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	Lt. Col. G. W. L. Shipp	
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	Capt. Talbot	
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO. 394.

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13 MAR 1944

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ACC/28/INT.

11th March, 1944.

SUBJECT: Refugees.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1. Attached are notes made by Captain Temple during my interview with Signor Reale and his staff.
2. In spite of stating that he realised the problem personally as one of the gravest importance, his attitude at the outset was rather "I have done all I can, I can do no more."
3. I informed him that this attitude would not suffice and that more, and a great deal more would have to be done especially in regard to the dispersal and house to house reception.
4. His excuses may be scheduled as follows :-
 - (a) Lack of communications.
 - (b) " " transport.
 - (c) " " clothes and blankets.
 - (d) " " adequate notice being received.
5. He made one constructive suggestion that he should be provided with transport to send round an inspecting staff to see that adequate arrangements had been made.
6. My firm impression was that he did not realise at all the gravity of the situation, or the repercussions of such disinterest. It can be said however, that the views of A.C.C. were brought very firmly to his notice.

R. C. B. Spiger

R. C. B. SPIGER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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Enclosures: 1.

RCMG

Refugees

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With reference to your 75/ /CA d/8 Mar

The Report of the Director of The Interior Sub-Commission on his interview with Signor Reale is forwarded for your information.

12 Mar 44

R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS
Lt. Colonel,
For V. P. Adm. Sec.

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Notes made by Capt. R. R. Temple (by Officer INT.) of
 Interview of Signor Vito Reale, Minister of
 Interior, by Lt. Col. R. C. A. Spicer, Director,
 Interior Sub-Commission. A.C.C. 10th March, 1944
 16.30 to 18.00 hrs.

Also present : Dott. Gallengo, Secretary to Reale.
 Lt. L. V. Grottanelli, Interpreter.

Lt. Col. Spicer told Signor Reale that decisions on the various cases of appointment or removal of Prefects would be made shortly.

Lt. Col. Spicer then informed Reale of the chief purpose of this conference, viz. to bring to the latter's attention the utmost seriousness of the refugee problem and the concern of A.C.C. that the handling of it by the Italian Government be improved. He outlined the A.C.C. plan and stressed the importance of the Prefects' carrying out the job in a most humane manner, of not throwing the refugees in any old building, of having these people receive the same food as those on relief, and of having them billeted in people's houses. Lt. Col. Spicer also indicated how the problem was handled in England.

Reale stated that he realized the seriousness of the problem, but that the Italian Government can only provide the organization and not the means. Transport, food, clothes, and, above all, blankets were the needed means. It was also necessary to reorganize the telegraph lines, for communication purposes.

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The minister pointed out that the places where the refugees were taken initially, viz. the Collecting Centres at Naples, Caserta and Lucera, were not the final resting places. These people have to be taken to smaller towns and villages. The bad roads complicate the difficulties. It is impossible to avoid putting them in large buildings at these Collecting Centres for short intervals of time. They needed more transportation.

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Reale stated the following organization had been set up last December: - Central Committees at the Collecting Centres as well as Committees with the priest as a member in each town and village to which the refugees were destined to be sent. This organization had been carried out in Apulia; instructions had been sent to Prefects in other places but he does not know whether they have been executed. He has much correspondence on the matter. He agreed to Lt.Col.Spicer's request that a copy of these instructions be sent to us.

Lt.Col.Spicer indicated that the instructions are not being carried out. Reale replied that they had no telephones or cars. He repeated this reason in answer to Lt.Col.Spicer's statement that our reports indicated that many towns did not know of the plans.

Reale made the following suggestions:-

- (1) At least 4 transports should be sent to each collection centre;
- (2) Food should be sent beforehand to those places;
- (3) Clothing and blankets should be stored in the places to which the refugees were to be sent and not distributed at the collecting centres.

The minister indicated that Prefect Mancini of Cosenza has written him three times that he does not want any more refugees.

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At this point Dr. Gallengo, the Minister's secretary, made the remark that the refugees could be better handled if they were settled in the areas from which they now came. Lt.Col.Spicer replied that the plan he outlined was based on military policy and was an order of the Commander-in-Chief.

Reale said he has a special staff to work on the refugee situation. Complaints arise from the collection centres and he was not aware, as Lt.Col.Spicer pointed out to him, that our information indicates that complaints are to the effect that nothing is being done in the small towns and villages. The Minister stated that lack of means of transportation make it impossible to send his officials to check up on the situation.

Reale's reaction to making payment to families taking in refugees (as in the case of paying for soldier's billets), was that his government has already given each province 500,000 Lire, but money alone could not solve the problem. The people must be, and are, willing to receive these refugees.

Lt.Col. Spicer concluded the interview by again stressing the importance and seriousness of the matter and the necessity that its handling be improved.

Reale stated he would send us a written statement of his views.

R. R. TULLY.
Captain.
Executive Officer,
Interior Sub-Commission.
A. C. C.

11.3.1944.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

REF NO 63602

FREEDOM

FILED 121600

FATIMA

REC'D 130345



AGAIN REQUEST YOU REPEAT CABLES THIS SUBJECT TO FATIMA AND DISPER BARI. YOUR
A 1/6156. OF 20 JANUARY AND OUR 42303 OF 24 JANUARY AND 45369 OF 31 JANUARY REFERS.

IT IS REGRETTED THAT INCLUSION CATEGORIES OTHER THAN PARTISANS AND OF ABLE BODIED
MALES OF MILITARY AGE AMONG REFUGEES FROM DALMATIAN ISLANDS, BUT DUE DIFFICULTIES
EFFECTIVE SCREENING AND SEGREGATION IN EARLY STAGES WHEN LARGE NUMBERS REFUGEES RECEIVED
IN ITALY. ALREADY ISSUED ARE INSTRUCTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS IN HAND ESTABLISH GROUPE
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BY CRYPTO FREEDOM, CITE FRMGs SIGNED CINC TO MIDEAST REPEATED FLAMBO, FATIMA FOR LUSH,
DISPER BARI, AND ADV FORCE 133) THIS WILL HAVE EFFECT SEGREGATE NON-PARTISAN ELEMENTS.
STEPS WILL BE TAKEN AVOID EVACUATION ABLE BODIED MALES OF MILITARY AGE WITH REFUGEES,
AND ALL INDIVIDUALS WILL BE REQUIRED MAKE CHOICE AS IN YOUR PARA 5.

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IMPORTANT
US CIPHER MESSAGE IN

FOIHO NO 07258
13TH MARCH 44

FROM : ASHQ SECRET CINC
TO : ACTION PLANNING
INFO : CG JCS, CG SOS MATOUSA, CG ICS AND AAI
ORIG. NO: 68228 CITE RITPM

TOO 1812A/11
TOR 2350A/11

REVIEW YOUR USM-44/21700 OF 6 MARCH AND YOUR USM-454/22054
OF 10 MARCH CLARIFICATION IS REQUESTED BY DISCREPANCY.
CORRECT FIGURE NECESSARY FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.
QUICK IN FIGURE FOR ITALIAN REFUGES TO BE EVACUATED RAPID TO
STORY 2000 OF 50,000 PER MONTH RPT 200 THOUSAND OR TWENTY
THOUSAND PER MONTH.

A.C.C. Distribution

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SUBJECT: Acon - Refer to

13 MAR Read CA. Res. for 11 MAR 1944

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Q. 400/1A.

To: HQ REGION 2, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

1. For your information the following instruction was received from HQ 2 Dist on 23 Feb 44:-
"Italian Refugees pose becoming acute. Communes North of the line defined in my 1546 Q of 17 Jan will be required to accommodate refugees. Probable you will be approached by local Italian civilian officials to whom you should allot acon in communes NOT likely to be required for Military purposes". *line defined is to SOUTH of line all call METAPONTUM - only 13 POTENZA - road to BRIENZA then WEST to AFRAGLI.*
2. So far the only places within 52 Area affected by this are in Potenza Province and the ACC HQ at Potenza have applied to the Town Major there for acon as detailed in their letter PR/KIV dated 2 Mar 44, of which you have a copy.
3. The Town Majors at Potenza and Matera have been instructed by this HQ that acon is only to be put at your disposal for refugees which is not required for Allied Military purposes, and that cases of doubt are to be referred to this HQ for a decision.
4. It appears unlikely that there will be any serious confliction between the requirements. As you will have observed from the Potenza demand the acon there is being sought in small villages which are not suitable for acon by tps.

C.E.P.
5 Mar 44.
RE/EC.

Lt. Col.
Ad. & JG.
52 AREA.

Copy to: Rear HQ, Allied Control Commission, Salerno.

1st Ind. EWC/hjp 5
OFFICE OF DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, Rear HQ ACC. 12 March 1944.
To: Executive Commissioner, Main HQ ACC, Naples.

Forwarded.

Wright. Stone
EMERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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SSM. WAKOM.

Ref air letter.

Capt Clarke, (Army SC)
 Salerno, to whom I have
 today spoken on the
 telephone, thinks this letter
 should be answered by
 your department.

He feels the Colonel
 had a special reason for
 addressing to KC-HA
 Sec., probably wanting to
 know what Fifth Army
 Dist. II is in detail.

For info. distribution
 by Adj has been made
 as follows:

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 " " Salerno 1.
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W. H. Hicken
 Maj

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Suspense

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Dep. Chief Commissioner	
Secy. Gen. to Chief Commissioner	
Administrative Section	
Economic Section	
RC & MG Section	
Civil Affairs Branch	
PW & Displaced Pers Sub Com	
Italian Refugees Branch	
Security Branch	
Information Branch	
Establishment Branch	
Sx Offrs	
G-1 (A)	
G-1 (B)	
G-4	
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Hq Comdt (Rear Hq)	
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Public Relations Officer	
Diaison Section Hq A.C.M.F.	

FOR:

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
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QS/mms

10 March 1944

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TO: Regional Control & Military Government Section,
Main HQ., A.C.C., Naples.

Reference HQ. 5 Army letter No. AG230-W dated 2
March.

Can this office be informed, please, what was the
distribution of this letter?

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission



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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

10 March 1944.

In reply please refer to: IRR/2.

SUBJECT: Refugees.

TO: LT. GEN. SIR NOEL MASON MACPARKLAND

1. Dispersal:-

The only means of preparing to meet a future unknown situation is to plan now for the absorption of large numbers of refugees in all provinces of the mainland, and Sicily (perhaps also Sardinia). A suggested ultimate figure is 10% of the population which a province supports normally - allowance being made for military areas forbidden to refugees. Prefets must organise: billeting Officers, and reception committees at every dispersal point, town, and village. Refugees should, in principle, be taken into every household, rich, and poor. They must not be dumped in empty buildings. The result of the latter policy is to reduce to a minimum the absorption capacity of provinces. This, in turn affects our efforts to keep battle zone, and forward L's of C clear.

2. Camps:-

The most urgent needs are:-

- (a) Completion of Capua Camp.
- (b) Camp stores, particularly palliasses.

