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PUBLIC WORKS
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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20 September 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage Tents for Cassino Commune

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394

1. Reference your signal ACC 3149 of 12 Sept and information conversations with Col. Butterworth in that connection.
2. In considering para 2 of your signal and the wide implications which it suggests, the following queries arise:
 - (a) Is your request for 2,000 tents the total requirement anticipated, or will it be followed by other requisitions for furnishings such as cots, blankets, latrines, stoves, camp equipment etc?
 - (b) To what extent is the project to build houses in the Cassino area related with your request for tents?
 - (c) In view of the period which must elapse before requisitions can be filled, has consideration been given to evacuating these homeless people to other communities?
3. If a major project is proposed, it is requested that a full study of the proposal be submitted together with requisitions for total requirements.



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G. H. ROLF
Lt. Colonel, RASC
Economics & Supply Division

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No action required. Answered at 49

H. M. G. B. P. A.

392 *2* Reqn. Div./RAM/adv *50*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Requisition Division
APO 394

In reply
refer to:

SUBJECT: ACC-QM-34-45 (Tents).

96 20 Sept 44.

21 SEP Recd *49.*

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ, APO 512.
Attention: Economics & Supply Division.

1. There is forwarded for transmission Requisition No. ACC-ENG-34-45, which supplements our cable No. 3149, 12 September 1944.

2. In view of the urgency of the situation prompt consideration is requested.

For Captain STONE (USNR): *34.*

RCM
ROBERT A. MARTINO,
Lt. Colonel, S.R.,
Division Chief.

ENCLOSURE Reg. No. ACC-QM-34-45 (7 copies).

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Be 1 week
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Noted
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28/1
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Noted
for

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G-3 Section, AFHQ.

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ACC-QM-34-45

20 September 1945

SPECIAL.

DUKO, Consigned to ACC Region IV.

S/

ROBERT A. MARTINO,
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.,
Chief, Requisition Division.

S/

A. G. ANTOLINI,
Executive Director,
Economic Section.

Note

1. TENT PYRAMIDAL,
large, complete with
stove. Size 16x16 or
equivalent.

EA

2,000

///////////////// LAST ITEM ///////////////////

DELIVERY: Ship to DUKO, soonest possible.

BASIS: 1. This requisition covers requirement for tents (military type) for housing the population of Cassino during the coming winter.

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2. Out of a normal population of 20,000 in Cassino commune which has been totally destroyed by the effects of the war, more than 13,000 people have returned. These people are homeless and without semblance of shelter. With the approach of coming winter the problem of providing shelter for these homeless people in this devastated area becomes acute.

3. Plans are underway by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-commission for a housing project consisting of some two hundred small apartments which at the most can house not more than 1000 or 1500 people. However, location of necessary materials and their transportation to the project site make it highly improbable that any dwellings can be made ready for occupancy prior to February 1946.

4. The rainy season commences in October in this area and winter begins to set in soon after. It is imperative, therefore, that some shelter must be provided to avoid spread of disease and death. A partial immediate solution to the problem of improving these unfortunates with some degree of shelter is the utilization of tents.

5. A bid for canvas from which to make tents was not set by

AFHQ(I)B.

6. FBA has advised that with approval of SOG M. TONIA salvage

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tents may be made available.

7. The need for tents for Cassino commune is urgent and immediate. AOG Public Health Subcommittee gives strong endorsement to this request on medical grounds.

8. Cots, blankets and other accessories necessary for sustaining life under tent conditions will be provided from other sources.

RATING: I (ONE)

////////////////////// END OF REQUISITION //////////////////////////////////////

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OVERSEAS COMMISSION
R.C. & R.G. Section
APO 334

Phone: 181034 271

Ref: 100/47/QA.

19 Sept 1944.

SUBJECT: Pailey Bridges.

TO : R.C.'s Regions IV, V and VIII.

1. This HQ has been informed by HQ AAI that Pailey Bridges in No. 1 District as listed on the attached Appendix "A" are to be removed within the next three or four weeks.
2. The list is forwarded so that the necessary steps can be taken to enable the roads to be kept open.

SP
NORMAN H. FIERK,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: SCAGs Fifth & Eighth Armies.

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Subject:- BAILEY BRIDGES

To:- Execut Commissioner
H.Q. A.C.C.

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ADV H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Ref:- LA/2
14 Sept 1944

18 SEP Recd

1. It was found on 12 Sept 44 that a Bailey Bridge was shortly to be removed, which would have prevented exit on to the main road from the present temporary Headquarters of Region XII. The Regional Commissioner was warned.
2. Further inquiries have elicited the fact that Bailey Bridges in District 1, as listed in attached Appendix "A", are to be removed within the next three or four weeks.
3. The attached Appendix "A" is therefore forwarded, so that Regional Commissioners and Provincial Commissioners can be warned, in order that the necessary steps may be taken immediately for diversions to be made or brick (or stone) bridges to be constructed alongside, to enable life in the Provinces and Communes to be carried on.

AWC/dm

Encl:

Major,
A.C.C. L.O.

See 47

18/9 See 47
C.B. Brand

ITALY ROAD MAP - 1,200,000

APPENDIX "A"

Map Ref.

Sheet 13.

V. 801850
R. 042162
R. 096095
R. 125104
R. 198004
W. 288931
W. 305871
R. 167180
R. 169169
R. 170149
R. 192149
R. 198135

R. 238204
R. 246170

R. 284165
W. 209896

Sheet 15

A. 432866 IV
A. 352782 IV
A. 270735 IV
A. 386666 IV
A. 641805 IV
A. 670710 IV
A. 809478 IV
A. 531553 IV
A. 449320 IV
A. 545210 IV
A. 626089 IV
A. 625144 IV

Sheet 16

A. 867816 IV
A. 809489 IV
A. 716215 IV
A. 740384 IV

Sheet 17

F. 844880 IV AAC

Sheet 18

B. 634132 + IV
B. 277231 + IV
B. 041313 + IV

+ Subject to removal of route PESCARA - POPOLI - AJUJA - TERNI from list of A.A.I. Priority Routes, which, it is anticipated, will be promulgated on 14 Sept 1944.

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50' DS

100' DS (dismantled) 3029
110' TD
Unknown
110' DS

250' Pn
Unknown
160' DS
80' DS

Region

VIII

Sheet 15

A. 432866 IV
 A. 352782 V
 A. 270735 V
 A. 386666 V
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Re-housing in
Camino ⁴⁴

Lt Col Shapp:

1. I spoke with Lt Col MARTINO re
Good. 39. He has been on to S. 5
to this being about it and they have
done and if by whom? told him we should reposition
the tents. He appears quite
hopeful that we may get
some. I impressed upon
him that we must have
a "yes" or a "no" by the
end of September since
by 16/9 we must make our evacuation
plans. He promised to keep
me closely in touch.

2. I have also seen Bonham ^{30/9}
and told him the above
and discussed the medical
side with Frizelle. BU 3 days
see 16/9.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

13 SEP Recd

11th September 1944.

205/15

Bu.
28/9.

Subject: Pisa Province - Flooding Problem.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region VIII.

1. It has been known for some time that the blocking of canals and the damage to pumping machinery in the area at the mouths of the Arno and Serchio Rivers might give rise to a serious problem.

2. Yesterday in Pisa the undersigned discussed the matter with the Provincial Commissioner (Lt.Col. Walters) and AMG Fifth Army Engineer (Lt.Mc.Callum), who advised that there would be flooding of large areas when the heavy rains begin. The local Italian Engineer in charge of the scheme is preparing a report on the situation.

