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9 January 1949
Executive Communism

Amended memo for approval
is draft of letter as directed - (John D.
Letter was prepared in accordance
with BFG signal - John A.
Johns B and C are subject press
release

HQ PRO

Mem 2

10 Jan 1949
Executive Communism
Amended original American Release
now included - John C
HQ PRO.

DRAFT

Ref. 102/1/142

January 1947

Dear Dr. Cappa:

I refer to the newspaper releases concerning payment of the Republican Bonus to Italian civilian employees of the Allied forces that were recently dispatched by both American and British public relations offices to Italian news agencies and also directly to Rome newspapers. With the exception of "Avanti!" and "Avanti!" none of the Rome newspapers has published these releases.

I feel that it is in Italian interest that notice of the payment of the bonus to Italian civilians formerly employed by the Allies should be given full publicity, especially as application for payment must be made prior to January 31st, 1947.

It would be appreciated if you could take all possible action as regards very early publication in the press of the enclosed copies of the American and British press releases on this subject.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR.
Chief Commissioner.

Dr. Paolo Cappa,
The Undersecretary of State to the
Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME

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DRAFT FOR PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT.
PAYMENT OF REPUBLICAN BONDS TO CIVILIAN WORKERS OF BRITISH ARMY UNITS

IF YOU WERE EMPLOYED BY A UNIT OF THE BRITISH ARMY ON JULY 26TH 1946 AND ARE STILL EMPLOYED BY THEM YOU SHOULD APPLY TO THE HQ OFFICE OF THE UNIT FOR A CLAIM FORM IN DUPLICATE.

YOU WILL COMPLETE PART I AND THE HQ OF THE UNIT WILL COMPLETE PART II YOU WILL THEN TAKE OR POST BOTH COPIES TO THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DELLA PREVIDENZA SOCIALE.

THE CLAIM WILL THEN BE CHECKED AGAINST THE PAY SHEETS OF 26TH JULY 1946 AND, IF FOUND TO BE CORRECT, PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DELLA PREVIDENZA SOCIALE ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH ARMY. SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS BONDS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES.

1. WORKERS EMPLOYED BY UNITS OF THE ROYAL NAVY OR THE R.N.F.
2. WORKERS EMPLOYED BY INCA, CSE AND OTHER WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE BRITISH ARMY.
3. WORKERS EMPLOYED IN REQUISITIONED HOTELS, CLUBS, ETC.
4. WORKERS WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY BRITISH ARMY UNITS ON 26 JULY 1946 BUT WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN DISCHARGED.

PAGAMENTO DEL PREMIO DELLA REPUBBLICA AI CIVILI INTEGRATI PRESSO UNITA' DELL'ESERCITO BRITANNICO
DELL'ESERCITO BRITANNICO

COLORO CHE AL 26 LUGLIO 1946 SI TROVAVANO INTEGRATI PRESSO UNITA' DELL'ESERCITO BRITANNICO, E SONO ANCORA INTEGRATI PRESSO TALI UNITA', DEVONO RICHIEDERE AL COMANDO DELL'UNITA' UN MODULO PER LA DOMANDA IN DOPPIA COPIA. ESSI RIENTRANO LA PARTE I E IL COMANDO STESSO RIENTRA LA PARTE II. LE DUE COPIE DELLA DOMANDA DEVONO ESSERE PORTATE O INVIATE PER POSTA ALL'UFFICIO LOCALE DELL'ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DELLA PREVIDENZA SOCIALE. LA LEGITTIMITA' DELLA DOMANDA VERRA' VERIFICATA SUI FOGLI DI PAGA DEL 26 LUGLIO 1946 E DOPO TALE VERIFICA IL PAGAMENTO VERRA' EFFETTUATO DALL'ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DELLA PREVIDENZA SOCIALE PER CONTO DELL'ESERCITO BRITANNICO.

QUESTO MODULO NON REMPLAZANO LE SEGUENTI CATEGORIE:

1. GLI INTEGRATI PRESSO UNITA' DELLA ROYAL NAVY O DELLA R.N.F.
2. GLI INTEGRATI DELL'INCA, CSE E SIMILI ORGANIZZAZIONI DELL'ESERCITO BRITANNICO;
3. GLI INTEGRATI DEGLI ALBERGHI REQUISITI, DEI CLUBS, ETC.

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2. WORKERS EMPLOYED BY WACA, CSE AND OTHER WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE BRITISH ARMY.
3. WORKERS EMPLOYED IN RESTRICTED HOTELS, CLUBS, ETC.
4. WORKERS WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY BRITISH ARMY UNITS ON 26 JULY 1946 BUT WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN DISCHARGED.

ESERCIZIO DEL TRUCCO DELLA REPUBBLICA AI CIVILI INDIAGATI PRESSO UNITA' DELL'ESERCITO BRITANICO

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QUESTO NOME NON RIVELERANNO LE SEGUENTI CATEGORIE:

1. GLI INFERIORI PRESSO UNITA' DELLA ROYAL NAVY O DELLA RAF;
2. GLI INFERIORI DELL'WACA, CSE E SIMILI ORGANIZZAZIONI DELL'ESERCITO BRITANICO;
3. GLI INFERIORI DEGLI AIRPORT REQUISITI, DEL CHMS, ETC.
4. COLORO CHE ERANO INFERIORI IN UNITA' IDENTIFICHE AL 26 LUGLIO 1946 E CHE ENTRO QUESTO PERIODO SONO STATI LICENZIATI.
5. PER TALI CATEGORIE SARANNO EMISE TUTTE LE MISURE E ISTRUZIONI SUPPLEMENTARI.

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Public Relations
Mediterranean Theater of Operations
Detachment "A" Rome APO 794

Caserta, December 22 ---- All Italian civilian personnel who were employed on 25th July 1946, by the American Forces in Italy may apply at the appropriate unit headquarters where they were employed in order to receive the Bonus Payment for their services.

Personnel of the above category who are no longer employed by the American Forces will be required to make application for their bonus payment prior to 31 January 1947.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: *EX 73921*
 Date/Time of Origin: *DEC. 231615A*

Message Centre No: *H/8751*
 Date/Time Rec'd: *DEC. 270945*
 Precedence: *ROUTINE*

FROM: *AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED CIVIL PRGEG*
 TO : *ALCOM HOME INFO: GHQ GMP FOR*

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject is payment of bonus equivalent to republican bonus.

1. News releases issue through tros (?) British and American Home for Italian press have not with the exception of Avanti, been published as requested by this Headquarters.

2. Believe that it is in the interest of the Italian Government that publication should be made.

3. Will you please contact the Italian Government and ask them to take action to ensure publication either in press, or other means as they deem advisable.

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DEC 27 1945

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *Trial - Draft Release* FILE NO.
TO : *Executive Comm.* 17 Dec 1946

*This has been approved as to facts
by Lt. Col. Hannaford and Capt.
Olliv.*

*Should it be a general release
or shall I telephone it to the
Rome Daily American. This afternoon's
Italian press did not carry
comment on the original article.*
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J. S. J. P. R. V.

A spokesman for the Allied Commission today denied that the Allied Commission as reported in the Rome Daily American of 17 December had rejected a request from the Court of Assizes of Rome, first section that Generals Eberhard von Mackensen and Kurt Meeltzer testify at the Rome trial of the Bardi-Pollastrini gang of Fascists who ran Rome under the Germans.

