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Executive Commissioner.

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L.T.MONTANT, JR., 1st Lieut, AGD,
ADJUTANT.

A.J.STEWART, Major, MA to Exec.Com.

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FROM...HQ SOUTHERN REGION AGO

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447 Civil Affairs

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

№ 04015 | 10.VIII.44

Ref :- A/62/123. 8 August 44

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Subject:- Performance of one truk Platoon of 2240 QM Trk Company in collecting grain.

To :- The Commanding General, 15th U.S.A.A.F. Service Command

1. Attached is a report on the above subject.

2. This paltoon has performed and continues to perform a most vital mission in helping the Italians to feed themselves.

3. The manner of performance cannot be characterized as less than superb. The superior results obtained under the unfavorable circumstances of operations speak for themselves.

4. Please accept from me as the representative of the Allied Control Commission in this area, my personal and official appreciation for the invaluable aid this platoon has furnished to the Allied war effort in assisting the Allied Control Commission in its responsibilities concerning Italian civilians. The chief of which is production and distribution of food.

5. The Company Commander of 2440 QM Trk Company has been informed in detail concerning the fine work done by individuals. I sincerely trust that he will properly record this superior performance of duty on the pertinent records of each.

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Hqtr Acc man
attention R.G. & M.S. Section

JOHN T. ZEMARS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SERVICE
MASERA PROVINCE
REGION II A.G.G.

3 August 1944

SUBJECT : Organizational and Operational Procedure

TO : Colonel John T. Sellars, Regional Commissioner, Region II

1. Herewith is submitted the report on the Organizational and Operational Procedure of the United States Government Transport Service during the period 2 July 1944 to 2 August 1944.

(Sgd) RICHARD A. DI LORETO
1st Lieut. C.E.
Commanding

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ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE

of the

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT SERVICE

2 July 1944 - 2 August 1944

Lieut. Richard A. Di Loreto

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INTRODUCTION - Part I

Being the first of its kind, this report is submitted as a record to serve both as a history and a reference for any future undertaking that may be made by either the Allied Military Government or the Allied Control Commission.

We all knew of the fine crop of wheat which southern Italy has produced this year. We are also aware of the opportunity at hand, which, if taken advantage of, would solve a huge part of the food problem in Italy during the forthcoming year.

Matera Province was one of the more important grain producing areas. Within the Province there was a wealth of grain surpluses which had to be moved out of the area to be either consumed or warehoused. Hence, the movement of these surpluses would help accomplish four things :

(a) Relieve the hungry areas of liberated Italy.
(b) Because of (a), reduce the grain imports into Italy from United Nations' sources, thus permitting that grain to be diverted to other famished areas in the world.
(c) Increase the daily bread ration to 300 grams per person.
(d) Render the black market that much less effective by cutting off the larger portion of its source of supply.

As has occurred so many times in the past, so was it again, that the great problem of transportation reared its head. Not only did the transport have to be adequate in number of trucks, but it was imperative that the operation of these trucks be swift and efficient. It would be most unwise to permit ready grain to lie loose in huge piles in the open fields. Instead, the more sound thing to do would be keep right on the heels of the trashing floors.

True, there was an Italian trucking concern in Matera Province known as the S.I.T.A. This organization was to be responsible for the movement of the grain and had twenty-two 3-ton British lorries at its disposition to carry out the work. However, like other Italian organizations, the S.I.T.A. would not have been able to carry on the task through to a successful conclusion. They lacked three things:

(a) Competent organization
(b) Necessary means and personnel
(c) Proper spirit

With the facts at hand, Colonel John T. Zellars, Regional Commissioner of Region II, moved on his own initiative. He foresaw the danger of

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the grain campaign resulting in possible failure. At Headquarters of the 15th AFSC in Bari, a series of meetings took place with the Quartermaster, Lt. Col. J. R. Greene. The meetings were successful. A loan of twenty-eight 2 1/2-ton American trucks from the 2240 QM Company Truck, to operate in Matera Province for a period of sixty days had been affected.

In order that operational responsibilities were clearly defined, a meeting was held in Provincial Headquarters in Matera. As C.O. of the newly formed truck company, it was my responsibility to organize and maintain and efficient military unit, both as to its welfare and discipline. As faw as grain went, my responsibility began at the farms where the trucks would be loaded and ended at the warehouses or railheads, where the trucks were unloaded.

According to the Matera plan, the problems of vigilance, labor squads to sack the grain and load and unload the trucks, warehousing, proper sack supply, immediate rail dispatch after the railroad cars were loaded, and the procurement of fifteen empty railroad cars every day (later raised to twenty per day), all this, was guaranteed.

ORGANIZATION - Part II

The United States Government Transport Service was activitated on July 2, 1944. In order that the unit might be in the heart of the grain area which was to be worked, the Headquarters of USGTS was set up in a former Italian political internee camp.

When the trucks and personnel arrived, it became obvious that the immediate surroundings were filthy and absolutely uninhabitable. The first night was spent beneath the stars.

The following day, some forty men were obtain from the nearby Italian refugee camp. These men were segregated into small squads. An American enlisted man was made squad leader and given a specific task. In this manner, any confusion was eliminated. In fact, by nightfall, dormitories, a mess hall, kitchen and offices had been rid of dirt and rubble, had been thoroughly scrubbed and whitewashed and ready for occupancy.

By the end of the next day, the entire camp had gone through a

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tremendous transit[illegible]. The electrical system was improved and enlarged upon. Of[illegible]ce equipment was obtained on the premises. Security measures, both day and night, were [illegible]aced in the hands of the local Maresciallo.

Since the HQ of USCTS was in the heart of the malaria area as well as the Grain area, every sanitary and health precaution was taken and rigidly enforced. Fly bombs, insect powder, mosquito lotion, etc. were made available. Atebrine was ordered to be taken once a day—every day. The water system was put into 24 Hour operation. Water for cooking and drinking purposes was chlorinated. Mess kit water was kept scaldingly hot. Screening was either mended or replaced. The latrines were thoroughly disinfected. Showers were repaired and new duckboards made. A local carpenter was put to work.

At the Italian refugee camp, we obtained the services of two good Italian doctors who performed an invaluable service by taking care of cuts, bruises, etc. Not a single man day was lost throughout the entire period due to hospitalization. A health record was kept of every individual in the Company sick book.

As for personal relaxation and entertainment for the men, a day room was furnished, complete with radio, ping-pong, games, etc. Other outdoor games included horseshoe pitching, volley ball, football, and soft ball. A truck was permitted to take the men (not more than one third of the Company strength) into town on pass in the evening. A nearby beach also afforded a grand opportunity for play.

In the military sense of the word USCTS was set up like any other army truck Company. An orderly room was set up and the routine and special orders were published on the bulletin board. A charge of quarters roster was drawn. No one was permitted to leave the area without a pass. When necessary, the proper disciplinary action was taken.

It would be wise to interject at this point and say that it would have been foolish to attempt the movement of Grain from the moment of our arrival to our camp area. Although it was suggested that the trucks be pressed into immediate service in hauling Grain, the suggestion was not acted upon. Surely, even though a few days were spent in organizing USCTS into an efficient unit, the effort would more than triple itself in the final analysis. Not only that, but an efficient running organization would prove in itself, a tremendous morale booster.