Capua was planned for 4,000, plus extensions if required. One mobile camp for not less than 4,000 is required, because in the event of any considerable move, our present static camps (Naples & Aversa) may be outside the zone of our operations forward, and our transit camp capacity will be reduced accordingly.

Copy to:
Brigadier LUSH.

L. R. HULLS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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URGENT
US STEER MESSAGE IN

FIELD NO 06397
10TH MARCH 44

FROM : PLANT
TO : ACTION BUREAU
INFO : ADM, PDS, INS, DISTONE, SOS MATOUA
ORIG: 1011
CITE USH-44/22054

TOO 1130A/19
TOR 1342A/19

URGENT REFERENCE PLANT'S USH-44/22700 DATED 8 MARCH
REGARDING 20,000 REFUGEES MONTHLY HAPLES TO SICILY CONVENING
ABOUT 1 APRIL.
ACAP CONCURS TO MOVEMENT, HOWEVER ASSURE YOU WILL SET UP LIFT,
ADVISING PORTS IN SICILY YOU CAN ACCEPT.
CAN DIRECTOR OF LANDING CRAFT ALSO ASSIGN LIFT'S FOR LIFT?

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STATO PREC. AM. RAPORI DA COSENZA 1520 50 10 1030
PREC. AM. COL. NELLE ITALIA REGRE SECTION HQ AGC NAPOLI

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REPORTS AS FOLLOWS: STOP PROVINCES INFORMED
MARCH 4 STOP SUB AREA COMMISSIONER WITH TARRANTS HIS INFO REPORT ABLE
20 JANUARY 5740 REFUGEE ONLY NO ESSENTIAL COMMISSIONER STOP VICE
MARCH 11 1954 COMMISSIONER FALCONI

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TO.....FATIMA FOR HULLS

FROM.....ACC REGGIO

RESTRICTED

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YOUR SIGNAL 1734 NOT UNDERSTOOD. 7,000 REFUGEES ALREADY ARRIVED
REGGIO SINCE 20 FEB AND NOW NOT POSSIBLE RECEIVE ANY MORE. FEEDING
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN FUNCTIONING SINCE THAT DATE. 10 STOVES HAVE
ARRIVED AND ARE WELCOME

THI 1530A

SENT NR 1 100653A

RECD NR4 100635A

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FORM NO. 6576
3 MAR 44

FROM: WILSON
TO: ACHE
ORIN NO: A23878

TO: A200A.09
FROM: A237A.09

REF: 8 ARMY NO 2353 OR 29 FEB
IN ORDER TO RELEASE IN CAMPS AT PRESENT USED FOR COLLECTION OF CIVILIAN
MATERIALS REQUEST YOU CONSIDER USE OF ITALIAN MILITARY COLLECTION CAMPS
FOR THIS PURPOSE

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TO: A225A.09
FROM: A230A.09

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Subject: Refugees

Re: Refugees

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Ref/3021/9/1(0)

Ref/3021/9/1(0)

1. Enclosed is a diagrammatic plan of the future layout of the camp and interior and refugee camp.

2. It is hoped that in the near future the US will take over responsibility for the administration of refugees and internees in the base area, and that the US troops at present engaged on this work will be released.

3. Please submit your comments to reach this by 20 and 44.

[Signature]
Chief Administrative Officer

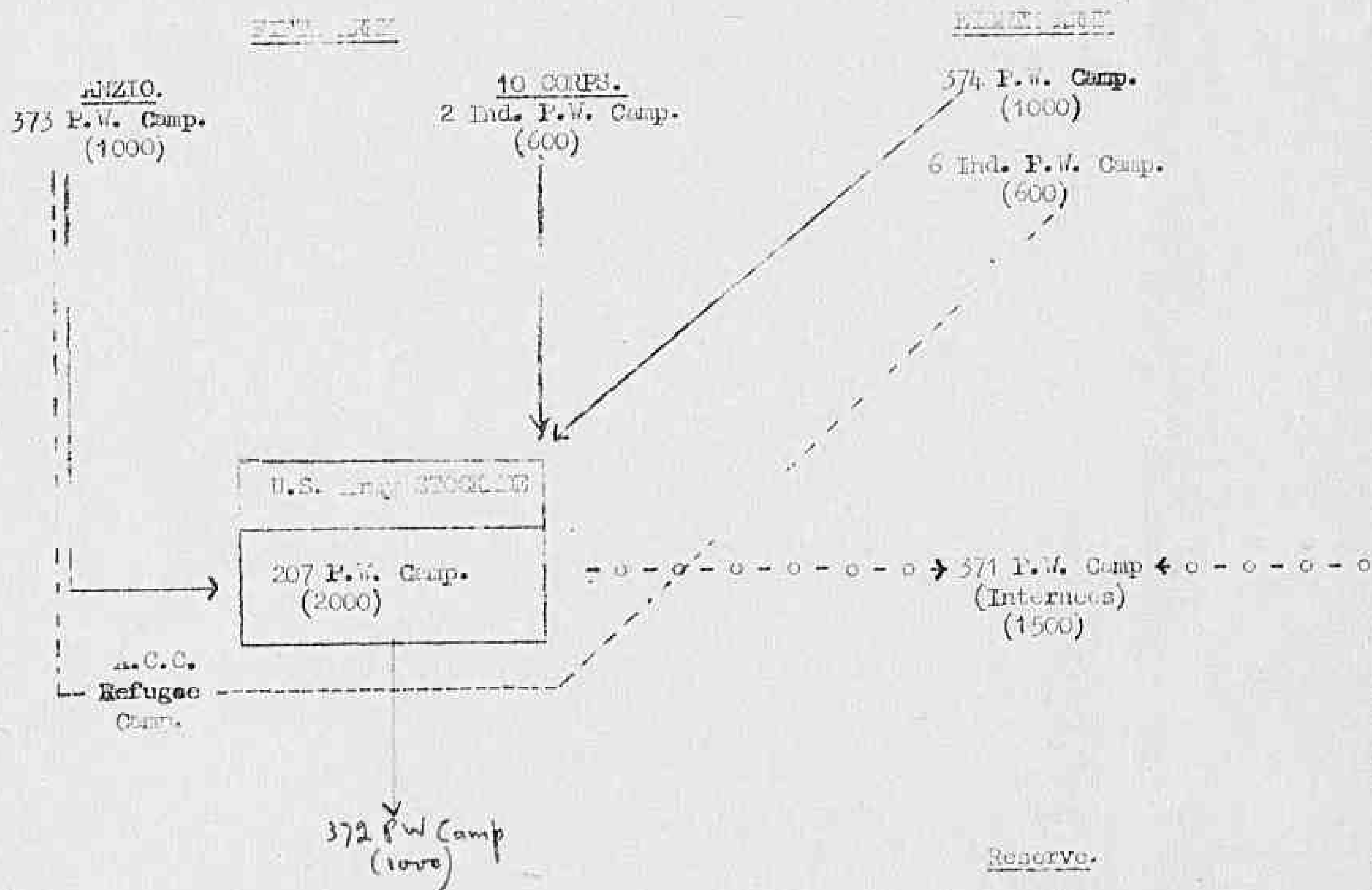
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Ref. - will you confirm that you will accept the US Army front in the US Army stockpile of weapons in excess of capacity of 372 US Army and pending the establishment of 307 US Army in the US Army area.

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PLAN OF EVACUATION OF P.W., REFUGEES AND INTERNEES.



Reserve.
 14 Ind. P.W. Camp - 5 Corps.
 371 P.W. Camp - on release of commitment to
 369 P.W. Camp (SICILY) - on release of commitment

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PLAN OF EVACUATION OF P.W., REFUGEES AND INTERNEES.

NORTH AFRICA

5 CORPS

10 CORPS.
2 Ind. P.W. Camp.
(600)

374 P.W. Camp.
(1000)

6 Ind. P.W. Camp.
(600)

376 P.W. Camp.
(1000)

7 Ind. P.W. Camp
(600)

374 P.W. Camp (Internees)
(1500)

209 P.W. Camp
(2000)

368 P.W. Camp
(1000)

M.C.C.
Refugee
Camp

Reserve.

14 Ind. P.W. Camp - 5 Corps.
374 P.W. Camp - on release of commitment to M.C.C.
369 P.W. Camp (SICILY) - on release of commitment to M.C.C.

P.W. Camp
(600)

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FROM PAIC 091215C
TO MIDEAST
INFO FREEDOM
FARGO
DISPER BARI
MILPAL NINTH ARMY
QQY
GR 43 BT

no time not received in the file

Q(COPS)/00599 . YOUR A1/73159 OF 7MAR . ONE . YOUR FIVE . ACCOMMODATION
AND TPT CAN BE ARRANGED THESE REFUGEES PROVIDED PARTIES DOPNOT EXCEED
200 AT INTERVALS OF A WEEK . TWO . FZZ YOUR TWO (B) . AM NOT PREPARED
TO ACCEPT OLDER MEN AND WOMEN AND WOMEN WITH CHILDREN DURING SUMMER
MONTHS 091215C

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FROM.....ACC L O 2 DIST 080900/A

TO.....FARGO FOR HULLS

QQZ BT

MG/8. NO AUTHORITY FOR MOVE OF ITALIAN COMPANY TO REFUGEE CAMP
FOGGIA YET RECEIVED. AUTHORITY FOR MMIA (WITH PRIORITY) ESSENTIAL
CAN YOU EXPEDITE.

BT 080955

SENT NR 2 08/1528A

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15. CIPHER MESSAGE

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Year	Population
1950	100
1955	110
1960	120
1965	130
1970	140
1975	150
1980	160
1985	170
1990	180
1995	190
2000	200

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

7 March 1944.

In reply please refer to:IRB/10

SUBJECT: Refugees.

TO: A.F.R.Q., Adv. Adm. Ech. for attention Sea Movements, Col. Fuller.

1. The continued flow of Refugees from forward areas, has rendered it necessary to plan the evacuation of a proportion of them to Sicily, and provided that transport facilities can be available, to commence this movement on April 1st. Subsequently the possibilities for evacuation to Sardinia will be studied.
2. It is understood that, either LUI (L), or ships of the Italian Navy might be made available.
3. Numbers planned to Sicily are: 20,000 during April, and 20,000 during May, at the rate of 5,000 a week in parties of 750 (approx.)
4. Numbers depend upon the nature of future operations, and at the present moment it is thought that the above estimate may prove to be on the high side. Towards the end of this month, a more accurate estimate will be possible, and will be forwarded to you.
5. Would you please inform this H.Q., what transport arrangements could be made. If desired, an Officer will visit you to furnish any other details you may require.
6. For your information, all Refugees are screened for security, and dusted against Typhus, - Prior to departure from Naples; sick are held here.

L. R. HULLS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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Copy to:

The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
 Hq, Region I, A.C.C.
 Food Sub-Commission, Economic Sec., A.C.C.
 Shipping Sub-Commission, Economic Sec., A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

7 March 1944.

In reply please refer to: IRB/C/50

SUBJECT: General Planning. Camps.

