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October 15, 1943 - October 21, 1944

*Army Sub-Commission — Leguile (Lecce)*  
HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
APO 394

Ref/540/13/CA

17 May 1944

SUBJECT: Returns.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section  
V.P. Economic Section.

1. Several letters have recently been received from Regional Commissioners complaining of the number of returns asked for by this Headquarters. The difficulties experienced by Regional and Provincial Staffs in compiling the various returns and reports asked for from this Headquarters is fully understood and it is the constant concern of this Section to endeavour to regulate and control returns, so as to cut down the number to the minimum.

2. There are however two distinct approaches to this question. The administration of this country calls for certain information, often detailed, which must be supplied to enable that administration to be carried on. Requests for much of this information originates from higher formations, often from the Combined Chief of Staff, Washington. On the other hand the collation of this information takes up a great deal of time of the Regional Commissioners, who with their diminished staffs, are finding increasing difficulties in complying with requests made upon them. As much as possible of the detailed collection of such information should be, and is, passed on to the Italian officials but the supervision required to obtain the efficient compliance of these officials entails nearly as much work as compiling the returns themselves.

3. I should be grateful if Administrative and Economic Sections would continue to coordinate and scrutinise all such demands with this object in view.

NA.

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*Norman E. Fiske*  
NORMAN E. FISKE 7543  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

Copy to:

R.C. Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.  
S.C.A.O's. 5th and 8th Armies.  
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Italian Refugee Branch  
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.  
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Secretary General  
Navy Sub-Commission  
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Air Sub-Commission  
Public Relations Branch  
War Material Disposal Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
APO 394

Ref: 9/5.B/CA

SUBJECT:- Treatment of Comitati di Liberazione

TO:- (See Distribution below).

21 Oct '44

1. Recent events have made it desirable to clarify the position and standing of local Comitati di Liberazione, and to lay down the policy to be adopted by AMG officers in their dealings with these bodies.

2. In Allied Military Government territory the Provincial Commissioner who is the local representative of the Military Governor is supreme in his province and he is responsible for the conduct of affairs there.

3. In carrying out his functions the Provincial Commissioner uses the local civil administration; where a Prefect has been appointed he is head of and represents the local civilian administration and is the person to whom the Provincial Commissioner gives his orders. The Prefect on his part is responsible to the Provincial Commissioner for seeing that the orders given by the latter are fully and properly carried out.

4. It follows therefore that the Provincial Commissioner must on his part give his full support and weight of authority to the Prefect in the discharge of his duties. If the Provincial Commissioner no longer has confidence in the Prefect, it is his duty to ask his Regional Commissioner or the SCAO, AMG Army to have him removed, in consultation with HQ ACC, but while the Prefect continues to enjoy such confidence the Provincial Commissioner must as stated above give him his full support and authority.

5. The local Comitato di Liberazione has no official standing in the conduct of affairs within the Province. Its members must not be permitted to assume any executive functions, to appoint Commissioners or Enquiry, or set up any Commissions of Enquiry, or to do any executive acts within the Province. If it becomes desirable to appoint Commissioners or Commissions of Enquiry into any matter, it is the duty of the Provincial Commissioner to give the proper instructions to the Prefect.

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5. The local Committee of Administration has no official standing in the conduct of affairs within the Province. Its members must not be permitted to assume any executive functions, to appoint Commissioners or members of the Provincial Council, or to do any executive acts within the Province. If it becomes desirable to appoint Commissioners or Commissions of Enquiry into any matter, it is the duty of the Provincial Commissioner to give the proper instructions to the Prefect.

