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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

9 FEBRUARY 1944

TO (ACTION) : PENBASE FOR FARGO FOR EVANS
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : AMG REGION TWO
DATE TIME SIGNED : 7 FEB 44
DATE TIME REC'D : 091710A
REFERENCE NR. : RT/191
CITE : NONE

10000 COW HIDES 5000 QLI WOOL AND 500 QLI MATTRESS FIBER.
THI 081200.

INFO : AMG HQ
MOS ADV ✓
CG
ZKCY

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

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7 FEBRUARY 1944

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PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS (FARGO) FOR SPOTFORD

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : AMG REGION 2

DATE TIME SIGNED : 062355A

DATE TIME REC'D : 070326A

REF. NR. : RT/186

CITE : NONE

SITREP FEB W182B38F DIFFICULTY DISTRIBUTE GRAIN PROVINCES COSENZA
CATANARO 4B5CF SALERNO 2 SAW MATERA 1 SAW 6B7CF NO SOAP 8E9F REFUGEES POTENZA
NEED EXTRA 100 TONS GRAIN.

INFO : AMG HQ
: MGS ADV
: SURG
: TYPHUS COMM
: C.G.
: SECY.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
ROUTING SLIP

TO:

1944

INITIALS

2 Lt. Col. Henderson
1 Lt. Col. Merrill
Lt. Col. Legg
Lt. Col. Reiter
Lt. Col. Herrmann
Major Smallwood
Major Todd
Capt. Plummer
Capt. Northland
Capt. Curran
Capt. Morse
Capt. Austin
Lt. Shanley

[Handwritten initials]

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Sgt. Collins

FOR:

--- Action ---

Coordinate with

& Take ACTION

☒ Info and retain.

☒ Info and return.

☒ Read and see me.

☒ See me, with all info.

☒ File

☐ Circulate to All.

☐ Prepare reply, my signature.

REMARKS:

Initials

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

19 JANUARY 1944

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS (FARGO) FOR SPOFFORD
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : AMG REGION 2
DATE TIME SIGNED : 19 NPT ✓
DATE TIME REC'D : 191242A
REF NR : NONE
CITE : NONE

SITREP REGION 2 JAN YLE2BT FLOUR MILK SOUP MEDICAL SOAP AR RIVING
PORTS IN QUANTITY OIL SHORT IN 1 PART OF REGION 3F4E56BP5 ARRIVED
EXPECT KEEP 54 OFFICERS 54 EM OR 8 OF ICERS AND 1 OR ON WAY TO REGGIO
LONDON SICK INDEFINITELY PALERMO SICK ELLIOTT GONE TO BLIGHTY 7BF
COMING IN SMALL GROUPS ON TOO SHORT NOTICE 8TH CP STEADILY RISING
9 PRESS FOR RIGID CONTROL CIVILIANS LEAVING NAPLES FOR SALERNO.

ACTION : AMG HQ
INFO : MGS ADV ✓
C.G.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

Ref : ECA/2060/16

17 Jan 44

Subject : Exports. Inter-Regional

To : A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech.
(Central Economic Committee for Col. Merrill)

1. Your signal C.E.C. 9768 refers. It was received today.
2. A reply signal was sent today stating that the return for February had been forwarded to you on 10 Jan, but repeating the figures by cable as requested.
3. It is regretted that it is highly improbable that any return for March can be submitted "not later than February 5th" other than a guess made by this Headquarters for the following reasons :-

(a) This H.Q.'s letter of 10 Jan apparently did not reach you until say 17 Jan. This means that our March return will have to leave here by Jan 29th at latest.

(b) Correspondence between this H.Q. and Reggio takes a minimum of 5 days each way - there is insufficient transport in the Region for a daily, or even a two daily courier service. Thus a letter to Reggio leaving here tomorrow will give Reggio one day in which to ascertain the figures for the whole province of 89 communes.

There are two C.A.O.'s and one supply officer in Reggio Province - in Region II as a whole, with 6 Provinces and a total of 661 communes, there are 26 C.A.O.'s and 6 Supply Officers. So few officers, even if they entirely abandoned all other administrative work and had the assistance (of doubtful value) of Italian officials, cannot possibly get accurate or reliable information in time.