Would a woodsman enter the forest to fell trees with a dull axe ?

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Organization procedure of USCTS was set up like any other HQ Staff. Instead of having Staff Officers, Non-Commissioned Staff Officers were elected. These N.C.O.'s were delegated special Staff duties as well as the authority of the office they held. They were urged to use their initiative to the maximum and make immediate corrections wherever and whenever they saw fit. There were no iron bound rules and laws. On the contrary, the entire organization of USCTS was set up with the intention of being as free and elastic as a rubber band.

Not only was the Staff inbued with this principle, but so was every last man in the Company. All were urged to act without fear of making a mistake when the situation called for individual action. Common Horse sense would see them through.

In a series of General meetings the entire enlisted personnel was schooled in their new work. The purpose and importance of their job was explained. Warnings were given in regard to the black market operations as well as to its temptations. In like manner, a number of special Staff meetings were called in which the entire organizational and operational procedure was formulated.

In all, there were six Staff N.C.O.'s not including the D.C.O. (Deputy Commanding Officer, who was rhe ranking N.C.O.), whose duty was to act in a command capacity in the absence of the C.O? The six Staff Offices included the following :

FUELS - This Office was responsible for the procurement of all Gasoline, lubricating oils and Greases. Accurate and ut-to-date records were to be kept on all disbursements. Whenever authorized civilians drew fuel, the respective Consersio was debited for the amount consigned.

In the beginning, it was necessary to obtain an authority for a sufficient release of fuels. At II District, an order was obtain whereby USCTS could draw upon a British military dump, eighteen barrels of Gasoline per day for a period of thirty consecutive days. No authority was needed for oils or Greases.

DISPATCH - The success or failure of operations rested directly with this Staff office. It was therefore imperative that this office attain the maximum efficiency. The Staff N.C.O. with one assistant, was responsible for the proper dispatch of all trucks/ A days' work was always prepared the night before.

Since it was through this office that valuable operational corrections could be made, an elaborate set of charts, Graphs and records were

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kept in order to pin down any error or inefficiency that occurred from any and every possible angle. Such records included, daily number of trucks idle, trucks deadlined, trucks on the road, truck hours lost, daily haulage, highest truck haulage, etc. These records proved to be worth their weight in gold.

This office also acted as a clearing house for USCTS. The dispatch, recall or reassignment of trucks had to clear through here. Certainly, it was the heart of the organization.

ROADS - Under normal conditions this Staff office would not necessarily exist. However, under the prevailing conditions, it was obvious that something would have to be done quickly to improve the many poor country roads. Surveys were made of the important roads over which traffic would be moving every day. These were tackled first. Surveys were also made of the roads over which the forthcoming days' work would take the trucks.

Road gangs were made up from men from the refugee camp. The road repairs were hasty, only gravel being used. But hasty as the repairs were, they earned their pittance. Trucks could now ride more easily and were relieved of a high percentage of unnecessary wear, tear and strain. Hence, the better prospect of a particular truck remaining in service for a longer period of time.

MESS - The rpime duty of this office was to create and maintain a good menu. Since the drivers on dispatch did not return at noon hour (sandwiches were made), it was imperative that the morning and evening meals be substantial one. Other than the army ration, all sorts of fresh fruits and vegetables were bought from the nearby farms.

Ice was purchased in town for use in making cool drinks as well as preserving perishables. The high morale of any unit can always be seen in the reflection of a soldier well fed.

MAINTENANCE - If Dispatch is the heart of the organization, then Maintenance is its lifeblood. It was the responsibility of this office to keep as high a percentage of trucks on the line as was humanly possible. It was never known when an emergency would arise.

Other than the Staff N.C.O. there were three assistants; an assistant mechanic, a tire repairman and a grease monkey.

It was also the responsibility of this office to procure all necessary parts, supplies and equipment and the salvage of tires, tubes and tools through requisition -- or otherwise. It is suggested that the

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Staff N.C.O. placed in this office, not only be a skilled mechanic, but also possess the indispensable qualities of initiative and resourcefulness.

Case histories were maintained on every truck and full particulars of maintenance and repair were recorded. Periodic checks of at least once every two weeks were made of all trucks. Each driver was responsible for second echelon and Ordnance responsible for third and higher.

However, as was the case with USCTS, we were miles from the nearest Ordnance depot. Thus, it became imperative that this office did a large amount of third echelon repair. In this conjunction, a completely equipped maintenance truck cannot be done without. It would be advisable to have a wrecker.

CONVOY - This Staff N.C.O. is responsible to become thoroughly familiar with the ground. It is his duty, with his assistant, to see that the dispatch of trucks on paper is properly carried out in actual operation.

He must also see to it that the trucks on duty move to their work and operate in an efficient manner throughout the entire day. It is also his responsibility direct the reassignment of trucks from one farm to another.

An extra supply of gasoline and spare truck tires was carried out at all times in order that immediate aid might be given to a stricken vehicle. If the truck is in bad shape, Maintenance is notified of the trouble, and Dispatch for an immediate replacement.

The Staff N.C.O. should seek out the reasons for any error and or delay, trace it to its source, make on-the-spot corrections, and then record the incident in his daily remarks.

All this good work can be done with a jeep — not from a desk.

OPERATIONS - Part III

Although USCTS was ready to begin operations on July 7th, four days after our arrival at the camp area, the trucks did not actually begin to haul grain until the 9th.

According to the meeting of July 2nd, movement orders were to be received from an Italian district representative of the Consorzio. He was to make the request for the movement of grain from various

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farms, stipulating the number of trucks necessary for each farm.

However, it soon became evident that the requests were inefficiently made and that the number of trucks asked for, too many. The grain was to be moved to railheads when railroad cars were available -- to warehouses, when not. In respect to the latter, there were instances when the haul from farm to warehouse was advisable; other instances when necessitate the rehauling of the same grain over the same roads to a railhead in the opposite direction.

It was obvious that such a practice would increase :

(a) the wear and tear upon trucks.
(b) the number of trucks needed to haul half the grain.
(c) the cost of transportation and labor involved.

Labor relations were strained insofar as labor was not sufficient in number; in that they were choosey about their hours of work, time out for lunches and days off. The labor was organized into squads of nine men working as a team. They were paid so many lire per quintal of grain sacked and moved to a warehouse or railhead. Many made as high as four to five hundred lire per day. Their earnings, as a team, were shared equally among them.

During the first week of operations there was a tremendous loss of truck hours. Part of this was due to the trucks having to wait anywhere from thirty to ninety minutes for the workers to get aboard when the truck called for them in the morning at the respective Consorzi. This was immediately corrected, when the truck driver, upon arriving at the Consorzio, made the Italian Consorzio agent sign both time in and time out.

Simple as this plan was, the results were amazing. Time lost was slashed down to from seven to fifteen minutes, all within the space of a few days.

Contrary to plan, railroad cars arrived in a much lesser number and in a rather sporadic fashion. The dispatch of the loaded cars was fairly good. There were instances however, when the railroad authorities forced the payment of demurrage. There were other instances when shipping stickers (ACO) were not available because some Italian forget to bring them.

