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43. - Feeding of Refugees
January 1944

CLEAR MESSAGE IN

SIGS: 2646
IMPORTANT
SECRET

TO: ACTION NATOUSA INFO SOS NATOUSA 5 ARMY FLAMMO

FROM: PBS

PBS 7902

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SECRET. FOLLOWING INFO IS FURNISHED CG NATOUSA IN CONNECTION WITH HIS MESSAGE 49369 CITE NAQMC AND NAGDS, DATED 9 FEB: PBS CABLE 6691 WAS REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO MAKE ISSUES IN ORDER TO CARE FOR REFUGEES IN CAMPS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF NAPLES. THIS AUTHORITY WAS GIVEN ON A MINIMUM BASIS IN NAGG RADIO 45941 CITE NAGDS AND NAQMC. UNDERSTAND THAT 5 ARMY REQUEST IN MESSAGE 2339 FOR AUTHORITY TO MAKE ISSUES TO FACILITATE COLLECTION, CONTROL AND EVACUATION OF REFUGEES IN 5 ARMY AREA IS IN ADDITION TO AND SEPARATE FROM PBS REQUEST CONTAINED IN MESSAGE 6691. PRESUME 5 ARMY WILL ALSO REPLY.

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CLEAR MESSAGE IN SIGS NO 5212

TO : FLAMBO RPTD FREEDOM FOR MGS COPY TO DISTO
FROM : DISPER DARI 60/5014 05

REF FREEDOM MESSAGE 101870 20 JAN REFUGEES ARE DISINFESTED
TWICE BEFORE EMBARKATION. IN CASE REFERRED TO 200 REFUGEES
WERE EVACUATED FROM HERL DIRECT TO N AFRICA WITHOUT
PASSING THROUGH ANY CAMP CONTROLLED BY THIS SUB COMMISSION.
MOBILE BATH UNIT AND DISINFESTOR REQUIRED AT TARANTO FOR
THIRD DISINFESTATION. IN VIEW OF NUMBERS CONCERNED AND
AMOUNT OF BAGGAGE IMPOSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE 100 PERCENT
FREEDOM FROM INFESTATION 4887

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ASHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
Military Government Section, Advance
APO 400

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29 January 1944

SUBJECT: Food for Refugees and Displaced Persons.

TO : ACC, Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Office of the Director.

1. Memorandum above subject file No. IDP/18/149, dated 26 January 1944, has been referred to Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission for appropriate action.
2. Allied Control Commission has taken over all the functions of the Central Economic Committee.

A. I. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A.U.S.,
Chief, MGS Advance

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AFHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE WHEELON, MGS Advance, APO 400, 29 January 1944.

TO: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

For your information and necessary action.

A. I. HENDERSON
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Chief, MGS Advance

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CLEAR MESSAGE IN

SIGS NO 6410
US SECRET.

TO: ACTION FLAMBO

FROM: AMHQ CITE PHGCT

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24 Jan

1. CONSIDER WE SHOULD CONTINUE IN FEB THE PRESENT POLICY OF EVACUATION YUGOSLAWS AS STATED IN OUR 21320 OF 13 DEC. DO YOU AGREE.
2. MIDEAST HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT UP TO TWENTY THOUSAND. ESSENTIAL YOU INFORM THIS HQ EARLY IN CASE TOTAL NUMBER LIKELY TO EXCEED THIS FIGURE IN ORDER THAT FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH MIDEAST.
3. PRESENT EVACUATION TO ITALY STOPPED BY OUR 28253 OF 13 JAN. INFORM THIS HQ WHEN EVACUATION CAN BE RESUMED.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY
REFUGEES FIELD SECTION

19Jan/44.
R/S-18/59

SUBJECT: Requirements to Feed Refugees.
TO : Allied Force, Central Economic Committee.

1. Your communication of 15 January 1944, to Refugee Field Section HQ, AMG Fifth Army, stated that Region III would make available supplies for the feeding of refugees, and that the rations thus made available would be the same as those issued to civilians in Region III.
2. According to information given by the Alimentation Office in Naples, the only rationed commodities are bread or flour and olive oil. The former is allowed on the basis of 125 Grams. of bread or 100 Grams; of flour per person per day, and the latter at one half litre per person per month. It is assumed that families supplement these rations with purchases of other foods.
3. Since refugees are not in a position to buy and prepare these supplemental foods, it is assumed that Region III will make available other unrationed commodities to complete the amount of food necessary for these persons.
4. Approximately 5000 refugees per month will be moved South, outside of the 15th Army Group Area, during the next 2 months. As refugees are actually transported outside of this area, notification of exact numbers will be sent to you.

