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 Civil Affairs
 Info copy
 for Gen. B. B. B.

HEADQUARTERS
 A.M.C. REGION V
 C. M. F.

Ref 23/200/1
 FLG/202

19 Jun 1944

Brigadier E. E. Lush,
 Executive Commissioner
 Regional Control and Military Government Section
 Allied Control Commission
 APO 394, U. S. Army

My dear Brigadier:

1. I have arranged with Col. Adams for the needed additional transport for Ghinli Province, which I have directed be moved there by the Regional Civil Transport Officer. I find that I can get along with a less number of vehicles than the Army has used in this work. I find their estimates a bit high at times. However, with the close margin on which we work with transport, I find I can generally handle any problem if the Army will advise us of their proposed action a few days in advance.

2. I have just returned from an inspection in Foggia and find the harvest work coming on very well. Many small farms I visited are bringing in their crops by hand-hand-cutting, threshing, cleaning and sacking, a day's work netting 2 to 30 quintal sacks.

I mentioned to the Provincial Commissioner the matter of your sending 10 to 12 officers on loan for the harvest. He wants them and will put them to work immediately. Please send them direct to Lucera.

3. I investigated the report of the absconding of a large number of soldiers sent for harvest work. The report was untrue and less than 15 per cent have left their work for various reasons: some farmers do not want them; some of the men whose time had expired left on grounds that they were no longer on military duty and the retention to service was an imposition. It appears that the reports have been circulated by communistic labor leaders who resented the intrusion of soldier labor, as they were using the shortage of labor to demand unwarranted increases in wages for farm labor and even advised soldiers to demand extravagances. The difficulties are calming down and no serious problem is anticipated. About 9000 soldiers are on the farms and others are arriving from day to day.

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Soldiers do not have tools. I have accordingly requested the Agriculture Sub-Commission to help Foggia get 2000 large sickles (falci) on loan from areas having a surplus or reserve or where harvesting has been completed in areas of Sicily. Whatever the minor difficulties, the harvest will be collected.

4. I have formed all remaining teams from every available man in the region and am sending you a list of the set-up. Aquila will be reduced from 21 to its authorized quota of 11 and the CAOs and CAPOs sent there in excess will be returned to their proper provinces. So I trust that should complaint reach you from Aquila that reduction be not made and that such a request be not approved.

I am sending Lt Col Laboon to Pescara today to replace Sturgis on request of Galby. Laboon is active and will deliver. Teramo Team is at San Vito and will move into its territory on call. Ascoli is forming here and will be ready to move into its assembly area on call.

I am leaving for Chieti and Pescara on Tuesday and will handle any local problems on the ground, including the selection of a Region V Headquarters at Chieti City. I will send you a report on my return. I am despatching the executive officer to Aquila for ironing out any minor problems there.

Cordially yours,

F. L. WHITLEY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Regional Commissioner.

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ROUTING SLIP
HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

Col Bowman

Classification

U-4542

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Date of basic letter

Subject: _____

Number each memo consecutively. Fill in each column, initial action, draw one line across the sheet. Use the entire width of sheet for long memoranda.

No.	Date	From	To	
1	16 Apr	G-4	Lt Col Bowman, ACC	1. Pursuant to instructions from CG, PBS, it is requested that you confer with writer on matter of returning to PBS control 300 trucks recently authorized for issue to ACC.

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RNC Jr/G-4

How Controlled



Instructional to Hwang and
by Col Foster Dist. G-4, PBS
15 APRIL 1944

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File 683
17 Feb -

17 Feb.
Col Bowman:

Gen Pence
brought up with me
today the PBS
vehicles loaned to
Typlus Commission.
The latter is soon to
become our responsibility
whoever is running it
wants more vehicles.
Pence thinks if 33
vehicles can handle it
during the height of the
emergency the number
should now be **231**
proportionally reduced
What about it?

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CIRCULATION SLIP		
Please pass file QUICKLY		
FROM	OFFICER	TO
	Brig. M. S. Lush	
	Col. H. E. Finks	
	Lt. Col. T. Farley Smith	
	Major Driffield-White	
	Major Van Dusen	
	Capt. Talbot	
	Capt. Carr	
	Capt. Stewart	
	Registry	

REMARKS
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Col Adams

Civilian supply trucks to be furnished by
Col. Aldridge

Major BORDASS to represent A.C.C.

^{FLANBO 351}
Capt Kirby, in charge of Q.M. truck Coy.

BORDASS 9:30 MONDAY A.M.

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Col. Todd
Room 49

TEL. 19

BOARDS IF TRUCKS
TO BE AVAILABLE

MAJOR HARRISON
CAPT. HARRISON

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

JEST/Jf1

9 February 1944

AOC/5056/IC

SUBJECT: Hemp

TO : Col. D. S. Adams
Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

1. I wish to bring to your notice the current facts with regard to paralysis of hemp production owing to lack of transport.
2. There is an immediate need today for 9 3-ton trucks in order to maintain a 7-day a week service of 6 trucks.
3. There are 12,000 tons of hemp to handle now.
4. Hemp is brought in by farmer's mule cart to outlying warehouses, of which there are 20--5 of them being situated 40 miles from Naples. The hemp has then to be taken by truck from these outlying warehouses to main warehouses from whence it is re-transported to dispersed factories for processing into rope or rope yarn. The resultant tow from the rope factory has then to be taken to a different factory for further processing.
5. There is an urgent demand for export to the U.S. of 5000 tons, which now could start to move, provided transport were available. There is also a further unlimited export demand for the U.S. It is also preferable to deliver the finished product to the services themselves rather than to permit the services to fetch their requirements from the factory.
6. There is an urgent demand in Sicily for 500 tons to make binder twine. This demand could be filled if transport were provided.
7. The outlying warehouses are now completely filled up and no transport is available to move the crop which should be coming in at the rate of 1000 tons a month at the present time.
8. In the case of white cloth, urgently required by both Amies and Navies, it is also necessary to shift the hemp from the main warehouses to the spinning factory to make the yarn and then on again to the weaving factory to make the cloth and then subsequently to deliver it to the service in question.
9. There is one final large problem, namely the question of moving the green hemp to the factories to make sacks which are urgently wanted by all interested parties as the hemp is at this stage a very bulky cargo.
10. Would you please do everything you can to accelerate the 9 trucks required being put at the disposal of the hemp control office immediately.

W. F. EVANS, Colonel - Director
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission

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