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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Administrative Echelon

APO 400

AAI/465/DCAO

SUBJECT: Responsibilities and Duties.

TO : Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command.

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- (e) Control of military traffic.
- (f) P.A.D.
- (g) Military security.
- (h) Support of the civil power if called upon by Region Commissioner Region IV ACC, as set forth in AAI Administrative Instruction No. 43, 8 August 1944.
- (i) Sanitation and hygiene as affecting Allied troops.
- (j) Fire protection of military installations.
- (k) Allocation of the labour and transport resources at your disposal.
- (l) Discipline of Allied troops in ROAF.

4. You are not responsible for:

- (a) The political affairs in ROAF, nor the internal civil administration of the city except as it may directly impinge on matters given in paragraph 3 above and paragraph 5 below.
- (b) Feeding the civil population.
- (c) Engineer, work, except as required for military purposes.

5. It will be clear to you that your responsibilities, as set out in paragraph 3 above, entail very close cooperation between yourself and Regional Commissioner, ROAF Region. For example, the control of military traffic must be coordinated with control of civil traffic. The provision of power, light and water for the civil population being a civil responsibility and the facilities

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6. For the purpose of paragraph 5 of HQ AAI Administrative Instruction No. 48, dated 8 August 1944, you are authorized to act in the capacity of District Commander.

7. No instruction can cover all eventualities. When deciding upon your line of action in cases not covered by this instruction you should be guided by the principle that it is your task to look after Allied troops and their interests within your area.



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Brigadier General, U.S.A.
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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Administrative Echelon
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ALH/rjs
26 August 1944

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MEMO TO: See Distribution.

SUBJECT: Administration - Rome.

1. Due to the fact that Rome is now a part of "King's Italy" it becomes necessary to reconsider the provisions of AAI Administrative Instructions 36, 28 June, particularly that portion covering relations between Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command, and Allied Control Commission.

2. *I* As a basis of discussion it is proposed that Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command, shall be responsible for:

- (a) Making all requisitions on behalf of the Allied forces. *How? G.*
- (b) Allocation of accommodation to the Allied forces.
- (c) Provision of power, water and light to the Allied forces.
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- (k) Allocation of the labour and transport resources at your disposal.
- (l) Discipline of Allied troops in ROME.

II The Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command, is not responsible for: *C.V.*

- (a) The political situation in ROME.
- (b) Feeding the civil population.
- (c) Engineer work, except as required for military purposes.

III It will be clear to CG RAAC that his responsibilities, as set out in paragraph 2 above, entail very close co-operation between

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CG RAAC and Regional Commissioner, ROME Region. For example, the control of military traffic must be co-ordinated with control of civil traffic. Discipline of the troops bears close relation to discipline of the civil population. The provision, in case of necessity, of aid to the civil power required that CG RAAC should be constantly acquainted with the political situation to enable CG RAAC to determine whether he is in a position to meet any call likely to be made on him. CG RAAC will also be justified in satisfying himself that any military resources which he may place at the disposal of ACC are used economically for the object for which they are provided.

IV For the purpose of paragraph 5 of HQ AAI Administrative Instruction No. 48, dated 8 August 1944, CG RAAC is authorized to act in the capacity of District Commander. *Regulation with ACC*
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V No instruction can cover all eventualities. When deciding upon his line of action in cases not covered by this instruction CG RAAC should be guided by the principle that it is his task to look after Allied troops and their interests within his area.

3. A meeting will be held to discuss the above proposal in the Administrative War Room, Allied Armies in Italy, at 1100 hours on Wednesday, 30 August; at which all addressees are requested to be represented and to bring such additional staff or service officers as may be desirable.


A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

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48, dated 8 August 44, you are authorized to act in the capacity

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SUBJECT: - Local Defence.

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Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.
Tel: FILIPOT 95.

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27 Aug 44.

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1. The following amendment is issued for information:-

Para. 9 (iii) (g) - For "2 A.A. Bde"

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Read "U.S. Airborne Training Centre and
Br. 51 H.A.A. Regt."

2. Attached at Appendix "A" are instructions for Officers acting as Military Commanders in charge of Troops employed in aid of the civil power in Italian Government territory.

