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

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REF : 75/ /CA.

1 September 44.

SUBJECT : Delayed unloading Refugee Ship at Taranto.

TO : Southern Region.

1. This HQ. is informed by Movements A.A.I.:

- (a) That the coastal vessel "Marigot" from Ancona arrived at Taranto in the early evening of 28 August with some 600 Italian Refugees aboard;
- (b) That a quick turn round for this ship has been scheduled and
- (c) That an A.C.C. officer at Taranto did not effect unloading until the following day resulting in the ship being delayed.

2. Please make immediate inquiries into the matter and report to this HQ. with an explanation why the ship was delayed and on whose authority.

copy copy
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

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Col Br122.

Repatriation of Refugees.

Pol 472.

The Vatican are still publishing in L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO there arrangements for repatriating refugees. Col Willis is "worried" as much about the repatriation as about the publicising of it and contends that it is this sort of thing which led to the difficult situation at Barletta and Naples. The Ex. Commr. wrote the British Legation to the Holy See on 31st July (Folio 395) and it may be necessary to do so again or to get the Liaison Officer to raise the matter with Sir D'Arcy Osborne.

J. Reaney Maj.

1st Sept.

Col Brown

Col Brown.

Will you please take up with Sir D'Arcy Osborne.

J. Reaney Maj.

1 Sep.

Col Brown spoke to me re this matter. He said he had seen Sir D'Arcy Osborne who has suggested that either he mention it to Sir D'Arcy or that he last one.

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31st August, 1944

Please Message from Capt. Oden at 5 o'clock today.

S.S. Harriot stated to have been delayed on the night 30-31st August (inquiries) at Toronto or Bari by local A.C.C. officer refusing to unload refugees until the following morning.

Brigadier Fellows of A.A.T. wishes us to make an inquiry.

Major Reakes.

Can you msg Oden up about this at AM tonight.

J 3/18.

Col. Shipp.

I have spoken to Capt. Oden. He has been unable to contact Brig. Fellows and will try to do so again. He has not succeeded in getting any information yet but expects to be in tomorrow with more details. Will this wait.

J. Reakes, Maj.

31 Aug.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

1 SEP Recd

31 August 1944.

IRB/23

SUBJECT: Repatriation of refugees.

TO: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. Despite your letter Ref 75/395/CA of 31 July 1944 and the Minister's to the Vatican Ref. 75/2/44 of 2 August 44, the following appears in L'Osservatore Romano of 28-29 August 1944.

"Repatriation travel: On Wednesday 30 August, there will be a repatriation journey for refugees, residing in Rome, who will return to Sicily. This is the first journey it has been possible to organize after a long suspension caused by technical reasons. On Friday 1 September a repatriation journey for refugees residing in Rome and returning to Abruzzi. The run will be; Rome, Tivoli, Avezzano, Chieti, Pescara. The subjects for this journey have to go as soon as possible to 7 Borgo di Santo Spirito to get their tickets.

During the course of the week, other journeys will be organized for refugees of the concentrations and of the camps."

2. As you know it is not so much the getting these few people to their homes that matters, but the fact that the Vatican publishes this for the whole world to know. The publication of such an item of news will probably be reprinted in all sorts of papers all over Italy.

3. It is undoubtedly this sort of thing which brought about the recent difficult situation in Barletta and Naples.

4. As the Vatican is ignoring the request of the Allies in this matter it is now necessary to take this up in a much stronger manner.

L. R. Hulls
L. R. HULLS,
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

28 August 1944.

HRH/a/Gen.

SUBJECT: Absorption of Battle front refugees.

TO : The Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission,

1. This is to propose that necessary steps be taken vis-a-vis the Italian Government to bring about the enforcement by law of "General billeting of refugees".

2. Until certain truths are recognized by the Italian authorities and by ourselves, this whole problem, as we reach more populous areas, will continue to become more difficult.

Firstly: Refugees must be taken away from battle zones and must be taken elsewhere. They are moved according to transportation facilities; distribution is fixed between all Regions as fairly as possible, taking into consideration all known factors.

Secondly: The resultant burden involves:

- (a) Transportation.
- (b) Food.
- (c) Absorption.

3. The first two have to be born by the Allies at the expense of our war effort. The third is for the Italian people generally, who to date have done little for their own more unfortunate fellow countrymen, and are inclined to do less unless forced to.

4. They should be made to understand that a share of this burden must be shouldered by them collectively and individually. This has not been brought home to them even yet, particularly the better-off classes, the majority of whom have been untouched by the problem.

5. Why the Italian Government has not enforced the measure of billeting is inexplicable except that the measure is always unpopular. The question why an Italian family should not receive one or several refugees - just as most families in England are obliged to do - remains unanswered. Also why, the inhabitants of Italy, with her record in this war, should be favored in this matter vis-a-vis the inhabitants of other countries is not clear.

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6. In view of the indifference of the Italians generally to this problem, the time has come when the measure of general billeting should be enforced by law and the whole problem brought home to the people, particularly the better-off classes, in the most downright manner possible. Unless this be done, the situation in centres due to receive large quotas of refugees will continue to deteriorate, and may reach even the disgraceful level existing in Rome during the German occupation when in one camp people were dying at the rate of 15 per day.

7. In this connection I have before me a letter from London dated 25 Aug, para. 3 of which reads as follows:

para. 3 "Present population at Rome area camps and sanitary conditions existing therein will not permit the absorption of further numbers at this time. To do so will result in housing human beings under conditions which would not be suitable for animals".

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They should not, of course, dump great numbers in camps and leave them there.

The situation in Region 4 is brought about by the fact that they will not take measures which this Headquarters has recommended to all Regions continuously since we began to function.

As regards their immediate problem, this Headquarters wrote to them on 18th July stating:

para. 5(a) "It is understood that should the situation demand it you will be able to absorb in Rome up to 15000 refugees during the coming two months".

Rome Region replied on 22nd July:

"This Region agrees to para. 5(a) of your letter."

Consequently they have had adequate time to prepare for today's situation.

L.R. Hulls
L.R. HULLS,
Colonel.,
Director.

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K.R. Hulls
E.R. HULLS,
Colonel,
Director.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

28 August 1944.

IRB/R/Gen.

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SUBJECT: Dispersal and Absorption of Refugees.

TO	:	Regional Commissioner	Region 1.
	"	"	Southern Region.
	"	"	Region 4.
	"	"	Region 8.
	"	"	Region 9.
	"	"	Region 2.

Enclosed will interest you.

Reg. V BQ., in calling Prefets together and laying down exactly what is to be done, are of course doing the very thing required.

Also the plan they have adopted is the correct one.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner A.C.C.

L.R. Hulls
L.R. HULLS,
Colonel,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM
A.M.C. REGION V.
Public Health and Welfare Division

SUBJECT : Refugees from forward areas, disposal of.
REF. : RS/513/18/115.
DATE : 23rd August 64.
TO : F.C. Ghiati, Pescara, Teramo, Ascoli, Macerata, Ancona.

At the Conference of Prefects held on the 20th August 64 at Headquarters Region V, the A.P.H.C. spoke to the meeting on the problems of refugees and of plans for their disposal.

The forward provinces of Region V will be called upon to each absorb 2,500-3,000 refugees on a temporary basis within the Communes in order to facilitate the rapid rehabilitation when war has passed. This procedure has become necessary owing to the impossibility of sending any more south at the present time.

The main point which it was intended to impress on the Prefects was that the responsibility to make all arrangements within their own Province rests with them and not with A.P.H.C.

The Prefects were instructed to have their Sindaco prepare list of the number which can be absorbed in such commune, at an average rate of 180/0 of the present population and forward same in duplicate to the Provincial Commissioner, one copy of which to be sent to this HQ.

The scheme as outlined was for a Central Camp to be set up in a large building in or near the Capital of each Province and on the main line of communication, capable of handling 350 - 400.

Administration of the camp would be the responsibility of the Prefect, through a committee composed of Medico Provinciale, Italian Red Cross, and other leading personalities. It would be the duty of this committee to provide cooking utensils, blankets, and ration, the latter obtainable from the Consorzio Agrario. All refugees leaving the main camp will be given sufficient rations to enable them to live until they obtain their ration card in the Commune and the Sindaco will make all arrangements for their reception and dispersal on arrival.

Assistance in the running of this scheme will be given by the Red Cross personnel attached to the Region and thus relieve the Provincial Public Health Officer of that responsibility. They will be directed by their Regional Supervisor who will maintain a liaison with the Provincial Commissioner and be directed by the A.P.H.C. and Regional Welfare Officer.

For Regional Commissioner :

/s/ G. MARSHALL,
/s/ G. MARSHALL,
Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.,
Regional Public Health &
Welfare Officer.

Copy to: Director Italian Refugee Branch A.C.C.,
Regional Welfare Officer,
Regional Supervisor Red Cross (Mr. Ghiati).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
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Ref 75/23/CA

29th August, 1944

SUBJECT: Refugees
TO : Executive Commissioner

1. At 21 you will see a scheme for absorbing refugees in Region V. This puts the responsibility on the Prefects who set out camps which they have to run with their own resources and personnel. Red Cross assist when available.
2. Col. Hulls considers this an excellent scheme and has circulated to all Regions (see 22).

G. W. I. Shipp

G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

Col Hulls

Do you attend ethnic camps?

WV 29/8 2133

To Aug. Executive Commission
no. There are small transit centres
Issue 31/8. capable of passing through 800 -
400 at a time *Ref. Hulls Col.*

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I have spoken to Col
 Aulls re. his note. He
 now considers it no longer
 necessary to visit AAI & thinks
 the action taken in removing
 refugees from stations will
 be sufficient & suggests waiting
 until they raise the matter.

