

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785-016

ACC - Italy

10000/119/24

1511

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785-016

10000/119/24

OUT
May-June 1945

1548

CLOTHING, Delivered to AMG Camp Miccione,

1. 10 bales of shirts, men's and women's.
2. 11 sacks of boots, mens womens and childrens.
3. 45 dozen pairs of trousers. 30 dozen jackets. 9 dozen waistcoats .
~~60~~ 60 raincoats and over-coats. 450 under pants, 180 vests.
4. 59 bed spreads.
5. 5 dozen pairs of braces.

Note. 4 bales of men and womens shirts have been left for possible requirements of Ancona camp (Brigadier Fulbrook-Leggett)

1870

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 715-016

SUBJECT: Clothing for Refugee Camp

AGIO/15

AGIO H 10.1 District
att 21 Tank Bde Force

TO: Regional Commissioner,
EMEA Region

21 June 45

1. The following items of clothing recovered from surrendered enemy personnel have been delivered to AGIO H 10.1 District at HIGHWAY for the use of the Regional Displaced Persons Officer.

45 doz pairs of mens' trousers
30 doz pairs of mens' jackets
9 doz wristbands
60 raincoats and overcoats
450 pairs of mens' underpants
100 mens' vests
5 doz pairs mens' braces
50 assorted bed-covers

2. A further ten boxes of assorted mens and womens shirts and blouses and 11 boxes of mens, womens and childrens footwear have been delivered for the use of the AGIO Refugee Camp at HIGHWAY by 21 Tank Bde Force.

3. It is hoped that further articles of clothing, including bed linen and blankets, suitable for hospitals, will be available at a later date.

C. G. H.

C. G. HENRY, Col., G.S.,
AGIO.

Copy to:- Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission
AGIO Refugee Camp, HIGHWAY.

576

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785-016

SUBJECT:- Land Compensation - Italians

ALIO/15 -

20 June 1954

ALIO
(HQ No. 1 District)
Attached 21 Tank Bde
Force

Regional Commissioner,
MILIA Region.

C.M.F.

1. May we please be informed of the progress made on the question of compensation to Italians for the land occupied by Cages for German Surrendered Personnel, and when the compensation is likely to be paid.
2. Please treat reply as urgent.

In the Field

G. G. F.
G.G. FERRY, Col C.S.
ALIO

Copy to :- Comd, 21 TANK BDE FORCE

575

1872

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 715-016

SUBJECT:- Jeep AL96670

AC 12

20 June 45

ACIO,
(HQ No.1 District)
Attached 21 Tank Bde
Force

HQ, Allied Commission,
Col. (8)

C.H.P.

Reference your C-4/101/14 dated 14 June 45.

1. The above mentioned Jeep is being maintained by 21 Tank Bde Force while the Liaison Officers continue to be attached to that formation from HQ No.1 District to which they are assigned.
2. Arrangements will be made to have this vehicle maintained by the formations within HQ No.1 District to which the Liaison Officers may be attached by that HQ.

In the Field

G. G. F.
G.G. FERRY, Col G.S.
ACIO

Copy to :- Regional Commissioner, MIIIA Region.

574

SECRET.

From:- ACLO, No. I Distr (), 21 Tank Bde Force.
C.M.F.

No. ACLO/IO

To: Provincial Public Safety Officer, Forli Province, A.M.G.

Subject:- ITALIAN SUSPECTS.

Two Italian women spies have been mislaid in the Concentration Area:
They are:- BONA, Elsa di Luigi, born 1 May 1922
Identity card No. 7282529.

Address:- Via Col di Lana 47, TURIN.

NORDIO, Edera di Enrico, born 12 September 1917.
No identity card.

Address:- Chioggia, Venice.

2. It is possible that they may now be outside the concentration area, they are not in the Refugee Camp at Riccione, and any assistance that could be given in apprehending these two women would be greatly appreciated. They are definitely dangerous types.