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APPENDIX 'A'.INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICERS ACTING AS MILITARYCOMMANDERS IN CHARGE OF TROOPS EMPLOYED INAID OF THE CIVIL POWER IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENTTERRITORY.

1. It may happen that cases will occur when the local Italian authorities may ask for the assistance of Allied troops to quell civil disturbances.
2. If such a request is made the local commander will take no action unless he is satisfied that Allied lives or property are in danger or that assistance is necessary in order to protect Allied military interests. He will point this out to whomsoever makes this request, adding that the quelling of Italian riots and disturbances is a responsibility of the Italian Administration and that if he gives such assistance the territory in question will forthwith become an Allied Military Zone.
3. After receiving such a request the local commander will, if time permits, consult the local ACO officer and seek instructions from his superior commander before giving assistance. In any event he will inform his superior commander of any request made to him and the action taken thereon without delay.
4. Within the limits of the City of Rome the only authority for ordering troops to take action in aid of the Civil Power is HQ Rome Allied Area Command. Any requests for assistance will be referred by the quickest possible means to this Headquarters.
5. Within Rome Allied Area Command but outside the City limits, any officer who receives such a request for assistance will, if time and circumstances permit, similarly refer the request to this Headquarters. In the event of emergency, however, when in the judgement of the Officer concerned circumstances do not admit of the delay involved in referring the matter to this Headquarters, he will act on his own initiative but will invariably report action taken at the earliest possible moment.
6. Firearms will only be employed when the Military Commander is of the opinion that loss of Allied lives or the destruction of valuable installations will result unless drastic measures are taken.
7. If firearms are used the following procedure will be adopted except in the case of the gravest emergency:
 - (a) The intention that firing is about to take place will if possible be made clear to the rioters. A line of levelled rifles is the clearest possible indication. If possible some announcement should be made that unless the crowd disperse within a stated period they will be fired on.
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 - (c) A limited number of rounds will be fired from each rifle and that number clearly stated before the order to fire is given. 1815
 - (d) The soldiers detailed to fire will if possible concentrate their aim on the ringloaders or apparent ringloaders and will not fire indiscriminately into the crowd.
 - (e) Shots will not be fired over the heads of the crowd, and blank rounds will not be fired.
 - (f) Automatic weapons will not be used.
 - (g) All precautions will be taken to prevent the shooting of women and children.
 - (h) Firing will cease as soon as it becomes effective.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 39.
R.C. & M.C. SECTION.

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Ref: 755/35/GA.

26th August 1944.

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SUBJECT: Draft Instructions to C.G., R.A.A.C.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region IV.

I attached draft instructions to Commanding General, Rome Area Command. I should be glad to have your comments by 28th August and your assistance at a meeting in the C.A.O.'s Office, HQ AAI (Main) at 1100 hours, Wednesday, 30th August.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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 HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND
 REGION IV
 APO. 394

Public Safety Division

18th August, 1944.

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SUBJECT: Hinted trouble on 18th August, 1944.

TO : Col. Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, Rome
 Brig. Bush A.C.C. HQ.
 Col. Kirk, Chief, Public Safety Sub-Comm. A.C.C. HQ.

1. With reference to previous reports as to anticipated trouble on 15th August, 1944, on the taking over of Rome by the Italian Government, special police reserves were held at certain points in the city on 15th, 16th and 17th August, 1944.

2. No trouble, no demonstrations and no assemblies of any kind have been reported.

3. On 13th, 14th August, I made certain contacts with members of parties so that we could be ready for any trouble that might have arisen.

4. Late in the evening of 14th August, 1944, Maj. Coxhead and I visited five addresses of suspects but there was no evidence to indicate any organised attempt at disorder.

5. The situation has been closely watched but no serious trouble is expected anywhere.

6. I also had an unofficial chat with Avv. Fausto GULLO on 5.30 p.m. on 11th August, 1944. Mr. GULLO is one of the heads of the Communist party and Minister of Agriculture. I contacted him because he cooperated and helped me greatly when I was faced with trouble in Cosenza Province last year.