J. K. May.

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27 Aug

PA. To ^{John G. ...}
Executive Commission

Ref. para LC (75/454/CA) 25-8-44
What precisely are
we desired to
discuss - with AAI?

KH. Bratt
Col

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MAJOR WHITE

HEADQUARTERS
27 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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NONE
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8 ARMY REQUIRE ME TO OPERATE A MOBILE TENTED CAMP AT RAILHEAD FOR MINIMUM 500 REFUGEES. IF THIS IS DONE IMPOSSIBLE SET UP AIRCRAFT CAMP WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TENTAGE TRANSPORT AND PALLIASSES AND BLANKETS. ESSENTIAL I RECEIVED IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS. NO TRANSPORT AVAILABLE. TO SEND REFUGEES REGION 5 MOOT WILL BE SENT WEST ON RAILWAY.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

R/5172

27 AUG Recd
26 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation

TO : HQ. Allied Control Commission
RC and MG Section

1. Reference your 75/460/CA dated 24 August, it is confirmed that full instructions have issued on the lines laid down by ACC.

2. In view of Foggia Province signal, particulars of passes alleged to be issued in Rome would enable more action and complete assurance.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. D. Bonham-Carter
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt Colonel
Executive Officer(Provinces)

*at Stuttgart sec. I think the matter
is understood by all now & that little
would be achieved by asking Southern
Region to get these passes for Reg. IV*

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COL. JAMES A. ROBERTS

Subject: Return of Civilian Refugees
Italy.

HO ARMED ARMS IN ITALY
AMT/3076/5/A/O
11 Aug 44.

Executive Commissioner,
NSA

2 AUG Recd

Reference No. 75 of 1 August 44.

1. With reference to your above-cited letter, it is reported by HQ 2 District that the instructions given are apparently not being complied with. Reports three persons returned from Region 2 and further representations from HQ 2 District situation continues to be unsatisfactory. Copy of 2 Dist letter 200/40 of 9 Aug 44, is attached.

2. It will be appreciated if the steps requested by HQ 2 Dist can be taken and if the region concerned can be instructed to adhere to the instructions given in your letter of 1 Aug 44. It is of the utmost importance that military traffic should not be interfered with at the present time.

Copy to: HQ 2 Dist
C (SD)
C (Rev)

Brigadier,
DAC

CE/SD.

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SUBJECT: Italian Refugee Problem 2. ITALY

MAC

100 100-2 District GIP
200/10/8

9 Aug 1944.

1. The arrangements for movement and reception of Italian refugees are not satisfactory and are causing certain dislocation to rail movement. This dislocation takes the form of crowding of refugees at the main railway stations where they remain for indefinite periods awaiting transportation and movement. It is suggested that the authorities should take steps to ensure that the refugees are not at present, and are not to be, in a position to be dispersed. Although this suggestion has not at present been accepted, it is suggested that the authorities should take steps to ensure that the refugees are not at present, and are not to be, in a position to be dispersed.

2. The situation has been reported to Region 2 in which this is not moving have been in close touch, but no movement is shown.

3. It is suggested that urgent action be taken to ensure that rail movement is not impeded. It is suggested that immediate steps be taken by HQ ACC to implement the following proposals:-

- (a) Restriction points which have been imposed be declared not effective.
- (b) No restriction points to be imposed until the new policy becomes operative. Whereby refugees are not left stranded at railway stations.
- (c) Division and permits for individuals are not restricted only at the individual's present location.

It is realized that action on these lines may already have been taken and that any action to make this effective must come from HQ ACC.

4. It is further suggested that steps be taken to enforce any order which may be issued by the appropriate authority, if necessary, as indicated.

5. Should an effective action be taken shortly it may be necessary for the military to take a direct hand in the matter.

(SAB) H. HARRIS,
Major-General,
Commander, 101. 2 Division.

Copy to: HQ ACC
Region 2 ACC
Maret
6 Base Sisk-Area.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

26th August 1944.

To : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
(R.C. and M.G. Section)

Subject : Movement of Civilians.

Reference : HQ/2109.

I attach a report of the unexpected arrival in SARDINIA of a group of Civilians from SICILY, who are not SARDS.

This party consisted ~~consisted~~ of 135 people and the arrival of these Sicilians has caused anxiety, and possibly some distress.

It appears that a telegram was sent from SICILY to the High Commissioner in SARDINIA, asking whether Civilians from Sicily could be taken in SARDINIA. This telegram took 3 days to arrive but was then promptly replied to; the reply being that the Sicilians could not be accepted in SARDINIA.

The next event was the arrival of this party for whom no arrangements had been made.

May the issue of the pass by Captain NOBLE please be investigated and a request be sent to the Italian Government to arrange immediately for the repatriation to their home island of these families - SARDINIA is not self supporting in food.

JACP/ajs.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
REGIONAL MINING DIVISION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION REGION VI
APO 397

Ref: 014.2

18 August 1944

Subject: Civilians - Sicilians.

To: Regional Allied Commissioner, Region VI, AGC, APO 394.
Chief, Mining Division, Hq., AGC, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. On or about 12 August thirty-five families of Sicilians arrived in Carbonia without household goods, food or money. Of the thirty-five families, four were without heads of families (men). The heads of these four families are reported to be in Istria. Those who arrived reported that three additional groups of families were scheduled to come to Sardinia from Sicily. These people are traveling on AGC travel permits signed by Captain C. Noble and they departed from Caltanissetta.

2. In this district there exists ill feeling between the native Sardinians and the Sicilians. In fact many of the Sicilians who reside here have endeavored to return to Sicily because of the antagonism of the Sardinians. The bringing of additional Sicilians into the area is not conducive to tranquility among the civilian population.

3. No request was initiated here for miners from Sicily. Under present circumstances that would be the last place upon which a demand would be made for mine labor.

4. In view of the facts stated above and in further consideration of the extreme shortage of food and housing facilities it is requested that every effort be made to prevent the movement of Sicilians into the mining areas of Sardinia.

MAX A MATTHEWS
Major - Infantry
Chief, Regional Mining Div.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

26 August 1944

IRB/C/61

26 AUG Recd

SUBJECT: Ancona: Evacuation of battle zone Refugees.

TO : AMG. 8th Army Rear (Att. Lt.Col. Elwes).

1. The arrangements outlined in our letter IRB/2 dated 20 Aug.44 have now been definitely confirmed and agreed to by A.A.I.
2. The difficulties mentioned in para 6 have now been solved.
3. Foggia Camp will now be moved as quickly as possible.
4. In this connection please see our telegram No. 2278 dated 25 Aug.44, which reads as follows:-

"A.A.I. have sent following signal to main 8th Army-
Quote, Propose move Foggia Refugee Camp to Ancona. Confirm you
can accept and date rep should report 61 Area Unquote - Please
get acceptance confirmed immediately. We have already sent
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L.R. Hulls
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P.D. Dunstley Major
L.R. HULLS,
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:- AAI. "A" Branch (Col. Welch).
AAI. Transportation Branch (See) Lt. Col. Ackerly).
AAI. "Q" Mov. (Lt. Col. McLean).
Region V HQ. (Lt. Col. French).
Region II HQ.
AMG. Polcorps (for Major Mavis).
AMG. Polcorps (for Capt. Hewith Taylor). 2145
Executive Commissioner HQ. ACC.
Major White O.C. Foggia Camp.

L.C. This is satisfactory
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACC INFO DISTWO 26 AUG Recd
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N34/26
FROM: MAIN AAI CLASSIFICATION: NONE
REFERENCE No: A179 PRECEDENCE: NONE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG251700B OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

FOR IRB. REF MY A 136 OF 21 SUBJECT REFUGEES ANCONA. FOLLOWING
FOR INFORMATION IS REAR 8 ARMY'S REPLY. BEGINS. Q 944 OF 22.
ADVISED BY AMG THAT ONLY 120 REFUGEES AT PRESENT AWAITING EVACUATION
FROM ANCONA. FURTHER 500 EXPECTED FROM FWD AREA 23/24 AUG. REFUGEES BEING
EVAUCATED TO ASSIST RH IN RETURNING TPT. DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICUL-
TIES IN CLEARING REFUGEE CAMPS. IF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN THE FUTURE
WE WILL ADVISE. ENDS. ALL INFORMED.

HEADQUARTERS
26 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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 ALLIED REFUGEE BRANCH
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394.

2 AUG Recd

25 August 1944.

IRK/IV/84.

SUBJECT : Refugees from Battle Areas.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region IV.

1. An increasing influx is to be expected. Instructions have been given to effect the maximum possible dispersal in Northern part of Region IV; i.e. Perugia, Terni etc, and this is being done.
2. Nevertheless large numbers will have to evacuate further afield and as many as 10,000 during the next 2-3 weeks may have to come to your Rome Province for dispersal.
3. If not already done, all Prefets should take the most energetic measures to prepare for these people. They should also, as we have repeatedly advised, take those refugees from your camps at Cine Citta and Cesano, so that you have camp space to fall back on, for an emergency such as the present one.
4. These camps, it is repeated once more should be used as TRANSIT centres, where you can receive people for periods of say 48 hours, prior to billeting them in small parties throughout the Region.

L.R. Mills
 L.R. MILLS.
 Colonel,
 Director.

Copy to:-

Executive Commissioner.
 Regional Commissioner, Region VIII.

