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35 - Warehousing & Cold Storage
Nov. 1943 - Jan. 1944

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

31 JANUARY 1944

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR GRADY
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : SIGNED CINC
DATE TIME SIGNED : 302010A
DATE TIME REC'D : 310155A
REF. NR. : 45232
CITE : FHMS, FHGS, FHGP

CAN YOU JUSTIFY SHIPMENT OF ANY OF THESE UNITS FROM UK FOR HANDLING BULK
WHEAT IN ITALY? IF SO CABLE REQUISITION WITH JUSTIFICATION AND PRIORITY RATING
AVAILABLE IN UK 3 SELF CONTAINED PORTABLE GRAIN UNLOADERS, DIESEL DRIVEN, CAPACITY
35/40 TONS PER HOUR. UNITS MOUNTED ON TRAILERS AND HAVE OWN PRIME MOVERS. COULD BE
USED FOR SHIP DISCHARGE OR FROM FREIGHT CARS TO WAREHOUSE OR MILL. SUCTION MAX 75 FEET.
DISCHARGE MAX 150 FEET.

ACTION: AMG HQS.

INFO. : MGS ADV.
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TRANS.
SECY
C.G.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

ALLIED FORCE
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
APO 400

LSP/fpd

24 January 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lt. Col. Carl A. Krage, RCAC Region III.

1. Reference your report of 21 January 1944 regarding warehousing and distribution of imported foodstuffs.
2. The executive functions of CEC have been transferred to ACC/AMC. Your report on warehousing needs has therefore been referred to Headquarters ACC/AMC for action.

For the Committee:

A. J. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A.S.G.,
Chief Executive,
Central Economic Committee

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CLC/230-1

18 Jan

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MOVEMENTS
(Shipping) (Capt Black's Office)

The Army furnishes lorries for unloading at the following ports:

Naples
Bari
Brindisi

We must furnish lorries for unloading at the following ports:

Reggio
Crotone
Castellammare
Torre Annunziata

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Allied Forces
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
AFC HQ

AIR/al

16 January 1944

SUBJECT: Warehousing

TO : Deputy President, ACC
DECAF, AMG
DECAF, AMG 15th Army Group

1. Administrative Memorandum No. 92, AFPA, 19 December 1943, provides that one of the functions of the CEC is to make necessary arrangements for the receipt, warehousing and distribution of supplies imported for the civilian population.

2. It is the responsibility of AMG/ACC to operate the facilities necessary to receive, warehouse, and distribute these supplies.

3. Latest estimates indicate the minimum amounts of civilian supplies delivered to the Mainland in March and subsequent months will be as follows:

	<u>Tons Per Day</u>
Naples	1800 - 2000
Reggio/Crotone	800
Genoa Ports	750
Transshipments by coasters from outside Mainland.	250

4. Handling of this tonnage will require a large and well-trained organization, and it is necessary that steps be taken at once to set up the necessary staff and train the necessary personnel. In some ports it will be necessary to provide personnel for unloading ships and transporting supplies to the warehouse, as well as receiving, warehousing guarding and distributing the supplies. An adequate accounting organization will also be required.

5. It is requested that a report be made before 25 January to this office of the plans already made for handling this tonnage and that subsequent reports be made each ten days thereafter covering progress made.

6. Additional American or British Military personnel will probably not be available, except possibly for a very limited number of specialized personnel. It appears that it will be necessary to rely almost entirely on Italian personnel, with the minimum necessary supervision by AMG/ACC officers and enlisted men. It is suggested that consideration be given to employing an existing commercial agency, or to obtaining the services of high grade Italian civilians familiar with this type of service, to set up and operate the necessary organization. Another alternative might be to require the Italian Government to furnish Italian military personnel.

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WAREHOUSING: Cont'd.

7. This matter is urgent and should receive immediate attention.
8. The Central Economic Committee is trying to obtain a small staff (two or three officers) to assist in the planning for these arrangements and to coordinate the operation.

For the Committee:

A. I. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Chief Executive,
Central Economic Committee

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Action letter

Region IV to be requested to
report what action taken (if any)
with P.S.

