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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 594
TEL: 478608

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25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Refugees

TO : DD Claims and Hirings,
HQ AAI (Adm. Ech.).

1. Reference your CH/13/C/61 of 8 June 1944.
2. As regards claims arising out of the acts of Yugoslav refugees, it is our view that this is a question which must be considered when an Allied Claims Commission is established to deal with property claims.
3. The payment for billeting of Yugoslav refugees should for the time being be handled in the same manner as the billeting of Allied troops.

For Captain ELLERY W. STONE (USNR).

(Signed) A.P. GRAFFTEY - SMITH

Colonel,
Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION.

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CA Branch. ✓

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

Ref/115/37/CA

19 June 1944

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Living Conditions.

TO : Major Knight, Asst. Commr. War Relief, D.R.C.S.

Further to Brigadier Lush's letter to you of 11 June 44 the following extracts from the report received from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission are sent for your information.

"This case has already been brought to the attention of this Sub-Commission. Steps have been taken to find these individuals employment elsewhere and they have now been moved from Di Lenza.

The Partisan Committee has been seen and told very clearly that political activity in the camp with regard to individuals not belonging to their party will not be tolerated. At the same time it was clearly indicated to the Committee that their work in Camps was entirely welfare and that they are definitely forbidden to exert political pressure of any kind".

[Signature]
NORMAN E. PIERCE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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[Signature]
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HEADQUARTERS
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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IDP/207/61-3

15 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav living Conditions.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C.

1. Ref. your letter 115/34/CA dated 7 June 1944 together with copy of confidential report from Mr. H.L. Wood, British Red Cross at St. Maria di Leuca.

2. This case had already been brought to the attention of this Sub-Commission. Steps have been taken to find these individuals employment elsewhere and they have now been moved from Di Leuca.

3. The Partisan Committee has been seen and told very clearly that political activity in the camp with regard to individuals not belonging to their party will not be tolerated. At the same time it was clearly indicated to the Committee that their work in Camps was entirely welfare and that they are definitely forbidden to exert political pressure of any kind.

For the Director

C. F. Fothergill
C. F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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Copy to:
No. 1 Sub Section, Lecce.

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SUBJECT:- Yugoslav Refugees.

G-1 (Br),
H.Q. A.C.C.

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Claims Commission and
Hirings Directorate (Br).
H.Q. A.A.I. (Adm Ech).
CH/41/C/61.
8 Jun 44.

1. Reference our CH/41/C/61 of 2 May 44 on the above subject and subsequent meeting with Major Griffith-White, Can information now be given as to the authority responsible for:-

- (a) claims arising out of the acts of these refugees, and
(b) housing of these refugees.

HEADQ
10 JUN 1944

A. C. C.

Talk to Col
Griffith-White

W. S. L.

Lieut. Colonel,
for Colonel,

D.D. Claims and Hirings 3398

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

Ref/115/34/GA

7 June 1944

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Living Conditions.

TO : Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

1. I enclose copy of letter dated 31 May 44 from Mr. H.L. Hood, British Red Cross together with copy of his confidential report on a state of affairs at Sta. Maria di Leuca.

2. These letters reached me from Maj. A. Knight Asst. Commissioner War Relief, British Red Cross with whom we have the closest relations. He explained that the report is being forwarded through the usual channels and that he does not interfere with political matters, but I agree with him that the report does seem to warrant prompt investigation.

3. Will you please look into the matter and let me know what action you take.

ACB.
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 39.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 115/33/CA.

11th June 1944.

My dear Knight.

Thank you so much for your letter of 5th June enclosing report made by Mr. H.L. Mood.

I have discussed the matter with Colonel Findlay who agrees with a great deal of what Mr. Mood says and is having the matter cleared up.

Yours ever,

(Sgd) Maurice Lusk.

Major A. Knight,
Assistant Commissioner,
War Relief,
HQ. South Europe Commission,
British Red Cross,
C. M. F.

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PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIALTo: Brigadier Lush, C.B.E.,
A.C.C. H.Q.H.Q. Sov. Europe Commission,
British Red Cross,
C.M.F.

5th June, 1944.

Dear Brigadier

The attached correspondence has been forwarded to me through one of my Red Cross representatives in the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission camp at Sta. Maria di Leuca. Although as stated it is being forwarded through the usual channels, I feel that time is of great importance and that I am therefore not doing wrong by writing to you personally on this. Mr. Mood is a man who has had very large experience in administration of a province in East Africa and knows what he is talking about, and I have implicit faith that he would not put up anything to me unless it was of great importance.

I hope you will take this letter in the spirit in which it is meant and in no way consider we are butting into a subject which does not concern us. As you know I am very emphatic that the Red Cross should not be mixed up in any political complication, but there may be times when we are able to render great assistance to you by giving information in advance.

*Anthony Knight*Assistant Commissioner,
War Relief.

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1. Acknowledge
2. Send to Dir. P. S. e. for ref. action
9 ref. act. MR/576

Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
A.C.C., C.M.F.

31st May, 1944.

To: Major Knight, Asst. Commissioner,
British Red Cross
From: H. L. Mood, British Red Cross.

Dear Major Knight,

With reference to the attached, we have considered it best to send you a copy. The appeal was made to us because we are British and because we belong to the British Red Cross. It was entirely unsolicited as we have never concerned ourselves with the murky-like politics of these people.

The position is that at present, the camp commandant has referred to higher authority and I am informed other persons are in a like predicament - speed however is necessary.

I have not mentioned the matter in any way to the Red Cross personnel at Bari, as for a variety of reasons we think it best not to do so. A number of the personnel at Bari are Yugoslav and it would not better the position of these 2 persons if correspondence were left lying about. The danger which threatens these people might not be appreciated.

Finally a direct appeal for protection has been made, the matter is of the greatest urgency so that we are in hopes that you will be able to emphasise this point in the proper quarters. There is not a great deal of time for slow deliberation.