"The facts of the matter are, the spokesman said, "that whereas the Italian Court had originally requested the physical presence of the two German generals in court, this request was later changed by the Procuratore Generale to provide for the taking of depositions instead. This request was immediately granted and arrangements have been made for taking the depositions as desired by the court."

ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *DRAFT REPATRIATION POWs* FILE No.

TO *Chief Commissioner*

25 Nov 194

This release was prepared at request of Col. Doke. M.M. I.A. requested that he shown to British Embassy. This has been done and since in sub was suggested by the Embassy release it for tonight.

*H. J.
P.R.O.*

Less than 5,000 Italian prisoners of war in British hands remain to be repatriated and all of them are expected to have departed for their homes by the end of January. It was announced today that the return of Italian prisoners of war in America is given priority.

Since the signing of the armistice, repatriation of prisoners has been proceeding steadily under the direction of the I.R.C. Division. It is reported that as of November 25, 1946 more than 1,750,000 have returned to Italy from points scattered all over the world. Of this number, 635,000 had been repatriated from Germany and Europe prior to August 1946, 20,000 from the United States of America, 27,000 from French North Africa, 1,000 from Italy, and 1,000 from Russia. The British Empire has returned 1,000 of her prisoners of war since November 1945, 500 sent back from the United States and 500 from the Dominion. Repatriation of all of the 123,000 prisoners of American hands was completed by April 15, 1946.

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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>SHIP</u>	<u>NOB. ENR.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>INDIA</u>	MOONRA	1552	ETA: late Nov.
"	WEST WIND	4050	ETA: 10 Nov.
"	INDIA	1001	ETA: 6 Dec. (3 OFFR, 28 ONR left in India. Those repatriated as soon as space available in Hospital Ship.)
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>	INDIA	600	ETA: 25 Nov.
"	STRAIT WIND	1000	ETA: early Dec.
"	INDIA	300	ETA: late Dec.
"	INDIA	400	ETA: 3 Nov.
"	OFFR	2342	ETA: mid Dec. (amputating, all available men, naves)
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: late Dec.
"	INDIA	0710	ETA: late Dec.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: late Jan.
<u>S. AMERICA</u>	INDIA	600	ETA: late Nov.
"	INDIA	1500	ETA: mid Dec.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: late Dec.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: late Dec.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: early Jan.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: mid Jan.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: mid Jan.
<u>S. AMERICA</u>	INDIA	1296	ETA: 27 Nov.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: 27 Nov.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: 7 Dec.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: 16 Dec.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: mid Dec.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: late Dec.
"	INDIA	1000	ETA: 10 Dec.
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Subject :- Italian Prisoners of War.

To: - A.C.

1. <u>Country holding.</u>	<u>No. originally held.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
U.S.A.	123,000	all repatriated by 15 April 46.
Germany & Switzerland	635,000	all repatriated by August 1946.
Balkans.	100,000	90,512 repatriated on 20-17 Nov 46.
French N. Africa.	37,000	all repatriated by 10 June 46.
Russia	20,000.	12,513 repatriated on 25-17 Nov 46.
British Empire.	397,000.	158,000 repatriated from U.K. by 15 Sep 46.
		195,000 repatriated from British Dominions on 20 Nov. 46.
		Approx 45,000 I/W await repatriation, the programme for whom is as follows: -

(attached). 5172

Final Africa
Russia
British Empire

37,000

20,000

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T. E. REGIS

LT COL CMC

Chief I & A Division

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

About eleven hundred Italian Prisoners of War will leave Fremantle, Australia, in two ships due to sail on 1 and 3 August 1946 and expected in Italian ports about a month later. This will be the first big ^{group} ~~part~~ of Prisoners of War to return to Italy from Australia, where there are still over seventeen thousand out of an original 17,657; included will be 172 men whose early release was requested by the Allied Commission or recommended by the Italian Government on compassionate grounds. The full list of names will be forwarded to Rome by air.

All told out of a total of 1,285,121 Italian Prisoners of War at the beginning of repatriation by the Allies, ~~only~~ ^{now} 139,026 ~~still~~ ^{await} shipment home.

They are being returned, currently
24 July 1946.

The rate of approximately 10,000 per week, but this rate may not be kept up when all those close at hand in England and Scotland have returned.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 18 July 1946 at the Headquarters of the Allied Commission in Rome, Rear-Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Chief Commissioner, presented American Decorations to two American officers, and to four American, one British, one Canadian, and four Italian civilians.

Captain Roy E. Barone and Captain Steve Riggio received the Bronze Star. Mildred A. Avallone, Marian Cleveland, Grace S. Westbrooke, and Louis C. Wickersham American civilians, received the Medal of Freedom; W.H. Braine, British civilian, the Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm; Margaret Pettinocchi, Canadian civilian, the Medal of Freedom; Oscar Codrangolo the Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm; Giuseppe Caronia the Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm; and Marchese Carlo Rossi del Barbazale and Elena L. Souder the Medal of Freedom.

Oscar Codrangolo is the President of the Court of Assise and First President of the Court of Appeal of Naples; Ottore Caronia as Rector of Rome University greatly helped the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations Branch of the Armed Forces Institute to provide educational facilities for the members of the United States Armed Forces.

W.H. Braine was formerly Director of the Allied Commission's Labour Sub-Commission and Chairman of the Allied Armed Forces Labour and Wages Committee of the Allied Local Resources Board, and is now a member of the British Embassy Staff in Rome. Marian Cleveland was formerly Executive Director of the Commission's Economic Section and is now Deputy Chief of the UNRRA Mission to Italy.

Admiral Stone made a short speech, particularly addressed to the Italian recipients -- expressing his personal appreciation of the splendid cooperation of Italians in the war against Germany.

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DISTRUZIONE IMMEDIATA

Il 13 luglio 1946, al Comando della Commissione Alleata in Roma, il Contrammiraglio Ellery W. Stone, Capo della Commissione, ha consegnato Decorazioni Americane a due ufficiali americani, e a quattro civili americani, un civile inglese, un civile canadese e quattro civili italiani.

Il capitano Roy T. Barone e il capitano Steve Riggio sono stati decorati della Stella di Bronzo. Mildred A. Avallone, Marian Cleveland, Grace S. Westbrook e Louis C. Wickersham, civili americani, sono stati decorati della Medaglia della Libertà con palme d'argento; Margaret Pettinicchi, civile canadese, della Medaglia della Libertà; Oscar Cedrangolo, della Medaglia della Libertà con palme d'argento; Giuseppe Caronia, della Medaglia della Libertà con palme di bronzo; e il Marchese Carlo Rossi del Barbazzele e Elena L. Souder, della Medaglia della Libertà.

Oscar Cedrangolo è Presidente della Corte d'Assise e primo Presidente della Corte d'Appello di Napoli; il dottor Caronia, nella sua qualità di Rettore dell'Università di Roma, è stato di valido aiuto alla Sezione per il Teatro di Operazioni Mediterranee dell'Istituto delle Forze Armate nel compito di attuare facilitazioni educative per i membri delle Forze Armate degli Stati Uniti.

W.H. Braine fu Direttore della Sottocommissione per il Lavoro della Commissione Alleata, Presidente del Comitato delle Forze Armate Alleate per la Mano d'Opera e i Salari dipendente dalla ~~Commissione~~ ^{Commissione} Alleate per le Risorse Locali, ed è ora membro del Personale dell'Ambasciata Inglese in Roma. Marian Cleveland fu Direttore Esecutivo della Sezione Economica della Commissione Alleata ed è ora Vice Direttore della Missione Italiana dell'UNRRA.