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Col Henderson
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Celt Plenum

Has a letter
from Reg. IV²

If not, please

deal with

Col. Haggard?

20 Jan 44:
Col. Haggard says he
has taken care of
this &
S.D.B.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
ROUTING SLIP

1944

TO:	INITIALS
_____ Lt. Col. Henderson	_____
_____ Lt. Col. Marrall	_____
_____ Lt. Col. Legg	_____
_____ Lt. Col. Reiter	_____
_____ Lt. Col. Herrmann	_____
_____ Major Smallwood	_____
_____ Major Todd	_____
_____ Capt. Plummer	_____
_____ Capt. Northland	_____
_____ Capt. Guzman	_____
_____ Capt. Morse	_____
_____ Capt. Austin	_____
_____ Lt. Shanley	_____

_____ 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:

① Should we finally request
return for PBS? H

Initials H

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Col. Laig, CEC, AFHQ
ECONOMICS & SUPPLY

14 January 1944

TO : Lt. Col. S.W. Archibald
SUBJECT: Missing Supplies from H.R.--659

1. During the month of Sept. I discovered that large quantities of supplies had been shipped from H.R.--659 to warehouse 574 (ABC) although addressed to ANGOT. These consisted of dehydrated soup, G.I. Soup, and evaporated milk. I personally arranged for trucks, personnel, etc., and supervised the operation of transferring a large amount of these supplies to warehouse 676, where they belonged.

2. Dehydrated Soup

Due	56,649 cases
Reported	57,248 "
Estimated	55,000 "

About 6000 cases were brought from warehouse 574 to warehouse 676. There are still about 500 cases on a platform in warehouse 574. Certainly some have been lost. The figure showing an over delivery for this item is not substantiated by these facts; probably includes soup delivered from a later convoy.

3. G.I. Soup

Due	4,193 cases
Reported	2,592 "
Estimated	12,538 "

1731 cases were brought from warehouse 574 to warehouse 676. These added to 947 known to have been brought in previously make a total of 2678 cases and agrees with the reported figure. This indicates a loss of about 35%. Apparently, part or all of this has been shipped by warehouse 574 to Army installations.

4. Evaporated Milk

Due	22,738 cases
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676. There are still about 500 cases on a platform in warehouse 574. Certainly some have been lost. The figure showing an over delivery for this item is not substantiated by these facts; probably includes soup delivered from a later convoy.

3. G.I. Soup

Due	4,199 cases
Reported	2,692 "
Estimated	12,688 "

1721 cases were brought from warehouse 574 to warehouse 676.

These added to 947 known to have been brought in previously make a total of 2668 cases and agrees with the reported figure. This indicates a loss of about 35%. Apparently, part or all of this has been shipped by warehouse 574 to Army installations.

4. Evaporated Milk

Due	22,738 cases
Reported	23,053 "
Estimated	15,000 "

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On Dec. 21, 14,568 cases had been delivered. I'm convinced that almost all balance were sent to warehouse 574. None were returned to warehouse 676 for these reasons:

- Those that I saw were mixed with CN evaporated milk and the task of separating them seemed to great under present labor conditions. (We have no way of knowing how few or many are buried under the top layer.)
- I was informed by several of the personnel at 574 that large quantities, probably several freight car loads, of ARGO evaporated milk had been shipped from 574 to Army installations before the markings had been explained to the personnel at warehouse 574.

The figures previously given reporting a surplus of evaporated milk delivered over quantity on manifest are not substantiated by these facts. There is actually a loss which reaches at least 7500 cases. In all probability the reported surplus represents deliveries from a later convoy.

