane on the night of the 9th of November in the CALISTANO district. This man had a wireless set and was rounded up and captured by local Italian

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7. One other major question also remains to be decided, namely the provision of adequate medical facilities. Number 60 American Station Hospital has closed down and the remaining RAF hospital facilities at ELMAS are inadequate for the needs of the Garrison. The report attached, with which I am in agreement, from Lt. Col. DOBBS, the Regional Public Health Officer, gives the position.

JACP/ajs.

J.A.C. PERTONICK,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner

Copy to : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

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27th October 1944.

To : Regional Commissioner,
Sardinia Region.

Subject : Medical Arrangements - Allied Troops.

Reference : PR/1305.

1. The Medical Section of the RAF Staging Wing in SARDINIA is provided with a Dispensary capable to house 20. The equipment is quite inadequate and there is only one Medical Officer assigned permanently. The Medical Officer in charge is cognisant of the inadequacy of the facilities and personnel and already made recommendations to high echelon to improve the situation by providing the needed equipment and by assigning additional personnel. While the facilities for caring for medical cases are only insufficient, for the care of surgical cases, equipment is entirely lacking. The Medical Officer in charge is entirely hospitable to the idea of providing medical and surgical care for the personnel of A.C.O. but at the present time his facilities are insufficient to meet the needs of his own formation.

2. The Civil Hospital of CAGLIARI is almost constantly filled to capacity. In co-operation with Dr. Fraser, Medical Officer of RAF Staging Wing, steps were taken to set aside a small ward for the emergency surgical care of Allied Personnel. So far, however, no concrete plan was submitted by the hospital management.

Personally, I would be very reluctant to approve this hospital as an Institution for the care of our Officers and men. The Medical and Surgical Staff is by no means incompetent but the shortage of supplies, equipment, the quality of nursing service, the hygienic and sanitary conditions are so far below the standard required by the Armed Services that only if a special ward is set aside and equipment provided, would I judge it suitable for the stated purpose.

I am not familiar with British Army Regulations but I am sure that no inspection of the US Army Surgeon General's Office would approve that place, as it now functions for the treatment and care of our personnel.

(Signed) M.I. Dobos.

M. I. DOBOS,
Lieut Colonel.

Regional Public Health Officer, Region 6.

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TO: AFHQ, CG MEXICO, CG COMCHIEF MEXICO, CG TWELFTH AIR FORCE, CG
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FROM: AGC SARDINIA

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 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Office of Chief of Transportation
 APO 512

2 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: All Concerned

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SUBJECT : Close-out of Sardinia

1. It is contemplated that U.S. Army supervision of ship loading and discharging in Sardinia will end on or about 10 November. Provisions have been made to move all U.S. units, except those scheduled to remain after close-out, from Sardinia by this date.
2. After the withdrawal of U.S. units there will remain in Sardinia for shipment approximately 15,000 personnel and 400 vehicles listed on Priority List 7. Also about 283 vehicles for 205 Division and an estimated 800 additional Italian Army vehicles which MIA desires shipped to Italy. It is envisaged that there will continue to be an occasional cargo ship for discharge and other routine civil maintenance requirements which will be discharged or loaded under arrangements to be made by Allied Commission. Small tonnages may in addition require to be imported for RAF detachments.
3. To lift part of balance outlined in paragraph 2 above, Italian cruisers are running on a shuttle to Naples and a British personnel ship will make a lift from Cagliari to Naples during November. M/T vessels will be positioned through G-4 Mov & Tn, when available. Italian army vehicles will also be loaded to the decks of colliers proceeding from San Antioeco to Italy.
4. The loading of outlined personnel and vehicles will be undertaken by MIA Liaison in association with Italian Movement Control. Shipments of coal from San Antioeco will continue under arrangements made by the Ministry of War Transport.

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 G. C. STEWART,
 Brig. General, U.S.A.,
 Chief of Transportation.