Of all the Italian agents placed into the position of responsibility and authority, hardly half of them proved competent. They would argue among themselves, issues orders only to be overrun by a counter order, fail to work and cooperate as a team and generally be out to embarass

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one another.

As for vigilance, only one of the three main railheads had proper guard. Although there were road blocks composed of Carabinieri and deputized civilians, a few more such blocks could have been used.

A group of British MP's (five) who were to act as a roving patrol, which would have undoubtedly struck terror into the hearts of any shady Italian, was no more roving than an invalid. They didn't receive transport, until the last few days before they were called away.

Transportation was not only lacking for the law enforcement agents, but was also lacking for a very few key Italian Consorzi agents, who actually meant well and did the best they could with the means that were at hand.

By the end of the second week, July 22nd, the situation had improved but a little as far as efficiency was concerned, in spite of the steady rise of the daily grain haulage. It was quite clear that the Italians were bungling things up for themselves. Worse still, some didn't seem to care.

It would be well to state some facts. By the end of thefirst week (7 day period) 373.1 truck hours were lost because of unnecessary delays and running around. 1704.7 tons of grain was hauled by 100 trucks,each working one day.

By the end of the second week (6 day period) 242.5 truck hours were lost. 2026.6 tons of grain was hauled by 82 trucks, each working one day.

A conference was held at HQ USCTS on the 22nd of Jylu. Present, was the Provincial Director of the Consorzio, the Provincial Director of Labor, the District Representative of the Consorzi, and the C.O. of USCTS. It was made known, then and there, that the incompetence of the majority of the italian officials had reached a sickening level, and that beginning with the third week, all orders, directives, and movements would come straight from HQ USCTS. Never, could have sweeter words been spoken to three more relieved Italians.

The third week was a very strenuous but a most successful.one. By weeks' end (7 day period) truck hours lost had dropped to 88.4, and 2328.7 tons of grain was hauled by only 68 trucks, each working one day.

Labor squads, of not nine, but eleven men were organized. One squad was found in Bernalda, one in Pisticci, two from Matera city, two from

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the Italian refugee camp.

The policy of hauling to warehouses was continued only where the movement would not necessitate a double haul; first to the warehouse and thence only to be re-hauled to a railhead in an opposite direction.

The RTO was contacted personally and in this manner only, were more railroad cars obtained. What came through channels was but a mere dribble.

The piles of loose grain in the fields were sacked. Whether or not the trucks moved the grain, the squads of workers were kept busy sacking the grain ten hours per day, seven days a week. No "festa" nor slackening of work was tolerated. When, on one morning a certain squad refused to work, they were all given fifteen minutes to get aboard the truck. These who were not on the truck when it drive off would forfeit all of their earnings to date. Within five minutes everyone was on the truck, and away.

A warehouseman who insisted on locking up the place and going off quietly thus causing great loss of time, was immediately discharged. When necessary, squads were made to work as late as 2000 to 2100 hours. A squad which was naughty was a sure cure. It never failed.

One Saturday morning it was rumored that there were only 8,000 sacks left in the area. By 1300 hours it was discovered that the actual stock was only 800. A crisis was at hand. Through the grapevine, it was discovered that a railroad car full of sacks was somewhere along the line. The station master was questioned and he confirmed the statement. The evening train was held up in order to hook on that RR car of sacks and bring it to one of our railheads.

The car arrived at 2030 hrs. With twenty odd men from the refugee camp the entire carload of sacks was counted and hauled away to HQ USOTS. The following day over 6,000 of the 10,000 odd sacks were used.

There has been argument over the question of whether or not it is wise to leave grain in the open fields. In practical experience it has been found that grain left in the field, already sacked and ready to be handled away, is comparatively safe, since the landowner is responsible for every sack on his property. Thus, to protect his own personal interests, he will place a guard on the sacked grain, as so many of them did. It is when the grain is permitted to lied loose in piles that there is risk.

Direct orders and to many degrees, threats, were made upon some Italian officials to "get on the ball." It was only then, that a more efficient

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system of vigilance was obtained and enlarged upon. Reports and records began to filter into HQ as they should have had weeks past. It now seemed as if these boys were finally convinced that they were not attending a pink tea.

The following data is submitted for information :

WEEK OF		GRAIN HAULED Tons	TRUCK DAYS DEADLINED	TRUCK DAYS IDLE	TRUCK DAYS WORKING
9/15	- 7 days	1704.7	?	?	100
16/22	- 6 days	2026.6	44	39	82
23/29	- 7 days	2328.7	57	70	68
30/2	- 4 days	871.7	22	59	29
		6931.7	117	168	279

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Will CAB give me a list of grain allocations to date.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: A / 62 /

24 July 1944

HEADQUARTERS 27 JUL 1944 A. C. C.

27 JUL Recd

SUBJECT: - Grain Collection 1944

TO : - Provincial Commissioners, and Prefects - BARI
MATERA
POTENZA
BRINDISI
LECCE
TARANTO

1. The collection of grain and its distribution, as a whole for Region II, A.C.C. to date is very satisfactory. In fact, under present difficult circumstances it is excellent.

Compared to other years at this date, the Provinces of Matera, Potenza, and Bari are "well ahead" - Taranto is well on schedule. Brindisi is behind, and Lecce well behind. We shall do all we can begining immediately, to assist Brindisi and Lecce to get " along side" the remainder of the Region - we expect these Provinces to extend their efforts.

Matera Province, with extra Allied assistance in transportation, has shipped, or has immediately ready for shipment, to Calabria 40.000 quintale of wheat. A most creditable feat.

Wheat is now moving to Calabria from Foggia Province also.

Potenza Province begins shipment of wheat to Naples province today. Apparently they too are ready to do their job of providing surplus grain to other deficiency areas in Italy.

2. You will in a few days have a revised estimate of production and collection goals, by Province. These collection goals are reasonable, and are based upon the best information we can procure from Italian officials on the ground, and the varying conditions in each Province which affect yield and collection.

These collection goals should be reached prior to December 15th 1944. IT CAN BE DONE - AND THE ITALIANS CAN AND MUST DO THE JOB.

3. When this gigantic and vital duty of Italians is completed it will be a glorious accomplishment. Number one in the restoration of Italy.

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JOHN T. WILLIARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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Reg II 15 July Total 90,227 Qlls.

Barley 3,684

Wheat:

Potenza	22,079
Matera	41,300
Bari	17,411
Brindisi	1,777
Taranto	7,556
Lecce	104
	90,227

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GRAIN ARRIVED MISSION 2 WE HEREWITH 15 JULY TOTAL 90,287 (WHEREAS WEEK. 3,634 OF BARLEY. WEEK BY PROVINCES FORMER 22,679. ALBERTA 44,300. SASK 17,122. MANITOBA 1,777. MANITOBA 7,135. LESS 104. THE SEVEN EMPTY GRAIN COLLECTED.

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24 JUL 1944
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This info has been added to EC's copy of grain reports summary.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
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24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Collection of Grain.

TO : Regional Commissioner Region II.