TO: HQ, P.B.S., Office of the Provost Marshall.

1. Reference your memorandum of the 3 March 1944.
2. Regarding para. 1 of your memorandum; tents have now been indented for. The indent has been cut down, and amount authorized is inadequate. Requisition for stores was most carefully scrutinized before submission, and the items requested are necessary. Capua Camp, and Naples School cannot be occupied unless properly equipped; meantime failure to occupy means that the small centre "Basilio" in Naples cannot be abandoned for lack of space. Strongly adverse medical reports have been made regarding "Basilio" and I wish to place on record the reason why we are obliged to use this place.
3. Request is hereby repeated to layout Capua camp for 4,000, and that the necessary Engineer work be put in hand at once (Ref. letter of 13 Feb. 44 from Gen. HAMBLEN HQ, AFHQ Adv Adm Ech) stores, in addition to those now required will be indented for as required, but it will be no time to commence Engineer work, when we have the population on our hands. If this Branch is to be held responsible, it must be allowed to judge its own requirements. In this connection the figure of 4,000 was judged, at the conference dealing with this subject, and presided over by DD/CAO, to be the initial requirement of Capua camp. Additional construction (i.e. additional to 4,000) is to be started as, and when needed. You are urgently requested to expedite this matter.
4. Your question in para. 3 cannot be answered. The ultimate maximum population depends on future operations, which cannot be foreseen. Immediate overall plan is to provide the following facilities:-

Capua	4,000
Aversa	2,000
Naples	2,000

With possible future expansion of 50%.

5. It is pointed out that this Branch has made every possible effort to keep to a minimum, demands for Army stores, and equipment. e.g. The obtaining, and emptying of the Aversa Asylum has resulted in great economy. May this please be considered, when dealing with the requisitions which we do submit, and which are kept down to barest necessities.

L. R. HULLS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

Copy to:
The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
Italian Refugee Branch, Region 3, A.C.C.

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COMNAVANT, PLANO, ACC
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FROM CINC MED

SECRET CYPHER

SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF ACC. ITALIAN CRUISERS EMPLOYED ON BIZENZA-NAPLES TROOP
FERRY MAY BE USED TO EVACUATE REFUGEES REFERRED TO IN YOUR 29 1756, NOT TO ALL
ADDRESSES, DISSEMBLING THEM AT PALERMO EN ROUTE TO MISURIA

REF: 29 1756 APPROX 750 REFUGEES TRICE WEEKLY



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FROM AMY EIGHT ARMY MAIN 072000
TO FARMS FOR ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
QX 086 BT

W/39 REFUGES NUMBERING 154 OPERATED TODAY BT 072000



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Ref: 75/ /GA

8th March 1984.

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees from Forward Areas.

TO : Vice President,
Administrative Section.

1. I refer to my letter IRB/2 dated 7th March 1984 addressed to Regional Commissioners on the question of refugees.

2. The most important feature of this plan is the dispersal of the refugees within the reception provinces. It is imperative from an operational point of view as well as for political and human considerations that this evacuation plan be made to work with the minimum of confusion and suffering. This is feasible only if the proper dispersal on a uniform basis throughout provinces be effectively carried out by the Italian authorities.

3. The measure whereby refugees will be taken into every household will doubtless be unpopular and consequently the Italian Government will probably not be anxious to endorse it. But I would ask you to represent to the Italian Government that it is a matter of military and operational necessity that the dispersal and reception of the refugees is carried out properly, effectively, and humanely.

W. L.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

IRB/75.

Copy to: Italian Refugees Branch.

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FROM AMB BERT ARMY MAIN 062000
TO PACSO FOR ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH

XB/534 REFUGEE NUMBERING LEO ENTRAINED TODAY.

RECEIVED
7 MAR 1944
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FROM: DISTWO 031700A

TO: ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH ACC (FOR COL HULLS)

INFO: 151 SUB AREA POGGIA GRN

REF NR: Q254



RECOE NOW UNDERTAKEN. URGENTLY AWAIT MINIMUM MAINTENANCE STAFF FROM YOU REASONS FOR
URGENCY CAMP DISINTEGRATING DUE TO LACK OF MAINTENANCE STAFF. RE WORK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN
EARLIEST.

TIME SENT: NR2 06/1710A

TIME REC'D: NR2 06/1710A

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MESSAGE FORM....041057

6 MARCH 1944

TO....MACFARLANE SITE PATINA 1454

FROM...ACC REGGIO CALABRIA

ORIG NO..H42

DATE.....4 TH



REFERENCE MY1141. REQUEST TRANSIT REFUGEE DISINFESTED MOBILE FORCE
ARRIVAL HERE. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE REQUEST ADVISABLE TO ACC MESSINA
TO ACCEPT REFUGEE (FOR?) DISINFESTATION THERE. REGGIO CALABRIA
(DISINFESTER?) (PROCURED) (?) (HAS ARRIVED?) CAPABLE
HANDLING LARGE NUMBERS WITHOUT DELAY 1 OR 2 DAYS. (ACCOMODATION?)

LIMITED BY REFUGEES ALREADY(BROUGHT TO?) REGGIO CALABRIA.

TIME OF ORIGIN....0945

THI.....2350

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SS NAPOLI FR POTENZA P/ 37102 49 2 2300

GENERAL IERICI BARI HAS TELEGRAPHED PREFECT POTENZA AND REFUGEES
BRANCH NAPLES SAYING NORTHERN HALF OF PROVINCE NOW FREE FOR REFUGEES
ON ORDERS OF 31 SABAREH BARLETTA. NO NOTIFICATION RECEIVED THIS
HEADQUARTERS. REQUEST INSTRUCTION. URGENT ACC POTENZA

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

6 March 1944.

In reply please refer to: IRE/3

SUBJECT: M/T Transportation.

TO: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. Until 3 March, this Branch had a out, and dried arrangement with PBS Transportation Staff (Col Lastayo), whereby PBS supplied trucks for our needs when required. During the last week of February, 80 trucks were handed over to AMG III. These trucks had been received by ACC from PBS. As far as I can ascertain they were intended for Food haulage.

2. On March 3, PBS informed me, without prior notice that their supply of MT for movement of Refugees had ceased. I protested that this was not a businesslike manner to deal with an important matter.

3. We found, of course, that we could not, without time to make new arrangements, obtain MT from AMG III, because the latter had received these 80 trucks for the specific purpose of hauling food.

4. The result of the above during the past 4 days, has been to land this Branch's activities into a state of chaos.

5. At the moment of writing, 600 refugees have been landed in the Port, and there is no means of moving them. The Port P.M. has telephoned me, saying that from a security, and health point of view such a situation is inadmissible. I am not in a position for the moment, to rectify matters.

L. R. HULLS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

RC AMG Reg IV gave order at 8.30 AM 4
morning for 10 lorries to be earmarked for
these Refugees 88 (6/3/43)

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FOLIO NO: 04759

04 MAR 44

FROM.....FIAMBO

TOO NIL

TO.....ACMF

THI 1825/04

ORIG NO.....A20818

TOR 2050A/04



REF 8 ARMY SIG SD2353 OF 29 FEB CONCERNING MILITARY REFUGEES.
REQUEST COPY OF MMIA SIG U 228 OF 8 FEB

SMC 2050A/04

T.T. 2105A/05 AH

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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

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File 203-56 33.

5 Mar 44

SUBJECT: Bread for refugees.

TO : Lt. Col. Halls,
Italian Refugee Branch AOC, Naples.

1. The Chief Executive Commissioner, Brigadier Lush, has referred to the necessity of supplying bread to your refugees within Region 3.

2. Bread and biscuits are not included in the food stocks which are at present available to the Economics & Supply Division of this Region, flour only being provided. This flour is issued on the order of Economics and Supply in bulk to the Sezione Alimentazione, the quantity so issued being sufficient to cover the daily ration. It is subsequently allocated by Alimentazione to approved wholesalers who, in turn, supply the bakers. Our price to Alimentazione - L. 2.75 per kilo; the bakers' price to the consumer for bread - L. 3.50 per kilo.

3. Please indicate in which town or towns within this Region your camp managers require to purchase bread. Arrangements will then be made for Alimentazione to supply a selected bakery in each of those towns with the supplemental issue of flour needed to meet the requirements of your camps.

For the Regional Commissioner:

O.W. CAMPBELL
Capt., A.U.S.
Adjutant

Copy to: Chief Executive Commissioner, AOC Main. 
Major Sealey, Food Officer, E&S Div. Region 3.

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FROM.....FLANBO 041230A

TO.....MIA

RPTD.....FATIMA FOR QUINSMITH

G (SD) MAIN ACMP

GR 65

SD 991/20751



IN REPLY SD 309 TO 2 MAR. FROM INGLEDEW. UNDERSTAND FROM VISIT OF
HULLS THAT MIST ARE STRENGTH 5 OFFRS 325 ORS WAS PORTION OF ITALIAN
L OF C AND NOT REQUIRED BY ALLIES. REGRET MIA WAS NOT CONSULTED.
IF THIS UNIT IS EARMARKED FOR FULFILLING PORTION LIST 3 THEN ACC
MUST FIND OTHER ITALIAN PERSONNEL TO ASSIST WITH ITALIAN REFUGEE
CAMPS. CAN YOU OFFER SUGGESTIONS

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Ref. 3802

HUNDRED FIFTY REFUGEES ARRIVED POTENZA THIS MORNING EX BARI VIA TARANTO STOP
NO PREVIOUS NOTICE RECEIVED STOP IMPOSSIBLE TO COPE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES
STOP SUSPECT AUTHORITIES AT BARI BE INSTRUCTED COORDINATE MORE CLOSELY WITH
YOU STOP NICHOLAS

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FROM: AMB EIGHTH ARMY MAIN 051630

TO: FARGO FOR ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH

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4 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

REFUGEES NUMBERING 270 DESPATCHED YESTERDAY AND 59 DESPATCHED TODAY

SENT NR 2 1347A

RECD NR 2 1847A

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
 A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

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 : S E C R E T :
 : By Authority of :
 : CG, Fifth Army :
 : Intls: in 23 :
 : Date: 2/3/44 :
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JEL/MFG/nef
 2 March 1944

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Subject: Evacuation of Refugees and Civilian Residents.

To: See distribution.

1. Purpose of Evacuation:

a. Refugees entering the Fifth Army area, or civilians residing therein, must not be allowed to interfere with military operations. When the numbers or activities of refugees or civilian residents becomes such as to cause, or appear likely to cause, interference with military operations, or to endanger the security of the command, they will be evacuated to the rear to the extent necessary.

2. Limitations on Evacuation:

a. Unnecessary evacuation of civilian residents such as that effected merely for the purpose of providing quarters for military personnel will be avoided due to the serious economic problems created by such evacuations.

b. Where practical, displaced civilians will be relocated within the Corps zone of action, as near to their former homes as the military situation may permit.

