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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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R/4127

23 October 1944

SUBJECT: Unloading of Refugees at Taranto.

TO: Headquarters ACC,
(Attention: Chief of Staff)

1. Reference your 75/CA, R.C. & M.G. Section, above subject, dated 18 September.

2. The following report is submitted:

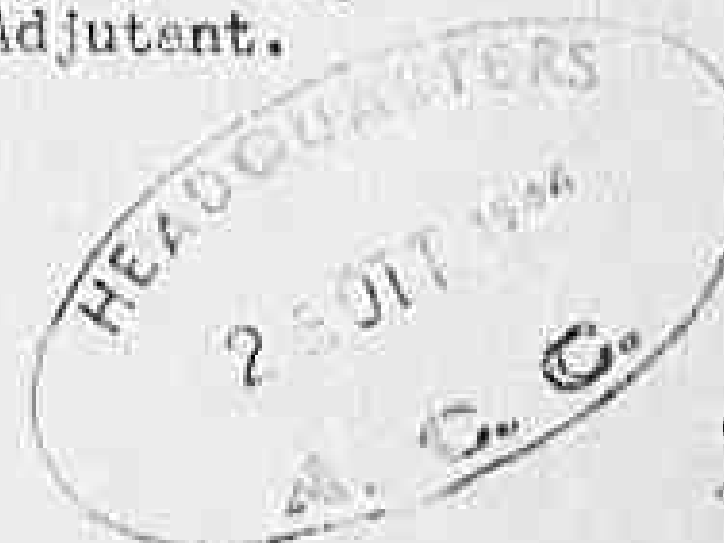
"The STO and the representative of the British Ministry of War Transport inform that the fumigation carried out on the "SS. Marigot" was in the line of normal procedure and not due to the carrying of the special lot of refugees who were landed at Taranto on 28 August 1944."

3. It was also pointed out by both the STO and the representative of the British Ministry of War Transport that five days is not an excessive time to carry out complete fumigation of a ship.

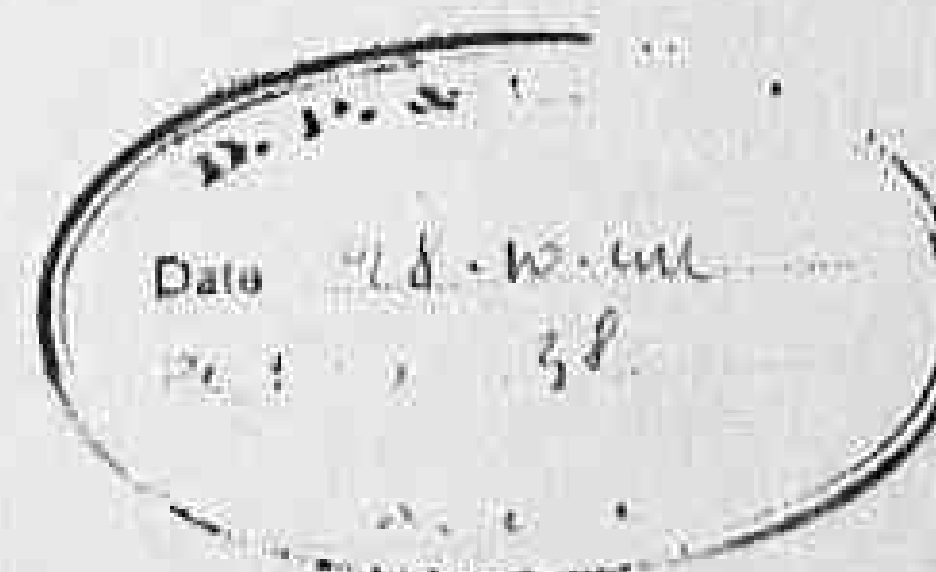
For the Regional Commissioner:

Joseph Bellotti
JOSEPH BELLOTTI,
1st Lieut., M.I.,
Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 75/CA

25 October 1944

SUBJECT : Refugees .

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(Italian Government) .

1. Reference is made to your letter of 17 September 44, making enquiries as to whether the return of refugees could be expedited to Southern Provinces by using coastal traffic plying between the South and the Provinces of CAMPANIA, LAZIO and TOSCANA .

2. The matter has been investigated and this Section has been advised that there is no passenger transport available to take refugees south, nor will any be available unless ships are specially diverted for this purpose.

R. H. Gipp

G.R. UPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec .
Dep. C. o. S.

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HEADQUARTERS
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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21st October, 1944.

SUBJECT: Transport of Refugees South by boat.

TO: Civil Affairs Section (att Colonel Cripps)

1. Reference your 75/CA dated 13th October, 1944.

2. We have been informed by the Transportation Sub-Commission that there is no passenger transport available to take refugees south, nor will any be available unless ships are specially diverted for this purpose.

For the Director.

C.F. Fothergill

C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lieut. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION

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The Vatican Secretary of State has enquired whether in order to expedite the return of the refugees to the Southern Provinces and at the same time ensure the arrival in Rome of foodstuffs, it would be possible to obtain authorization for the coastal traffic of several motor-sailing vessels plying between the South and the Provinces of Campania, Latium and Tuscany.

A similar request the Vatican Secretary of State has addressed directly to the Allied Governments through their respective Representatives to the Holy See.

The initiative of the Holy See is one of the many activities in which the Vatican is interested in order to bring relief to the Roman population in the present difficult food situation. At the same time it would make possible the return to their respective centres of the refugees who would thus be enabled to proceed, as early as possible, to rebuild their homes and to take up again their customary work which they were obliged to abandon owing to war operations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the intent of facilitating and aiding this initiative takes leave to ask the Allied Control Commission Political Section to interpose their good offices to this effect, confident that the Allied Authorities will raise no obstacles to an activity which, owing to its highly humanitarian character, is worthy of the greatest support.

ROME, 17 September 1944.

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

Refugees - SICILY.

75/GA.

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

29th Sept. 1944.

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I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to enclose herewith extract from a DO letter received from the Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region, for your information.

C. An. R. C. C. File 1006/EC.

(Sgd) A. J. S.

Major,
IA to Executive Commissioner.

Extract from DC Bulletin No. 1 from Brig. Carr, R.C. SICILIAN Region.
Ref: RC/201 of 20. Sept.

"6. From reports I receive, the care and maintenance of refugees is not at all satisfactory. The Regional Public Health Officer, who is the sole officer in that Division, does all the ACC work in connection with refugees, and this puts a very heavy burden on his shoulders, though very valuable work in this respect is being carried out by the Friend's Ambulance Unit personnel. It is the attitude of the local officials and population which is the cause of the main difficulties. Strict orders are in force against any movement of refugees, but various devices to evade the regulations are often used."

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To: Col. Shipp.

28 Sept. 1944.

Folio 554.

1. This is an appreciation of the situation which Col. Hulls expects to encounter in the North. The factors covered are numbers, transport, camps, sites etc. The figure he is working on is 50,000 refugees. The Executive Commissioner would like to see.
2. See also folio 551.

J. S. Reakes, Maj

J.S. REAKES,
Major.

*to be Liaison in Toban
Office in a British Office?*

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It is a for Office (probably May 1944) (2248)
shall require approval.*

Subject: Refugees transported Coastal Vessel "Marigot".

HQ AMG Rear Eighth
Army.

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25 Sep 44.

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To: Executive Commissioner's Branch (RC & MG Sec),
HQ, Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference your letter 75/ /CA of 20 Sep 44.
2. A report has been called for from the Commandant of No. 13 AMG Evacuation Camp with regard to the complaint made in your letter quoted above. His reply is forwarded herewith.
3. The nominal rolls of all refugees evacuated were sent at the time of despatch, together with a certificate of disinfection. The Commandant assures me that this disinfection was in fact carried out according to the method prescribed.
4. No. 13 AMG Evacuation Camp is, of course, a Roadhead Camp, and is only equipped as such. It was temporarily doing duty as Seahead Camp pending the arrival of the AMG Camp which is now operating.
5. As pointed out by the Medical Officer, whose work has always been very satisfactory, there were other passengers on board the "Marigot" besides the refugees from No. 13 AMG Evacuation Camp, but it is not known here who or how many there were.