3. The problem, though very urgent, is of a long-term nature and not one that AMG Fifth Army are well equipped to handle during the time of rapid tactical developments. It is suggested therefore that Region VIII Engineer deal with the question. If Major Lee proceeds to Pisa he will find that preliminary reports have been prepared.

4. PBS are very much interested in the area concerned for supply dumps and it is considered that they may be able to give appreciable help.

Copy to:

P.C. Pisa Province.

H.Q., A.C.C. RC and MGS.

H.Q., A.C.C. Public Works Subcommittee.

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E.B. MAYNE,
Colonel, U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff.
AMG FIFTH ARMY.

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Probably discussed at Senior Staff
Bu. 14/9.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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13 SEP Recd

ACC/5300/10/COMMERCE

11 September 1944

SUBJECT: Hemp - Canvas

TO : Civil Affairs Branch, HQ ACC
Attention: Major Talbot

1. The request for medium and heavy canvas for the Cassino project was denied by the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee, AF LR(1)B.

2. Out of the availability of 25,000 sq. meters of medium weight canvas, the Armies had a demand of 63,000 sq. meters, to which was added the ACC demand for 100,000 sq. meters. If divided on a percentage basis each group would get so little as to render the quantities of little value. For this reason, the Cassino request was denied.

3. The availability of heavy canvas was 40,000 sq. meters. Army demand totalled 127,050 sq. meters. Here again the percentage allocation would provide so little for each agency that the Cassino project was deemed unsuppliable to any worthwhile quantity and Army demands were given preference.

4. This Subcommittee then presented a request for used Army tents. QM, PBS suggested that demand be made of SOS NATOUSA for salvage tentage. Such demand must be presented in definite quantities and with maximum justification.

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5. Please supply this Subcommittee with the minimum requirements for this project for Army tents, giving full data on number of persons to be housed, number per tent, to serve as the basis for the quantity demanded, and the urgency of the need. It can be assumed that the tents will be of the standard Army 16' x 16' pyramidal type designed to house 8 Enlisted Men.

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6. Upon receipt of this information, request will be submitted for this tenting.

7. There were: 8,100 meters of knapsack cloth allocated to A.C.C. which can be made available to the Cassino project for cots, etc., enough for 4,000 cots at least. If this material is desired, please forward request for same to this Sub-Commission.

W.P. EVANS

Colonel

Director

Commerce Sub-Commission.

Copy to:

~~Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission~~

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 HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
 REGION IV
 APO 394

R/5314

11 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Housing.

TO : HQ. Allied Control Commission
 RC and MG Section.

The Regional Commissioner has cause for considerable anxiety regarding the provision of shelter for the coming winter. The main difficulty is in Frosinone where it is estimated that 20,000 - 25,000 people are affected.

The problem has been approached from several angles. Permission to repair private houses was not granted on the grounds that materials could not be released although it was hoped that a special case could be made. An application for tents was refused but, in its place, an application for canvas has gone forward. If this request is met (Major Talbot has been dealing with it) we shall be able to do some work but it is now almost the middle of September and, with no definite news, we are forced to consider evacuation despite our strong reluctance to do so.

With this as the reason we now ask that the Army be approached with a view to releasing any property which they do not now require.

It is appreciated that should there be any such property it is likely to be outside this Region and that we may be encroaching on the business of the Refugee Sub-Commission. But we are faced with a special situation on which it is felt that strong representations can be made to the Army who must be now have little need for all of the Rest Camps, etc in the South.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Copy: Refugees Region IV
 P.C.Frosinone

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

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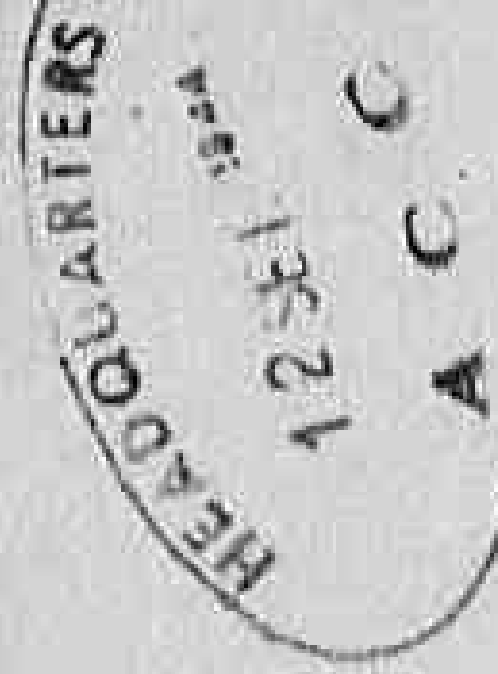
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Executive Officer (Provinces)



Major Talbot
M. Lyle 20 1319.

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12 Sep 44

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PRIORITY

Civil Affairs Br.

OUT OF NORMAL POPULATION OF TWENTY THOUSAND IN CASSINO COMMUNE THIRTEEN THOUSAND HAVE
RETURNED PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ AOC PAREN AS WINTER APPROACHES
THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING SHELTER FOR THESE PEOPLE ~~REMAINS~~ IN THIS DEVASTATED AREA
BECOMES ACUTE PD PROJECTS TO BUILD HOUSES IN THIS AREA CANNOT AFFECT SITUATION BEFORE
FEBRUARY ONE NINE FOUR FIVE AND THEN ONLY TO VERY LIMITED EXTENT PD OUR BID FOR
CANVAS NOT REPEAT NOT MET BY LOCAL RESOURCES ITALIAN BOARD PD PBS INFORM US THAT WITH
APPROVAL OF SOS NATOUSSA SALVAGE TENTS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE PD WE REQUIRE URGENTLY
TWO THOUSAND SUCH TENTS SIXTEEN BY SIXTEEN PYRAMIDAL TYPE OR THE EQUIVALENT AND WILL
BE MOST GRATEFUL YOU FORWARD THIS REQUEST WITH YOUR STRONG RECOMMENDATION PD PUBLIC
HEALTH SUB COMMISSION GIVE STRONG SUPPORT ON MEDICAL GROUNDS

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

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Eccon Sect.
Admin Sect.
Region IV.

Handwritten: Ltr 11/4 21/9

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394

acc/108/210 1 Sept. 1944 2 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Approval of Engineering Projects in Italian Government Territory.

TO : Regional Engineers:
Region I Southern
" IV
" V
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" XII

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C.C. Executive Commissioner
V.P. Economic Section
Director, Finance Sub-Comm.
Minister of Public Works.

L.A. JENNY
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Lt - Colonel, C.E.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

FMR/ee

Ref. ACC/5300/10/Commerce

30 August 1944

SUBJECT: Special Bid For Canvas

12 SEP Recd

TO : Local Resources Section, HQ AAI
(Attn: Miscellaneous Purposes Committee)

1. The problem of the shelter for the inhabitants of Frosinone Province, including Cassino Commune, for the coming winter, has become very acute. The need for shelter in this devastated area is well known and a program of providing housing has become imperative. Out of 20,000 inhabitants in Cassino Commune, 13,000 have returned to their area for dwelling in spite of efforts to prevent this movement.

2. The Public Works Sub-Commission has approved a project for the construction of 670 one-family (5 persons) houses in the Frosinone and Littoria Provinces but it is not anticipated that this program will materially affect the situation before February 1945.

