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HEADQUARTERS
 ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 39h

2 April 1944

TTS/C/35/A

SUBJECT: "S.S. MARITIME"

TO: Transportation Branch, HQ AAI, Adv Adm Ech.

1. Could you please notify this HQ, when the return of the above is expected. Also whether the ship could be turned round at once for another trip to same port in Italy.
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3. It is suggested that above ship be kept on this service during the present month. A further estimate of the situation will be made on, say, the 25th April.

s/ L.R. HILLS

t/ L.R. HILLS,
 Lt. Col.
 Commanding.

Copy to:
 HQ AAI "A" Branch
 The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS, AAI, ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, COM, APO 400, 13 April 1944

Re: Commanding Officer, Headquarters, Italian Refugee Branch, Allied
 Control Commission, APO 39h, U.S. Army

1. The MARITIME has been nominated for a third trip to lift refugees from Naples to Syracuse.

2. Upon completion of this trip the MARITIME will not be available and it is not the present intention of setting up any additional shipping for the evacuation of these refugees. Be understood that the transit camp should be in operation by 24 April and you should, therefore, make arrangements for the forwarding of these refugees by rail via the Messina Ferry.

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3. It is hoped that the third trip of the NAHIBOT will be utilized to capacity, as it is noted on the second trip approximately 792 refugees were embarked whereas her capacity is 1,000.

For the Chief of Transportation:

THOMAS WILSON,
Colonel, T.S.,
Deputy Chief of Transportation.

cc: "A" Branch, Hq AAI (Adm Sec)
✓ The Executive Commissioner, AOC
Transportation Officer, PBS

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

13 April 1944.

IRE/C/51

SUBJECT: Typhoid at Aversa Camp, Refugees.

TO: The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C. ¹⁸⁴

1. Reference our IRE/C/58/1 of the 11th April 1944, and with particular regard to para. 4.
2. The various medical authorities consulted have confirmed that the Camp may be reopened for reception and dispatch of refugees, except the Verga building and the 190 refugees isolated therein.
3. Period of isolation Verga building, ten days.

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

Copy to:
"A" Branch, AAI Adv Adm Ech.
Transportation Branch, AAI Adv Adm Ech.
Chief Medical Officer, Region III
C.C. Aversa Camp.

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U N T S O I I I M E S S A G E

Office of origin: PAVINA (Brig. Insp. R.C. & M.I. Section) Date: 12 April 1944. Classification: RESTRICTED. Telephone: Vaper 5- 11050 DUSH. Precedence: PRIORITY

To: GERMANY.

SUBJECT IS REFUGEE CAMP SITUATE TO ~~THE~~ (TO ADV) FOR MHS FROM PAVINA) ~~THE~~ WOULD YOU ADVISE SUGAR DEON SUGAR VATOUSA IF ITEM SUGAR COULD BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE OWN DISCRETION IN SUPPLYING CERTAIN ITEMS EQUIPMENT NOT FORESEEN THIS CRITICAL LIST SUBMITTED X FOLLOWING IN PARTICULAR REQUIRED AT PRESENT X FIVE TRUCKS TWO AND ONE HALF TONS & ONE WEAPON CARRIER OR A THREE LARGE TENTS.

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Copy to: Italian
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L.E. ROBERTS, JR.,
2nd Lieuten.AGD.,
ADJUTANT.

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10 April 1944.

IRB/C/58/1

SUBJECT: 2nd party refugees, Naples to Sicily by sea.

TO: The Regional Commissioner, III Region I, A.C.C.

1. We anticipate sending the next party from here tomorrow 11th, and have sent you a signal that the ETA estimated is early April 13th.
2. It has not been possible to deal with this batch of refugees as we usually do and in particular screening by the CIC will not have been done. The people being sent you arrived from forward areas only this afternoon and as it is not possible to hold up the ship they are being embarked early in the morning. This leaves us tonight only to carry out registration and make up the necessary nominal rolls and identity cards, to dust for typhus, to have the people fed and so on. It is planned to make a distribution of Red Cross clothing whilst on board.
3. Under the circumstances screening by the CIC is quite impossible tonight. We understand that you have facilities for doing this at your end and it is hoped that the omission here will not cause you a lot of trouble.

L. R. DOWNS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

Copy to:

The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
"A" Branch, AAI, Adv Adm Sch
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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

11 April 1944.

IRB/c/58/1

SUBJECT: S.S. Marigot, second voyage with refugees.

TO: The Executive Commissioner, HQ A.C.C.

1. Ship was loaded today with 750 for Siracusa, i.e. not to full capacity. Reason for this is that yesterday morning, when 1000 refugees had been prepared for the journey from Aversa Camp, four cases of Typhoid were reported there.
2. On the advice of our Medical Officer it was decided not to put refugees from Aversa Camp on board the "Marigot", pending a full consideration of the situation from a medical point of view. Refugees once on board are crowded together and latrine accommodation, is on the very minimum scale.
3. A party arrived yesterday afternoon from the Beachhead, and these therefore were passed through Naples camp and embarked this morning, they numbered 750.
4. Necessary precautions have been taken at Aversa; our Medical Officer will consult the Chief Health Officer Region III today, and will report on the situation again this evening. There are at present 2400 refugees at Aversa.
5. Capua Camp was opened today.

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

Copy to:

"A" Branch, AAI Adv Adm Ech
Transportation Branch, AAI Adv Adm Ech
The Regional Commissioner, HQ, Region I, A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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10 April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Refugee Camps

TO: Public Health & Welfare Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

1. We have at present, in use or in course of construction, four main camps:-

Foggia	Capacity	5,000
Capua	"	4,500
Aversa	"	5,000
Naples	"	1,500

Naples and Aversa are operating. Capua is ready and will probably be open this week. Foggia, it is estimated, will be ready in 2 weeks.

2. The medical personnel of these camps, doctors and orderlies, as well as the cross workers, is Italian. It is proposed that the medical administration of these camps, which will be placed under the direction of your Senior Regional Medical Officer of the area or Region in which a particular camp is situated, thus:-

Foggia	under the Regional Health Officer of Region V
Capua	" " " " " 5th Army
Aversa	" " " " " Region III
Naples	" " " " " Region III

3. If you approve of this, would you kindly inform this HQ, and at the same time instruct your medical officers accordingly. We would then inform all medical personnel in the above mentioned camps accordingly, and instruct them through General Biscione, the Senior Italian Officer at this HQ, that in future they are to comply with the orders of your officers who will direct their work.

4. The undersigned will have contact with your officers through Captain GUTHRIE, R.M.C., who is attached as Staff Officer (Medical), to this HQ.

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4. The undersigned will have contact with your officers through Captain COHNED, R.M.C., who is attached as Staff Officer (Medical) to this HQ.

5. It is suggested that the issue of written instructions to Italian medical officers, be passed through this HQ, because from a point of view of discipline all Italian personnel with this Branch come under General Alcamo.

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W. H. H. H.

L. E. H. H.
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

Copy to:
The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
General Alcamo.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
APG 394

9 April 1944

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SUBJECT: Forward Camps.

TO: "A" Branch, AAI, ADV Adm Bch
AGAG HQ AGO 5th Army (For Lt Col HARRISON)
AGAG HQ AGO 8th Army (For Major SIMES)
" " " " " (For Major CUNNINGHAM)

I. Present situation is as follows:-

From right to left the following forward collecting camps are in use:-

- | | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Torino di Sangro | 6 Ind |
| 2. Lanciano | |
| 3. Luseoli | 7 Ind |
| 4. Campobasso | |
| 5. Isernia | |
| 6. Venafrò | |
| 7. Vairano | 374 |
| 8. Bessa | |

Numbers 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, are static camps staffed and administered by

A.C.C.

