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CRITICISM OF AMG/ACC ADMINISTRATION
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Excell^e Commissioner.

Folio 27 and 32.

In Folio 27 is a copy of a ship captain's report what he heard in Naples. He has asked to give the lie to this which they have done very satisfactorily in Folio 32. This has been forwarded to AFHQ for onward transmission. It is a good report and I thought you should like to see it.

Chew May

28th June 44.

Good

M. J. S.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & P.O. SECTION
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Ref/BB/35/CA

25 June 1964.

SURVEY: Conditions in Port of Naples.

TO : APME, G-5.

Reference your G-5 400-8 of 11 June 64 there is forwarded to you for onward transmission copy of report by Region XIII dated 16 June 64. The report is very full and complete.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

JRR/JR

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. Army

R/4145

22 June 1944

SUBJECT: Conditions in Port of Naples.

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.C., Attn: Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference is made to your letter Ref/88/28/CA, 14 June 1944,
subject as above, to letter G-5, 400.8, 11 June, 1944, and Memorandum
from General Milldring, 5 June, 1944.

2. Submitted herewith is report submitted by the then Regional
Legal Officer.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Actg Regional Commissioner.

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

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22 June 1944

SUBJECT: Conditions in Port of Naples.

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.C., Attn: Deputy
Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference is made to your letter Ref/88/28/CA, 14 June 1944
subject as above, to letter O-5, 400.S, 11 June, 1944, and Memorandum
from General Milldring, 5 June, 1944.

2. Submitted herewith is report submitted by the then Regional
Legal Officer.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Actg Regional Commissioner.

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REGION III, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ArmyTime in
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16 June 1944

SUBJECT: Conditions in Port of Naples.

TO : Regional Commissioner Region III.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum requesting a report on the matters referred to in Ref/83/28/CA, 14 June 1944, and attached correspondence.

2. The imputation that the interference of AMG is responsible for the inability to curb pilferage and black market activities in the Port of Naples is absolutely unwarranted by the facts: I arrived in Naples on 25 October, 1943, and was attached to the Legal Division of Region III as an assistant to the then Regional Legal Officer; My first assignment was the matter of establishing an AMG court within the Port Area and later I accompanied an officer from G-1, Headquarters Fifth Army, on a general investigation of conditions within the Port Area. As result of these and other opportunities I have a personal knowledge of the situation.

3. First, concerning the AMG court within the Port Area. The Commanding General, Fifth Army Base Section (now PBS) had requested the establishment of an AMG court at the Port. We had no officers available at the time to take on such an assignment: I had a conference with the Judge Advocate of the Base Section; explained our situation and advised that if the Port Command would detail an officer we would appoint him as the Court Officer and establish the Court. This was done and on 27 OCTOBER, 1943, the Judge Advocate of the Port Command was appointed Summary Court Officer for the Port Area. The appointment still continues and during the entire period the Port Command Judge Advocate, as AMG Summary Court Officer, has tried the cases and imposed the sentences without interference from AMG other than the insistence that the usual and customary reports be filed; and admonitions from time to time, particularly within the past four months, that the sentences imposed were too lenient: The situation is such that the policing and the court are almost completely within the control of the Port Commanding Officer. During the time that the court has been in operation it has disposed of approximately 1000 cases per month. Reports to me from the Provost Marshal of the Port are to the effect that Port authorities are very well satisfied with the court and its activities.

4. With reference to investigations made by me and reports of investigations made to me. During the latter part of November, 1943, depredations at the Port became so bad that an officer (whose name I do not remember), from G-1, Headquarters Fifth Army, came to Naples for the purpose of investigation.

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Through the Judge Advocate of the then Fifth Army ~~the~~ Section he was put in touch with me and I accompanied him through the Port Area. At that time, and for some time thereafter, the Port Area Provost Marshal was given the impossible task of trying to guard and protect the Area with one company of Military Police. During that time and on through to now normal unloading regulations are consistently disregarded. Trucks are loaded direct from the cargo nets with no check of quantity loaded. Trucks have been loaded from dumps with no quantities indicated on the manifest. Trucks were not sent out in guarded convoy. Until recently trucks were not guarded at all. Apparently the only thoughts in the minds of the port authorities were to keep the docks cleared of supplies and even the most common-sense precautions known to business were disregarded. As result Allied soldiers driving the trucks quickly discovered their opportunities and stole and sold supplies from the Port by the truckload. The heavy losses of supplies from the Port are not due to pilfering but to wholesale theft with the connivance of Allied soldiers (mostly negroes) and the record of this can be found in the records of courtmartials in Headquarters PRG.

