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MINUTE No. 1.

C.I. Branch (through Patriots' Branch).

No independent action will be taken by Public Safety sub-Commission in connection with the preparation of a directive. attention is called to A.M.G. Notice No. 1. (Surrender your arms, ammunition, etc.) which is in force in Military Government territory, and instructions dated 26th June, 1944, issued by the Minister of the Interior to Prefects in Italian Government territory - (translation attached ~~2829~~).

May this Sub-Commission please be furnished with a copy of the proposed directive.

27th September, 1944.

Lt. Col. A.F. Wilcox.

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Chas. C. C. C.

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29 Sep

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War Material Disposal

Pl. See 2829 and above

Under 2829

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Pl. See 18.29 and above

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W. J. Cox
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/14757/PS

29 June 1944

SUBJECT: Proclamation - Possession of Firearms by Civilians
TO: RPSOs I, II, III, VI, VII (through Region Commissioners)

The Minister of the Interior has given instructions, dated 26th June 1944, for the undermentioned order to be published forthwith in Italian Government territory.

Forwarded for your information:-

THE PREFECT OF THE PROVINCE OF.....

As it is necessary, on the ground of public order, to have an exact knowledge of the arms whose possession is allowed and strictly forbid the possession of war arms by civilians;

Whereas the instructions given by the Ministry of the Interior in agreement with the Ministry of War;
Whereas Arts. 697 and sequence of the Penal Code;
Whereas Arts. 38 and sequence of T.U. of P.S. Laws approved by R.D. 18-6-1931, as well as Arts. 44 and sequence of the Regulations for carrying out said T.U. approved by R.D. 6-5-40, No. 635.

ORDERS:

1. All holders of fire arms and any other arms, which are normally used as an offence against the person, are obliged to have them recorded independently of any other recording previously made - not later than...
..... to the local P.S. Officer or, in its absence, to the CC.RR. Command.
2. Transgressors are punished under Art. 697 of the Penal Code with arrest up to four months and fine up to three thousand lire.
3. All persons who, without permit, bring arms out of their homes or its appurtenances are punished under Arts. 699 and 700 of the Penal Code.
4. All civilians who, without a special permit, hold, for any purpose whatsoever, war arms or parts thereof, ³²⁷¹ammunitions or explosives of any kind, must deliver them to the nearest CC.RR. Station, or military command within ten days from the publication of this ordinance.
5. All those persons who conform to this ordinance within said length of time, will be exempted from punishment for having disobeyed similar ordinances previously issued by military or P.S. Authorities.
6. All those persons who, by the end of the time stated in paragraph 1, have not obeyed, will be arrested and denounced to the Judicial Authority.

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Date.....

THE PREFECT.

Paul G. Kirk

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Public Safety S/c

① ^{see 29}
1:30

Patent's Brand ②

Pl. See 26. War Material
Disposal Sub-Com are
now preparing a direction
which will cover the
point made in para
4. In the meantime
we may wish to take
independent action.

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Walter
20/9 CMB

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ACC Liaison *27*
Main HQ A.D.I.
23 Sep 44

Dear Guy,

25 SEP Recd

1. Ref attached, *26*
2. Two copies are enclosed for distribution & review.
3. If I can help further please let me know.

Yours Sincerely
- Jimmie

3219

401. Z
Subject:- Collection of Ammunition.

23 Sep 44.

25 SEP Recd

To:-
R.C. & M.G. Section,
HQ. A.C.C.C.

From:-
A.C.C.C. Liaison,
Main HQ. A.A.I.

Ref: ACCL/352.

25 SEP Recd

1. The problem of collection of ammunition submitted by you has come up in another way.

2. Ordnance, this HQ state that as requested, they inspected 3 tons of H.E. collected into premises in San Gusne, in Siena province. The most dangerous of this was removed.

3. This section, being asked if A.C.C.C. could provide transport and labour to remove the remainder, informed Ordnance they should apply to No.1 District and if unsuccessful, to refer to 'Q' at this HQ. This will be done.

4. It appears that this ammunition was collected by C.C.R.R. and partisans, and it is suggested for your approval, Public Safety Sub Commission and Patriots Branch be requested to issue a directive that when ammunition is located in future, it should not be removed but should be reported to the nearest inspecting Ordnance Officer.

see 29725
Phend James

Lt.Col.
A.C.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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Lt. Col,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

Copy to:- A.D.O.S.(Amm), HQ. A.A.I.