II. It is now decided between this HQ, and "A" Branch AAI that in principle all refugee camps will in the future be run entirely by A.C.C., consequently provision must be made for substituting our own camps in place of numbers 1, 3, 7. To begin with numbers 1, and 7 only will be replaced. The question of number 3 will be reviewed again on the 10th of May.

The above decision will be implemented in the following manner:-

1. AAI HQ will arrange for providing necessary ordnance stores, equipment, and engineering work for a small refugee camp of approx. the same capacity as the above mentioned 17 cages at Torino di Sangro and Vairano.
2. A.C.C. will submit a modified "1098" setting out the equipment necessary, which will be a reduced and simplified specification of our regular 17 cages. A.C.C. will also provide as much equipment as they can, such as, locally made gallianacci.
3. A.C.C. will arrange to provide staff and administer these two camps.

III. Major Cunningham and Major Simes will contact "A" Branch at nearest Corp HQ to the above mentioned places, and decide on the exact location of the 2

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camp. They will also notify this B. immediately after as to the approx. date they will be ready for staff.

IV. The new position character will be that this Branch will have, 3 forward mobile camps, i.e. those situated at Torino di Sengro, Cairano, and one in addition to a certain number of static camps. In the event of the line moving forward, the camps will decide as to the new location of their mobile camps, and after installing them, decide whether static camps are required to supplement them. The latter would then be organized as at present.

V. The above will involve the provision of the necessary staff for 1 or 2 days during moves and this will be arranged for by H. I in the same manner as the latter will assist this B. in moving our main camp in rear, as and when necessary.

[Signature]
Lt. Col. E.H.B.,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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Copy to:
The Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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9 April 1944.

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Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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HQ AAI "A" Branch
The Executive Commissioner, A.A.C.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

6 April 1944.

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SUBJECT: Movement of Refugees:- Today's events.

TO: The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. 1700 in Aversa Camp of which 1000 moved to docks in 30 lorries, and embarked with food, medical supplies, blankets, and conducting party.
2. Whilst this was going on 750 moved from Carmainello Camp Naples and entrained for Region III (their first party). As empty MT became available from the shipping party, it was sent from docks to Naples Camp for their move. This left 600 in Naples Camps.
3. At the same time 800 new arrivals reached Port from Beachhead. The remaining available MT from shipping party, were sent to move these people to camp.
4. One case of typhoid at Aversa.

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L. R. HULLS,
Lt. Col.
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TO : FATIMA FOR ITALIAN REFUGEE
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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

4 April 1944.

In reply please refer to: DB/O

SUBJECT: Refugees, and Information.

TO: HQ, Region I, A.C.C., APO 394
HQ, Region III, A.C.C., APO 394

1. After a brief lull, increased numbers reported.
2. Following notified from 3 Army Front:-
Between now and April 10th - 6,000 from Beach Head
700 from GSN
3. May be necessary to move further 2,000 from Polish Corps area.

[Signature]
W. E. Hulse,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

Copy to:
The Executive Commission, A.C.C.
HQ, Region II, A.C.C.
Branch ASI
Transportation Branch ASI

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

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ReS/75/175/CA.

4 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Refugees Region II.

TO : Lt.Col.Halla, Italian Refugee Branch.

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1. In accordance with discussion at Conference this morning copies of correspondence recently received from R.C. Region II are forwarded herewith.

2. Will you please let me have your comments so that we can work out an answer.

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NORMAN E. PIERCE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

1 April 1944

In reply please refer to: IRB/2

SUBJECT : Movement of Refugees to Sicily.

TO : The Regional Commissioner, Region I, A.C.C.

1. A meeting was held at A.A.I. Hq's yesterday evening. Representatives of the following were present: -

A.A.I. Transportation
A.A.I. "A" Branch
A.C.C. Italian Refugee Branch.

2. The following decision were made; -

(I) Transportation between main camps in Italy, and Sicily, will be effected to the maximum extent possible by Rail and Ferry, this being the policy dictated by A.I.Q. The object of course, is to save shipping, and although the Rail and Ferry route carries many disadvantages, they are of less importance than the problem of shipping shortages.

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3. As notified from time to time the flow of refugees varies according to the nature, and outcome of military operations. We can never gauge ahead what that may be, but we will keep you informed at regular intervals, of the situation from time to time. As an example of what happens, here are some figures: -

Early December,	monthly rate	34,000
Mid January	" "	1,600
Early March	" "	30,000
25th March	" "	4,000

It may be of course, that a month hence we shall again be swamped by great numbers. Should this happen, the Deputy Chief of Transportation A.A.I., has promised to again obtain shipping facilities at short notice. I understand that there are certain possibilities in this direction with empty returning Liberty Ships.

4. Regarding your suggestion that all instructions, and information, regarding refugees be coordinated through this HQ. This was agreed at yesterday's meeting, except that A.A.I., Sea Movements Branch, will send the necessary signals regarding ship movements as usual.

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5. Returning again to the question of Transit Camp requirements for a regular Rail movement. The Regio Camp will be dealt with by Administrative Branch A.A.I. giving orders for the provision of necessary materials, and Engineering work. We are making arrangements for staff of this camp. Time is short, but we hope to have it ready in 3 weeks. On your side, District 1, will no doubt, also have some difficulties, in preparing yet another Transit Camp in time, but with the use of Ferries, it is of course essential.

L.R. Hulls

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Lt. Col.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref. 6/6/44

Subj. Refugees.

To: Executive Commissioner, R.C. and M.G. Section
ACC Headquarters, Naples.

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1 APR 1944

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2. The tendency was first noted shortly after the turnover to the Badoglio Government. It is daily becoming more apparent. With few exceptions, Italian officials accept our "advice", agree with it, and do as they please, which is usually nothing. They frequently plead absence of instructions from their own government, and as far as I know, this is true, or lack of transportation, which is generally also true. This attitude in turn has inevitably an effect upon the morale and drive of our ACC officers, who find themselves stymied because they no longer have the power to compel Italian officials to act, or to remove them.

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5. A copy of my reply to the P.C. Cosenza is also attached.

6. I attempted to communicate with you and Colonel Fiske by telephone this afternoon, but was informed that both of you were out. I then talked with Major Humphries in the Food Sub-Commission and learned from him that an additional ration has been authorized for refugees while they are in camps. This restriction would therefore make the new ration applicable only to about 1,000 of all the refugees in Region II, and would give no relief to those who are being sheltered in sizable groups in many communes, especially where ACC officers have not been able, for the reasons stated above, to visit and revisit the places until the refugees had been distributed into families.

7. With the health of the refugees deteriorating, with sanitary conditions extremely unsatisfactory in many places, and with warm weather approaching, I am seriously concerned over the health prospects. This concern is quite apart from the humanitarian side of the case, and from the fact that if the conditions continue,

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Sooner or later ACC will be censured for what is really the fault of the Italian authorities, and the utter callousness of the Italian citizenry in general. It is possible, of course, that this general apathy is one result of their complete lack of enthusiasm for the present Italian government, and their readiness to ascertain how far the Allies will go in coddling them. It may be said that the officers in the field should follow the instructions to advise the Italians and to see that the advice is followed out, but as some of them have told me when I raised that point, common decency and humanity compel them to act directly to remedy the appalling conditions in which they frequently find the refugees, and they are certain that if they did not act in this fashion, the refugees would die or become ill before the Italians would do anything. They elect to relieve the sufferings of helpless women and children, and I cannot find it in my heart to censure them for doing so.