Lt. Col.
Comdg.

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Subject: Evacuation of Refugees.

H.Q., A.M.S.,
15 ARMY GROUP,
O. M. P.

AMG/6531/35

16 Jan. 1944

G.S.S.,
Headquarters,
15 Army Group.

In the last few days there has been a steady increase in the number of Italian refugees who have had to be evacuated from the forward areas of the 5th Army front. Plans must be made to meet a considerable increase on both Army fronts in the future.

2. The arrangements I have made and the staff I have detailed for the orderly handling of this flow can only function if adequate accommodation and transport facilities are forthcoming. These are at present lacking.

3. It will be appreciated that quite apart from the humanitarian and political considerations which make it imperative that my refugee organisation should be in a position to work with smoothness and elasticity both operational and hygienic necessities make the immediate provision of the facilities required of paramount importance.

4. The plan evolved by my Chief Evacuation Officer includes the provision of staging accommodation in the forward areas with a capacity of 2000 and two base camps with a capacity of 10000 each, one at ROGGLA and the other in the NIZLES area within easy access of the railway, or, if shipping be needed to deal with a flow which may exceed the rail capacity, within reach of an embarkation point.

5. The most suitable, indeed the only accommodation available at ROGGLA, is the hatted camp now occupied by 209 P.O.M. Unit. This has at present a refugee capacity of about 2000 which will have to be expanded by the provision of tentage.

6. In the HAMLES area there are two sites which could be used. One is No. 2 Rest Camp which I understand is shortly to become a V.D. hospital and the other is the ALLIANCE DEI POWERS which is to be converted into a typhus hospital. If one of these two were made available the amount of tentage required would be reduced by several thousands. Failing this, tentage will be required for the full 10,000 for erection on a site outside the town and A.S. stores and services will be needed to equip the camp.

7. In the 5th Army area forward staging accommodation is at present

both operational and hygienic necessities and the facilities required of paramount importance.

4. The plan evolved by my Chief Evacuation Officer includes the provision of staging accommodation in the forward areas with a capacity of 2000 and two base camps with a capacity of 10000 each, one at PUGLIA and the other in the HALLS area within easy access of the railway, or, if shipping be needed to deal with a flow which may exceed the rail capacity, within reach of an embarkation point.

5. The most suitable, indeed the only accommodation available at PUGLIA, is the hutted camp now occupied by 209 P.O.W. Unit. This has at present a refugee capacity of about 2000 which will have to be expanded by the provision of tentage.

6. In the HALLS area there are two sites which could be used. One is No. 2 Rest Camp which I understand is shortly to become a V.D. hospital and the other is the AIRMAN DELIVERY which is to be converted into a typhus hospital. If one of these two were made available the amount of tentage required would be reduced by several thousands. Failing this, tentage will be required for the full 10,000 for erection on a site outside the town and A.S. stores and services will be needed to equip the camp.

7. In the 8th Army area forward staging accommodation is at present being provided by P.O.W. cages at GURBASO, CAROVILLI and LARPA, but my officers are to some extent using these facilities on sufferance, and the cages may at any moment be withdrawn or moved to sites where they may be of little use for refugee purposes. Accordingly I would request ~~488~~ either two of these camps be handed over to the A.E. evacuation staff or tentage for two additional camps be provided.

8. In the 5th Army area there is at AVANZA a hutted P.O.W. camp which would be the most suitable for one of the forward stages. The other must necessarily be mobile and will require tentage for 500.

9. Requirements in tentage and accommodation stores may therefore be summed up as follows:

8th Army area: 10000 capacity; if the buildings and camps mentioned are placed at my disposal: 4000 capacity.

5th Army area: 10000 capacity; if the buildings and camps mentioned are placed at my disposal: 5000 capacity.

10. I should at this stage mention that only tentage, accommodation stores and A.S. stores are required. The camps will be staffed and administered by A.M.S.

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11. In addition to accommodation I would ask for an assurance that adequate transport will be available at all stages. I do not suggest that transport be placed under command of my Refugee Officer since it is only required intermittently, but that a priority for what is essentially an operational commitment be assigned to their requisitions, and units and formations be instructed accordingly.
12. I would also ask that units and formations be advised of the importance, from every point of view, of rapid and humane evacuation of these refugees and that they be instructed to give every assistance possible to the Civil Affairs Officers and Evacuation Officers working under their direction in this task.

M. S. Lusk

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Copy to: Adv. Adm. Ech., A.P.H.Q.
Hq. A.C.O.