L'Ammiraglio Stone ha pronunciato un breve discorso, particolarmente indirizzato ai decorati italiani, esprimendo il suo personale

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HQ - AC
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Allied agencies
etc.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

With reference to a report that Admiral Stone is submitting his resignation as Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission because of dissatisfaction with the decisions reported to have been taken at the Paris conference, Admiral Stone has *made* no comment ~~to make~~ on such decisions. He has not submitted his resignation and there is no question of his resigning his present Allied military assignment.

9 July 1946.

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PER IMMEDIATA PUBBLICAZIONE

In relazione alla notizia che l'Amiraglio Stone stia presentando le sue dimissioni, come Capo della Commissione Alleata, perche non soddisfatto delle decisioni riportate prese dalla Conferenza di Parigi, l'Amiraglio Stone non ha fatto nessun commento circa tali decisioni. Egli non ha presentato le sue dimissioni ne si tratta di ^{dimettersi} ~~presentarsi~~ dalla sua attuale carica militare alleata.

9 luglio 1946

As finally passed by H.C. Regis
as a collect translation.

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For Immediate Release

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, called on the President of the Council of Ministers today to express on behalf of the United States and British Governments their congratulations upon the orderly manner in which the first free elections since pre-fascist days have been carried out in Italy. The United States and British Governments have been particularly impressed by the large number of the electors who participated in the elections, thus demonstrating their appreciation of the responsibility of each citizen in a democracy.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED COMMISSION

Il Contrammiraglio Ellery W. Stone, USNR, Capo ~~Commissario~~ della Commissione Alleata, si e' recato oggi dal Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri per esprimere ^{le congratulazioni} ~~da parte~~ dei Governi degli Stati Uniti e della Gran Bretagna ~~le loro congratulazioni~~ per il modo ordinato in cui si sono svolte le prime libere elezioni ^{che hanno avuto luogo} in Italia ~~sin dall'~~ ^{dall'} epoca pre-fascista. I Governi Statunitense e Britannico sono rimasti particolarmente impressionati dal gran numero di elettori che hanno partecipato alle elezioni, dimostrando ^{la loro comprensione} ~~il loro apprezzamento~~ della responsabilita' di ogni cittadino in una democrazia.

To Mr. Bombassei -

For translation check, please


H. ARMAND de HASI.
Capt., Spec. Res., AUS

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*Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni*

Servizio IV° Div. II

APPUNTO per il Sig. Colonnello GREEN

Pur essendo il caffè, secondo disposizioni interne dell'Amministrazione Americana merce di vietata esportazione a mezzo pacco postale, fin dall'inizio del servizio dei noti pacchi dono di 2 Kg., piccole partite di tale derrata risultarono molto spesso incluse in detti pacchi, tanto che con lettera n. P.23.75/CS del 22 febbraio 1945 codesta stessa On. Commissione ebbe ad interessarsi della questione e da parte nostra fu risposto che nulla si aveva da osservare nei riguardi di una eventuale regolare concessione in proposito.

Consentita l'elevazione del peso degli invii in parola da 2 a 5 Kg., non venne data nessuna tassativa disposizione in proposito ed i pacchi con caffè, anche per tacito consenso della Dogana, ebbero regolare corso.

Con la recente disposizione per la quale il peso massimo dei pacchi dono viene portato a 20 Kg. si è ammesso dal Servizio Italiano che tutti gli invii del genere possano contenere anche caffè, fino però ad un massimo di 5 Kg.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/8.12

6 May 1945

SUBJECT: Coffee

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

1. The Italian Government's prohibition of the importation of coffee, both in trade channels and in gift packages, was based upon its desire to permit import of only essentials.

2. The restriction on the importation of coffee Franco Salata will end 1 July. The forward date, 1 July, was affixed so that the various traders would have an opportunity to get their businesses in order with some degree of equity to all.

3. The relaxation of the prohibition against coffee in gift packages was 1 April. Since you noted advertisements prohibiting coffee in gift packages during your visit to the United States, it is believed that the publicity at home has suffered inaccuracy from a time lag. Suggestion is being made to the IRO that he obtain a release of the latest information designed to clarify the position.

4. Gift Packages --- The following is a brief review of the gift package rulings:

(A) Nov. 44 - Authorizing 1.8 kilogram packages without duty. Coffee excluded.

Dec. 45 - Weight increased to 5 kilograms without duty, or 12 kilograms, the difference in weights being subject to duty. Coffee excluded.

Apr. 1 45 - Weight increased to 20 kilograms without duty. Packages may include 5 kilograms of coffee.

(B) A 50 kilogram package may be received duty free and without permits if it contains cereals, flour, pasta, dried legumes, or wine.

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Acting Vice President

cc: Public Relations Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 544/468/BC

29 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Press Release.

TO : Public Relations Officer A.C.

1. Request that the following release be made to the Italian Press, both through A.C. and Italian Government channels.

Press Release

"Increasing numbers of Italian Civilians are approaching the British Real Estate Offices with queries concerning the release of their properties, now held on requisition, and for the purpose of presenting claims for alleged damage and destruction caused by Military occupation.

Queries and claims should be presented to the local office of the Genio Militare for action.

Property owners are reminded that they have no recourse to the British Army."

For the Chief Commissioner,

L.S. Hunt Smith
for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

JPL/cl

Ref. 102/PRE

23 April 1945

SUBJECT : Draft Press Release

TO : Col. C. R. Ross

Would you be so kind as to check the attached draft release
and return same at your earliest convenience?

JOHN P. DEACACOS
Major, NCB,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

Radio telephone traffic between the U.S. and Italy hit an all time high ^{OVER} Easter, the Allied Commission announced today. On Saturday 164 calls were completed and on Sunday 163, compared with the previous record of 154 calls handled on September 11, 1945.

The Allied Commission also announced that radio telephone calls from Italy to the U.S.A. may now be made on a collect basis. This facility is open for all classes of calls but as it is primarily for convenience of troops it is of a temporary nature and limited to a maximum period of six months. Persons wishing to take advantage of this new arrangement will have to so indicate at the time of booking calls as it is necessary that the called party in the U.S.A. agree to accept the charges. There is one catch in the use of the collect call and that is the U.S. tax of .25 on telephone calls which makes a three minute call from Rome cost \$15 on a collect basis instead of \$12 on a prepaid basis.

Due to increased circuit time it is now possible to extend the permitted duration of calls of a personal nature from three minutes to six minutes. In order to avoid interference with schedules, desire to make a call of more than three minutes should be indicated at time of booking. During peak periods it may not be possible to extend duration of calls, but barring unforeseen circuit difficulties it should be possible to arrange calls in less busy periods for all those desiring to make calls of longer duration than the present three minutes.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND
Communications Sub-Commission

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E.7.569/33

3rd April 1946

Subject: Polish Stamps.

To: Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

With reference to my E.7.553/33 of 25th March.

1. The notice referred to was distributed by the Public Relations Branch of this Headquarters to a wide range of Italian newspapers and press agencies, but so far as has been observed, it has been published only by "Il Minuto".

2. No objection is seen to your Ministry issuing a similar notice on the subject if you consider that such action is desirable.

3. A copy of the notice was sent to the president of the Federazione Italiana Concessionari Francobolli per Collezionisti.