G. H. McCaffrey
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R.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Province of Cosenza

27 Mar 44

My Dear Colonel;

In case I don't see you in the near future, I am writing to you privately of my feelings as regards the refugee situation here, it is quite deplorable, and if I let myself go a bit, please forgive me.

The situation as regards the refugees in spite of the immense amount of work my officers are doing is getting steadily worse. The ration they are receiving is not sufficient to support life for any length of time, I understand it is under a 1,000 calories, the rest of the population, I know, gets the same but in fact, it has other sources such as private herds and black market buying, but this is beyond the reach of the refugees' purses, the sort of prices they are being asked is 2L a small orange in an orange district, 25L for a liter of milk.

I am of the opinion that the minimum ration for refugees to maintain life should be 250 gms of bread and 100 gms of pasta, the vice Prefect here and a prominent sindaco agreed that this would about put them on an equality with the rest of the population, the great majority of these wretched people are sick and should be treated as such and be eligible for the scale of Hospital diet.

Milk is a very great urgency and in large quantities there are many young babies, children under five, nursing and expecting mothers, who desperately need it. Our supply is very small and not nearly adequate, the soup has been a great help but is very expensive, the issue of peas is ridiculous a small handful each for a month.

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Buyers authorized by AFHQ are constantly coming here to take food out I fully realize the necessity of this, but these refugees have all come from the front and consequently the responsibility of feeding them passes from the front to us and I think this should be taken into consideration. We find our position here, only being allowed to give advice impossible as there is no question that everybody including those in High Office looks to us to do everything and certainly our previous propaganda has encouraged that thought. I find that my advice is accepted as if it was an order, but it isn't carried out and I have no means of enforcing it.

The Prefect and Vice Prefect, only appear to be interested in what happens in Cosenza and as Cosenza up to now has not housed any refugees except for the first day, this amounts to a very infinitesimal part of the real problem, as far as I can ascertain they never go out and see the real state of affairs, I am led to the conclusion that they are only interested in the things that can be seen and that they can be complimented on and perhaps have some Political value.

Our visits to the refugees in the communes are most disheartening, in spite of the fact that we bring them soup money etc, they would never get any of this without our actually taking it to them, that look at us as if we were to blame for everything as they have no one else to turn to, if we had powers to take drastic action requisitioning milk etc. it would help even the Prefect constantly says he had no power to requisition food, since we have relinquished power, all power seems to have disappeared. I feel confident myself that there

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is sufficient food in this province to meet this emergency, but it is impossible to get at owing to the black market in which I believe many high placed people are involved, a few Sindcos have taken the matter seriously and have made reasonable humane provision, others not and never will until forced.

There are a great many difficulties as regards transport, shortage of visible food, this seems to be the excuse for absolute inertia and for doing nothing.

I cannot adequately express the feeling of utter disgust of my Officers and myself at the callous attitude adopted by most of the Officials we have to deal with.

Might not the Italian Army who don't appear to be very busy be called upon to take a hand and assist in such an important cause?

I am sorry for all this harangue, Colonel, but I know you feel things in the same way as we do. I feel that apart from the very great humanitarian reason the world is watching how we handle this problem, we will be held responsible so couldn't we be given back our power so that we have a chance?

Everybody here is down with colds and flu the weather is disgusting I thought England was pretty bad but this beats anything I have ever seen. I hope that you are feeling all right and that Fricker is better.

Please excuse the typing, but the paper is so bad that it is impossible to write in ink.

(sd) Jasper Nicolls.

(P.O. Cosenza)

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ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
REGION II

20 March 1944

Ref: 14/6/39

Subject: Memorandum on the Refugee Problem in Calabria.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region 2.

During my visit to the Calabrian Provinces, I made a survey of the refugee problem.

1. GENERAL In the provincial capitals, and under the eye of ACC officers, the reception centres work well in the main. There is organization, and there is supervision. Cleansing process is satisfactory, and feeding and housing if not good are adequate. Most refugees have come from country where there is a glut of mutton - where the price of a sheep is 40 Lire, they are living on the memory of that sustenance, and they look well on arrival.

But on the communal level it is a totally different matter.

There, a handful of ACC officers, working from their little battling almost without exception, with utter apathy among the Italian officialdom and population. The problem is already far beyond their capacities. The example of England has shown it can only be tackled with a host of voluntary and paid workers. In Italy there are far less Italians, taking any part in it, than there are of very few ACC officers. No assistance or encouragement has been given by the Ministry of the Interior, and that given by the Italian army consists of the loan of a few lorries. Prefects and their staffs clearly look to ACC to do the trick. Not only does common humanity demand drastic action, but subtleties underlying the change of responsibilities since Region 2 became ACC will mean nothing whatever to the refugees or the world at large, when thousands already are delivered to the apathetic mercies of their countrymen - the allies alone will be blamed. Deaths have already started, and all the requisites of a great epidemic are present. This is not surprising, since almost all the refugees, including infants and nursing mothers are subsisting on a diet with a daily calorific value of far below 1000, almost universally consisting of bread alone, and rarely even supplemented by milk for any species of refugee. However bad the refugees' clothing and accommodation may be, any complaints about those are lost in the cry for Food, Food, Food.

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2. PARTICULARS

(A) At Cosenza - the Reception centre works well and presents few problems of any urgency. There are 6369 refugees distributed later in 31 localities - ACC officers are particularly ardent and are doing all they can. The P. C. states the Prefect and Sotto Prefetto are utterly useless. They disclaim any powers, they show no initiative, they prevaricate, they take no action unless under the greatest pressure. Billeting in private houses has begun through the most urgent pressure by ACC officers. The authorities do not visit the communes, thus avoid knowing nothing of their powers or duties except through directions from those same officers, who have even to take them their cash allowances for the refugees, and in order to save lives, have raided the medical comforts supplies and personally brought milk to mothers and infants. Owing to the cumbersome procedure authorized, they have found it necessary to pay for the tinne milk out of their own pockets and reimburse themselves in the communes as best they can. Otherwise they find, nothing happens.

The worst centres are the camps of Corigliano (800 x 400) and Anania (400) where the refugees are unable to implement their flour ration by any local purchases. Few beans, peas, or little soup has been received. In few communes has the syndacat tried to do anything at all. It is only by repeated visits to any village that any headway is made - and if so at all, it is by nobody but ACC officers, greatly hampered by transport, which though available for them, is largely unserviceable through lack of tyres and spare parts.

The Provincial Commission stresses that a grant of 250 grams of bread and 100 of flour per diem is essential to place the refugees on any parity with the ordinary inhabitants. It is well known that the latter have hidden stores and can make local purchases - the former cannot. There are 19 distributing points. No communes were visited by me at Cassino.

(2) At Reggio - In Prefect Priolo and Sotto Prefetto Marino, the P.C. has the advantage of having the only officials in Calabria who are taking any action in the refugee problem. The latter has had previous experience of it, and seems to be on his mettle. A handful of aristocratic Red Cross workers also seem less ineffectual than elsewhere. The Reception Station is good though scattered, and lack of transport creates bottlenecks.

There are approximately 2000 refugees. There are 17 distributing points for alimentation.

Specimen communes were visited.

(1) At Seminara the sindaco was worth what, useless. He had broken up the school, and placed all the refugees in it. None had any food at all on the previous day. It was then 2-3-4-5, and the sindaco said he had no food whatever for them after 23-3-4-5. In this he lied profusely, since later I found at the distribution centre, he had received stores to last until 23-3-4-5. Presumably he had given it to his own population. Beans and beans were to his knowledge available since 10 days before. He had not fetched them. Told he was to billet in private houses and reopen the school, he replied that was impossible as the refugees were of "quite a different class" to his population. He was advised that his attitude could lead only to one place - the carceri.