1. Reference A/62/102.

2. Under Article I para 8 of Ministerial Decree fixing the price of wheat and barley dated May 2, 1944 providing for the collection and payment of grain the producer stands the transportation cost for delivery of the grain FOB Consorzio warehouse or deposits.

3. There is already a substantial state subsidy in the price of 900 lire to the producer. Any attempt to require the Consorzio to pay all expense of transportation above thirteen lire per quintal would in effect be providing an additional subsidy to the grain and levying a charge against Provincial Consorzio which as a private agency it cannot stand and as a state agency it has not the right to assume.

4. Therefore it appears the suggestion you make would require a change in the wheat collection decree. If grain transportation costs are excessive as we assume, from your letter is the case, such a matter should be handled with and through the Prefect and the attendant Italian governmental organizations.

5. It appears that some investigation should be made into commercial or contract transportation costs and action taken to establish a maximum charges based on tariffs set up for provincial and Regional truck transportation companies.

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

Dist:
RC & MG Section

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Gl Shipp to See

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: A/ 62 /102

18 July 1944

SUBJECT: - Collection of Grain

TO : - R.C. & M.G. Section
Adv. HQ. A.C.C. APO.394

As a matter of urgency, I have approved the following scheme for collection of grain Matera Province.

It will be considered approved by you unless this Headquarters is otherwise informed.

The Consorzio is to pay all expenses of haulage operation and charge farmers a flat rate of thirteen lire per quintale, the Consorzio to absorb the difference between actual cost and amount paid by farmer.

HEADQUARTERS 20 JUL 1944 A. C. C.

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col.Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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20 JUL 1944
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Capt Worden.

This is really an Econ. Section matter.
M find out from Thompson or Sharp what they are doing - if they approve and who will fill Reg to the decision

EL. 21/7

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

Tel : 307

JBT/iab

ES/44A

19 Jul 44

SUBJECT: Rail Transport

TO : Executive Commissioner (CA Branch)

1. Ref conversation (Lt.Col. Shipp - Major Thompson) and Region II signal R2/27 dated 13 Jul 44, the two attached signals show action taken by Transportation Sub-Commission.

2. Transportation Sub-Commission state that rail movements started again on 17 Jul 44. Adequate wagons will be available and the situation will improve daily.

J. Bruce Thompson Major RA

J. BRUCE THOMPSON, Major, R.A.,
S.O.2 (CA) Economic Section.

Encl: This HQ 575 dtd 16 Jul 44
" " 576 " " " "

cc: Tptn Sub-Comm. (ref conversation Majors Richards - Thompson)

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Col Shipp

This shows emergency now cleared

EC. Reg II telegram at 37 is answered by 39 which shows that the shortage was temporary due to military commitments and movement is now partly resumed.

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(1) DISTWO (2) MOVEIT (ACTION)

ACC ADVANCE FOR ADAMS

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PRIORITY

16 JULY 44

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMM.

YOUR R TWO SLANT TWO SEVEN OF ONE THREE JULY PD PAREN TO DISTWO FOR HQ ACC REGION TWO TO MOVEIT FOR HALL FROM ACC ADVANCE PAREN WHEAT MOVEMENT RECOMMENCES METAPONTO DISTRICT TO CALABRIA ONE SEVEN JULY PD SHORTAGE OF WAGONS THROUGHOUT OWING TO MILITARY COMMITTMENTS PD MILITARY MOVEMENT EQUALLY EFFECTED

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L.T. MONTANT Jr.
1st Lieut, AGD
Adjutant

DS ADAMS
Colonel.

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(1) MOVEIT (2) MOVEIT (3) AMG REGION 3 (ACTION)

(1) MOV FILPOT (2) DISTWO (INFO)

ACC ADVANCE FOR ADAMS

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16 JULY 44

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PRIORITY

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMM

YOUR MOV THREE SLANT FOUR TWO ONE FOUR OF ONE ONE JULY PD PAREN TO MOVEIT FOR HALL TO AMG REGION THREE FOR TN SUB COMMISSION FOR DODDY TO MOV FILPOT TO DISTWO FOR ACC REGION TWO FOR INFO RPTD FOOD SUB COMMISSION FROM ACC ADVANCE PAREN ESSENTIAL WHEAT LOADING METAPONTO DISTRICT TO CROTONE AND REGGIO MUST TAKE PREFERENCE OVER LOW PRIORITY CIVIL TRAFFIC PERIOD ONE SEVEN TO TWO THREE JULY TWO TWO FIVE TONS DAILY PD FOLLOWED BY ACC TRAFFIC PD

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Copy to:-

Food Sub-Commission.

L.T.MONTANT Jr.
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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17 JUL 1944

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HQ ADV ACC RC AND MG SECTION

HQ ACC REGION 2 .56/14

R2/27

JULY 13/1245

CONFIDENTIAL
IMPORTANT
CITE..NONE

REFERENCE SIGNAL NR 7189 OF 7 JULY 1944 MOV AND TN EASTERN ITALY STATE NO ROLLING STOCK AVAILABLE FROM ACC CIVILIAN TRAFFIC. CESSATION OF RAIL MOVEMENT WHEAT AND OR FLOUR PLANNED AND APPROVED HAS PRODUCED GRAVE SITUATION THIS REGION. REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC AUTHORITY RUCK PROCEED ADV HQ BY AIR WITH FULL DETAILS ROLLING STOCK REQUIRED TO AVOID COMPLETE COLLAPSE OF GRAIN PROGRAMME AND DISTRIBUTION FOOD.

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ACC DISTN

Action..TN SC
Info....Econ Sec....2
D C C
File.....2
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Col Shipp
I will find out more about this but meantime passed to you for inf
17/7/44.

Capt Murdie
HEADQUARTERS 16 JUL 1944 A.C.C.

Copy for Civil Affairs Branch

I Rang Thompson today
Have you any more news?
20 18/7

JULY 14/

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DISTWO FOR AGO REGION TWO

AGO MAIN

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ROUTINE

Civil Affairs Branch

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REFERENCE ROGER TARE OBLIQUE FOUR NINE THREE OF TWO FOUR JUNE PD PARSY TO DISTWO FOR AGO REGION TWO FROM/GO MAIN PARSN VERY GLAD HEAR HARVEST SO SUCCESSFUL AND THAT COLLECTION PROGRESSING PD UNDERSTAND YOU ARE NOW SATISFIED WITH TRANSPORT PD WELL DONE

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ROGER B. DEKEN
Capt. AGD
Director CAB

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Executive Commissioner.

Please see Folio 31. I think we should allow the matter to drop.

J K Parkes Maj.

27th June 44.

Finished. P/A

Ex Comm has seen

JKP.