6. At the same time the Committee of Administration must be treated with courtesy and their advice and views may be sought by the Provincial Commissioner or the Prefect. It is entirely a matter for the Provincial Commissioner, after consultation with the Prefect, to consider whether in any particular case the advice of the Committee is to be followed or rejected. If the Committee attempt to exercise executive functions and to usurp the authority of the Prefect they must be stopped at once. If instructions to that effect are not followed by the Committee then the Provincial Commissioner will take steps to ensure that his orders are carried out, and as a last resort, dissolve the Committee. If necessary the Provincial Commissioner, subject to the concurrence of the Regional Commissioner or SCAG Army concerned, will ask the local Military Commander to assist him for this purpose.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
APO 394

Ref/540/14/CA

17 May 1944

SUBJECT: Returns.

TO : R.C. Region V.

1. Reference R5/518/132 of 22 April 1944.

2. The question of the amount of information asked for from Regions is a constant concern of this Section and I fully appreciate the difficulty experienced by Regions and Provincial staffs in compiling the various returns and reports requested by Headquarters.

3. You must remember however, that this Headquarters is frequently being pressed for information which originates in London, Washington and A.F.H.Q. and such information just must be given.

4. I am in complete agreement with you that as often as possible the Italian Government officials should be made responsible for obtaining statistical data since this is very much in accordance with the policy of the Commission.

5. As indicated above you can be certain that every effort is being and will be made to limit the amount of information and the number of returns asked for from Regions.

*Norman E. Fiske*  
NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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Subject:- Relations between MMIA and AMG

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

AQ/8/1

6 Jan 44

MMIA LO att 31 Corps

The attached copy of AMG Region II letter ref  
ECA/26/65 dated 16 Dec 43, is forwarded for your infor-  
mation.

EJC/cc

*Bgt. A. L. W. Hunt*  
for Brig *Nai*  
Comd

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SUBJECT: Relations between MMIA and  
AMG

HQ No 2 District CMF  
1372 Q  
Ex. 11986 29 Dec 43

MMIA  
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Herewith copy of AMG HQ Region  
II letter ref ECA/26/65 dated 16 Dec  
43, forwarded for information.

T.O.O. 1630A

*W. Edwards Mayr*  
*for*  
Colonel,  
Col i/c Admin

*Cons.*

*Send a copy to MMIA LO 785020*  
*act 31 Center*  
*Report u/i.*

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SUBJECT: Relations between AMG and Allied and Italian Military

Ref ECA/26/65  
AMG HQ Region II  
15 Dec 43

To: SCAO Catanzaro  
SCAO Cosenza  
SCAO Reggio

1. At a conference in Bari with Maj Gen Dowler GOC Dist 2 some reasonable criticisms were made of past actions by AMG personnel in Calabria with respect to supplies of petrol and relations with the Italian Army. Other requests were made for information.
2. SCACs and their staffs will be governed by the following instructions from this time forward:
  - (1) Motor Fuel will not be drawn from military dumps except in cases of real emergency. In such cases the facts constituting the emergency and the amount drawn will be reported immediately to GOC Dist 2 through this HQ. This instruction applies particularly to the dump at France Villa, which is in the process of being, or has been, transferred to Nicastro.
  - (2) AMG is to be supplied with POL through CIP (Comitato Italiano Petrolio), the functioning of which has been imperfect in Region II, but which is expected to improve in the near future. In the event of any acute shortage SCACs are authorised to signal GOC Dist 2 Bari for relief, sending a copy to this HQ.

3. Tentative instructions from higher authority indicate plans for the withdrawal of Italian Army transportation now being used for the distribution of civilian supplies. The GOC Dist 2 is aware of, and sympathetic with our situation should this withdrawal take place. The SCACs of Reggio and Cosenza will therefore, as promptly as possible, send to Maj Holmstrom at Catanzaro a definite statement,
  - (1) As to the effect of a complete withdrawal of Italian Army transportation upon the distribution of civilian supplies, and
  - (2) the minimum number of actual working lorries with which they could distribute supplies within their provinces. It is understood that if Italian Army lorries can be left upon such duty, the Italian Army will furnish the vehicles.

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4. In the event of further difficulties with the officers of the Italian Army, no orders will be issued directly to the Italian authorities, but a full statement of the matter will be sent to this HQ. For this purpose, the Italian Army will be deemed to include former officers of the IVSN.