3. Responsibilities:

a. The evacuation of refugees or civilian residents is a command responsibility and the decisions involved are the responsibility, within their zones of action, of the Corps commanders concerned.

b. G-1 Sections of American units, and corresponding staff sections of Allied Forces, are charged with General Staff supervision of refugees, and accordingly, with the formulation of policies for approval of their commanders, and with supervision of the execution of approved plans for the care and evacuation of refugees and civilian residents.

c. AMG Staff, Fifth Army, and AMG Staffs attached to Corps, have been designated as the special staff sections charged with the detailed planning for, and with the operation of approved plans and installations established for the evacuation of refugees and civilian residents. Refugee officers have been assigned to AMG Staff, Fifth Army, and to AMG

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Staffs attached to Corps to assist the Senior Civil Affairs Officers, AMG, Army and Corps, in fulfilling their responsibilities. AMG Staffs operate in this respect in the same manner as any special staff section.

4. Army Plan and Installations:

a. Army will establish and operate a camp, or camps, as may be required, for accommodation of refugees and civilian residents being evacuated to the rear. Food, shelter, and medical attention will be provided, and all necessary arrangements will be made for further evacuation to the rear to Allied Control Commission Refugee Camps. The location of Army refugee camps will be announced as established.

b. Army transportation may be used by Corps Refugee Officers to evacuate refugees from a Corps or Division collecting point or camp, located in the vicinity of forward Army supply points or along main supply routes leading thereto and accessible to Army transportation. Every effort will be made by the Transportation Section and the Refugee Officer, Fifth Army, to effect this evacuation as rapidly as possible. However, the necessary arrangements to make Army transportation available for this purpose may require 24 hours or more advance notice, depending upon the tactical situation. Corps Refugee Officers may contact Transportation Section, Fifth Army (Telephone Lightning Forward, Transportation) in order to make necessary arrangements for this transportation.

c. Corps may evacuate directly from Divisions to Army or Allied Control Commission Refugee Camps, where Corps or Division transportation is available and the distance involved is not too great, and thus minimize their responsibility for the supply of food, shelter, and medical attention to the refugees being evacuated.

d. The Army Refugee Officer will maintain close liaison with the Allied Control Commission on all matters pertaining to refugees, and will give the Allied Control Commission as much advance notice as possible on all movements of refugees to the rear.

e. The evacuation of refugees from the zone of action of the VI Corps is the responsibility of the Commanding General, VI Corps, until relieved of such responsibility by Army.

5. Corps Plans and Installations:

a. Corps will provide in their plans and establishments, for the systematic collection of refugees in the forward areas at advance refugee collection points, for their screening by intelligence agencies at these

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points, for necessary food, shelter, and medical attention, and for their supervised and orderly movement to Army or Allied Control Commission Refugee Camps.

b. Refugee evacuation plans and installations must not only provide for the evacuation of a normal number of refugees, but must also be capable of rapid expansion in order to cope with large numbers of refugees who may be forced into the Army zone of action by premeditated enemy action.

c. Corps Refugee Officers will maintain close liaison with the Army Refugee Officer on all matters pertaining to refugees, and will give him as much advance notice as possible on all movements of refugees to the rear. He may be reached through:

- (1) AMG, Fifth Army, call Lightning Rear 166.
- (2) AMG, Fifth Army, call Filpot 173.
- (3) Refugee Camp, Fifth Army, call Marzenello, AMG.

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:



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M. F. Grant
M. F. GRANT,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 334

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7 MAR 1944
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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 168/2

7th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Refugees.

TO : Regional Commanders, Region I.
" " Region II.
" " Region III.
" " Region VI.

1. The number of Italian refugees actually on our hands and anticipated when it necessary to plan how to absorb large numbers of refugees in all provinces of the mainland, as well as in Sicily and Sardinia. Failure to do so may jeopardize military operations.

2. Based upon 10% of the population which the above regions support normally, the figures would be:-

Region 2.....	500,000
" 1.....	400,000
" 3.....	300,000
" 6.....	100,000
	<u>1,300,000</u>

The time may come when provinces will be obliged to accept these numbers, because however difficult the situation it is out of the question to consider the only other alternative, namely, trans-shipment abroad.

3. In order to allow time for adjusting the above basic quotas (because certain areas, particularly in Regions 2 and 3, are debarred to refugees for military reasons) and to provide an absorption figure which will tide us over the next 3 months, you are requested to make plans for one eighth of the figures mentioned (less, in the case of Region 2, refugees already received) i.e.,

Region 2.....	62,500 - 50,000 = 12,500
Region 1.....	50,000
Region 3.....	37,500
Region 6.....	12,500
	<u>112,500</u>

Sardinia will be omitted for the present due to shipping considerations and will not be called upon other than in an emergency, but should make preliminary arrangements in order to be ready in case of need at short notice. Region 2 by March 12 will have already taken 50,000 and consequently their immediate quota is reduced to 12,500. This leaves:

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Region 2.....	12,500
Region 1.....	50,000
Region 3.....	37,500
	<u>100,000</u>

4. Of the above 100,000, the following immediate allocation is made:

Region 2 - March 12-25	April	May (Provisionally)
12,500	Nil	Nil
Region 3 - March 25-31		
5,000	10,000	10,000
Region 1 - Nil	20,000	20,000

Regional Commissioners should submit their dispersal programmes by provinces in order to enable him to make movement plans.

5. FOOD. The Food Sub-Commission states that adequate supplies are available to feed the increased population in Regions which is anticipated. The distribution within the regions is a matter for Regional organisation. Refugees should receive the same food rations as other civilians on relief.

6. As regards feeding in transit. The best arrangement is by Soup Kitchens. The Italian Refugee Branch is organising these on main route at Salerno, Paoli, Catanzaro and Reggio. You should do the same at four main dispersal points in Regions. A train usually carries about 750, consequently ten kyer stoves (or similar, e.g. 40 gallon petrol drums with fire underneath) and a food pile are the main requirements. Provision should be made for aluminium bowls and these or similar can doubtless be obtained from salvage.

7. As explained at the recent conference it is essential for Prefects and Mayors to organise reception committees at every dispersal point, town and village. Refugees must not be dumped in empty buildings. The result of such a policy is to reduce to a minimum the absorption capacity of Provinces. They must in principle be received in every household, as in England. If this be done an average of one refugee per ten of population will be seen to be not an unreasonable figure to aim at.

8. Regional Commissioners should give this their personal and sympathetic attention.

M S 12745
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin Section (for information of Italian Government).
Secretary-General (for Chief Commissioner).
Food Sub-Commission.
Italian Refugee Branch.
Civil Affairs Branch.

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FROM.....AME 8 ARMY 031745
TO.....FARGO FOR ITALIAN FIELD REFUGEE BRANCH
QQX GR6
R/520 REFUGEES NUMBERING 82 ENTRAINED TODAY
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ROUTINE
FROM: SEARS
TO: FATEMA

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4/C NO: 33/03

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(SEARS FOR HANCOCK TO FATEMA FOR HELL AND DISPOSE FOR S. T. CITY WEL-12)
ISLAND COORDINATION COMMITTEE TODAY DISCUSSED QUESTION REFUGEES FROM MAINLAND. DOCTORS
AND IBS REPRESENTED IMPORTANCE OF THEIR BEING CONSULTED AND ADVISED DETAILS ALL PLANS
FOR MOVEMENT HAVING REGARD QUESTION SECURITY, HEALTH OF TROOPS AND MILITARY OPERATIONAL
NECESSITIES. REQUEST YOU REPLY POSSIBILITY OF ACCORDING. SUGGEST ADVISABILITY YOU
SEND REPRESENTATIVE HERE.

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TO: REGFARLANE CITE PA'IMA 1464

FROM: ACC REGGIO

WHAT IS DESTINATION REFUGES (.) WHEN ARE THEY COMING

TIME SENT NR1 04/0900A

REC. NR1 04/0900A



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CG PBS, DISTRICT, MOVIT, MOV TARANTO, MOV REGGIO, IN DISTRO, MOV REAR 5 ARMY, DISTRO

FLAMBO

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3 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

REF MOV 3/20412 OF 2 AND MOV 3/19040 OF 24. FIB NOT TO ALL. EVACUATION OF REFUGEES.
ONE SPECIAL TRAIN ARRANGED ACHIEVE AS FOLLOWS. 4TH MAR AVERSA TO CATANZARO. 5 MAR NAPLES
TO REGGIO. 6 MAR AVERSA TO COSENZA. 7 MAR NAPLES TO REGGIO. 8 AVERSA TO COSENZA.
9 MAR NAPLES TO CATANZARO. 10 MAR AVERSA TO POTENZA.

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3. In discussion the
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the hearing, at the Office

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REFUGEE NUMBERING EIGHT FIVE DISPATCHED BY RAIL ONE MARCH.

ACMF PASS TO FARGO FOR ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH FROM AMG EIGHTH ARMY

CITE ROGER SLANT FIVE ZERO THREE OF SECOND

BT

SENT NR 1 03/0255A LP B1



RECD NR 1 93 93

43A: NR 1 030255- IGS OKAY

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FROM REGION 2 AGO

TO PENTBASE FARGO FOR REFUGEES BRANCH

RT/276 (2)

REF TELEGRAM FARGDENE FOUR FIVE NINE STOP DISPATCH REFUGEES
ANY ORDER EXCEPT POTENZA TO BE LAST

AGO DIST

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FROM PLAMCO

TO HQ ACC AOMB

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Ref. 20071

DISPONE REPORT REFUGEES ARRIVING SICILY FROM ITALY UNHEARDED. ACC PALERMO HAVE
 NO KNOWLEDGE. ESSENTIAL ON SECURITY AND MEDICAL GROUNDS DISPONE RECEIVE PRIOR NOTICE.
 REQUEST INFORMATION PROPOSED FUTURE EVACUATIONS ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR RECEPTION AND
 ACCOMMODATION AND MEMBERS INVOLVED..

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

2 March 1944

In reply please refer to: IRB/2

SUBJECT: Reception of Italian Refugee from Forward Areas

TO: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission

Reference your 75/26/CA 29 Feb. 44

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- (a) Formation of local committee, consisting of the Prefet, Doctor, and 2 or 3 more prominent citizens.
- (b) Organization of soup kitchen, by use of ordinary 40 gallon drums. This, to save loss of both food, and fuel.
- (c) Employment of the Refugees themselves at the soup kitchen. But the above is not being done.

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4. The present method of placing refugees, like so much surplus furniture, in an empty building, results in the absorption capacity of provinces being kept down to a minimum. It also results in much unnecessary suffering, and consequent discontent throughout the population, vis-a-vis the Italian authorities, and ourselves.

5. In an area supporting a population of 5 million (Region 2) there should have been no difficulty in absorbing some 50,000 Refugees, already sent back, and we may require to send twice as many as many more. If this cannot be done it will effect adversely military operations as well as Allied shipping resources, because the only alternative it to ship refugees out of the mainland.

L. R. HULLS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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C. A. Br. 4651

FOLIO NO: 031717
29 FEB 44

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FROM: MAIN BOTHER ARMY

TO : ACHIEF

INFO: MIA FLAHO

ORIG NO: SD 2353

REF ID: A614 SIG 0 223 OF 6.