Yours sincerely,

(s gned) H. L. MOOD.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

On Saturday, May 27th, the undersigned were approached by Mr. Miro of the Yugoslav Committee at Sta. Maria di Leuca for a private interview.

The meeting was arranged for, and held out of doors on the same day. Mr. Miro was accompanied by Mr. Beretic, the local interpreter.

It became evident at once that these two persons were in a state of great apprehension and that they had decided to make the appeal, which they made only as a last desperate resort. That their fear is justified is apparent only to persons who have been in contact with the Yugoslav refugees, and have observed the growing intrusion of the Central Yugoslav Committee into the affairs of the several camps. To reside in these camps is to sense this growing fear among the residents.

Before the Central Committee was set up, local Committees were set up in these camps. The members were selected rather from their knowledge of affairs than from their adherence to any particular creed. It was only later, with the constitution of the Central Committee that the local ones became oriented more and more towards extreme communism. During that initial period it was still possible for ordinary democratic persons to do useful service in the camps, although other members might hold different views. But gradually the communistic elements became dominant, and those with other views must hide them or otherwise appear to comply.

The danger of these two people, and others in their position, is that notice is now being taken regarding the views which they hold. Both have done extremely good service for various Camp Commandants, and this under the present complexion of the local committees is no recommendation.

What these two men fear, in the immediate future is that upon some pretext or another, they will be sent for by their Central Committee who will return them to their own country which would be equal to a sentence of death. This may sound fantastic, but those who are familiar with the fanaticism of certain elements among the refugees, will not reject their grounds for extreme apprehension.

It may be thought that such matters are not the concern of Red Cross representatives. In this case however a direct appeal has been made by persons in distress to the Red Cross, because British and because Red Cross. They make a direct appeal for protection. If such a thing were possible they desire to be transferred to the sanctuary of some British colony and they are prepared to perform any work, even work of a menial kind.

It is thought that their danger is a real one, and it is hoped that some higher authority will come to their aid, and to that of others of their compatriots in the same straits. Unless, however, aid is forthcoming promptly it may come too late.

(signed) H. L. MOOD, B.R.C.S. 3893
O. M. MOOD, B.R.C.S.

To: The Camp Commandant,
Sta. Maria di Leuca

Copy. Asst. Commissioner, War Relief.

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SUBJECT: Accommodation of Yugoslav Refugees.

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
R.O. & M.O. Section,
APO 394.

Claims Commission and
Hirings Directorate (Br.),
H.Q. A.A.T. (Adm. Ech.),
CH/1/1/57.
2 May 57.

1. Reference your /115/26/CA dated 12 Apr 57 and meeting of yesterday's date.
2. It is understood that it is a commitment of the Italian Government to house the above refugees.
3. This fact having been established the only point to be decided is what branch of the Italian Government should be charged with the duty of regularising this accommodation.
4. As explained, the Comando Genio Militare has, at the instigation of this Headquarters, set up "Anglo-American Requisitioning Offices" in various places in Italy to correspond with Hirings Offices. The duty of these Requisitioning Offices is to regularise the requisitions effected by the Allied Forces and to ensure that the proprietors of such accommodation are duly paid.
5. It is considered undesirable that these Requisitioning Offices should undertake a duty which does not come strictly within their scope.
6. It is suggested that the Ufficio Lavori Genio Militare might well be the organisation to regularise the accommodation taken for the civilian refugees as it is understood that they already deal with requisitioned accommodation other than that taken for the Allied Forces.
7. You will no doubt appreciate the desirability of limiting the activities of the Requisitioning Offices to the regularisation of accommodation taken for the Allied Forces which in itself is a very considerable task.

Lieut. Colonel.
for Colonel.
D.D. Claims and Hirings.

Copy given to Col. Bradley. 9/5. 1957

4 MAY Recd

Joint Commission &
 Hirings Directorate (JH),
 H. Q. A. I. (Adm Ech).
 CH/41/C/61.
 2 May 44.

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- It is understood that claims arising at S. Maria di Bagno consequent upon the arrival of the Yugoslav refugees is an Italian Government commitment.

4. The only point to be established is the way in which these claims, where admitted, are to be paid, and what Italian organization will deal with such payment.

- HEADQUARTERS
- 1 MAG 1944
A. C. C.

S. N. Keith

Lieut. Colonel,
For Colonel,
and son 3031.

U. S. CLAIMS OFFICE

Pointed out as a
misunderstanding.
Awaited. I perhaps remember.

Copy given to Col Finley 9/5

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lt M. J. 1944
Major J. White & Capt Baker attended
Claims Hearings 1st May 1944

1. Capt Baker sending a man to
Bang to pick up all data re position
at Si Sogni for investigation.

2. Will forward letter to this
branch setting out requirements
a Request Ital Govt to make clear
ruling that payment & accounts
for Yugo-Slav (non military) is their
responsibility. & Separate
procedure necessary to avoid
entanglement with military
claims etc.

3. Await this letter.

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Capt

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

Ref /115/26/CA

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation of Yugo Slav Refugees.

TO : Hq. AAI, Hq. Hirings Directorate,
Admin. Ech, C.M.F.

1. Ref. your OH/41/H/57 of 11 March 1944 a report on the subject has now been received after investigation.
2. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission took over on 1 Feb. 1944, prior to which date all requisitioning was done by 4 Beach Group through 71 Area.
3. The billeting was a military necessity and took place under Army authorization. A great part of the refugees having been forcibly evacuated by the British force and therefore a responsibility of the Allies.
4. It is therefore proposed that all requisitions made before 1 Feb. 1944 should be regularized by 71 Area and that all requisitioning of premises subsequent to that date should be regularized through Comando Genio Militare.
5. Would you please say if you agree.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Handwritten notes and stamps: B/U 2/5, dated 18/4, B/U 18/4, and other illegible markings.

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

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Ref /115/25/CA

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Refugees.

TO : Hq. Claims Commission, C.M.F.

1. Ref. your letter CH/41/C/61 of 27 March 1944 and further to this Hq. 115/22/CA of 5 April report has now come to hand.