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AL IED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

24 JUN 1944

TO: RC AND MG SECTION ACC MAIN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N56/24

FROM: ACC REGION 2 HQ

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: RT/493

PRECEDENCE: OP PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN241211B

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/NONE

PERSONAL RECONNAISSANCE REVEALS THAT THE FIRST PHASE IN THE GRAIN CAMPAIGN THIS REGION VIZ THE REAPING OF THE BOUNTIFUL HARVEST HAS NOW O PROGRESSED TO A COMPLETE SUCCESS. PHASE 2 VIZ THE THRASHING, COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION IS UNDER WAY. THRASING FLOORS ARE OVERFLOWING IN MATERA COASTAL AREA. BIG FARMERS THERE SAY COME AND GET IT. ADDITIONAL MOTOR TRANSPORT IS VITAL, URGENT AND IMMEDIATE NECESSITY FOR MATERA PROVINCE, TO THE NUMBER OF APPROXIMATELY 50 FOR PERIOD 6 WEEKS BEGINNING JULY 1ST. WILL FURNISH DEFINATE INFORMATION ON THIS A DAY OR SO. AM PERSONNALY SEEKING AID FROM COMMANDING GENERAL NUMBER 2 DISTRICT

Major Reeder
Rang Hunter
agreed change action to Re Section
It will let us know development
early pm - tomorrow
El 25/1/45

ACC DIST
ACTION/ CA BR
INFO/ DCC
ECON SEC 4
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FILE
FLOAT

HEADQUARTERS
24 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

Bell 26/6 Notes

Railway Prime Thomson
Coal mining has planed Zellers
operated and Slim he has no trucks
moreover that cannot be got. Suggest the
[illegible] local mining [illegible] has
[illegible] mining scrap Zellers in hopping
[illegible] Mr Griffe

TO: RC AND MG SECTION ACC MAIN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N56/24

FROM: ACC REGION 2 HQ

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PRECEDENCE: OP PRIORITY

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/NONE

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Major Reeke
Rang Warden
agreed change action to Sec. Settler
He will let us have description
early pm tomorrow
El 251145

ACC DIST
ACTION/ CA BR
INFO/ DCC
ECON SEC 4
FILE
FLOAT

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HEADQUARTERS
24 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

BU 26/6 Notes

Parking from Thomson
Col Brining has placed Settlers requirements at Bleim he has no trucks
more than that cannot be got. Suggestion borrow from local farmers which has been done before. Brining says Settlers in hapkey
26/6

Col Finch has seen.

Refer to Col Stuffe
30/6

DATE and Time of RECEIPT JUN241211B

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447 HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
23 JUN 1944 REGION 2

CAB-V 62386 2088 33

Ref: A/62/

21 June 1944

SUBJECT: - Harvest Labour

TO : - R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ. A.C.C. APO. 394

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1. Reference your 199/150/CA dated 9th June 1944 addressed Regional Commissioner Region V copy to this HQ.

2. In all transactions with syndicate officials in Bari the Region II Labour Officer has stressed that no labour must be permitted to come to the wheat region which might be required by the Military.

3. Enquiries show that this has been adhered to, at least in this Region.

HEADQUARTERS
23 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

cc.

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BU on reply from Region 2 on 26/6.

Pending receipt reply from Region 2

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

Ref/199/150/CA. 9 June 1944

SUBJECT : Harvest Labour

TO : R.C. Region V.

32A

1. Please see attached copy of letter CIV/8/LAB of 2 June '44 from Deputy Director of Labour N° 2 District.

2. Would you kindly look into the matter and report for the information of the Executive Commissioner.

3. Copies are being sent to R.C. Region II whom you may wish to consult before replying.

4. May this be treated as urgent.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Copy to:
R.C. Region II

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SUBJECT : Harvest Labour - Foggia.

HQ N° 2 District CMF.
Tel: 12787
CIV/8/LAB.
2 June 44.

DDL.,
HQ AAI (AE) CMF.

In spite of their allocation of Military Labour to Foggia Province and my request to A.C.C. to advertise the fact that no Civilians will be required, recruiting by the Italian Authorities is apparently still going on.

The Offizio Agricultura at Bitonto in Bari Province for instance has just accepted 300 volunteers as neither they or their head provincial office at Bari had been informed that Civilian Labour should not be recruited. There is obviously a "time lag" in AC.C.C.s procedure. May it be accelerated please before real harm is done.

Colonel. DDL.

Copy to: OC 64 Group RC. for DADL (Civil 2909 C.L.U.

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22 JUN 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

CAB.

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19 June 1944

Ref: A/62/76

SUBJECT: - Labor for Gathering Harvest

HEADQUARTERS
22 JUN 1944
A.C.C.

TO : - R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ. A.C.C. APO.394

Ref. 447/25/CA of 16 June.

1. To the best of my knowledge the request for 10.000 harvest labourers did not originate from this Headquarters.

2. This Headquarters requested 2.000 on June 5, for the purpose of assisting in controlling the wage level. The actual laying on of the trains had the desired effect of levelling off wages. When this became evident, this Headquarters requested that the trains be cancelled, since the purpose had been consumated.

3. This operation greatly assisted in the harvest campaign although to those not on the ground it may appear to have been an ill considered demand.

JOHN T. ELLARS
Col.Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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E.C. Do you wish any further action? I do not think it is required, altho' AA, not being mind readers, will not sympathize with requests for trains which were not meant to run

EC 23/6.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC MAIN INFO FILPOT MOVEIT

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N24/18

FROM: MMIA

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE No: MOV 189

PRECEDENCE: NONE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN172224B

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/NONE

YOUR 6284 OF 16 REFERS. FIRST. INFO RECEIVED THIS HQ FROM SMRE THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO DIVERT TRAIN 4 TO FOGGIA CONFIRM. NO REPEAT NO INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED FROM THIS HQ. SECOND. YOUR FURTHER REFERENCE TO TRAINS 4 AND 5 NOT UNDERSTOOD. TRAIN 4 HAD ARRIVED FOGGIA PRIOR TO DESPATCH OF YOUR SIGNAL. TRAIN 5 DEPARTED TO DAY FOR FOGGIA AS SCHEDULED

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ACTION/ CA BR 2

INFO/ DCC

ARMY LO 2

FILE

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N24/18

FROM: MMIA

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

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INFO/ DCC

ARMY LO 2

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC MAIN NAPLES FOR RC AND MCS, INFO DISTRO FOR MOVEMENTS GREENWAY, MMIA, REGION 5 AMG, AMG FOGGIA PROVINCE

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N95/17

FROM: HQ ACC REGION 2 CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: RT/475 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 16 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE...NONE

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REF 477/16/CA 9 JUNE 44. CONFIRMATION TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS 15 JUNE. ITALIAN ARMY TROOPS NO LONGER NEEDED MATERA PROVINCE. SUFFICIENT CIVILIAN HARVEST LABOUR IS NOW AVAILABLE. THE MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN TROOPS INTO THE AREA HAS SPREAD THROUGH THE REGION AND AS A RESULT CIVILIAN HARVEST LABOUR PRICES HAVE BEEN VERY GREATLY REDUCED. ACCORDINGLY REQUEST THAT ALL MOVEMENTS OF ITALIAN TROOPS INTO REGION 2 BE CANCELLED.

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Info....Dep C C
Econ Sec...2 4797
Army LO
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Float

Await reply K 25 - 18/6

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FROM: HQ ACC REGION 2 CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: RT/475 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 16 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE...NONE

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Action..C A Br...2
Info....Dep C C
Econ Sec...2 4797
Army LO
File
Float

Await reply by 25 - 18/6

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT JUNE 171635

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On file 447 .tpo

NA AAI
16 JUN 44
1555 hrs

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Dear Guy,

1. Ref Signal MMIA & AAI (SD 945 of 15/6)

2. I phoned ARB Foggia & got a message relayed to Upon Lucca.

Col Tumpeley approves the diversion of 500 hamertons from Foggia & Brindisi until 30/6

3. Obviously no authority could have been given. I hazarded a guess Col Tumpeley was approached & he had no objection.

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4. Anyway I get some action, as agreed with you. I told MOV AAI I approve.