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It is therefore unfair to criticize what was not fully understood. But their does seem some imperfection of liaison between him and Major Blackwell, who is mainly responsible for refugees. The latter persisted he had never been able to discover the distributing points, and without that knowledge, it is difficult to see how he works. There are apparently 17 of them, but it seems they supply subdistributing points. Certainly the system seems difficult to understand and so far as I was concerned, and when I visited the communes, I found it was neither understood by the men in charge of the distributing and subdistributing points, or the sindaco. All said they did not know for what common issues were intended or what was the basis of distribution. Without clearer knowledge, it is not possible to say what is not right.

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(1) At Chiaravalle, the sindaco had done nothing whatever but clear a house into which to put the refugees. Never since they arrived had they had any other diet but 300 grams of bread. No one had ever supplemented that in any way. The first issue of milk had arrived the day before, but no one knew whether it was for Chiaravalle alone or for other communities as well, or the basis of distribution.

(2) At Satriano - The sindaco had done nothing but clear parts of houses which he said could not take 150. After the first four days, any generosity, of the local inhabitants had been exhausted, and the refugees had never had, nor were they going to have other than 250 grams of flour. They showed signs of plight.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the problem is utterly beyond the capacities of a handful of ACC officers unaided in battling it, and that urgent representations be made on a high level for Italian Army officers (no do nothing) to be detailed to prefect or preferably to the local colonel of CC.M. and sent out into the communes to organize each and to check the sindacos who favour their own people and are mostly useless.

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there is also an imposing array of officers cars outside the Liaison HQ at Lecce.

(2) That it is utterly impossible for Allied officers to tackle the problem backed merely by the advisory powers conferred by ACC, and that for the refugee problem alone, the A G powers be reimposed, including that of arrest of obstructionists.

(3) That the Minister of the Interior be requested to appoint inspectors, issue instructions, on officials powers and duties, and to visit each province himself.

(4) That the Allied armies be prohibited from making local purchases of food in any province receiving refugees, since all that is available will be needed for that purpose.

(5) That at least tyres and spare parts be supplied immediately to ACC officers, and any transport that can be obtained.

(6) That the practice at Cosenza be generalized of getting the Prefect to issue a proclamation on the advice of ACC, ordering the billeting of refugees in private houses under pains of committing an offence for refusal, and defining the duties of local officials and inhabitants.

(7) That the practice at Reggio be generalized of all sindaco of a certain area being summoned to a focal point and lectured by the Prefect and P. C. on their powers and their duties.

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D.E.S. COUNCILS, Lt. Col.
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Region II

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FOOD AND BLANKETS REFERRED TO IN MESSAGE FHTFM 2649 MARCH 26 AND NAQMC NUMBER F22258 MARCH 24 TO CG SOS WERE NOT PLACED ABOARD MARIGOT AT ELMS NOR WERE BENCHES AND TOILET ACCESSORIES. THAT THESE ARE A MILITARY NECESSITY IS CONFIRMED IN MESSAGE 13172 MARCH 23 TO FLAMBO AND FATIMA. HOWEVER BLANKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FROM ARMY SOURCES AND MUST BE PROVIDED BY ACC FROM CONSIGNMENT PORTUGUESE BLANKETS ALREADY DELIVERED. FLAMBO IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY BASE SECTIONS IF BLANKETS ARE TO BE RETAINED ABOARD SHIP FOR REUSE. ELMS PLACED 500 USED MATTRESSES ABOARD WHICH ARE TO BE RETAINED BY SHIP.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (ADM. ECHELON), APO 100, U.S. ARMY,
26 March 1944.

TO: Headquarters Allied Control Commission, APO 391, U. S. Army.

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1. Additional construction necessary to provide a total capacity of 4,000 is now under way at CAPUA Camp. No target date has been set for completion but it is estimated that the work in charge of PPS Engineers will be completed within 7 to 15 days.

2. This information has been given to Italian Refugee Branch, ACC.

W. H. B. Gail
for

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION

CLASS: SECRET
SUBJ: MURDER
FROM: PRISON (CINO)
TO: FATIMA
S/C NO: 6/20
REF NO: 2 21291
FILED: 274038A
S/C NO: 280043

(P23893 ACTION FINISH AND FATIMA INV. IBM, DISTANCE, BUREAU, DHA
HIGHED CARGO (CITE PHOEN) REF CNO 13172 DATED 23 MARCH. ITALIAN
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HAPLO/POLEMO FERRY OF ATROX 15 APRIL AT 08:00

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Office of the Director.

KCB/drc.

IDP/931/43.

24 Mar 44.

SUBJECT:- Guards at Camps.

TO:- Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. A.C.C.



Attached copy of Signal 5119/43 dated 12 Mar 44 is forwarded for your information.

For the Director.

[Signature]
C. F. FOTHERGILL.
Lt. Colonel.
Deputy Director.

[Signature] Per.
sent 29/3/44

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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM: DISPER BARI

Date: 22

TO: DISTWO - For information, 71 Sub Area 1 Sub Section, Displaced Persons, LECCE.

Originators No. 5119/43.

SECRET (.) Ref your SD1/162 dated 12 Mar (.) When GREEN HOWARD Coy move this Sub Commission unable to find guard on D.I.D. MAGLIE would you arrange replace them (.) It is understood C.S.O. has arranged replacement for duties carried out by Green Howard Signal Platoon (.) Understood you are prepared accept lessening of security due to withdrawal of plns from refugee camps this Sub Commission unable to supply guard

Sgnd. K.C.BROWN. Major.

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TO: FATIMA FOR ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH

FROM: MAIN AND 8TH ARMY

NUMBER: 1436

DATE: 25TH

TOP SECRET

OPERATIONAL REASONS ESSENTIAL 2000 REPEAT 2000 PERSONS BE EVACUATED FROM POLISH CORPS
AREA APPROXIMATE DATE EVACUATION COMMENCE 27 REPEAT 27 MARCH. EVACUEES WILL TRAVEL IN
TWO PARTIES STAGING ? ONE? NIGHT CAMPOBASSO. POLISH CORPS ARRANGING SUBSEQUENT TRANSPORT
CAMPOBASSO FOGGIA. ESSENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY YOU FOR FOR THE RECEPTION FOGGIA AND ON-
WARD TRANSMISSION.

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THI: 251010A

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FROM: BEARS FROM HANCOCK 241900
TO: FATIMA FOR HULLS

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(BEARS FROM HANCOCK TO FATIMA FOR HULLS CITE RVE-16)

S-8738 RESTRICTED PREFERRED AS FIRST RECEPTION CENTER IS SIRACUSA REFERENCE YOUR TWO FIVE
ZERO THREE UNDERSTAND ALL ABLE ONE AND FATIMA ARE ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS TO DISTONE AND
IBM RESPECTIVELY. RECOMMEND ALL INSTRUCTION BE CHANNELLED THRU YOU TO ALL CONCERNED
TO AVOID MORE CONFUSION.

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25 MAR 1944
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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION....INCOMING MESSAGE

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FREEDOM
PATINA

M/C NO....5/25
REF NO....22530
FIELD.....242021A
RECD0507

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25 MAR 1944
A.C.C.