2. The following is the statement regarding furniture at S. Maria di Bagni.

a) Ref. para (i) of CH/41/C/61 dated 13 March 44, it cannot definitely be stated what looting did take place but the Town Major LECCE in his report to 71 Sub-Area states that some Alpine Troops came to Di Bagni with a lorry to take away some furniture in early January.

b) In early December, Lt. Howson who was acting for the 34 Town Major, went to Di Bagni and advised the Podesta that certain houses would be required for refugees, notices were put up that the keys were to be handed over to the Podesta. No record exists as to whether furniture etc was to be removed.

c) Approximately 29th and 30th of December, refugees began to arrive in large numbers and were billeted in Di Bagni, all this taking place entirely under 71 Sub-Area responsibility, 4 Beach Group acting as Hq for administration.

d) A great deal of furniture was collected to save destruction but no details were able to be kept owing to the completely inadequate staff at the very beginning and the unusualness of the Camps.

e) It was also impossible in the early days to check whether civilians were collecting their own furniture or someone else's.

f) Inventories were taken between the middle of January and the 1st of February, but again no definite check was possible owing to movement of articles.

3. It is considered that action to be taken falls into two distinct categories.

- a) Establishment and agreement of inventories as at 1 Feb. 1944, claims relating to articles not listed in such inventories to be submitted to AOC for transmission to the Italian Government.
- b) Acceptance of claims by AD Claims for any article listed in the inventories, established under (a) above such claims to be transmitted through A.C.C.

4. It is submitted that this is a compromise necessitated by the situation which prevailed over a considerable period. If you agree the steps will be taken at once to get the Italian authorities to accept under 3(a) above and to establish the inventories.

NORMAN E. V.
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commiss.

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to Col Shup

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It seems that the only thing to do
is to try to effect a compromise on
past happenings and set a definite
line for the future.

Will you see my draft letter (on cover)
before they go in case you have
any other suggestion to offer.

HJ 12/4

Yes. I think this is the best under the circumstances, tho'
I expect the Army will be sticky about the claims
for looking. Somebody else is going to be "displeased"
this time besides the D.P. S.C.

JL 12/4

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15. 15 APR Recd TM
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Office of the Director.

IDP/80/46.

4 April 44.

Subject: Yugo-Slav Refugees at S. Maria Di Bagni.

To: Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. A.C.C.
(attention R.C. & M.G. Section).

1. Reference your letter 120/19/CA dated 18 March 44 with attachments from A.D. Claims CH/41/C/61 dated 13 March 44 and A.D. Hirings CH/41/H/57 dated 14 March 44. Enquiries have been made with regard to alleged damage and movement of furniture also into the system of requisitioning the houses.
2. The situation is, that this Sub-Commission took over on 1 Feb. 44, prior to that date all requisitioning was done by 4 Beach Group through 71 Sub-Area.
3. The following is a categorical statement regarding furniture and houses at S. Maria Di Bagni :-
 - (a). Reference para (i) of CH/41/C/61 dated 13 March 44, it cannot definitely be stated what looting did take place but the Town Major LECCE in his report to 71 Sub-Area states that some Alpine Troops came to Di Bagni with a lorry to take away some furniture in early January.
 - (b). In early December, Lt. Howson who was acting for the 34 Town Major, went to Di Bagni and advised the Podesta that certain houses would be required for refugees, notices were put up that the keys were to be handed over to the Podesta. No record exists as to whether furniture etc was to be removed.
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- (d). A great deal of furniture was collected to save destruction but no details were able to be kept owing to completely inadequate staff at the very beginning and the unusualness of the Camps.
- (e). It was also impossible in the early days to check whether civilians were collecting their own furniture or someone else's.
- (f). Inventories were taken between the middle of January and the 1st of February, but again no definite check was possible owing to movement of articles.
- (g). The billeting was a military necessity and took place under Army authorisation, this Sub-Commission not taking over until 1 Feb 44 after all the damage had been done. The Town Major agrees that most of the damage had in fact taken place during the first week or so of occupation.
- (h). Reference para 4 of GH/41/H/57 of 14 March 44, it should be appreciated that a great number of the refugees were forcibly evacuated by the British Force and are therefore a responsibility of the Allies, whether or not the regularising of the occupation is done by the Comando Genio Militare or by Allied Authorities.
4. It is considered that the following action should be taken :-
- (i). Any claims arising from the loss or damage to furniture to be forwarded to HQ. A.C.C. for onward transmission to A.D. Claims.
- (ii). Occupation of houses to be regularised by either 71 Sub-Area or Comando Genio Militare.

For the Director,

(Fothergill)

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C.F.FOTHERGILL, Lt. Col.,
Deputy Director.

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

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Ref/115/22/GA.

5 April 1944

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Refugees.

TO : Hq. Claims Commission,
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1. Ref. your letters CH/41/C/61 of 27 March 1944 and 10 March 1944. It is regretted that the reports called for in connection with this matter have not yet come to hand.
2. Until these reports are received full consideration to the points involved and decision on policy cannot be taken.
3. The reports are being expedited and it is hoped to give a reply within a few days.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Yugoslav ugees.

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Ref: CH/41/61.

From: H.Q. Claims Commission,
C.M.F.

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To: H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

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Reference my letter to you of even reference dated
10 Mar 44, on the above subject.

May a reply please be given as soon as possible.

Field.
27 Mar 44.

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Lieut. Colonel,
A.D. Claims

Spencer May Attaya who
will have his Sub...

SI 3013

XBU 7 April

SECRET 115 C.A.Br.
TO: Headquarter Allied Control Commission (R.C. & M.G. Section)
FROM: Headquarters, Region 6, A.C.C. *5-953 20*
SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers of Yugoslav origin
REFERENCE: PS/1521
DATE: 15 March 1944 *26 MAR 44*

1. With further reference to your 75/16/ca of 8 Mar 44, I have attached herewith a report received from Major S. D. MARTIN of the Land Forces Sub Commission, on this subject.
2. You will notice that the total numbered referred to in Major MARTIN'S report is considerably smaller than the unofficial evidence put before me. It is, of course, possible that the total number of conscripts which reached Sardinia from the Provinces of GORIZIA and TRIESTE etc was in the neighbourhood of 25 to 30 thousand, but that some of these men were either of Italian race or mixed race and were included in Italian regiments and not segregated as Yugoslavs.
3. Further enquiries are being made.