W.H. Lister

for Col.

for
H.E. JONES
Colonel, Sigs. Co.
Director.

Copies to:

G-5 : A.T.H.C.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Public Relations Officer. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 501/145/23

2. April 1946

SUBJECT: Press Release.

TO : Public Relations Officer A.C.

1. Request that the following release be made to the Italian Press, both through A.C. and Italian Government channels.

Press Release

"Increasing numbers of Italian Civilians are approaching the United States Real Estate Offices with queries concerning the release of their properties, now held on requisition, and for the purpose of presenting claims for alleged damage and destruction caused by Military occupation.

Queries and claims should be presented to the local office of the Genio Militare for action.

Property owners are reminded that they have no recourse to the United States Army."

For the Chief Commissioner,

[Signature]
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ams

Urgent.

P.7.552/G3

25th March 1946

Subject: Polish "Stamps".

To : Public Relations Officer. ✓

1. Will you please arrange for the attached press notice to be given the distribution stipulated in letter G-5 : 990.311 of 22nd March from G-5 : A.F.H.Q.

2. As it is desired to quote the issue of this notice to the Italian Ministry and other interested bodies please ~~furnish a copy of the Italian version and~~ state the date of the release.

W. H. Green
for col.
for H. H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig. O.
Director.

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G-5 : 990.311 of 22nd March.
Copy of Press Notice.

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COPY

A - B - C
14 March 1945
Officially announced

~~It is officially stated~~ by the Allied Commission that the "stamps" bearing the words:

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and bearing values in Lire have not been issued by any competent postal authority and they are not and cannot be used in place of postage stamps.

The only stamps which may be used in Italy for the pre-payment of postage are the official Italian stamps purchasable at an Italian Post Office.

Under postal regulations "vignette di beneficenza" must be affixed elsewhere than on the address side of a postal packet or letter.

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TRADUZIONE

La Commissione Alleata comunica ufficialmente che i bolli recanti le parole

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e con i valori in Lire non sono stati emessi da nessuna competente autorità postale ed essi non sono e non possono essere usati come francobolli.

I soli francobolli che possono essere usati in Italia per l'affrancatura della posta sono i francobolli italiani ufficiali che si comperano in un Ufficio Postale Italiano.

Secondo il regolamento postale le "vignette di beneficenza" non possono essere applicate dal lato della soprascritta di un pacco postale o di una lettera.

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MAR 14 1946

Suggested Make release

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Rome, 4 March, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I refer to your letter dated 7 February 1946, in which you inform me that the European Coal Organization has decided to accept Italy as an associated country.

In taking notice of said decision I am very glad to advise you that the United States Government has immediately given instructions to its representatives in London to sign officially, in the name of said Government, the document by which Italy accepts membership in the European Coal Organization. ^{sup} Govt. Giovanni ~~de~~ ^{sup} will represent Italy personally in said Organization.

In sharing your assurance that Italy will receive a fair treatment which will enable her to take her vital recognition, I send you my regards.

Yours truly,

(s) [Signature]

Admiral Arthur W. Brown
Chief Coordinator
Allied Commission
R.C.A.C.

Ex. C. DISTB - MAR 14 1946

Action - Econ Sec (2)
Info - CH Com ✓
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Pratt Release 102/444 of 19 March 46
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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Ref. 102/PRB

4 January 1946

SUBJECT : Story on the hand over of the northern provinces.

TO : Managing Editor "Stars and Stripes".

1. This is to repeat in writing the substance of a telephone conversation with you yesterday.

2. I called you to point out to you that your story on the hand over of the northern provinces contained a misstatement. According to your account Udine is a "disputed province". This is in fact not so - see our release of 13 December, par. 3, copy of which I enclose.

3. The Associated Press informs me that their own release was worded differently so I assume the mistake was made in your version.

THOMAS G. BERGIN,
Lt. Col. MEB,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

12 Dec 45.

PRESS RELEASE:

HOLD FOR RELEASE AT 0001 hrs. 13 DEC 45.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission, announced today that the remaining Italian territory now under Allied Military Government, including the islands of Lampedusa, Linosa, and Pantelleria but excluding Venezia Giulia and the Province of Udine, will be returned to Italian administration about December 31st.

The Province of Udine is being retained under Allied Military Government solely for military reasons and not in any sense because it is considered a disputed area.

Allied Military Government officers will be withdrawn from the areas to be transferred, but a small number of Allied Commission liaison officers will remain to facilitate the transition from Allied to Italian administration.

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Brig. Lush, Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission, has a wide knowledge of civil affairs. Most of his pre-war life was spent in Africa where, after many years in the Sudan Political Service, he was appointed first as Sudan XXX Agent in Cairo, and then as Governor of the Northern Province of the Sudan.

At the outbreak of the war he was recalled to the Army and was appointed Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Ethiopia. After handing back the administration of this country to the Emperor, Haile Selassie, he took part in the occupation of Madagascar, where he was Military Administrator. When the island was turned over to the Fighting French, Brig. Lush was appointed as Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Tripolitania, which he entered with the 8th Army. He was subsequently appointed Chief Civil Affairs Officer, AMG, Italy and in January 1944 became Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

In the last war during which he served in the Royal Artillery, Brig Lush was awarded the Military Cross and Bar. In 1942 he was made C.B.E. and in 1944 C.B.

Brig Lush is married, has 3 children and lives at Ewhurst, Guildford, Surrey.

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From Who's Who

LUSH, Brig. Maurice Stanley, CB 1944; CBE 1942; MC and Bar 1916-1917; Order of the Nile 3d Class; Executive Commissioner and Vice President, Allied Commission, Italy since 1943; b. 23 Nov 1896; son of late Herbert Stanley Lush; m. 1930, Diana Ruth, d. of Charles Alexander Hill, Q.V.; one s. two d. Educ. Tonbridge School; R.A.A., Woolwich. European War, R.A. 1915-1919 (MC and Bar); Egyptian Army 1919 - 1922; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~; Sec. H.M. Legation Addis Abeba 1919-1922; Sudan Political Service from 1919; District Commissioner Sudan 1922-26; Asst. Civil Sec. Sudan Govt 1926-29; Private Sec. to Gov. of Sudan 1929-1930; Deputy Gov. Sudan 1930-35; Sudan Agent, Cairo 1935-38; Gov. Northern Province Sudan 1938-41; War of 1939 - recalled from R.A.R.O. as Brig.; Deputy Chief Political Officer, Ethiopia, 1941-42; Military Administrator, Madagascar, 1942; Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer British Military Administration, Tripolitania 1942-43. Recreations: lawn tennis, squash racquets, polo. Address: Westlands, Ewhurst, Guildford, Surrey. Tel. Ewhurst 170. Club: Conservative.

Ref. from release
16/10/2000/PA3
dtd. 10/10/2000

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Minute Sheet

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To: Executive Commission

Request approval and issuance of draft press release opposite.
Labor Sub-Committee and members.Econ Sec
11 Dec 45
121. 257SPH
11/12/45L. H. Densmore
L. H. Densmore
Colonel, P. A.
Deputy Vice President

D/VP Econ. Sec.

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as amended.

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Pub Rel Br:

For release, please. off Econ Sec
12 Dec 45.

See Postage 11/12/45

dated 11 December 45

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ALLIED FOR LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
A.F.H.Q.

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LRS/214D/469

Postal Address:-
c/o Rome Area Allied Command, GAF.

