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HEADQUARTERS  
A.M.G. FIFTH ARMY (C.A.S.)  
A.P.O.No. 464, U.S. ARMY.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for April 1944 - AMG Fifth Army (CAS)

TO : Headquarters  
Allied Control Commission  
RC & MC Section

1. Since the activities of this Headquarters are as yet primarily of a planning nature, the same form of report as was submitted last month is followed, in lieu of directions issued in letter, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, RC & MC Section, Ref/497/44/CA, dated 25 April 1944.

a. Five special divisions continued to function here with one or more officers directing activities of each:

Administrative  
Legal  
Finance  
Education  
Public Safety

b. The following divisions continued operating in Naples, the locality considered most logical for their duties at this time:

Economics & Supply  
Transportation, Communication  
& Utilities

c. The undermentioned divisions have staffs partly operating in Naples but will wholly remove to Caserta as soon as practicable:

Property Control  
Public Health & Welfare  
Civil Affairs Officers

d. The following divisions are at present without chiefs, the need for whom is urgent:

Labor  
Refugees

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- e. The Black Market Section continued on loan to Region III, actively combating the Black Market in Naples, rendering useful service there and gaining valuable experience.
2. Meetings of the Headquarters Staff and all Division Chiefs were held weekly. Attending one or more of these sessions during April were Lieut-General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, Major-General Harry H. Johnson, Brigadier W. S. Lush, Brigadier J.K. Dinlop and Colonel Norman E. Fiske.
3. Major A. J. Shove, A.M.G. representative on the Home Accommodations Board, has moved to Caserta to continue closer collaboration with the Real Estate Division of the City Administrative Section, Fifth Army.
4. The policy of direct cooperation between this Headquarters and the City Administrative Section has produced excellent results in that during the month definite commitments were obtained from Fifth Army on matters of transportation, supply, intelligence, protection of property, etc.
5. Information on location and duties of personnel is contained in the regular monthly report (Form ACC R.1) as of 30 April 1944, submitted by this Headquarters.
6. Summarized reports of activities of the special divisions are appended, "A". More detailed reports are on file at this Headquarters for information, should it be desired.

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The division went into further detail in its planning for the City operation by liaison with the Provost Marshal and Judge Advocate General of the City Administrative Section, Fifth Army, and with A.M.C. special divisions. Major Robert C. Hendrickson, Senior Legal Officer, moved to Caserta for more direct collaboration with these units.

Finance.

The Senior Finance Officer continued weekly visits to the Finance Sub-Commission to maintain current information on policy. Under discussion were possible changes in procedure of handling safe deposit boxes in Italian banks. Latest information of this unit on the Vatican City financial situation was supplied the Finance Sub-Commission. Lists of important buildings in the City to be guarded have been re-checked with Public Safety and Intelligence. Discussions with the Sub-Commission were held on the advisability of attaching an Insurance Officer. The supply of printed and mimeographed forms to be used in the City was inventoried, revised and replenished. Arrangements were made with Allied Financial Agency by which it will furnish an officer with a supply of lire to be attached to this Division for the operation. Plans were made with the Transportation, Communications and Utilities Division and with the C.A.S. Engineering Section for handling their expenditures for supplies, tools, etc.

Public Safety.

Two hundred Carabinieri were transferred for duty in Sicily. A detachment of Carabinieri were assigned to supplement Military Police guards at the Royal Palace, Caserta. Arrangements were made for employment of Carabinieri in strengthening the control of movements of civilians attempting unauthorized crossing of the Volturno River. Unfit horses for Carabinieri were replaced.

Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza interpreters were supplied the City Administrative Section. Efforts were continued to obtain from Italian military sources a number of fire appliances and military firemen to augment the mobile fire contingent to be taken into the City.

Transportation, Communications and Utilities.

Electrical - Inspected the following: Plants at Volturno,

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transmission lines Naples to Cassino, power lines Prattamaggiore to Cassino, Castellammare power units.

Transportation - Carabinieri transportation unit with twenty trucks put into operating condition. Fifty trucks drawn from A.C.C. allotment. Railhead moved. Italian truck companies turned over to A.M.G. Fifth Army, eighty vehicles, three hundred officers and men. Three trucks destroyed, two trucks damaged, by bombs.

Water - Contacted local sources for reserves of materials.

Communications - Maintained liaison with Signals, C.A.S. and with A.C.C.

Economics and Supply.

During the month the Naples Base Office secured allocations of 6673 tons of supplies. Supplies were moved to schooners, warehouses and forward areas. Following orders of Deputy Chief of Transportation, A.A.I., twenty-seven schooners were unloaded, leaving a small number on hand, all under 50 tons capacity.