Engel
Lt. Col.,
S.R.E.C.
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

HEADQUARTERS
28 SEP 1944
A. C. C.

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NO 10 A.M.G. EVACUATION CAMP

Co S.F.E.O.

H.Q. - A.M.G. - 8 Army Rear.

through the above named camp from the 7th August to the 14th September passed about 2000 Refugees. The most of them we got away by sea and I duly disinfested them all. Attached to the nominals rolls I sent my disinfestation certificate countersigned by the British Officer commanding.

I always was present to the disinfestation and therefore I can certify that none left our camp without being disinfested. I can call to witness the same Refugees and the Sisters attached to the disinfestation and they will answer that the disinfestation was duly carried out. By using pumps and insecticide powder you can not obtain a 100/100 disinfestation; you should follow another system. I myself passing through P.O.W. Camp and disinfested with the pumps system arrived at Bari full of lice. I carried out my duty and I did my best as well as I will do in future.

N.B. I got aware that at the moment of the sailing there were on the vessel plenty of other people and not only Refugees.

Medical Officer

W. J. [Signature] M. J. [Signature]

with reference to your C.A. /93 dated the 23rd Sept. 44, the above is my doctor's

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Max J. J. J.
Medical Officer

With reference to your L.A. /93 dated the 23rd Sept. 44, the above is my doctor's report, in his own writing, which I fully endorse. It must be pointed out that mine is a forward area mobile camp and the only means of disinfection at my disposal is the pump and powder method, which was operated at the full on this occasion. Further I have no means of disinfecting clothing, this unit not being a static camp. Furthermore we were only functioning in a temporary capacity pending the arrival of No 23 Evac. Camp. I am firmly convinced that my M.O. carried out his duties satisfactorily under the circumstances.

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Camp Commandant
13 A.M.G. Evacuation Camp



Date /24 '9 '44/

H/23

FROM : Colonel L.R. HULLIS
HQ A.C.C.

TO : Director
Displaced Persons and Repatriation
Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Keeping forward areas clear of refugees
during next 2-3 months.

1. OBJECT :

To establish Transit Camps in such manner as will best facilitate the above during coming operations.

2. FACTORS :

Principle factors are as usual, unknown, as they depend upon the nature and outcome of operations.

Plans must be based on the intentions of GHQ AAI and upon experience.

(a) Numbers:

Unknown. Therefore use experience as basis.

(b) From whence main volume expected.

Estimate is that heaviest fighting will occur generally on our Right.

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HRH/bw

SECRET

26 September 1944

28 SEP Recd

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(c) Where - if large numbers materialize - they are to be moved to.

Transportation Branch AAI has made estimates and plans which show what empty returning transport should be available and in what direction it will move.

Camp sites must be chosen to fit in with above facilities.

(d) Dispersal:

1. Policy of local dispersal in forward areas has given good results. 5th Army forward teams have been more successful than those of 8th Army in this respect.

It should be continued with, and full use be made of 5th Army experiences.

2. Numbers in excess of local dispersal forward, must be "parcelled out" in rear.

Consider then, transport facilities from transit

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camps to the rear, and allot quotas to provinces with space available. Modification to general absorption plan is now required to fit in with Italian Government Repatriation plans. (see para 4 c 11)

3. ALTERNATIVES:

(a) Numbers:

No other course, but to make an estimate based on past experiences. Propose adopting figure of 50,000 to be handled during next 3 months.

(b) Where coming from?

How and in what direction to move them?

Assuming:

Bologna as our first main objective, and our main thrust thence N and NE.

German Right withdraws to conform with their left. Little heavy fighting West.

Then, main flow of refugees would come from general direction of Bologna.

Transportation plans for supply of Army are:

- I. East: Full use of Ancona Port; Rail, first priority, Ancona-Bologna.
- II, Centre: From Arezzo Rail Head. Thence Road only.
- III. West: Leghorn Port. Thence Road to Bologna.

(c) Transportation alternatives for movement of refugees to rear are:

- I. General Direction Bologna-Ancona:
Road and/or Rail, thence Sea
or Rail Foligno-Rome.
- II, General Direction Bologna-Florence-Arezzo:
Road, thence Rail.
- III. General Direction Bologna-Leghorn:
Road, thence Sea.

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Road, thence Rail.

III. General Direction Bologna-Leghorn:
Road, thence Sea.

(d) It will be seen that:

East: We expect refugees in largest number.
Transport facilities are good.
Camp facilities probably inadequate.

Centre: May be fair number for some time.
Adequate empty returning M.T. to Arezzo.
Adequate Camps.

West: May be less refugees.
Empty returning MT adequate.
Camps adequate.

4. PLANS:

(a) Transportation and Transit Camps.

EAST: Movement by road and/or rail to Ancona. Thence Southerners by sea to Bari. Others by railway Ancona-Foligno-Rome.
Transit Camps: Increase Ancona facilities by movement thence of

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Assisi Camp. This should be done at once.
Rail Head Camp ahead of Ancona to prepare to move to Pesaro.

CENTRE: Movement by Road to Arezzo, thence Rail.
Transit Camp. Retain Arezzo in present site.

WEST: Move Follonica Camp forward to Leghorn-Pisa area.
Evacuation by Rail to Rome. If there are Southerners in large numbers (improbable), explore possibility of movement by Sea.

(b) DISPERSAL - GENERAL:

I. Local, i.e. in forward areas. Continue to practise this to maximum. Fuller use to be made of experience of 5th Army forward teams.

II. Continue to send Southerners to South by Sea.

(c) ABSORPTION PROGRAMME:

I. Carry out recheck on present programme in order to have dispersal area available in event of special necessity.
Certain provinces which escaped damage have not yet taken a fair quota, e.g. SIENA.

II. Absorption programme plan should now be modified to fit in with Repatriation plans of Italian Government (M. Zaniboni).
The latter is now able to handle and repatriate regular numbers through its Rome Transit Camp.
Instead then of taking refugees from forward areas, to whatever province has an unused absorption quota, all those which can be repatriated via Rome, should - within their capacity and by prior arrangement with them - now be passed to Italian Government Transit Camps.

Colonel.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.
Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

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26th September, 1944.
27 SEP 1944

SUBJECT: Representation on Superior Commission of Co-ordination
for the Assistance of War Refugees.

TO: R.C. & M.G. Section (attention Lt.Col. SHIPP.)

1. Reference your 75/535/CA of 20th September, relative subject matter.
2. It is confirmed that an officer from this Sub-Commission should attend the meetings of the "Superior Commission of Co-ordination for the assistance of War Refugees" . It is proposed that G.II Liaison (ITALIAN) should be responsible for taking a definite interest in the Committee's work and give them any facilities possible .
3. Would you kindly state if this officer may be detailed to attend the meetings.

For the Director.

C. Fothergill
C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lieut.Colonel,
Deputy Director 22

CFF/RBP.

For Shipp
Shipp would appear to be in objection to attending these meetings
Shipp is a full time officer and cannot be detailed to attend these meetings
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. Section
APO 394

Phone: 478808

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25 Sep 44

SUBJECT: Refugees - Return by Boat.

TO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to the attached letter from the Vatican dated 17 September and to note from Economic Section. Will you please take up the matter with Economic Section and let us have your comments on the feasibility of transporting refugees by coastal traffic, so that we may reply to the letter.