5. From the report transmitted to General Hilldring it appears that the Port Authorities, having built a fine reputation for rapid moving of supplies out of the Port, find it necessary to cover up inefficiencies in checking loads, in guarding the Port and loaded trucks, and in delivering the supplies to the appointed destination, by placing the blame on AMG. In the report to General Hilldring it is stated, "Pier authorities and MP's are unable to punish violators severely enough to restrain the pilferings." The fact is that they can't even catch them, much less punish, except for the petty pilferers who are caught in a gate search as they leave the port.

6. AMG has nothing to apologize for in any of the matters connected with the Port.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD,
Reg. Legal Officer.

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ARMED FORCES COMMISSION

A. G. & M. G. SECTION

AFC 394

Ref/66/26/CA

14 June 1944

SUBJECT: Conditions in Port of Naples.

TO : U. S. Region III

1. The attached copy letter from AFM
G-5 400.6 of 11th June 44, and memorandum is
forwarded for information. To enable and en-
able to be made would you please report to
this Headquarters a few cases which the "Pier
Authorities and MP's have reported to you of
pillage and black market activity" upon which
you have taken action and in which sentences
have been imposed on the culprits. If such can be
furnished then the "list" can be given to this
memorandum.

MURRAY E. PINE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Major Drield White.

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Conditions in Port of Naples.

Ref folio 28.

This would appear to be the result of loose talk and careless expression of opinion by some individuals with members of the crew of SS Henry Longfellow at Naples, probably with the Captain.

This is a matter which might be dealt with through Region 3 but I doubt the wisdom of raising this hair without more definite information as to who the individuals are but I doubt if we shall ever get this at all.

I am inclined to let the matter die myself but if you wish will write to Region 3 and ask them to let me have a few cases received by them from the port people upon which they have acted and had convictions.

P. Keeler Maj.

13th June 44.

Major Peckin

Action as in para 3 M 1 Reg. III.

W. P. H.

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS
G-5 Section
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O-5 400.8

11 June 1944

SUBJECT: Conditions in Port of Naples

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, MPC 394.

Attached is copy of memorandum of 5 June received from Civil Affairs Division, Washington, under the above heading which is forwarded for information and any action you deem appropriate.

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

T. H. JACKMAN
T. H. JACKMAN
Major.

Incl: as above

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5 June 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN:
Attention: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.
Subject: Conditions in Port of Naples.

1. The following is an extract from the Voyage Report SS Henry Longfellow (HR-14) at Naples 8-17 April 1944:

"A pier superintendent, an MP Major, and other port authorities told us pilferage and black market activity could be blotted out at Naples but for the interference of ANG which maintains an attitude of coddling and pampering the natives in an attempt to strengthen good will. Pier authorities and MP's are unable to punish violators severely enough to restrain the pilferage."

2. The foregoing extract is transmitted for your information and such action as you may consider to be appropriate.

J. H. MILLIKING,
Major General,
Director, Civil Affairs Division.

CHAS L KADES
Lt Colonel, GSE
Asst Executive

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

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Ref/66/26/PA.

19 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Military Police Witnesses.

TO : AMERICAN ARMY.
(Attention : Lt. Col. S. Belgrave)

1. Reference your third information of 4 May 1946 on the papers forwarded by you to this R.C.
2. All relative documents are returned herewith along with (a) statement by Capt. Dunn, Provincial Officer at NELA, dated 13 May 1946 and (b) statement by Col. J. K. Weber, Provincial Legal Officer, Province of Naples.
3. The statements explain the troubles and difficulties of Provincial Officers in arranging for trials and the attendance of witnesses at Courts. The suggestion that Capt. Dunn "hung up" on Lt. Douglas C. Brugge is explained by the fact that the line went "dead" a common occurrence in NELA.
4. Every effort is made to avoid wasting the time of military witnesses but this is sometimes unavoidable due to circumstances outside the control of the Legal Officers.

Major J. S. Reakes

MORIAR S. REAKES,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner,

JSR/RAD.

Copy to: R.C. Region III.

Information supplied by you does not form a basis for
recommendation or report to the military

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COMPANY "B", DETACHMENT
101st MILITARY POLICE BATTALION
APO 464

23 April 1944

SUBJEC^T: Witnesses for A.M.G. Court

TO : C.O. Company "B", 101st M.P. Bn.

1. On or about 18 April 1944 I received the attached letter from Allied Military Government, HQ Nola District Office of the Civil Affairs Officer, dated 6/1/1944, requesting information as to when the listed witnesses could be available (par. 3).

2. I immediately contacted Capt. Charles Dunn by telephone and made arrangements for the witnesses to be in Nola at his office on the morning of 20 April 1944. He stated that he would have the trials set for that time.