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8. There are a few non communist extremists, who are out, if they can to sabotage the work of the communist party so that if trouble occurred these few would try to lay the blame at the door of the communists.

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 Lt. Colonel,
 Chief, Public Safety
 Region IV

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Col. Pollock
 Chief, Public Safety
 REGION IV

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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10th August 1944.

My dear Poletti,

I have been reading your Staff Memorandum No. 26. Although I hesitate to enter into purely domestic orders I would recommend that it be sent out in a different form. My reason for doing so is that, as you know, Sections and Sub-Commissions feel very strongly on the question of channels of communication and that you can achieve exactly the same result without making a major issue of the matter (which I want to avoid at the present moment).

I would suggest the following wording:-

"In order to ensure co-ordination of administration in every field, instructions from Sub-Commissions at Hq. Allied Control Commission which are limited to technical and routine matters, should be referred:-

- (a) To Lt. Col. AMES, if applicable to Rome ex-Governorate;
- (b) To Lt. Col. BONHAM-CARTER, if applicable to the Provinces;

before action is taken."

(Sgd) Maurice Lush

Colonel Charles Poletti,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
REGION IV.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 994

1 August 1944

STAFF MEMORANDUM

NUMBER 26

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POLICY ON RELATIONS BETWEEN
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION IV
AND
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

1. No Division Chief of this headquarters or Provincial Commissioner is to execute orders directly received from Headquarters Allied Control Commission Sub-Commissions. Such orders will be received only through the Regional Commissioner.
2. If a Division Chief or Provincial Commissioner should receive orders directly from a Headquarters Allied Control Commission Sub-Commission, such orders should not be carried out but should first be brought to the attention of:
 - a. Lt Col KIES, if applicable to some ex-Governatorato;
 - b. Lt Col DONAHUE-CARTER, if applicable to the provinces.

By order of Colonel KOLBERT:

Julius Byes
JULIUS BYES,
Captain, FA,
Adjutant.

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 - b. Lt Col DOMINI-CARTER, if applicable to the provinces.

By order of Colonel IOLETTI:

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 JULIUS BYERS,
 Captain, FA,
 Adjutant.

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

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31 July 1944

AG - 220.715 (G-1)

SUBJECT: Day Leave Permits.

TO : See Distribution.

1 AUG Recd

1. Pursuant to Letter, Headquarters, A.I., File 5010/CAO, 24 July 44,

a. There will be no day leave permits issued except to troops located within a 30 mile radius of Rome.

b. Day leave for troops stationed within 30 miles of Rome will be restricted to 5% of unit strength except in the case of large units who are in transit and for whom special arrangements will be made at least 24 hours in advance with G-1, Rome Allied Area Command. (Phone Duplex 1)

c. All directives from this headquarters pertaining to uniform, weapons, discipline, and curfew hours will be strictly adhered to. See Stars and Stripes for locations of restaurants and meal schedules.

d. All ranks visiting Rome on day leave will arrive not earlier than 0700 hours and will leave the city by 2000 hours.

e. In order to prevent congestion of city traffic, vehicles carrying troops on day leave will park at the Day Leave Parking Area only. This is located near the Enlisted Men's Red Cross Club in the Borghese Gardens (Coordinates: 743-683, Town Plan of Rome Scale 1:12,000)

By command of Major General JOHNSON:

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I. E. CHECK
Captain, AGD
Actg Adj Gen.

Col Fiske to see

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Mr. C. B. Shipp

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Sir I have arranged with
Major Trenchard Jones to obtain copies
of correspondence referred to at (28)
& he will obtain as soon as possible

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By. K. M. when received.

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FROM AFHQ 281811B

TO ROME AREA COMMAND-ACC MAIN

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17th April 1944

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Suggest replies to A and E as follows. B, C, and D should be left to military authorities.

- A. Local re-actions to behaviour of troops in Rome entirely favourable and better than those of Neapolitans.
- B. The population welcome the presence of Allied troops visiting their capital and would think it strange if visits were not permitted. Presence of number of friendly well behaved troops compares favourably with the boycotting of the city imposed by the Germans.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Staff Officer
APO 394

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17 July 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier Lush

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Re attached copy of message FX 72777 of 16 July, Acting Chief Commissioner would appreciate your comments, as he contemplates being called into conference in connection with this matter. It will be appreciated if he can have your comments sometime today.