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J. K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Regional Allied Commissioner.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Land Forces Sub-commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

13 March 1944

SUBJECT: Yugo-Slav Troops in Sardinia

TO : Brigadier Dunlop

1. As per your verbal request to Col. Kessner, for your information in reply to Fable for Dunlop from Fiske at Fatima, the following is furnished from this office:

a. In Sardinia at present there are 20 companies of special labour troops of Slav personnel totaling approximately 4,500 men.

b. These men are mainly from the Italian provinces of Gorizia, Trieste, Pola, Fiume, Istria and Zara and are Italian citizens.

c. Alleged mistreatment of these troops upon investigation has been found to be false. Privations being undergone by these troops at time of visit of Royal Yugo-Slav Government Delegation were common to all Italian troops in Sardinia.

d. All of these companies are now under orders to move to Corsica to work for Americans at Northern Base Section: Authority C-in-C cite FHGCT refer Pen Base 6261 of 25 January.

e. Shipment to commence on or about 20th March.

f. One Forestry Co. and one stevedore Co. already shipped on 7th February 1944 to Corsica.

For Colonel F. L. SIMMONS:

Stephen K. Martin
S.D. MARTIN
Major, C.M.F.

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Memo:

Discussed Claims & Heron's letters. (8 & 8a)
with Lt Col Gohertill who has copies, sent to
him by Maj. Atwater.

we has taken notes from minute at 17 and
will report on return to BAEI.

B/L.

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Col Liska

Ref. f. 8 in file 115 /CA.

1. HIRINGS

There is some discrepancy in the figure of "289 houses" quoted as having been taken over and the report by Director 14 D.P./C which mentions

15 good villas

50-bedded hospital

1 well built villa as school

Dances (which would require floor space)

Administration (which would require office space)

Though these may only concern the pre-occupation internment and take no count of the influx of refugees awaiting further shipment, if any are planned in the area in question.

- 2 If the principle laid down in AFHQ Adm. Order Cebu instruction 38/16/48 of 23 Jan for Italian Refugee Camps can be applied to the Yugoslav problem 3879 the responsibility for provision of accommodation would be with the

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military authorities (as distinct from ACC)
 Inasmuch as many of the Refugees are
 going into a fighting force this may be
 an added reason.

It would therefore seem that the taking
 of these properties should be regularised
 by District 2 down through the area.

3. The policy will have to be decided by
 A.A.I. Admin. Echelon. Shall we prepare
 a letter. new at SA

4. CLAIMS. Ref. fo. 2 on file. 118/CA.

This turns on the policy decided in the
 foregoing.

The requisitioning would include furniture
 at the time of occupation. Looting by Italians
 prior to this is not our affair provided
 inventories as at the time of occupation can
 be compiled.

We should in the meantime ask for inventories
 to be taken at once, for any records of furniture
 removed by the British Commandant
 step towards verifying claims. 3378

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5. Actual claims after inventories have been established would become the responsibility of our organization but claims up to the establishment of the inventories and subsequent to the listing would be the responsibility of the military authority requisitioning.

It is regretted that these papers have been delayed in treatment owing to accumulation of other action papers in a general file which has now been split into separate files dealing with distinct sub-subjects of the Gage Star problems.

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

Ref/115/13/GA.

23 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on present living and housing
conditions and food supplies - Yugo Slavs
formerly interned by Italian Government.

TO : Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

With reference to your signal No. 59441
of 3 Mar 44, a report as requested is forwarded
herewith.

W. S. DICK
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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

15/14/44
Ref/420/29/CA.

18 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Refugees.

TO : Major Attayer,
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

Reference attached correspondence, would you please pass
this to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for a report in order
that a reply may be given as soon as possible.

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

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INTERVEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Director,

HEADQUARTERS
16 MAR 1944
12 March 1944

IDR/28-1/677.

SUBJECT :- Report on present living and housing conditions and food
supplies - Yugoslav Slavs formerly interned by Italian Government.

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

Reference Message No 59444 of 031030A from FREEDOM to FATHA.
For WASH attached herewith brief report as requested.

this document refers to 1 but to 35

W. G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel,
Director.

120 Mar 1940
 INTER REPORT ON REFUGEE LIVING AND HOUSING CONDITIONS IN FOOD SUPPLIES-
 YUGOSLAVIA, CURRENTLY INTERFERED BY ITALIAN OR GERMAN.

Yugo Slavs formerly interned by the Italian Government are now living at SANTA MARIA DI RASO in a refugee camp administered by Allied Officers.

ACCOMMODATION.

Some fifteen good villas in the seaside resort of Santa Croce are occupied unfurnished except for minimum of the heavier type of furniture. Bed boards, on beds with spring mattresses, have been issued to everyone. Having space ample and no overcrowding. The floors are mostly tiled and well kept. Electric light is installed in most of the houses and the water supply is good. Sanitary arrangements are adequate.

CLOTHING.

This is fairly well supplied and recent issues have been made by the International Red Cross. Further requirements are essential, if no further stocks available. Boot repairs at present are done in army workshops.

RATIONS.

Refugees are supplied with British Army Rations on a scale which is at present tentative and is under review. This scale is considered inadequate especially for children. A certain addition to the scale from hospital comforts is available. The rations issued can be supplemented by individuals by local purchase.

COOKING FACILITIES.

Community kitchens have been installed in the camp but are not used by the Jews who prefer to cook by house groups. Host houses have good kitchens. Wood fuel is fairly scarce but is bought locally.

MEDICAL.

A British M.O. and two Yugo Slav doctors operate a central H.Q. Room and a fifty bedded hospital. Medical stores are available. An ambulance is located in the camp for evacuation of serious cases. Dental treatment is available.