3. Opl. James Gallagher, Opl. Arthur Kallan, Pfc. Irwin Madison, and Pvt. Alfonso Kurpinski reported to Capt. Dunn on the morning of 20 April, and were told to wait and see the judge. These men waited until noon for the judge. When he came into Capt. Dunn's office he stated that the accused with their lawyers were not present and the trial could not be held. He set the date for the trial to be held on Tuesday 25 April 1944 and told Opl. Gallagher to have no phone Capt. Dunn, before sending the witnesses out in order to make sure they were going to have the trial.

4. I phoned Capt. Dunn today, 25 April 1944 at 1000 hours. I asked him if they were having the trials which the above witnesses were wanted for. He said he didn't know. I told him I didn't want to keep sending the men to Nola unless they were going to have the trials. He stated to me, "You people give us a pain in the neck", "send them over and let them sit around and wait it won't hurt them". I told him I could not send them over unless they were going to have the trials, because they have work to do here. He did not answer, but hung up the phone.

5. It is requested that some action be taken to prevent so much time being lost by Military Policemen by appearing as witnesses in these courts. In the past, little or no consideration has been shown by the courts in regard to expediting the trials so that the Military Policemen will loose as little time as possible.

6. For your information.

/s/ Douglas C. Broyles
DOUGLAS C. BROYLES
1st Lt., OMP
Co. B, 101st MP Bn.

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

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Ref/US/17/CA

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Military Police witnesses.

TO : R.C. Region III.

1. There is forwarded report by Lt. Douglas C. Biryles, 1st Lt.
M.P. Bn. and relative documents concerning the attendance of Military
Police witnesses at trials.
2. There are suggestions that the provincial officer at Nola
has been very insconsiderable and caused the military police to waste
a lot of valuable time. I shall be glad if you will investigate the
incident referred to and let me have a report at your early convenience.
3. Please return all documents forwarded.

OK
NORMAN S. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

See also 18-25

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*W.H.P. 2-27
J.W.H. P.M.H.*

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6 May 1964

SUBJECT: Activities of USP at Colli A Valtaro.

TO : USIA AND USIA AGO.

REASON: Request of USP to provide information on activities of USP and USIA from the "Diet Case" standpoint as far as possible & information.

[Signature]
H. P. RUMMEL, FICKEN
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commander

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5th May 1944.

Chief Commissioner.

The attached reply to Marshal Bedorlio's letter at Volio 8 of this file is submitted for your approval and signature.

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OK

WPA

cc wpa in my fifth abn
closed copy to S Army
for info. bbs

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SAC: 56/11/CH5th May 1942

SUBJECT: Criticisms of AMG at Colli a Volturno.

TO : H. Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo,
BALTIMORE.

1. I referred your letter no. 2460/Prem.ons of 23rd April to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer concerned who has reported to me that the points raised had already been to his notice before receipt of your letter.

2. Complete investigation has been made and where, in his opinion, the officer was at fault, the practices have been stopped and instructions to prevent recurrence have been given.

3. It has been found that the officer at COLLI A VOLTURNO has not been impolite in his contacts with the civilian population.

4. It is further reported to me that the distribution of food was not actually suspended though a notice stating the intention to do so was posted. This was not a wise measure and is contrary to my wishes. In the matter of cleanliness, the town of COLLI A VOLTURNO still leaves much to be desired and it cannot be entirely attributed to the passing of Moroccan troops or the presence of numerous military contingents in the area; more must be done by the Italian authorities themselves.

5. You will, of course, agree that for the sake of the health of the military forces cleanliness in areas occupied by troops is essential and the co-operation of the inhabitants in this matter is expected.

HON. MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Pakistani Commission

g is reply to your letter of 6.

Draft of suggested reply is on inside cover.

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John H. A.C.P.
Liaison Agent

DA/CS

Subject: Continuation of A.G at Volturno.

A.G. & H.Q. Section,
Main P. G., A.G.C.
A.D.O. 200.

Reference your DA/CA of 20th April, 44.

1. The points raised in the letter from Marshal Badoglio in regard to the method adopted by the G.A.O. in Collina Volturno had already been brought to my notice before receipt of the letter, and steps taken to stop such practice. The officer concerned had been moved.

2. The matter had been gone into very carefully and the facts were as follows:

- (a) The officer in question did charge for travel permits and the proceeds were devoted to hospital and assistance.
- (b) The distribution of "pool" was not suspended. It is agreed, however, that the posting of a notice to this effect was sufficient. I may mention that the state of the town of Collina Volturno as regards cleanliness, leaves much to be desired, and it cannot be entirely attributed to passing of German troops, or the presence of numerous military contingents in the area.

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(a) The officer in question did charge for travel per diem and the proceeds were devoted to hospitals and instance.

(b) The distribution of food was not suspended. It is agreed, however, that the posting of a notice to this effect was stupid. I may mention that the state of the town of Colla Volturno as regards cleanliness, leaves much to be desired, and it cannot be entirely attributed to passing of German troops, or the presence of numerous military contingents in the area.

