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SALVATION ARMY
SEPT., OCT. 1944

MINUTE SHEET.

To Public Safety Sub Commission.

- 1 File 814/CA is forwarded for your attention.
- 2 Folio No 1 should be answered so soon as further information is received concerning the activities of the Salvation Army.
- 3 On the face of it it would appear that the purpose is to reorganise the Salvation Army in Italy and not of direct aid to the War Effort, and should be refused.
- 4 In the past a request by the Bible Society to send a representation to Rome was refused on the ground that it was not of direct assistance to the War Effort.
- 5 A draft letter in reply is attached which you might prefer to send out now without waiting for any further information from the Salvation Army.

CA Section
5 Oct 44

R.S. REAKES MAJ.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 4/33.2/CA

7 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Salvation Army.

TO: AFHQ.

Reference your G-5 :080-15 of 20th September 1944.

1. It is considered that the purposes of two representatives visiting this country is not one which is directly concerned with furthering the war effort but only concerned with reestablishing their organization in this country. Under these circumstances emission should be refused. It is suggested that the application be resubmitted in say three months time when the matter can be reviewed.
2. The Italian Salvation Army Officers can presumably be contacted through existing channels in Italy and any instructions for them could be done by corres. endence.
3. As to release of Salvation Army property this also can be dealt with by corres. endence through the controller of Property at this HQ.

FOR ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. UPDEEN, Brig.
VP CA Section
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

CMP

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 996/1/003.

5 October 44.

SUBJECT: Salvation Army.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. There is a query pending on file 814/CA from AFHQ as to whether two additional representatives of the Salvation Army should be given permission to come out to Italy.
2. With a view toward determining the contribution the Salvation Army was making toward the war effort in the theatre and using this as a guide, a verbal request was made last week to Brig. Stannard, the head of the Salvation Army in Italy, for specific information. The following report was received from him this morning :

Salvation Army activities with troops.

- (a) A total of 47 officers (British) are engaged in social or welfare work with troops.
- (b) 15 Officers are in front line service. The balance are engaged in welfare work along the lines of communication.
- (c) The Salvation Army has 16 Clubs in operation and 12 Canteens.

Civilian Activities.

- (a) All civilian activities came to a stop at the beginning of the war. The Salvation Army are now trying to reopen their premises in the larger cities in liberated Italy.
- (b) Most of the Italian personnel are still interned in Northern Italy.
- (c) The Salvation Army have offered to open a soup kitchen in Florence in cooperation with A.R.C.

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John 5/10.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

SUBJECT : Salvation Army.

TO : A F H Q.

- Reference G-5 : OBO-15 of 20 Sept. 44.
- 1 It is considered that the purposes of two representatives visiting this country is not one which is directly concerned with furthering the War Effort and permission should be refused at the present time.
 - 2 The Italian Salvation Army Officers can presumably be contacted through existing channels in Italy and Army instructions for them could be done by correspondence.
 - 3 As to release of Salvation Army property this also can be dealt with by correspondence through the controller of Property at this HQ.

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Minute to file: see folio 1

1. I talked with the Council of Voluntary War Workers and requested a statement of Salvation Army activity & strength at present in Italy.

2. It was particularly requested that type of their activity was specified.

3. Information has been promised within the next few days.

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4. With above info. it should be possible to determine whether additional representatives who wish to come feel are of real value (to the war effort) to troops etc or whether the intent is to really to get an

BRITISH RED CROSS ⁸¹⁴ ~~WAR~~ RELIEF

c/o Allied Commission, H.Q.,
C. M. F. 3

REF. Q/5
Your reference 814/2/CA

28.9.44.
28 SEP Recd.

SUBJECT SALVATION ARMY.

To The Deputy Executive Commissioner,
H.Q.
Allied Control Commission,
R.C. & M.C. Section,
APO 394. 2

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th,
September 1944. I regret it is not possible for me to
give any comment on the situation of the Salvation Army as
I am not sufficiently conversant in what work that Society
is carrying out in this Theatre of War.

This H.Q. has not been informed that the Commander
in Chief's ruling of allowing other Societies other than
the American and British Red Cross into this Theatre of War
has been changed.

C. Wright
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
WAR RELIEF.

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

REF : 814/2/CA.

26 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Salvation Army

TO : British Red Cross.
(For Maj. Knight)

1. Confirming telephone conversation between Major Knight and Capt. Oden.
2. We are informed by AFHQ that the Salvation Army wish to send two of their representatives to Italy at an early date.
3. It is understood that the intention of the two representatives mentioned is to look after the established interests of the Salvation Army in Italy.
4. May we have your comments.

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NORMAN L. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 080-15

TBJ/seb
20 September 1944

23 SEP Recd

SUBJECT: Salvation Army.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

1. Information has been received from Troopers that the Salvation Army wish to send two representatives to Italy at once to organise re-establishment of Salvation Army work and for this purpose to carry out the following tasks:-

- a. Contact Italian Salvation Army Officers previously interned and now without instructions.
- b. Relieve Salvation Army Officers now working with fighting troops from all responsibilities other than their main duties of welfare.
- c. To enquire into release of Salvation Army property.

2. It is requested that you will furnish your views on the above to this Section as soon as possible.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.



Contact Major Knight BR 2.05
and obtain his views.
also A.C.C.

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