Civil Affairs Officers.

Civil Affairs Officers continued doing duty with other regions including special studies for Region IV, investigation for Public Safety Division of Region III, special duty with Legal Division of Region III. Major Collins attended internal administration course at Salerno. At least two more Civil Affairs Officers are needed immediately in addition to the six recently earmarked.

Black Market Control.

The unit continued operating in Naples City combating the Black Market in that area. Changes in personnel and organization of the Guardia di Finanza working under this unit were made or recommended in the light of observation of their work.

Property Control.

Continued planning in detail for property control with Real Estate Section, C.A.S. and Public Safety, A.M.G.

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Public Health and Welfare.

Plans were initiated for the earmarking of smallpox vaccine for immediate use upon entering the City. Fifty tons of medical supplies were loaded and seven extra tons unused allocated from the Anzio area. Arrangements were made so that officers of the CAS medical section could visit and work in Naples hospitals to obtain a picture of the problems of municipal public health.

Fine Arts and Education.

General condition of objects of historic and artistic interest in the vicinity of Anzio was investigated. The ancient tunnels recently uncovered in the course of military excavations were explored and all important buildings such as the Castello San Gallo, the Villa Spingarelli, the Villa Aldobrandini (formerly Sarsina) and the Teatro Romano were visited. It was found that no damage had been done by Allied Troops and that no new protective measures needed to be taken. Valuable first-hand information on the condition of museums, schools, etc. in the City was obtained.

The Education Officer supervised the removal of 137 cases of books belonging to the University of Naples from an exposed position at Minturno. Every measure was taken which conditions permitted to give these books the best possible protection from enemy fire, bombing or looting. The University authorities were informed of the removal and it is intended that the books be returned to Naples as soon as further military operations make it possible.

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A. Developments in Corps Areas.

1. II Corps.

This has been a very quiet month, fortunately so in view of the sickness and many changes among the personnel. The Corps area contains no complete inhabited commune and the inhabited area lies within the commune of Sessa Aurunca, which is under the control of the SCAG, Corps Expéditionnaire Française.

The principal activities have been anti-malarial measures and the cleaning up of the small villages in the area. The Corps SCAG is a member of the Corps anti-malarial committee and AMG material has been put at the disposal of the Corps Engineers who are in charge of the work. Over 400 truckloads of refuse and filth have been removed from the small villages and the Corps authorities have expressed themselves very pleased with the way this work is progressing.

In the convent in the evacuated town of Minturno about 170 cases of valuable old books have been discovered and these were inspected by the Corps SCAG and a representative of the Fine Arts Division; they were thought to be the missing collection from the University of Naples. As the building is within small arm's range of the enemy it is impracticable to remove them at the present time, but arrangements have been made for the broken cases to be repaired and the whole collection stored in the basement of the convent under the supervision of an official of the University until the time when they can be returned to Naples.

The Corps SCAG, Major Francis M. Wray (American) was decorated with the O.B.E. on April 23rd for his work during his attachment as CAO to the 56th (British) Division.

2. C.A.F.

With the move of the Corps from Venafro to the Sessa Aurunca district there was some reorganisation of personnel and the Corps took over the area from 10 Corps. This change was effected smoothly and without any adverse effect on the civil administration.

The French immediately started the same evacuation scheme as in their previous area; this was carried through without any hitch and fewer refugees have had to be evacuated to the rear than was at one time expected. The French scheme envisages three zones: the most forward zone is completely evacuated and no civilians at all are permitted to remain or circulate; the intermediary zone is cleared of all civilians except those who actually have their houses there, and they are not permitted to circulate at all except for the purpose of working their land, while in the rear zone circulation is permitted up to 10 kms without an AMG pass and over 10 kms with such a pass. However, no passes may be granted to enter the forward zone and passes have to be obtained to enter any part of the intermediary zone.

Relations with the French have been harmonious and the presence of a French officer with the AMG Section has proved beneficial. However the French still have some misconception of the function of AMG and rather resent some of the restrictions imposed upon them in the interests of the civil population such as the prohibition of local purchase of meat, the issue of white flour to Italians while they and their families in N. Africa have to use brown flour, the lightness (in their opinion) of sentences imposed by AMG courts upon offenders against French troops and against law and order. This is understandable when it is remembered that Italian troops are said to be still occupying the French Riviera and that several stores of luxury goods looted from France by Italian soldiers have been discovered by the French during the present campaign.