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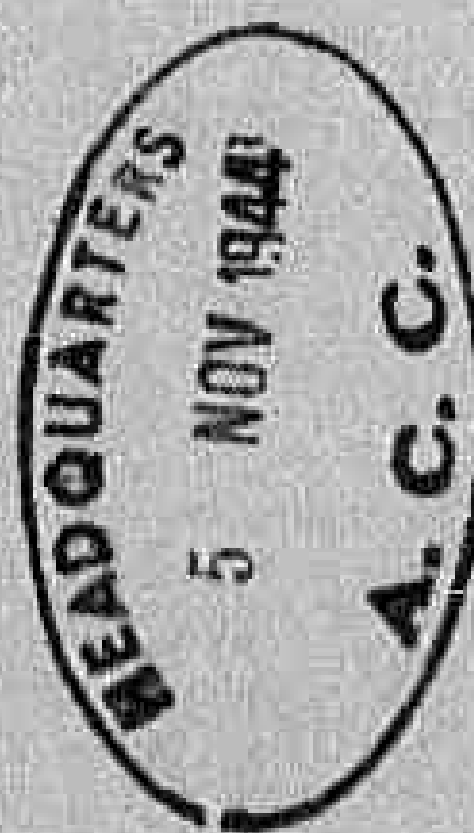
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

1 November 1944

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (Office of the Chief of Staff)

SUBJECT: Italian Army personnel in Sardinia.

REFERENCE: HQ/1021

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1. With reference to your 5508 of 27 Oct 44 and in continuation of my wire 591 of 1 Nov 44 and letter numbered HQ/1021 of 26 Sep 44, I regard with concern proposals to reduce the Italian Army left in SARDINIA below an effective strength of 5,000.
2. The High Commissioner has been consulted and presses for a minimum of 10,000. The difference in these figures is, however, largely represented by his anxiety to keep adequate guards for the Italian Army installations and buildings all over the Island.
3. Undoubtedly there may be serious losses of material, but I am more concerned over the possibility of loss of life that can be avoided. I have already pointed out in my Monthly Reports that banality is showing a tendency to increase. Crime also increases at this time of the year, as an example we have a report that 800 sheep have been wantonly slaughtered in the last few days in the NUORO district as a result of some kind of vendetta now being investigated.
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JATP/gch

COPY to: O.C. 63 Staging Post, R.A.F.

J. A. C. PENNYCUICK,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.



Mr. Penny
14 Nov 44

Copy to: C.A. G. (Y Nov 44)

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SECRET-TO REFERENCE YOUR PX FOUR THREE SEVEN ONE THREE OF TWO FIVE
OCTOBER CONCERNING SARDINIA GARRISON CMA THIS HEADQUARTERS CONSIDERS
THAT A MINIMUM OF FIVE THOUSAND TROOPS IS ESSENTIAL TO MEET INTERNAL
SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF SARDINIA PALM TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE BASH THREE
FROM HQ AG SIGNED BY THE PALM IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS IS A
MINIMUM FIGURE AND DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY MARGIN TO MEET UNEXPECTED
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NICHOLAS FLORENCE, CWO, USA, Asst Adj

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO #394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref. 8258/5/COS

3 November 1944

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SUBJECT: Command of Allied Garrison, Sardinia

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region, Allied Commission

1. Pursuant to the directive contained in AFHQ letter, file AG 170.43/OSI GGT-O, dated 27 October 1944, Subject: Command of Troops in Sardinia, effective with the permanent departure of Colonel Chester E. Harding, present Allied garrison commander, command of all Allied troops on the island (Sardinia) will be vested in the senior officer of Allied Commission, Sardinia. It is expected that such departure will take place prior to 15 November.