5. Incidentally the figures of this train (1807) were 650 and all units be diverted.

" " "

Ref Signal MMIA to MOV AAI (MOO 1811 of 15/6)

1. MOVEIT had diverted train 4 on

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5. Incidentally the figures of this train (No 7) were 650 and all could be diverted -

" " "

Ref signal MMIA to MOV AAI (MOO 1811 of 15/6)

1. MOVEIT had diverted Train 4 on their own initiative. (Ex E Italy.)

2. Train 5 could be diverted as arranged by me with MOV AAI.

3. Train 6. The diversion of 5/187 is not understood by MOV AAI. They will clear it & signal accordingly - P.T.O

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The numbers are too small & time too short to investigate this problem of train 6.

4. Train Stock - already dealt with in para 5 above.

Yours Sincerely

Ptheed James

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AGO MAIN (Civil Affairs Branch)

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16 June 1944

Vapor 165 - Plaice

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MMIA RPTD MOV PILPOT DESTNO

YOUR MOV ONE EIGHT ONE ONE OF JUNE ONE FIVE PD PASSED TO MMIA REPEATED MOV PILPOT OSR DESTNO FOR AGO REGION TWO FROM AGO MAIN REFERENCE TO WISH OF THIS HQ TO DIVERT TRAIN FOUR TO FOGGIA NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERSTOOD PD TRAIN FIVE WAS DIVERTED YESTERDAY AT REQUEST REGION TWO TO FOGGIA BUT NO MENTION MADE OF TRAIN FOUR PD TRAIN FOUR WILL REPEAT WILL GO ALTAMURA AND NOT REPEAT NOT FOGGIA

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ROGER B. DUNN
Capt. AGD
Deputy Adjutant.

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IMMEDIATE
CONFIDENTIAL ER TELEPRINTER MESSAGE FOLIO 57424
IN 15 JUNE 44

FROM : MAIA
TO : MOV FILIPOT
INFO MOVEIT MOV FOGGIA
ORIG NO : MOV 1811

TOO.1910B/15
TOR.2050B/15

REF MY MOV 155 OF 03 AND YOUR MOV 942 OF 11. MOVE OF PICENO DIV FOR HARVESTING.
FIRST. UNDERSTAND ACC NOW DESIRE TRAINS 4 AND 5 TO GO FOGGIA NOT ALTAMURA. MOVEIT ARRANGING.
SECOND. TRAIN SIX 4 GP ARTY 5 OFFRS 187 ORS NOT PROCEEDING FOGGIA ON INSTRUCTIONS YOUR HQ. OTHER TWO PARTIES ONLY PROCEEDING.
THIRD. TRAIN SEVEN. UNDERSTAND THIS TRAIN NOT REQUIRED AS ACC USING MEN IN TRIESTI PROVINCE.

MOV 5 ACTION
C(SD) 6
A 1
Q 2
ACC(LO) 4

SMD.2130B/15
T.T.2150B/15
JMD

train 4
150 offrs 7 dets
778 ORS.

17/6
train 5

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

Ref/447/25/CA. 16 June 1944

SUBJECT: Labor for Gathering Harvest.

TO : R.C. Region II.

1. On 2 June a request for 10,000 harvesters was made by your Hq. This demand was not in accordance with your statement made at this Hq. that no extra labor for harvest was required. Subsequently on 5 June you reduced your demand to 2000, which you stated would materially assist in controlling wage level.

2. This Hq. approached AAI and eventually arranged that two trains containing 28 officers and 144 ORs be switched to ALTAMURA from FOGGIA. Finally on 15 June you advised this Hq. by phone that your fear of the price level of harvest labor soaring had not materialized and that you therefore did not require the second train. Through our Liaison Officer the second train has been switched back to FOGGIA.

3. As a result of your actions this Hq. had twice to go to AAI requesting favors which were fulfilled, and then ultimately had to go back again and say that they were not required. This sort of thing prejudices relationships between Headquarters, and it may well be that as a result of ill-considered demands such as these appear to be, something which is really urgent and necessary will not be forthcoming.

4. An explanation in writing is required of how the original demand for 10,000 laborers could within the space of less than 14 days be satisfied with 700.

W. I. SHIPP

NORMAN E. FINKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JER/JR

Noted 30/6

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SUBJECT: Granai del Po[illegible]lo. 15 June 1944.

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission.

Reference 21 and 22.

I would be grateful for your comments on the queries raised by Region II.

For Chief 4792

G.W.I.SHIPP,
Lieut.Col.
Civ Affairs Branch.

GWIS/RAC.

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AGO MAIN 6255

AGO MAIN (Civil Affairs Branch 15 June 1944

RESTRICTED Vapor 165-91sdm

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MEMO FOR FOREIGN XX

GREATEST HAZARDS TO PASS TO DUESO FOR RUTOR TWO FROM AGO MAIN PARIS TO AS REQUESTED

BY HIGHS TRAIN NUMBER FIVE DIVERTED FROM ALEXANDRA TO FOGGIA

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L.T. MERRANT, JR.
Lt Col. AGD
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

447 CABr. 14022
U-821
13 JUN 1944

10 June 1944

Ref: A/62/

SUBJECT: - "Grenai del Popolo"

HEADQUARTERS
13 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

TO : - R.C. & M.G. Section
HQ. A.C.C. APO. 394

It is understood that owing to the meagre crop of 1943, tenants in that year were permitted by law even at the time of "amassi" to pay rent in cash instead of with wheat.

May this HQ. know if this is still the case.

In any event what ever the legal position is it is suggested that it now be given the widest publicity to avoid confusion at the time the rent becomes due.

In this connection enclosed is a copy of an article published in Civilta Proletaria of 21st May 1944.

T-Hr-Cleary Lt. Colonel

20-21

JOHN T. WILLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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Copy to: Legal Sub-Commission
: Agriculture Sub-Commission
: Labour

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LAND RENTALS

The Provincial federation of the Agricultural workers, discussing on the rentals of lands which are paid in food stuffs, after having considered all the features of the problem, has decided to invite all the small farmers who are operating lands whose payment is made in food stuffs, to pay the amount of the rentals on the basis of the amass prices at the period when the contracts were signed.

This decision is founded on an attempt to equalise the town estates rentals with the lands ones, so that, since the minister comrade Gullo has anounced the extension of the agricultural contracts, it could not be allowed to increase the rentals by paying a product or a price different from the ammass price at the period when the contract had been signed.

The Executive Committee brings to the attention of the small farmers that sowing between trees is allowed, and the crop belongs to the farmers, and that no portion of this crop has to be paid to the owner.

Different claims by the owners and eventual attempts to free the crop, would be abusive and not allowed and punished by the law.