(22530 ACTION PLANNED AND FURTHER INFO TNS, DISTONE STONKS GING SITE
ENGLAND)

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FROM: Q DISTOM

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TO: FREEDOM SITE PHOBS

INFO: FLAMBO

REF YOUR 13172 DATED 23 IBS VERBALLY AGREE SUPPLY TOWERS AND
HOUSEKEEPING EQUIPMENT REQUESTED OFFICE AUTHORITY FROM SCS
NATONIA TO PROCEED

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- EOD SMC 1
- ECON SEC 1
- FILE 1
- FLOAT 1

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FROM: SEARS

TO: FATIMA FOR HULLS 25/1507A

S-8755 (SEARS FROM HANCOCK TO FATIMA FOR HULLS CITE TWE-17)

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SUBJECT IS REFUGEE REFERENCE YOUR TWO FIVE FOUR ONE. ~~///~~ PREFERRED AS FIRST RECEPTION
CENTER IS SYRACUSE

SENT AND RECD: NH96 25/1522

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(TO FLAMBO AND FATIMA PROCEMA FOR HANOVERIAN FROM GAMBELL REPEATED IBM, DINTONA, AND
IBM FOR GEAR FOR HANOVERIAN SIGNED CITY CITY FIBER, FIBER, FIBER, FIBER, FIBER, FIBER, FIBER, FIBER
FLAMBO 1011 OF 10 GACH AND FATIMA 2493) 22 MARCH)

FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN AGREED FOR MOVEMENT ITALIAN REFUGEES IN SICILY:
MOVEMENTS. (A). FRENCH SHIP NAUOVI WILL BE CALLED FORTHWITH ALONG TO NAPLES FOR
PERRING REFUGES NAPLES/SICILY. VIA NAPLES WILL BE NOTIFIED. SHIP WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH
LAW FOR 1000 PERSONNEL (B). ITALIAN SHIP CAPITULO MUST BE DOCKED ALONG BEFORE EMPLOY-
MENT NAPLES/SICILY SERVICE. BUT WILL BE ALLOTTED IMMEDIATELY ONE IS REPAIRED AND CAN MAINTAIN
SLOW CONVOY SPEED. IMPROVING FORECAST WHEN WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER ARRIVAL HERE.
(C) MEANWHILE YOU SHOULD USE RAIL FACILITIES TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE BEGINNING EARLIEST
THIS METHOD MUST ALWAYS REMAIN PRINCIPAL MEANS OF TRANSFER.

FOODING. PROVISION OF FOOD FOR REFUGEES DURING TRANSIT WILL BE MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY
USING THE EQUIVALENT OF ITALIAN ARMY BASIC SCALE AS SHOWN INATTN AND MEMO NUMBER 2 OF 10
JANUARY. FEEDING IN ASSEMBLY AREAS PRIOR TO MOVEMENT AND IN RECEPTION AREAS AFTER ARRIVAL
WILL BE ACCORDED PRIORITY.

ACCOMMODATION. FLAMBO AND IBM ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE TENTAGE AND HOUSEKEEPING
EQUIPMENT ON MINIMUM ADEQUATE SCALE IN EVENT SUFFICIENT OTHER ACCOMMODATION NOT AVAILABLE.
THIS ALSO INCLUDES FLAMBO ENTER ONE ZERO FOUR SEVEN/ 1 SIG/AL DATED 18 MARCH

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED REFUGEE COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

23 March 1945

APO 394/Int

SUBJECT: Refugees

TO: The Executive Commissioner

1. Your letter 75/112/CA of 20th March, refers.
2. The vital position as contained in your IRV/2 of 10th March and in your 75/46/CA of 2/11 February was brought directly and very firmly to the immediate notice of Signor Reale at his interview with the Director of the Interior Sub-Commission on the 10th March, 1945.
3. The vital necessity of the points contained in your letter 75/112/CA of 20th March was also conveyed to the Minister in no uncertain fashion.
4. I do suggest, however, that subsequent to the meeting referred to in the 5th para of your letter of 20th March, there should be a meeting between Signor Reale and a technical expert of the Refugee Branch, which the Director of the Interior Sub-Commission will assist to arrange.
5. I feel, in accordance with your letter of 20th March, that specific failures on the part of the Italian Government should be highlighted in advance and placed before the Minister at the interview.
6. It is possible that at such interview the Director of the Italian Refugee Branch will be in a position to answer and deal with Signor Reale's queries.

Stanley

Stanley

V. P., Administrative Section

We are very anxious to get on with this job. The
practical way to present a list of detailed
requirements by district. Then we can make
Signor Reale do his share of the work. This will involve
the presence of an expert from the Refugee Commission
with a definite plan.

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23 MARCH 1944

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CITE PROCEEDING CASE ONE TWO FOUR TWO FIVE PD FLOW
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 CENTER PD INLAND TRANSPORTATION FROM MASSIMO DIFFICULT AND WOULD COMPLICATE
 DISPERSED PLANE THROUGHOUT ISLAND BEING A PLACING BURDEN ON THEIR TRANSPORT
 RESOURCES PD LONG-DISTANCE JOURNEY HARSH TO BEING AVOIDED ALSO BE AVOIDED IF
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L. T. MONTANT, JR.
2nd LT, AGH
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HEADQUARTERS
A.C.C.

S/S NO.....46/23
REF NO.....12429
DATED.....121359
RXCD.....201740

(TO FATIMA FOR WUJES SIGNED GINE GINE PRESS REFERENCE YOUR 2273 OF 19 MARCH)

ACTION BEING TAKEN BY POTENTIAL AND TRANSPORTATION AND APPROPRIATE
URGENCY AND WITH NOE CLOTH CONTACT MAINTAINED BY RMR. IN VIEW
OPERATIONAL DEMAND FOR SHIPPING PROBABLE THAT EVACUATION MUST START
BY DATE AND TIME WHILE HELP IS BEING OBTAINED AND PREPARED. DETAILS
WILL BE TRANSLATED BY MOVEMENTS.

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WASH TO DISTRICT BARI FROM F. TINA SIGNED SACFAMONE WASH NUMBER ONE
 DISTRICT BARI ALL INFORMATION TO RECEPTION CASE AT WINDHOLE IS BEING
 USED TO YOUR FIVE ONE ONE FOUR DASH FIVE FIVE DASH ONE DATED ONE EIGHT
 MARCH EIGHT TO MEANING AUGUSTA OF TWO ONE MARCH CURRENT

Copy to C A B
 Dispers (Po Bldg)

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L. T. MONTAGUE, JR.
2nd. Lieut. ... ASD

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC: ROUTINE

FROM: IBS (SEARS FOR HANCOCK)

TO: FATIMA

HEADQUARTERS
22 MAR 1944
A.C.

M/C NO: 48/21

REF NO: S-8560

FILED: 211230A

REC'D: 211542A

(SEARS FOR HANCOCK TO FATIMA CITE HQ-133)

ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY NUMBER ONE DISTRICT USING RECEPTION AT SYRACUSE.
REMARKING TWO ONE MARCH AT AUGUSTA REFERENCE YOUR FIVE ONE ONE FOUR DASH FIVE FIVE
DASH ONE.

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- INFO) Dep C.C.
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PATIMA (BRIC. LUSH, MC & MC SNC)

22 MARCH 1944

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GASTELL FROM MACFARLANE PD PAUSE TO FREEDOM FROM
PATIMA NICHED MACFARLANE PAPER PD IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE SHOULD SEND
 ITALIAN REFUGEES TO SICILY PD THE EMERGENCY HAS BEEN ENHANCED BY THE
 VESUVIUS ERUPTION WHICH HAS EJECTED SEVERAL THOUSANDS FROM THEIR HOMES
 PD ALL PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE IN SICILY TO RECEIVE THEM PD PLANS HAVE
 WERED ON MARCH EIGHT CMA ONE ZERO CMA ONE TWO CMA ONE FIVE CMA TWO ONE
 TO EFFECT SHIPPING PD I WERED ON MARCH ONE NINE PD NO SHIPPING IS
 FORTHCOMING PD THIS MATTER IS BECOMING EXTREMELY URGENT AND I SHOULD BE
 GLAD OF YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION

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Copy to: Italian
Refugees Branch.