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Copy to: Adv. Adm. Ech., A.P.H.C.
Hq. A.C.C.

SUBJECT: - Civil Supplies

AFHQ ADV ADM ECHOLON
CMF

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ACS (Adv)

14 Jan. 1944

A very large number of civilian escapees and refugees are being fed from British Military Stocks.

This throws a heavy strain on our stocks and also on our supply depots, whose staff is already fully employed on military needs.

As the feeding of these escapees and refugees is an AMG responsibility, it would be appreciated if you would indicate the date when AMG will be in position to take over this commitment.

LOGAN GRAY,
LT. Col.,

Brigadier.
BAMG.

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AFHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON
Military Government Section, Advance
APO 400

16 January 44

SUBJECT: Civilian Refugees

TO : Displaced Persons Subcommittee
c/o Allied Control Commission
Brindisi

1. At a conference with Q Branch relative to the enclosure, it was suggested that Lt. Col. Chadwick Healey Q Branch No.2 District Bari be contacted by your organization in order that all the difficulties of the situation might be understood.

2. No.2 District has written to AFHQ ADV. ADM. ECH. several letters on the subject contained in the enclosure particularly referring to the Gravina Camp.

A.I.Henderson
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
Chief of Military Government
Section, Advance

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SUBJECT: - Civil Supplies

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LOGAN GRAY,
Lt. Col.,

Brigadier.
HQM.

ALLIED FORCE
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
APO 400

AIH/fpd

15 January 1944

SUBJECT: Requirements to feed refugees

TO : Refugee Field Section, HQ, AMG FIFTH ARMY, APO 464, U.S. Army
Attn: Lt. Col. L. R. Hulls.

1. In agreement with Lt. Col. Warren Director of Economics & Supply Division, Region II food supplies for refugees from forward areas will be made available by Region III.

2. The rations which will be made available will be the regular ration being issued to civilians in Region III.

3. It is understood that you will arrange for the necessary transportation.

4. Please notify this Committee of any movement of any refugees to regions outside of the 15th Army Group area in order that any necessary arrangements for supplying such regions may be made for the Committee.

For the Committee:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S.ARMV

REFUGEE FIELD SECTION

9 January, 1944

SUBJECT: Estimates for requirements to feed refugees.

TO: Lt. Col. Merrill, Central Economic Committee
Fifteenth Army Group.

1. The Refugee Field Section, Fifteenth Army Group, has the responsibility of feeding refugees collected in the forward areas and transported south of the Volturno. In order to allow the drawing of food supplies, approval is requested of the estimated number of rations for the next 60 days, and of the daily ration per person.

2. It is estimated that 30,000 rations will be needed for each month, or 60,000 for the 60 day period. This is calculated on the premise that 5,000 persons will be handled each month, and that the average length of stay with this section will be 6 days.

3. The suggested ration is set forth in the enclosed memorandum, dated 8 January, 1944, from Lt. Col. Parr RAMC, DPH and Welfare, AMG Fifth Army.


L.R. Hulls
Lt. Colonel

Encl 1, Diets for Refugees.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5 ARMY
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

8 January, 1944

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SUBJECT: Diets for Refugees.

TO: Lt. Col. Hulls, Refugee Field Service, Displaced Persons
Sub-Commission.

Reference your request re: diets for refugees:

The calorific value of the diet to be supplied to refugees
should not be less than 2500 calories per day (See Amgot Plan);
This should be divided in the proportion of:-

- (A) 1600 calories for carbohydrates.
- (B) 500 calories for fats and the like.
- (C) 400 calories for proteins such as meat, bouillion
cubes, beans, peas, etc.

The following daily amounts of food should be supplied:-

(A) 1600 calories for carbohydrates:-

Article	Quantity to be given	
Flour	1/2 Lb.	} Any two of these to be given. Total not to exceed 1 Lb.
Biscuits	1/2 Lb.	
Pasta	1/2 Lb.	
Rice	1/2 Lb.	

(B) 500 calories for fats, etc.

Olive oil 3 Oz.

This issue is absolutely essential. If not available must be replaced by butter or margarine 2 Oz.

(C) 400 calories for proteins, etc.

- (1) Meat or 2 Oz.
Bouillion
cube 1 cube
- (2) Beans or 2 Oz.
Peas 2 Oz.

One item from each of the numbered groups should be issued daily.

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- (3) Tinned
 peaches 1 Oz.
 or
 Marmalade 1 Oz.
- (4) Sugar 1/2 Oz.

Notes.