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LE AFFITTANZE AGRARIE

La Federazione Provinciale Lavoratori della Terra discutendo in merito agli estagli dei terreni dati in fitto con la corresponsione del canone in natura; dopo avere considerato tutti gli aspetti del problema ha deciso d'invitare tutti i piccoli coltivatori che hanno in conduzione terreni col pagamento del fitto in natura, a corrispondere l'importo del prodotti da consegnare sulla base dei prezzi d'ammasso dei prodotti stessi all'epoca in cui il contratto venne fissato.

Questa deliberazione è fondata su una base di parità tra i fitti degli immobili urbani e quelli agricoli, per cui avendo il Ministro compagno Gullo, annunziato la proroga dei contratti agrari, non si potrebbe senza evidente sperequazione consentire un aumento dell'estaglio con la corresponsione del prodotto o di un prezzo differente da quello dell'ammasso all'epoca in cui il contratto fu stabilito.

Il Comitato esecutivo infine avverte i piccoli coltivatori che sono consentite le semine negli interfilari sotto gli alberi, il cui prodotto spetta al conduttore che ha il terreno in fitto, senza che nessuna parte se ne debba corrispondere al proprietario.

Pretese differenti dei proprietari ed eventuali tentativi di fermo ai prodotti, sarebbero tutti arbitrii non consentiti e puniti dalla legge.

"Civiltà" Proletaria

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REFERENCE TO PARTS TO RETNO FOR ENEMY TWO FOR INFORMATION MEA FROM AGO MAIN PAPER TO SEN NOV TENS FOR TWO JUNE REPORT TO ZOU MEA ARRANGE REGULAR BUS TRANSPORT FOR REPATRIATION TWO EIGHT OFFICERS TO ONE FOUR FOUR ONE OTHER RANKS TO WORK REPATRIATIONS TO REPORT ENGLAND AND OCCUPATION

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L.E. WHITAKER
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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FROM: FILPOT

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: MOV 942

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN111130B

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/NONE

REF MY MOV 858 OF 7 JUNE. TRAIN 7 DEPARTS 22 JUNE. TRAINS 4 AND 5 DESTINATION NOW ALTAMURA NOT REPEAT NOT FOGGIA. FOR ACC MAIN AND R C REGION 2. TRAINS 4 AND 5 TOTAL 28 OFFRS 1441 ORS. TRAIN WORKING TO MATERA NOT PRACTICABLE. AII SD 1446 OF 8 JUNE REFERS

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FROM NRI 0922000

TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INFO MMIA ACC MAIN FOR MMIA LO RC REGION 2

NH RC REGION 5

SD1446 RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR 447/16/CA OF 02 (.) 1200 ITALIAN INF PERSONNEL FROM UNITS LISTED IN THIS HQ MOV 358 OF 07 WILL BE REDIRECTED TO MATERA UNDER ORDERS MOV AAI TO COME UNDER COND REGION 2 ON ARRIVAL UNTIL 5 JUL (.) MOV WILL REPORT ARRANGEMENTS MADE SOONEST (.) REQUEST YOU FIX FRESH DEMAND FOR MOVE AFTER 5 JUL

To be Altamura 15/6 St. 11/6

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.C. Section
APO 394.

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RHE/h47/26/CA.

9 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers for the Harvest.

TO : S.D., HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

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1. I refer to Signal SD 848 of 2 June 1944 from MMIA to ACC Region II and subsequent Signals on the subject of harvesters for Region II.

2. The Signal SD 848 of 2 June was sent without any knowledge of this HQ who, at no time, had any intention of applying for an additional 10,000 harvesters. The Signal can, therefore, be ignored.

3. A review of the harvesting requirements in Region II has been made and it has been decided to request you to arrange for the following trainloads for FOGGIA to be offloaded at MATERA - the soldiers to remain on loan to Region II, until 5 July:

Train No.2 of 11 June containing 12 officers and 632 ORs of 235 Infantry Regt.

Train No.4 of 15 June containing 15 officers and 770 ORs of 93 Infantry Regt.

(Signal Mev 858 of 7 June refers)

Half of file 199

4. I shall be grateful to hear that these arrangements have been made.

See 17.

F. 4784

NORMAN E. FERGE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

NE/RJC.

COPY TO: G (Mov) HQ. A.A.I.
MMIA
Army Sub-Comm. I.O. Region.
ACC. Liaison Officer, HQ AAI.
R.C. Region II.
" " V.

Sir.
Any further action?
Fred

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1200 harvesters for Reg II

1 Phoned army SC (Capt Thrupp) at MATERA

2 Asked him to detrain from units proceeding to Foggia

Train 2	1st Tranche	235 Inf Regt	offrs 12	ORs 632
" 4	1st Tranche	93 Inf Regt	" 15	" 778

3 Ref to these units is contained in signal folio 121 file 199/CA Vol II + signal folios 9 & 10 file 199/CA Vol I.

4 Both above units are located in Taranto Province.

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HQ, ACC MAIN FOR FRO

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HQ, ACCRESION 2
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GRAIN CROP SENT IN TWENTY TRAINS. IT IS NOW FAST RIPENING UNEVENLY R COMMEND BROADCAST TO ALL ITALIAN CITIZENS REGARDING ARTISANS CLERGY TO SHARPEN UP THEIR KNIVES AND GO INTO THE FIELDS AND HELP GATHER THE GRAIN

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5th June 194

ACG, APO 331
Sec'y Gen
Rec'd 5 June 1625
By DFE

Secretary General.

See folio 8

The attached "Order of the Day" issued by the Regional Commissioner, Region II to his officers in regard to the collection of the harvest, is submitted for the information of the Chief Commissioner.

Major,
PA to Ex. Com.

Return to

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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ES/14A

6 June 44

SUBJECT: Wages for Harvesters in Region II.

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Your attention is drawn to the following extract from the May report of the Economics and Supply Division Region II.

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1(c) Labour. The wages for harvesters were set, cancelled, set again, and finally cancelled in favor of a free market. Generally speaking, this is likely to be around 150-160 lire for an 8 hour day, with steep rises for overtime, and free food. Since in the past the harvester has always regarded his as a 12 hour day, it is unfortunate that the 8 hour idea was allowed currency. It is estimated that the cost to the farmer for labour alone in getting in the harvest will be from 300-350 lire per quintal.

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2. No doubt this is a matter on which you will wish to take further action.

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

Copy to Labor Sub-Commission

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19,000

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Regd Harvest 11

Ex Cmd.

Col Zellars answer is at 10.

Eighth.

Can we make a start by diverting 2000 from Foggia for MATERA as asked for at 7?

1. Win Zellars (on telephone) and say (1) All requests for Italian army labour must be made to me & not direct to AMGOT (2) Ask how many he requires and where & when.

2. Find out from Templeley what his situation is & if he ~~[illegible]~~ would be content to lose 2000

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TO ACC MAIN REPEAT TO MMIA

FROM HQ REGION 2

RT/454 1/1/4 ---

RESTRICTED

RFERENCE YOUR NR SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN

NINE ITALIAN SOLDIER HARVEST LABOUR

REQUESTED FOR PURPOSE

OF COMBATING SOARING PRICES

OF CIVILIAN HARVEST LABOUR

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Exec. Comm.