EDUCATION.

A well built villa has been allotted for a school. Fifty children attend this school under their own teachers. Courses are run in the Russian and German languages. The supply of books and stationery is limited.

PASSES

A well built villa has been allotted for a school. Fifty children attend this school under their own teachers. Courses are run in the ENGLISH and ARABIC languages. The supply of books and stationery is limited.

PASSES

Movement to and from the camp is controlled by the Camp Commandant on a very reasonable scale. Movement of all bona fide travellers is given the utmost consideration.

AMUSEMENTS

Dances are held twice weekly and are well patronised and enjoyed. Transport facilities are made available whenever possible on any legitimate request. Concert parties are formed and still further developments will be made.

ADMINISTRATION

The Camp is administered by British Officers with a small staff and not through a Jewish Committee chosen by the group.

PSYCHOLOGICAL

The long periods of imprisonment and the general uncertainty to the future has had a general lowering effect on the spirit of the older members of the community. The relief from oppression has been followed by a sorry over relatives left in Arab countries and questioning as to where they may eventually expect to find a permanent home.

Col. F. H. V. S. Army
Director IBDP SC.

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FREEDOM (CINC)

FATIMA FOR LUSH



m/G NO: 32/03

REF NO: 59441

FILED: 031545A

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BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAVE CALLED FOR BRIEF REPORT ON PRESENT LIVING AND HOUSING CONDITIONS, AND FOOD SUPPLIES YUGOSLAVS FORMERLY INTERVIEWED BY ITALIAN FASCIST GOVERNMENT AND NOW IN LIBERATED ITALY. (TO DISPER BARI REPEATED FATIMA FOR LUSH SIGNED CINC CITE FHMS) PLEASE FORWARD REPORT BY MAIL AT EARLY DATE

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

TFS/ard
15 March 1944

Ref/120/26/CA

SUBJECT: Yugoslavs

TO : Headquarters, Region VI

1. Reference your PS/1521 of 12 March 1944, the following is a paraphrase of message No. 62972 of 9 March from A.F.E.S., cite PROCT to Advance Force 133; The result of enquiries made here on receipt of your SD/152 indicates that there has been great exaggeration in the reports given to you. The facts as known here are as follows: Approximately 21 working Companies totalling about 4200 men of Slovene and Croatian origin were in Sardinia until recently. All but one of these Companies have now been sent to Corsica to work under Allied supervision. The remaining Company is being organized for work with American service groups. There are estimated to be 800 men of Slovene and Croatian origin in the other Italian Army formations in Sardinia. On information available here, no delegations from the Royal Yugoslav Government have visited the island and the Partisan delegation should be informed accordingly and told that it is not feasible to carry out their proposals for discussion with the Advisory Council and for the despatch of a mixed Commission.

2. As there is some contradiction between the above report and the interim report submitted by you it has been repeated to you in order that the final report referred to in your third paragraph may clear matters up. Please forward your report at a very early date.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
MCS, AFHQ

For information with reference to your message No. 61882 of 8 March, a copy of the report from Region VI is attached.

for Rec. Com.

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SUBJECT: Accommodation of Yugoslav Refugees.

From: H.Q., Hirings Directorate,
C.M.F.

To: H.Q.,
A.C.C.,
NAPLES.



Ref: CH/41/H/57.

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1. It is reported by D.A.D. Claims and Hirings, Taranto, that 289 houses were taken over in Santa Maria di Bagno, Lecce, for the accommodation of a large number of Yugoslav refugees.
2. While it is believed that the original acquisition of these properties was assisted in by H.Q., 71 Arca it is understood that the whole proceedings were organised by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of A.C.C.
3. The question has now arisen as to how these occupations should be regularised.
4. For property taken on behalf of the Allied Forces, the Comando Genio Militare (Italian Army Engineer Section) is regularising the occupations, in accordance with the terms of the Armistice, but it is not considered that the same organisation should be asked to regularise occupations effected on behalf of Yugoslav civilians.
5. Can you please say what arrangements are contemplated so that the D.A.D. Claims and Hirings may be instructed?

Field.
11 Mar 44.

S.M. Keir
Lieut. Colonel.
A.D. Hirings.

Copy to:- D.A.D. Claims and Hirings, TARANTO.

See 14 + 18 3370

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Refugees.

Ref: CH/41/C/61.

From: H.Q. Claims Commission,
C.M.F.

To: H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

1. It is reported by D.A.D. Claims, Taranto, that in connection with the accommodation at Santa Maria di Bagno, Lecce, provided for Yugoslav refugees, it has been alleged that a certain amount of looting by Italian troops took place prior to the arrival of the refugees. It is further stated that since the refugees have been there, furniture has been moved from house to house.
2. A certain number of inventories have been received from the owners, but not unanimately, these do not agree with the present contents of the houses concerned.
3. It is understood that a British Commandant has been appointed, and it is advised that this officer collected some furniture into a central dump, and it is not known whether any record has been taken of the amount of furniture removed or the address from which it was taken.
4. If the position as reported is correct, you will appreciate that from such a situation claims may be expected from the owners of the furniture.
5. Normally this Commission deals with claims arising from the removal by British troops of furniture, and resulting loss to the owner. As this matter is one concerning accommodation for Yugoslav refugees, may confirmation be given please that arrangements will be made that any claims lodged will be referred to your organisation.

Field.
10 Mar 41.

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Lieut. Colonel,
A.D. Claims. 309

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Headquarters, A.C.C. (R.C. & M.G. Section)

FROM: Headquarters, Region 6, A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Yugoslavs.

REFERENCE: PS/1521

DATE: 12 March 1944

Reference your outgoing message 75/16/ca of 8 March 1944 which arrived here yesterday.