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

1 Encl:
Cable FX72777

Submitted. A/C.S. has kept

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ACTION ROME AREA COMMAND- ACC ADV TO FOR INFO HQ AAI, ACC MAIN, AFHQ ADV CP
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CITE: FHEQ

PRESS STATEMENT IS CONTEMPLATED IN WASHINGTON UPHOLDING RIGHT OF ALLIED TROOPS
UNDER PROPERLY CONTROLLED CONDITIONS TO VISIT ROME WHICH THEY LIBERATED.

PARA. INFORMATION REQUESTED BY WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION ABOVE IS AS FOLLOWS.

(A) LOCAL REACTIONS TO BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS IN ROME. (B) WHAT RESTRICTIONS NOW IN
FORCE COVERING PRESENCE IN ROME OF HQ AND OTHER TROOPS. (C) APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF
TROOPS ON DUTY BASIS NOW QUARTERED ROME. (D) NATURE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMBAT
TROOPS TO ENJOY LEAVE IN ROME AND NATURE OF CONTROLS TO INSURE PROPER BEHAVIOUR
ARE PLANNED. (E) FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH IT IS SUGGESTED MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN
RELEASE.

PARA. REQUEST ADDRESSEES CONSULT TOGETHER AND SUBMIT JOINT CABLE HERE



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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATION SECTION
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17 JUL 1944

Public Safety Division
15th July, 1944.

S I G N A L

FROM: NORTH ATLANTIC COMMISSION
TO : ACTING COMMISSIONER A.C.S.
COL. PICKS A.C.S.
BRIG. LUSH
BRIG. LON
ALL AMG. HOME DIVISIONS

THE POLICE REVIEW SCHEDULED FOR 16th JULY HAS BEEN
POSTPONED UNTIL 5 P.M. FOLLOWING SUNDAY 23rd JULY SAME PLACE
BY ORDER OF COLONEL POLAKOFF

[Signature]
J.R. POLAKOFF
Lt. Colonel
Chief, Public Safety
HOME.

del 15/7.
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SECRET

FROM: ROME REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

TO : ACTING COMMISSIONER A.C.C.
COL. PIERRE A.C.C.
BRIG. LUSH
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ALL AMB. ROME DIVISIONS

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ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 755/23/CA

14th July 1946

SUBJECT: Allied Troops - day leave in Rome.

TO : The Secretary,
American Red Cross,
ROME.

1. In answer to your verbal enquiry as to the position of leave of troops in Rome, the only information I have been able to get is that from 1st July the following daily maximum will be observed:

Fifth Army.....	3000
Eighth Army.....	2000
MARSA.....	750

2. I have been unable to obtain any further information as to future policy but should I hear I will let you know.

GJM/jc.

Lieutenant,
PA to Executive Commissioner,
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14th July 1944

Ref: 755/23/CL

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Lieutenant,
RA to Executive Commission.
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Ref your 8A/CA

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I am enclosing for your info. copy
of the most recent instruction on
leave in Rome. This has been
previously supplied to ACC Main
& Adm.

"A" have no further particulars.
I hope this may be of help.
If you require any further
details pl. let me know.

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P.T.F.

PA. Submit to A/CC - 2802 Day
Has Rome Ref. a copy? Yes 11/7

ADVANCED HQ.,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

21
29 June 44.

Ref/9A/QA

SUBJECT:- Leave in Rome.

TO : A.C.C. Liaison.
HQ., A.A.I.

1. Mr. Thompson, secretary of the American Red Cross in Rome requests information with regard to leave policy of troops in this area, both of 5th and 8th Armies.
2. If it be possible he would like some indication of numbers and period in order that a suitable organisation remains here to deal with these troops.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE.
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.G. Section
APO 394

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RCE/735/20/CA.

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Use of Restaurants in DMZ by Troops.

TO : A.C.C. Exec.
Rome Region.
Economic Section (for Food Sub-Comm.)