Secretary General.

LWS

L. T. MONTAGU, J. J. Jr.
2nd Lt. AGO.
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

21 March 1944.

In reply please refer to: IRE/10

SUBJECT: Refugees shipping to Sicily.

TO: The Executive Commissioner, IRE, A.C.C.

1. Colonel HUMAS is anxious regarding the provision of shipping for transportation of refugees to Sicily.
2. Would you wish to remind General HADFIELD of the urgency of this matter, please?
3. Attached for your information, is copy of our signal to Freeman (2273) of 19th March 1944.

L. R. Humas
for
L. R. HUMAS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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CITE FLAMBOS UNCLE SUGAR TARE NAN FOUR
FIVE FOUR SLANT TWO TWO ZERO FIVE FOUR DATED ONE ZERO MARCH PD
WOULD YOU CONTACT TRANSPORTATION SECTION PAREN GEORGE DASH FOUR
PAREN SHIPPING BRANCH ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND IMPRESS
NECESSITY URGENT ACTION IN PROVIDING SHIPPING FOR ITALIAN REFUGEES
NAPLES TO SICILY BEGINNING APRIL FIRST PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS FOR MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION FROM
FATIMA FOR HULLS SIGNED MACFARLANE PD PAREN REQUIREMENTS ARE TWO
THIRDS SIRACUSA AND ONE THIRD PALERMO PD ALL RECEPTION PLANS MADE
PD ~~THREE~~ ^{there} HAS BEEN RECENT SHARP FALL IN NUMBERS PD THESE DEPEND ON
NATURE OPERATIONS BUT LATEST SITUATION INDICATES THAT ORIGINAL
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L. T. MONTANT, JR.
2nd LT, AGD
ADJUTANT

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

Ref/53/⁷⁵126/CA.

23 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Refugees to Sicily.

TO : Lt. Col. Fille,
Italian Refugee Branch.

The attached correspondence is forwarded for information.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive 1336
Commissioner.

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15 22 MAR 1964 5-251
 SUBJECT: Evacuation of Refugees to SIET SOURCE
CMC: ad AAI 200 201, CMC.
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 15 Nov 64

Reference conversation Brigadiers DUSH - PARON.

1. Copy of this HQ letter 3110/9/A(0) dated 16 Mar addressed to 'g' and 'm' Branches is forwarded for information.
2. A further communication will be addressed to you as a result of the above-mentioned letter as soon as a decision has been arrived at.

Copy to M. Refugee Branch
Shuler
 Brigadier,
 DASH.

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SUBJECT: Evacuation of Refugees to SICILY

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100 AAI ADL ECH,
CAF.

3110/9/A(0)

16 Mar 1944

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1. No 1 District in conjunction with IBS has agreed to accept 40,000 Italian refugees for assimilation into the civil population of SICILY, during April and May at the rate of 5,000 per week under arrangements Tn(A) in conjunction with PBS subject to shipping being available.
2. It is proposed that 2,500 each will be despatched to the ports of SYRACUSE (No 1 Dist) and PALERMO (IBS) and that the military authorities will be responsible for reception, retention pending transportation to areas of assimilation as arranged by APC.
3. This is necessary as the necessary AOC organisation does not exist.
4. Authority is requested for refugees arriving at SYRACUSE for:-
 - (a) issue of rations on PF scales for period held in transit and until arrival at destination.
 - (b) use of tentage and accommodation stores during transit.
 - (c) taking such measures which are considered necessary for their reasonable care (as affected by 'q') and medical care.

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Sgd: T WELCH, Lt Col,
for Brigadier,
DAG.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref:

7/123/CA

22 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of refugees

TO: Brigadier General, ID/GAO, AAI

1. Attention is called to para. 4 (e) of your letter AAI/Jra dated 13 Feb. 44.

2. Construction of the two units mentioned (1,000 capacity) has been completed. I am most grateful. It is requested that the initial input for 1,000 be continued with.

3. It is desired for other reasons (i.e. other than having capacity for the numbers as planned) to have this camp available with as little delay as possible. It is the only mobile camp which refugee branch has available, and in the event of the front moving forward it would form their total camp capacity in new locations, until such time as they could augment it with static camps, as they have done in this region (e.g. Aversa Baylon).

4. The Italian Military Staff, numbering 40 all ranks, for Camp Camp, is on hand today, consequently they can be made available to EIC Engineers to assist in providing labour for this work. If required, a further 30 (Italian Military personnel, can also be made available temporarily.

M. S. Clark

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:

Italian Refugee Branch.

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A. F. H. O.
ADVANCE ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON
A.F.O. 400

ALH/jra
13 February 1944

TO: Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section.
Refugee Branch, Allied Control Commission.

1. Request you confirm that the following is agreed in furtherance of 38/16/C, 23 January 1944, Evacuation of Refugees, AFHQ Advance Administrative Echelon:

a. Two sites have been agreed upon. One is located in COLIGI CARMINELLO in Naples with a rated capacity of 2000. One is located along Highway No. 7 near Capua as shown on map prepared by the Engineer Service, PBS, dated February 10, 1944, scale 1/100,000, proposed area for a Refugee camp, near Capua. Map is in hands of interested agencies. The area is capable of holding 10,000 refugees when developed.

b. CG PBS has been authorized to issue a minimum of equipment and transportation to supplement that which ACC can provide. Food is an ACC responsibility, but in emergencies may be issued temporarily from military stocks. Administration of the camps is an ACC responsibility.

c. It is planned to lay out initially the Capua camp for 4000 in units of 500 capacity each. Construction of two units will start at once. Additional construction will be started as needed.

d. So far as practicable CG PBS, will furnish engineering supervision and labor with the understanding that civil supervision, labor, materials, and transportation furnished by ACC will be made available to the maximum extent possible. Details in this connection will be settled between the Refugee Branch and PBS.

e. It is estimated that COLIGI CARMINELLO will be operating to at least a capacity of 1000 by 25 February, and that at least two basic units of the Capua camp will be operating by 1 March.

A. L. HAMBURN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DL/CAO

Copy to: DMC Flambo
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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

19 March 1944.

In reply please refer to: IIR/10

SUBJECT: Italian Refugees.

TO: The Director, Interior Sub-Commission, Near HQ, A.C.C.

1. Reference your ACC/28/Int of the 16th March enclosing translation of letter from the Minister of the Interior.

2. The question as to how much effort in the way of personnel, and material an invading army can divert towards the welfare of refugees, during the initial months of an invasion, is one which must be decided by "military necessity". The Minister is certainly not in a position to judge how much work, or less, might have been done in this direction. He might on the other hand consider for a moment, what is being done on this side, and compare it to the treatment meted out to many of those same refugees at the hands of the Germans, prior to their arrival into our hands.

3. The report regarding refugees baggage is entirely untrue. It indicates that neither the Minister, nor his immediate associates have ever visited the Railway Station at Salerno, through which trains of refugees, for several weeks, have been halting en route three or four times weekly. Not less than one quarter of the total load of each refugee train is baggage. Adult refugees carry on an average 50 pounds of baggage with them, in all trains leaving for the South.