SUBJECT:- Christmas Bonus -
Press Release

Tel: ROME 66275

11 DEC 45

TO:- HQ AICOM

1. Reference your LSC/906, dated 30 NOV 45, herewith text of your proposed press release on the subject of a Christmas Bonus to Italian Civilian Employees of the Allied Forces, incorporating amendments as proposed by AFHQ.
2. If you agree with the amended version, it is requested that you arrange for its immediate release.

J.B. Louden

S.J.B. LOUDEN Major, DRAC,
for Chiefs of Section,
AFHQ.

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ITALIAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF ALLIED FORCES TO GET
CHRISTMAS BONUS

NOTE

(Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone)

11 DECEMBER 1945

Announcement is made by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, that Allied Force Headquarters has authorized the payment of a Christmas Bonus for 1945 to Italian civilian employees of the Allied Forces in ITALY.

This bonus will be paid to employees who are in the employ of the Allied Forces on 20th DECEMBER 1945 and will consist of two days' full pay for each month of completed continuous service during 1945 with the military unit concerned or the predecessors thereof. Thus an employee with a full year's continuous service will receive a bonus equivalent to 24 days' pay.

Approved as amended.

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Economic Section

LRS 1: LRS/306

30 November 1945

SUBJECT: Christmas bonus, 1945
Civilian Employees of Allied Forces.

TO: Allied Forces Local Resources Section
Home Area Allied Command
C.A.F.

1. Reference is made to your LRS/SLAD/436 of 22 November 1945.

2. The recommendation of the Allied Force Labor and Wage Committee contained in your memorandum, calling for the payment of a Christmas bonus for 1945 to the employees of the Allied Forces, is approved.

3. This approval is extended in the light of the considerations stated in your memorandum, and with particular reference to request of the Italian Government.

4. It is understood that this proposal will be submitted to the financial authorities for the necessary clearance.

5. If this proposal becomes effective I desire to participate in the drafting of a press release upon the subject.

To Director, C.A.F., 1/12/45

1/12/45

LESLIE C. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

CC: C.A.F., AFM

27 November 1945

Approved:

M. H. Braine
M. H. Braine, Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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Translation

Rome.....

To all Italian sections

and to :

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers
 The Supreme Allied Command for the Mediterranean
 Admiral Stone - Chief of the Allied Commission for Italy
 The Disabled Soldiers National Association
 The Italian Partisans National Association

On November 2nd, the Association will fulfill for the second time its mission, in the name of the Italian nation, and on the direct request of the London and Washington Governments.

On that day, wherever there are graves of Allied soldiers who died fighting for the liberation of Italy, all the Italian Disabled soldiers and their families will express the feeling of human solidarity which binds the Association of Disabled soldiers and the Government of the United Kingdom and the American Government to be entrusted with their noble task.

After making arrangements with the local, Italian, Allied, civilian, military and ecclesiastical authorities, the chiefs of the Association will organize in every Allied war cemetery religious ceremonies in the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish rites for the soldiers of the United Nations that fell in our country, leaving flowers on each grave, ordering escorts of honour with flags and summoning the mothers, sisters, wives and children of dead or disabled soldiers, who, on November 2nd, will have the privilege of replacing the absent families besides each grave.

Thus, the families of the dead soldiers may be certain that on such a day, the mortal remains of those who were dear to them were not left without the comfort of religious assistance, familiar care and prayer, for their heroic sacrifice won them forever the gratitude, piety and love of all Italians.

Similar ceremonies will have to be organized wherever there are War Cemeteries of the Italian corps for liberation or of the Partisan War. The Allied Authorities will be asked to attend such ceremonies.

The attitude of the Governments is in accordance with the superior and essential meaning contained in this popular initiative, which, leaving aside all considerations, shows the beginning of the reconciliation of all the people that have not at war, but that, all over the world, must meet and collect round the sacred works of peace.

The sections will forward a detailed report on every ceremony to the Central Committee of the Association, in Rome, Ufficio Assistenza ai Cimiteri di Guerra Alleati.

Avv. Rosalbino Santoro 5146
 Delegate for the VIII zone

e/o

DA DIRAMARE ALLA STAMPA ITALIANA

22 Ottobre 1945

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del Presidente stesso. Egli appoggiò il piano industriale quin-
quennale per la Cina nel quale cinquanta grandi società coopera-
vano nella raccolta dei dati per ideare piani e progetti.

Tale piano presentato al Governo di Chungking venne
adottato quale base per il futuro programma industriale della
Cina.

Tornato a Washington il Dr. Currie curò l'applicazione
della legge "Affitti e Prestiti" nei riguardi della Cina.

Nell'estate del 1943 il Presidente nominò il Dr. Currie
capo della Foreign Economic Administration recentemente costi-
tuitasi, posto che egli mantenne fino alla primavera del 1945.

Durante tale periodo la Foreign Economic Administration
mandò alcuni suoi funzionari tra cui il Gen. J. Dwyer e il
Sig. Antolini in Italia a ispezionare l'attività economica della
Commissione Alleata e a rappresentare gli Stati Uniti per quel
che riguardava l'estensione degli aiuti economici all'Italia
e per la formulazione di un programma per la riabilitazione delle
industrie italiane.

Subito dopo aver lasciato la Foreign Economic Administration
il Dr. Currie presiedette una missione economica specia-
le che si recò in Svizzera per stabilire le sanzioni economiche
contro la Germania da parte della Svizzera. Il Dr. Currie e
il Comandante Lawler appartano nella Direzione della International
Development Company una profonda esperienza dei problemi che
riguardano l'abilitazione dell'industria italiana e una grande
comprensione della necessità dell'Italia in tale campo.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

JPL/hm

Ref. 102/PRB

4 October 1945

SUBJECT : Local Handover Press Release

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference is made to the telephone conversation of this instant between Brigadier Carr and Major Leacacos.

2. The attached press release prepared by the Legal Sub-Commission is entirely adequate for its purpose, that of being reproduced verbatim in provincial newspapers in the territory to be affected by the handover.

3. The national press release will be submitted for your approval when ready. It is not proposed to make an actual draft until the facts of the situation are more certain.

For the Director:-

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, NMB,
Chief News Production Div.
Public Relations Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/ec

REF.156.55.CS

28th September, 1945

SUBJECT: Draft Press Release

TO : P.R.O. AC HQs.

In accordance with provision of Executive Commission Memo of 27th September, submitted herewith is draft press release.

H.H. Schuder
H.H. SCHUDER
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Enclosure: Draft Press Release.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LOMBARDIA
APO 394

Reference : MC/G-1B/131.

28 September 1945.

Subject : Press Release on AMG Accomplishments.

To : HQ. - Allied Commission,
Public Relations Branch.

In compliance with the Executive
Commissioner's Memo ref. No. 9258/110/NO and cable No.
5884 of 23 Sep, the attached statement on the a/m
subject is submitted.

For the Regional Commissioner:

V. P. HAZEN
V. P. HAZEN,
Major I.A.,
Adm. Officer.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : PRC - Attn: Major Lencacos

28 September 1945

1. A copy of the letter received from AMG Naples Commune, dated 12 September is attached. Also a list of food imports for civilian subsistence under the military program during the period 1 January to 31 August 1945. This list was prepared by the Food Sub-Commission and was verified by the Finance Sub-Commission and is suitable for press release, if such release is desired by PRC and the Chief Commissioner.