2. It is accordingly directed that you, as senior Allied officer, communicate at once with Colonel Harding in order to make all necessary arrangements for assuming command of the Allied garrison.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: HQ ACC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 60/01

FROM: ACC SARDINIA

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: NONE

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 1/1931 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: ACC 7

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Your 5509 on 27 October. Whole of CALABRIA Division required for security in SARDINIA. Troops have been called out six times this year in aid of police. Crime is on increase and military installations now unguarded. High Commissioner has been consulted and responsibility cannot be accepted if effective troops reduced below minimum of five thousand

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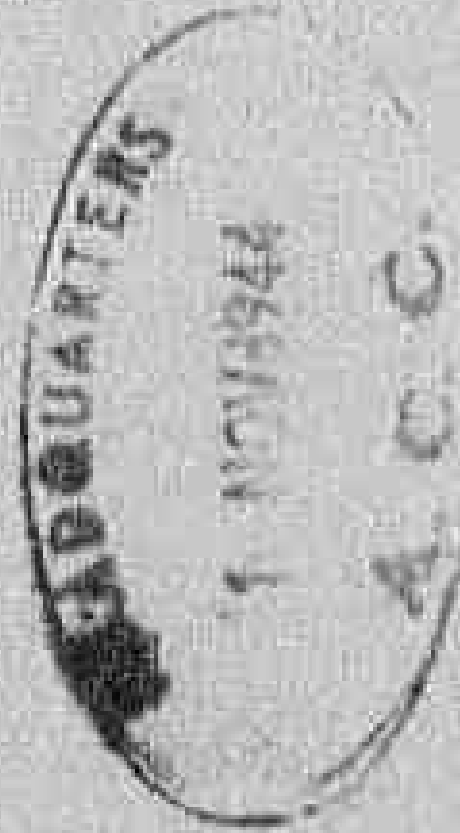
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Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref. 8258/18/COS

31 October 44

MEMORANDUM:

TO : The Chief of Staff

1. Reference AFHQ cable FX43713, dated 25 October 44, subject LUSH-NAPEIR conversation regarding security commitments of Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia, (our 8258/12/COS), and Hq AC cable #5509, dated 27 October 44, to Regional Commissioner, Sardinia Region, subject request for recommendation on number of troops essential to maintain internal security, (our 8258/13/COS), no reply has been received as yet to our Sardinia cable #5509; however, it is believed that we have sufficient information to send at least a preliminary reply to AFHQ's radio.

2. According to Sardinia Region's monthly report for September, dated 17 October 44, and Colonel Pennycuik's letter (Hq ACC, Region VI, Ref. Hq/1021, dated 26 September 44, Subject: Italian Troops and Carabinieri in Sardinia), the Calabria Division of approximately 5000 effective troops plus 3000 carabinieri should be sufficient to cover the internal security requirements of the island without, however, any margin to meet unexpected emergencies. It is the opinion of the Italian Government -- as noted in minute #17 from Local Government Subcommittee, file 8258/17/COS -- that the Italian Government (per the Minister of the Interior) considers that 5000 Italian troops are enough. However, it is understood that the High Commissioner desires more.

3. Thus, based on the foregoing information, it is believed that the following cable should be immediately sent: AFHQ

A | "Secret. Reference your FX 43713 concerning Sardinia garrison, this Hq considers that a minimum of 5000 troops is essential to meet internal security requirements of Sardinia. It should be understood that this is an absolute minimum figure and does not provide any margin to meet unexpected emergencies."

L. W. STEARNS

Major, AGD

Office of the 1463

TO: COS

31 October 44

Please note 1 and 2.

Regarding 1. COMMAND OF TROOPS IN SARDINIA, AFHQ has been contacted in reference to this matter and they will notify us by cable or directly as to the exact date that AC is expected to take over command of the Allied garrison in Sardinia. As soon as this notice is received I believe an executive order quoting this letter as authority should be issued announcing Colonel Pennycuik as Allied garrison commander, in addition to his regular duties as Regional Commissioner, Sardinia. An alternate means may be adopted and that is to notify Colonel Pennycuik directly by cable and letter of his new responsibilities. Communications will be drafted in accordance with your selection.

[Signature]
Major
Office of the C.O.S.

Wojcik-Stearns

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UNITED STATES ARMY

APO 534

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Auth: CG, NATOUSA

Initials: [initials]

Date: 27 October 44

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AG 370.43/198 D-0

27 October 1944

30 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Closing of United States Army Installations in Sardinia.