1. The matter of men of Yugoslav origin within the Italian Army has been before us from time to time. On 12th January three Yugoslav Officers arrived at ELMAS Air Port with the intention of meeting and addressing Yugoslavs and of enrolling of troops for the Partisan armies. At that time Region 6 was under M.G.S., A.F.H.Q. The decision then taken was that these Yugoslav Officers should be allowed complete liberty to address the ex-Yugoslav Prisoners of War and internees who were under A.C.C. control at SASSARI (These men have since been sent to NAPLES) but that they should not be allowed to address men of the Italian Army who claimed to be Yugoslav by race.
2. In view of your message just received, the Regional Commissioner has held a conference with Lt.Col. KESSNER (in the absence of Col. SIMMONS) and we are proposing to report to you on the following subjects:
 - (i) The approximate number of men of the Yugoslav race in the Italian Army in Sardinia.
 - (ii) The numbers out of the above total who are in special organised Yugoslav Labour Companies within the Italian Army.
 - (iii) The numbers out of the above Labour Companies now working for the Allied Forces on airfield construction, etc.
 - (iv) The number of men of the Yugoslav race, if any, who are in prison for alleged military or other offences.

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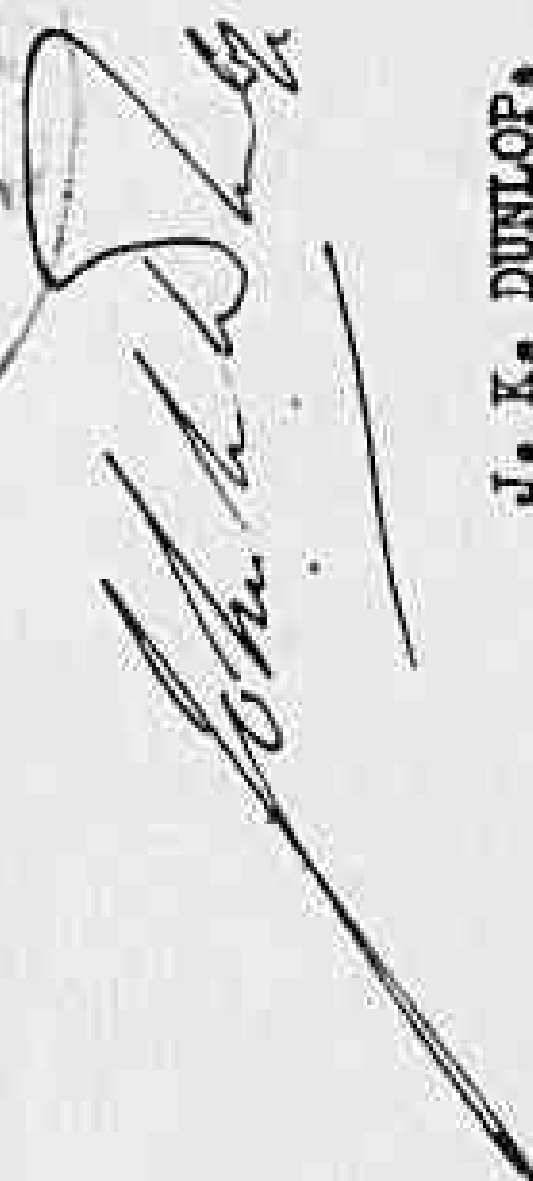
3. We hope to make this report as soon as possible.

JKD/geb

J. K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Regional Allied Commissioner.

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P. S. Since the above letter was written, the further additional information has been received from a private source. It has not yet been checked.

In the winter 1942-1943, a number of conscripts of Yugoslav origin were called up in the districts of ISTRIA, etc., and all these were sent to Sardinia. The purpose of this move, it is alleged, was to prevent their getting across into Yugoslav to join partisan forces. At first they were treated somewhat like prisoners inasmuch as they were segregated, were not armed and their NCO's were from the military Carabinieri. My informant did not, however, make any specific charges of cruelty or bad treatment. Later, most of these men were organized into unarmed labor companies. Some Yugoslavs have been sent out of Sardinia, but an estimate of about 20000 remaining out of the original 30000 is probably near the mark. Their conditions have definitely improved of late and those who are working as labor companies of the Allied Air Fields are reasonably well off. My informant did not think that there were any such Yugoslavs now in military prisons in Sardinia.

Dictated by Brigadier Dunlop before departure on tour.

Felix J. Aulisi

FELIX J. AULISI
Capt., AUS



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CLEAR MESSAGE IN 3457
IMMEDIATE

TO / ACTION G(SD) PLAMBO INFO A PLAMBO. OSD ACOM OSD FORCE 133
DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION A Q

FROM / OSD DISTWO SDI/I44 . IC

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URGENT. CONFUSION AND DIFFICULTY EXISTS ON POSITION OF 3886
SLAV MILITARY REFUGEES OWING TO UNWILLINGNESS OF DISPLACED
PERSONS SUB COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THEM AND FORCE 133 HAVING NO
PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO STAFF THEIR YUGO-SLAV TRANSIT CAMP
PROJECTED AT CASTRO. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE TO DEFINE CLEARLY
RESPONSIBILITIES OF DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COMMISSION AND FORCE
133 IN THIS MATTER

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FROM: FLAMBO 12/1255A
TO: DISTNO DISPER FORCE 133
INFO: ACC
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See below
YOUR SD1/144 OF 10. YUGOSLAV MILITARY REFUGEES WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF DISPER INCL
THOSE SELECTED FOR EMPLOYMENT YUGOSLAV FORCES UNTIL DISPOSED OF BY FORCE 133 IN CON-
JUNCTION WITH YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES. DISPER IS ONLY ORGANISATION FOR ADM ALL REFUGEES
IN BASE AREA. UNDERSTAND GRAVINA CAMP LATTERLY HAS BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY SELF ADMIN-
ISTERED BY YUGOSLAV PERSONNEL WITH YUGOSLAV PARTISAN COLONEL INCHARGE. CANNOT APPRECIATE
THAT ADM OF CAMP AT CASTRO SHOULD PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IF RUN ON SIMILARE LINES. IN-
VESTIGATE AND REPORT FULLY MAKING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

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TO.....ADVANCE FORCE 133

INFO.....MIDLEAST FARBANKS FOR BROWN FATIMA SIGNED CINC
CITE FHGCT. NC62972 091730A MARCH 44

ENQUIRIES MADE HERE REFERENCE 4 SD/252 OF 5TH MAR. REPORTS RECEIVED BY YOU ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED.