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CONSIDER EXISTING FWD AREA ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERCEPTION AND EVACUATION MIL REFUGEES FROM ENEMY TERRITORY ADEQUATE AND DO NOT CONSIDER NECESSARY INTRODUCE SEPARATE ORG TO DEAL WITH ITALIANS. THEREFORE DO NOT AGREE SPECIAL COLLECTION POSTS IN FWD AREAS OR ~~EXIST~~ COLLECTION CAMPS IN CORPS AREAS. COULD HOWEVER USEFULLY EMPLOY 200 ITALIAN TPS IN REPLACEMENT CIVILIAN ELEMENT EXISTING INTERCEPTION SYSTEM. ALSO AGREE PRONG CAMP IN REAR OF ARMY USEFUL IF SUFFICIENT ITALIAN ESCAPEES TO WARRANT

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ROUTINE

FROM THE EIGHTH ARMY MAIN 392000

TO WAGO FOR ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH

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REFUGEE BRANCHING 32 DISPATCHED BY RAIL TODAY



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FROM: DISTNO (1) 151 SUB AREA (2) COMD FOGGIA GHM
TO : (3) AIR FORCE AREA (4) ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH ACC
(5) FLAMBO

2 202 (.) 209 P6 Camp FOGGIA is definitely required by Italian Refugee Branch ACC (.)
please carry out urgent recce and submit requirements incl tentage for camp to open
approx mid march accommodate 2500 on staging scales plus facilities for disinfecting
screening and documenting (.) cookhouses will require boiler stoves only

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HEADQUARTERS
TRANSIT REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

27 Feb. 1946

In reply please refer to: IRB/10

SUBJECT: Infiltration of civilians from enemy occupied territory.

TO: Security Branch, Allied Control Commission.

1. I visited last week, on 8th Army Front, a forward Refugee Camp, and examined the Security screening slips of Refugees. I noted the following:-

- (a) Many of the men said that they had come through in order to avoid German labour recruiting drive.
- (b) Many refugees said they had paid German sentries, 200 to 400 lire a time, or more frequently the equivalent in some object of real value (e.g. a ring or watch) to allow the refugees to pass through to our lines.
- (c) Refugees appeared able to come through with little or no difficulty.

L. R. HULLS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

Copies to:
Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
"I" Branch, A.C.C., Adv. Adm. Sec.

Seen by for Com
L. R. HULLS

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

29th February 1944.

Ref: 75/16/138

Subject: Reception of Italian Refugees from Forward Areas.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region II.

1. Reports from all sources confirm the impression that the Italian authorities are woefully neglecting the Italian refugees evacuated from the forward areas.

2. The Italian Refugee Branch has now completed its organization in the forward areas and the refugees are flowing south in great numbers. The Italian Commission for Refugees has also concentrated its efforts in forward areas up to the present.

3. Every effort must now be made to make the Italian authorities and the Italian people themselves realize their responsibility towards these unfortunate refugees. Representations are being made at a high level but in the provinces much can be done by Provincial Commissioners and their staffs to render the lot of the refugees better and to see that they are treated with humanity.

4. There is enough food at the bases in your Region to feed this extra population but steps must be taken to see that extra food is distributed where large numbers of evacuees occur and that immediate action is taken to see that the food gets to the refugees.

5. Every means available should be used to acquaint the Italians of their responsibilities. Reception committees should be encouraged and the offices of the Church used to the utmost.

6. I fully realize the difficulties with which Provincial Commissioners will be faced but they must bring home to the Italians that the treatment afforded to their suffering compatriots is being closely watched by the public of the Allied Nations and must have an effect on the future of their country.

7. I am sending Mr. Col. Fairman from the Italian Refugee Branch to help you in this matter but I want you to realize that it is primarily a matter for Provincial Commissioners and their staffs and that I do expect to hear very soon that a great improvement has been made in the reception of these people.

M. B. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Italian Refugee Branch.

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FILE NO: 62561
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TO: 15394.27
FOR: 15394.27

FROM: SAC, BOSTON.
TO: SAC, NEW YORK.
SUBJECT: CO 501 1077. INFO. BOSTON 1200
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27 FEB 1944
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SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS. OUR REQUIREMENTS WERE HANDLED TO YOU BY COLONEL SALA.

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FARGO (BRITISH, R.C. & R.C. SEC)

27 February 1944

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DISTW: FARGO REGION II

_____ Personal for McCaffrey from Lush. As I have explained to you it will be necessary send many thousands refugees your Region. No.2 District have directed Area Commander to raise no military objection reception refugees except in places definitely set aside for troops. You should study without delay new reception program in conjunction provincial authorities and send me earliest possible estimates by provinces. Food is available at your bases and special stock piles should at once be formed in main reception areas to feed refugees on arrival and until they are absorbed into normal rationing scheme. am sending Lieutenant Colonel Peirman, Refugee Branch, to visit Coanza and then assist you in planning but you should not delay preparations for reception on steadily increasing scale

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L. P. NICKEL,
Lt. Col. AGP.,
Adjutant General.

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NAVAL CIPHER MESSAGE
INPOLIO NO. 02540
26TH FEBRUARY 44FROM
TO

: POWIE

: CG 5TH ARMY (R) NOIC NAPLES
ACHT PLANDO PES NOIC ANZIO (BY
H.H.) CAPT L.S.T. NAPLES
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TOR NIL

THE USE OF LST'S FOR EVACUATING REFUGEES FROM ANZIO IS ENDANGERING THE HEALTH OF OUR OWN TROOPS AND SEAMEN.

2. THE UNSPEAKABLY FILTHY HABITS OF THESE PEOPLE ARE SUCH THAT EVEN ON THE LST CROWS SPEND THEIR LIMITED REST PERIODS CLEANING THE TROOP DECKS THERE IS A GRAVE DANGER OF INFECTION TO THE ANCONITA TROOPS.

3. ON THESE GROUNDS TEND TO CONFINE EVACUATION OF REFUGEES TO SPECIALLY SELECTED LCI(L) WHICH WILL NOT (R) NOT BE USED FOR ALLIED PERSONNEL TROOP THEY MAY TAKE A DECK CARGO ON THE RETURN TRIP TO BEACHES.

4. IN ADDITION I CONSIDER THAT THE TROOP HOLDS OF THESE LCI(L) SHOULD BE SPECIALLY OPERATED ON EACH OCCASION OF THEIR RETURN FROM ANZIO FOR WHICH NECESSARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

5. REQUEST THAT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE BY NORMAL PROCEDURE WITH NOIC NAPLES FOR THE NECESSARY CRAFT, OBSERVING THAT THE NUMBER SHOULD BE KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND SHOULD IN ANY CASE NOT EXCEED 4.

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FROM JMS EIGHTH ARMY 251700
TO FARCO FOR ITALIAN FIELD REFUGEE BRANCH
QOX CR 7
R/461 500 REFUGEES DESPATCHED BY RAIL YESTERDAY
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HEADQUARTERS
26 FEB 1944
A. C. C.

URGENT: THE SITUATION IN GERMANY CONTINUES TO BE UNSTABLE. ADVISE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AT YOUR BRANCH.

RE: BUREAU

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HEAD QUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

22 Feb. 1946.

SUBJECT: Reports, and Information from 5 Army, A. R. Refugee Staff.

TO: Colonel Ashley, HQ. A. R. 5 Army, AND HQ. U.S. Army

1. Referring to our conversation yesterday, I should like to have the following as soon as it can be prepared.

- (a) Present plans for Transit Camps giving capacity and locations. Reasons should be stated briefly regarding choice of sites. Locations will of course affect plans for Camps in rear.
- (b) Tentative plans, if they have been considered, for camp locations in the event of the line advancing.
- (c) Any estimate (however approximate) possible. As to numbers that may be expected, whilst operations continue as at present, i.e. no break through or quick advance. This could be reported weekly, every Monday.
- (d) Regular daily telephone message, say at 0830, before lines become overloaded, giving numbers being sent back that day. Negative reports required.

2. In addition to the above, any information of a general nature will always be useful, e.g.

- (a) Situation in forward area as effecting peasants still there.
- (b) Numbers held in forward villages, and receiving assistance.
- (c) Any items of information which might help our Security people. As you know all refugees have to be screened.

3. Returns are required now, and thereafter monthly of Staff (Officers & OR whether assigned, attached, or lent. Return of M/T monthly.

4. It is, I think, difficult for Col Nieprud to appreciate the situation in rear of Army, as he had not, prior to going to 5 Army, had an opportunity of seeing what has to be done here. As an example:- Special Trains have to be arranged for ahead, Camps to hold several thousand refugees have to run. Stores indentured for, and obtained, Refugees have to be screened, medically, and for security. All must be registered; most important perhaps are arrangements still further in rear where dispersal areas have to be fixed well ahead, and food etc. made available, and of course in addition to the old 5 Army front, there are people coming in from Czech land, and from 8 Army.

5. Perhaps it would be to the advantage of all concerned, if Col Nieprud, spent some time in rear, there are many very full time jobs to be done, and were replaced during that time by Major Culliton or Captain Grantham. I am leaving for Bari for a few days, and should like to discuss this with you, upon my return when I will get in touch again.

Copy to:
Brigadier General MUSE.
Brigadier MUSE.

L. R. MUSE,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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24 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian Rail Passengers

TO : R.C., Region II, A.C.C.

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1. Reference para. 5 of letter from Provincial Commissioner, Potenza dated 12 February 1944, authority is given to issue passes on the Bari train to enable refugees to return to their home provided Q Movements, No. 2 District are kept informed in all cases.

H. Fiske
HOBAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

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NONE

EVACUATION OF REFUGEES. REF MOV1/17139 OF 16 NOT TO ALL.
SPECIAL TRAINS NOW ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS. 22 FEB NAPLES TO REGGIO.
23 FEB CAPUA TO REGGIO. 24 FEB NAPLES TO CATANZARO. 25 FEB AVERSA
AND PICKING UP AT COSORIA TO REGGIO. 26 FEB CAPUA TO COSENZA.
27 FEB NAPLES TO REGGIO.

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INFORMED BY MESSINA PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER THAT FROM 300 TO 400 REFUGEES FROM NAPLES AREAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE MESSINA. WHILE NOT PREPARED TO HANDLE DUE TO LACK OF TRANSPORTATION, COAL, FOOD, AND HEALTH INSPECTION FACILITIES. CAN SHIPMENT BE DELAYED UNTIL SUITABLE PREPARATION MADE.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 75/ /3

20th February 1947.

Subject: Evacuation of Italian Refugees.

To : Regional Commissioner,
Region II.

1. It will be necessary for operational reasons to move greater numbers of Italian refugees from the battle areas into Southern Italy. Both Sicily and Sardinia will also be used as focus of collection but it will be necessary to dispose of them in your Region.