(c) In connection with the February return, one of the Provincial Supply Officers writes "I wish to place on record that I do not vouch for the accuracy of the figures given, which were compiled by Italian officials. Since they had no accurate means of determining actual quantities etc., one wonders what kind of hocus-focus system they used to ascertain or compile the

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4. In the circumstances, therefore, the returns sent in from this Headquarters must be regarded not as actual fact, but as "estimates" compiled as intelligently as possible in the circumstances.

DAWR/GAS

Dr. Col.
D.A.W. Ruck.

Lt. Col.,
Regional Supply Officer,
R.C.A.O.
for

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AFHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON
Military Government Section, Advance
APO 400

JAT/hc

16 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Hume

SUBJECT: Civilian Supply Situation.

1. The attached copy of Flambo Message No. MGSA 3734 sent to Freedom sets out the present situation on the Mainland. You will note that Region II's position is considered most critical. In that connection please see the attached memorandum from the Supply Officer of that region. The message to Freedom referred to above was agreed with Lt. Col. Warren and Lt. Col. Merrill. The coaster Rinucci was not requested for Naples largely because it was feared that the diversion from Syracuse would cause serious consequences in Sicily, whereas if no further stocks are sent to Region II from Naples we can carry through on a full ration until the arrival of UGS 26 which is notified to contain 11,000 tons for discharge at the Naples port.

2. As you know it is proposed to use many schooners operating out of Naples to feed Rome in the early days, chiefly through the ports of Anzio and Fiumicino. In addition two coasters carrying 4000 to 6000 tons of food-stuffs are supposed to arrive in Naples about 24 December. These coasters are to be sent into Civita Vecchia as soon as that port is available. The 500 tons reserve for Region IV mentioned in the message to Freedom refers to flour to be used to load such schooners as become available before the arrival of UGS 26, or to be moved forward into the Corps area as required. I am informed that no schooners are available at present and not likely to be in less than 10 days.

3. Since the decision taken here not to insist upon having the Rinucci sent to Naples rests mainly upon the presumed situation in Sicily, and the desire to give priority to Region II, it is suggested that you check the decision being taken as soon as possible after you arrive in Algiers. If the situation in Sicily is not acute and/or the Rinucci cannot be sent immediately to Reggio or Crotone, I would strongly urge you to press for its diversion to Naples and we shall arrange to ship stocks from Naples to Region II, although this is both difficult and uneconomical.

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/s/J. A. Todd,
J. A. TODD,
Major, A. C.,
Chief, MGS Advance.

SECRET AND URGENT MESSAGE IN SIG NO. 3558

TO FLAMBO AND FILPOT FOR AMG:: RPTD PBS FOR HUME:: FATIMA FOR ACC
FROM FREEDOM SIGNED C IN C CITE FHMGS 14362 15 DEC. REF. PBS 2429, 14 DEC

Can divert Rinucci with 2234 tons of flour/wheat/macaroni to arrive with UGS 25 about 21 December. Consult with Todd and advise urgently whether this will carry you until arrival at DUKO of UGS 26 about 31 December carrying 11,000 tons wheat/flour.

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SECRET URGENT MESSAGE OUT ::3734 FROM FLAMBO 16 DEC 1530A

FROM FLAMBO FROM MGS ADV
TO FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD TO FILPOT FOR AMG::: FATIMA FOR A C C

MGSA 3734 Secret. Understood here that Rinucci was set up urgently for Syracuse and situation there not known here. (For MGS, Signed Todd, Cite Your 14362, 15 DEC). Situation Region Two is most urgent of areas on Mainland. 320 tons flour already sent by rail from Naples and arrangements complete for sending 180 tons by schooner but loading not yet begun. Additional 500 tons reserved here. If 1200 tons flour on H R 625 arrives safely with UGS 25 and no further shipments made to Region II, stocks in Naples sufficient to permit following:

- (1) 125 grams for Naples and 100 grams for rest of region until 1 January inclusive.
- (2) 500 gram issue of pasta to Naples City on 22 December
- (3) 500 ton reserve for Region IV in addition other foodstuffs here and two coasters being sent from North Africa

Schooners for loading flour other foodstuffs for Rome out of Naples not yet available

In view of above recommend that Rinucci be sent at once to Reggio or Crotona to arrive within several days with instructions to discharge 750 tons and to await orders to proceed to Syracuse or continue discharge depending upon situation in Sicily.