(G.G. PEASEY) Col. ACLO.

Arrived Riccione 14 Jan.

Pucci.

1874

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785-016

SUBJECT: For Diary

ADJ/7

11 June 45

Comd,
21 Ls Bde Force

4 June 45

Internment Warring Orders issued by HQ AG
and posted in and around the area occupied by cages.

5 June 45

45 Carabinieri now at BELLARIA for duty with
APM. Further 22 Carabinieri to be collected by APM
from BOLOGNA.

7 June 45

Col G.G. FRANKY after meeting with Comd No. 1
District and Comd 21 Tank Bde Force proceeded to ROME,
to discuss with HQ AG the report by Agriculture Officer
on Compensation for Italians.

577

Th
G.G. FRANKY,
Colonel, G.S.

SUBJECT: War Diary

10/6
3 June 1945.

Comd,
21 Ex Bde Force

- 15 May 45 Colonel G.C. FRASER, AGLO, arrived Force HQ.
- 16 May 45 Application made to HQ Allied Commission for provision of 100 Carabinieri.
- 20 May 45 Copy of the petition from the Sindaco of RICHINI stating that 25,000 civilians were to be evacuated, received from HQ Allied Commission.
- 25 May 45 HQ Allied Commission informed that the figures quoted in petition were exaggerated and it was not expected that more than 1,000 civilians would have to be moved.
- 25 May 45 Capt J.P. JORDEN assistant to Col FRASER arrived at Force HQ.
- 31 May 45 Lieut-Col ROSSIGNY, Agriculture Officer arrived at Force HQ to assess the compensation to be paid to Italians for land occupied by cages.
- 31 May 45 Letter received from Civil Affairs Section HQ Allied Commission commending all concerned at Force HQ on the very satisfactory way the evacuation of Italians had been handled, and the very small numbers involved.

G.C. FRASER, Col, G.C.

571

11876
Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785-016

SUBJECT: Appointments - Officers

ACLO/5

5 June 45

TO:- H.Q. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394

Capt J.F. LEYDEL (197657) R.A.

Receipt is acknowledged of your G-18/16120/1491/0
of 30 May 45, in respect of the above-named officers
appointment.

FL
G.G. FRASEY Col G.S.
A.C.L.O.
HQ No. 1 District.

570

ACLO,
111 triot

TO:- The Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
MOTIJA Region

1. There have been recent cases where telephone wires to the P.O.W. Cages at CRESNATICO have been cut. The Commander H. 21 Tank Brigade Force, has requested that notices are posted and warnings inserted in the local papers that if any further instances occur the offenders will be severely punished, and the entire Area evacuated.
2. Difficulty is being experienced with the failure of the Civilian population to comply with orders from Guards, to move on from the prohibited places, in and around the enclave. It is requested that notices are similarly published pointing out that if civilians do not obey orders they are liable to be taken into custody.
3. Unless action is taken to ensure that the local inhabitants are cooperating by complying with the Force Commanders requests, it will not be possible to allow unrestricted Civilian Movement in the vicinity of the cages, and a considerable number of people may have to be evacuated from the Area.
4. It would be appreciated if early action could be taken to comply with these requests.

Field.
2 June 45.

G.G. Peasey COLONEL G.S.
A.C.L.O. HQ No 1 District.

569

Copy to :- The Provincial Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
FORLI.

1878
Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785-016

No. 2. P.O. Letter from Col. C. G. Feasey.

HQ 21 Tank Bde Force
C.M.F.