2. I understand from the Italian Refugee Branch that Area and Sub-Area Commanders in No. 2 District consider that saturation point has already been reached in view of their commitments in the future with regard to the accommodation for Allied troops. My own opinion is that saturation point has not yet been reached and that further reception can be arranged reconcilable with military requirements.

3. I should be glad if you would discuss this with G.O.C., No. 2 District and his Staff and ask if he would arrange for a meeting at a very early date between representatives of Sub-Areas, yourself, and Lt. Col. Mills of the Italian Refugee Branch, in order that plans may be made to increase the absorptive capacity in No. 2 District.

4. You can explain to HQ, No. 2 District that arrangements will be made to supplement food supplies.

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Lt. Col. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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Copy to: Italian Refugee Branch.

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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
POTENZA PROVINCE

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10 FEB 1944

To : Major General - Transportation Officer
Army to Potenza Province

From : Major General - Provinsor - Potenza

Subject : Civilian Rail Transportation.

- 1 Under existing regulations, we laid down in 10A/59, 16
dated 10 Dec. 43.
- 2 I am not permitted to issue special passes for civilians
wanting to travel on trains to Italy.
- 3 At a conference with Lt. Col. Mullis, Head of the Italian
Refugee Branch of the R.C. and A.C. Section, he stated that refugees
whose houses were in Calabria or Sicily should be encouraged
to go there.
- 4 Rail communications for Italian are via Rome, Bari, which
entails starting the journey from Potenza on the Bari to Ancona
travel is not practicable.
- 5 May I be given the authority to issue passes on the Bari
train in such exceptional circumstances, since I have had one or
two requests from refugees to return to their homes in the South?

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Under existing regulations, as laid down in ESA/55/16
dated 15 Dec. 43.

2. I am not permitted to issue special passes for civilians
wanting to travel on trains to Bari.

3. At a conference with Lt. Col. Hulla, Head of the Italian
Refugee Branch of the A.C. and M.C. Section, he stated that refu-
gees whose houses were in Calabria or Sicily should be encourag-
ed to go there.

4. Rail communications for Calabria are via NOVA LIGURI, which
entails crossing the journey from TORIN to the Bari train. Road
travel is not practicable.

5. May I be given the authority to issue passes on the Bari
train in such exceptional circumstances, since I have had one or
two requests from refugees to return to their homes in the South?

W. H. Smith

MAJOR
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
TORIN

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION 2

Ref: C 1412

re/

15-2-1944

TO : - Vice President R.C. and M.C. Section

A.C.C. A.F.C. 394

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With reference to para 5 above, will you please give a
ruling.

For the R.C.C.

R. E. Smith

R. E. Pricker, Major
Chief of Staff
Region 2

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CIRCULATION SLIP		
Please pass file QUICKLY		
FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. G. Lush	
	Col. N. E. Fiske	
✓	Lt. Col. T. Parley Smith	
✓	Major Drifffield-White	✓
	Major Van Dusen	
✓	Capt. Talbot	✓
	Capt. Carr	
	Capt. Stewart	
✓	Registry	
	CO HULLS	✓
	Ref. Bt	✓

REMARKS

Initial HERE and FOLIO referred.

Please see 28 and 6.
+ return pt 5 19/2

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Do you wish to
discuss the matter
with Gen Hume by
phone now

17/2 S.A.T.

To adv Col Halls
empowered to write
direct to Col Niefrod

of spoke.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIFTH ARMY
APO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

16 Feb. 1944.

In reply please refer to 100/5

To: Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Fifth Army, APO New York, N.Y.

1. Reference your letter of the 6 Feb. 1944, and 15/11/4 from the Executive Committee, A.M.G., also attention is called to 15/1-CA of the 9th Feb. 1944.
2. Lt. Col. Wapard was detailed by me for duty as Senior Refugee Officer, A.M.G. I impressed upon him the necessity of passing back full information at frequent intervals to this H.Q., and in particular such plans for transit camps, as the situation in the forward area demands. This is necessary in order that plans forward and rear may be coordinated, and best possible arrangements made for the incoming refugees off from the front, singling them, medical and security screening, arranging dispersal in rear, and so on. In particular siting of camps must be closely coordinated, since these transit camps are all closely connected with transport arrangements. Only by such close coordination from front to rear, can the most effective arrangements be made to carry out the wishes, and policy of 5th. and 8th Army Commanders, and A.M.G.
3. Since arrival at A.M.G. 5th Army Lt. Col. Wapard has not complied with the instructions mentioned above, and as outlined in Par. 6 of the letter of the 9th Feb. 44, Ref. 15/1-CA, Lt. Col. Wapard's A.M.G. A.C. & S.O. Section. The work of this Branch as a whole is handicapped accordingly.
4. I should be grateful if you would have this matter rectified at the earliest possible date.
5. As regards your request for further Refugee Staff. To have a limited amount at our disposal, which I am allotting according to the urgency of requirements at 5 Army, and 8 Army, Region III, main camps, and so on.
6. In the total absence of reports, and information from Senior Refugee Officer, 5th Army, it is not possible for this H.Q. to judge, as to the urgency of his needs in comparison to others.

16 Feb 44

Big rush.

There was written before today's situation arose.

Could you please take this matter up strongly with

HQ, A.M.G. 5th Army.

Shower to Big Gen. H.Q. - without effort.

I have already

CRH - new

[Signature]
 Lt. Col.
 Commanding

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INTELLIGENCE AND DISPEACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Director.
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RGK/ttg. 28

IDP/37/342.

12th February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees - Reception.

TO : D.C.C.A.O.,
R.C. & M.G.
Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. No. 394.

Replying to your letter of the 4th February, 1944 (ref. 75/6/CA) subject - "Italian Refugees - Reception), this Sub-Commission is not responsible for Italian refugees under the present arrangement.

Colonel Hulls is handling the Field Refugee Section which has sole responsibility for Italian refugees.

Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel F.A.
Director.

ENCL:
Copy of 75/6/CA dtd 4 Feb. 44.

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15 FEB 44
SUBJECT:- Reorganization - PW Sub-Commission

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16 FEB 1944

P.W. Sub-Commission,
C.M.F.
671/A

10 Feb 44

A.F.R.S.
B.N.A.F.

Copy to:- HQ, I. & D.P.
Sub-Commission.
HQ, A.C.C.

1. Further to this HQ letter 671/A dated 6 Feb 44.
2. In order to lend temporary assistance to the I. and C.P. Sub-Commission until such time as a proper W.E. is promulgated, the officers shown on the attached list will have been attached to them by midday 11 Feb 44.
3. It is clearly understood by the I. and D.P. Sub-Commission that these personnel are to be considered on loan only.

/s/ signature illegible
Colonel,
A/Director,
P.W. Sub-Commission.

ABW/AA

T.O.C. 2000 hrs.

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NAME & RANK	APPOINTMENT ON P.W. SUB-COMMISSION	ON LOAN TO I & D.P. SUB-COMMISSION
Colonel M. B. King	A.D.M.S. HQ P.W. Sub-Commission	HQ, I. & D.P. Sub-Commission
Lt. Col. J. L. Swenston	A.D.H. HQ P.W. Sub-Commission	" " " "
Major M. Hubbard	D.A.D.C.S. No. 1 PW Distribution HQ	" " " "
Captain J. Carrigher	S.C."Q" HQ P.W. Sub-Commission	" " " "
Major K. Murray Wood	D.A.D.M.S. " "	Maglie Hospital
Major G. I. Ritonie	D.A.D.H. No. 1 P.W. Transit Camp	" " " "
Captain E. V. Parker	M.C. No. 1 P.W. Transit Camp	Tutreno Reception Camp
Captain I. V. B. Dunster	Cas Oftr. No. 1 Distribution HQ	" " " "
Captain J. Geddes	Camp Comdt HQ P.W. Sub-Commission	St. Maria di Bagno Camp
Lieut. R. B. English	Admin Oftr. No. 1 Distribution HQ	" " " "
Lt. Col. P. I. Holmes	A.D.S.T. HQ P.W. Sub-Commission	HQ Eastern Italy, Lecce
Captain H. J. Jeffries (To be withdrawn - Indian Army Services Corps officer)	S.C.S.T. HQ P.W. Sub-Commission	" " " "
Note 1	25 O.Rs. have been included in the moves.	
Note 2	Personnel performing part time duties have not been included.	
Note 3	Personnel of No. 1 P.W. Transit Camp - 3 officers 49 O.Rs. - Have not been included although the camp is accommodating refugees.	
Total 15 Officers		74 O.Rs

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MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES. COMMENCING 19 FEB AND THENCE EVERY
SECOND DAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ARRANGE ONE SPECIAL TRAIN FOR
APPROX 750 REFUGEES FROM NAPLES CENTRAL TO DESTINATIONS TO BE
NOTIFIED LATER. DESTINATION FOR TRAIN ON 19 FEB CATANZARO.

INFO.: TRANS.
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G-2
HQ ACC
C.G.
SECY

ACC DIST:
(Action) Italian Refugees
Br.
(Info) Deputy Chief Comm.
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15 February 1944

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Memorandum

To: Brigadier Lush

Col. McCaffrey telephoned at 1745 today in response to your telegram. He states that Matera will be filled up by tonight when it receives 550 from Potenza and 565 from Bari. Potenza will be filled up tonight when it receives 2,000. He suggests sending 4,000 to Reggio, 2,000 to Catanzaro and 2,000 to Cosenza.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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PASCO (THIS LINE, R.C. & M.C. DELETED)

25 February 1961

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Received to Haffrey from Lash. It has
 become operationally necessary to evacuate Italian refugees from Italy
 some amounting to maximum 10000 during next four weeks, 500 maximum
 daily rate. Must ask you arrange disposal in Region 2 in conjunction
 with Italian authorities. Inform us immediately disposal progress

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L. F. HIGGINS,
 Lt. Col., AGC,
 Adjutant General.

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QUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECT

14 FEBRUARY 1944

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PRIORITY

OF SIX CORPS

OF FIFTH ARMY ADVANCE GP, OF P33, ACC AND AC F

FIVE ARMY GP

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INFO

AUTHORITY TO EVACUATE REFUGEES GRANTED IN AID 207A DATED 3 FEBRUARY.
IF YOU CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE REFUGEES MAY BE EVACUATED AT AVERAGE RATE OF 500
PER DAY BEGINNING AT ONCE. COORDINATE EVACUATION WITH FIFTH ARMY ADVANCE GP.
NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS COMPLETELY OF NUMBER AND TIME SHIPPED. LIEUTENANT
COLONEL ROED, AND, WILL ARRIVE EARLIEST TO ASSIST.

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Subject: Evacuation of Tamoli.

Major R. G. A. G. C.
A. F. O. 394.

02/53/146A
2 Feb 1966

1. Further to this R. G. signal R. 380 in connection with the evacuation of a certain section of Tamoli for military security reasons, the area concerned has now been cleared of all civilians and families evacuation to rear areas from Tamoli ceased yesterday 1st February.