Economic Section, SD

Norman O. Smith
for CHARLES W. WATSON
Colonel
Chief, Supply Division

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMOB
APC 394

R/2863

12 September 1945

SUBJECT : Three District Security Summary No. 19 - Importation
of Wheat into Italy

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission

1. Three District Security Summary No. 19 carried the statement that no wheat was being imported into Italy by the Allies. This statement was retracted in the Summary following. Also it carried a statement as to the approximate tonnage which was imported for the eight provinces of South-west Italy. The same Summary has the following to say:

"It would be of great value if these figures could be known to the general public who are certainly not aware of the extent of Allied economic assistance to this country."

2. In view of the above, it is thought that it may be probable, you in conjunction with UNRRA may wish to disseminate to the public through newspapers, information regarding Allied Assistance to Italy.

For the Commissioner:

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(s) Guy I Warren

GUY I. WARREN,
Lieut. Colonel, S.R.,
Deputy Commissioner.

Room 25
4th Floor
TRB

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512

G-5: 387.4-2

27 September 1945

SUBJECT: Handover of AMG Territory to Italian Government Jurisdiction.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
AFO 394.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 6 of the Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting on 21 September which were circulated under your 210/EC of 22 September 1945.

2. Will you please ensure that no press release is made concerning UDINE without reference to this Headquarters.

A. I. HAMLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

(Copy is requested)

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To: HQ. Allied Commission, Public Relations Branch.
From: Air Forces Sub Commission, HQ. Allied Commission, ROME.
Date: 27th September, 1945.
Ref: AFSC/352/ORG.

Press Release on A.C. Accomplishments

Further to the memorandum from the Office of the Executive Commissioner of this Headquarters reference 9258/110/EC, attached herewith is a statement regarding the accomplishments of the Air Forces Sub Commission in Northern Italy.


T.G.N. PEARCE, W/Cdr.
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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✓ Tel. 189601
Ext. 262

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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25 September 1945

10.00

SUBJECT: Press Release on AG Accomplishments.

TO : Public Relations Branch (Through Economic Section)

1. Reference 9298/110/EC.

2. Attached are a few brief statements about accomplishments of AMG Agricultural Officers in North Italy from 1 May 1945 to the present time.

Distribution:
Economic Section

Harold L. Keller, Capt.
for JAMES M. DEWITT
Director

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Tel: 220

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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AEP/06INTER OFFICE MEMO

REFERENCE: 124/140
SUBJECT: Press Release on A.C. Accomplishments.
TO: Public Relations Branch.
FROM: Director, F. W. & U. Sub-Commission.

24 September 1945.

As requested we enclose brief statement of activities of this
Sub-Commission covering the period 1st May to 1st Sep. 1945.

E. J. Ristett
E. J. RISTETT,
Colonel, C.E.,
A/Director.

Copy to: Economic Section.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Public Relations Office

21 September 1945

The U.S. Military Forces learn with concern of protests against the employment of German prisoners in Italy, and issue the present announcement in order that the position may be clearly understood.

Large numbers of Italian civilians have been employed during the past two years, many in the combat zone, and their services have been of material assistance in the prosecution of the war against the Axis powers. The successful conclusion of hostilities necessarily reduces the need for such employment and during the coming months the numbers employed will continue to decline. The U.S. Military Forces recognize the extent to which this will add to the problem of unemployment in Italy and they are cooperating with the Italian Government in its endeavors to reactivate industry by the supply of necessary materials and by the provision of special schemes to alleviate unemployment.

A new feature has developed with the conclusion of hostilities which placed a considerable number of members of the German Armies under the control of the U.S. Military Forces. A number of the German units have been used to replace service units of the Italian Army that had been assigned to the U.S. Military Forces, but who have been released at the special request of the Italian Government for eventual absorption into the Italian economy. So far as regards the utilization of German prisoners in the substitution of Italian civilian employees, the U.S. Military Forces wish to state that it is their policy not to discharge civilian employees in order to provide opportunities for replacement by German prisoners-of-war. As already stated, discharges may be inevitable owing to the reduced opportunities for continued employment. It is also desired to state that it is the intention to evacuate German units from Italy as early as possible and that this is expected to be accomplished, to a large extent, during the next few months.

The U.S. Military Forces have taken note of reports that the policy as stated above has not been strictly applied in zone areas, and they are making necessary inquiries. In the meantime, they are instructing U.S. Military Units that although it may be necessary to discharge Italian civilians because of reduced opportunities for employment, no discharges should take place merely in order to afford opportunities of employment for German prisoners.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394.

P.R.B.

21 September, 1945

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SUBJECT : Press Release on A.C. Accomplishments.
TO : HQ. A. C.
(Public Relations Branch).

25 SEP 1945

Reference 9258/110/EC undated, herewith
two copies of statements as requested.



J. A. C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394.

September, 1945

1. The achievements of the last five months seem small against the background of the tremendous task that the Allied Commission has accomplished in, what can be truthfully called the rebirth of this city. At the time of the entry of the Allied Armies they found its port a shambles and all its public Utilities seriously compromised. The City is now more normal in appearance and the Allied Commission has gained and maintained respect, local authorities in Naples are cooperative.
2. Politically Naples shows little tendency to follow the extremist leaders. The end of hostilities in Europe and the abrupt ending of the war with Japan produced little reaction. Much feeling has, however, been aroused by the appearance of German Prisoners working in Naples.
3. Approximately 1,000,000 garments and 310,064 shoes have been repaired and issued to the public, Italian Prisoners and patriots.
4. The Public Works Department has been very active over projects for the clearance of bomb damage to relieve unemployment. The 8 months' drought has necessitated strict rationing of water which continues.
5. Five berths in the Port of Naples were handed over to the Italian authorities in May and on May 15th, all Food warehouses were handed over and supervision has been withdrawn. The War Department Truck pools at Avellino, Benevento, Caserta, Salerno and Naples were handed

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6. Since May 1st, the smallpox drive has reduced the disease in Naples City considerably. Teams of Italian doctors and military ambulances were organized by the Commission for this task and a serious outbreak in the neighbouring Province of Avellino has also been checked. Typhoid has been kept in check and health is good. Penicillin was released for the first time to the general public through UNRRA sources. Special drugs were supplied for the cure of venereal disease.
7. Food distribution of essential rations has been regular. Crops have been adversely affected by the drought. Cordial and efficient collaboration with UNRRA has been obtained. Communal cooperative shops have been opened to bring down prices of food, but unfortunately this scheme which started with much promise has not been fully supported by the City authorities, and cost of living which had been reduced is again going up.
8. The Legal Division reports that 8024 cases were tried during the past four months. In addition 5126 cases involving Allied interests were tried by the Italian Courts. Among these were 5 cases of counterfeiting Allied Military currency tried by AMG. Courts. 5129
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10. September Festas, including the bi-annual miracle of the blood of St. Januarius, the Naples Patron Saint, and the revival of Carnival, such as the Piedigrotta Carnival, have added a welcome note of cheerfulness to the City.

11. Prefects in the Provinces for which liaison responsibility only exists, have all been cooperative.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION



Tel. Ext. 266

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Ref. AC/5241/Commerce

21 September 1945

SUBJECT: Press Release

TO : Public Relations Branch

1. Reference Executive Commissioner's letter
9258/110/EC, undated.

2. Herewith material for press release in
respect of Commerce Subcommittee.



H. A. GENT
Major
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

1 Encl. as above

Copy to: Economic Section (with encl.)