The attached copy of letter received from
A.A.L. reference 5008/CAO of 17 June 1944 is forwarded
for your information.

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MORRIS E. VIERK,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Subject :- Use of Restaurants in ROME by troops

Headquarters,
All 3 Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.
5008/CAD.

17 Jun. 44.

CG FIFTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY (Main)
EIGHTH ARMY (Rear)
CG MATAF
CG ROME Area

1. At a meeting held by myself in the office of CG ROME Area on 15 Jun., it was agreed that restaurants in which troops might feed would be classified as follows :-

- (a) Restaurants run by the armed forces.
- (b) Restaurants approved by the armed forces and assisted from Army food supplies in proportion to the number of troops which they feed.
- (c) Restaurants closed to troops and opened to civilians only.
- (d) Uncontrolled restaurants.

2. Chief Commissioner, ACC, has represented that uncontrolled restaurants under class (d) above will cause serious difficulties and create a bad 'black market' situation. He also considers that it will be difficult to decide the extent to which assistance should be given to restaurants under class (b) above without some check on the number of troops who feed in them.

3. ACC accordingly suggest that all troops granted day pass in ROME should, in addition to their pass, be provided with a voucher entitling them to take one meal in a restaurant. These vouchers would be valid at any of a large number of restaurants to be approved by the Allied Forces.

4. The above scheme would have the advantage that there would be some basis for assessing the degree of assistance to be given to the restaurants from Army food supplies and, also, the proportion of that assistance which should be provided from American and British sources respectively.

5. While the scheme is not without certain difficulties, in view of the importance which is attached to it by the Chief Commissioner, ACC, the Commander-in-Chief would like to put it into force unless there are serious practical objections. Will you please examine the matter

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Copies to:- Brigadier Lush, c/o ACC ROME Region
Q.2 Main AAI.

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS
ROME REGION

HQ ACC APO 394

Rec'd 19 June 44
By *JD*

51 JUN 1944

See for information.
I think this would
have been handled better overboard.
Memo

19 June 1944

To : Commanding General, Rome Area Command

1. Further to my memorandum to you of 15 June 1944 in which I asked that restaurants and eating places in the city of Rome be placed off limits to troops, I am obliged to inform you that the food situation in Rome has worsened in the last few days to such an extent as to make amilitary action imperative. Since 4 June 1944 the city has been largely cut off from all of its normal supply of food by the security measures which have prevented movement. It has been subsisting on such reserve stocks as existed in the city, including restaurant and hotel stocks and some small hoardings of private families, plus the meager ration of one hundred grams of flour and microscopic quantities of other items which the Allied Military Government has been able to bring into the city. Reserve stocks are now virtually exhausted. The very small civilian ration can at best be supplemented by only meager quantities of such items as green vegetables, fruits and dairy products.

2. Stock piles at Anzio must be drawn on by 8th Army, AMG and Region IV, as well as Rome Region and my present information is that they will be exhausted before they can be replenished by sea transport.

3. The Romans and the smaller but more articulate international population subsist on a ration of only slightly above starvation and witness daily thousands of Allied troops crowding the restaurants, hotels and other eating places and consuming the last remaining back-log of food that might have been available for civilian requirements. For the first ten days of the occupation, Allied military have consumed an average of three hundred thousand meals per day. This food is from sources that normally supply the meat, poultry, vegetables, fruit and dairy products and amounts to well over a thousand tons of food. When food in restaurants is exhausted the troops invade shops that have been licensed to supply rationed foods and pay large sums for the bread that has been shipped in to meet the minimum civilian ration demand.

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4. My request that civilian eating places be placed out of bounds to troops was disapproved at General Robertson's meeting of 15 June 1944, but the situation has become so serious that I feel that I must now press for reconsideration on political as well as humanitarian grounds.

5. Eating places for troops should be established at once by American Red Cross, NAAFI, Foyer du Soldat, Croix Rouge Française and other Allied welfare organizations. Certain restaurants could well be licensed for military use and supplied military rations, but none of these establishments should draw food from local markets, slaughter houses and dairies.