1 spare copy held

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 401/CA.

22nd September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Air Force - Salvage.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region IV.

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to refer to copy of summary of Italian Air Ministry Report, attached herewith, on the position at RIETI and to state that Captain Giano Rossi was officially enrolled by the Italian Air Ministry and left in charge of salvage. I am to add that Captain Rossi and the salvage corps are to be permitted to retain their vehicles which are being used for the collection of salvage and that all salvage collected by Captain Rossi is the property of the Italian Air Force. Vehicles and materials belonging to the Italian Air Force will be released at once.

(Sgd) A. J. STEWART.

AJS/JG.

Major,
MA to Executive Commissioner.

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SUMMARY ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY REPORT POSITION AT RIETI.

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1.6.44.

Capt. Giano Rossi was at Rieti and as the Germans and Fascists retreated, commenced salvage operations with H.Q. at the former German Gendarmerie. Salvaged vehicles and materials were stored at the Carabinieri Barracks, in agreement with Major Karna of the Italian Army who had taken the Command of the Barracks.

At some date unspecified, Capt. Giano Rossi was officially re-enrolled by the Italian Air Ministry (C.A.R. Organisation, Rieti) and left in charge of salvage.

At some date unspecified, Lt. Ten. Col. Robinson went to Rieti, as Provincial Commissioner for A.M.G. and approved the action taken and gave his help.

1.7.44.

W.e.f. this date Lt. Ten. Col. Robinson ordered that the Salvage Corps, some 19 men, were to be considered as employed by A.M.G. and were paid as A.M.G. employees. Capt. Rossi refused to be enrolled, because he was an Officer of the I.A.F. and said he was working for I.A.F. and not A.M.G.

1.8.44.

W.e.f. this date Capt. Rossi received written orders from the Provincial Commissioner, Lt. Col. Robinson, telling him to cease his salvage operations and the 19 men were dismissed. The reasons stated to have been given are:

- (1) All vehicles used on salvage work, which were vehicles of the I.A.F. salvaged by Capt. Rossi, were required for Civilian Administration and food distribution.
- (2) That Capt. Rossi, being a member of the I.A.F. could not be allowed to remain in charge of salvage.

At some date unspecified, it appears Lt. Ten Col. Robinson stated all the salvaged materials were considered by him to be ~~supplied~~ for war and booty for the 6th Army.

Requests for the release of vehicles and materials of the I.A.F. now urgently required have been refused.

Can we invoke A.I. Directive 2050/12/02 of 1/7/44?

It would seem the Air Ministry have made an error in respect of Lt. Col. Robinson. He is not A.M.G. 8th Army, but a Provincial Commissioner under M.C.A.F.C. Section A.C.C. under Brigadier Inst.

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J. WALTON, S/LDR,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/4034/8/L.

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/rlp.
19 August 1944.

SUBJECT : Allied war supplies as abandoned property.

TO : RLOs (THRU: RGS), Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX & Z;
PIO (THRU: PC), Poggio Province.

1. The question has recently arisen whether Allied war supplies lying about the countryside are abandoned property which a civilian may legally take for his own use.

2. Property is not abandoned unless the owner intends to relinquish title thereto and so far as Allied war supplies are concerned, the owner is the War Department. A unit or formation may move and either intentionally or accidentally leave certain articles behind. These articles are not abandoned. They may still be salvaged, and they remain the property of the War Department until an official decision to abandon them has been made on behalf of the War Department by the appropriate salvage or other authority.

3. It follows that it is no defense to a charge of wrongful possession for the accused to say that he thought goods were abandoned. To substantiate his defense he must show an official act of abandonment by the appropriate authority. If he cannot show this he must be convicted and the property restored to the War Department. The general circumstances will, of course, be taken into account in fixing the appropriate punishment.

4. The position is different in relation to enemy war supplies. An occupying force does not automatically acquire title to enemy war supplies in the occupied territory: it only acquires the right to take possession of any public movable property of which it can directly or indirectly make use for military operations. It follows that war supplies left behind by the enemy become the property of the Allied Forces when, but only when, some act is done by the Allied Forces to reduce them into possession. In areas where the new proclamations are posted the interests of the Allies are protected by Proc I, Art V, para 26.

5. Sufficient copies of this instruction are enclosed for distribution to all legal officers in your region: they should bring the contents to the notice of other officers sitting on courts within their respective provinces.