3. The only way of providing immediate shelter for the coming winter is by means of tenting. Timber and other materials are in extremely short supply. Army tents are believed unavailable. It is planned to erect square canvas dormitories using heavy canvas for roofing and medium canvas for side walls. It is calculated that 250,000 sq. meters of canvas will be required. The only local source is from current hemp canvas production.

4. This memo will therefore constitute a bid for ACC at the September meeting of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee, AFMR(I)B, as follows:

Heavy Canvas	125,000	sq. Meters
Medium	125,000	" 3021
Total	250,000	sq. Meters

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5. It would be appreciated if this request will be given priority in percentage of allocation of the approximately 80,000 sq. m. that may be available.

For Captain STONE (USNR):

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

Copy to:

Region IV. (for E. & S. Div.)
P.O. & V.S/C
— Civil Affairs Branch.

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TO: Lt.Col.Shipp.28 August 1944.Rehousing in Frosinone Province.

1. Please see 32 and 34. I have discussed with Cola. Rhodes, Bonham-Carter and also with Commerce Sub-Commission.

2. The latter tell me they have applied to AAI to have all controlled materials released in Italian Government territory, but even if successful this will take some time to come through and will be too late to influence the problem of housing these people this winter, which from a rain point of view starts in about three weeks.

3. Before drafting a letter to AAI requesting tentage, you may have some views on this subject or know of some action already taken or discussed. If we are going to ask for tents we should perhaps consider the needs of Provinces other than Frosinone.

Since writing the above Lt. Col. Rhodes and the Admin. has formed a devastated area committee & this matter has been discussed at V.P. Conference. Will see Admin. tomorrow.

E. TALBOT,
Major.

Yes & then let me know result.
I believe tents are short and very expensive.
They are only an emergency short term measure
if the minimum standard of hut ^{rooms}, 1900
units or what have you cannot be erected
in time.

28/8

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Spoke with Admin. today

& Reiter. Drafted letter to Local Resource Section AAI
(with Cr. Reiter) bid bidding for 250,000 square feet

of canvas of which we might get 50,000.

Rory Bonham Carter et al. here
on plans.

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By 2 days

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

27 AUG Recd
26 August, 1944

R/5175

SUBJECT: Rehousing

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission
RC and MG Section

1. Reference our letter R/5058 of 13 August and subsequent telephone conversations, it is felt that as time is getting short we must ask for tentage for 20,000 persons.

2. Without help in the way of releasing controlled materials only a small proportion of houses can be repaired.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A.D. Bonham-Carter

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

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

Phone: 478221

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Ref/392/33/OA.

16 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Use of Italian Troops for Rehabilitation
of Buildings.

TO : AMG Fifth Army.

Reference this HQ letter 392/30/OA of 12 August 1944.
please amend para.2 to read :

" The Italian Army has a personnel willing to work
to which is far below the strength required. Military
demands are liable to increase rather than decrease and
these demands must take priority over schemes for
civilian assistance. "

One more week.
8/24/44

WILLIAM E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: MIA.
National Section.

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RV 1 week
in news 3/17
8/16/44

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

REGION IV

APO 394

R/5058

13 August, 1944

SUBJECT: Rehousing

14 AUG Reed

TO : HQ. Allied Control Commission
RC & MG Section

1. A meeting was held at HQ Region IV to consider what action should be taken to provide shelter for persons in devastated areas. Present at the meeting was the CAO Cassino Area, the Special Commissario, and a representative of the Genio Civile.

2. It has proved impossible to stop a slow but steady return of the population as is evidenced by the fact that 13,000 out of a former 20,000 are back in Cassino Commune.

3. It was agreed that fresh evacuation should not be considered except as a last resort. While people are there some recovery work goes on and re-evacuation would be a sign of failure.

4. In Frosinone Province some 25,000 people will require roofs for the winter.

5. It was agreed that no temporary structures should be erected. They would not be ready for the winter and therefore would not be worth doing.

6. It was considered that all repairable buildings, public or private, should be tackled at once. This goes against the usual rule against repairing private houses but they would be regarded as public property for billets.

7. No better alternative offering itself, application is made for tentage to house the remainder. It is realised that this represents a big demand but it is clearly the best solution yet considered to the short-term problem.

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Balkan. Carter & Rhodes Consulted.

B.C. will let us know numbers &

Needs required. 15/8

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9. The question of tentage is therefore now put before you for consideration and action.
The immediate repair work is for the action of Genio Civile Frosinone, who will submit his estimates forthwith.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. D. Bonham-Carter

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

Copy: Provincial Commissioner, Frosinone
Regional Engineer, Region IV

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

Phone: 30
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Ref/392/30/OA.

12 August 1944

SUBJECT : Use of Italian Troops for Rehabilitation
of buildings.

TO : AMG 5 Army.

1. Reference your letter 205/15/ dated 31 July 44 it is regretted that we cannot take advantage of the suggestion made by the Comande Supremo S.I.M. *what*
2. The Italian Army has a personnel ceiling to work to but is far below the strength required. Military demands are liable to increase rather than decrease and these demands must take priority over schemes for civilian assistance.

MORRIS E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: MMIA.
Economic Sec. (3) ✓

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Col. 3014

SUBJECT: - Use of Italian troops - Rehabilitation
of (Civilian) buildings

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Army Sub Commission (AMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.

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8 Aug 44

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Executive Commissioner A.C.C.

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Ref 5 Army 205/15 dated 31 July to you on the "Use of Italian troops for rehabilitation of (civilian) buildings" -

1. I am afraid there is no possibility of this.
2. The Italian ceiling will be far below that actually required by A.A.I. Military demands are liable to increase rather than decrease. Obviously military considerations must be paramount.
3. Would you therefore please inform S.I.M. Comando Supremo and all concerned officers in A.C.C. accordingly.

ABC

L. Browning
Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. Army

31st July 1944.

SUBJECT: Use of Italian Troops for Rehabilitation of
Buildings

205/15.

TO : R.G. & M.G.S., A.C.O.

4 AUG Recd

1. There is enclosed a copy of a letter from the Italian Liaison Officer, Fifth Army, to A.M.G. Representative, Fifth Army Rear, dated 25th July, as well as a copy of a covering letter from the latter to S.C.A.O., Fifth Army, of the same date.

2. The remarks of Major Collins are concurred in by this Headquarters.

3. The matter is forwarded for any action you may care to take.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. Mayne

E.B. MAYNE,
Colonel, UDF,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

Copy to:

M.M.I.A.
Major Collins, Fifth Army Rear H.Q.

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1st Col Thompson

*May. Tolbo
Civil Affairs Br.
Room 16-326 floor*

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
OFFICE OF THE AMG OFFICER ATTACHED TO HQ. FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U S ARMY

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: SUGGESTED UTILIZATION OF CERTAIN ENGINEER TROOPS OF THE ITALIAN
ARMY IN RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE DEVASTED AREAS -

TO : S.O.A.O., A.M.G. FIFTH ARMY.

1. Attached hereto is a memorandum dated today received from Lt Col DeMarco, of Comando Supremo SIM, Nucleo "1" Presso la 5 Armata, in which the suggestion is offered that certain Italian Army engineer troops be allowed to assist in the repair of buildings in the devastated areas, so that buildings susceptible of being made habitable with a minimum of materials and labor could be put in condition for living purposes before the fall rains render such work difficult and thus relieve the difficult housing situation in areas damaged by consequences of war.