5. In order that the GOC Dist 2 and this HQ may be kept abreast of the situation, you are instructed to report immediately by wire followed by written statement, any outbreaks of disorder, and also to submit a weekly report upon the condition and trend of public feeling in your provinces. The first report in this series will date from Dec 20, and will be sent by the next regular courier.

-2- *Bristico 7 then was a large dump there*

6. The SCAO of Cosenza will report promptly concerning the seizure of AMG motor fuel at or near Cosenza on or about 9 Nov stating whether this fuel originally came from Italian Army dumps where it was located, the amount of each type seized, and the amount of each type which has been returned for civilian and AMG use. The SCAO of Bristico will do the same with respect to the store of AMG fuel seized at that place.

7. SCACs will instruct their staffs to obtain definite facts concerning the persons issuing authority or instructions for foraging expeditions into their provinces. If obtainable, this information should include the name, rank, position and unit of the issuing officer, the names and units of military personnel, and of any civilians employed by them, with their addresses.

G H McCaffrey  
Lt Col Inf.  
RCAO

Copy to GOC Dist 2

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MEMORIA PER LA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

LEQUILE

A conferma di quanto comunicato verbalmente nel colloquio di sabato 11 corrente:

Il Comandante del XXI Corpo d'Armata ha informato, in data 30 novembre u.s., il Ministero della Guerra di aver ricevuto dall'Ufficiale superiore agli affari civili per la Calabria la seguente segnalazione:

"Ho ricevuto rapporti che due vostri ufficiali, il Ten. Col. G. Mastrobuono ed il Col. M. Garro si sono comportati ed espressi in modo molto improprio. Questi rapporti sono sufficientemente seri e numerosi, tanto da rendermi necessario il richiedere la loro rimozione immediata dai loro attuali incarichi. Si deve loro ordinare di riferire immediatamente al A.P.M. distretto n° 2 Bari per qualsiasi azione esso possa intendere consigliabile di prendere all'atto della ricezione del mio rapporto".

Detto comandante soggiungeva che, data la sua incompetenza ad adottare il provvedimento sopra richiesto, restava in attesa di istruzioni da parte del Ministero, ma aveva intanto incaricato il Comandante della 211<sup>a</sup> Divisione di svolgere, a carico dei due ufficiali, una severa ed approfondita inchiesta.

Infine, in seguito a richiesta del Ministero, riferiva, in data 3 dicembre, che, dall'inchiesta compiuta, nessun fatto od indizio specifico era risultato a carico dei due ufficiali superiori e che l'accusa fatta nei loro confronti doveva pertanto ritenersi del tutto falsa ed infondata come del tutto

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- AMGOT Charges against Italian Offrs.

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
AQ/8/1  
\\Dec 43

G.O.C.  
No 2 District

1. This Mission has received a visit from General ALIBERTI, of the War Ministry, in connection with the letter written by S.C.A.O. CALABRIA on 20 Nov 43 to G.O.C. 31 Corps (Italian), of which a copy was sent to you.

2. It was explained that, the action required in para 2 thereof not lying within the competence of the Italian Corps Commander, he referred to the Ministry of War, who instructed him to call for a report from the G.O.C. 211 Coastal Div, in which the two officers concerned are respectively GSO 1 and Regimental Commander.

3. This report has now reached the War Ministry, who endorse the conclusion of the Corps and Div Commanders that a prima facie case justifying the action called for by the S.C.A.O. has not been made out. It is felt that the allegations made, anonymous in origin, unspecific in form and unsupported by evidence, are in conflict with both these officers' characters as known in the War Ministry, with their history and recent record. The War Ministry therefore decline to take further action unless the S.C.A.O. puts forward something more concrete.

4. This interview and its tenor is now reported to you at the 7534 Ministry's request.

*[Signature]*



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Subject:- Enclosures.

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military mission to  
the Italian Army.

L.O. 31 Italian Corps.  
CATANZARO.