RICHARD H. WEIMER,
Colonel, GAC,
Acting Chief Legal Officer

Copies to: RGSAC Sec (6).

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RESTRICTEDALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JHB/jm

21 August 1944

G-5: 400.6-1

1 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Civilian Possession of Gasoline Containers in Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 294

1. Refer to our letter G-5: 400.6-1, 27 July 1944, subject "British and American Army Equipment - Jerricans - Collection of."

2. Americans, as well as Jerricans, are in diminishing supply.

3. The military have taken action to recover and repair gasoline containers to the best advantage of all users.

4. A large number of these containers are believed to be in the possession of unauthorized Italian civilians.

5. You will take the necessary steps to notify the Italian population thru the proper channels that, after a date to be specified by you, the possession of any gasoline containers by Italian civilians is unlawful and the possessor subject to punishment.

6. The Italian population should be directed to turn in the containers to the nearest Army, Navy, Air Force or local Police authority.

7. Enforcement by local police is recommended.

8. It is further recommended that the regulations concerning gasoline containers be brought to the attention of the population at regular intervals.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff G-5:

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J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, Infantry
Economics & Supply Division**RESTRICTED**

23/8/44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OFFICER
APO 394

SWA/HRCC/10

25 August 1944.

SUBJECT : British & American Army Equipment -
Jerricans - Collection of.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 1.

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Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province.
S.C.A.O., A.M.G. 5th Army.
" " 8th Army.
Headquarters Commandant.

1. The wastage in Italy of 4 gallon petrol cans (jerricans) has been so serious that they are now in critical supply and the need for recovery of as many as possible as may have been jettisoned by the advancing troops is urgent.

2. Steps will be taken at once to make arrangements with the Italian Government, and with the local Italian authorities, for collection and dumping at central points in each Region and AMG Area, all 4 gallon petrol cans (jerricans) which may be found throughout the countryside.

3. Location of dumps will be reported by Regional HQ to the War Material Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission, S.C.A.O.'s will report direct to their respective Army HQ.

4. It is left to the discretion of the Regional Commissioners as to the best method of obtaining the four gallon petrol cans (jerricans). It is notified however for your information that it is intended to press for legislation creating it an offense to be in possession of any jerricans after a certain date and that anyone so found in improper possession of these articles is committing offense and is liable to punishment.

JOHN J. ALBRICHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishment Officer.

Copy to : Director, War Material Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission. (Your AOC/WM/47/24 of 1 Aug. 44 refers).

R.C.&M.G. Section (for Lt.Col. G.W.I. Shipp).

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

Ref 401/12/CA

24th August 1944

SUBJECT: Jerricans

TO : C - 4

1. With reference to my minute to you on the 9th of August on the subject Jerricans, I would like to withdraw the proposal in the extra para 4 that a small reward should be offered. My reason for doing this is that A.P. HQ have written to this HQ on the 21st of August suggesting that the improper possession of these Jerricans should be made an offense. It seems very illogical to punish a man for having a Jerrican in his possession while at the same time offering him a reward to turn it in.

2. I have consulted with the Director of the Finance Sub-Commission who is in agreement with this view.

3. I therefore suggest that the order be issued with para 4 and amend it as follows:

4. "It is left to the discretion of the Regional Commissioners as to the best method of obtaining the four gallon petrol cans (Jerricans). It is notified however for your information that it is intended to press for legislation creating it an offense to be in possession of any Jerricans after a certain date and that anyone so found in improper possession of these articles is committing an offence and is liable to punishment."

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

Copy to:
War Material Disposal Sub-Commission

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

Ref 401/11/CA

2th August 1944

SUBJECT: Pumps of Hand Grenades etc. by roadside

TO : SCAG 5 & 8 Areas
Regional Commissioner, Region IV
Regional Commissioner, Region V
Regional Commissioner, Region VIII
Regional Commissioner, Region IX
Regional Commissioner, Region X

1. With reference to para 10 of the minutes of the second conference at HQ A.A.I. on the 2nd of August, inquiries have been made from HQ A.A.I., which show that the responsibility for clearing Allied ammunition and grenades left in the forward areas lies with the unit concerned. Instances of this are expected to be negligible, but if they are encountered SCAGs will, no doubt, take the question up with the nearest unit or formation concerned.

2. With regard to dumps of enemy material, SCAGs or Regional Commissioners should report the position (giving coordinates) and approximate size of these dumps to this HQ with a request that they should be cleared as soon as possible. This HQ will then inform the Captured Enemy Material Section A.A.I., who will take the necessary action.