TO : Commander, Eighth Fleet (USN). - see 47
 Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO, APO 650.
 Commanding General, Communications Zone, NATOUSA, APO 750.

1. Action is being taken to close United States Army installations in Sardinia not later than 15 November 1944.
2. The supply of items common to the Army and Navy, in Sardinia, will be under arrangements to be effected by the Commanding General, COMZONE NATOUSA. Initial maintenance stocks will be provided from supplies in Sardinia.
3. Responsibility for calling forward, receiving, unloading, warehousing and distributing civil supplies in Sardinia will be that of the Allied Control Commission.
4. It is desired that the Commander, Eighth Fleet (USN), be responsible in Sardinia, to the extent of available facilities, for the hospitalization of all personnel for whose hospitalization the United States is normally responsible. Such personnel which cannot be hospitalized in facilities existing in Sardinia will be evacuated by the Commander, Eighth Fleet (USN), to COMZONE NATOUSA hospitals after notification to Commanding General, COMZONE NATOUSA. When evacuation cannot be accomplished with facilities available to the Commander, Eighth Fleet (USN), request for evacuation will be made to Commanding General, COMZONE NATOUSA. see 47
5. The Commanding General, AAF/MTO will be responsible for all matters in connection with rents, leases and claims pertaining to the use or occupancy of real estate by AAF/MTO and attached units in Sardinia.
6. Shipment of supplies from outside of Sardinia will be by ship and delivery will be accomplished by Headquarters, COMZONE NATOUSA to the United States Navy, FOB dockside, Maddalena. see 47
7. The United States Navy will be responsible for the reception of supplies at dockside and the proper distribution thereof.
8. Inspections of installations remaining in Sardinia will be the responsibility of the headquarters concerned.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

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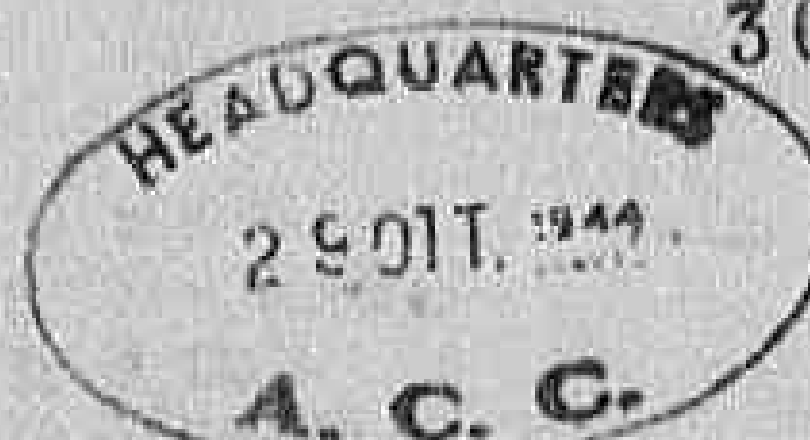
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AG 370.43/081 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Command of Troops in Sardinia.

TO : All Concerned.



1. Reference is made to Serial Number 3, Appendix "B", letter this headquarters, file AG 323/035 GCT-O, subject: "Reorganization of Command and Administration in Italy," dated 28 September 1944.

2. By mid November, all United States Army installations will have been removed from Sardinia.

3. Effective with the permanent departure of Colonel Chester K. Harding, TC, 012084, present Allied Garrison Commander, command of all Allied troops on the island will be vested in the senior officer of ACC SARDEGNA (late Region VI). This date is estimated to be between 3 and 15 November 1944.

By command of General WILSON:

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 H. V. ROBERTS,
 Colonel, AGD,
 Adjutant General.