2. The military regiment was for an area to be evacuated, evacuating the area and housing approximately 6000 civilians; the evacuation was to be carried out by 4th February. It was anticipated that the time given was short and would render the task of the evacuation area difficult. The reason for the evacuation however was explained to this H. Q. and it was obvious that the operational requirement was such that every effort had to be made to comply.

3. As subsequent events turned out, the majority of the population of the area, rather than to be sent south to an unknown destination, preferred to evacuate themselves to the surrounding villages, as they did when the Germans were in occupation of the town, and within a few hours of their being notified that they were to be evacuated, left the town of their own accord.

4. As a result of the above, approximately only 1,000 persons have had to be evacuated by train to evacuation areas, which has been effected under the direction of the Evacuation Officer attached to this H. Q. In addition some 50 sick, wounded and infirm persons were evacuated by motor ambulance to Bari.

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2. The military requirement was for an area to be evacuated, overlooking the area and housing approximately 6000 civilians; the evacuation was to be carried out by 4th Battalion. It was expected that the evacuation was short and would require the use of the reception area facilities. The reason for this evacuation, however, was explained to this H.Q., and it was obvious that the operational requirement was such that every effort had to be made to comply.

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4. As a result of the above, approximately only 1,000 persons have had to be evacuated by train to Reception Areas, which has been effected under the direction of the Evacuation Officer attached to this H.Q. In addition some 50 sick, wounded and infirm persons were evacuated by motor ambulances to Bari.

5. Appreciating the difficulty of accommodating large numbers of refugees in the Reception Areas, it is not proposed to take any steps to compel the evacuation of those persons who have moved to the surrounding countryside unless there is over-crowding in the surrounding villages to an extent which may be considered dangerous to health by the Italian authorities.

6. The normal flow of refugees from the former areas had been allowed down on the instructions from the Chief of Staff Eighth Army during the Termini evacuation, but will now resume its normal flow.

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for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding, 1,03
H.Q., A.M.C. Eighth Army Main.

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12 FEBRUARY 1944

REPORT
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TO HATOVIA
CG HQ HAT USA (HQ) CG PBS
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REPORTS DATES REFERRED TO IN OUR CABLE 2339 ARE IN ADDITION TO
AND SEPARATE FROM ANY PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED IN PBS AREA. CAMP EQUIPMENT
AND VEHICLES WOULD BE ISSUED FROM 5 ARMY DEPOT STOCKS. AUTHORITY TO
REPLACE ITEMS SO ISSUED, BY REQUISITION ON PBS, IS REQUESTED. YOUR
CABLE 49369 DATED 291455A IS REFERENCED. IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT RATION
S WILL NOT BE ISSUED FROM ALLIED OR ITALIAN MILITARY STOCK.

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INFO : G-4
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(INFO) ITALIAN REFUGEE
BRANCH
" D.P.S.C. (MAIN HQ)
" RG & MI SEC
" ECON SEC
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INTERNEES & DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR.
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IDF/53/228

3rd February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Italian Refugees.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

1. Confirming our conversation of 1st February, 1944, it is my understanding that the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission is, for the present, relieved of all responsibility for Italian refugees. That Colonel Hulls' organization in West Italy and the AMG organization in East Italy, which has been handling refugees, will, together, make all arrangements with the Italian civil authorities and with the Allied Military authorities for the movement and placing of Italian refugees from the combat zone.

2. It is further understood that I will keep Colonel Hulls informed on new areas to be occupied by Yugoslav refugees, if any, and that he, likewise, will keep me informed as to the location of Italian refugees to the end that there will be no interference one with the other.

3. On the basis of this understanding I have reported all personnel, which I had in West Italy for dealing with Italian refugees and which had been borrowed from Region V and Allied Control Commission, as available for release. Personnel permanently assigned to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, 2 officers and 3 PW/ORs, are to be returned to this Commission at BARI. The names were left with Colonel Albright.

4. To deal with displaced persons coming from the 5th Army combat zone and control static camps of internees and displaced persons; and to maintain contact with Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, with the Field Refugee Section under Colonel Hulls and with Prisoners of War Sub-Commission Agencies in West Italy, I am leaving Lt.-Col. F. H. MacFarland, Lieut. T. W. Liese and one American enlisted man.

ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
 Colonel F.A.,
 Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

7 Feb. 1944

Reference IRB-11

SUBJECT: Main Transit Camp, Western Area.

TO: Brigadier M.S. Lush, Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. Pending negotiations between the various formations interested as to site of main camp, we have had to handle the current situation. This has been done (though more than once on the point of breakdown) by using an old school building, opposite P/W cage Aversa, and 2 small centres in Naples: total capacity 1750. The camps in question are 75% deficient of barest necessities.
2. To avoid breakdown we wish to occupy at once an empty school in sparsely populated dock area of Naples (by chance little damaged in a largely demolished zone) This will give us a capacity of (approximately) 3750. No other military claim the use of this building.
3. Site for a main camp further forward is being reced in area CAPUA-SPARANISE. If found, camp for 4000, under canvas, in buildings, or combination of both should be organized there. AVERSA could then be relinquished as desired by G.C. P28. We should then have capacity for 6750. This would take care of both transit requirements from front to rear, and refugees dumped in Naples from bridgeheads.
4. Requirements are:
(a) Immediate: Some Engineer work and camp sites for existing centres, and school. (para. 2 above.)
(b) As soon as site decided upon at CAPUA-SPARANISE: Installation of camp there.
5. Experience during the past month, has shown that the finding of a new site is difficult, and the new camp (para. 4b above) is not likely to be ready quickly. Consequently, requirements under para. 4a, are essential at once. Until the necessary assistance in work, and camp stores for this part of the scheme, is forthcoming, we are not in a position to assure that there will be no breakdown.

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Copy to:
Provost Marshal PBS
Major T. Matthews.

L. A. Halls, Lt. Col. Commanding.

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For & from machine 9 a.m. 8/10/44

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TELETYPE MESSAGE
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REF ID: A7296
9 FEB 44

FROM: RMA
TO: RINGO
INFO: RMAHQ TULSA
CITE NO: 9 329

REF 12284.09
FOR 10054.10

FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR UNDERSTAND
ARRANGEMENTS FOR CIVILIAN REFUGEE CODES AT NAPLES AND FOGGIA INVOLVED
PROVISION OF ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL INCL 500 MEDICAL.
IF CORRECT PROVISION OF ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL MUST BE COORDINATED WITH
RMAHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APC 394

Ref/75/15/CA

2 February 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Refugee Branch

TO : R.C.A.C., Region I
R.C.A.C., Region II
R.C.A.C., Region III
R.C.A.C., Region IV
A.M.C., 5th Army
A.M.C., 8th Army

1. The enclosed memorandum addressed to the Head of the Italian Refugee Branch is provided for your information.

2. Your attention is directed, in particular, to paragraph 6.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

9 February 1944

Ref/75/14/CA

SUBJECT: Refugee Organization

TO : Head of Italian Refugee Branch, Section RC & MG, A.C.C.

1. I refer to Executive Memorandum No. 1, Ref. 16071/6/G-1, dated 4 February 1944. You will complete as soon as possible the organization of the Refugee Branch under centralized control, as a branch of the RC & MG Section of A.C.C. You will maintain close liaison with all branches of the A.C.C. whose activities call for such liaison, and especially with the DP Sub-Commission.

2. The Italian Government has appointed General Bigliani to formulate proposals for the relief of refugees. You will be responsible for coordinating their plans with the activities of the Refugee Branch, A.C.C.

3. You will also coordinate with the above, any assistance in personnel and material which the "Red Cross" can bring to this problem.

4. The duty of the Italian Refugee Branch, from a point of view of operations is to facilitate the task of the Armed Forces. Its next duty is a humanitarian one.

5. It will be necessary to establish with the authorities concerned (i.e. Military formations and units, branches of A.C.C. & AMG and Italian Government) the source of your needs in supplies, and services; in this respect the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, AFHQ has already defined certain responsibilities of the Army in Directive No. 35/16/C, dated 23 January.

6. All Allied personnel assigned to your branch will come under your direct technical control. Administratively they will come under the command of the tactical commander, or the regional commander, to which they are attached. This implies that plans must be coordinated between an Army area and Regional, or Italian controlled, areas in the rear. The plan for the siting of a camp, for instance, will obviously be communicated to you and require your approval, in order that it may fit in with transport arrangements and other transit camps in rear.

E. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY SECTION

8 FEBRUARY 1944

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9 FEB 1944
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IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THE COLLECTION, CONTROL AND EVACUATION OF REFUGEES IN THE FIFTH ARMY AREA, IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH 2 E. EACH, 400 MAN REFUGEE CAMPS. TO PROVIDE HOUSEKEEPING FACILITIES FOR THESE CAMPS, THE BELOW LISTED EQUIPMENT IS CONSIDERED TO BE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. REQUEST THAT ISSUE OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO THE AMT SECTION, HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, BE APPROVED AND THAT QUANTITIES APPROVED BE REPLACED IN PBS STOCKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES: 5 EACH UNIT, FIRE, M-1937 FIELD RANGE, 5 EACH BASE, WATER HEATER, COMPLETE; 8 EACH POT, STOCK 18 GALLON, ALUMINIUM; 1600 EACH BLANKET, WOOL, 00; 800 EACH SPOON, M-1926. MEDICAL SUPPLIES: 6 EACH KIT, 1ST AID, MOTOR VEHICLE ORDNANCE MATERIAL: 4 EACH TRUCK, 2 1/2 TON, DWD, 6 X 6; 7 EACH TRUCK, 1/4 TON, 4 X 4, C AND H; 4 EACH TRUCK, 3/4 TON, 4 X 4, WC; 8 EACH TRAILER, 1 TON CARGO; 8 EACH TRAILER, 1/4 TON CARGO.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

REFERENCE: 16071/6/c-1

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

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4th February 1944

1. The Chief Commissioner has decided to establish an Italian Refugee Branch of the R.C. & M.G. Section as distinct from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission which is also a branch of this Section.

The latter deals with all internees and displaced persons who are not Italians. The former will deal throughout Italy, Sicily and Sardinia with all Italian refugees.

2. Lt-Col C.R. HULLS, M.C., has been appointed Head of this Branch.

3. All communications concerned with Italian Refugees or Displaced Persons (not Italian) should be addressed to the appropriate Branch c/o R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C.

4. Officers are reminded that it is a matter of operational importance that movement and maintenance of Italian Refugees should be carried out efficiently and expeditiously as well as humanely. It is the duty of all officers to give every assistance in their power to the Italian Refugee Branch and the Committee of Italian Officers recently set up in conjunction with this Branch.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUT. GENERAL MACFARLANE:

M.S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission

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EVACUATION CIVILIAN REFUGEES WHOSE FORMER HOMES NAPLES AREA IS AUTHORIZED. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS IN ADVANCE OF EVACUATION IN ORDER THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION AND CARE CAN BE MADE

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_____ that numbers refugees can you accept monthly
during next three months. Reply please immediately.

To who sent?

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L. F. HICKEL
Lt. Col., AGO
Adjutant General

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Col. Spofford
Col. Halls

To note.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REF 75/10/09

4 February 1944.

To: Col. Robert B. Kirkwood,
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
SAMI.