2. As you are aware, the Vatican have been informed that the question of moving refugees is one for ACC to control.

3. It may be that coastal traffic is so busy and there are so many priorities for this type of transportation that ~~some~~ space cannot be allotted for this purpose. This point is one which should be considered with Transportation Sub-Commission.

File *B/U 30/9*
-no 69 81.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Econ Section (Attention: Col. Denamore, CSO)

Teletext, 310

HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

20 September 1944

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Refugees

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

1. Your letter No. RPH/720 of 14 Sep. acknowledged, and we agree in general with your comments and in particular with the views expressed in para 4.

2. The Executive Commissioners memorandum No. 75 of 1st Aug. 44 outlined the position, and made it clear, we think, that the work of repatriation (as distinct from that of handling refugees from battle areas) must be carried out mainly by the Italian authorities.

3. The direction exercised by this HQ is limited to the insistence that certain principles be observed - e.g. that prior to any movement the agreement of authorities in areas of destination be secured. Our active intervention is limited mainly to over-riding control of arrangements between Italian Government and our military railway authorities for the special trains required. This would enable us to exercise a control on the movement in general, if it became necessary for instance to modify or stop it.

Sanction for Food supplies at transit points etc., on a fixed scale has been given by the Sub-Commission who will advise their supply officers accordingly.

4. Apart from the above, it is emphasized that the whole of the actual work of planning details of moves, and carrying out repatriation is the work of the Italian Government.

5. It is certainly however, necessary for the Italian authorities to coordinate their activities, and in the case of Sicily, to keep the High Commissioner fully informed, and in fact to operate as stated in para 4 of your letter.

Upon receipt of your letter, we at once communicated with Tito Zaniboni, who agreed that this should be done. Would you please keep us informed in this connection.

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6. Regarding telegram 4341, it is noted that this was sent out by Sig. Zaniboni during the first week of August.

I am afraid that at that time the Italian High Commissioner's Office was far from organized, and certain of their activities were altogether premature. We impressed upon them the necessity of getting their Staff together, and their HQ. organized, before attempting movements which would only produce confusion.

It is considered that their organization is improving, and a modest commencement on the work of repatriation has in fact now been made.

7. As regards your outline plan and to which you have evidently given much thought, if your Staff can spare time for this, it will naturally facilitate matters enormously.

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No movement will of course be initiated until fully agreed between your High Commissioner's Office - and that of Sig. Zaniboni.

8. It is thought most improbable, that ships can be made available. You are aware of the scarcity and difficulty in this respect.

L. H. H. H.

Lt. H. H. H.,
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:- RC. and MG. Section, A.G.O.
Food Sub-Commission

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Lt.Col.Shipp.

20 Sept 1944.

Folio No.542,

1. This is a letter from Finance Sub-Comm to Displaced Persons Sub-Comm and Refugee Branch.
2. It concerns looting and damage to property at the Camp SANTA MARIA in Naples. The culprits would appear to be Jews.
3. It raises the question of discipline and supervision in these camps, and the punishment of wrong doers. This is a matter which Displaced Persons Sub-Comm, Refugee Branch and Legal Sub-Comm should be able to decide.
4. It is not a matter for us to touch at present but I shall keep an eye on it and raise with Displaced Persons Sub-Comm in a few days time after they have had an opportunity of thinking it over. It is one of their camps.

J. S. Reakes Maj.

J.S.REAKES
Major.

See also Fol. 546.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICE OF INTER-ALLIED
S.D. - M.O. SECTION
APR 394

REF : 75/ /CA.

29 Sept 1944.

SUBJECT : Refugee Transported Coastal Vessel "Varigot"

T : A.I.C. 6th Army.

1. Under date of 28 August 44, the above named ship arrived at TARANTO harbor with 233 Italian Refugees from the port of Ancona. This vessel was scheduled for a quick turn round.

2. Southern Region report that according to information furnished by the VPO Taranto, the "Varigot" after disembarkation, was held in port for approximately *five* days for disinfection. While it has not been definitely determined it appears likely that the disinfection became necessary as a result of the transportation of the Refugees.

3. The question of delay of this vessel has been raised by A.A.I. and to enable this H to report on the matter we shall be obliged if you will say whether any medical examination was undertaken and to what degree disinfection was carried out prior to admission of these refugees.

Capt. C. R. ODEN

encl.
FORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Tel. Ext. 310

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED COMING COMMISSION
AP 394

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20 September 1944

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20 SEP Recd

SUBJECT : Coordination in planning.

TO : His Excellency Tito LAMIBONI, High Commissioner for War Refugees, Italian Government.

1. The Allied Regional Commissioner - Sicily, informs us that orders are being issued direct from your Headquarters to Prefects in Sicily without informing the High Commissioner's Office or the Director of Welfare and Social Assistance in the island. Copies of such orders are not even sent to the latter authorities.

Our Regional HQ points out that this can only result in confusion, and ~~we~~ recommends that in future :

" All communications and instructions regarding the repatriation of refugees should be sent in duplicate to the High Commissioner for Sicily and his Regional Director of Welfare and Social Assistance. The High Commissioner's Office can then issue the necessary instructions to Prefects advice being given by this Headquarters as necessary. "

This HQ agrees with the Allied Regional Commissioner's views and recommendations.

2. We have now received a letter from the Allied Commissioner - Naples Zone on the same subject.

He states that your Office is not keeping your Authorities in Naples (including the Prefect himself) informed as to your intentions and plans.

3. As Your Excellency knows, the most essential point - in organizing this repatriation, is that fullest information be given to Authorities generally, and in particular at the place of departure and destination relating to any movement.

This is a matter which interests and affects both your Authorities and ours, consequently it is hoped that necessary measures will be taken promptly to rectify matters.

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

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Copy to: Regional Commissioner - Sicily
Zone Commissioner - Naples
RC and HQ Section A.C.C.

*Let's skip. This is the whole
reply to Vol. 540/541. You
asked to supply.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

20th September, 1944

Ref 75/535/CA

SUBJECT: Representation on Superior Commission of Coordination
for the Assistance of the War Refugees
TO : Internees and Displaced Persons Sub Commission

1. Attached correspondence is forwarded for your comments (Lt. Col. Rothergill - Lt. Col. Shipp spoke). You will see from Col. Halls' comments that he is inclined to favour the proposal to detail an officer to attend these meetings.
2. At your meeting next Saturday, will you please let me have your comments on the proposal of the A.P.C.

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

Encl. 4

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Labels 543 and 544 taken out and
sent to Col. Bristol today 22
Sept. 44 for action.
J. K. Reuter, Maj.

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TO: Lt.Col. SHIPP.

19 Sept 1944.

Ref Folio 6.

1. Brig. Carr points out that the official numbers of refugees sent to Sicily through Refugee Branch was 9875 up to 26 June. The total number who passed through was 10576. Thus 681 were unauthorised. All were accommodated.
2. Of this total however 2182 have made their own way back to the mainland. There are now no security measures in the Straits of Messina.
3. He draws attention to the fact that a comprehensive scheme was being drawn up by this HQ for repatriation of refugees and presumes correctly I should think that such scheme will be agreed between us and the Italian Government.
4. He is worried about the fact that telegraphic instructions are being issued by the High Commissioner but similar instructions are not coming from us.
5. In addition instructions emanating from the High Commissioner for refugees are going direct to Prefects and by-passing the High Commissioner's Office etc in Sicily.
6. He refers to a telegram 4341 of 8 Aug received by Prefects, but we have no copy of it. Brig. Carr considers that this signal should be cancelled or modified in so far as Sicily is concerned.
7. Brig. Carr considers that all instructions for his Region should go through the High Commissioner's Office who can then co-ordinate and issue instructions to his Prefects.
8. He states that if no instructions are going to be issued by ACC then Regional HQ should be supplied with a copy of the Italian Government Instructions.
9. He attaches a draft outline plan of his own but he insists that he should have a directive from this HQ.
10. The letter is one for Refugee Branch to attend to and raises a number of important points. I have been Col. Hulls on it. He says it is a good letter and he will reply to it with a copy to us.