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SARDINIA REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION

HQ ACC

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27 OCT 44

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PROPOSED TO WITHDRAW FROM SARDINIA FOR MAINLAND DUTIES ALL PERSONNEL
CALABRIA DIVISION NOT REQUIRED FOR ISLAND INTERNAL SECURITY PARIN TO
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA REGION ALLIED COMMISSION FROM HQ ACC SIGNED
STONE PARIN REQUEST RECOMMENDATION ON NUMBER OF TROOPS YOU CONSIDER SHOULD
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L.T. MONTANT, JR, 1st Lt, AGD, Adjutant

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AFHQ-G-3 Cable 25 Oct.
Requesting number troops
this Hq considers necessary
for I.S. in Sardinia

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INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: SAC, INDO AREA

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 5166/25

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC FROM 0-3

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: 3243713

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: Oct 25 1741 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE PROJECT

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APO 394

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23 October 44

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lt Col SHIPP, Chief of Staff Section, Hq, ACO

- 1 -

SARDINIA GARRISON

According to Army Subcommittee (Colonel Kerr), AAI has proposed to remove all Italian military troops from the island, this move to take place on or about 31 October 44. The Carabinieri are to be charged the security responsibility. However, the control of these Italian military forces has passed to AFHQ since this decision was made, and, accordingly, there is a possibility that the decision may be reversed.

At any rate, the transport scheduled for the 31st of October movement meanwhile has been apparently called out for other more urgent needs; the length of delay is unknown.

As of this date the actual position of the Sardinia Garrison is as follows:

Military Headquarters.....	150
Administrative Personnel Services.....	1500
Calabria Division.....	5000
205 - Division.....	9000
AA&CD.....	5400

The original plan was to keep 5000 troops of the Calabria Division for internal security, with the exception of two battalions which were to be moved to Calabria thus releasing two battalions in Calabria for Sicily. (Per Lt Col Wilcox -- Public Safety Subcommittee).

In respect to the Carabinieri, their present strength is about 3000 as compared to 2000 pre-war strength. However, their present effectiveness is considerably impaired by poor transport facilities. It has been proposed to augment the Carabinieri's effective strength by borrowing some 500 soldiers from the Calabria Division. This plan would of course be abandoned with the complete troop withdrawal.

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Memo to Lt Col Shipp, 23/10/4

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Per Colonel Pennycuik's letter (Hq ACC Region VI, Ref HQ/1021, 26 Sept 44, Sub: Italian Troops and Carabinieri in Sardinia, To: VP Admin Sec ACC, Att: Brig Upjohn), the Calabria Division (about 5000 effective troops) plus 3000 carabinieri should cover the internal security requirements of the island without however any margin to meet unexpected emergencies. It is thus apparent that complete withdrawal of the Italian military garrison from Sardinia is entirely contrary to the best interests of internal security as indicated by the Regional Commissioner.

From a review of this situation and that presented by the recent disturbances in Sicily, it is evident that there is far too much vacillation and general procrastination in handling such problems. It is recommended that the Chief of Staff direct the Army and Public Safety Subcommissions to give a complete, up-to-date report on the intended disposition of troops and carabinieri in Sardinia and Sicily and that the Chief of Staff be immediately informed of any proposed changes in such disposition.

- II -

ITALIAN VEHICLE TURNOVER

In reference to the turnover of military vehicles to the Regional Commissioner, Sardinia, it is the opinion of the Army Subcommission (Colonel Kerr) that there is no necessity for any action to be taken on the part of the War Materials Disposal Subcommission. This point was further confirmed by conversation with Lt Col Campbell. The Army Subcommission has authorized its Sardinia representative (Colonel Simmons) to turn over such vehicles direct to the Regional Commissioner. Because of the technical obstacles that both AAI and AFHQ have put up in such cases on previous occasions, G-4 recommends that the Regional Commissioner pick up this property, report and carry it as surplus to his regular establishment. G-4 will then see that proper accountability is maintained.

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CIVIL PRISONERS

The 300-odd prisoners who have now completed their sentence and are being held in a civil jail on a small island off the northwest corner of Sardinia will be returned to the mainland in small groups as shipping permits. The Army Subcommission has agreed to make such space available on its transport. These prisoners will be shipped into the port of Naples where the Public Safety Section of Southern Region will take over the responsibility for their ultimate disposition. It has been arranged that Sardinia will cable Naples notifying them in advance of the expected number of prisoners, as well as the expected date of arrival of all such shipments, so that proper preparations can be made for their reception. This matter has been cleared with the Director, Public Safety Subcommission, who, in turn, has instructed its representative in Southern Region. To date no shipments have been made.