2. I have personally suggested to Col DeMarco that since the liberated areas he refers to are situated outside Fifth Army boundaries, or else soon will be as the Army moves forward, the suggestion he offers would appear to be one which should be worked out by the Italian Ministry of War and the Italian Ministry of Public Works (i.e., using soldiers for the repair of buildings, mostly privately owned dwellings), in consultation with the proper sections of Allied Control Commission, -- all of which are now located in Rome.

3. In the writer's opinion there is sufficient Italian skilled labor in Italy to handle the work in question, especially insofar as availability of necessary materials is concerned, without the necessity of using troops for such work in competition with the various skilled trades.

4. As the matter is one which would seem to be more in the competence of ACC than AMG for attention, you may wish to forward the attached suggestion to the proper section of ACC Main for attention and action.

/s/ William G. Collins
William G. Collins,
Major, AC, AUS,
AMG Officer Hq. Fifth Army.

Inclosure.

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C O P *[initials]*

COMANDO SUPREMO S.I.M.
NUCLEO "I" PRESSO LA 5^a ARMATA A.

N. 1048/V di prot.

11, 25 luglio 1944

OGGETTO : Riattamento sommario per rendere abitabili le case
di abitazione limitatamente danneggiate.

AL MAGGIORE COLLINS - A.M.G. 5^a ARMATA

A.P.O. 464

Studiate il problema con il sig. Generale
Cortese, comandante la 210^a Divisione, e preso da lui gli or-
dini porto a conoscenza di codesta A.M.G. quanto segue :

L'approssimarsi della stagione piovosa e poi dell'inverno sug-
gerisce l'opportunità di studiare la possibilità di rendere abi-
tabili il maggior numero possibile di fabbricati che nelle zone
dove è passata la guerra sono suscettibili di esser resi tali
con piccoli lavori di adattamento e di sistemazione e di limi-
tarne in altri i danni della guerra arrecati.

Lontana quindi dall'intenzione di chi scrive ogni e
qualsiasi ricostruzione, o l'esecuzione di opere che per la lo-
ro entità tali debbono ritenersi. In complesso si tratterebbe
di rifacimento di tratti di copertura e di riparazione di altri
onde impedire alle acque di deteriorare travature, soffitti, pa-
vimenti, murature di case rimaste in piedi. Provvedere alla
ricostruzione di qualche parete demolita, al rabberciamento di
murature deteriorate, nonché alla demolizione di murature e
strutture pericolanti, ed al puntellamento di quelle che in un
non lontano domani potranno essere utilizzate.

I materiali necessari alla bisogna dovrebbero essere
tutti provveduti sul posto, sabbia ed infissi compresi, utiliz-
zando quelli delle demolizioni. Sarà necessario provvedere pe-
rò la calce ed il cemento. Ma se si tiene conto di quanto è
detto nella premessa e del fatto che tre quintali di calce o
cemento bastano a formare circa un metro cubo e venti di malta
e che questa è sufficiente alla costruzione di circa quattro
metri cubi di muratura, si vedrà come il quantitativo del ce-
mento e della calce occorrenti non debba salire a cifre molto

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forti. Sarà pure necessaria la fornitura di tavole di abete o di larice, di murali da cm. 8/8 a 10/10 lunghe metri 4 di abete o di larice per piccole riparazioni di infissi e di pavimenti nonché di chiodi di diverse lunghezze per le giunzioni e degli attrezzi da lavoro.

I reparti del Genio presentemente adibiti in lavori di manovalanza troverebbero qui conveniente impiego perchè dotati di operai qualificati quali fabbri, carpentieri, falegnami, muratori, che inquadrati dai loro ufficiali nella pluralità geometri, ingegneri, architetti, avrebbero già in unità organiche e la parte esecutiva e la parte direttiva.

Il lavoro dovrebbe essere diviso in zone, ed in ognuna un ufficiale del genio incaricato, espletterebbe le mansioni tecniche e, d'accordo con il sindaco del comune, indicherebbe quali sarebbero i fabbricati da riparare. Il comando di compagnia presi gli ordini dal comando di battaglione e da quello del Genio, secondo le direttive dell'A.M.G., disporrebbe la precedenza, la qualità, l'entità e la durata dei lavori.

Forza dei reparti del Genio presentemente alla 5^a Armata :

- XXIII	Btg. Artieri su tre compagnie:	uff.	14	truppa	648
- CII	Btg. Minatori su due compagnie:	"	15	"	378
- CMX	Btg. Misto su sei compagnie:	"	34	"	1103
Totali		uff.	63	truppa	2129

Sono certo che codesta A.M.G. profondamente compresa delle tristissime condizioni in cui trovasi la popolazione italiana, vorrà studiare quanto sopra esposto d'accordo con il Comando Genio dell'Armata.

Per il lavoro di manovalanza i battaglioni succitati potrebbero venire, con l'autorizzazione della Commissione Alleata di Controllo, sostituiti, a cura delle Autorità militari italiane, con personale non specializzato.-

IL TEN. COLONN. DI S.M.
(A. DE MARCO)

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TRANSLATION

FROM : S.E.M. Supreme Command

REF : 1048/V

TO : Major Collin, AMG. Bth. Army

DATE : 25 - 7 - 44.

SUBJECT : Make-do repairs to make dwelling house with lesser damage habitable.

Having studied the problem with General CORTESE C.O. of the 240 Div. and received his orders I beg to inform you of the following.

As the rainy season draws near to be followed by the winter the problem arises of the advisability of making the largest possible number of dwellings in the war zones, habitable, that is to say those which require minor repairs. In other cases it will be necessary to endeavour to limit the war damage.

Consequently the undersigned is far from attempting to embark on a reconstruction scheme, or of works which owing to their importance might be considered as such. In fact it is only suggested that parts of roofs be rebuilt and others repaired in order to avoid rain damaging framework, ceilings, floors and walls of houses still standing. Rebuilding of certain outer walls which have been demolished, propping of minor walls and demolition of walls and structures which are dangerous. Also propping up of walls which may be worth rebuilding or repairing in the future.

The material necessary would be available on the spot, sand and fixtures included, recovered from demolitions. It would be necessary though to provide lime and cement. But if one bears in mind the explanation given in the report and the fact that 300 Kgs. of lime or cement suffice to make 1.20 cubic meters of mixture and the latter suffices to build nearly 4 cubic meters of wall, it can be that the cement or lime required would not reach large figures. It would also be necessary to provide planks of spence or larch and beams of the same woods 4 meters long, and 8x8 to 10x10 cent. for small repairs of fixtures and floors as well as assorted nails and the necessary implements.

Engineer Units at present employed in labour would have find suitable employment since having on their strength qualified tradesmen such as smiths, carpenters, joiners, masons, etc. with officers who are mostly engineers, architects etc. they would undertake both the direction and execution of the work.

The work would have to be divided into zones in each of which there would be an officer in charge, who would undertake the technical duties and, in agreement with the local mayor, would decide on which were the build-
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igs to be repaired. Coy H.Q., on orders received from EM. and Coy. H.Q. in accordance with AMG.'s directive, would decide on priority, quality, unit and duration of each job.

Coy Units at present with the 5th. Army are:

23 rd Artiers Bn. (3 Coys)	14	off.	648. OR's
102 nd. Miner Bn. (2 Coys)	15	off.	378. OR's
910 nd. Composite Bn. (6 Coys)	34	off.	1103. OR's

Total	63	off.	2129. OR's
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I feel sure that AMG. fully understanding the very sad condition in which the Italian population lives today will be willing to study the above in cooperation with the Coy G.H.Q.