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REGISTRATION
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
D.C. & H.C. SECTION
and 394

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Ref 7302/10

25th August 1944

SUBJECT: Return of Civilians to their Homes

20 1. 10/10/44

1. With reference to your (43/3776/5/140) of 11 August 1944 a further signal has been sent to all Regions, copy to you, stressing the need for not granting passes to such people. Further instructions are being issued by Public Safety Sub-Commission to their own officers in Regions which will, it is hoped control the movement of such people.

2. A publicity campaign is also being conducted through the press warning people of the danger of attempting to get back to their homes in unorganised fashion.

3. With regard to the proposals suggested in the letter from No. 2 District, we have the following comments to make:

(a) and (b) Registration permits have never been issued. Passes are issued of course in a normal way to enable the people to move from one province to another on business or change of residence, etc. But these passes should not have been issued to refugees who have been removed from their homes and billeted in the south. These people have obtained these passes on one pretence or another but as stated above instructions have gone out to all Regional Commissioners that their officers must make very full inquiries before issuing passes.

(c) Road passes are only negotiable at the individual's domicile and when an individual moves to another town he must present his old road permit in order to obtain another one.

4. The whole question is being investigated by this HQ and a representative from the Public Safety Sub-Commission intends to call at your HQ to discuss the position with one of your officials.

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5. We hope the steps we have taken will go a long way to solving this problem and that registration will, on an organized scale, soon be put into effect. May I remind you that we are only advisory to the Italian Government in this area, which increases the difficulties of control in situations like this.

Director
Executive Commission
For 1/ Chief Commission.

Copy to:

Public Safety Sub-Commission
For Information

Refugee Branch
For Information.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 75/460/CA.

24th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region IV.

I refer to my memorandum 75/ dated 1st August 1944.

1. FOGGIA Province have telegraphed as follows:-

"Large numbers of women and children have not repeat not been granted passes in this Province and all orders by BRIGGS designed especially to keep passes to minimum and refugees off railways. Trouble is trains are crowded with refugees entering FOGGIA many provided with AMG or ADC passes issued in Provinces to North and South and particularly BONE. Repeat trouble does not repeat not arise from local passes".

2. Will you please confirm that all possible steps are being taken in your Region to stop this movement.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

gfr

Copy to: Italian Refugee Branch.

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PA to Brigadier Genl.

The Brigadier will now take this
up direct with AAI. I have
provided the Brig. with material
for his letter.

I suggest copy of said letter
be sent in reply to attached.

KAC:mls

Col.

24 Aug

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Tel. Ext. 594

HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN DEFENSE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 594

IRB/23

24 August 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of agriculturalists.

MEMORANDUM TO: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. The problem is outlined in your memorandum No. 75 dated 1 August.

2. The decision, of the acting Chief Commissioner giving agreement to the Italian Government that this movement should commence when plans are prepared and an organization ready to carry them out, was taken with the following considerations in mind.

- (a) The Allies are importing food into Italy. Great areas of farm land are lying untilled.
- (b) Allied shipping and Allied supplies would be saved, in ratio to increased food production in Italy.
- (c) The urge of great masses of people to move, can only be restricted by force.
- (d) Such force involves the employment of resources, including men, transport, etc.
- (e) The question of law and order on our lines of communications is involved, as we have seen at certain main ports and junctions during recent weeks.

3. In considering the above points, there appears to be no doubt, but that it is in the best interest of the Allies, that a properly organized movement should start, as early as possible. This being so, the fullest assistance and cooperation possible should be accorded to the Italian Government to prepare plans and put them into practice.

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4. The opinion has been expressed that this is purely a civilian matter to be dealt with by the Italian Government. It is submitted that this is wrong in view of considerations set out above (para. 2). Allied military interests are involved. Furthermore the Italian Government is not in such full and effective control (e.g. lack of troops, transport, and resources generally) as to be able, without some assistance, to carry out this difficult work.

5. A plan, in very general terms, is outlined in the memorandum of 1st August. The first thing, that the Italian Government has asked for is 1000 Italian Officers and men (Army) to staff the proposed transit points throughout the country.

It will also be necessary to arrange food supplies for these transit points.

Some staff work on our side is involved, also some Red Cross assistance.

None of these things present major difficulties, except the provision of 1000 Italian Officers and men. It is considered that the resources involved represent little cost to the Allies, in relation to the object to be achieved.

6. The alternative, to getting this movement started quickly in an orderly manner, is the present situation at Naples and elsewhere, only it will be even worse as winter approaches. The cost to the Allies in controlling an attempted mass migration will not be less than that mentioned above (para. 5), with the difference that we shall get nothing for it except loss of prestige.

-1- *See plan 470.*

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7. Meantime, an attempt is being made with inadequate Allied staff, and Italian Government authority, to restrict the spontaneous movement which has commenced.

It is urged that the Italian request for Officers and men be agreed to, and that from our own point of view it would be reasonable to divert one three hundredth part of the available Italian forces for this work.

T. R. HULLS
T. R. HULLS,
Colonel,
Director.

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

Phone:
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Ref/75/461/CA.

24 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Return of Civilian Refugees.

TO : Refugee Branch (Col. Hulls).

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1. Reference conversation (Col. Hulls - Major Reakes)
there is sent to you letter from AAI to this HQ dated
11 Aug 44 with copy letter from No.2 District dated 9 Aug.
44.

2. It is understood that you intend discussing with
AAI the unauthorized movement of civilians back to their
homes. No answer has been sent to this letter from AAI
and we shall be glad if you take the opportunity of dis-
cussing these letters.

g/c

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

23 August 1944

IRB/R/82

SUBJECT: Refugees

2 AUG Recd

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner
HQ Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference your 75/449/CA dated 16 August 44 on above subject.

2. The matter referred to had already been satisfactorily disposed of when your letter was written.

3. The whole question however, throughout Italy, is unsatisfactory, and is being brought up with the Executive Commissioner and at the meeting of R.C.'s on 23 Aug. 44.

L.R. Hulls
L.R. HULLS,
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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23 August 1944.

TRB/23.

SUBJECT : Unauthorized movement of refugees.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VII.

Reference your RVII/R/135/571 dated 13 August 1944.

21 AUG Recd

1. Whilst your letter indicates that there is NO organized movement from Region VII of refugees attempting to return towards homes further North, yet there is no doubt that certain of your officers are issuing large numbers of passes to such people. This is contrary to explicit orders from this HQ.
2. Upon the arrival of one batch of people in Naples, a certain number of passes were collected. People are loath to give up passes, and you will understand that only a small percentage could be obtained. Nevertheless from 47 such passes, 17 were all signed by one of your officers. They are enclosed herewith.
3. It is requested that a special effort be made at once, both amongst ACC officers, and vis-a-vis the Italian authorities to stop this movement.

L.R. HULLS
L.R. HULLS.
Colonel.
Director.

COPY to : Executive Commissioner, HQ, ACC.

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ACTION: DISTRICT MAIN 5TH ARMY REAR 8 ARMY INFO: DISTRICT AGO FOR INFO

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INFO-TANT

2 1/2 Recd

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UNDERSTAND 1500 REFUGEES AT ARONA AWAITING EVACUATION. PERIOD IS TO BE 1500. INFO AREA 1000 TELY IN REAR ARMY AREA AND NOT EVACUATE BACK UNLESS EMERGENCY MAKES NECESSARY. UNDERSTAND NOTIFICATION TO TPT. HOW FAR CAN YOU GO WITH RETURNING OFF-SEA MAINTENANCE AND OTHER TPT. REMARK TPT SIGNAL REFUGES INDEED WHO CANNOT BE DEALT WITH THIS CHANGE FOR EVACUATION BACK IS ORDER THAT SHIPPING MAY BE ARRANGED. REFUGES BE EVACUATED NOT BE DETAINED OTHER EVACUATION.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

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(Ref.: W/6/506)

19 August 1944

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22 AUG Recd

SUBJECT: Leave and Discharge for Italian Military.

TO: R. C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C.-H.Q.

1. Ref. your letter 75/450/CA of 16 August on this subject, addressed to Refugee Branch with copy to Reg. 2.
2. No copy of the letter referred to was attached to your letter. Only your letter itself came so we can not be informed on the subject.

For the Regional Commissioner

Ransom Carver
Ransom Carver, Captain, A.U.S.,
Regional Public Welfare Officer

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21 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

*Information
for R.C. & M.G. Section
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FORWARDING DIRECTIVE FROM WASHINGTON. "DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY IN AND
AROUND WASHINGTON CENTRAL STATION FROM COUNTESSMAN WASHINGTON REPORTED FROM
SOUTHWEST TRAIL UNABLE TO CROSS RAILROAD BY TRAIN. NO ACTION APPEARS TO
HAVE BEEN TAKEN THROUGH ADD TO TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION FOR KNOWLEDGE
OF TRAINS FOR REMOVAL FROM RAILROAD AND REQUEST THAT ORDERS ISSUED
NOTIFY TO PROVIDE STOCK. NEED CONSIDERED POSSIBLY COUNTESSMAN WASHINGTON.
FURTHER TO REQUEST ADD BE ABLE TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO PREVENT
UNAUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO RAILROAD"

REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN TO ACCELERATE THOSE RAILROADS
AND PREVENT OBSTRUCTION.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P.O. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Phone:
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REF : 75/454/0A

21 August 44

SUBJECT : Return of Civilians to their Homes.

TO : A.A.I.

1. With reference to your AMI/3076/5/A(0) of 11 August 44, a further signal has been sent to all Regions, copy to you, stressing the need for not granting passes to such people. Further instructions are being issued by Public Safety Sub-Com. to their own officers in Regions which will, it is hoped, control the movement of such people.
2. A publicity campaign is also being conducted through the press warning people of the danger of attempting to get back to their homes in unorganised bodies.
3. We hope the steps we have taken will go a long way to solving this problem. The matter however is still being considered.