2 June '45.

Dear

Brigadier,

- The new camps between Cervia and Cesenatico have caused general satisfaction, though they may involve the moving of 6 persons: no farms are affected. Kennedy has arrived and is on the job, and Leyden is most useful.
2. The total evacuated is 264, which is extremely low, seeing that some 150,000 persons will have been accommodated in the area by the time that you receive this.
 3. CC.RR. have been one long headache, and have not all reported yet. All 50 of them will be in civilian clothes without boots. ADOS has supplied boots, and is trying to get uniforms for them. Region seems unable to get uniforms from any source and British battle dress, apart from its unsuitability for present weather conditions, is unobtainable. ADOS may be able to get Italian Army uniform to be worn with CC.RR. badges and caps.
 4. Non-Fraternisation orders have been requested, also orders prohibiting sale of commodities to enemy personnel: Region has this in hand.
 5. The only rift has been the behaviour of the Italian Population, or rather a section of it:- (a) who try to loot all vehicles by adopting, amongst others, the old trick of jumping on the back of them and throwing things out. This has been stopped by having a guard on every truck.
(b) Telephone wires outside the cages have been cut.
(c) Civilians, often in parties of 50 or more, have refused to move on from prohibited places such as D.I.Ds and vehicles parks, when ordered to do so by a British guard.
 6. Region and Province have been told and asked to help, and to warn all concerned that continuance of such behaviour may make it necessary to ask for evacuation on a larger scale,

568

11 8 7 9
Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785-016

2.

7. The necessity to post so many additional men on guard duties throws a heavy strain on the Force resources; for the local CC.RR appear spineless and quite unable to control the situation. There may be an improvement when the 50 CC.RR mentioned at para.3 arrive and get to work. German vehicles including combination motor cycles are available for them.

Yours sincerely

Brigadier M.S.Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

Col. ACLO No.1 District.

No. ACLO/2.

25 May '45

To - The Provincial Commission,
FURU

Ravenna Water Supply

With reference to your RIX/119/FO of 18 received this morning, this matter had already been taken up with AG RE and a supply of 1,000,000 (1 million) gallons assured for Ravenna. It is anticipated that this should prove sufficient for civilian needs.

G E Farley
—
Col.

ACLO.

attd 21 Tank Bde Force

Ref: ACH 0/3

25 May 65

Subject: Concentration of Surrendered Enemy Troops.

Petition from Birnin

To: H.Q. Allied Commission, Civil Affairs Section.

Reference your 6/1713/CA of 20 May received to day. The petition had not been seen before, but everything possible has been, and is being, done to minimize hardships. The closest touch is kept with the Regional Commissioner, Fmika, and the Provincial Commissioner. Forli, who was satisfied with the position when last seen on 23 May.

2/ Recons have been made of premises further north. These have NOT been approved by the Medical Authorities owing to the danger of malaria and the great difficulty that there would be in maintaining them in proper hygienic condition on account of the nature of the ground.

3/ The number of people who have had to move does NOT exceed one hundred, and, according to P.C. Forli, the total number for

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785-016

the area may well put short of one thousand. It is not easy to think of any other area where such a delicate and important operation could have been initiated with so little relocation of the civil population.

4 The following brief description may help to remove misconceptions of the state of affairs. The enclave is not enclosed - only the cages are wired - but there is a southern control post at the junction of Routes 16 and 9, just north of Rimini, a central one near BELLARIVA and a northern one north of CESEWATICO. These posts are for the purpose of stopping all military traffic to whom Route 16 is closed.

5 Italian civilians can move about freely - For instance fishermen from Cesenatico can market their catches at Cesena or anywhere

they wish, the refugees from Rimini
living in and around VISAPAO can come
and go at will to carry on their
business in Rimini. This does not
mean, of course, that civilians are
encouraged to come in; they are not and
sightseers are discouraged. No persons with
legitimate reasons for being in the enclave,
or intermit, are subject to restrictions.
6 Security measures are taken to prevent
incidents. As far there have been none.

A detachment of 50 CCRR is due on 27 May
to assist the Military Police.

7 Clavins and Herring in conjunction with the
Genio Militare and in contact with P.C.
Forli are giving sympathetic consideration
to the question of compensation; but the
promised Agricultural Officer has not
arrived. His presence would smooth the
path, and his ~~current~~ presence is regarded
as a matter of urgency.

1884