As regards the labours the above Bus. could be replaced, with M.M.I.A.'s permission with non-tradesmen personnel supplied by the Italian Military Authorities.

(Sgd.) Staff Lt. Col. A. DE MARCO.

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 HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 REGION 6

3rd August 1944

To : Public Works Sub-Commission, H.C., A.C.C.
 Subject : Trucks and Tyres for Electrical Companies **18 AUG Recd**
 Reference: Tptn/1607

1. With reference to your ACC/122/PMU of 28 July 1944 and ACC/052/PMU of 21 July 1944, I am not clear as to what is the policy and procedure in regard to the supplies of tyres, clothing etc to utility companies

2. As regards tyres for the S.E.S., as already explained in this Headquarters letter unnumbered of 29 July 44 the fact that the demand for tyres was not submitted in the case of S.E.S. CAGLIARI Province was entirely due to the Italian authorities themselves

A list of tyres for respective vehicles of the S.E.S. CAGLIARI is attached but in view of the statement in your ACC/052/PMU of 21 July 44 that no supplementary requisitions will be entertained it is presumed that no action is possible now. If the requisitions are of any value please pass them on to the Transportation Sub-Commission

3. As regards boots and shoes, the requirements of the S.E.S. are as follows:-

Shoes	prs	350
Overalls or suits	"	300
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Many classes of workers in Sardinia are desperately in need of shoes and clothing and in my opinion it would be quite inequitable if the above demand was met and the workers of the S.E.S. were the only employees to receive shoes and clothing at any stage.

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If my views are correct I cannot see that any good purpose is served by my Special Divisions putting in requisitions for shoes and clothing to particular Sub-Commission at your Headquarters.

McLean Brydner

8 AUG 1944 Brigadier
Regional Commissioner
A.C.C. (S.C. & M.C. Section)

Copy to: Headquarters, A.C.C. (S.C. & M.C. Section)

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

Phone:
478201

Ref/392/21/GA.

8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Devastated Areas.

TO : R.O. Region IV.

1. In answer to your RA/850.1A dated 29 July 1944 the re-housing problem in the Grosinone Province is appreciated. It has already been the subject of discussions between Public Works Sub-Commission and the Italian Government, and estimates for the work have been considered.

2. The subject is being gone into very closely and it is hoped that a firm plan will emerge shortly.

NEEDAN E. FIBKE,
Colonel,
Army Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Works Sub-Comm.

Sir.

Any further action?

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

TO : HQ ACC

SUBJECT : Devastated Areas

FILE No.: R4/850.14

29 July 1944

29 JUL 1944

1. The problems affecting the group of Communes in south east Frosinone, collectively known by us as "devastated areas", have already been the subject of some conferences.

2. As a result of our study of the general task of re-habilitation, we are of the opinion that the re-building and re-housing of the population, is too large to be undertaken by any local Frosinone enterprise, even with the special powers available to the Prefect, and through him, to the Commissario Speciale.

3. We are of the opinion that the only method for carrying out efficiently and rapidly the necessary re-housing problem, would be to employ one of the large Italian Housing Contractors who have their Head Offices in Rome. We can submit to you a list of such Contractors but, for reasons which shall appear shortly, it appears more likely that the initiating moves will have to be taken by the Italian Government. As you are aware, the province of Frosinone comes under Italian Government control on the 15th of August, and the building programme envisaged is a long term policy involving in all some 69 months of work. It seems to us, therefore, that the correct line of advance, is for us to call your attention to this problem, with the suggestion that you make a direct approach, on Ministerial level, to the Italian Government, urging them to commence operations forthwith.


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Regional Commissioner

Reptd to:-

Provincial Commissioner, Frosinone (2)
Rome Province
Region IV, Engineering Section
Rome Region

Copy sent to Public Works Sec

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21 July 1715
By ERR.

Ref: 392/19/CA.

21. July. 1944

Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. On Page 17 Colonel Jenny explains the division he has made of Italy for the purposes of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission. I do not know whether this has the approval of the Economic Section and I do not know where the controls are stationed. The Regions are grouped in three areas and the scheme does cut across, to a modified extent, the idea of Regional control. I am not quarreling with this for Colonel Jenny may not have sufficient staff to provide representatives in every Region.

2. I think, however, that if we abolish regional control or group our Regions together, it would be premature to follow the idea in other Sub-Commissions although eventually the division of the country into three areas may be necessary and desirable.

3. You may care to discuss this at a Vice Presidents' meeting and may take the view that it should have been ventilated at such a meeting before being put into effect.

See
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To

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LT.Re 17.

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You might like to see this. It is a suggestion from Col Tenny on a division of Italy into 3 portions, North Central and South.

It meets his Sub Commission and may meet some others, but does not appear to me to be feasible for the Sub Section.

I will however circulate it to Dispers and Refugees if you like, though they are more tied to the Armies than Sub Commissions.

JL 21/7.

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JUL Recd
ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/101/PWU

14 Jul 44

Subject: Control Areas.

To : Distribution below.

1. In view of the large number of problems requiring coordination between Regions the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission has found it necessary to divide Italy into three large areas, South Italy, Central Italy and North Italy with an Area Engineer in each area to act as our field representative who will settle such problems as he can on the ground and to keep us fully advised on the progress being made in his area.

2. We have found that not only do the problems differ in each of these areas, but the habits of the people seem to differ and their requirements are different. Electric Transmission Systems and Military Highways are no respectors of administrative boundaries and must be treated from an overall viewpoint, bearing in mind the territory served. The division made fits these problems admirably.

3. We are now functioning very satisfactorily along these lines in South and Central Italy. Insofar as North Italy is concerned Region IX is more accessible from Milan than it is from Rome with the plain of the Po valley extending over about half of that Region and Route 9 is running in a straight line from Milan through Parma and Bologna to Rimini. The problems of North Italy, the industrial section of this country, can be solved by us advantageously if treated as an area, as outlined.

4. The Ministry of Public Works, finding itself short of key engineering personnel, is adopting this same system as it will be of material help in solving its personnel problem.

5. Should it be found desirable at some future date to reduce the control personnel of A.C.C. it is believed that other Sub-Commissions, or Administrative Branches, may find this to be a more convenient division for limited control purposes than the present larger number of Regions.