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

P. R. Br.

[Signature]

Reference: 000.7

19 Sept 45

Subject : Press Release

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attn: Public Relations Branch)

1. Reference 9258/110/EC.
2. Herewith forwarded, the material from Piemonte Region for your contemplated press release.
3. Regional Commissioners for the period covered were Colonel Robert F. Marshall and the undersigned.

[Signature: Floyd E. Thomas]

FLOYD E. THOMAS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner

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PIEMONTE REGION.

NOTES FOR PRESS RELEASE ON A.C. ACCOMPLISHMENTS COVERING PERIOD MAY-SEP 45.

1. GOVERNMENT. AMG quickly and tactfully took over Regional Government from CLN - CLN transformed into useful advisory body - Local Government organized - 7 Prefects and over 1000 Sindaci confirmed in office - All statutory Local Govt. Bodies created and officials approved - Preparation of electoral lists inaugurated.
2. FOOD. Chaotic food conditions remedied - SERVICES reorganized and co-ordinated - equitable distribution of food stuffs ensured - barter eliminated - food programmes inaugurated - civilian food agencies prepared to operate without assistance of AMG - Following amounts in qtls imported to and distributed in Region:-
Flour 122531, Wheat 86614, Dehyd. Soup 13843, Evaporated Milk 10641, Powdered Milk 7121, Canned Meat 2663, Meat & Veg Stew 1017, Dried Vegetables 9616, Sugar 7180, Lard 11053, Canned Fish 1077, Powdered Egg 3536, GRAND TOTAL 276,861.
3. INDUSTRY. Advice given to management of various industries on reactivation - Recommendations made to higher authority on industrial policies - approx. 100,000 tons of coal allocated and distributed.
4. COMMERCE. 3,907,305 litres of Petrol, 3272,024 litres of Gasoil and 4,413,279 litres of Kerosene imported to Region for industry, agriculture, transportation etc - all necessary economic bodies established - Price committees established in each Province with Regional Price Commission in Turin - CIP formed to distribute PGL and furnished with transportation - Essential materials controlled and equitably distributed.
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6. FINANCE. Over 1,000 State Bodies' budgets totalling 5,436,269,890 Lire approved - 692 Provincial and Communal budgets totalling 185,541,000 Lire approved - financial control exercised over 7 Provincial Administrations, 1,000 Communes and Post Offices, 700 Banks and 1 Stock Exchange.

7. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES. Over 1,000 projects totalling 3,358,012,000 Lire scrutinized - only 3% (by value) rejected - Projects covered War damage to 23 water supply systems and 13 sewage disposal systems - many flood control schemes, 411 major road interruptions (of which 350 damaged bridges are now under repair) 11 gas making plants, 7 damaged generating plants and rebuilding of 2970 km of

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highway - Work provided for 10,000 - Essential materials collected.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY. Large numbers of irregular police disbanded and disarmed - Carabinieri reinstated - Agenti re-established - Public order restored - crime subdued - unlawful arrests and banditry exterminated - dangerously overcrowded prisons alleviated - frontier control imposed - hidden arms secured - motor vehicles licensed and controlled.
10. PARTISANS. 35,000 partisans disarmed and demobilized - food and clothing provided. 5000 partisans placed in civilian employment - Following distributions made: 32,000 "Alexander" Certificates - 238,843,000 lire as grants to Partisans - 45,000,000 lire as grants to relatives of deceased partisans.
11. PUBLIC HEALTH. General health survey conducted - 190 tons soap and 150 tons^{ed} medical supplies distributed to hospitals and institutions - VD Hospital for women open
12. WELFARE. New ambulances obtained for Italian Red Cross - Information Bureau established for ex-P.O.W.'s enquiries etc - Summer Colonia programme for needy children set up in each Province and approx. 20,000 children served - Following supplies furnished Italian Institutions and Displaced Persons Camps - 6500 childrens garments, 34,000 blankets, 9000 pairs shoes, 50 tons soap, 800 confinement kits, 10 tons ARB clothing.
13. EDUCATION. Prov. agli Studi confirmed in office - 80 projects for repair of school buildings approved - 45 elementary and 428 secondary school textbooks approved by Regional Textbook Commission - Boy and Girl Scout activities inaugurated.
14. REFUGEES. Evacuation Camps established throughout Region - 24,000 Refugees including 15,600 Italian ex-internees and P.O.W. housed and fed and evacuated.
15. AGRICULTURE. 2846 captured horses and mules distributed - grain amassing enforced - Forest Guard School sponsored - Following supplies distributed (in qtls) Fertilisers 82100, Insecticides and Fungicides 57378, Binder twine 1460, Baling wire 360, coal for Agricultural use 90,000.
16. TRANSPORTATION. 15,000 civilian load carrying vehicles registered - 11,000 now operating - monthly lift capacity 261,000 qtls - 1300 tyres and 1400 tubes

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17. COMMUNICATIONS. Telegraph routes repaired and services reinstated - transport allocated to telegraph companies - Trunk and local telephone services repairs and resumed.
18. PROPERTY CONTROL. 7029 Allied owned properties supervised and reported upon.
19. MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS. 16 projects for urgent repairs to monuments approved - Deposits of museums, galleries, libraries and archives collected and safeguarded.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

96/1/PAT

17 Sep 45

SUBJECT: Press Releases.

TO : CA Section

Reference your 3/1.E/CA of 7 Sep there are forwarded press releases in respect of Patriots Branch and Mine Clearance.

W. J. Rippa

W. J. RIPPAS Colonel
Director

Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to file 63.5/10

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/16 B/CA

17 Sep 45

SUBJECT : Press Release on AC Accomplishments
TO : Public Relations Branch

Reference your 9258/110 EC undated.

Herewith the following Press releases:

Defascism	DF/6B/CA	10 Aug
Displaced Persons	DHR/103/ADM	- Aug
Education	ED/10 A/1.0 AC	10 Sep
Legal	AC/4009/L	8+13 Sep
Local Government	AC/6/5/LG	14 Sep
Mine Clearance	90/1/PAT	17 Sep
MFA & A	20380/MFA	10 Sep
Patriots	90/1/PAT	17 Sep
Public Health	AC/3042/1/PH	11 Sep
Public Safety	9258/110/EC	-

S.H. White
S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
GSO CA Sec.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

RLDT/au

Tel : 584

15 September 1945

Ref : 13-3/52/FOOD

SUBJECT : Press Release on A.C.
Accomplishments

TO : Public Relations Branch

1. Reference is circular letter from Office of the Executive Commissioner 9258/110/EC undated.

2. Attached is the requested statement in duplicate of work of Food S.C. from 1st May 1945 to 15 September 1945 for the preparation of the above mentioned Press release.

Frank E. Toscani
FRANK E. TOSCANI
Lt. Col. F.A.
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 394

MSC/3842
15 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.
To: Public Relations Branch, HQ. Allied Commission.
Subject: Press release on Allied Commission accomplishments.
Reference: (a) Executive Commissioner, AC, ltr. 3259/110/PC, undated.
Enclosure: (A) proposed material for press release on Allied Commission accomplishments between 1 May 1945 and the present.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

W. H. Anson
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Executive Commissioner, AC.

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REDACTED
AIC 301
Finance Sub-commission



Ref: 13011/P

11th September 1989

SUBJECT: Press release on A.C. accomplishments.