FOLLOWING ARE FACTS AS UNDERSTOOD HERE. THERE WAS RECENTLY IN SARDINIA APPROXIMATELY 21 WORKING COMPANIES WITH TOTAL STRENGTH APPROX 4200 MEN OF CROATIA AND SLOVENE RACIAL ORIGIN. 20 OF THESE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED CORSCIA WHERE THEY ARE WORKING UNDER ALLIED SUPERVISION THE REMAINING COMPANY IS BEING FORMED INTO UNIT WORKING FOR AMERICAN SERVICE GROUPS OTHER UNITS OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IN SARDINIA ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN 800 MEN OF CROATIA AND SLOVENE ORIGIN. SO FAR AS IS KNOWN HERE NO DELEGATIONS OF ROYAL YUGO SLAV GOVERNMENT HAS VISITED ISLANDS PARTISAN DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY THEIR PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION WITH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND FOR DESPATCH OF MIXED COMMISSION ARE NOT FEASIBLE

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(TO FATIMA SIGNED CINC CITE FMGS) REQUEST FURTHER DETAILS OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT
YOU ENSURE COPY OF YOUR REPLY SEND HERE

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To: ~~4~~ FABLE FOR DUNOP

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TO MIDEAST FOR REAR FORCE 133 FAIRBANKS FOR BROWN
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FROM: ADV FORCE 133

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SECRET. PARTISAN DELEGATION REPORT THERE ARE NOW 28000 MEN OF
SLAV ORIGIN BUT MOSTLY FROM PRIMORSKO AND ISTRIA HELD UNDER PRISON
CONDITIONS BY ITALIANS IN SARDINIA NOW BORDERING ON STARVATION
AND GREAT CRUELTY OF TREATMENT REPORTED. UNDERSTAND DELEGATION
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ISLANDS, OP 1 & OP 2
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/406/12/CA

NEF/mrd
13 May 1944

SUBJECT: OP.1 and OP.2

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VI

1. In reply to your letter HQ/1062 of 3 May 1944, Major Murchie is now on route to Corsica where he will get in touch with Lieutenant Wood and coordinate. Murchie has been furnished with certain personnel and equipment and will be authorized to obtain his additional requirements in Corsica.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Col Fiske

This should have had some security classification

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*yes. Too late
now however -
we must watch
out in future -*

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TO

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 - ④ Earmark 2 small feats
 - ⑤ Check on 2 EM - Sgt. tactical etc.

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Establishments Branch

Sending receipt of fuller report mentioned in para 3 of II, can the possibilities of providing the personnel & equipment enumerated in para 2 be explored, please.

It may be that any further ops. connected with these islands will come under a bigger operation that is being planned.

to Driffeld White
major
12 May.

13/5. A copy of Brig Larie's letter furnished to Maj Murchie who on arrival in Corsica will get in touch with Lt Wood and coordinate.

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1. Cf. to go to
curia & straighten
at Haus. sit.

2. Steps to be provided
by Northern Base Sect.

3. Wire to be sent
to AFHQ suggesting
above.

4. DP to take
action re. Lt.
Woods request

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1. matter held up
pending release of
file from long break

2. Major Driffeld.
Will returning
pending decision (w/)
M. J. [unclear] [unclear]
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

3 May 1944

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (R.C. & M.G. Section)SUBJECT: OP.1 and OP.2REFERENCE: HQ/1062

1. Information was received recently that the situation on OP.1 and OP.2 had been concluded and that the two A.C.C. Officers with the contingents on those Islands had been withdrawn.

Both these Officers reported at Headquarters, Region 6. 2/Lt. SCALLIANO proceeded to NAPLES in accordance with orders which he stated he had received. Lieut. WOOD returned to CCE.SICA to await developments.

2. A cable message has now been received from Lieut. WOOD stating that the situation on OP.1 has re-opened and that he will be furnished with means of communication on OP.2.

He has requested urgently the following services and equipment:-

- (a) 2 E.M.s. (preferably Sergeants) who speak Italian and have had tactical training and know small boats and who have full field equipment. These E.M. are asked for by earliest air transport.
- (b) Two Jeeps or small Fiats.
- (c) Three radio receiving sets that will operate on direct current from storage batteries.
- (d) One outboard motor.

The above personnel and equipment cannot be provided by this Headquarters except that it might be possible to secure an outboard motor on the Island and the necessary enquiries are being made.

3. The cable from Lieut. WOOD states that a report follows. The above information is ~~being~~ transmitted to you in order that such preliminary action as is considered necessary may be taken.

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MC/ech

Memo:
Major Murdoch's instructions
to C.C. to hand this
paper back to me for
as this does not refer to
BRIGADIER.

McLan Bryader

M. CARR,
 Brigadier,
 Regional Commissioner.

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

Ref/125/38/CA.

17 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Islands of Caprari and Gorgona.

TO : Admin Section - For Legal Sub-Comm. *S*

1. Reference your ACC/4057/L of 6 April 1944, R.C. Region VI has been advised that it was inadvisable to comply with their request.
2. Major Alexander, R.L.O., was in possession of the facts and was asked to discuss the matter on his return to Region VI.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
AFC 394.

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6 April, 1944.

REFERENCE : ACC/4057/L.
SUBJECT : Islands of Caprari and Gorgona.
TO : R.C. & M.G. Section.

Your letter on the above mentioned subject matter has it
is understood been returned to you by the hand of Major Alexander Regional
Legal Officer, Region 6, with the intimation that Brigadier Dunlop was in
full possession of the facts and was against altering the status of these
islands by declaring A.M.G. and posting up proclamations. Will you please
let us know what is ultimately decided.