3. It is understood that requests above should only be made in the case of a definite collection of material. It is impossible to deal with the stray hand grenades or boxes of ammunition which are left by the side of a road.

Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

HQ A.A.I. (1)
A.C.C. L. O.
Admin. Section (2)
Economic Section (2)

*amended
except Reg II & A.A.I.
& Acc. L.O.
phoned all
amended 10/8*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref/7649/Cd.

5 August 1944.

MINUTES OF SECOND CONFERENCE HELD
AT HQ AAI ADVANCE ON 2 AUGUST, 1944

PRESENT:

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Brig. Gen. E.E. Hume
Brigadier J.K. Dunlop
Group Capt. C.E. Benson
Mr. H. Caccia
Mr. Schott
Mr. Antolind
Mr. A.L. Villa
Colonel R.R. Cripps
Colonel M.E. Fiske
Colonel R.G. Kirkwood
Colonel N. Monfort
Colonel C. McCarthy
Colonel C. Findlay
Colonel J. Todd
Colonel J. Albright
Colonel L.R. Hulls
Colonel R.G.B. Spioer
Colonel D.S. Adams
Colonel W.J. Lege
Colonel Gevers
Lieut. Col. A.C. Bowman
Lieut. Col. C.W.I. Shipp
Lieut. Col. W.A. Hartman
Lieut. Col. Bonham-Carter
Lieut. Col. Ruck
Lieut. Col. Marshall
Wing-Comd. E.T. Beer
Lieut. Col. P. Toscani
Major P. Magnus
Major W. Dollard
Capt. D. Mynors
Capt. C. Oden
Lieut. C.J. Macnamara

- Executive Commissioner.
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- R.C. Region "Z".
- SCAD, AMG 6 Army.
- Joint V.P. Political Sec.
- " " " "
- Executive Director, Econ. Sec.
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- Administrative Section.
- Dep. Exec. Commissioner.
- R.C., Region VIII.
- A/Chief Commissioner's Office.
- Patriots Branch.
- Displaced Persons Sub-Com.
- Industry Sub-Commission.
- Establishment Officer.
- Italian Refugee Branch.
- Interior Sub-Commission.
- Transportation Sub-Com.
- Food Sub-Commission.
- Region "Z".
- RG. Region IX. 3210
- Civil Affairs Branch.
- Agriculture Sub-Commission.
- Region IV.
- Region IX.
- Region V.
- AMG 8 Army.
- AMG 5 Army.
- Patriots Branch.
- Civil Affairs Branch.
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- ACC Liaison Officer at HQ AAI.
- PA to Executive Commissioner.

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ACTION

1. Opening Remarks.

The Executive Commissioner, Brig. M.S. Lush, opened the meeting at 1115 hrs. He gave a brief outline of future planning. Colonel Pennycuik was taking over Region VI from Brig. Carr; Brigadier Carr was replacing Col. Hancock in Region I; Colonel Hancock was coming North to organise a Northern Region; Rome Region and Region IV were now one Region under Col. Poletti known as Region IV; Brig. Dunlop was at present planning for Region "Z" and would run a short course for officers. It was anticipated that in the latter stages of the formation of the Northern Regions it would be necessary to withdraw officers from Army AGOs.

ACTION

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A conference would be held at Naples on 14th August to consider a proposal for the amalgamation of Regions II, III, VII, C.M.F.C.A.S.S.O. and P.O.C.L.L. Provinces, into one Region with Provincial teams in the main ports and towns where military garrisons remained.

ARHQ's suggestion that SICILY should be abandoned entirely had been turned down. The amassal on the whole was going well although a certain amount of difficulty had been experienced in SICILY. The situation here, however, was improving.

The Exec. Commissioner gave news of General Mason MacFarlane, reporting that he had been seriously ill but was now considered to be out of danger.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were examined and it was confirmed that appropriate action was being taken where necessary.

3. Political.

(a) Mr. Caccia stated that the policy was to support the present Government in full.

(b) It was not considered desirable to issue a blanket denial to German rumors that the Allies intended taking away all the art treasures of Italy and that the Kon. & Fine Arts Sub-Commission were here for the purpose of listing and locating these treasures. Publicity would be directed towards the true functions of the Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission and a press statement of these functions would be made as each town was entered.