6. With the approval of A.A.I., I have lifted the ten kilometre ban on movement, subject to certain restrictions, and I am taking action to restore immediately, in some measure, the inflow of perishables into Rome. I asked that no civilian transport, garage, store house, etc., engaged in food supply be requisitioned and that those that have been requisitioned be promptly derequisitioned and returned to their former use. Also that the minimum requirement of petroleum products to enable the food distribution services to function under military government control be supplied.

7. I further ask that a capital reimbursement for civilian food consumed by the military in the city of Rome be made from army stocks and brought in by army transport. This is reliably estimated at 100,000 army rations per day for the period beginning 5 June 1944.

8. I can not too strongly impress upon you the extreme seriousness of the problem with which we are presently confronted, and while I am fully aware of the great demands made on supply and transport by the rapidly moving military operations, I can not but feel that the political objective for which the war is being fought will be in some important part lost if the existing food situation in Rome is not promptly improved.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel

Acting Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ROME REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

NO ACC. APO 324

15 June 1944

Memorandum:

To : Commanding General, Rome Area Command

1. The acute shortage of food in the city of Rome makes it imperative that immediate steps be taken to conserve such stocks as do exist for civilian use. It is therefore requested that restaurants, hotels and pension dining rooms and other places dispensing food be placed off limits/out of bounds to all Allied military personnel, including the French, and that the requisite provisions be made for enforcement. Troops coming to Rome should carry rations or be catered for in established messes.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A. O. No. 394, U.S. ARMY.

HEADQUARTERS
18 JUN 1944
A. C. C.
15 June 1944

TO: All Division

Pursuant to General Order 13, Allied Control Commission, 13 June 1944, the undersigned hereby assumes the function of Acting Regional Commissioner, ROME Region, with effect from 0900 hours to-day.

ROME Region will consist of the territory of the Governate of ROME.

Region IV will continue to administer the Provinces of LITTORIA, PERGINE, VITERBO, TERNI, RIETI, PERUGIA, and VARESE, with exception of ROME Governate.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Acting Regional Commissioner

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ACCORDINGLY SUBJECT YOUR ORDERS. CONSULTING CAO AAI TOMORROW
TO GET HIS AGREEMENT

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RC/SH Section (Brig. Lush)

17 June 64

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ROUTINE

AAI FORWARD

FOR GENERAL ROBERTSON FROM LUSH ID PAREN TO AAI FORWARD

FROM AOC MAIN PAREN ID CHIEF COMBINATION NO OBJECTION

10.

ISSUE DIRECTIVE SENT UNDER YOUR FIVE ZERO ZERO ONE SLANT

NINE SLANT CHARLIE AHA OF JUNE ONE SIX INCLUDING PARAGRAPH

PAREN EASY PAREN PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUAL AMBASSADOR DISCREET

PARAGRAPH PAREN DOG PAREN

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

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17th June 1944

Chief Commissioner.

CAO sent me this after discussion. I replied (in writing) that if it was thought necessary, which I doubted, I recommended:-

- (1) Clause (d) to read "Regional Commissioner, Rome will consult you and you will consult Regional Commissioner, Rome, on all matters of policy".
- (2) Removal of Clause (e) because the parallel is not exact.

I said that in any case I wished to refer to you.

MSL

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson Bt.,
Chief Administrative Officer,

Tac H.Q.

ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

ADM. ECHELON, C.M.F.

By (SDR)

5001/9/CAO

16 Jun. 44.

My dear Maurice,

Herewith the draft directive
which we discussed.

Please give me your views
frankly, and make any suggestions you
like for its amendment.

Yours sincerely,

B. Robertson

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
Grand Hotel,
ROME.

BHR/enb.

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DRAFTDIRECTIVE FOR C.G. ROERELATIONS WITH ACC.

When your HQ was set up for the initial administration of the City of ROE the ^{ACC} staff were made part of your HQ and were entirely subordinate to you.

When the administration of ROE is finally handed over to the Italians and the minimum of control is retained by the Allied Military Authorities, the officials exercising that control will operate directly under the Chief Commissioner, ACC, and you will have no responsibility connected with civil administration.