6. This is sent to you for information.

7. Attached hereto is a small map showing these Areas and the various Regions.

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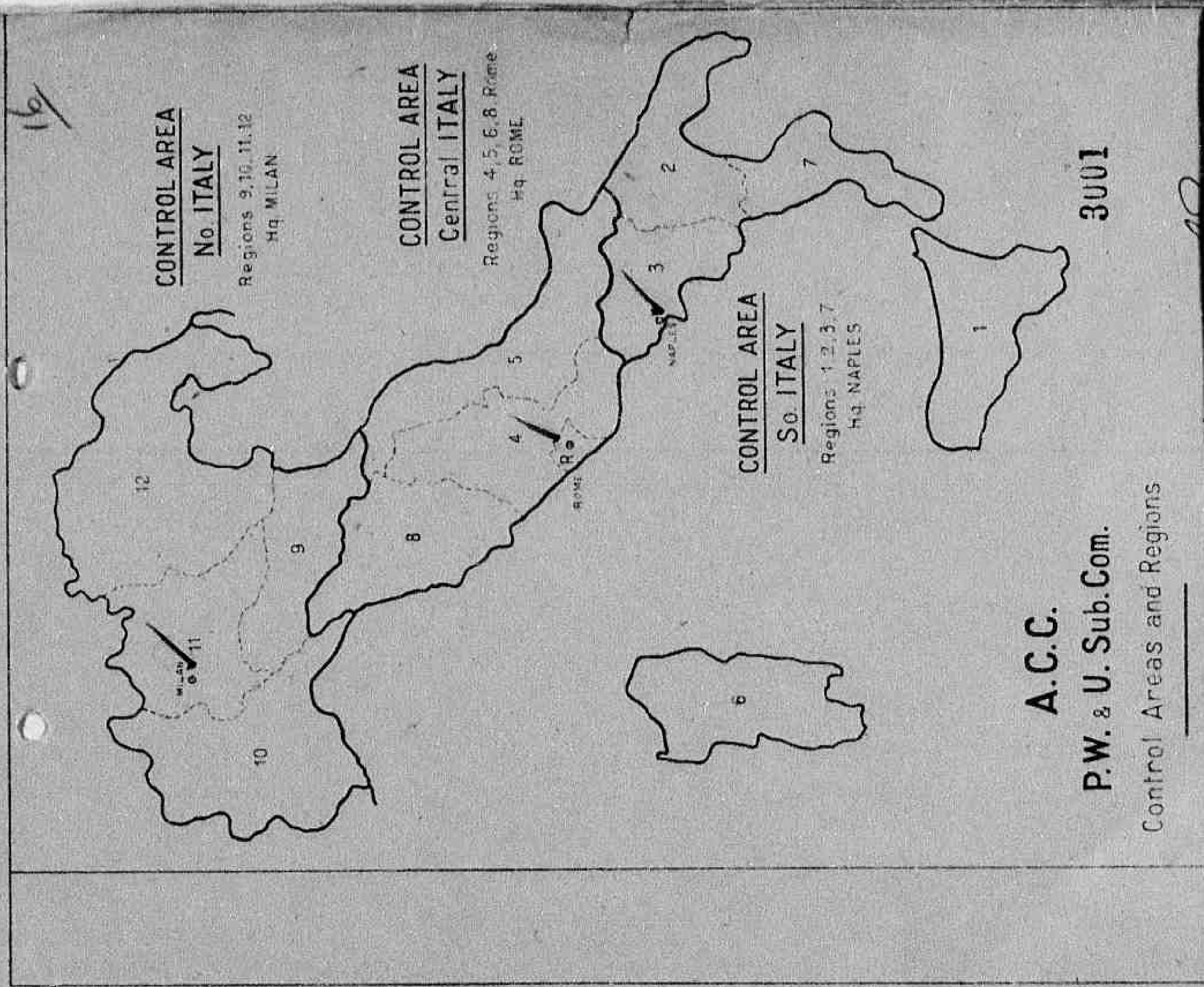
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L.A. JENNY,
Lt-Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

Property Control,
Public Health,
Public Safety.



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Control Areas and Regions

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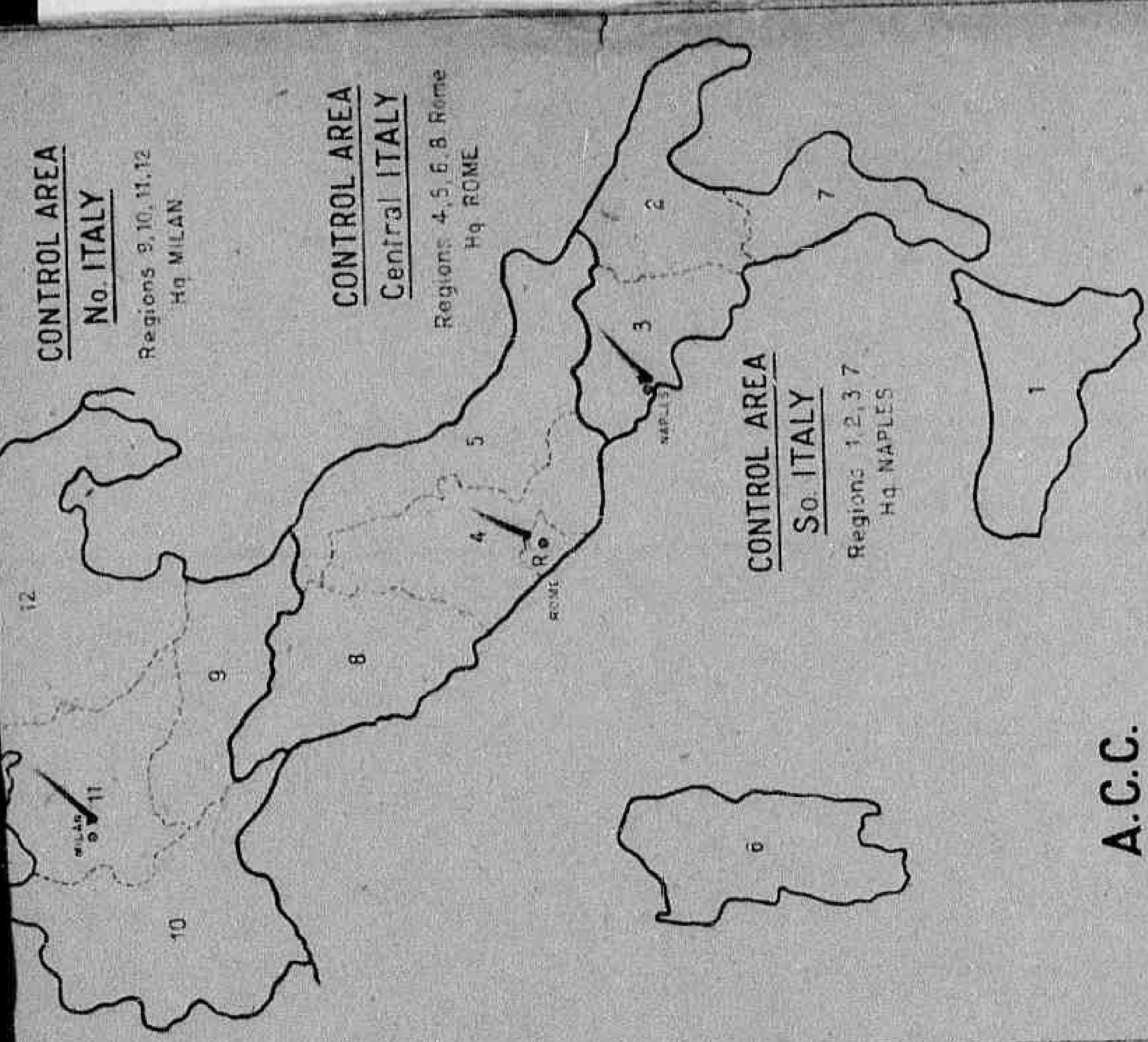
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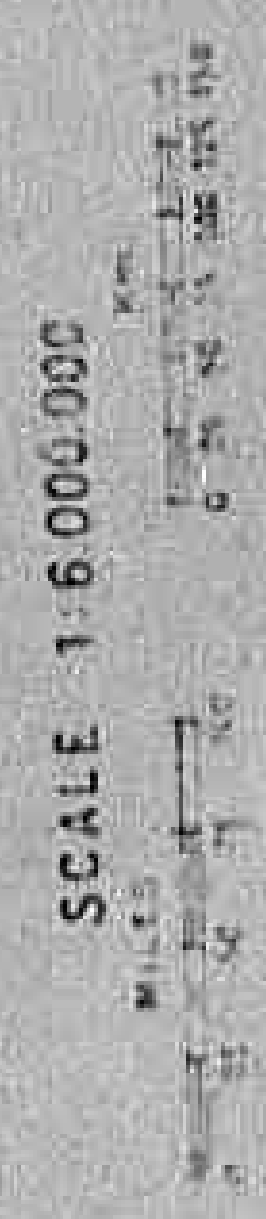
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Approved *[Signature]* Director
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394.