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner,
For A/ Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Com.
for information.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APD 394

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20 August 1944.

SUBJECT : Ancona; Evacuation of battle zone refugees.

TO : A.M.C. 8 Army Rear (Attn. Lt. Col. Elise.)

21 AUG Recd

The solution is as follows:

- (1) We will establish a transit camp in the vicinity of Ancona. As soon as this is done, both 3 and 13 camps will be available for where-ever further forward you may wish to move them.
- (2) 3 and 13 camps would then evacuate refugees to our Ancona transit camp. But you would continue of course your policy of maximum local dispersal.

- (3) Evacuation from Ancona transit camp would be:
 - (a) Within Region V to the following centres: Ascoli, Macerata, Terno, Aquila; up to 10,000.
 - (b) By sea to Bari, after previous agreement with, and notification to Region II H.Q. for such additional numbers as may accrue above 10,000 or such as can not be transported (due to lack of M.T.) within Region V.

- (4) Region II H.Q. is in agreement with this plan. It is not anticipated that it will be necessary to send considerable numbers to Bari.
- (5) Camp 13 (and later Ancona transit camp) should take the fullest possible use of the Region V outlet, and endeavour to avoid making it difficult to transport to Bari. It is appreciated however that movement by M.T. within Region V is difficult.

- (6) Transportation section (see) A.A.I. has now informed us that movement by sea to Bari is difficult. The position has been explained to them, and if refugees in large numbers materialize, it will be necessary - if sea transport fails - to request M.T. to lay on special M.T. from Ancona to the places mentioned under 3 (a). Transportation Branch (see) is studying the position.

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- (7) There is however a further alternative - but which would provide only a partial solution. Rail Ancona - Poligno may be opened in the near future. There are a large number of Constanze and stations on this stretch of line. Region V H.Q. is requested please to consider with the Prefetto and Mayors concerned, what numbers could be taken in that area and inform this H. Q.

Copy to:

A.A.I. "A" Branch (Col. Welch.)
 A.A.I. Transportation Brch. (Don) Lt. Col. Akkerly.
 A.A.I. "Q" Mov. (Lt. Col. Malcom).
 Region V H.Q. (Lt. Col. French.)
 Region II H.Q.
 A.M.G. Polcorps (for Major Davis.)
 A.M.G. Polcorps (for Capt. Hewitt Taylor.)
 Executive Commissioner H.Q. A.C.S.
 Major White, O.C. Foggia Refugee Camp.

Edmunds Major
 L.R. HILLS.
 Colonel.
 Director. 2129

*and copy to info
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

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Ref: 427/11/CA.

21st August 1944.

SUBJECT: Shipment of Refugees to United States.

TO : Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Com.
Director, Italian Refugee Branch.
Resident Rep., I.G.C.R.

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1. Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum received from Mr. Robert D. Murphy, United States Political Adviser, AFM.
2. Will you please convey to all concerned the substance of the War Refugee Board's message.

M.S. 1682423

MSL/JC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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August 12, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

SUBJECT: Message from the United States War Refugee Board.

I take pleasure in referring to a message from the War Refugee Board transmitted through the Department of State on August 7, 1944, stating that the recent shipment of refugees arrived at Ontario, New York, and that reports indicate that extreme care was exercised in their selection.

The Board wishes to express its deep appreciation of the prompt organization of the project and of the splendid cooperation and assistance given to it. It requests that I extend to the appropriate officers of the Allied Force Headquarters its appreciation of the excellent and prompt service performed.

/s/ and /t/ Robert W. Murphy.

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1500 HRS
FOLLOWING MESSAGE
ARRIVED 1500 HRS
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30 August 1944.

1500 HRS.

SUBJECT: Move Forward of Main Refugee Transit Camps.

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TO : Hq, 1st A.C., 8th Army.

: Hq, 1st A.C., 5th Army.

1. Due to length of time after the rapid advances, and to consequent strain on transportation services, there has been great delay in getting our main camps forward after decisions have been arrived at as to new locations.
2. To prevent similar delay in future, and to enable us to establish rapidly, main camps into which you can evacuate battle area refugees from your forward camps, - the following procedure has been agreed upon between you and ourselves and this is:-

(a) In consultation with Transportation Branch A.I., and yourselves, we will decide from time to time, upon new locations, which may or may not be within any area, or may temporarily be in any area.

(b) Thereupon you will request "A" 8th Army Hq. and 1st A.C. 8th Army Hq. to notify Hq. A.I. (copy "A" and to this Hq.) that the movement of camp to the new location is required at once.

(c) This will enable us to apply to Hq. A.I., for the necessary transport, and get our camps installed without undue delay.

3. Could you kindly confirm the above.

W. R. ...
Colonel.
Director.

ONLY FOR Hq. A.I., 1st A.C., 8th Army.

1500 HRS - 1st A.C., 8th Army.

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 ALLIED ~~RESTRICTED~~ COMMISSION
 INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: *Accused?* INFO ACC RC & LG SECT ITALIAN REFUGEE BRITISH

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

FROM: *Q AAI*CLASSIFICATION: ~~RESTRICTED~~ 20 AUG RecdREFERENCE No: *68958*PRECEDENCE: *NONE*DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: *AUG 19 1944*

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

DISTRESS SIGNAL FORWARDED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION ON REQUEST OF ACC.
 DIFFICULTIES ARISING IN AND AROUND NAPLES CENTRAL STATION FROM CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS
 REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN ITALY UNABLE PROCEED FURTHER BY TRAIN. NO ACTION APPEARS
 TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN THROUGH ACC TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION FOR PROVISION OF
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 STOCK. BEING CONCERNED POSSIBILITY OUTBREAK EPIDEMIC FURTHER TO REQUEST ACC BE
 ASKED TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO NAPLES.

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 20 AUG 1944

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Phone
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REF : 75/450/CA

16 August 44.

SUBJECT : Leave and Discharge for Italian Military.

TO : Refugee Branch.

Reference this H. letter 75/CA of 7 August 44.
there is sent for your information and action copy letter
received from Army Sub-Commission dated 10 August 44.

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J.K.

MORRIS E. PIERCE
Colonel,
Deputy Assistant
Commissioner.

Copy to: Region II.

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ALFRED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref 75/449/CA

15th August 1944

SUBJECT: Refugees

TO : Refugee Sub-Commission

1. There is forwarded herewith for your information and such action as you consider necessary, copy of a letter from Transportation Sub-Commission, dated 14th August, 1944.
2. We should be glad to have your views on the matter as the situation at BUCHAREST would appear to be serious.

ME

THOMAS E. PIRKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACP/lr

Our reference: ACC Tn/53/38
Date : 14 August 1944

TO : Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT : Unauthorised movement of Refugees.

1. Ref. is to my letter ACC Tn/53/36 of 7 August 44.

2. Below is copy of a signal received from Transportation Sub-Commission Representative at Foggia, which gives the picture of the arrival of refugees at Barletta from the Southern Territories.

"CIVILIAN TRAVEL BY RAIL RC AND MG SECTION'S LETTER 75 DATED AUGUST 1ST 1944 ALSO REFERS. POSITION AT FOGGIA AND BARLETTA STATIONS EMINENTLY UNSATISFACTORY. YESTERDAY BARLETTA HAD IN THE STATION APPROXIMATELY 300 MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND INFANTS IN ARMS WHO HAD BEEN ON HAND FOR 4 DAYS LYING AND SLEEPING IN AND AROUND STATION COURTYARD. STILL ON HAND 1500 HRS. TODAY AND NUMBER INCREASED BY ABOUT 70 PERSONS. SOME OBVIOUSLY ILL AND OVERCOME. ALL IN POSSESSION OF AMG PERMITS ISSUED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY: SOME TO TRAVEL BY ANY MEANS. UNDERSTAND 'Q' (M) M/ HAVE NOT ARRANGED ANY DEFINITE SERVICE FOR THEIR CONVEYANCE. IN MANY

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4. The position is most infortunat , and it does seem that the movement, whilst authorised is entirely uncontrolled and without cognisance of the situation at the destination end.

D. S. Adams

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

Copy: DGMRS - Rome
HQ AAI CNF
Capt. Jeffrey, Tn. Sub-Comm., Bari

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ACC REGION ONE DISTWO PENBASE FABLE FIVE ARMY EIGHT ARMY AME TWO POLISH CORPS

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15 Aug 44

Civil Affairs Branch

ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THIS HQ LETTER SEVEN FIVE OF ONE AUGUST PD PAREN TO ACC REGION
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 REFUGEES CONTINUE TO MOVE ABOUT THE COUNTRY WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF REFUGEE BRANCH
 AND ARE BEING ISSUED WITH PASSES LEGITIMIZING THEIR JOURNEY PD OPERATIONALLY IMPORTANT
 THAT THIS MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES CEASES PD REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS WILL INSTRUCT THEIR
 OFFICERS NOT REPEAT NOT TO ISSUE PASSES TO REFUGEES OR PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF BEING
 REFUGEES AND CONTROL PRESENT INDISCRIMINATE ISSUING OF PASSES PD IN ITALIAN
 GOVERNMENT TERRITORY REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS MUST EXERCISE SIMILAR CONTROL THROUGH
 ITALIAN OFFICIALS

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L. T. MONTANA, Jr.
 1st Lieut.
 ADJUTANT

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS

Re: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Executive Committee, [illegible]

14 AUG Recd

Reference to 75 of 1 Aug 64

With reference to our above-quoted letter, it is noted that the first portion given was up to and including the first portion. The second portion was given from the second portion, and further up to the third portion, the third portion being the third portion. Copy of the letter 200/40 A of 9 Aug 64, is enclosed.