(c) I am not prepared to agree that this officer received the public with an impolite manner.

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- 4 May 1944

A. C. C.

Major Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C., Eighth Army Main.

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No. 2460/Pres. Cons.

Salerno, 23 April 1944

Dear General MacFarlane:

Vivid protests have been brought to my attention concerning the methods of administration adopted by AMG of Colli A Volturro (Venafrò), which exercises its power with grave harshness, contrary to humanitarian directives and to the generous methods with which the actions of the Allied authorities in Italy are associated.

In particular, there has been indicated to me that officers of the above-mentioned AMG, as a general rule, receive their public with impolite manners; they have ordered that for the milling of the grain, the interested parties must contribute 10% of the flour; they subordinate the granting of travel permits to undue payments on the part of the applicants, amounts which seemingly are later distributed for assistance purposes.

particularly serious is, however, the order of suspending the distribution of all the rationed items to the citizens who have not complied with the tax payments for 1943, also without discrimination of the families of which the heads have been deported or killed by Germans and which lack every resource. For the execution of such order, AMG has furnished each master of Colli with the list of delinquent contributors.

With another ordinance, copy of which is attached, there is effected, in addition, the suspension of the bread and flour ration, to all the inhabitants of the town, because the roads, the squares and the side streets are not clean. In this connection, it has been ascertained that if the cleanliness leaves something to be desired, the temporary inconvenience must be attributed to:

- the great filth left in the town by passing Moroccan troops.
- the unusual traffic caused by the presence of numerous military contingencies in the area.

I am sure, dear General, that you will reprimand the above-mentioned officers so as they will respect the spirit of humanity and understanding which is inherent to the Allied Armies.

I thank you in advance for the courteous information which I kindly ask of you in this matter.

Cordial greetings,

/s/ BADOGLIO

See II

Executive Command

Off Please have this letter typed
into and draft me a reply.
Badoglio in due course
Wendy

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25 APR 1944

BY — ASK

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TRANSLATION

COPY OF WALL MANIFESTO

COMMUNE OF COLLI A VOLTURNO

Colli a Volturno, 6 April 1944

Because the roads, the squares and the sidestreets of the town are not clean, the suspension of the bread and flour ration is ordered for the entire town for Saturday.

If the cleaning-up is not completed by tomorrow, the suspension of bread and flour shall be ordered for six days.

Cleanliness must be practiced by all without distinction.

/s/ OFFICIAL

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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HEADQUARTERS,
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 08/6/CA.

29th April 1944.

Subject: Criticism of ANC at Colli a Vulturno.

To : Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
ANC, Eighth Army.

1. I shall be glad if you will furnish me with details in order that I may reply to the attached letter from Marshal Badoglio.

2. Please return the letter from Marshal Badoglio with your reply.

W.S.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

Salerno, 11.23.1942. 1942.

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Circa Dicembre 1941.

Il presidente della Camera mi informa
che l'industria italiana ha una
produzione totale di circa 10 milioni
di tonnellate annue di zucchero riconosciuta
dalle autorità italiane. In questo
paese hanno più alto contenuto.

In particolare, nel solo mese di Novembre
sono stati esportati 300.000.000 lire
verso i porti stranieri, senza considerare
le esportazioni dirette in Francia e
in Inghilterra. In realtà, il contenuto
che deve essere riconosciuto per le esportazioni
è molto maggiore, in quanto
non sono compresi gli esporti per consumo
interno, che sono molto importanti.

Le sostanziose importazioni di zucchero da parte degli Stati Uniti d'America

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RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ON 22 NOVEMBER 1967 AND WHICH CONCERNED THE APPROVAL
BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE OF THE PROPOSED
DETERMINATION NOT TO PURCHASE THE U.S.
ARMED FORCES AIRCRAFT CONTRACTS FOR THE F-4
INTERCEPTOR AND THE F-4 PHANTOM II AIRCRAFT
FOR THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. AT THIS
TIME THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ADVISED THE
U.S. AIR FORCE THAT THE AIR FORCE
WANTED TO PURCHASE THE F-4 PHANTOM II AIRCRAFT
AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE F-4 PHANTOM II AIRCRAFT
AS A POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT FOR USE IN THE
DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES. ON 22 NOVEMBER 1967,
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ADVISED THE
U.S. AIR FORCE THAT THE AIR FORCE WAS
NOT GOING TO PURCHASE THE F-4 PHANTOM II AIRCRAFT
BUT WAS GOING TO PURCHASE THE F-4 PHANTOM II AIRCRAFT
AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE F-4 PHANTOM II AIRCRAFT.

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Mr. J. W. Thompson
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