Thank you for the two memoranda which you left for me on February 1st.

First of all I think I should explain to you the separation which the Chief Commissioner has approved of the Italian refugee branch from your sub-commission. You will be receiving an official memorandum stating what has been done, and I will only add here the reasons.

The Chief Commissioner and I consider that the care of internees and displaced persons who are not Italians, such as the Yugoslavs and other nationalities who you are now looking after, is quite a different matter from the evacuation from the operational areas and the maintenance in the rear areas of the many thousands of Italian refugees whom we have already dealt with and who will increase in the future.

The Chief Commissioner therefore has decided to make the two organizations quite separate. He has entrusted to you the organization for displaced persons other than Italians and ~~that~~ for administration in the S.C. & S.E. Section under myself. *his friend*

Col. Halls will be in command of the Italian Refugee Branch which will also be a branch of your Section and will deal with all Italian refugee questions from the front line southwards including reception areas. Col. Halls has the assistance of a very strong Italian commission which has been formed under General Berlingo to deal with Italian refugees. He and this commission will operate throughout liberated Italy.

There must of course be abundant cooperation and coordination between your sub-commission and the Italian Refugee Branch. I can assure you that this will be given by Col. Halls, and that I shall see to the coordination.

As you are part of the S.C. & S.E. Section, I think it would be advisable for you to have a staff officer in Naples who can keep in touch with your activities and your needs. In this connection I will do what I can to help you over the mobile bat units, motor transport, and signal platoon of which you advised me in your memorandum of February 1st.

If you can spare the time to come over and consult with me I shall be glad to see you any time next week, but please give me 24 hours notice.

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier.

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4th February, 1944.

Memo for Brig. Lush.

Colonel Kirkwood requested that the following facts be brought to your notice when he came in to this office yesterday before leaving for BARI and BRINDISI by air:-

1. He had not been able to see Col. Halls but had explained the various points that he wished to raise to Captain Kittimore.
2. It is arranged that Col. Halls shall handle all Italian refugees on the western side of Italy.
3. He reported that all borrowed personnel of Region V are available for return and that the Displaced Personnel is being withdrawn to BARI with the exception of Lt. Col. MacFarland and Lieut. Liese and one O.R.

I. E. CARR,
Captain.

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1 February 1944.

Memo for Brig. Lush.

Unless stopped by MILIBO, 2 District intends to withdraw the services now being used to maintain and operate the camps for Yugoslav refugees, except Engineer service and possible medical service. The other services required which A.C.C. cannot replace are:

3 Mobile Bath Units with No. 3 disinfecting equipment
(One with P.O.W. Camp at BARI).

1 Platoon motor transport (35 lorries).

1 signal platoon.

2. Request action be taken to continue these services on present basis.

ROBERT B. KIRKWOOD,
Col. F.A.
Director I. & D.P. Section.

1 February 1944

Memo for Brig. Lush.

After inquiring where I could find Col. Hulls, I went to the Prefettura as soon as Gen. Mason MacFarlane finished with me.

Too late for lunch, I found Col. Hulls was not at the Prefettura and could not be immediately located.

I left word at his Prefettura office that I understood Col. Hulls would take over all Italian refugee matters in west Italy at once and that Lt. Col. MacFarland would keep contact for liaison purposes with him and my Sub-Commission. I discussed certain details with members of Col. Hulls' staff so I feel sure he will understand the arrangement.

I have told Lt. Col. Bowman and his personnel from Region V that they return to their Region and have given Colonel Albright the names.

ROBERT B. KIRKWOOD,
Col. F.A.,
Director I. & D.P. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref/75/6/CA.

4 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees - Reception.

TO: R.C.A.C. Region I & II.

1. The problems of accommodating Italian Refugees from the forward areas is one that is the final responsibility of the Italian Government Authority.
2. To-date the Italian Authorities have endeavoured to accommodate all such persons handed over to them by the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission in the provinces of Apulia.
3. Saturation point will soon be reached in those provinces. It will, therefore, be necessary for accommodation to be sought in Regions.
4. In reply to the request of the Italian Authorities (through Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission) a letter, copy attached, has been sent.
5. Provided that the provisions of para.2 of that letter are complied with, you are requested to give the Sub-Commission and the Italian Authorities all facilities and assistance in the accomplishment of a difficult task.

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Copy to: I.A.P. Sub-Commission.

CHARLES M. SPURFORD.
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.C., R.C. & M.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
RED CONTROL COMMISSION.
APO 394

4 February 1944.

Ref/5/CA.

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees - Reception.

TO: Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your IDP/57/175 of 28 Jan 44, it has been understood that Italian Refugees were being filtered into selected billeting areas throughout occupied Italy.
2. There would seem to be no objection to the continuance and extension of this practice provided that :
 - (a) it is ascertained beforehand that suitable accommodation exists in the areas to which it is proposed to send refugees,
 - (b) the AMG/ACC authorities in the areas concerned are notified well in advance of proposals,
 - (c) acceptance of the proposals has been given by AMG/ACC authorities.
3. On the assumption that the provisions of para.2 above are to be complied with a letter, copy attached, has been sent to regions.
4. With regard to "refugees" who have homes to which to go, or relatives willing to receive them, the conditions of para.2 should also apply. In no case should civilians be allowed to go into Regions without due notice to and agreement of the Regional Authority concerned.

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CHARLES M. SPOTFORD.
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., R.C.A.M.G.

Copies to: R.C.A.Os. Region I & II.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR.
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28th January, 1946.

IDP/37/172.

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees - Reception.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Military Government,
A.P.O. 394.

Enclosed are translations of two letters received from the Italian Ministry of the Interior.

May we please have your comments insofar as they affect Regions under your control.

For the Director.

V. M. Hammer

V. M. HAMMER.
Lt.-Colonel.
Deputy Director.

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INCIS:

- 2 Translations. 1. - Return of refugees to places of origin.
2. - Utilising Province of Calabria for refugees.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS,
INTERVIEW AND DISCLOSED PERSONS OR INFORMATION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR.

23th January, 1944.

EDP 5/1/45.

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees - Detention.

TO: Headquarters,
Allied Military Government,
A.M.G. 324.

Enclosed are translations of two letters received from the
Italian Ministry of the Interior.

May we please have your comments insofar as they affect Regions
under your control.

For the Director.

V. H. HOSKIN.
Lt.-Colonel.
Deputy Director.

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REMARKS:

- 2 Translations. 1. Return of refugees to places of origin.
2. Utilizing Province of Calabria for Refugees.

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MEMORANDUM.

P.M. 151 25 January 1944.

Allied Control Commission.

REFUGEE.

SUBJECT:
Evacuation of Italian Refugees
from the zone of operations.

As known to this Hon. Commission, all Italian refugees originating from the zone of operations, have been systematically taken care of in the territory of Puglia and Lucania.

Since these provinces reached the capacity of absorption by taking in not only refugees but also a great number of Allied and Italian Military Personnel and therefore are not capable to offer hospitality to further refugees, it would be greatly appreciated if the Hon. Commission examined the possibility of authorizing and using the Province of Calabria (Reggio, Cosenza and Catanzaro) for taking care of refugees.

Expecting your decisions on this subject we thank you etc.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE.

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TRANSLATION.

P.M. 154. 16 January 1944.

Dr. Gordon Cheyne,
Colonel etc.

This Ministry has transmitted to you, through the Reception Center of Refugees in Bari, in its letter No. 10 of December 22nd of last year, the wish of many refugees coming from the Operation Zone of the 8th Army and at present taken care of in a provisional manner in the 4 provinces of Puglia, to return to their regular residences in Sicily, Campania, Calabria and other territories which are not yet under the jurisdiction of the Italian Authorities.

Since the exodus of the refugees from Molise and Abruzzo is continuously increasing, as is known to you, and the scarce possibilities of absorption in the region of Puglia already saturated with Allied and Italian troops are more and more diminishing, a communication would be appreciated whether the Allied Command has already provided for a compliance with the above indicated wishes in a general way, so that this Ministry be able to make arrangements for their dispatch to their places of origin.

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SUBJECT:- Evacuation of RefugeesATTN: ADV Adm Echelon
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23. Jan. 44

To:- Fifth Army
Eighth Army
No. 2 District
Peninsular Base Section

There has recently been a steady increase in the number of Italian refugees evacuated from forward areas. Some of these evacuations result from our advance; others are due to the necessity for clearing certain areas for training and operational purposes.

It is necessary to make prompt arrangements to deal with these refugees, in order to provide for their staying and examination pending their eventual removal to rear areas.

The plan for the forward by ABE involves the provision of two forward staying camps, one in each Army area, each having a capacity of 1,000. In rear of these, two larger transit camps are proposed, each having a capacity of 10,000. It is desired to locate one of these camps at FOGGIA and the other in the VALLES area.

The provision of the transportation in these camps must be a military commitment. The camps will be staffed and administered by ABE and the only further assistance required from military sources will be in regard to transport and refueling.

Plans are requested to submit as early as possible their proposals in regard to the provision of the forward staying camps mentioned above in their respective areas. No. 2 District and Peninsular Base Section are similarly requested to put forward their proposals for the provision of the larger transit camps at FOGGIA and VALLES respectively. These larger transit camps must be near rail communication or near a port.

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There has recently been a steady increase in the number of Italian refugees evacuated from forward areas. Some of these evacuations result from our advance; others are due to the necessity for clearing certain areas for training and operational purposes.

It is necessary to make prompt arrangements to deal with these refugees, in order to provide for their staging and examination pending their eventual removal to rear areas.

The plans put forward by AIF involves the provision of two forward staging camps, one in each Army area, each having a capacity of 1,000. In rear of these, two larger transit camps are proposed, each having a capacity of 30,000. It is desired to locate one of these camps at FONGIA and the other in the MULES area.

The provision of the accommodation in these camps must be a military commitment. The camps will be staffed and administered by AIF and the only further assistance required from military sources will be in regard to transport and relations.

Arrangements are suggested to submit as early as possible their proposals in regard to the provision of the forward staging camps mentioned above in their respective areas. No. 2 District and Bombarlier Base Section are similarly requested to put forward their proposals for the provision of the larger transit camps at FONGIA and MULES respectively. These larger transit camps must be near rail communication or near a port.

It is appreciated that the provision of tonnage on a large scale presents serious difficulties and that other accommodation is not plentiful. As a partial solution, it is suggested that the flow of refugees is likely to be in inverse proportion to the influx of prisoners of war. It may, therefore, be possible to allocate prisoner of war camps, or portions of camps, for accommodation of refugees.

This matter is one of definite military importance. It will ordered arrangements and measures for the evacuation of refugees, our organizations will be concerned, quite apart from the serious political repercussions and humanitarian considerations involved. You are therefore requested to give this matter most serious and prompt consideration and also to assist AIF officers to the best of your means in the execution of their task.

HFR/ABN

W.H. Jones
Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to: - H. J. District
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