(c) Mr. Caccia gave a brief account on the status of the small neutral state of San Marino and the conditions on which Allied troops would enter this territory. It was considered advisable that 8 Army should establish a Liaison Officer in San Marino when the time arrived.

(d) Mr. Caccia introduced Mr. Schott, successor to Mr. Reber, who had returned to the United States for consultation.

4. (a) AMC 5 Army.

(i) Personnel. SCAD expressed some concern as to whether sufficient personnel would be available should the enemy fall back and leave the rest of Italy to be occupied. Exec. Commissioner was of the opinion that the personnel would be there but it may be necessary to call on the Armies themselves for assistance.

Admin. Sec
P.R.O.

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- (a) Mr. Cacchia stated that the policy was to support the present Government in full.
- (b) It was not considered desirable to issue a blanket denial to German rumors that the Allies intended taking away all the art treasures of Italy and that the Mon. & Fine Arts Sub-Commission were here for the purpose of listing and locating these treasures. Publicity would be directed towards the true functions of the Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission and a press statement of these functions would be made as each town was entered.
- (c) Mr. Cacchia gave a brief account on the status of the small neutral state of San Marino and the conditions on which Allied troops would enter this territory. It was considered advisable that 8 Army should establish a Liaison Officer in San Marino when the time arrived.
- (d) Mr. Cacchia introduced Mr. Schott, successor to Mr. Reber, who had returned to the United States for consultation.

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AMC 8 Army.

(a) AMC 5 Army.

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- (ii) Extra Duties. AMV Armies could not take on the various extra duties they were now being requested to perform with their existing staffs. Examples were given, i.e., the enlistment of patriots into the Italian Army and the tracing and collection of escaped Allied POW. In these two instances it was pointed out that the responsibility lay respectively with MMFA and AAI and that CAGOs should give such assistance as they could.

- (iii) Patriots. This problem was becoming more difficult and they objected to being disarmed. A directive had been issued and should be followed.

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(iv) Requests by Economic Section. AMG 5 Army had not the time nor the personnel to deal with these requests. Col. Todd pointed out that such requests were made to give information of the existence of valuable raw materials, plant facilities, machinery etc., and to prevent their waste and misuse. He instanced the use of sulphate rock, which is vital to the economic life of the country, being used as road material. SCAD AMG 5 Army asked that an officer be sent by HQ to investigate such matters and it was agreed that this would be done. The SCAD stated that AMG 5 Army would be of assistance when possible and would pass on to the Armed Forces such information as the Industry Sub-Commission forwarded as being of interest to them.

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ACTION(iii) Passes.

SCAO 8 Army was most concerned about the indefinite issue of passes to enter Army areas. Only in exceptional circumstances should they be issued at the point of destination to enter Army areas without first obtaining permission from the Army. There appears to be either abuse or misunderstanding and Civil Affairs Branch would arrange to clarify existing instructions on the subject. It was agreed that when Armies asked for Italian civilian officials to be sent forward or Sub-Commissions wished to send Italian officials into Army areas, that Armies would send back a pass ready made out to facilitate their movement, at the same time as they conveyed their approval.

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SCAO 8 Army reported a low wage scale in PUGLIA. Economic Section will investigate.

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- (iii) Region VIII HQ was now located at SIEL.

(a) Region IV.

- (i) Lt.Col. Bonham Carter reported that the Region POL allocation had been cut below 50% and would greatly affect the collection of grain.

- (ii) Assisi Railroad. It was suggested that if 8 Army handed over Assisi railroad it should be taken over by ACC. This would greatly assist Region IV's supply problem. Transportation Section to take up.

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ACTION.(e) Region IX.

(1) Provincial teams for FORLI, BOLOGNA and MODENA or PARMA have been formed. This used up all available officers but it was decided that this would be sufficient for the present.

(11) Region IX complained that they had only one Industry & Commerce officer for a heavily industrial Region. Col. Todd knew of this and in fact explained that the one officer was to be primarily concerned with the hemp industry which would be more than a full time job. To assist, a second expert on hemp would arrive from England shortly. Col. Todd stated that with the limitations in numbers of his personnel he could not assign other officers to the Region.

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(i) Col. Todd stated that requests for reports from AMG Armies on industrial matters were sent for the information of SCMOs. If they could also let his Sub-Commission have the information asked for, and if this did not interfere with operational duties, it would be appreciated.