J.S. Reakes
J.S. REAKES,
Major.

Pl let me see RB reply in due course

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394.

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18 September 1944.

19 SEP Recd

SUBJECT : Refugee Camp at Santa Maria.

TO Displaced persons Sub-Commission,
Refugee Branch.

1. I was visited yesterday by Colonel Bowyer DD Claims & Hirings AAI and Lt/Colonel Littlewood AD Hirings. They stated that reports had been received from their Hirings officer in the Naples area to the fact that considerable damage of property was being caused in the refugee camp established at Santa Maria.
2. It is reported that there is much looting within the area of the camp and also theft from nearby houses. It was pointed out that owing to conditions of cold weather previously at the initial occupation of the camp many doors and windows had been removed. It was suggested that if no repair is effected to these houses the occupants will force an entry into non-requisitioned houses. Fifty houses have already been forcibly entered. The damage is said to have been done principally by Jews and not Yugoslavs.
3. The question raised by the two visiting officers was whether the responsibility for discipline and supervision lies viz., with ACC, Allied Military Police or the Italian Civilian Police. Somebody must be held responsible for the wrongful acts now being committed. DD Claims and Hirings refuses to provide free insurance to cover these depredations which are increasing daily.
4. It was stated that the ^{Camp} Commandant had little or no control.
5. I cannot in anyway vouch for the truth of these allegations which I am passing to you for such treatment as you consider necessary.

Copy to Lt. Col

F. W. I. Shipp ✓
R.C. - 116.

Colonel,
Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

14 September 44

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SUBJECT : Repatriation of Refugees

TO : Executive Officer, R.C. & M.G. Section, ACC., HQ.

1. The Official number of refugees sent to Sicily through the Refugee Branch, A.C.C., was 9,895 from 6 April 44 to 26 June 44.

The total number of refugees who passed through the two reception camps (Termini and Siracusa) was 10,576. Thus 681 unauthorized persons arrived in the Island and were accommodated as bonafide refugees.

The number of refugees remaining in Sicily at this date is 8,394. It would appear that 2,182 have made their own way back to the mainland despite all efforts to prevent them.

About 400 refugees, who made their way as far as Messina, refused to return to their reception Communes and it is learned that the Prefect of Messina took no action because he was instructed by the High Commissioner to allow them to remain. Many of these refugees have since made their way across the Straits to Reggio. In this connection it is to be noted that the Military Authorities have recently taken all security measures off the Straits.

2. When I attended the recent Regional Commissioners' Conference at your Headquarters, I was informed that a comprehensive scheme was being drawn up for the repatriation of refugees. I presumed that this would be a scheme agreed between your Headquarters and the Italian Government.

Telegraphic instructions are, however, being issued from time to time by the High Commissioner for Italian Refugees (Zaniboni). At the same time no instructions in this matter are being received from your headquarters nor in the Italian Government telegrams is any indication given as to whether the instructions are issued in agreement with your Headquarters.

Moreover, the Italian instructions are being sent direct to Prefects while the High Commissioners's Office and the Director of Welfare and Social Assistance, who is very much concerned in this matter, are receiving no copies of the instructions.

It is only by chance that Regional Headquarters becomes aware of what is going on. The result is that a certain amount

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of confusion exists.

3. The main instructions issued so far are those contained in telegram 4341 which was apparently received by Prefects on August 8th.

This telegram contains a number of instructions which cannot be carried out in Sicily without some central coordination. It is considered that this telegram should be cancelled in the case of this Region because, in my opinion, it is quite impossible for Prefects to act upon it.

4. It is considered essential for the future that all communications and instructions regarding the repatriation of refugees should be sent to the High Commissioner for Sicily and his Regional Director of Welfare and Social Assistance. The High Commissioner's Office can then issue the necessary instructions to Prefects, advice being given by this Headquarters as necessary.

If no instructions are going to be issued by your Headquarters in this matter, it will be necessary for Region Headquarters also to be supplied with a copy of the Italian Government instructions.

5. A draft outline plan has been drawn up by the Public Health Division of Region I in conjunction with the Italian Welfare Directorate for the repatriation of refugees from Sicily. Preparations cannot, however, be made to put this plan into effect until some directive is received from your Headquarters in this matter and the instructions contained in telegram 4341 have been cancelled or modified.

A copy of the outline plan is being sent to your Headquarters as early as possible for your information and consideration.

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M Carr Brigadier

M. CARR

Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner

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Copy to : Director Italian Refugees Branch, ACC.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISS
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

RPB/720

13 September 44

DRAFT PLANS FOR REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES FROM SICILY
TO THE MAINLAND

1. No instructions have as yet been received regarding repatriation of refugees and no movement of refugees will be allowed until such instructions are received.

2. Plans are based on two possibilities:

- A. Shipment by sea.
- B. Movement by rail.

3. Shipment by sea

a) This possibility has been mentioned in Alto Commissario ZANIBONI's telegram No. 4341 received by Prefects on August 8th.

By this means the movement of refugees within the island would be very much simplified and congestion at Messina would be avoided.

b) Three ports of embarkation are possible - Syracuse, Palermo and Porto Empedocle.

c) Refugees in Syracuse and Ragusa would be embarked at Syracuse. Those in Palermo Province would go to Termini or direct to Palermo dock. Those in Caltanissetta would go to Syracuse. Those in Agrigento Province would be embarked at Porto Empedocle, thereby obviating the necessity for the long rail journey with halts for feeding, or the possibility of their having to spend one night in the transit camp at Syracuse.

d) In all cases refugees would be collected from outlying Communes by bus (I.N.T. to supply) and/or by rail, in sufficient time to embark the same day, thereby relieving the transit camps of the necessity of housing them overnight.

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Refugees in Agrigento City and the Western half of the Province will entrain at Agrigento Station; those from the Eastern half will entrain at Canicatti.

Meal service will be provided at both stations or arrangements for housing overnight will be made at these two centres if required.

Arrangements for meal service will also be made at Catania Station, Catania Province to provide.

c) Via Ragusa - Syracuse - Messina.

Refugees in Ragusa and Syracuse Provinces will entrain at Ragusa Central Station and Syracuse Station.

Meal service will be provided at both stations. Arrangements

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will be made for housing overnight at Syracuse and possibly Ragusa depending on availability of rail transport.

d) Via Caltanissetta - Catania - Messina.

Arrangements will be made at San Cataldo for meal service and for housing for the night if required.

e) Messina.

Messina will provide staging camp or camps, total capacity 1500 beds, at which groups of refugees arriving by train from Termini, Catania or Syracuse will be concentrated prior to being ferried across to Reggio for despatch in groups of 1000 to their destination in Italy. N.B. This is subject to amendment on receipt of definite movement instructions from the Refugee Branch, ACC. HQ.

5. Escorts

Refugees will be escorted from their present Commune to the entraining or embarkation point by local Carabinieri.

From the entraining points to Messina, Carabinieri detailed by Provinces will accompany the trains. They will prevent any unauthorized person from boarding the refugee trains and will marshal refugees at all halts for meals and detaining stations. Nominal rolls will be in the custody of these Carabinieri (see below).

In addition, every batch of approximately 100 refugees will be in charge of their own representative elected by them. These representative will ensure that refugees are treated properly and will assist the authorities during the journey.

6. Accounting

The Sindaco of each reception commune will be responsible for the preparation of nominal rolls in sextuplicate. One copy he will retain and five copies will be entrusted to the Carabinieri escorting the refugees. One copy will be detached and retained by the Provincial Refugee Officer at the Provincial Capital. Any variation in numbers at this point will be recorded in all five copies. The new escort will take charge of the remaining four copies as far as Messina, and hand them to the Officer in control at that point. This Officer will detach and retain one copy, subsequently to be forwarded to the Regional Director of Welfare (Prof. CHIAZZESE) Palermo, for his file. The remaining three copies will be handed to the escort which will accompany the refugees to the mainland as far as their ultimate destination.