LAI/SC

ACC/ACC/PWU

15 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Accusation, Improper Handling of Public Works in Sicily.
TO : Minister of Public Works.

1. I am attaching hereto an anonymous letter received by me through the regular Italian mail from Sicily. In this letter certain accusations are made. This letter is transmitted to you for whatever action you may deem proper to take in this matter.

L. A. JERRY,
Lt. Col., O.S.,
Director.

Executive

CC: ~~Chief~~ Commissioner. ✓

A translation of the above mentioned letter is attached for your information and such action as you may deem proper to take.

1 spare copy

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to cc.*

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*Major Rader
People
Gen 46*

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Translation

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Palermo 24 May 1944

Lt.Col. Jenny Public Works
Naples

The Allied Control Commission

In response of the numerous demands received and reports made by the technical offices of the Commission, requested some time ago of His Excellency Musotto, High Commissioner of Sicily to order an inquiry to establish the responsibilities, more or less, of the office of Civil Engineering of Palermo.

His Excellency, Musotto has appointed a commission composed of three of the best engineers of Sicily.

1. Engineer Migliozzi, retired Lt. General.
2. Engineer Caracciola, Chief Inspector of State Railroads retired professor of the University.
3. Engineer Ovazza, well-known professional.

Two weeks ago, after several months of work, the Commission has presented the report to His Excellency, Musotto.

The report reveals: 1) that the Chief of Civil Engineering of Palermo, Eng. Verderame is not competent to perform his work, 2) that the State could have saved 30 millions if the works entrusted to the Civil Engineering had been under another direction, 3) that the office of Superintendency of Public Works has been completely absent, disinteresting itself from everything, 4) that many other deficiencies of every type have characterized all the work of the Civil Engineering.

The Palermo people who realize this waste of millions due to favoritism or otherwise waited for regulations in the matter, instead it has learned that His Excellency, Musotto has directly praised the work of Verderame to the Minister of Public Works during his visit to Palermo;

evidently, he didn't have the time perhaps nor will he have the time to read the report of an inquiry which he, himself, ordered.

The pressure of the Masonry headed by Dr. Cipolla and the blood relationships between Musotto and Venderame have more influence than any accusation whatsoever.

Is this the Italy liberated by the Allies or is it still the one of Mussolini who hid the truth and allowed robbery?

Why appoint a Commission of Inquiry when the report is not read?

Has the Allied Control Commission which provoked the inquiry been informed of the outcome of such inquiry?

That Commission which has given millions with the aim of only executing public works and not to squander them as they have been?

We hope that all the people can believe in themselves and have faith in the new honest Italian liberal institutions.

(sgr)

No Signature

Eng. Giuseppe La Farina

Via Niccolò Gallo
Palermo

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & E.G. Section
ARU 394

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Ref/392/13/GA

1 June 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Bricks - Benevento.

TO : R.C. Region III.

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1. I refer to 392/7/GA of 24 May 1944 to Economic Section with a copy to you.

2. Arrangements have now been made by this HQ for the necessary bricks to be supplied from CASALVELLE, a brickworks near Salerno.

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HUBERT E. PIERCE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

HR/RAC.

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30 MAY 44
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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28 May 44.

SUBJECT : Supply of Bricks - Benevento.

TO : Executive Commissioner (C.A. Branch).

1. Reference your 392/7/CA dated 24 May 44, arrangements have been made by this HQ. for bricks to be supplied from Casalvelino, a brick-works in Salerno Province.

2. It is not understood why these arrangements were not made by HQ. Region III, before making application to this HQ. as this factory is in Region III territory, is not operated by the Army and bricks are not controlled.

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D. S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Executive Officer, 2997
Economic Section.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACO/093/FWU

27 May 44.

Subject: Supply of Bricks - Benevento.

To : Economic Section.

1. Ref letter of 24 May 44 from Brigadier M.S. Luch concerning the supply of bricks for the rehabilitation of sewers at Benevento.
2. Region III have been trying to obtain this material for some weeks past, but without success and our enquiry to D.D.W. gave the following result.
3. D.D.W. state that Benevento, Salerno, and a number of smaller brickworks on the East side are turning out only one third of their requirements and they cannot possibly give release.
4. In view of the urgency of the Benevento situation arrangements have been made for bricks to be supplied from Casalvelino, a brickworks South of Salerno.

L.A. JERRY
L.A. JERRY,
Lt. Col., C.E.,
Director.

Encl: Letter 392/7/CA dated 24 May 44.

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27 May 44
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A.O.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

25 MAY 1944

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REMARKS:

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S. H. H.

MAY
C. H. KA
State Officer Economic Sect

HQ AAI

3325/Q (AE).

22 May 44.

Subject: Landri Type Plant at BARI.

REMARKS

Reference your letter REME/8043 dated 21 May concerning the above type repair factory.

1. Since receipt of your letter instructions have been received from AFHQ to put the work in hand immediately.

2. Will you please -

- (a) Arrange for the plant to be requisitioned immediately;
- (b) Arrange for the necessary work to be put in hand to enable the factory to operate at maximum production as soon as possible;
- (c) Forward an estimate of when the plant will be ready to operate;
- (d) Ascertain whether any further moulds or other equipment are required and which could be set up on these premises, with a view to increasing the maximum capacity of the factory which is now stated to be 200 - 300 a week.

3. The factory will be operated under REME supervision, with Italian labour and it is understood that five or six supervisory personnel will be required. It is understood these are being found under arrangements being made by REME at AFHQ with you.

4. Raw material will be supplied through REME until such time as ACC are in a position to supply their own. REME AFHQ are making arrangements for a supply to be available at BARI.

5. M.C.S. at AFHQ are instructing ACC to form a stock of sufficient tyres of the appropriate sizes in Bari, immediately.

6. It will be appreciated that the output of this factory will be entirely at the disposal of ACC.

7. In view of the urgent need for ACC to keep vehicles in operation Italy it is important that every effort is made to enable this plant to operate to the maximum capacity in the shortest possible time.

8. Please forward a Progress Report to this Branch on 22 June.

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AFHQ - C (AE) - Reference your letter AFHQ/5200/L/Q(AE) dated 13 May.

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Brigadier.
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26 May 1944

Subject: Factories - Paper manufacture

To: Hq AAI

1. Paper of all kinds has become critically scarce in liberated Italy; this applies particularly to the better classes of paper which have cellulose for a base. There are no factories in presently liberated Italy for the production of such paper, as damage to plants and shortage of electric power have caused reactivation to be a relatively long term question.

2. In the regions about to be liberated there are reported to exist a number of plants in working order, and possessing stocks of cellulose or wood pulp. As the importation of one or the other of these calls for large amounts of shipping space, needed for munitions and food, your help is requested to ensure, as far as military exigencies permit, that

a. The factories shown on the attached list remain undisturbed, and if possible, not requisitioned for the accommodation of troops.

b. No materials be removed from them.