(ii) SCMOs and RCs were asked to let the Sub-Commission know when there was a demand for manufactured articles. The Sub-Commission was now in a position to supply certain products. He instanced the question of mine lifting apparatus which he thought there would be no difficulty in supplying. It would, however, take some four months before the article was in production.

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- (iii) SCAs were asked to report promptly the location of all supplies of leather which was in short supply everywhere.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

- (a) Review of Sentences. It was approved that the review of all cases in the Courts in the Army areas should be done by HOs of the Regions following up. Papers to be sent direct between Armies and Regions. A proposal was under consideration that Prov. L.Os. should be authorized to review sentences under two months.

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- (d) Civil Affairs Branch. Communications are slow and irregular. Delay sometimes up to six days was experienced in the receipt of letters and airtels. It was confirmed that the same delay exists over correspondence from HQ. LOC to Armies and Regions. There was supposed to be a daily air courier service to each Army. Army Executive Officers to look into this matter and C.A. Branch would also take up with the Adjutant at HQ. LOC.

- (e) Establishment Branch. Shortage of transport officers was acute, and RCs were requested to keep a strict eye on M.T. maintenance. Maintenance has now been placed under the Transportation Sub-Commission.

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

Ref/402/10/CA.

7 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Army Dumps of Hand Grenades.

TO : ACC IO., HQ. AAI.

1. You may have heard that the point was brought up at the last meeting at AAI that life was being complicated in forward Regions through Italian civilians being able to help themselves from dumps of hand grenades and other light materials of the same nature, which are found along the roadside in recent battle areas.
2. Could you please help us by finding out from AAI who is responsible for clearing up these dumps and if possible ask their cooperation by getting them cleared as soon as possible. You can easily see that security is not made any easier when any would-be criminal can fill his pockets with hand grenades.
3. The point was raised in general by everyone in forward areas but in particular by Lt.Col. Bonham-Carter, who is as you know now the Executive Officer to Col. Poletti for the Provincias in Region IV.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. & M.G. Section
ASO 394

4 June 1944.

Ref/ASO/9/GA.

SUBJECT: Salvage.

TO : Air Force Sub-Commission.

1. I refer to your ASO/B. 3 of 5 May 44.

2. The question of organizing the Italians to salvage tires, paper etc has been carefully studied by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission and the Salvage Officer at H.Q., A.A.I. has been consulted.

3. I am informed that there is actually a surplus of scrap metal in Italy and the difficulty in obtaining shipping space precludes the forwarding of any large amounts of any type of salvage to either U.K. or U.S.A.

4. No action, therefore, by this H.Q. in this matter is contemplated for the present.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
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Deputy Executive
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COPY to: Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

LIAISON DIVISION, HQ, A.C.C.

17 May 1944

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2. Please handle this matter as far as A.A.I. is concerned and report by informal indorsement hereon.

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A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.
21 May 44.

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1. Lt.Col. Hibbert, A.A.I. Salvage, advises that there is little valuable salvage outside operational areas. There is no need for paper, tin cans etc, the most readily collectible items.
2. There is actually a surplus of scrap metal. Shipping shortage precludes forwarding of any great amounts of any type of salvage to either the U.K. or U.S.A.
3. Any Italian salvage campaign might be beneficial if collections were carried over for possible use after the war. 3204

William
Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

Lt Col Bowman

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I think this is now a
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Note.

1. I have discussed 4 with Lt Col Rhodes
of Public Works & Utilities & with P.R.O.
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advice of a Salvage expert - in this way
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3. We can even approach Pretti & get
some in Naples.
4. Having decided what is to be salvaged
and where to put it we must
let P.R.O. to initiate a written &
press campaign.

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I agree. Pl. ad.

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Sec'y 5/15/44
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By [initials]

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, NAPLES.

TO : SECRETARY GENERAL,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

DATE : 5th MAY 1944.

REF : ASC/S. 3.

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Salvage.

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King Commander,
Air Vice Marshal,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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ROBERT DOR
MAJOR A.C.C.

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Executive Committee

To CAB for consideration
W. L. Minter

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

29 APR Recd

28 April 1944

SUBJECT: Request to buy Salvage.

TO : Luigi Caccavo,
Via Mario Pagano 45, Naples.

Dear Mr. Caccavo:

I am pleased to inform you that your request as to which officer you should see to buy war salvage, can best be arranged by either Major Campbell or Capt. Bender of the War Material Disposal Sub-Commission, Salerno.