It will be appreciated that the steps requested by the first part of the letter and the steps requested by the second part of the letter are the same. It is of the utmost importance that the steps be taken as early as possible and be completed with the greatest care.

C.H. [illegible]
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Copy to: [illegible]
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Dear Britin,

This is Huch's reply to
my DO letter explaining our telegram
Will you let me hear any
comment.

Yours
Jay Stupp

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PP. see me.
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but Hullo has no comments
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REGION V

11 August 1944.

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My dear Guy,

"Snooty" is not only the correct word, but was as far as I can say entirely deserved.

Since I was in ROME on Saturday I have been making an extract of the file, not a single folio or minute on which for 6 weeks had been brought to my notice. Practically no action beyond initialling the various telegrams and letters had been taken, (at least it doesn't show) and the whole affair is so much "haywire" to me. I am trying to get it sorted out, but it isn't a bit easy and "Medical" MARSHALL who has been dealing with the problems has very little idea of organisation. Indeed has a B.F.

The only extenuation that can be discovered is that camps (Army and I.R.B.) just come and go without anyone being advised. There has been all too little coordination all round.

Elwes latest effusion for example makes little sense to me here, as I just don't know where camps 11 and 12 are now where the railhead to which he refers are situated. In consequence I don't know if we are due for any action on this actual scheme. I don't think so, but that doesn't do, I want to be sure.

But so many thanks for writing. There are no damaged feelings at the moment but there is every prospect of some wounds at this HQ shortly.

Come soon.

Yours

Charles

Since writing the above, I got the extract referred to above typed. Read them. The action mentioned as having been taken on August 6 was on my orders when I returned from Rome. And this is what has had to put up with! Tell Halls I've got the thing straightened up now but it's a bit of a headache.

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DATE OF LETTER	NATURE OF COMMUNICATION	REMARKS
6 July 1944	1) Letter from Refugee Branch setting out organization of I.R.B. 2) Message re VERONA and CASEROTTO closing.	1) This directive should have been put out to all provinces. 2) No action taken to inform ANKIA which was still sending refugees to VERONA. On 22 July CASEROTTO was instructed to disperse refugees.
17 July 1944	3) From BIST to MARSHALL saying 8 Army order to close down Refugee Camps at PEREGO and MILIT was not to be carried. Meanwhile CASEROTTO opened as a roll up camp but leaving 21-22 open until 22 July.	3) Information was passed to ANKIA only: it should have been circulated to all provinces.
20 July 1944	4) MARSHALL asks what is policy in view of closing of PEREGO. 5) I.R.B. replied on 22 July policy is to absorb refugees in Region if possible.	4) No action was taken until 6 August to enforce this policy.
21 July 1944	6) Message re VERONA to be open for refugees until Aug. 1.	6)
22 July 1944	7) From I.R.B. programme for immediate future - MILIT, VERONA to absorb refugees and those in addition to any local arrangements. Our acceptance or arrangements asked.	7) Region wrote agreeing acceptance but provinces were not consulted nor informed at this stage: they should have been.
25 July 1944	8) I.R.B. require daily return of refugees arriving from North, (by genuine refugees and those for repatriation). Shipment of refugees south to be discouraged. None to go south from VERONA after 1 Aug. 44. (This was sent direct to VERONA): to be absorbed in Region Area.	8) There is no record of the return being enforced or made available to anybody.
25 July 1944	9) I.R.B. circular re Italians having to accept responsibility and refugees to be billeted. General outline is "Stop movement and don't use Camps as hotels".	Very immediate action should have been taken in conjunction with civil Police and C.I.P., especially as living reported conditions were bad at VERONA Camp.
26 July 1944	10) Message from I.R.B. refugee movement to cease only allow those from the zone, and those to be absorbed in Region. If numbers necessarily large from battle zone ship them ANKIA 2001 after agreement with Reg. 2.	
26 July 1944	11) I.R.B. asks Region how many refugees can be absorbed from Camp: 1000 to be housed.	Region replied that none of the refugees could be dispersed in provinces. There is no record of how this information was obtained.

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- 12) Movement inform APT 600 refugees at P. 1000 was overcrowded with a addition
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CONCLUSION:

Little if any coordination seems to have been attempted (at least there is no written record of it) and provinces seem to have been left in the dark about any fixed refugee policy (except P. 1000, which was directed from APT with copies to us for info).
 P. 1000's letter to provinces on 6 August is first written record of any instructions to provinces.

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Refugees return requires daily
REFUGEE DISPOSAL REPORT FOR

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Camp Location .

Nos in Camp at
beginning of period

Absorbed
Nos ~~absorbed~~
during week

Nos evacuated
during week

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Dispersed

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Notes. (1) A: Set line refugees (those whose homes are in enemy occupied territory, orphans, etc.)

B: Persons waiting repatriation and for whom it is known that homes exist.

(ii) Dispersal. Under this heading will be shown the numbers dispersed to (a) Communes by name.
(b) Repatriated to homes
(c) Forwarded to BARI etc.
(d) Disposed of by other means.

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Group : State of health, state of morale, state any urgent requirements.

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REMARKS of I.P.O.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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11 August 1944

G-5: 303.7-27

SUBJECT: Civilians refugees in Naples Area -
Influx of.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

1. Attached is a copy of HQ. TBS, AG 303.7-27 (2 Aug. 44) which has been passed to this Section through HQ. SOS NUTOSIA and its main headquarters.

2. Will you please consider and submit a report thereon to this section as soon as possible.

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

T. H. JAGGARD
T. H. JAGGARD
Major

Incl:
as above.



Col. Miller

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782DJI/vs
3 August 1944

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JAG 383.7 AFPCOM (3 Aug. 44)

SUBJECT: Influx of Civilian Refugees in Naples Area

TO : Commanding General, SOS NAPOUSA, APO 780, U.S. Army

1. There has recently been an increasing influx of civilian refugees into the Naples area from various parts of Italy. It is estimated that approximately 10,000 such persons are at present transient in the metropolitan area, and the available facilities for their accommodations are completely inadequate, and the congestion that ensues has reached serious proportions. Most of these people are destitute and they comprise family groups formerly driven from their homes and farms who are now endeavoring to return either to their own homes, or to those of relatives. It appears that many of them have been encouraged to come to Naples by various agencies, carrying the thought that some organization of facility exists here whereby they can receive transportation to their homes.

2. It appears that transportation into Naples is relatively easy. Some come by hitch hiking on empty truck convoys returning to the Port of Naples or various dumps and depots; this applies apparently to British, French and American truck facilities. It also appears that the Military Railway Service has empty accommodations on trains returning to Naples from the north, south and the east; however, all such truck convoys and military trains are loaded to capacity when outgoing from Naples. It appears further that various Allied agencies, of both official and quasi-official nature, have issued "passes" which these people are inclined to accept as orders for transportation to their homes after arrival in Naples.

3. While military necessity at the present time does not require drastic measures for the immediate evacuation of these people, it is felt that the problem may reach serious proportions if proper surbs are not applied at the present time. The Local Regional Commissioner, AGC, advises that he does not have housing and feeding facilities to cope with the situation. This official is aware of the situation and its causes and effects, but he is not in a position to cope with it and recognizes that it is undesirable, both from the Allied military view point and from the conditions which these refugees themselves are exposed to. It is suggested that higher military authority should be urged to initiate corrective measures as this condition seriously affects the welfare of the community, as well as the handling of military activities in this area.

4. It is, therefore, recommended that the Allied Control Commission be requested to take all steps within its authority and facilities to:

- a. Prevent further increase into the Naples area of civilian refugees.
- b. Make it known to the civilian public that the advance of the Allied Armies and the "freeing" of additional provincial areas does not automatically serve to authorize the former inhabitants to return to those areas.

c. Work out arrangements for the prompt evacuation of those refugees already accumulated in the Naples metropolitan area.

For the Commanding Officer.

/s/ Donald J. Leachey
Chief of Staff. DONALD J. LEACHEY, Col. U.S.A.

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IN THIS PROVINCE AND ALL ORDERS BY BRIGGS DESIGNED ESPECIALLY TO KEEP PASSES TO
MINIMUM AND REFUGES OFF RAILWAYS. TROUBLE IN TRAINS ARE CROWDED WITH REFUGES
ENTERING FOGGIA MANY PROVIDED WITH AND ON ACC PASSES ISSUED IN PROVINCES TO NORTH
AND SOUTH AND PARTICULARLY ROME. REPEAT TROUBLE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ARISE FROM
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Subject: Leave and Discharge for Italian Military.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
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10 AUG 44

To: RC & MG SECTION.

Reference your 75/ /CA of 7 Aug 44.

1. The amount of movement of Italian Military is to a large degree dependant on the decisions reached by HQ AAI and AFHQ.
2. Certain personnel will be sent on indefinite leave and demobilised, both to keep the total strength of the Army at the figure decided by the Combined Chiefs of Staff and to enable certain specialists to be enlisted for technical units required by HQ AAI. The latter necessitating the discharge of certain non-specialists.
3. There is no immediate prospect of Colonel Zellar's suggestion being put into operation.

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F. J. NOAKES
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
P.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 75/1139/0A

14th August 1944

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Movement of Refugee
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

1. In reference to your letter No. AOC 24/53/36 of the 7th August, which was received yesterday, I attach copy of a signal sent off to Provincial Commissioner, Poggia Province with a copy to Region II.