NOEL MASON MASTARLAME
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner - 2994

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 392/7/CA.

24th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Supply of Bricks.

TO : Economic Section.

I confirm telephonic conversation with Colonel Jenny to the effect that Region III are in urgent need of 200,000 bricks from the Fantasia Brick Factory at Benevento. This factory is under the control of the A.D.W. who are unwilling to release the bricks. I understand that the bricks are needed for operational purposes but at the same time I should be glad if representations could be made to the A.D.W. for this comparatively small number of bricks to be released for the rehabilitation of Benevento.

Sgd A Shush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Regional Commissioner, Region III.
AGO Liaison Officer, EL. A.D.W.

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Please see above
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File NA/329

19 APR 1944

17 April 1944

SUBJECT: Projects on Ischia.

TO : The SINDACO of
ISCHIA

1. This will be your authorization for having your engineer immediately undertake and carry to completion the following work which has been authorized by Colonel Findley, V.C., and which will be a proper charge against your Comune, funds to be advanced by ACC.

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c. An approximate estimate of the municipal part of this program (a) above is 200,000 lire.

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DISTRIBUTION:

2 to ACC.
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1 " Royal Navy
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1 " Finance Officer, Naples Province
2 " Lt Col Findley.

JAMES L. KINCAID

Lt Col, AUS

Provincial Commissioner.

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TO : The SINDACO of
ISCHIA

18 APR 1944

A.C.C.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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JAMES L. KINCAID

Lt Col, AUS

Provincial Commissioner.

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NA/329

17 Aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Progetti per Ischia.

AL SINDACO di
ISCHIA

1. Le presente Vi autorizza a disporre affinché il vostro ingegnere senza indugio intraprenda il completamento del seguente lavoro, già disposto dal Colonnello Findley, V.C., che cede a carico di codesto Comune e il cui finanziamento sarà anticipato dalla Commissione Alleata di Controllo.

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b. Una condotta andrà dalla cisterna di raccoglimento delle sorgenti al Rotaro Crocifisso, da servire alla NOIC, che ha già disposto per il rifornimento dei tubi e l'ingegnere municipale si conosce il quantitativo.

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Distribuzione:

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1 " Finance Officer, Provincia di Napoli

2 " Lt Col Findley.

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

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Ref/392/14/CA.

17 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Building and New Construction in SARDINIA.

TO : R.O. Region VI.

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1. Reference your HQ/1095 of 11 April 1944.

2. The whole question of re-building and town planning has been a subject of discussion between Director of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, and the Italian Minister of Public Works. It is considered highly undesirable to allow unplanned building and reconstruction and, therefore, suspension of the Royal Decree No. 1231, referred to in your letter, is to be avoided for the time being.

3. Before rebuilding is done in a city like Cagliari which has been much damaged by war, a map showing the damage should be prepared and a town planning scheme arrived at between the Sub-Commission, the Ministry, the High Commissioner and yourself.

4. The Director of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission is approaching the Italian Minister of Public Works who will communicate with the High Commissioner of Sardinia on the matter.

EF.
NORMAN E. FENCE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: Rom. Section - For Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission.

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

FROM: Regional Commissioner, Region 6, A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Building - New Construction

REFERENCE: HQ/1095

DATE: 11 April 1944

1. I am enclosing copy of a letter received from the High Commissioner of Sardinia regarding the proposed suspension of certain restrictions which prohibit building of houses and premises. I am submitting this matter to you for guidance because it appears to me that questions of policy, possibly affecting other Regions, are involved.
2. I understand it is the general policy that, in present circumstances, existing Italian Laws should not be amended. If this is so, I am not certain to what extent there may be objection to the suspension of Royal Decree No. 1231 so far as this island is concerned. The High Commissioner informs me that he has power to suspend. In this connection, my Regional Legal Officer is away attending a course at NAPLES and I have not been able to take his advice on these points.
3. There are certain other aspects. I am unaware whether the Italian Government have any post-war town planning schemes which might affect this matter. Important items of building material on the island are already controlled by the Italian authorities and the proposal is that building should be restricted to the use of uncontrolled items such as local stone etc. and such controlled material as it was found possible to release.
Building would curtail the use of transport of which there is a great shortage. It might also be necessary to control the location of building from a military point of view.
4. I should be glad, therefore, if I could be informed whether there is any objection to the proposed suspension of Royal Decree No. 1231 so far as the island is concerned from the general policy point of view. On receipt of your reply further discussions could, if appropriate, take place with the High Commissioner's Office regarding detailed matters affecting the proposal.

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M. CANR,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to: Local Resources (Sardinia) Board.

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TO: Brigadier M. CARR, Regional Commissioner.
FROM: The High Commissioner for Sardinia.
SUBJECT: Suspension of the prohibition of building
REFERENCE: No.3951/La-7 New Premises.

According to the Royal Decree No.1231, dated November 14, 1942, to all private persons it was prohibited to build houses and premises in order to reserve all the materials and workers for the war exigencies.

In the present situation, created by the signature of the Armistice, the said exigencies are no more existing, especially as regards the town of Cagliari, where it is possible to keep an exact account of gravel, cement and bricks, which can now be produced because because of the availability of coal, without interfering with the reduced needs of the Italian Armed Forces.

Therefore I suggest to suspend the prohibition mentioned in the Above Decree, and to allow under special precautions, the building of houses in order to provide for the lack of premises and in order to reduce the number of workers unemployed for whom I am particularly concerned.

Before adopting any measures concerning this matter, I beg you to examine the problem, and to inform me about any difficulties on the part of the Allied forces concerning the said suspension.

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SARDINIA

(signed) Generale PINNA

C O P Y

AITO COMMISSARIATO PER LA SARDEGNA
- Ufficio Affari Civili -

No. 3956/La-7 di prot.

Cagliari, 4 April 1944

OGGETTO : Deroга al divieto di nuove costruzioni.-

AL SIG. GENERALE BRIG. M. CARR
Commissario Regionale per la Sardegna

CAGLIARI

Con R.D. Legge 14 Novembre 1942 n. 1231 venivano vietate le costruzioni di edifici urbani ad iniziativa privata e ciò allo scopo di riservare tutti materiali e le organizzazioni di lavoro alle esigenze militari del periodo di guerra.

Nella situazione determinatasi dopo la firma dell'armistizio le suddette esigenze delle Forze Armate Italiane in Sardegna l'esistenza di pietrame da costruzione e la produzione di cemento e laterizi dovuta alla disponibilità di carbone consentono di fare assegnamento sopra i fondamentali materiali da costruzione senza alcun pregiudizio per i ridotti bisogni delle Forze Armate.

Sembra pertanto opportuno sotto tale riguardo, ammettere per l'Isola la deroga al divieto di cui al sopra citato R.D. Legge, consentendo, con la debite cautele, la costruzione di fabbricati civili per sopperire alla deficienza di alloggi e diminuità comincia a destare preoccupazioni.

Prima però di adottare qualsiasi provvedimento in proposito prego V.S. di volere esaminare la questione a di informarmi se da Sua parte veda un qualche inconveniente all'attuazione delle esigenze della Forze Armata Alleate.

L'AITO COMMISSARIO PER LA SARDEGNA
(Generale di Squadra Aerea Pietro Pinna)

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