L. R. BUELS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

Copy to:
Brigadier LUSH

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PATIMA (BRIC. LASH, D.C. & W.G. SEC)

19 March 1941

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YOUR SUGAR DASH 10013 THREE THREE ZERO OF ONE SIX MARCH REFERS PD

PAREN TO IBS FOR ADD REGION ONE FROM PATIMA SIGNED MAUFARLANE PAREN PD

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Copy to: Italian
Refugees Branch.

L. T. MONTAGNY, JR.
2nd Lieut. ACED.,
Adjutant.

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Copy to: CAB

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BR NAVAL MESSAGE IN

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10 MAR 1944
17TH MAR 44
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FROM : POWIT
TO : C.G. 5TH ARMY (R) A.A.I.
ORIG NO: 172004

TOO: 2004A/17
TOR: 0644/18

REQUEST ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF REFUGEES REMAINING TO BE EVACUATED FROM A H Z I O.

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FROM DISPER BARI 181730A

TO REGION III FOR CLARK DISPLACED PERSONS PALMERO

INFO FATIMA FOR LUSH

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TWELVE HUNDRED REFUGEES IN TRANSIT TO MIDEAST FROM TARANTO
 LANDED AUGUSTA TODAY . INVESTIGATE AND REPORT AT ONCE THAT
 THESE REFUGEES ARE BEING HOUSED AND CARED FOR . ANY FUTURE
 ACTION REGARDING THEM TO BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY THIS HQ
 BT 181745

REPTN NR1033 IMM T QVR2 181730 III 5114/55-1 AUGUSTA
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FROM ACC REGGBO
TO ACTION FATIMA

SECRET. REF MY MSG-SAGE DATED 6 MAR 44. HEREWITH REPEAT. QUOTE FOR HULLS CITE
YOUR 4785(4725). REGGION NOW PASSED SATURATION POINT POSITION BECOMING SERIOUS AS
PROVINCE NOT BEING SUPPORTING. ONLY 200 (200) GRAMS BREAD DAILY AVAILABLE IN COMMONS
SITINGUS THREATENING RESIGNATION AND REFUGES RETURNING TO REGGION TOWN. REQUEST IMMEDIATE
ACTION PRESENT POSITION INFO URGENT. UNQUOTE. POSITION NOW IMPROVED THROUGH
BETTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION. ITALIANS REALISING RESPONSIBILITIES.



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FROM.....SEARS 161100A

TO.....FATIMA FOR IUSH

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HEADING
161100A
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RECEPTION PROGRAM IS 2/3 MONTHLY QUOTA TO SIRACUSA (SEARS FOR
HANCOCK TO FATIMA FOR IUSH CITE RWE-14) 1919 AND 2085. ARRANGEMENTS
PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, FURTHER CONFERENCE 17 MARCH WITH ARMY AND
NAVY REPRESENTATIVES.

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RECD NR 4 16/1210A

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TO.....FATIMA

FROM.....HQ ACC REGION II

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FOR HULLS REF. YOUR 1997 DATED 13 MARCH. YOUR 1730 RECEIVED P M
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TO.....PENBASE....FARGO....FOR HULLS
FROM...CC REGION II

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LETTER EN ROUTE TO PCS THIS REGION INSTRUCTING THEY ADVISE PREFECTS
TO PREPARE TO RECEIVE TEN PER CENT NORMAL POPULATION IN REFUGEES
RESORTING TO BILLETING ON HOUSEHOLDS IF NECESSARY. BELIEVE REGGIO
TELEGRAM SENT ON BASES OF BARRIER ESTIMATED (REF NO 1944)

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MATINA (ERIC LUSH, R.C. & M.C. SEC).

14 MARCH 9144

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LUSH

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PRIORITY.

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REVEREND MR ERIC ROBERT BAKER HEART TWO OF SEVEN MARCH PD PARRIN
TO IRS FOR ACC REVISION ONE FROM MATINA SIGNED MACFARIANE PAREN PD
PERSONAL FOR LINDOOR FROM LUSH PD PLEASE SEND VERY EARLIEST REPLY
TO PARA FOUR PD ESSENTIAL TO MAKE BAKER SHIPPING PLANS

T. MORANT, JR.
2 Lt AGO
Adjutant.

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Please pass file QUICKLY

FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Lush	<i>ML</i>
	Col. N. E. Fiske	
	Lt. Col. T. Farley Smith	
	Major Driffeld-White	✓
	Major Van Dusen	
	Capt. Talbot	
	Capt. Carr	
	Capt. Stewart	
✓	Registry	

REMARKS
Initial HERE and FOLIO referred.

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HEADQUARTERS,
RAILED CONTROL COMMISSION,
AIO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 75/12/0A

20th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Refugees.

TO : Vice President, Admin Section.

Your letter ACC/23/INT dated 14 March 1944.

1. Report of the meeting between M. Reale and Lt. Col. Spicer, as well as M. Reale's letter dated 11th March concerning this meeting have been carefully studied.

2. First of all about the notes made by Capt. Temple. Para. 3 about organisation and means:-

M. Reale's statement is true, and what we want from the Italians is the organisation mentioned, e.g.:-

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4. The main problems are mentioned in para. 2 and 3 above. On the Italian side, in the majority of places there is a failure to accept responsibility or to show common humanity towards their own people. The general attitude

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has been to accept a difficult thing as an impossibility and do nothing. In a few places, where there is a capable Prefect, Mayor or Chief of Carabinieri, much is being done and the lot of refugees alleviated accordingly. They must:

- (a) Face the necessity of adopting the unpopular measure of absorbing refugees in every household throughout the country. This must be done wholeheartedly, half measures will not do.
- (b) Those in a position to do so must WORK. The so-called reception committees in many places exist in name only. The local authorities and billeting officers (when appointed) must have the urgency of the problem brought home to them.
5. On our side, whilst much is being done essentials which are lacking are recognised. The means must be made available - if any scheme is to work - of moving both refugees and food to required places in conformity with dispersal programme. A greater effort will be made with such questions as transport, distribution of food and medical supplies, provision of transit camps (to permit longer halts in transit) and the freeing of areas earmarked for military (to provide greater absorption capacity).

A further conference on these points between Heads of Branches concerned is to take place at once. I suggest that the question of a meeting between M. Dele and the Head of the Italian Refugees Branch be considered after that meeting.

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6. Meantime, this problem in Italy is only commencing and M. Reale's note (above mentioned) indicates an endeavour to avoid an issue which is unavoidable. There is repeated mention of difficulties and excuses for inaction. His conclusions on list of urgent requirements, ten in number, is simply a list of demands upon the Allies which frequently ignore the military situation. There is no word of what they might do to help themselves or assist.

Responsible Italians must face this serious problem. There will be refugees in great numbers. They cannot be shipped abroad, therefore they must be absorbed in the country.

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TO.....FATIMA FOR LUSH

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(SEARS FOR HANCOCK TO FATIMA FOR LUSH CITE REC-127)

TODAYS REFUGEE CONFERENCE WITH ARMY AND NAVY COMPLETED RECEPTION
PLANS 14000 SIRACUSA 6000 PALERMO MONTHLY. RECOMMENDS IDENTIFICA-
TION CARDS BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE SHOWING TRADE OR OCCUPATION.
RETURN 24 HOURS NOTICE TO DEPARTURE REQUESTED. 10 COPIES NOMINAL
ROLLS REQUIRED. UNDERSTAND 600 NUMBER 1 DISTRICT HAS SIGNALLED
ACT DIRECT ON SUBJECT REFUGEE BUT QUOTA AS ABOVE ARE CONSIDERED
BY CONFERENCE ESSENTIAL PART OF PLAN AND NOW AGREED BY HIS
REPRESENTATIVE. INFORMED THAT REFUGEES STILL REACHING MESSINA VIA
REGGIO FROM ANGIO DISTRICT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE, 500 DEALT WITH
DURING LAST WEEK. PROPOSE SEND OFFICER CONFER WITH YOU NEXT WEEK
RELAND CONFIRM

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Bangalore Mr. Kish.