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7. Italian Red Cross

The President of the C.R.I. (Sicily) will detail a small party to accompany every 500 refugees to their ultimate destination whether by sea or by rail.

8. Rations

A one day fresh ration will be issued by each reception Commune to each departing refugee. Other meals on the journey through Sicily will be supplied from station meal halts as outlined above.

A five day hard ration for consumption during the first five days after arrival at his or her native commune will be issued in

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bulk at Termini (for Refugees from Palermo Province), at Syracuse (for refugees from Ragusa and Syracuse) and at Messina (for refugees from Agrigento and Caltanissetta Provinces). These will be loaded into the freight cars which will be attached to every train at entraining stations to take refugee baggage. These freight cars will be locked and will be sent across the ferry at Messina to join up with the passenger trains at Reggio, i.e. they will accompany the refugees all the way to their ultimate detrainning point.

In the event of repatriation by sea, hard rations will be loaded on ship at Palermo, Syracuse and Porto Empedocle. The scale of these rations will be based upon the following minimum:

COMMODITY	ONE DAY FRESH RATION	FIVE DAY HARD RATION
Flour	nil	1250 grams per person
Bread	400 grams	nil
Pasta	nil	500
Sugar	nil	25
Dried Vegetables	nil	500
Cheese	100 grams	300
Fruit	1000 "	nil
Tinned milk	nil	1 tin per adult
		2 tins per child under five
Tinned meat	nil	1 tin per family
		under five in number
		2 tins per family
		over four in number
M & V.	1 tin per family	
	under five in number	
	2 tins per family	
	over four in number	
Powdered Soup	nil	1 tin per family
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		over four in number

9. Drinking water will be provided at all stops where also adequate latrine accommodation will be set up.

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- 1) Prof. CHIAZZESE, for all refugees channeling through Palermo and Termini.
- 2) Doct. RIZZO, for refugees channeling through Syracuse.
- 3) With regard to Agrigento and Caltanissetta Provinces, Prof. CHIAZZESE will give detail for movement to Messina (or alternatively by sea transportation).

11. All information regarding movement of refugees, reference telegram No. 4341 received 8.8.44, will be despatched to the High Commissioner (ZANIBONI) only by Prof. CHIAZZESE and by Doct. RIZZO, in order to prevent confusion on the Mainland.

All Prefects will be informed of this alteration in the implementing of telegram No. 4341 above referred to.

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12. Transportation

The requisite number of buses and trucks (for baggage) will be ordered in advance from I.N.T. by Prof. CHIARESE (Western half) and Dott. RIZZO (Eastern End).

The provision of passenger trains and freight cars will be made by Railway Transportation Sub-Commission Palermo when hard figures are available. Railway time tables will be made out to conform to arrangements made on the mainland for transporting the refugees ex Reggio Calabria.

13. Detail of Distribution of Refugees remaining in the Island of Sicily by Provinces:

PALERMO	2,489
AGRIGENTO	2,137
CALTANISSETTA	2,243
SIRACUSA	387
RAGUSA	1,138
TOTAL	8,394
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D.C. MacDonald
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Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Health Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IRB/2

17 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Refugee Commission.

18 SEP Recd

TO: The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C. 528

1. Reference your letter 75/528/CA of the 15th September 1944. The Acting Chief Commissioner's view is the same as that which you reached with the undersigned some time ago, i.e. That some one Officer of this Branch would be detailed to take an interest in this matter and give to the Italian Government body any facilities possible.

2. I consider that an Officer of this Branch should be detailed for the purpose.

3. This repatriation work, is an added commitment however, and we have not had sufficient officer strength to detail one particularly for this work, which grows daily. You were going to provide us with an additional officer from elsewhere, but this has not yet been possible. Perhaps with the amalgamation, the required officer can now be found from within the two Branches.

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

*Ex Comm. to see
Col. Hulls reply to Ex Comm.
letter of 15 Sept. 1944*

See, La Fol 52436

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

Ref/75/GA.

18 Sept. 1944.

SUBJECT: Unloading of Refugees at TARANTO.

TO : Southern Region.

1. Reference 75/ /GA of 1 Sept 44 and your reply R/3068 of 13 Sept 44.
2. It is evident from your above reference that the "Marigot" was delayed in part for the purpose of being fumigated.
3. This HQ would like to know whether the extensive fumigation, which required approximately five days to complete, was necessary as the direct result of carrying the special lot of refugees who were landed at Taranto on the 28 Aug 44.
4. Will you please get as much information as you can which bears on this point and forward.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HR AGO FOR HULLS

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HQ SOUTHERN REGION

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ROUTINE

SEP 160840B

POGGIA REPORTS MORE THAN 1000 PERSONS ARRIVED WEEK ENDING 8 AUG FROM REGION 5 BY RAIL. INCLUDING HIGH PROPORTION WITH PASSES ISSUED BY AMG OFFICERS. SUGGEST URGENT AND EMPHATIC INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED THROUGHOUT ITALY THAT NO PASSES BE ISSUED MERELY FOR PURPOSE OF RETURNING HOME.

HEADQUARTERS
16 SEP 1944
A. C. C.

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*Cal Shippman
has Hulls has the action copy.
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Ref: 75/516/CA.

9th September, 1944.

EC & SAC LAMIA

Discussed - PA

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Acting Chief Commissioner.

I think I must call your attention to General Browning's letter to Brigadier Upjohn on Page 508 of this file. The letter was written as a consequence of your letter to AAI on Page 478, asking for the use of Italian Army personnel for refugees repatriation control. In my opinion, while General Browning has every right to express his views to Brigadier Upjohn he is not in order in sending a copy to Brigadier Cooper at AAI who is General Staff Duties officer and adviser the C-in-C in these matters. If we cannot agree within the Commission and you decide to put the matter up to AAI, it is quite wrong, in my opinion, for the head of a Sub-Commission to ventilate our internal disagreements to AAI and so thoroughly torpedo your request.

PA

→ M.S.C.

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Yes [Signature]

I quite agree.
Will you discuss
with him. Gm

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
U.S. & U.K. MEMBERS
AND 301

102/75/526/13.

15 September 1944

SUBJECT : Registration of Orders to Evacuate.

TO : The Office of the British High Commissioner, Iraq.

1. Reference is made to correspondence from the Baghdad 'Green
Don Center', Iraq, forwarded to this Office through your Office. Your ref/ls 374/2/44. 501

2. We have had enquiries made and ascertained from Tom Hagan,
London, that the premises are still under requisition by the British
Military Authorities. We should know however in about three weeks time
when the premises are likely to be vacated. The question of registration
of the children however is one which should be dealt with by the High
Commissioner for Baghdad, British Government, and the correspondence will
be forwarded to him for his attention.

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IRVING E. FINE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Refugee Branch with two copies of the
correspondence. (One copy for transmission to the Italian Govt
as arranged)

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

R/3068

13 September 1944

SUBJECT: Delayed unloading Refugee Ship at Taranto.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference 75/ /CA dated 9 September 1944 above subject.
2. The coastal vessel "Marigot" had only 233 Italian Refugees aboard.
3. The STO has informed the Commissioner Taranto Zone that after disembarkation the vessel was fumigated in Taranto Harbor - otherwise there was no delay. The fumigation took approximately 5 days.
4. Lt. Friedman of Taranto Headquarters attended the disembarkation which was completed by 2130 on the 28 August 1944.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Paul Revere

PAUL REVERE,
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant.