L. W. STEARNS

Major, AGD

Chief of Staff Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

7th October 1944

To : M. M. I. A.
Subject : Repatriation of Time Expired Prisoners
Reference : PS/1512

The Italian Authorities have 367 time expired prisoners in Sardinia, whose homes are in Southern Italy and Sicily (263 Southern Italy and 104 Sicily) and wish to repatriate them.

With reference to those from Southern Italy could you please inform this Headquarters whether any space on vessels going to the Mainland could be allotted? If so, could you please inform this Headquarters:-

- 1) How soon such transfers could start to take place?
- 2) How long it would take to send the 263 prisoners over to Naples?
- 3) What notice could be given to this Headquarters of the departure of each group: so that the Italian Authorities could be notified.

J. A. C. Pennyquick

J. A. C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

2nd October 1944

To : Army Sub-Commission, Representative for SARDINIA.

Subject : Transport Situation in Sardinia

Reference: Iptn/1607.

1. Attached is copy of letter received by this Headquarters from the High Commissioner for Sardinia

2. May I invite your attention specially to PARA 2 of the above mentioned letter. Any assistance you could give in implementing the reference to Allied Authority would be appreciated.

3. Although TYRES are not mentioned in the High Commissioner's letter it is known that he has made previous application to the Italian Military Command for assistance in the supply of secondhand TYRES without success.

JHN/cjm

J. A. C. Pennyquick
Colonel

J. A. C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 323.3-6

19 October 1944

20 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Departure of the Garrison - Sardinia.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APC 394.

1. With reference to your 175/6/COS the future Italian Military situation in Sardinia is still under discussion at this Headquarters.

2. The Allied Garrison in Sardinia will be closed out approximately by the end of October, leaving behind as internal security troops, the Calabria Division, with approximate strength of 5,000, and an additional 5,000 Carabinieri.

3. There is no intention of increasing the air force strength. In fact, there will be a progressive reduction until all such personnel have been removed. The RAF unit arriving at Elmas would only be a unit already on the island moving to a new location.

4. There are no French troops, colonial or otherwise, scheduled for the island.

5. All concerned will be advised when final decision is reached in regards to the remainder of troops now on the island.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. Slaughter
J. S. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD



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HEADQUARTERS
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Ref: 175/6/008.

9 October 1944

SUBJECT: Departure of the Garrison - SARDINIA.

TO : AFHQ, C-5.

1. Regional Commissioner, SARDINIA, in a recent letter, mentions the many troop movements taking place in SARDINIA. You advised us of the departure of the Garrison and the Regional Commissioner has maintained a close liaison with the military authorities about this, but he also reports the prospect of a RAF Unit arriving at ELMAS. There are also local rumours of French troops, including Colonials, coming to the Island.
2. Can you give us any information about the future situation in SARDINIA ?

(Sec) MSL
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
For Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Extract of Sitrep from R.C. Sardinia Region dated 23 Sep 44.

7. DEPARTURE OF THE GARRISON

Changes in the Garrison are considerable and I should appreciate being told what is going on officially. No information at all has come to me but the ships are loading under my office window and 42nd Wing is leaving. A British Staging R.A.F. Unit is coming into ELMAS to replace them. This British unit is likely to be of considerable size and importance.

There are rumours of the arrival of French Troops including Colonials. I presume there is nothing in this ?

The Italian Army evacuation is also in full swing and the numbers now in the Island are below 40,000. A British liner came in to take 2,000 away and had prepared bread for the expected passengers in the usual way. Italian units embarking provide their own rations and we had to make hasty arrangements to dispose of 2,000 loaves of bread. This was satisfactorily accomplished and flour given back to the ship in exchange.

These Allied and Italian troop movements are bringing through the port a collection of stores for shipment which include such items as civilian buses and furniture. I have approached the Allied Garrison Commander to ask for all possible steps to be taken to de-requisition and leave behind any stores that affect the life of the community.

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