2. I hope that this will clear the point raised by you.

G. W. L. SMITH
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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

Ref 75/6/CA

10th August 1944

SUBJECT: Movement of Civilians Region II

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. This letter from Transportation Sub-Commission confirms what Col. Young said to me this morning, i.e., that he suspects passes in Region II were being issued without reference to the means of transportation available.

2. This point was covered in the signal which I sent off this morning.

3. I also confirmed with Major Friend James at HQ A.A.I. that provided the action as ordered by us is taken, Q Movements will be satisfied.

G. W. I. SHIPT

G. W. I. SHIPT
Lt. Colonel
For Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
AFC 394

Our reference: ACC Tn/53/36
Date : 7 August 1944
10 AUG Recd

TO : Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT : Unauthorized Movement of Refugees.

1. On Saturday 29 July a large number of civilians assembled at Barletta with permits to travel to Foggia, Termoli and Ortona areas.

2. It is understood that permits for Foggia and Campobasso Provinces are issued by the Italian Government Officials, and for north of these provinces ACC/AMG permits are required.

3. The difficulty arising is that permits are being issued without taking cognisance of the lack of facilities for civilian movement. There is no civilian passenger service north of Barletta at the moment, and severe congestion and inconvenience were caused to the military personnel. Some of the people were disposed of by the attachment of 14 box wagons to a military train, but this is a most undesirable practice.

4. At the moment it is not possible to put on a civil passenger service to clear these people, but if organised plans of requirements are prepared by those responsible in the Region and tied up with the Transportation Sub-Commission Railway Divisional Supt. at Bari, I feel sure sympathetic consideration will be given to the provision of special trains by Army Movements and the Director General of Military Railway Services, provided military circumstances permit, and we would make representations on those lines.


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

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- 1 copy D.G.M.R.S.
- " " HQ AAI (Mob)
- " " Capt. E.L. Dean - Tn. Sub. Comm. Div. Supt. Bari

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 334

IRA/23

9 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Civilians returning to their homes.

10 AUG Reed

TO: His Excellency Tito SARTORI, High Commissioner for refugees,
Italian Government.

1. It appears that the Italian authorities are still encouraging people to attempt uncontrolled self repatriation to their homes.
2. Our attention today is again called to the arrival from the South of 500 civilians at Barletta. Upon arrival, they have no means of proceeding further, no organization to take care of them, and no alternative but to return whence they came.
3. Until the Italian government given strict and precise instructions to their Prefets throughout Italy, that this movement must be stopped, pending properly organized repatriation, this sort of thing will continue. The result of course, is that much suffering is caused to the people attempting these moves, and much discontent with the authorities responsible for allowing them to attempt these journeys.
4. Extract of report regarding the 500 people mentioned above is enclosed.
5. Will you kindly take prompt measures in this matter, as agreed between yourselves and this Headquarters.

L. E. REED,
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:
R.P.M.O., Region 2
Executive Commissioner

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Refugees for taking up with
Italian Govt - Col Bracken

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Appendix attached to LRB/23 dated
9/8/44 to his Excellency Tito
Zaniboni.

Extracts from Region 2 letter Ref. W/6/472 dated 5th Aug. 44
re. Italian Civilians at Barletta Station.

1. Telegram (copy attached) has been received, request-
ing us to disperse the 500 Italian civilians whom you state
arrived yesterday by civilian train.

2. Please be advised that these are not Refugees from
the War front, but Italian civilians desiring to return to their
homes in the north.

3. There is nothing that ACC can do about the gathering
of these persons at Barletta or any northern railroad station,
as long as in this southern section of Italy free and unrestrict-
ed travel is being allowed by the Italian government. The people
will have to return to where they came from in the same manner
as they went up.

4. We have been advised by H.Q.-A.C.C.- Italian Refugee
Branch, that there is now a plan being perfected to arrange for
the organized repatriation of displaced Italian civilians.
Until that time we have been doing all that lies in our power
to discontinue the disorganized flow of these people.

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COMMISSIONER MUNERA 'Q' MOVEMENTS 838

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KIRKELLE ACC TRANSPORTATION FOGGIA

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838 HQ E STERN ITALY FOGGIA SUB AREA BARILETTA SUB AREA

CIVILIAN TRAVEL BY RAIL HQ AND HQ SECTION'S LETTER 75 DATED
AUGUST 1ST 1944 ALSO REFERS. POSITION AT FOGGIA AND BARILETTA STATIONS
EMINENTLY UNSATISFACTORY. YESTERDAY BARILETTA HAD IN THE STATION APPROX
IMATELY 300 MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND INFANTS IN AREA WHO HAD BEEN ON
HAND FOR 4 DAYS LYING AND SLEEPING IN AND AROUND STATION COURTYARD.
STILL ON HAND 1500 HRS. TODAY AND NUMBER INCREASED BY ABOUT 70 PERSONS.
SOME OBVIOUSLY ILL AND OVERCOME. ALL IN POSSESSION OF ACC PERMITS
ISSUED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY: SOME TO TRAVEL BY ANY MEANS.
UNDERSTAND 'Q' (E) HQ HAVE NOT ARRANGED ANY DEFINITE SERVICE FOR THEIR
CONVEYANCE. IN MANY CASES HOMES NON-EXISTENT AND DESTINATIONS IN
AREAS WHERE PRESENCE OF REFUGEES WOULD INTERFERE WITH MILITARY REQUIRE-
MENTS. SUGGEST INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY TO ALL ACC OFFICERS
AND QUESTORS NOT TO ISSUE PERMITS AUTHORIZING TRAVEL UNLESS AND UNTIL
LADY LOOK SERVICE IN OPERATION FOR SUCH TRAFFIC HUMANITARIAN AND
HYGIENE REASONS WOULD APPEAR TO DICTATE NECESSITY FOR DRASTIC AND
URGENT ACTION ON POSITIVE LINES. PLEASE INSTRUCT IN REGARD TO BARILETTA
CROWD AS AREA GROWS DAILY IN HEAT OF THE ~~WINTER~~ ^{WINTER} SEASON. 21 3

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10 AUG 1944
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IN SPITE OF OUR MOV/1/1132A OF 7 MOV/1/1122 OF 5 MOV/1/1127 OF
4 A FURTHER 800 CIVILIANS ARRIVED BARLETTA BY CIVIL TRAIN 1610 HRS
TODAY. MAJORITY HOLD YOUR PERMIT FOR TRAVEL TO DESTINATION NORTH
OF BARLETTA. YOU ARE ASKED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO STOP THIS
UNCONTROLLED FLOW WHICH IS THREATENING SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT HANDLING
OF MILITARY TRAFFIC.

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HQ REGION EIGHT SIGNED KIRKWOOD

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CITE: NONE

SCAO EIGHTH ARMY INSISTS REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FROM EIGHTH ARMY TERRITORY BE
MADE THRU HIM. SUGGEST SCAO EIGHTH A RMY BE ASKED FOR REFUGEE DATA FOR AREZZO
AND SIENA PROVINCES.

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9 AUG 1944
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Col Shipp

1. EC will wish to see ^{420.} 424, 425 + 427.
2. 420 refers to a meeting at AA1 when the subject of camps was raised by SCAOs. 425 A also refers.

9 Aug 44

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Col Fiske

Ref 427 There does not seem to be anything more that we can do about this other than Col Fiske's suggestion to ask the Italian Prime Minister to assist all aid possible.

See also 435.

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Spoke Col Fiske who agreed.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IRB/23

8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Agriculturalists.

8 AUG Recd

TO: Brigadier M. LUSH, Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

AIDE MEMOIRE

1. A.C.C. has now lent itself to this, and has agreed to assist as explained in your memorandum No. 75 dated 1 August 1944. But in addition to material assistance when the time comes, Signor ZANIBONI needs our support now in the following matter.

2. He is short of everything and in particular, personnel. It is for the Italian Government to see that he gets the necessary where-withall to get his own Headquarters working, otherwise plans cannot be formulated and the desired move will never commence.

3. It is suggested: Signor BONONI be informed, if the Italians desire to get agriculturalists back to work promptly, that he gives ZANIBONI all necessary support and material assistance, without which that object will not be achieved.

L. R. HULLS,
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & P.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 75/ /ca

7th August 1944

SUBJECT: Leaves and Discharges for Italian Military Personnel

TO : Army Sub-Commission

Attention: Col. Pidsley

1. The attached signal was received by this HQ on the 5th of August. The signal referred to is one sent by this Section telling Regional Commissioner, Region II to keep down the number of passes issued to civilians because the Army Movement authorities have no room on their trains at present.

2. I think the suggestion from Col. Sellars is made with the intention of keeping the railways free of civilian movement.

3. The Executive Commissioner would be glad to have your comments on this subject.


G. V. I. SHARP
Lt. Colonel
For Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Encl. as above

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
67 VIA S. NICOLÒ DA TOLENTINO
ROME (9)

August 2nd 1944

8 AUG Recd

75/3/44

My dear Brigadier Lush,

I have received your letter 75/355/CA of July 31st and I enclose, for your information, copy of the letter which I am addressing to the Vatican urging them to suspend their activities in the repatriation of refugees. They won't like it, but I hope that the tone and contents of our two letters will sugar the pill.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. D. Byrne.

Brigadier Maurice Lush,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
R O M E.

VPs meeting OK

Cyfy to Halls / D. G. D. Byrne

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

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Ref/100/75 /CA.