Wheat from Foggia expected to begin arriving Region II and Naples Area about 1 January but quantities not to exceed 2500 tons for each area and daily flow insufficient for day to day needs.

Request urgent advice your decision and confirmation that HR 625 is moving with UGS 25

Also request confirmation that coasters for Region IV will arrive approximately 24 December as notified and detailed information their cargo

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Above agreed Region III and Economics and Supply Division of AMG 15th Army Group

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

10 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major J. A. Todd, MGS Adv., FLAMBO

SUBJECT: Region II Minimum Requirements for Next 45 Days.

FLOUR (or in emergency up to 50% bagged grain)	Minimum Daily Tonnage	Minimum Total Required for Next 45 days	To
Reggio	60	2700	Reggio
Catanzaro	50	2250	(Crotona
Cosenza	50	2250	(Crotona
Matera			
Potenza			
Salerno	60	2700	Salerno
Totals	220	9900	

Bare minimum bread ration of 100 grammes flour a day-- no allowance for pasta, and no allowance for additional rations for heavy workers, other than Carabinieri, and dock labourers working for the military--for a population of 2,130,000 persons.

Reggio has had no supplies except imported flour since September 8th.

Catanzaro and Cosenza were able to support themselves until the end of October; since then they have been entirely reliant upon imports.

Matera has sufficient on hand to last until the end of March and hopes to get sufficient more in to last until the next harvest.

Potenza has probably sufficient to last until the end of March.

Salerno has nothing and is entirely reliant upon imports. It is at present receiving about 50 tons a day, but these supplies are coming in quantities too small to permit of shipments to the outlying districts.

In the whole of Calabria there are supplies of vegetables and oranges in fair quantities. There are no beans or peas remaining. Small quantities of chestnuts have been seized to mix with the very scanty supplies of flour so far received. The bulk of the chestnut crop has gone underground and has been illegally exported by Black Market operators to Naples and Apulia; and the same applies to the limited quantities of potatoes grown in the Sila. The main difficulty is the provision or transport from the producing points in the mountains to the main consuming centres. Trucks are scarce and their use has to be limited to the hauling of flour over the very long distances from Reggio to points of distribution. Tyres, petrol and nafta are extremely scarce. Railways have very little coal, very few locomotives in a workable condition and few cars, the majority of which were useable having been taken by the Army.

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Reg. 2 Minimum Requirements, Next 45 Days- Con'd.

If the required supplies can be brought in to the ports of Cro-
tone and Reggio, and if the assistance of the Shipping Sub-Commission
of ACC can be obtained, a good deal of these difficulties can be over-
come by the use of small schooners which can land supplies at various
small ports, and in case of need even on the beaches.

Supplies of milk, sugar and soap are still urgently needed, but
have not been included in this statement as the need for Flour is so
much more important as to be vital. There are no Supplies of Flour
or Grain in Calabria at this moment, and there have already been cases
of food rioting in the Compartimento. This situation becomes daily
more serious as supplies fail to arrive, and may easily constitute a
serious menace in the rear of our Armies. The situation in Salerno
is almost equally serious.

D.A.W. RUCK
Lieutenant Colonel,
Supply Officer, AMG
Region II.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 464, U.S. Army

December 12, 1943

SUBJECT: Food Position, Region 3.

TO : COLONEL E. E. HUMB

1. During the month of December bids as follows were accepted by A.F.M.Q. and placed in requisition form for Region 3:

Flour 16'350 metric tons.

2. Against the above requisitions nothing has been received.

3. On the present convoy according to hatch breakdown there is

Flour 45 tons

4. According to present advices from A.F.M. . further supplies expected this month are:

Flour 1111 tons.

5. Deducting flour vouchered to Alimentation for Naples Province and Naples City a portion of which has not been delivered, the stock in warehouse on December 10, 1943 was:

Flour 2720 tons.

6. The order from M5 A.G. dated December 11 allocated 1000 tons of flour to Region II and 500 tons flour plus 45 tons flour on present to convoy to Rome, and it is presumed that the 1111 tons due to arrive on December 20, 1943 will also be for Rome.

7. This leaves the following net amount:

Flour 1220 tons.