CBM/bb



*See Ship for info
Initials re: 16/9
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HEADQUARTERS,
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 75/528/CA

15th September 1944.

SUBJECT: Attached letter.

TO : Italian Refugee Branch.

1. The signatories of the attached letter interviewed Captain Stone this afternoon. Captain Stone demurred at the inclusion of an ACC representative on any committee especially if the Vatican were represented. At the same time he expressed agreement in any scheme by which an officer of the Italian Refugee Branch would be detailed to take a definite interest in the Committee's work and give them any facilities possible.
2. Please comment on the suggestion.
3. In course of conversation the signatories stated that the American Red Cross had been approached and raised no objection to joining the Committee.

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N. S. L.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONE SUPERIORE
DI COORDINAMENTO
per l'assistenza
AI PROFUGHI DI GUERRA
Parco Celio - Telefono 71624
R O M A

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S.C.V., 15 Settembre 1944

Ct. Ellery Stone
dell'A.C.C.

R O M A

In una riunione tenuta recentemente dai sottoscritti nella loro rispettiva qualita' di Presidente della Pontificia Commissione Assistenza Profughi di Guerra e Alto Commissario per l'assistenza ai profughi di guerra e Alto Commissario per l'assistenza ai profughi di guerra, e' stato convenuto di costituire una "Commissione Superiore di coordinamento per l'assistenza ai profughi di Guerra" con il compito di coordinare le attivita' dei due Enti ed incrementare l'opera di assistenza; detta Commissione sara' composta dai sottoscritti stessi e da loro delegati.

Allo scopo di rendere il lavoro piu' corrispondente alle necessita' e piu' completa l'opera di coordinazione di tutte le attivita' spese a vantaggio dei profughi, sarebbe molto gradito che della Commissione Superiore suddetta facesse parte anche un rappresentante dell'A.C.C.

In collaborazione gia' in atto rendera' cosi' ancora maggiori e piu' proficui risultati a vantaggio di tante disgraziate ed innocenti vittime di guerra.

Con distinta osservanza.-

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO A.P.G.

(Tito Zaniboni)

IL PRESIDENTE DELLA P.C.A.P.

(Sac. Ferdinando Baldelli)

See 528

TO: Lt.Col.Shipp.

14 Sept. 44.

Refugee Problem - Return of Civilians
to their homes.

1. I have seen Col. Hulls re folio 508. He has read it. He states that he has seen Brig. Cooper at AAI and is awaiting a reply from them. Shall I send a reminder?
2. Folio 518 is his reply to AFHQ signal 516.
3. Col. Hulls has also seen Folios 514 and 515 which he has noted. He has no comments to make on these. Action is complete and think we might leave it and see how the Vatican react.

J.S. Reakes
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J.S. REAKES,
Major.

*Col Shipp has seen
p.a. J.S. 14/9.*

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Executive Commission
ACC

HEADQUARTERS REGION

SOUTHERN REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

CATANZARO ZONE

File Ref: RV11/PS/415.

Date: 7th. September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Unauthorised Movement of Refugees

15 SEP Recd

TO: DIRECTOR, HEADQUARTERS,
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO. 394.

1. Reference your IRB/23 dated 3rd. August and 23rd. August, 1944 with reply from H.C. Region V11 dated 13th. August, 1944 Ref. RV11/R/135/571.
2. Your letter does not explicitly state if the Travel Permits issued by this office and returned by you pertain to passengers accommodated on the train arriving at Naples on 25th. July, 1944 and subject of your initial complaint.
3. It is respectfully brought to notice that reference to the Travel Permits establish that they cover an issuing period from 19th. July, 1944 to 5th. August, 1944 (both dates-inclusive). Further examination reveals that of the seventeen passes collected only three viz No's 66105 - 66021 - 66023 were issued up to 23rd. July, 1944, (presumed date of departure of train from Reggio-arriving in Naples on 25th. July, 1944), and would have therefore been available for travel on this particular train.
4. In respect to application for such travel permits the applicant prior to the issue of such permit is vetted by this office and is required to produce
 - (a) Identity Card or other means of identification with proof of present address.
 - (b) Credentials confirming necessity for travel.
 - (c) In the case of persons returning to former addresses an authorisation from the Sindaco of the Comune to which they are returning countersigned by the Prefet confirming that their premises are habitable and that it is necessary for essential agricultural purposes or to assist in maintaining the life of the Comune that they return.
5. No person is issued with a Travel Permit to return to their home address as a refugee.
6. With reference to the collection of Travel Permits which have been forwarded to this office it is regretted that such action was found necessary and quite understandable as quoted in your letter that

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- people are loath to give up passes". Having been subjected to the foregoing formalities and weeded out from the undesirable and not genuine applicant they were compelled to surrender their Travel Permit enroute after being deemed a genuine traveller. A request for the additional memoranda described from the holder of the pass may have obviated this action and clarified the reason for travel.
7. It is affirmed that this office is and has always been most careful to issue Travel Permits only to the genuine applicant both in appreciation to the necessity of curtailing travel to a minimum and preventing the return to evacuated areas of refugees and will continue to render every assistance to prevent unauthorised movement.

R. N. Hobbs
-R.N. Hobbs, Capt.
Zone Public Safety Officer.

Copy to:- Zone Commissioner, Catanzaro Zone.
Executive Commissioner, HQ, ACG. ✓

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Col. Hulls.

1. C.A.Branch would like to know if you have any comments to make on enclosure 513. If not would you please initial as seen.
2. Do you wish to comment on enclosures 514 and 515 - if not would you please initial as seen.

F.M.Briester,
13.9.44

C.A.Branch.

See 513.

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on enclosure 513
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SEP 131715B

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

OUR BR/194 DATED 10 SEPT REFERS. DESPITE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
AND PROTESTS THIS REGION, 250 REFUGEES PROPERLY DOCUMENTED FROM
CATANZARO, REGGIO, CATTANISSETTA, SIGHTLY ARRIVED SALERNO THIS AM.
THE INDIVIDUALS WITH PROCEED ROMEN LITTORIO AREA. SPOKER TO MAJOR
STUART AIDE TO BRIGADIER LUSH AND AFTER CONVERSATION ISSUED INSTRU-
CTIONS TO PROCEED NORTH. HULLS PROTESTS. NO DO I. REQUEST IMMEDIATE
APPROVAL BE GIVEN FOR MOVEMENT OF THESE 250 REFUGEES FROM CAVA DEI
TIRRENTI TO LITTORIO IN 21 CAR CARS AVAILABLE. MATTER URGENT. PROTEST.
PROTEST REPEAT PROTEST.

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Civil Affairs Br.

SUBJECT IS YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF TWELVE SEPTEMBER RE REFUGEES FROM THE SOUTH PD PAREN TO PENBASE FOR SOUTHERN REGION FOR THE RELAY FROM HQ ACC PAREN THE MOVEMENT OF THESE REFUGEES IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN BY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED FROM THIS HQ TO ALL CONCERNED PD GRATEFUL YOU INTERROGATE MEMBERS OF LATEST PARTY OF ARRIVALS TO FIND OUT WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DESPATCH PD INFORMATION REQUIRED ON FOLLOWING POINTS PD WHERE THEY CAME FROM PD WHO SIGNED THE PASSES PD WHO PROVIDED TRAINS

L.T. MONTANE, Jr.
1st Lt AGD
ADJUTANT

Refugee Br.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION I HEADQUARTERS
APO 334

12 SEP Recd
9 Sept 1944

File: RDD/386.3

SUBJECT: Return of requisitioned premises in Messina.

TO: Executive Commissioner, R.C. & A.C. Section, A.C.C. Hq.
Attention: Deputy Commissioner.

503

Reference your letter Ref/75/32/CA dated 2 Sept 1944,
subject: Repatriation.