Regarding the pass for the vehicle which you require for business purposes, I suggest you take the matter up with Region III, Public Safety Officer, whose duty it is to deal with such matters. Region III Headquarters, in which the office of Public Safety is located is in the Prefettura Building, Naples.

May I suggest that it will be quicker to deal directly with Region III officials, because my office only has to refer these inquiries to them for action anyway.

I hope you can arrange this business satisfactorily

For Deputy Executive Commissioner:

Sincerely,

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J.W. OUNLIFFE
Captain, AGD.

*Cleared with Col. Shipp
This should have been dealt with by Region
Last today EC 15/5*

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LUIGI CACCAVO
AGENT FOR HIDES AND SHOES
VIA Mario Pagano 45, Naples

The above mentioned firm belonging to Mr. Luigi Caccavo, who was never inscribed to Fascism, would like to establish contact with the appropriate Allied Offices engaged in the purchasing of waste material (old coverings, rubbish, old shoes, etc.)

He would welcome an introduction through which he can be chosen on an equality basis with other bidders, in view of the discreet importance of the firm, already supplier of Military Enti, FF.SS., the Municipie and of the most important industrial firms. The firm is regularly inscribed in the Consiglie Provinciale dell'Economia of Naples as wholesaler in shoes, hides, soles and accessories. He has formerly dealt abroad as a Leather Agent. He is supplied with suitable equipment and has been in possession of a commercial license since 1938. Because of an air-raid damage, the firm has been transferred to ~~xxxx~~ the present location in Aversa.

A general introduction is required in order to be able to go to the Allied Military Enti in the various occupied zones with the hope of obtaining a pass from the appropriate office for himself and for his auto vehicle.

The ~~ah~~ Naples office for the above mentioned materials is directed by Capt. Henry M. Freeman, AMG (as is indicated on the certificates for Salvage and Reclamation Dump A. 555.

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Luigi Caccavo

AGENTE IN PELLI

CALZATURE

TELEF. 50873 - 23136 C.P.E. di Napoli n. 107216

NAPOLI - Via ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ - NAPOLI
Mario Pagano 45

Napoli, 11 194

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La ditta su accennata in persona del sig. Luigi Caccavo di Michele, mai iscritto al fascismo, desidererebbe mettersi a contatto con gli Uffici competenti Alleati per l'acquisto dei materiali fuori uso (covertane, rottami, calzature usate ecc.)

Gradirebbe una presentazione onde venga, a parità di offerta, prescelto data la discreta importanza della Ditta, già fornitrice di Enti Militari, Fr. Sc., Municipio e delle più importanti Aziende Industriali. La ditta è iscritta regolarmente al consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia di Napoli nella qualità di grossista in calzature, pellami, suola ed accessori. Già in rapporti commerciali con l'Estero quale Leather Agent. Dispone di attrezzatura idonea e di licenza commerciale dal 1938. Causa sinistro aereo è trasferita dalla Casa madre all'attuale domicilio nonchè in Aversa.

Sarebbe opportuna una presentazione generica ~~propria~~ presentarsi agli Enti Militari Alleati nelle varie zone occupate con preghiera del rilascio da parte del competente Ufficio, del passo personale e per il proprio auto da trasporto.

L'Ufficio di Napoli dei detti materiali è diretto dal Capitano Henry M. Freeman Cap. A.M.C. o i c (come si rileva dai certificati Salvage ad reclamation Dump. A. 555

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La ditta su accennata in persona del sig. Luigi Caccavo di Michele, mai iscritto al fascismo, desidererebbe mettersi a contatto con gli Uffici competenti Alleati per l'acquisto dei materiali fuori uso (covertame, rottami, calzature usate ecc.)

Gradirebbe una presentazione onde venga, a parità di offerta, prescelto data la discreta importanza della Ditta, già fornitrice dei Enti Militari, E.E.S., M.U.P.O. e delle più importanti Aziende Industriali. La ditta è iscritta regolarmente al Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia di Napoli nella qualità di grossista in calzature, pellami, suola ed accessori. Già in rapporti commerciali con l'Entero quale Leather Agent. Dispone di attrezzatura idonea e di licenza commerciale dal 1938. Causa sinistro aereo è trasferita dalla Casa madre all'attuale domicilio nonchè in Aversa.

Sarebbe opportuna una presentazione generica ~~presentarsi~~ presentarsi agli Enti Militari Alleati nelle varie zone occupate con preghiera del rilascio da parte del competente Ufficio, del passo personale e per il proprio auto da trasporto.

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