It is felt that the present is an intermediate stage. While it is desirable that those responsible for the administration of the armed forces should be concerned as little as necessary with civil administration, it is inevitable, under conditions obtaining in ROE at present, that the administration of the City ^{should} ~~will~~ depend in large measure on the military administration for assistance. This dependence concerns such matters as the preservation of law and order, the control of traffic, the rehabilitation and upkeep of public utilities, the rationing of electric power, water, etc., and many other aspects of administration.

For this reason it has been decided that your relations with the civil administration will be governed by the following principles :-

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- (a) The staff of ROME Region will work under the Regional Commissioner, and will not form part of your staff.
- (b) The Regional Commissioner will receive direction on matters regarding execution of policy from Chief Commissioner, ACC

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- (c) Directives on matters of major policy will be issued to you by this HQ, while Chief Commissioner, ACC, will forward copies of such directions to the Regional Commissioner with such detailed directions for their execution as may be necessary.
- (d) Regional Commissioner, ROME, will consult you on all matters of policy and will take no action involving policy without such prior consultation. If you are unable to reach agreement with him as to the policy to be pursued or are in doubt about the matter, you will refer it to this HQ.
- (e) While the parallel is not exact, it may be of assistance to say that the relations of Regional Commissioner, ROME, and yourself within the ROME area resemble approximately those of Chief Commissioner, ACC, and C-in-C, AAI, for ITALY as a whole. Just as the C-in-C, while determining policy, leaves the execution of it to Chief Commissioner, ACC, so should you do within ROME area. There is, of course, this difference that matters of major policy should be referred to this HQ by you.

DHR/erb.

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A / Chief Commissioner.

Memorandum on page 7 given in paras 1-6
the history.

2. We should press for a return to the policy laid down in directive on p. 5 especially with regard to H.Qs. which although AAI may be temporary here will increase rapidly & inevitably eg. P.B.S.
3. We should press for correct procedure in requisitioning (vide para 9.).
4. We should press for proper regulations regarding troops & food. vide para 10: see also pp 17 & 18 from Fische & p. 19 from Gen. Robertson.

T.S.L. 23/6

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SECRETRef: 75/17/04.17 June 1944

SUBJECT: Administration - ROME.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

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1. The intentions of HQ AAI with regard to the occupation of Rome have undergone several changes, all of which show a general tendency to depart from the first paragraph of their directive of 3 June which began "the political issues involved in the occupation of Rome outweigh the military importance of the city".

2. This directive was followed by a further directive signed by the CAO on 11 June in which it was stated:-

- (a) that no officers or men would live in Rome or stay there overnight unless their work made it essential that they should do so;
- (b) that residential leave centres would not be established;
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3. Before 5 Army landed over the city, the *Charge d'Affaires* of the United States to the Holy See, in a note written to the Secretariat of State to the Vatican, quoted a letter from General Clark in which was stated:-

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- (b) that up to 12,000 troops would be allowed to visit the city daily on pass;
- (c) that these troops would be allowed to eat at restaurants in the following categories:-
 - (i) restaurants requisitioned for troops and rationed by Army Food;
 - (ii) restaurants for troops at fixed prices, assisted by the Army;
 - (iii) restaurants uncontrolled and unassisted.

Other restaurants would be placed out of bounds to troops and reserved for civilians.

5. He further stated that the Administrative Headquarters of AAI, comprising over 500 officers, would be located at the Air Ministry in Rome. In a conversation later the CAO stated that PEB, a RAF Service HQ and Railway HQ would also be located in Rome. He promised to consult AOC before locating others.

6. Representations have already been made by the Vatican regarding the number of troops in the city. The note verbale referred to above (copy attached) was in answer to one of them. It may well be that the setting up of Headquarters of AAI and others in the city will be regarded by the Vatican as a departure from General Clark's assurance quoted above. I understand that the CAO is advising the Commander-in-Chief to propose AAIHQ for this by sending an explanatory telegram.

7. There have also been representations from various sections of the population regarding the amount of food stocks in the city consumed by the troops in Rome. Regional Commissioner is preparing a memorandum giving his estimates of the food already consumed.