Comment:

Para 8 & 9.

I have already explained
at length, that all these
factors have to be followed for.

Para 4 & 6

This is being dealt with
between account, & this is 148.

Para 7

Nobody suggested they should
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This was a basic figure
- subject to change.

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proposals remain as follows for.

Para 4 & 6

This is being dealt with
between ourselves & will be.

Para 7

Nobody suggested they should
take too much.

This was a basic proposal
- subject to many

alternatives - upon which

their quota will be 1000
fixed.

It is unclear to spend so much
time looking for difficulties.
There may be great numbers
and they have got to be
absorbed in the economy.

K. L. M. 10/1/77

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY RESTRICTED TELEGRAM

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CG DENBASE (FARGO) FOR REFUGEE SUB-COM (HULLS)

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HEADQUARTERS
17 MAR 1944
A.C.O.

2 DISTRICT STATE IMPOSSIBLE TO SPECIFY COMMUNES OPEN FOR
REFUGEES ON FIRE BASES BECAUSE FUTURE MILITARY NEEDS VARIABLE AND
UNPREDICTABLE. OFFER ONLY TEMPORARY ALLOCATIONS BY SUB AREA CG 3. ON
THIS BASIS AT A LOSS TO INFORM YOU AS TO ADDITIONAL NUMBERS WHO CAN
BE ACCOMMODATED NORTH OF LINE. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION II

Ref. W/ 6/1117

14 Mar 44

Subj. Refugees

To: Brigadier Lush, A.C.C. Headquarters, Naples.

1. With reference to your letter of 7 Mar (IRD/2) on the same subject, the following observations are submitted for your consideration.

2. Paragraph 2 of your letter indicates the possibility that Region II may be called upon to absorb 500,000 refugees on the basis of ten per-cent of the normal population. According to the census figures of 1936, the total resident population of the nine provinces in this Region was only 4,447,562, which on the basis of ten per-cent, would be 444,756.

3. There are, however, other facts which have a direct and important bearing upon the capacity of these provinces to absorb large numbers of refugees. The normal resident population of Taranto province in 1936 was 321,888. At the present time there are 90,000 Allied and 60,000 Italian troops in the province, or 46 per-cent of the civilian population. The chief problem with respect to refugees is, therefore, not one of food, but in finding accommodations for additional numbers. All large buildings are requisitioned, and despite the fact that many of the troops are under canvas, cases have already occurred in which civilian refugees were turned out to make room for military personnel. Building materials, with which to improve camps for civilian refugees, are unavailable.

4. It has been reported to me that one of the military Commanders in the province of Lecce, bearing in mind his prospective needs for troop accommodations, refuses approval for the reception of any more refugees.

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5. In Bari Province, there are large numbers of troops, although the exact number is not known to me. In addition, there are large numbers of what may be called unofficial refugees, estimated by provincial officers at 33,000. It is known that there is a considerable number of these refugees in other provinces, but our information is not sufficiently complete to warrant even a rough estimate.

6. The areas north of the billeting line in Matera and Potenza provinces are a considerable part of the whole, and since No.2 Dist. has indicated that it is impossible to designate any communes north of that line which could be definitely set aside for harboring refugees, it seems highly inadvisable to count upon them. There are very few Allied troops in Calabria, but there is an entire Italian Army Corps, which occupies many large buildings for the billeting of troops.

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7. In the light of these facts, it would seem that the estimate that Region II could absorb 500,000 refugees is excessive, and a reconsideration of the figure is respectfully requested.

G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES COMMISSION
AND 394

17 March 1944.

TO: Lt. Col. Mills,
Italian Refugee Branch.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of 16th March and to request you to submit a letter for the Executive Commissioner's signature to the Vice-President Admin. Section, and to Regional Commissioners, regarding the question of refugees.

A. J. STEWART,
Captain,
In Charge Executive
Commissioners.

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the 15 March 1945
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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BOARD
MILITARY CONTROL OFFICE ON

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier Lash.

REFERENCE: Notes on meeting between M. Rossi, and Lt. Col. SPURR

COMMENTS:-

1. para. 3-----This is true, and what we want from the Italians is the organization mentioned. e.s.

- (a) Dispersal programme by province for all provinces, showing numbers for each town, and village. This should be based on percentage plan which we have already submitted.
- (b) Nomination of Billeting Officers.
- (c) Orders to Billeting Officers for placing of refugees in all households.
- (d) Refugee committees at every dispersal point, town, and village.
- (e) Establishment of soup kitchens (food stocks from us) at each dispersal point.

2. As regards means, the Ministers statement about transport is true. This no doubt, is a problem for us to solve. Food in sufficient quantities is made available in ports, but transport to the interior is the difficulty. Clothes:- The Red Cross is distributing something, to every needy refugee passing through our hands. Nothing more could be expected at this stage. Blankets:- Whether it would be the policy of the allies to supply every refugee in this country with one or more blankets is a question to be decided.

3. It seems that L. Rossi is endeavouring to avoid an issue, which is unavoidable. Italy must face this serious problem. There will be refugees in great numbers. They cannot be shipped abroad, therefore they must be absorbed in the country.

4. The main problems are set out in paras. 1, and 2 above. On the Italian side, they must:-

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1. para. 5.-----This is true, and what we want from the Italians is the organisation mentioned. S.S.

- (a) Dispersal programme by province for all provinces, sending numbers for each town, and villages. This number is based on percentage plan which we have already submitted.
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On our side:-

- (a) The means must, if any scheme is to work, be made available of moving, both refugees, and food, to the required places, in conformity with the dispersal programme.

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5. Regional Commissions should direct the work in provinces in the following order:-

- (a) Dispersal programme.
- (b) Get food stocks in place.
- (c) Distribute refugees.

6. This problem in Italy is only commencing. General opinion will of course hold us responsible, if it is not solved.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

14 March 1944.

In reply please refer to: IRE/2

SUBJECT: Refugees.

TO: The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. The Minister of Interior (M. REALE) addressed a letter to A.C.C. HQ (No. 1098 of 11 March) regarding refugees. The following are the main points of his letter, and my comments thereto:-

- (a) Refugees should remain in our Transit camps long enough to permit proper medical examination, and also registration.

Comment:- Decision has already been taken to hold refugees not less than 36 hours (48 where possible). Until our camps are ready however, this is not possible owing to lack of camp capacities.

- (b) Trains to dispersal areas should be limited to 750 refugees.

Comment:- Agreed in principle, but not possible at present for reasons stated under (a) above.

- (c) Transport of refugees and food to the interior of Provinces is impossible due to lack of IT.

Comment:- I think this is true, and it is of course a serious handicap to our dispersal plans.

- (d) Refugees can be taken in the provinces of Salerno, Avellino, and Benevento.

Comment:- I understand Lt. Col. POLETTI is preparing to do so.

- (e) Ex-Gil clothing, requisitioned by the Allies, should now be made available for refugees.

Comment:- I am unable to comment on this point, as we are not in the picture. But, if this would save shipment from Allied sources (e.g. Red Cross supplies from U.S.), it would seem to be advisable.

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

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