(a) Tinned tomatoes 1 oz. may be added or any other vegetables, especially fresh vegetables, up to 2 oz. daily.

(b) Milk has not been mentioned but every effort should be made to supply milk up to 1 pint for children up to 12 years of age and nursing and expectant mothers.

(c) It is suggested that this diet should be supplemented where practicable by soup and for this purpose soup kitchens should be established at the distribution centers. This soup may be vegetable or ordinary stock pot soup containing bones, bully beef, etc.

(T. PARR)
LT. COL. RALC
DPH and WELFARE

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IMPORTANT
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11 JAN 12

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TOR 120045A

FROM:- AFHQ SIGNED CINC CITE FIMCS
TO:- FATIMA FOR KIRKWOOD AND FILFOT FOR AMG (R)
DISTWO, FLAMBO FOR HENDERSON AND FARGO FOR
STOFFORD

ORIG NO:- 27118

THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATION AND CLARIFICATION IN RESPECT
TOTAL SUPPLIES IN AREAS TO WHICH ITALIAN REFUGEES WILL BE ADMITTED UNDER
CONTROL DIRECTOR REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS.

1. TO BARI EX HR 798 TONS 5954 CONSISTING FLOUR TONS 2117, WHEAT TONS 2380, SOUP TONS 40, SUGAR TONS 815, MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES TONS 586, SOAP TONS 22, MEDICAL AND SANITARY TONS 194.
2. TO REGGIO EX HR 754 TONS 4824. FLOUR TONS 1500, WHEAT TONS 2525, SOUP TONS 635, MILK TONS 144, MATCHES TONS 5, SOAP TONS 14, MEDICAL AND SANITARY TONS 19.
3. TO CROTONE IN SS JOHN STEELE NEBOAT TONS 2720.
4. ABOVE SUPPLIES WILL ARRIVE AT PORTS INDICATED DURING PERIOD 13 - 22 JANUARY.
5. FURTHER SUPPLIES ON SIMILAR SCALE WILL ARRIVE AT APPROXIMATE 10 DAY INTERVALS.
6. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE INFORMED GENERALLY AS ABOVE WITH DUE REGARD SECURITY AND THAT THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION AHEAD INABILITY ACCEPT ITALIAN REFUGEES ON GROUNDS LACK OF SUPPLIES.
7. QUESTIONS OF ANY ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS, SUBSEQUENT SUPPLIES AND LOCAL STOCKPILING WILL BE TAKEN UP DIRECT BETWEEN DIRECTOR OF REFUGEES AND CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.
8. AMG 15 ARMY GROUP WILL INFORM CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DIRECT OF EXACT REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLIES FOR RECEPTION CAMPS PARTICULARLY DATE OF FIRST CONSIGNMENT, PERIODIC QUANTITIES AND LOCATION. CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL ARRANGE SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORTATION OF SUPPLIES FOR FEEDING TEN THOUSAND AT EACH CAMP.
9. SEPARATE MESSAGE FOLLOWS CONNECTION SUPPLIES REFERRED TO IN FLAMBO'S 7108 OF 4 JANUARY

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Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					Office Date Stamp
FROM (A)	Originator		Date-Time of Origin		GP
FROM PLANO FROM CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE		15 JAN 1400A			
For Action					
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions		
TO: Patton for Kinwood Dilpot for A H G		Important Important			
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SECRET X Detailed breakdown of supplies arriving on H R 725 and H R 754 and John Steel as contained in Freedom Message MECS 2718 dated 11 January is solely for the purpose of indicating the flow of supplies which can be expected in the area to which Italian refugees will be admitted and is not intended as an allocation of these or future supplies X Param signed Henderson Param X Such allocations will be made by Central Economic Committee					
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESS		IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY	Time System Op.
43		Signed B.H. SHAWLEY, 1st Lt.		IMPORTANT TO BOTH ACTION ADDRESSEES	48712 TOR Time cleared

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Cpt Plummer
Has Col gibbon removed?
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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

1 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR MERRAL FOR GRIFFIN
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : AMG 15 ARMY GROUP
DATE TIME SIGNED : 011943A
DATE TIME REC'D : 012226A
REF NR : FA 694 1 JAN 44
CITE : NONE

REFUGEE FIELD STATION LUCERA NEED ENOUGH DELOUSING POWDER FOR
4,000 PEOPLE EARLIEST. ALSO BLOWER EQUIPMENT IF AVAILABLE. CAN
SUPPLY BE ARRANGED ADVISING ETA TO EVA LUCERA RPT HERE.

ACTION - AMG HQS CIVIL SUPPLY

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