8. Regional Commissioner is seriously concerned at the change of policy. Food stocks are precariously low. Military police are insufficient, either in number or distribution, to control further consumption of food by troops. Regulating of hotels and villas is causing some dismay among the citizens and the general view of the Regional Commissioner and other senior officers of A.C.C. is that there is a danger of a repetition of the confusion which occurred in Naples. The Area Commander I think shares his views.

9. I do not think we should be unduly concerned regarding the temporary discomfort caused to the Romans; they have still to learn some of the rigours of war. But we must be assured that the procedure adopted is correct in every detail and that publicity is directed in proper channels to this effect. I am not satisfied that the correct procedure is being rigidly adhered to at the moment. CAO tells me that he has sent drastic orders out in this respect.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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NOTE VERBALE

The Charge d'Affaires of the United States to the Holy See presents his compliments to the Secretariat of State of His Holiness and, with reference to the latter's Note No. 3633/44 dated June 10, 1944 regarding the occupation of Rome by the Allied Armed Forces, has the honor to state that he did not fail to bring the matter to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

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The Charge d'Affaires of the United States to the Holy See takes this opportunity to express to the Secretariat of State of His Holiness his sentiments of high consideration.

To the

Secretariat of State of His Holiness,

Vatican.

Subject :- Leave and Accommodation Policy - ROME.

HEADQUARTERS

16 JUL 1944

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EIGHTH ARMY (Rear)

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11 Jun. 44.

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
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7. Administrative H.Qs. and installations will not be established in ROME unless their presence there is essential for their efficiency.

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Copies to:-

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Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Area Comd., ROME
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SUBJECT : Move of Main AAI

HEADQUARTERS
Allied ARMIES IN ITALY
1616/17/G(SD1)

13 Jun 44.

1. It is intended that Main HQ AAI shall move to the ROME area as soon as possible after 25 Jun. Those branches and services which are concerned with shipping and rlys will move later. The move of the whole HQ incl shipping and rly branches to the ROME area will be completed not later than 7 July 44.
2. Adv HQ AAI will join the Main HQ AAI in the ROME area unless a further move fwd of Adv HQ has become necessary.
3. CSO AAI has forecasted that the underground cable between NAPLES and ROME will be through by about 1 Jul 44. Meanwhile a steady improvement in air line communication may be expected.
4. 'Q' are reconnoitering the ROME AREA for a suitable site. This recon will be completed as soon as possible in order that necessary RE and Signs work may commence.

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FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
APO 164 U.S. ARMY

14th June 1944.

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SUBJECT: Responsibility for Administration.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region IV.

1. Responsibility for all branches of administration of Rome Province is turned over to Regional Commissioner, Region IV. w.e.f. 1200 hour Thursday 15 June 1944.

2. Effective same date No. 1 Group (Civitavecchia) Rome Province is turned over to Provincial Commissioner, Rome Province.

3. Provincial Commissioner, Rome Province will arrange for Major Dragoeff, Captain Baker and Captain Earl at present on loan to him to report to this H.Q. the 15th June to receive instructions for their new assignments. They will be prepared to continue their journey on the same day.

4. S.C.A.O. Fifth Army, retains the right to issue such operational instructions to the Provincial Commissioner as may be necessary to implement the wishes of the Army Commander, in any part of the Province that remains within the Army area. Copies of such instructions will be sent to the Regional Commissioner.

For the Commanding General:

EBM
E.M. MAYHE,
Colonel, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.C. Fifth Army.

Copy to:

Provincial Commissioner, Rome Province.
Major Graham, S.C.A.O. Civitavecchia.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, 120 Recd
APO 394Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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13th June 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ROME REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.P.O.No.324, U.S.ARMY.

15 June 1944

TO: All Divisions.

Pursuant to General Order 13, Allied Control Commission, 13 June 1944, the undersigned hereby assumes the function of Acting Regional Commissioner, ROME Region, with effect from 0800 hours to-day.

ROME Region will consist of the territory of the Governorate of ROME.

Region IV will continue to administer the Provinces of LITTORIA, FROSINONE, VITERBO, TERNI, RIETI, PERUGIA, and ROME, with exception of ROME Governorate.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Acting Regional Commissioner 1773

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