8. Flour vouchered to Naples Alimentation for the 10 days period from December 13 to December 22 covers the following:

(a) Issue of bread to Naples City at	
125 gms per day:	988 tons
(b) Issue of bread to Naples Province	
at 100 gms per day:	1067 tons
(c) Issue of pasta to Naples City for	
30 days at 50 gms per day:	1426 tons

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9. It had been previously proposed that during period to December 22, 1943 the following quantities would be delivered to provinces:

Avellino	280 tons flour
Benevento	240 tons flour
Salerno	600 tons flour

10. Deliveries already made since December 10, 1943:

Salerno	150 tons flour
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11. If delivery is continued to Avellino, Benevento and Salerno this would leave approximately 250 tons flour available for the Region after December 22, 1943 on paper. This would require to be used up along with special foods on hand to meet emergencies.

12. An attempt is being made to get back flour from the Pasta Factories. It is anticipated that it will be possible to get back two thirds, equal to 950 tons.

13. It is intended that one half of the tonnage that has been allocated to Avellino, Benevento and to Salerno will be retained.

14. These measures together will make available about 1400 tons flour.

15. It is proposed to use this as follows:

Naples City	75 gms bread	55 tons per day
Naples Province	50 " "	48 " " "
Avellino "	50 " "	14 " " "
Benevento "		12 " " "
Salerno "		25 " " "
Institutions & Police Naples		<u>6.5</u> " "

160.5 tons per day

16. This will carry through to January 1, 1944.

17. Permission has been granted by 15 A.G. to transfer 2500 tons of wheat from Foggia Province to Naples. Since this wheat must be sacked, transported, ground and delivered to the bakeries, it is probable that the above ration cannot be supplemented from this source.

18. Another possible source of supplement is to provide for the release of the 500 tons of flour earmarked for Rome and the 500 tons flour earmarked for Region II, this 1000 tons to be replaced from the 2600 tons of wheat to be ground.

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19. The recommended minimum ration for Naples has been placed at 150 gms bread and 70 gms pasta. Requisitions have been made on this basis. If a ration to this extent is not provided there is danger of widespread starvation.

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GUY I. WARREN
 Lt Colonel, A.U.S.
 Director of Economics &
 Supply, Region 3.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

Ref. ECA /2021 /

16 Jan 44

Subj. Imports - Civilian.

To: Central Economic Committee
Adv. Adm. Echelon, A.P.H.Q.

1. Your CEC/227 of 10 Jan (received 14 Jan 44) refers.
2. It is not quite clear what your reference to "methods employed in handling civilian imports" means - whether it is the manner in which ships are unloaded and supplies distributed when they arrive, or whether you wish to know the way in which bids and/or requisitions are submitted, or again, whether you wish to know how the goods are sold to the civilian consumer and payment obtained, or all of these points. It is suggested that probably the easiest manner to obtain the information would have been to approach the Economics & Supply Division of AMG Headquarters, as this would have obviated a good deal of delay caused by bad communications. Nevertheless, the following report is submitted.
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 - 100 tons daily from D plus 15 to D plus 35
 - 150 tons daily from D plus 35 to D plus 95
 4. These bids were submitted through 8th Army to Fortbase, but owing to army tonnage requirements in the first 24 days, were subsequently amended to
 - 150 tons daily from D plus 24 to D plus 34
 - 150 tons daily from D plus 35 to D plus 95.
 5. On arrival in Reggio, it was found that there was only sufficient food to last the population until D plus 5; therefore immediate action was taken to call forward "Q supplies" which arrived in

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6. When the provinces of Catanzaro and Cosenza were occupied, sufficient grain was found to enable them to carry on until supplies began to arrive. However, in spite of the fact that our bids had been duly accepted, not one pound of flour out of the accepted bids for 10,800 tons, ever arrived. By the end of September, Cosenza was almost without grain, and the ration was reduced to 100 grams per head of bread daily, supplies being obtained as far as possible from Catanzaro, which was in rather better shape. Nevertheless, by mid-October Catanzaro, too, had to reduce the ration to 100 grams; and before November began, all three provinces, Reggio, Catanzaro and Cosenza were without any flour or grain at all.