1. Re Col Zellars request for harvesters. Agriculture have just rung to say that they have reports that Reg^ns are short of harvest labour in particular in S. Alberta, Taranto, Brandon & Lecce – so that, they say, that farmers are paying 225 – 250 here a day plus rations

2. I told them we were waiting for Col Z. to reply, & that it was very unlikely that we get any here Italian Soldiers but that we would consider using some of the Foreign party:

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IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II.

Ref :- A/62/30

Subject:- Harvest, Collection and Distribution of Grain.

To :- All Officers, ACC, Region II.

WHAT :

Again - before it is too late - I feel it my immediate duty to remind each of you that duty demands the utmost effort of each of us in the harvest, collection and proper distribution of the present grain crop (wheat and barley).

WHEN :

NOW. The battle has begun - the grain has ripened.

WHERE :

For us, in Region II, in all Provinces, down to the smallest commune.

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HOW :

Through the best coordinated effort, insist that the Italians organize and execute the plan for the harvest, collection and distribution of the grain.

Use admonition, advice, constant pressure and bold compulsion to the limit of authority.

WHY :

To help in a very material manner to end this war quickly and successfully.

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Use admonition, advice, constant pressure and bold compulsion to the limit of authority.

WHY :

To help in a very material manner to end this war quickly and successfully.

To prevent a serious shortage of food which may inevitably face the people.

John T. Zellars

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner.

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1 File.
2 Copies Economic Section Hq A.C.C.

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FROM: RC REGION II ACC HQS

TO : RC AND MG SECTION ACC MAIN

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MMIA REPORTS THAT ITALIAN ARMY CANNOT REPEAT CANNOT FURNISH 2000 HARVEST LABOURS NEEDED AT ONCE FOR ~~MATT~~ MATERA PROVINCE STOP THEY SUGGEST ITALIAN NAVY OR AIR FORCE SUPPLY STOP THIS NUMBER ~~MAYY~~ SHOULD MATERIALLY ASSIST ~~MATT~~ IN CONTROLLING WAGE LEVEL STOP REQUEST THE SAME BE ARRANGED THRU AAI AND THIS HQ INFORMED OF PLACE AND DATE OF ARRIVAL STOP

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SUBJECT: Security and the Harvest.

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/1401/10/GSI(b)

June 1944

1. The ACC has raised the question of the movement of harvesters and of the difficulties likely to arise from the civilian movement restrictions during the weeks of the harvest.

2. We have informed ACC that we cannot agree to any general relaxtion of the existing movement restrictions, either in the Army areas or in rear of such areas.

3. We have suggested that, in specific cases, where harvest labour requirements cannot reasonably be met (owing to large numbers or other circumstances) by the issue of AMG passes, Regional or Provincial commissioners, SCAO's or CAO's should consult with Ib/CI in the areas in question with a view to reaching a working arrangement satisfactory to both parties.

4. It should be possible to meet the needs of AMG/ACC without prejudice to security, and in view of the great importance of ensuring a good harvest, you are requested to give your fullest co-operation in this matter.

Brigadier,
B.G.S. (I).

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MISSION II FOR RELIEF IND NCA

REFERENCE CO CAS OF 2 JUNE 44 WHEN ASK TO YOU TO DEPUTE TO MISSION II FOR RELIEF, IND NCA, WHO ARE NOW PARTY TO YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IS CONCERNED AT VARIANCE WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED TO YOU AT THE HEADQUARTERS THAT YOU DID NOT REPORT THE REQUIRE EXTRA LABOUR FOR HARVEST TO WHICH RELATE TO ONLY WHEN GRAVEST DESTITUTE COULD FURNISH ENEMY SOLDIERS IN MORE AVAILABLE FOR HARVEST

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AAI MAIN (CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH) 4 JUNE 1944

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REGION XI FOR [illegible] INFO [illegible]

REFERENCE SO [illegible] OF 2 JUNE 44 FROM AAI TO YOU RE [illegible] TO REGION XI FOR [illegible] INFO [illegible] FROM AAI MAIN [illegible] YOUR REQUEST FOR [illegible] IS [illegible] AT VARIANCE WITH VERBAL STATEMENT BY YOU AT THIS HEADQUARTERS THAT YOU DID NOT [illegible] NOT REQUIRE EXTRA LABOR FOR HARVEST [illegible] PLEASE EXPLAIN [illegible] ONLY WITH [illegible] URGENCY COULD [illegible] ITALIAN SOLDIERS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR HARVEST

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L.T. [illegible], JR.
1st Lt. [illegible]
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IMPORTANT

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BR TELEPRINTER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO 45146
02 JUNE 44

FROM : MMIA
TO : ACC REGION 2 FOR ZELLARS
RPTD AAI
ORIG NO : SD 848

TOO. NIL
TOR. 2317B/02

REQUEST YOU APPROACH AAI THROUGH ACC FOR YOUR 10000 HARVESTING PERSONNEL. CANNOT BE PROVIDED FROM ITALIAN ARMY ON MAINLAND WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH AAI PROGRAMME. THEREFORE DECISION RESTS WITH AAI.
FOR AAI. SUGGEST NAVY AND AIR FORCE PROVIDE.

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FROM HQ ~~[illegible]~~ REGION 2

TO ACC MAIN

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REFERENCE 555 OF 27 MAY FOR LUSH FROM ZELLARS

ALL PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONES TODAY NOTIFIED

PRICE IS SIX FIVE LIRE PLUS OVERTIME

FOR ALL HARVEST WOKERS

THI 301055

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

19 May 44.

Ref: A/62/20

SUBJECT: Report on Grain Campaign, Matera Province.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Hqts., ACC., Main.

1. For your information, the Provincial Commissioner, Matera Province, Major Lansill, reports that today he and the Prefect were able to assemble every Sindaco in Matera Province, and clear up points on final organization for collection of the grain crop.

2. He further states that he and the Prefect received 100 per cent promises to comply in spirit and in fact with the campaign on the part of each Sindaco.

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner

Copy to:
Major Lansill & Prefect, Matera Province.
Agricultural Sub-Comm., Hqts., ACC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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TO: ACC MAIN FOR LUSH

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FROM: ACC REGION 2 HQS

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: O/N RT/420 18

PRECEDENCE: NONE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: MAY 191055

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY BEING EXPERIENCED IN OBTAINING IMPORTED HARVEST LABOUR BECAUSE LABOURERS ALREADY RECEIVE HIGHER WAGES THAN RATE FIXED BY YOU. AGRICULTURE SYNDICATE BARI REPORT FOGGIA LABOUR OFFICE OFFERS TWICE YOUR RATE PLUS FOOD. TARANTO ALSO REPORT LABOURERS NOT INTERESTED IN ACC OFFICIAL RATE. ITALIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FURTHER CONFUSED SITUATION BY WIRING ALL PREFECTS SUGGESTING THEY HOLD MEETINGS AND SET AGRICULTURAL WAGES FOR THEIR PROVINCES. SITUATION MAY RESULT IN DISREGARD OF ACC OFFICIAL WAGE AND VERY HIGH ILLEGAL WAGES BEING PAID.

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