7 August 1944

Dear General Hume:

After our telephone conversation, I had a talk with Colonel Halls with respect to the location and administration of the refugee camp. As a result of our talk, the position is quite clear and I think acceptable to you.

The camp will be operated by Colonel Halls and his personnel. If it should be found desirable by you to locate the camp within 5th Army area, the location will be first approved by you and the administration will be subject, as always, to the overriding authority of the Army Commander, exercised through you. To preserve continuity of operation when the army boundary moves forward, Colonel Halls and his staff will actually operate the camp in order to relieve the Army AG of as much work as possible, while at the same time recognizing your full authority to intervene should occasion warrant.

Yours sincerely,

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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British Legation to the
Holy See,
VATICAN CITY.

URGENT.

August 2nd 1944

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My dear Monsignor Montini,

I have been requested by the Allied Control Commission to bring to the attention of the Holy See the matter dealt with in the letter from Brigadier Maurice Lush to me of which I enclose a copy. I have also had a conversation on the subject with the Colonel Mulla referred to in the letter.

It appears that the Vatican's charitable endeavours to return refugees to their homes are causing embarrassment to the Allied and Italian authorities concerned in working out and applying a comprehensive and integral scheme. If so desired I could ask Colonel Mulla to explain to anyone at the Vatican you might care to depute exactly how it is proposed to deal with the whole problem and why the activities of the Vatican Commission for the Assistance of Refugees however praiseworthy and well-intended, complicate rather than alleviate the difficulties involved. You will, I am sure, realise that the request to suspend these activities, at least temporarily, involves no reflection on their noble and charitable inspiration. It is simply a question of centralisation of organisation and control and coordination of effort in the interests of a more effective solution of the problem.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) D.G. Gaboriau.

His Excellency,
Monsignor G.B. Montini,
VATICAN.

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

7th August 1944

TO : Col. Halls
Refugee Branch

1. I return your draft herewith and regret the delay but there has been much discussion.
2. Executive Commissioner does not think that the Italian Army will accept the extra 1,000 officers and men whom you recommend, even for such ~~and~~ undoubted useful service.
3. *EE* suggested that use should be made of discharged personnel who would have the necessary discipline and recommended that you take this up direct with Signor Zaniboni.
4. I have discussed this with Col. Brister who does not consider that scheme as practicable and I must say I agree with him. It might be possible to get M.M.I.A. to delay the demobilisation of this personnel for 5 months but I think in any case you will have to put up a stronger case to get them to agree.

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G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IRB/23

1 August 1944.

1 AUG Rect

SUBJECT: Return of civilians to their homes.

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier LUSH, The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. I had a meeting yesterday with Signor Zaniboni and Signor Oneto, and explained to them the necessity of organising this movement in a proper manner. Also that the movement must cease pending such organisation. They agreed.

2. Thereafter explained to them in outline, the organisation which we consider necessary, and advised them to try and get Gen. BIGNARDI to run it for them. They are doing this.

I stressed the necessity of not rushing things, but of preparing plans in a thorough manner.

3. They urged us to obtain the agreement of AAI for the use of Italian military personnel. I consider that this is really essential, and suggest that the matter be taken up with Gen. BROWNING at once. Precise numbers follow, but in my opinion it should be about 1000 officers and men, for their various transit points throughout Italy.

4. I also had interview with our Minister at the Vatican, regarding the uncoordinated moving of civilians from Rome. I explained the situation fully.

The Minister agreed that in its present form, the action of the Vatican is premature. He will do anything he can to have it stopped, pending a properly organised and coordinated movement throughout the South of Italy.

See 2 18.

L. R. HILLS, 2033
Colonel,
Director.

Letter sent by

EC. Sup 442

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Col Hills

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1. Please draft letter to the AAI 3

2 This is all enough. A firm letter should go

by direct - two channels. M 3/8

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. Section
APO 391

Ref/75/ -/CA.

4 August 1944

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Civilians.

TO : Major Friend James,
ACC LO., HQ. AAI.

Reference my telephone call today I enclose a SECRET letter forwarded to Refugee Branch by AHC dated 25th July. The letter contains no meaning to them and no one here seems to know anything about the evacuation of civilians from FORELL - MONDREGONE Area. The assistance of ACC is supposed to be asked for but we know nothing of it. Can you find out and let us have some information.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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3 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Control of Main Transit Camps.

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

1. These camps may be situated within army area or without. They may be in army area one day, and - as the armies move forward - out of it the next. They are sited in consultation with AAF (Transportation Branch) to fit in with transport facilities, which is the major consideration.

2. These camps may at times have to serve both 5th and 8th armies. They may have to be divided, i.e. part moved from one army to another, to meet a changed refugee situation, (and situations change rapidly).

3. For the above reasons these camps cannot be given over to the exclusive control of 5th Army. Continuity of control and single control from one HQ, which is dealing with the situation as a whole is essential, if we are to make the best of our very limited resources and staff, and give armies the service for which this Branch was designed.

4. The above principles were decided as long ago as February, and they have worked. The demand by AMG 5th Army, that they be changed is not helpful towards finding a solution of the difficult situation with which we have suddenly been confronted from their area.

L. R. HULLIS
L. R. HULLIS,
Colonel,
Director.

Cor Fiske.

I take it this is settled by
you D/O letter at 425.81.

Yes.
Spoke to Fiske

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MOVEMENT OF HEADQUARTERS REFERENCE BY 1104 OF 30 IS CANCELLED. AGREED ACC REGION 2.
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REFUGEE BRANCH
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APO 394

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3 August 1944

MSG 2

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SUBJECT: Refugees.

TO: AFG 5th Army, (Att: Col. HAYNE).

1. Your telephone message "that you may require to evacuate 1000 refugees per week for next 4 weeks commencing tomorrow", arrived yesterday when the undersigned was at a meeting at AAI with Regional Commissioners and SCAG's 5th & 8th Army. Brig. Gen. HALL made no mention of this difficult situation.

2. At our meeting at AAI a fortnight previous, I explained plans, which I proposed to adopt, in order to deal with a situation which might change at any moment. Those plans were agreed, for although your reports of 17th and 23rd July indicated that no large scale evacuations were to be expected, we know - and you are I think in agreement - that the situation may always change unexpectedly. We made similar plans with 8th Army, and they are being carried through.

3. I then sent Major WILSON, to consult with Lt. Col. HAYNE regarding a site for his main camp. He returned to report to me that in one important respect, the plans agreed between us require to be altered. We are a little surprised at this, firstly because the principle of centralized control of main transit camps was worked to everybody's satisfaction in the past (e.g. with Capa Camp), and secondly because Gen. HALL stressed at yesterday's meeting, that his present staff was very fully occupied (and we know that this is so, and that he cannot undertake more commitments without assistance).

4. However, in view of the above, our previously agreed plans were held up. I should also inform you, that AAI Transportation Branch, is overburdened, and that the movement of a large camp is a difficult thing to achieve quickly.

5. I will now endeavour to speak to you by telephone at the earliest possible moment and decide what should be done to handle this new situation. Meantime, enclosed herewith is a dispersal programme, showing areas behind your lines which can accept refugees. Pending further decisions between us, it is suggested that you evacuate refugees in accordance with the enclosed programme. In this connection however it is essential to give as long a warning as possible to the Regional Officers concerned, of numbers you are sending back.

L. R. HALL

Copy: Ex. Commissioner

L. R. HALL,
Colonel,
Director.

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Schedule attached to IRE/2
dated 3-8-44

Absorption figures as agreed upon with
Regional Commissioners Regions IV and VIII

Region IV

Rome

5000

VITERBO Province

Montefiascone
Vetralla

750

750

6500

6500

Region VIII

Grosseto City
Northern District Grosseto Prov.
Southern " " "

5000

1000

3000

9000

9000

Sienna
Arezzo

details to follow
" " "

TOTAL

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 75/416/CA.

6th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Movement of Refugees.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region IV.

1. I attach permit for a vehicle to travel to NAPLES in which it is expressly stated that the vehicle carries refugees. The permit is dated 5th August.

2. I should be glad if you would bring to the notice of every officer serving in your Region that it is forbidden to send refugees out of your Region except through the Refugee Branch, and if you would take every possible step to stop this irregular despatch of refugees which is causing great confusion in other Regions and is a complete waste of the motor transport of which you complain you are so short.

Sgd M S Lush

MBL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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This is Reg 2

1500 ITALIAN REFUGEES ARRIVED BARLETTA STATION FROM REGION 2 BY CIVILIAN
PASSENGER TRAIN TODAY. MAJORITY HOLD ACC AUTHORITY TO TRAVEL NORTH OF BARLETTA.
REQUEST YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO DISPERSE THESE PERSONNEL. SANITATION
BECOMING SERIOUS PROBLEM.



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ACTION: ITAL REF BR 2
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*Col. Ruston is of opinion that
Reg 2. has situation under
control & that the above refugees
get under way before tightening
up orders. As Reg 2. Sent Signal
about they are obviously in to
the position.*

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PLEASE REFER OUR SIGNALS FIVE SIX ONE JULY ONE SIX AND NINE SEVEN EIGHT
 JULY TWO SIX SUBJECT REFUGEES DEPART TO AQUILA FOR AEG REGION FIVE FROM
 ACC HQ PAREN REGION TWO NOW SIGNAL AS FOLLOWS QUOTE PD DESPITE ACC ORDERS
 TO CONTRARY AND OUR REFUSAL TO ADMIT SAME TRAINLOADS OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS
 ARE STILL ARRIVED FROM CRTONA WHERE ^{THEY} ~~WERE~~ ^{ING} ALLEGED WERE TAKEN FROM THE COMMUNES
 IN ARMY TRUCKS AND LOADED ON TRAINS BY ARMY OR ANG OFFICERS PD SEVEN
 HUNDRED ARRIVED REGION TWO AUGUST SECOND PD HOMES IN NAPLES ROME SICILY
 TRIPOLI INCLUDING WOMEN SMALL CHILDREN AND BABIES PD AM UNABLE TO STOP THIS
 DISORGANIZED AND UNAUTHORIZED FLOW OR GET AAI TO MOVE THEM TO THEIR DESTINATIONS
 PD URGENT PD SIGNED ^{ZELLAS} ~~WILLIAMS~~ UNQUOTE PD INFORM US WHY OUR INSTRUCTIONS NOT COMPLIED
 WITH PD INVESTIGATE THIS SERIOUS SITUATION IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT RESULT

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Copy to 5th Refugee Branch

L.T. MONTANT, JR
1st LT. AGD.
ADJUTANT.