7. After several days during which it had been impossible to distribute any food whatever to the population, we received an allocation of 3,800 tons of flour ex S.S. "Salvati" which was discharging at Brindisi. This was sufficient for 19 days of normal requirements

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at a ration of 150 grams per day; but bearing in mind the failure of bid tonnage to arrive, steps were at once taken to make an admixture with the flour, of bean, pea, rye, barley, chestnut, and any other flour which could possibly be used as an adulterant, to the extent of 25 per-cent. All supplementary rations were cancelled, and even the heaviest workers were only allowed the normal civilian ration. After a few days of the 150 gram ration (to make up for the days when there had been no food), the ration was again cut to 100 grams. By this means, the supply ex "Salvati" was made to last out until the end of November, when the situation again became acutely critical, and there were even food riots in Cosenza.

8. In October we were instructed to put in bids for ten-day periods starting 3rd December, although we had already put in bids for October, November and December, and another set of bids for November, December and January. This was at once done, and bids were duly put in at 250 tons per day for December 3 - 12, 13 - 22, and 23 - Jan. 1, a total of 7,500 tons. As previously, the bids were duly accepted at A.F.H.Q., and as previously, nothing arrived; nor was anything even in sight. The situation was so serious that the Regional Supply Officer and his Assistant went to Naples to represent the case or the Region to the highest authorities, and they were successful in obtaining a shipment of 300 tons of flour by rail from Naples for Catanzaro and Cosenza, and 200 tons by sea for Reggio. The rail shipments arrived quite promptly, but of the shipment by sea, only some 80 tons ever reached Reggio. However, authorization was given for the shipment by rail of 2,500 tons of grain from Reggio, and part of this was received in Calabria after the people had again been without food for several days.

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10. When ships arrive at Reggio or Crotona - the two Calabrian ports - they are worked in the normal manner, using regular and additional labor if the latter is needed. The food supplies are put into warehouse, and the allocation to the different parts of the provinces is worked out by the Senior Supplies Officer. The problem of moving the allocated supplies then comes into the picture, as the normal railway allocation is only 10 cars a day, and Mov & Fu, with the best will in the world, cannot improve much upon this owing to the rolling stock situation. Movement by road is to a great degree impossible, as there are only some 20 trucks available (including those lent by the Italian Army) to serve the 395 communes in Calabria; and animal transport is quite impracticable owing to the long haulages and the small carrying capacity of the carts.

11. Food supplies are sold to the Direzione dell'Alimentazione (or to the Consorzio Agrario in the absence of a D. d'A), and medical supplies to the Medici Provinciale. Payment is made to a special AMG bank account, and against such deposits are charged transport and labor and handling costs.

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12. In regard to your query re use of shipping generally, the answer is that this Region has been unable to make use of any shipping, although schooner and motor vessel traffic to some of the small harbors round the Calabrian coast would be of the utmost assistance in relieving the transport situation, owing to (a) the confusing and often contradictory instructions received from higher authority, and (b) the failure of higher authority to give any indication or directive regarding freight and/or charter rates and regulations.

13. Finally, in no single instance has there been any manifest, Bill of Lading, or statement of contents for any vessel which has so far arrived. This does not make for easy accounting.

G. H. Mc Caffrey
G. H. Mc Caffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.A.C.

GHM/pjh

Copy to: Headquarters, AMG, for Col. Evans.

IN MESSAGE

SIGS N° 5400

IMMEDIATE

TO CEC FOR MERRALL

FROM AMG REGION 2

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BEST AVAILABLE ESTIMATE POSSIBLE WITHIN TIME LIMIT FIXED BY YOUR TELEGRAM FOLLOWS 661 COMMUNIS IN REGION LESS 10 PROVINCIAL CAPTTALS AND MAIN DISTRIBUTING CENTRES LESS? POSSIBLY 50 AVAILABLE TRUCKS. LEAVES APPROXIMATELY 600 TRUCKS 2½ TON CAPACITY WITH DRIVERS POL, REASONABLE QUOTA OF SPARES AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL NEEDED FOR ADEQUATE LOCAL DISTRIBUTION ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN SUPPLY ON BASIS 1 FOR EACH COMMUNE. ANIMAL TRANSPORT IMPRACTICAL BECAUSE OF DISTANCES AND SMALL CARRYING CAPACITY

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

Ref : ECA/103/21

10 Jan 44

Subject : Exports

To : A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon
(Central Economic Committee)

1. Your CSC/236/ of 16 Dec 43 refers.
2. Herewith schedules of estimated Surpluses and Deficiencies in Region 2 for February, 1944.
3. While there is no difficulty in giving Surpluses of such items as Cherries, Celery, Tomatoes, Eggs and Poultry, it is almost impossible to estimate Deficiencies, as they are more or less luxury items, which are consumed when available, and not otherwise.