1. Town Major, Messina, reports that the premises in question are still under requisition by British Military Authorities, but that in about two weeks, a definite date of de-requisitioning, perhaps, can be given.

2. Commanding Officer, 50th Area, has been requested to inform this Headquarters when de-requisitioning has been completed.

For the Regional Commissioner



William R. Jordan
Colonel C.A.C.
Regional Executive Officer.

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH

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PD PAREN REGRET TO REPORT NO PROGRESS PD GOC MILA IS NOT REPEAT NOT IN FAVOUR
OF PROPOSAL TO USE ITALIAN TROOPS PD MATTER STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY
SD BRANCH AAI

See 516 + 517

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Copy to: Civil Affairs Branch.
seen by Major Bullenworth / ^{12/1/44} ~~not~~ approved. 17/9/44.
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L.T. MONTAG JR.
1st. Lt. AGD.
ADJUTANT 151

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Why action copy to 880? Message could
not be sent and action
copy to Rome on 11/5.

IRB

What action have you taken: clearly
your telegram.

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IRB

Reply (if not already sent)

Regret report no progress. GOC MHA

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Can release no Italian troops and has
so informed AAI

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Tel. No. 3159
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 73/08
FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CLASSIFICATION: NONE
REFERENCE No: F93843 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEPT 8/1814 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: FHEG

REQUEST URGENT REPORT HERE AS TO RESULT OF YOUR LETTER OF 26 AUGUST TO AAI
ON SUBJECT RETURN OF CIVILIANS TO THEIR HOMES AND PRESENT POSITION OF SCHEME



ACC DIST

ACTION : CSO

INFO : A/CC
CA BR
SECURITY BR
ITAL REF BR
PUB SAFETY
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FILE (2)

C.A. Branch:
See Ref 75/470/ca
a/ee 383.7 of 26 Aug 44
Subject "Return of Civilians to their
Homes" drafted by CA Branch for
acting chief Com's request

Please take action
on this (F93843) message
for the a/ee
Denomine
of CSO

DATE and Time of RECEIPT SEPTEMBER 9/1130

Distribution:

see 517 & 518

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
ROMA

Vatican City.

7th September, 1944.

8 SEP Recd ~

75/7/44

My dear Brigadier Lush,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter Ref/75/477/CA. of September 6th on the subject of the movement of refugees.

I am sorry to hear that the Vatican have reverted to their activities but I am not altogether surprised. They were very distressed by the original request to suspend their work and I believe that this work has received some encouragement in other Allied quarters.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. O'Showne.

Brigadier Maurice Lush,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
Rome.

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The Encl. will be sent to the
Main copy of the letter to the
to the British Legation 5/14
File 49.

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2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

7000 Recd

September 7, 1944.

Dear Brigadier Lush:

I have received your letter of September 6, 1944 concerning Italian refugees. I have immediately sent a copy of this letter to Monsignor Montini, Undersecretary of State of His Holiness, for his information and for whatever action he may be able to take.

Sincerely yours,


Harold H. Tittmann
American Chargé d'Affaires

Brigadier M. S. Lush, CBE, MC,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
P.C. and M.G. Section.

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Col Shipp.

Refugee Problem. Return of civilians to
their homes.

Fol. 478. The Ex. Commissioner wrote to AAI on 26th Aug. supporting the Italian Government's request for 934 effectives from the Italian Army to help in the movement of refugees.

Fol. ⁵⁰⁸~~479~~. This letter written by General Browning to Col Upjohn is the Army Sub Commission's reply to Fol. 478.

General Browning maintains his position that he cannot spare these soldiers and suggests that demobilised Officers and soldiers should be incorporated or co-opted for this purpose. He suggests that it is essentially a job for the Carabinieri and raises the question as to whether the Carabinieri are properly organised and on an economical basis.

It remains to be seen whether AAI will reply in the same strain as suggested to them in General Browning's letter and it might be better to wait until we hear from them. Meanwhile I think the Executive Commissioner should see the letter which he might wish to discuss with ~~and~~ Brig. Upjohn. and Col Hulls.

J. Kearns Maj.

6th Sep. 44.

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Refugee Branch. for Col. Hulls.

Ref. the above memo. may we have your comments
in Folio. ~~478~~ 508

6 Sep.

J. Kearns Maj. 1176
R.C. M. G. Beckin

Wing Cooper S.D. Br.

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

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Ref/75/478/CA.

6 September 1944.

I refer to a letter which I wrote to you on the 31st of July last asking your help in a matter concerning Italian refugees. As a result of the meeting which was arranged between yourself, Sir D'Arcy Osborne, and Col. Hulls, the Vatican authorities have curtailed very considerably their operations of transporting refugees from Rome to various districts in the surrounding country. I hoped that the matter had been satisfactorily explained to them and that no further cases of unauthorized movement of refugees from this City would have occurred.

However, from the following cutting which appeared in "L'Osservatore Romano" of the 28 - 29th of August, 1944, it appears that this is not the case.

"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. "

The difficulty about announcements of this kind is that their circulation is probably world wide and will certainly be reprinted in papers all over Italy. It may well be a contributory cause to recent incidents in Barletta and Naples when military trains were held up for several days, interfering with operations. I should be most grateful if you would bring this matter to the notice of the Vatican authorities in the strongest possible terms and reiterate to them our request that movement of refugees in Italy must be controlled centrally by the Allied Control Commission as the representative of the Military Governor.

Harold Tittman, Esq.,
Charge d'Affaires of the United
States to the Holy See.

*Reply to Foreigner for
Political Letter*

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

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Ref/75/477/GA.

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Sir D'Arcy Osborne, K.C.M.G.,
British Legation to the Holy See,
The Vatican.

Copy to Refugee
to Political Dept

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4th September, 1944

TO: Lt. Colonel Shipp

Folio 24

1. I am of the opinion that the original copy was handed by Col. Hulls to the Executive Commissioner but inquiries through the Executive Commissioner's staff disclosed no trace of this letter. I think that Col. Hulls has probably taken this matter up with the Italian Government himself after consultation with the Executive Commissioner.
2. Col. Hull's staff know nothing about this letter either or the action taken. I shall have to wait until he returns and take the matter up with him then. You might care to speak to the Executive Commissioner about this letter now.

J. S. Reakes - Maj.

J. S. REAKES
Major

EC. Have you discussed folio 24 with Col Hulls?
It is on policy of billeting refugees. *EC 519*

Major Reakes

So on day Col Hulls returns, EC has
discussed with him but there is no written record in
his file. *EC 619.* 2173

Subject: - Return of Civilians to Their Homes

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Upjohn

1. I feel I must state my views in connection with AGS letter 75/470/04/03 503.7 dated 26 Aug.

2. As you know, I said I felt it my duty to oppose this use of 954 soldiers for civilian terrorist camps on military grounds (see my BU/6/19 dated 12 Aug.). But there are other aspects also, as follows.

3. The problem is not that this mass migration should be controlled, but who should control it.

4. (a) We have handed over King's ITALY to the Italians and it is thus the job of the Italian civil government to control, under the direction of AGS.

(b) The "first line" of control and execution of law and order is the Carabinieri, working presumably with the civil authorities.

(c) The "force" you consider necessary must first be provided by the Carabinieri. To say that only the army can control is to shift government and Carabinieri incompetence. Surely this is not admitted, though it is really the basis of your argument? Moreover, it seems to me politically undesirable to use the army for this purpose. Any disturbances, lack of success or unpleasantness will be blamed on the army.

5. (a) You may say that you have not enough Carabinieri, having only about 14,000 out of your ceiling of 15,000.

(b) My answer is that you can count (temporarily, if necessary) thousands of ex-officers and soldiers now demobilised. There have been trained in authority. They can be armed and if drafted into the Carabinieri can draw pensions and wear uniform or alternatively an arm band like the Italian police. The Carabinieri proper can be in command everywhere, 24/7, extra occupied personnel as their assistants. If you do not want to enroll these ex-officers into the Carabinieri, you can coopt them temporarily on special rates of pay etc. for these transit camps.