5. I respectfully recommend:

- a) That ^{an} attempt be made to get from the warehouse a more accurate estimate of the amounts of supplies received from convoy-UGS-24, ship-659. A study of the day by day totals up to the point where a new convoy began to unload, might give us these more accurate figures.
- b) That a request be made to the QM to reimburse us for 1500 cases of soap and 7500 cases evaporated milk, or such fraction thereof as can be afforded. These figures may have to be changed slightly on the basis of a new estimate mentioned in para. 5-a). They must also be reduced slightly ~~since~~ to take ~~an~~ into account ~~the~~ amount lost through stealing. ~~Where~~ the figures to be lowered to 1000 cases of soap, 5000 cases of evaporated milk it would be a very modest reimbursement for the amount we lost in this fashion.
- c) That hereafter steps ~~be~~ be taken to keep records for Region 4 in such fashion that losses of goods from individual convoys or ships may be estimated accurately.

Lt. Gannon

Dist: Col. Analysis. Reg. IV

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Col. Reg. C.E.C. (2 copies)

SECRET PRIORITY
FROM NATOUSA SIGNED LARKIN
TO C G P B S

L-6433

SSDCS 939

7 Jan. 44

Letter being forwarded this date. Info earlier by cable required. Please advise on AMG cargoes set up for discharge through Naples and subsidiary ports during next 6 months: Action being taken and capability AMG to provide storage requirements, personnel for ~~x~~ warehousing and accounting, guards over warehouses, together with necessary facilities and personnel to accomplish distribution. In addition to discharge of cargo from vessels and movement from port areas, does AMG intend placing any further commitment upon P B S involving utilization military vehicles ~~xxxx~~ or other equipment ~~xx~~ and personnel.

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AFHQ - Adv. Admin. Etc.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION II

Ref : WCA/130/20

28 Dec 43 *Extract taken*

Subject : Docking and Warehousing, Region II

To : Reconnaissance Sub-Commission, AMG, HQ. (Col Evans)
Supply Sub-Commission " " (Col Henderson)
Shipping Sub-Commission " " (Major Hickingbottom)
MCS ADV Civil Supply (Major Todd) —
Mov & Tn (Shipping) P.B.S.
Mov & Tn (Shipping) District 2 (Major Kiddle)
15 Army Group (Supply) (Lt. Col Merrall)

Further to my WCA/139/16 dated 22 Dec 43,
attached copy of report received on Reggio Harbour, is forwarded.

D.C. Benigni
Lt. Col.

for

D.A.W. Ruck.

Lt. Col.,

Regional Supply Officer,

for

R.C.A.G.

GAS.

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COPY.

A LIVED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Province of Reggio in Calabria

Ref: R.O. 7/36/

Subject : Reggio Harbour

To : HQ. AMG Region 2
Copy to SCAD Calabria

In reply to the request for information on this subject,
from the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission.

- (1) Capacity - Four 1800 ton ships
- (2) Depth - 27 fathoms
- (3) Obstructions Wrecks are plainly visible and do not obstruct entry or exit.
There is a boom at the mouth.
Large ships on entering, drop anchor and swing round so that their bows are pointing seawards.
- (4) Unloading Capacity. No cranes on quay.
Maximum unloading capacity approx 350 tons per day by hand and ship cranes.

(sgd) W.M. HARRISON Capt.
P.C.A.O.

REGIO
21 Dec 45

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R.C. A.M.C.,
15 Army Group,
C.A.F.

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TO: ASG Region II.
" " III.
" " IV.
" 5 Army.
" 8 Army.
A.C.S. Asia.

NO/136/11.

30 Nov. 43.

1. We have been advised by A.P.M.C. to expect the arrival of 52,000 tons of Civil Supplies in the month of December, and 113,000 tons in the month of January. Details of these arrivals are being sent you.

2. Will all Supply Officers please submit a list of all warehouse capacity available in their area, giving the name, location, and capacity in long tons of each warehouse. This list naturally should exclude space which has been taken by the Army. It is particularly important to get this information for the ports of CANTON, HONGKONG, TIENTSIN, SHANGHAI, and HANKOW.

3. Please submit one copy to Civil Supply Committee, Province Building, HONGKONG, and duplicate to ASG. 15 Army Group.

William L. BATT, Jr.
WILLIAM L. BATT, JR.
Capt. Inf.
Deputy Director,
Economic, Supply & Labour.

WLB/MAC.

Copy to: Civil Supply Committee.
ASG Adv. Adm. Sch. MIB Adv. ✓

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