D.A.W. Ruck.
D.A.W. Ruck. *Lt. Col.*

Lt. Col.,
Regional Supply Officer,
for R.C.A.O.

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LOCAL PRODUCE (AVAILABILITY/DEFICIENCY)

FEBRUARY, 1944.
QUINCY, ILL.

<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY</u>	<u>DEFICIENCY</u>
Apples	Nil	?
Cherries	Nil	?
Lemons	6,000	Nil
Oranges and Tangerines	15,000	Nil
Wheat	Nil	75,000
Barley	Nil	10,000
Oats	Nil	10,000
Hay	Nil	Nil
Straw	Nil	Nil
Salt	Nil	5,000
Olive Oil	2,000	Nil
Chestnuts	Nil	Nil
Walnuts	Nil	Nil
Other Nuts	Nil	Nil
Onions	Nil	1,000
Carrots	Nil	Nil
Turnips	Nil	Nil
Cauliflowers	Nil	Nil
Cabbage	Nil	Nil
Beans	Nil	2,000
Peas	Nil	2,000

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Deaton

Olive Oil	2,000	Nil
Chestnuts	Nil	Nil
Walnuts	Nil	Nil
Other Nuts	Nil	Nil
Onions	Nil	1,000
Carrots	Nil	Nil
Turnips	Nil	Nil
Cauliflowers	Nil	Nil
Cabbage	Nil	Nil
Beans	Nil	2,000
Peas	Nil	2,000
Celery	Nil	?
Potatoes	Nil	10,000
Wine	1,000	Nil
Tomatoes	Nil	?
Eggs	Nil	?
Poultry	Nil	?
Livestock	Nil	Nil

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HEAD-QUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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AMG/5006/IC

10 January 1944

SUBJECT: Region II - Bread

TO : Economic Director - for Lt.-Col. Legg

1. Provinces are as follows, with population of ration-card holders and amount of flour required monthly to ensure 150 grams bread a day:

Province	Consumers	Flour per month
Matera	60,000	Self-sufficient till end of March
Potenza	190,000	" " "
Reggio	590,000	2,250 tons
Catanzaro	480,000	1,800 "
Cosenza	470,000	1,750 "
Salerno	600,000	2,300 "

2. Reggio, Catanzaro, Cosenza: situation on 17 December was that there was no flour whatever in these three provinces. Out of 20,000 tons flour requisitioned through correct channels up to 31 Dec 43, none had been received. Two shipments outside normal channels had saved the situation - 1,900 tons transferred from Sicily on 8 Sep 43, and 3,000 tons from Middle East on 8 Nov 43. This, with the small local harvest and a certain amount of chestnut flour, had kept up a ration varying from 0 to 100 grams a day.

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On 24 Dec Salerno was getting 50 grams bread a day from Region III. On 28 Dec 43 ships totalling 17,900 tons flour/wheat arrived in Naples, and Region III agreed that 4,265 tons of this would go to Salerno. Up to 9 Jan 44 only 200 tons in all (less than 2 days' supply) had been sent, though 9,000 tons had been discharged into Naples.

Pressure is needed on Region III to ensure that Salerno receives its quota. Also no requisitions for sugar, soap, milk or medical supplies can be traced for Salerno - Region III should allocate a proportion of their requisitions, which covered Salerno when they were made.

4. Imports received in Region II between 20 Dec 43 and 4 Jan 44 - NIL.

5. A letter has been sent to AFHQ pointing out this situation and making it clear that none of the requisitions forwarded to AFHQ has been met. A copy was addressed to C.E.C. Apparently, however, Major Driffield-White has mislaid all copies of this letter, including file copy; it is believed that they were all sent to AFHQ.

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Colonel,
Acting Director, Industry
& Commerce Sub-Commission.