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FROM ACC F/ REGION 2

TO HQ ACC MAIN FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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 SAME TRAINLOADS OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS ARE STILL ARRIVING FROM ORTONA WHERE
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5 AUG 1944
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REF YOUR 1201 OF 31. ALTHOUGH TRANSPORT RECENTLY MUCH REDUCED HAVE BEEN ABLE
ARRANGE DISPENSE RESERVE IN TRUCK POOL TRANSPORT. 200 DISPATCHED TODAY REMAINING
250 PROBABLY TOGETHER

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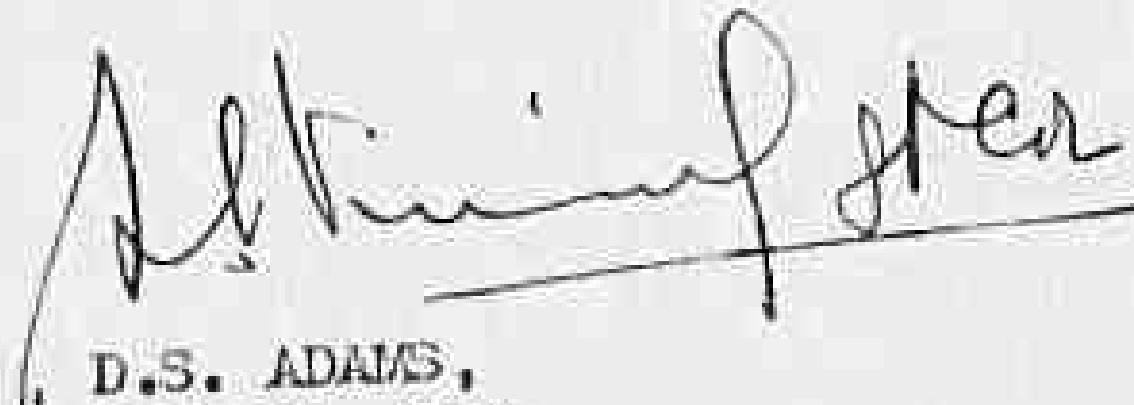
Our Reference : ACC Tn/53/28

Date : 30 July '44
31 JUL Recd

TO : R.G. & M.G. Section,
H.Q., ACC.

SUBJECT : Unauthorised Movement of Refugees.

1. It was reported by our Naples office at 1800 hours 29 July '44 that refugees were filling Naples Stations, and Army Movements requested their removal as they hampered the clearance of ambulance trains etc.
2. Telephone communication was had with Col. Hulls, Italian Refugee Branch, who said that this was entirely a matter for the Regional Commissioner concerned.
3. Telephone message was then conveyed to Duty Officer, Region III at 18.30 hours, requesting him to take all necessary action for the clearance of the station by use of Carabinieri, etc.


D.S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

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ITALIAN MOVE. 350 REFUGEES RETURNING TO HOMES MOVE BY RAIL TO
BARI TO ORTONA IN 9 BOX DEP BARI 021223 ON TRAIN TT. ARR FOGGIA
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4284. ARR ORTONA 0721. FOR AGG MAIN. THIS MOVE NECESSITATED BY
YOUR PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFRS BEING EMPOWERED TO ISSUE AUTHORITY FOR
CIVILIANS TO TRAVEL BY RAIL TO AREAS NOT SERVED BY CIVILIAN PASSENGER
TRAINS.

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FROM AGC FROM ADAMS

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30 July 44

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Transportation Sub-
Commission.

31 JUL Recd

YOUR SIGNAL NANCY FIVE FOUR TWO EIGHT PD PAREN TO MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR

FOR ACTION TO REGION SEVEN FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR INFOR FROM ADAMS

PAREN YOU ARE AWARE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES IS UNAUTHORISED PD INFORM CAPO
COMPARTIMENTO SUCH MOVEMENTS NOT REPEAT NOT PERMITTED PD ACKNOWLEDGE

SIGNAL UNDERSTOOD AND ACTION TAKEN

L.T. MONTANT Jr.
1st Lieut AGD
Adjutant

R.C. & M.G. Section
Italian Refugees Sub-Commission.

D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

DB/18

20 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Refugee Organization (Italian personnel) Your 1605/50/56/C (ADI)

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

1. In reply to your above numbered letter dated 24 July, we wish to call your attention to our letter DB/2 dated 23 July 44, addressed to "A" Branch copy to you, and to the subsequent interview between the undersigned and Col. ROBERTI.

The directions contained in your letter of 24th July were already in course of being complied with, as explained in our letter of the 20th July.

2. The Italian Military personnel employed by this Branch - can, when the present moves are completed, be reduced. Present estimate of reduction is 10% effective as from the date (1 Sept.) indicated in your letter of 24th July. Between now and then a particular effort will be made to decrease the numbers further, and if possible to cut them by an additional 5%.

3. As regards para. 5 of our letter DB/18 dated 24th July, could please this be done, pending the fixing of our numbers between now and 1 Sept., as the Senior Italian Officer on my staff, is still receiving independent directions from his War Ministry in this matter.

L. R. IRMAS
L. R. IRMAS,
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:

"A" Branch, AAI
MIA (for GSO 1)
Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
Senior Italian Officer, Italian Mission, DB.

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APO 394

30 July 1944.

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SUBJECT: Refugees.

31 July 1944

TO: The Regional Commissioner, Rome Region.

1. On July 18th we wrote confirming various points which had previously been agreed between yourself and this Branch. In particular your attention was called to the military necessity of moving our organization and camps forward into Army Areas without delay.

2. On July 22nd you confirmed that arrangements had been made to take over the camps at Cesano and Cine Citta, as well as to absorb 15000 refugees in Rome area.

3. On July 25th we reminded you of the urgency of taking over the 2 camps, and requested you to state on what day this would be done.

On the same day, we requested you to commence absorbing refugees in Rome Area, and to take the first 5000 from Cesano Camp. As many thousands have been sent away from Rome during the past month, this should not present a great difficulty.

4. On July 27th reminders were sent to you on the above matters. No reply to our letters of 25th, and 27th has, so far been received.

5. As operations in Forward Areas must receive first consideration, we regret we cannot continue to delay this move. Our personnel and stores will therefore move out during the coming week and will - it is anticipated - be clear of Cesano Camp, by Saturday next, August 5th.

In view of your letter of 22 July it is presumed that all necessary arrangements have been made, and that you will be in a position to take care of the people at present at Cesano, or to absorb them in Rome area as agreed on July 18th last.

6. Cine Citta Camp need not be taken over, until say one week after Cesano - unless of course you wish to do so earlier.

Copy to:

The Executive Commissioner
Major BRENNER, O.C. Cesano Camp.

L. R. HULLS,
Colonel,
Director.

G. J. Lipp to see

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 39.
Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 75/ /CA.

28th July 1944.

SUBJECT: Refugees.

TO : H.Q., Region III.

Reference this Section's Letters 75/392/CA and 75/393/CA dated 27th July 1944.

Please note that these letters were wrongly addressed to your Region and no action is therefore required on your part.

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/JC.

Lieutenant,
PA to Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Political Section.
Italian Refugee Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

C.A.B. 44
27 JUL 1944
A.C.C.

(Ref.: W/6/453)

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Arrival of Italian Refugees Without Notice and
Region 2 Being Unable to Move Same.

TO: R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C.-H.Q.-Advanced.

1. This confirms our Signal of this date regarding the arrival of over five hundred Italian civilians, most of whom were sent under lists signed by the Commanding Officer of the No. 13 A.M.G. Evacuation Camp, whose signature seems to be Captain Taylor.
2. These are not genuine War Refugees from homes in the War Areas, but rather persons whose homes are in Naples, Sicily and Southern Italy. We cannot move them by train from the Bari Station either to their homes or to other Region 2 Provinces better able to handle them than Bari, because there appears to be an A.C.C. order preventing Captain Greenway, Military Transportation Officer, District 2, from sending Refugees elsewhere from here. Therefore, hundreds of these most unfortunate people, mostly women and little children, are now huddled on the dirty railroad station platform of Bari.
3. These people were sent here late at night without notice being given anybody of their arrival. They arrived without police escort and food.
4. With the closing of the Foggia Camp the condition becomes more serious than previously, because we used to receive some notice of their impending arrival, and they did arrive with police protection. Also, the people were properly fed.
5. The order of the A.C.C. which prevents us from sending these people to their homes or to other Region 2 Provinces prevents us from caring for them properly. It makes us helpless and dumps on Region 2 people whose homes are in Regions 1, 3 and 7.

John T. Zellars
John T. Zellars, Col., Inf.,
Regional Commissioner.

COPY: It. Ref. Br., A.C.C.-H.Q.

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