There have been the usual complaints of the behaviour of French Native troops especially with regard to the female population, but many of these complaints are found to be groundless and the situation gives no cause for alarm at the present time.

### 3. VI Corps.

The occupied area in the Beachhead remained virtually unchanged during the month. On the 1st of April the complete evacuation was begun of all the remaining 10,000 odd inhabitants except for essential labour employed by the military and a few specially selected shepherds and farmers. A full report on this evacuation has already been submitted. By the 15th April the population was reduced to slightly under 1000 and only a few stragglers have been evacuated since. Advantage was taken of this to reduce the number of AMG personnel in the area and since that date the remainder have been given rest periods in rotation.

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During excavation work some Roman remains were discovered underneath a Villa in the Nettuno area and these were inspected by a representative of the Fine Arts Division.

A difficult problem is that of shearing the 20,000 sheep remaining in the area. It would be advantageous to import additional labour during May if this proves practicable; in the meantime the necessary material is urgently needed so that the remaining shepherds and farmers can start work. The Agriculture Sub-Commission has promised this material, but great difficulty has been met in obtaining shears, the most essential item. At this time it is not known whether the search will be successful. If it is and the shearing goes well, over 50 tons of greasy wool should be made available.

Malaria control is being undertaken by the Army authorities and the remaining civilians are being issued with Atabrine from Army sources.

B. General matters pertaining to Sub-Commissions.

1. Food Supply.

The supply of food from Naples to our forward warehouses has been very satisfactory; full use has been made of rail transport to the Sparanise railhead. 2057 tons have been received and 670 tons issued, half of which was transferred to Region III to help them out while forward dumps are being built up. It has thus been possible to build up substantial stocks against any future advance or extension of the Army area.

With the advent of the fine weather an open air dump is being established at Carinola, near the new railhead there. Work on this has been temporarily suspended for a few days by order of Fifth Army but it is hoped that this ban will shortly be lifted; as soon as all stocks have been transferred the warehouse at Calvi Risorta will be closed down.

2. Public Safety.

Law and order continues to be excellent and there have been no civil disturbances, strikes or cases of sabotage. The Italian CC.RR. and Guardia di Finanza have been recommended by CIC for counter-espionage work.

The conduct of Allied troops has been good except for some looting in the evacuated Beachhead area and a few incidents with French native troops.

The control civilian movement has been satisfactory except that there were still many cases of travel on irregular passes. A new type of pass-form was issued at the end of the month. There has been no opportunity as yet of judging how the new regulations will work, but they should be satisfactory provided that the power to issue such passes is not abused. It is again emphasized that the Army demands an absolute minimum of civilian movement in the area.

### 3. Legal.

85 cases were dealt with by Summary Court, eleven of which resulted in acquittals. Eleven espionage and sabotage cases were dealt with by General Court, ten of these having originated in the Eighth Army area. Of the eleven defendants three were acquitted.

Supplies of the new Proclamations are urgently required for posting in areas that may be occupied in the near future.

### 4. Public Health.

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The general health of the population is excellent, and there has been no report of any epidemic disease except one or two cases of typhoid. The V.D. situation also continues very satisfactory.

Anti-malarial measures are well in hand and the large-scale preoccupation control scheme in the Sessa Aurunca area has been resuscitated.

The Red Cross Field Representatives have continued their work of distributing clothing and supervision of general welfare activities.

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The large scale evacuation from the Beachhead was completed by the middle of the month and apart from this there were only small movements of refugees. As long as the front remains static it is not anticipated that any large number will have to be handled. However plans are in hand for the creation of mobile units for the "processing" of refugees in the event of any forward movement.

C. Organisation.

1. Changes in the Army area.

a) The front remained static throughout the month and no new communes were brought under military government.

b) By an administrative order dated 14 April the Fifth Army rear boundary was moved forward to the Volturno and with effect from that date the Fifth Army has no operational concern south of the river except in so far as the Army Security Branches are interested in what goes on immediately behind the Army area. The area between the Corps rear boundaries and the Army rear boundary continues to be administered by Region III, subject to any operational orders that we may have to issue to them at the direction of the Army Commander, and this arrangement has worked very smoothly.

2. Littoria Province.

With an eye to the possible development of future operations the Provincial H.Q. of Littoria Province was set up by this Headquarters on April 30th. The CAOs designated for this province are already employed in Corps areas both for assistance in running isolated communes and for the benefit they receive from this type of training.

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MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)  
AND 454 U.S. Army

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2. Developments in Corps Area.

1. 11 May.

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