G. R. Upjohn

G. R. UPJOHN.
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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

Ref/125/27/CA

5 April 1944

SUBJECT: Islands of Caprari and Gorgona.

TO : R.C. Region VI.

Ref. your message No. WH1587 of 28 Mar.

1. It is considered inadvisable, for security reasons, to comply with your request.
2. Your Major Alexander, RLO will discuss this matter with you personally on his return to Region VI.

JLP
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

I am advised that for reasons of "security" it would be best not to publish Provelutions and Orders, at the present time, on the islands in question. This matter was discussed with Maj. Alexander RLO of Region VI - and he is of this opinion.
JLP

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

Ref/125/24/CA.

31 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Islands of Ouprari and Gorgona.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section.

1. AMHQ. MGS. by letter No. MGS:014.14-9 dated 15 Mar 44 agreed that officers on the above-named islands should function under Region VI.
2. Region VI requests advice as to which Proclamations and Orders shall be published under Military Government for these islands.
3. Will you please advise us on para.2 above.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

*This letter withdram,
as the islands in question are
in "dangerous" territory and it
has been deemed best not to
publish orders, etc., as requested,
in the interest of security.
See page 27.*

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REF YOUR LETTER 125/15/CA PLEASE SEND SUCH PROCLAMATIONS AS YOU DESIRE PUBLISHED
UNDER MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR ISLANDS ALSO HAVE YOU ANY SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES.

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

Ref/125/15/Ch.

19 March 1944

SUBJECT: Outlying Islands - CAPRAIA & GORGONA.

TO : R.C. Region VI

1. Reference your letter "Detachments in Outlying Islands" of 13 February 1944, M.G.S. AFIR have now agreed that the officers in question should be placed under command of Region VI and should function through the Region.

2. This letter will be regarded as authority for taking the Islands under command for Military Government purposes.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to G-1

Officers concerned are Lt. P.A. WOOD (Capraia)
2nd Lt SCARDANO - attached from
Reg. IX (Gorgona)

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Military Government Section

15 March 1944

MGS: CMH.14-9

SUBJECT: Outlying Islands - Capraia and Gorgona.

TO : HQ., A.C.C.

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1. Reference your 125/10/CA of 7 March 1944.
2. It is agreed that the two officers in question should be placed under command of Region VI, and should function through that Region.



Henry Parkman, Jr.
HENRY PARKMAN, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.
Acting Chief, M.G.S.

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

Ref/125/10/CA

7 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Outlying Islands - CAPPAIA AND CORGONA.

TO : MCR - AMR

1. The islands of CAPPAIA and CORGONA, Italian territory, Compartimento FIGURA, are occupied by U. S. Rangers and other Allied troops under operational command CONSIGA.

2. Military Government is carried on by two officers of Region VI which region also supplies stores. These officers are, however, under direct orders of R.C.S. AMR.

3. With permission of AMR R.C.S., a senior officer Region VI (Major DOLLAR) has visited the islands for inspection purposes.

4. It is suggested that these two islands should be placed under the direct command of Region VI. It is appreciated that lines of communication, running through French Territory, constitute a difficulty, but this need not be a route and supply and administration problems would be simplified.

5. The functions of AGO officers on these islands will be executive whereas on SANDINIA they are advisory but this condition has been met without difficulty in another region and no trouble need be anticipated in this case.

For the Commanding General:

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

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These two islands are a long way from San Marino but, as Corsica is French, Region VI would be the best to administer them at present if handed over by APHA.

2. As we are now controlling all other liberalised Italian territories I think we might as well control these islands too.
3. Ask APHA whether they should not be handed over to Region VI to be administered as APHA lines until such time as Region ~~II~~ ~~III~~ ~~IV~~ ~~V~~ ~~VI~~ ~~VII~~ ~~VIII~~ ~~IX~~ ~~X~~ can take them over?

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W. J. G. G. G.
 Please refer to
 letter 12

Re meeting 3.11
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TO: H.Q., A.C.C. (Regional Control and Military Gov. ment Section)

FROM: H.Q., Region 6, Allied Control Commission.

SUBJECT: Detachments in Outlying Islands

DATE: 13 February 1944

HEADQUARTERS

27 FEB 1944

A.C.C.

I wish to submit for your consideration the following proposal:

1. Off the coast of Corsica, between that island and the Italian mainland are situated the two islands of CAPRAIA and GORGONA. These islands are Italian territory and form part of the compartmento of Liguria. They have been occupied by small detachments of United States Rangers and other Allied Arms. For the purposes of military operations they come under the command of Corsica.
2. In December Lieutenant P. A. WOOD of Region 6 was sent to CAPRAIA to act as Civil Affairs Officer on direct orders from A.F.H.Q. and his instructions continued to be sent directly to him through A.F.H.Q. He was, therefore, for all practical purposes detached from Region 6.
3. At a later date, however, instructions were issued that Region 6 was to provide the necessary stores and supplies required by Lieut. Wood on the two islands. Another Officer 2/Lt SCARIANO, on loan from Region 9, has now also been posted to work on these two islands.
4. Before the transfer of Region 6 to A.C.C. control on 31 Jan 44, I had obtained permission from M.G.S., A.F.H.Q. to send one of my senior British Officers, Major DOLLAR, on a visit of inspection to CAPRAIA. In the meantime, however, Lieut. WOOD has arrived in Cagliari to collect some stores and will return shortly via BASTIA to CAPRAIA.
5. The suggestion that I now wish to make is that this detached party of two Lieutenants should be regarded as directly under the command of Region 6. I appreciate that there is the difficulty that their lines of communication run through French territory and that M.G.S., A.F.H.Q. may reasonably consider themselves to that extent concerned with the work on the islands. At the same time I consider that we can more readily support and sustain these two young Officers from Cagliari than is at all possible from A.F.H.Q.

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6. I shall not, at this time, send a long report on the experiences and problems of Lieut. WOOD. They are, however, interesting evidence of the extreme variety of work that may have to be undertaken by a Civil Affairs Officer. *3.11*



J. K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Regional Allied Commissioner.

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