25/TT/43.

REF:- G.2.

ACR/8/1

H.Q.,  
M.M.T.A.

Herewith copies of two letters sent to us  
for information by C.O.A.O. R.M.G. CALABRIA.

W.P.J.

G.E.  
You may like to speak to O'Donnell about this  
Bgett.  
2/11

E.O'Donnell

Capt.

Whapp to see  
Bgett  
2/11

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SUBJECT:- Calabria.           

HQ No.2 District C.M.F.  
A.153/1.  
28 Nov 43.

M.M.I.A.  
          

Ref your AQ/BA of 21 Nov 43.

1. Will you please forward a copy of SCAO, AMG. letter 10001 of 14 Nov addressed your IO, as no copy appears to have been received in this HQ.

T.O.O. 1655A

*J. H. Heddle*  
Major General,  
G.O.C. No.2 District.

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25/11

Subject: CALABRIA

Hq No 2 District

MM IO to 31 Corps for information

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
AQ/8 A  
21 Nov 43

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In his letter 10001 of 14 Nov to my IO, copy to you, S.C.A.O. A.M.G. in CALABRIA raises the following points:-

1. That there have been several cases recently of attempts by 7 Italian Army, through orders issued to 31 Corps, to exercise legislative and administrative authority in adirection at variance with the policy of A.M.G.

Would you obtain details and let me know what action you recommend.

2. I do not understand his para 5 which seems to cut across the responsibilities delegated by you to 7 Italian Army.

Doubtless you will clarify and I would be grateful if a copy of your letter could be sent to me and to my IO at 31 Corps.

3. POL supplies in CALABRIA is being made the subject of a separate letter.

*[Signature]*  
Brig  
Comd

BJC

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION  
APO 512

7 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Duchene, British Military Mission to  
Seventh Italian Army.

With reference to the action of the Commanding General, 31st  
Corps reported in the attached document, I have discussed the matter  
with General Ambrosio. He will take the necessary steps to have the  
instructions revoked and will make clear to the Corps Commander the  
limitations of his jurisdiction.

For the Chief of Mission:

*Maxwell O. Taylor*  
MAXWELL O. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

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DA : XXXI<sup>a</sup> CORPO D'ARMATA

data : 7

A : COMANDO 7<sup>a</sup> ARMATA

No.di Prot. 01/14040

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ALT. SITUAZIONE CONTROLLATA ALT. MINORITA CONFERMATA IN  
ANTICIPO CAMBIO PREFETTO DA AUTORITA INGLESE DESIDERAVA  
IMPOSARE LA NOMINA DI MANCINI ALT. CAPO ANGOT CALABRIA  
RINIEGA ASSUMANDO DIRITTO DI NOMINA SETTIMANA PROSSIMA  
ALT. CITTA CALMA ALT. GUARNIGIONE RIMANE RINFORZATA DA  
BATTAGLIONE MANTOVA E CC.RR. COME GIA INFORMATO

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17 OCT 43

Subject:- A.M.G. Liaison Officers.

British Military Mission  
to 7th: Italian Army.  
Ref: No AQ/8

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H.Q., A.M.G.,  
No 2 Region.

Will you please forward to this Mission names and  
locations of A.M.G., L.O's in the provinces of LUCANIA and  
CALABRIA.

26 Oct 43.

*Rsgd.*  
*for* Brigadier,  
Commanding,  
British Military Mission.

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Subject - Italian Prisoners.

HQ, 71 Base Sub Area.

19/A.

13 Oct 43.

B.M.M., 7th Italian Army.  
Allied Liaison Officer, LECCE.

The attached appeal has been received at this HQ.

Whilst the agreed policy is to interfere as little as possible with the Administration, it is felt that the matter could be investigated.

*L. J. H. M. Luse.*

Colonel,  
Commander, 71 Base Sub Area.

*I should have Ref M3 is a  
job for Sincroch  
Agent of the  
Refugees  
LECC*

