Army-Base Coordination (M.D.)
HQ AGS
ROME
23/8/49
1 Sep 49

SEP Recd

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(b) My answer is that you are correct (technically). In Germany, thousands of ex-officers and holders now in difficulty. There have been troubles in authority. If you could send in question into the Government can their actions and your uniform or distinctive as we have the same value 20,000. We Orthodox people can be in the end, therefore, 21,12 active occupied members of their organizations. If you do not want to attach these German into the Christians you can count them (especially on Social sector of my side. My name or will open.

(b) Publicly Available Information - Information that is available to the public through any means, including but not limited to, the Internet, print, or other media.

• SUBJECT INFORMATION SHEET TO BE RETURNED TO: Dr. A. B. GUNDELSON

(iii) analysis of the textual tradition: the period of time over which the subject of textual development and the provision of sound evidence for historical soundness of the evidence are required.

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(iv) the allotment of funds for area which are ceiling of 19500, together with the issue of a policy letter.

8. The Italian idea of receiving in to have number of men leaving about in hand! Our idea is that a few energetic men with mobile power and reserves give better control.

9. As I have said many times "We must all cut our coat according to our cloth". This thing is doing so, with great difficulty and a much reduced ceiling. I feel that you should not should be able to do so also, if the Carabinieri were really well equipped and reinforced and if the Italian Government was in the job instead of throwing up its hands and passing the baby to the Army!

Yours Sincerely
Langley Browning

Brigadier G.R. UFFORD
V.P. Administrative Section AGO.

copy to Brigadier
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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Phone:
473203

REF : 75/33/CA.

4 September 44

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Refugees

TO : Region VIII.

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Reference is made to letter IRB/23 of 1 September 44, from Italian Refugee Branch to Executive Commissioner copy to you, please make enquiries concerning the report and forward your comments to this HQ. at your earliest convenience.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

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ACC HUSBAND BUREAU

ACC HQ

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3 Sep 44

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Civil Affairs Branch

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REPRESENTATIVE LETTERS THROUGH. DRAWN THE SUBJECT HADN'T BLANK TWO THOUS
OF ONE OF THESE COME TO YOU TO PLEASE TO SEE ROGER BUREAU
AN IN PASTE TO PLEASE REPORT RESULT OF INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY

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DISTRIBUTION

Italian Refugee Branch

L.T. BENTLEY JR.
1st Lt. and
ADJUTANT

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Col Shing.Repatriation of Refugees.

Polio 395. On 31st July 44 the Ex. Commr. wrote a letter to Sir D'Arcy Osborne asking him to draw the attention of the Vatican ^{to the fact} that it was the duty of ACC to arrange for repatriation of Refugees.

472. Col Halls writes that the Vatican are publishing in their paper that they are running repatriation journeys and that 'During the course of the week other journeys will be organised for refugees of the the concentrations and of the camps'.

Col Brown was asked to take the matter up with Sir D'Arcy Osborne and did so. Sir D'Arcy Osborne considers that another letter on the lines of 395 should be written to him but in stronger terms and he will pass it on.

2nd September 44

J. H. H. Maj.

Ex Commr:

I think another letter on the lines of 395 is necessary. I believe this was drafted by Lavin, but as he is away I have had a shot at it. Will you pl. say if you approve.

J. H. H.

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HQ ACC FOR ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH FOR COLONEL HULLS FOR ACTION TO HQ ACC FOR
INFORMATION 22/02

AND FIVE ARMY FOR HUNG

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SEPT 1/1139

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

NOTE

IMPORTANT

CITE: OUR 281

1-2307 Recd

HEADQUARTERS
25 SEP 1964
A.C.C.

DUE TO LATEST TACTICAL DEVELOPMENTS EXPECT TO MOVE FORWARD REFUGEE PERSONNEL
AT ROSSIONANO SOLVAY SHORTLY. CONFIRM WHETHER YOU REQUIRE ROSSIONANO SITE IN WHICH
CASE SUGGEST YOUR PERSONNEL TAKE OVER BY SEPTEMBER FIFTH. NO SERIOUS REFUGEE
EVACUATION PROBLEM AT PRESENT, BUT SITUATION IS VERY FLUID. CITE OUR 281

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ACTION - ITAL REF BR(2)

INFO - Acc

C.A.BR

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

Phone: 503
478808

Ref/75/32/CA.

2 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Repatriation.

TO : R.C. Region I.

1. The attached communication from the Orphanage (Opera Don Orione) has been forwarded to this HQ by the Office of the British High Commissioner, Rome. From the note you will see that the Orphanage wishes to repatriate Sicilian orphans to their home at MESSINA which they state is still occupied by the Allies.
2. Please make inquiries about the home (Viale S. Martino) Messina and ascertain if there is any hope of the military occupants de-requisitioning now or in the near future. When we know the position about the de-requisitioning then we can deal with the question of repatriation of the children.

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NORMAN B. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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see 519'

Top. Ext. 310

HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

1 September 1944

IRE/23

1 SEP 1944

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Refugees

TO : Executive Commissioner HQ. ACC.

1. I have the following report from the Main Transit Camp at Arezzo (Castiglione Fiorentino).

"Region 8 Welfare Officer without previous notification has sent three bus loads of evacuees (not battle front refugees) from Siena to Castiglione Fiorentino."

2. As we have over 500 a day in this camp from battle zones to cope with, this is aggravating our difficulties.

3. This is in disregard and contrary to repeated orders. I request therefore that the necessary enquiries be made at Region VIII Headquarters, and if above report is confirmed, that disciplinary action be taken in this matter.

L.R. Mulls
L.R. MULLS,
Colonel.,
Director.

Copy to:- Regional Commissioner Region VIII
O.C. Castiglione Fiorentino Refugee Camp.

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*Win & ask for
a refut for me*

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write now

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Done

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*See slip to see.
a copy has gone to Reg VIII
shall I ask for an answer
now or wait some days*

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J/Comdr. Hopkins,
Political Section, A.C.C.

1 SEP Recd

I attach a copy of a memorandum about repatriating
orphans to Messina. Can anything be done about it?

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Office of the British
High Commissioner,
Rome.
28th August 1944.

R.C. + M.G. Section

Would you be willing
to take this matter up ^{there?}

Uthman
4/44

31.8.44

COPY

CASA DELL' ORFANO. (Opera D. Orione)
ROMA, Via Induno 1.

Pro memoria

L'Opera Don Orione has raccolto nei dieci mesi scorsi nella casa di via Induno, parecchi orfani e fanciulli abbandonati del mezzogiorno tra cui diversi siciliani.

Urge riportare questi figlioli alla loro base nativa, anche per dare posto ai casi più urgenti di Roma e Lazio.

Si vorrebbe raccogliarli nella nostra casa di Messina, (Viale S. Martino presso il cimitero) tuttora per occupata dagli Alleati.

Si invoca l'autorevole interessamento di V.E. perché ci ottenga dalla comprensione del Superiore Comando Alleato la derequisizione di quel locale che potrebbe accogliere vari orfani.

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HOUSE OF THE ORPHAN (Opera D. Orione)
Rome, Via Induno 1.

Memorandum

The Opera Don Orione has sheltered during the past ten months in its building of Via Induno several ^{abandoned} orphans and children of the South, among them several Sicilians.

It urgently requests to return these children to their native town, also to make room for the most urgent cases of Rome and Lazio.

We would like to place them in our home of Messina (Viale S. Martino near the cemetery) which is still occupied by the Allies.

The authoritative intervention of Y.E. is requested so that from the understanding of the Superior Allied Command the derequisition of that house which could shelter various orphans be obtained.

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