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Situation in Region II

Allocations - Ex. H. M. S. 37

Wheat 3575 Tons

Flour 5367 Tons

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Dues
17 Jan.

Equivalent of 5 weeks supply
Excluding Salerno.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

9 January 1944

SUBJECT: Food Situation - Region II

TO : D.C.C.A.O., Region II

1. A review of the facts stated in your letter of January 4 confirms all of the statements that you have made in principal. There is no doubt that you submitted the requisitions through channels and that they were duly approved and forwarded to this office. The entire period of December 10 to December 30 was one of extreme criticalness in the supply situation for the Italian Mainland, Sicily and Sardinia.

2. This Headquarters, using the best judgment available, tried to so manipulate the limited amount of supplies available in this Theater that an equitable amount would be available for distribution in all Regions. That some areas were unable to receive their fair share was inevitable, and it is regrettable that Region II should have been subject to such an emergency.

3. You have recently received AG400-1(AMHOT)MGS-AMG, 3 January, subject "Civilian Supplies" which gives you the complete picture for supplies to the mainland for the first six months 1944. We believe that the supplies thus indicated will prove sufficient to take care of all needs on the basis shown. In addition to this letter, we have talked with Col. Henderson during his visit last week and pointed out that as Food Controller it is his duty and responsibility to assure equitable distribution of all supplies, be they locally grown or imported, to take care of the needs of all occupied areas.

4. We feel sure that the immediate crisis is past and that the program stated in the letter cited above will assure a steady flow of supplies, the receipt of which is contingent only upon the ability and capacity of the ports to accept.

J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section

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Col. Henderson
This needs careful study - what is meant is
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4 January 1944

SUBJECT: Food Situation - Region II

TO : AFHQ, MGS

1. The food situation in Region II over the last two or three weeks has been serious. It appeared at one time that a repetition of the story of Region I was likely; the likelihood of this has not yet disappeared.

2. From D + 25 to D + 95 inclusive (28 Sep - 8 Dec) Region II requisitioned and bid through the proper channels for 150 tons of civil supplies a day, broken down into:

140 tons Flour.

10 tons Milk, Sugar, Soap, Medical.

These bids were accepted by Fortbase.

From 24 Oct. onwards, bids for tonnages varying from 100 to 200 a day were made in 10-day periods superseding the original 150 tons a day bids; these latter bids were put in by MGS Adv. in their cables to AFHQ under file reference MGSA 10, etc.

3. For 1 Jan. to 30 Jun. 1944 long-term requisitions were put in to AFHQ by this HQ; they include 6,000 tons flour a month. This was the bare minimum which, with admixture of pea, bean or chestnut flour, would provide a ration of 200 grams bread a day. Please see justification on requisitions.

4. Not one pound of flour (to quote HQAO Region II) has been received from the bids put in through 8th Army, Fortbase or MGS Adv.

5. The only flour received in Region II since the occupation has been:

(a) 1500 tons on the "Miriam" transferred from Region I on 8 Sept.

(b) 3800 tons from Middle East early November, arranged by AFHQ.

At present an emergency arrangement has been made by AMG 15 Army Group to transport 500 tons flour from Naples to Region II, and 2500 tons wheat from Foggia. 2000 tons flour are due at Orotone from Syracuse on UGS 26.

A shipment due in Reggio on 25 November on the "Speedfast" was diverted to Sicily in order to solve the problem there. This made the problem more acute in Calabria, where in the middle of this month the ration varied from 0 to 100 grams a day.

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6. The requirements of Region II for a ration of 200 grams bread a day, exclusive of pea, bean and chestnut flour, are:

Reggio Province	-	2900 tons flour a month - now.
Cosenza	"	- 2350 " " " " "
Catanzaro	"	- 2400 " " " " "
Matera	"	- self-sufficient till March 1944.
Potenza	"	- " " " " "
Salerno	"	- dealt with separately - see letter AMG/5202/IC dated 28 Dec 43.

7. The amounts mentioned in para. 5 above are therefore only a palliative. The situation is, in fact, similar to the situation in Sicily two months ago which occasioned the intervention of various individuals and made necessary a number of improvised and desperate measures. This situation is caused by the failure to implement requisitions.

8. Can it please be stated what amounts of flour are set up for Region II?

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.,
D.C.C.A.O.

Copy to:

AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech., MGS
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