TO: Public Relations Branch. ✓

1. I refer to letter from the Executive Commissioner's Office
9258/110/30.

2. Attached hereto is a brief statement of the achievements
of Finance Sub-commission during the last few months.


Col.

Joint Director
Finance Sub-commission

Attachment

Copy to: Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION



11 September 1945

SUBJECT: Press Release on AC Accomplishments.

TO : Public Relations Branch, ~~_____~~
H.Q., A.C.

Reference 9258/110/EC, attached is proposed
statement for Press Release in respect of WMD & IFOW S/C.



J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
for. Director
WMD Sub-Commission

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1. WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL.

During the four months ended August 1945, nearly 35,000 tons of salvaged war materials have been disposed of by the Sub-Commission to meet Italian civilian needs, mainly through Italian Government channels.

This materials covers a very wide field, ranging from armour plate, scrap iron and aluminium, rubber, paper and canvas, most of which has required re-processing, to such articles as oil drums, boot soles, sandbags, groundsheets and car bodies.

More than 100,000 motor tyres have been made available by the Sub-Commission during this period. More than 500 scrap vehicles have been released to contractors for reconditioning.

The immense task of listing and checking the very large quantity of enemy war material which fell into Allied hands following the collapse of the German armies in Northern Italy has now been almost completed. Preparations are well in hand for the immediate release of such of it as is surplus to Allied Army requirements. An important further item in this category will be the considerable non-military stores accumulated by the Germans in North-Eastern Italy for transfer to Germany. These include stores of clothing, silk, spirits, motor car spare parts, tyres, and also machine tools and heavy machinery removed from Italian factories.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

LDD/sc

13 Sept. 1945

Tel: 267

Ref: 9.02/15

SUBJECT: Joint Press Release - Uniform Rations Sales

TO : Supply Division

1. Reference to attached: Proposed release at 1 which was not approved by Chief Commissioner (Sec 3).

2. In view of 4, it is believed the Chief Commissioner will approve a joint release provided it is written in such a way as to be clear and will not indicate a reduction in ration. In other words, with some "sales talk" and stressing the increase.

3. At 6 is a proposed joint release prepared by Food S/C. I rather think this will require rewriting.

4. It is rather important that this matter be handled today.

5. When finally approved by the Chief Commissioner, the release is to be given to Food S/C, who will deal with PRO.

L. D. DERSMORE
Colonel, FA
Chief Staff Officer

Incls: 6

cc: Food S/C
Public Relations

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For Press Release
14/09/45 LDD/sc

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Press Release

Chief Commissioner

10 September

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We would appreciate your approval of the attached release which we would like to issue today.

It has been read and approved by Signer Held, Col. Denmore and Col. Toccanti.

G. STEPHEN BROWN,
Director
Public Relations Branch

*See Press Release
102/PRB dated 15 Sept 48*

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Major Cooper:

This draft should have three clearances before being returned to us for clearance by the Admiral. The o.k.'s should be by Col. Toscani, Col. Mansmore and the Italian Government. We will take care of the Admiral. Thanks. -Maj. Leacacos

Effective 1 October, a uniform ration scale will be established throughout Italy, the Allied Commission and the Italian Government announced today.

The ration scale will be as follows:

~~Normal consumers~~

200 grams of bread a day and 2,000 grams of

GENERI DI MINISTRA ~~pasta~~ a month

for normal consumers.

Supplementary rations will be issued for heavy workers as follows:

GENERI DI MINISTRA

Heavy workers - 100 grams of bread ~~a day~~ and 20 grams of ~~pasta~~ a day.

Very heavy workers - 200 grams of bread and 20 grams of ~~pasta~~ a day.

GENERI DI MINISTRA

Both the Italian Government and the Allied Commission ~~warned~~ emphasized that maintenance of the above ration scale in the future would be strictly dependent upon the success of the ~~wheat~~ amassing program ~~upon which the supply of bread of the~~ ~~Italian wheat resources~~ ^{CEREAL} resources.

Further, every effort will be made to re-examine all ration cards in order to insure that only ~~persons entitled~~ qualified persons are issued with the appropriate ration cards.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

John
GJB/cb

R102/PFB

September 3, 45

SUBJECT: Press Releases on AC Accomplishments

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Our withdrawal from the North would be a good occasion to obtain wide publicity on our achievement's up there as we bow out.
2. With our limited staff we cannot cover all the regions and sub-commissions concerned to obtain the pertinent facts.
3. I am, therefore, suggesting that the four regions and all sub-commissions be asked to prepare brief statements as to their records in the North which we can re-write and consolidate here for issuance to the Italian and Allied press.
4. It is requested that such an order be issued, covering the period from May 1 to date and that the statements be transmitted to the Public Relations Branch.

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G. STEWART BROWN
Director
Public Relations Branch

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Major Leacacos

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Sir, Nobody wanted it, I'm afraid

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31 Aug. 45

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Please offer

to Daily

Mail with pit 5113

or to best one
who'll give best
prospects of use,
Re-write it, Mr

121 Piazza Monte Citorio
Rome - Monday 27th August

Dear Lance Corporal Drummond: thank you so very much for thinking of me and sending me this story. Personally, I am very interested indeed. ~~It~~ It is one of my favorite pictures and I am delighted it has been recovered, but I am afraid my paper is so small now and the news continues to be so big that ~~there~~ there really wouldn't be room for it - even just a few lines.

So - thank you again and I'm disappointed that I can't use it.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Nicholson Clifford.

JENNY NICHOLSON CLIFFORD

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25 August 1945

A valuable painting of the Venetian school, the property of Mr D. M. Culton, an Englishman long resident in Italy, has recently been recovered in Milan, where it had been taken by the Germans, through the efforts of the Allied Commission.

The picture, ^{a Holy Family} ~~is~~ by Jacopo Palma il Vecchio, who lived in the fifteenth century, ~~and~~ belongs to the best period of the Venetian school. It was first brought from Italy during the Napoleonic wars by an officer of the Imperial Guard. For some time it was part of the Vanderbilt collection, from which it was purchased by Mr Culton. Its value is estimated at £10,000.

In this war the picture again became the prey of the invader when, in the winter of 1942, it was taken with many other works of art from Mr Culton's house by the Nazi-Fascists. After the liberation of Italy, officers of the Monuments and Fine Arts and the Property Control divisions of AMG traced the picture to Florence, and thence through a chain of other places leading, eventually, to Milan, where it was restored to its rightful owner.

Mr Culton himself suffered every kind of persecution and humiliation at the hands of the Nazi-Fascists during his four and a half years' internment as a British subject. Denounced to the German S.S. for his activities in helping British and American escaped prisoners of war, the Germans came to his house six times to arrest him. He took refuge in a convent in a small town where the good sisters looked after him until the place was liberated in August 1944.

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Picture returned - July 45

Japan - winter (by German)

Via Collegio

Picture Santa famiglia by Jacopo Palma il Vecchio
now returned by AC to owner Palma

This picture property of M^r D. E. Oulton an Englishman who has lived in Italy for many years has recently been recuperated in Milan by the efforts of the Arts & Monuments Commission, & Public Safety Division Lombardia Area, ~~with~~ collaboration of the 44th Mottese Brigade at Treviso near ~~Verona~~ & Property Control. A.C. work 40000

The picture of which we produce a photograph was painted by Jacopo Palma il Vecchio 1400-1500 & is of the Venetian school of painting of the best period.

The picture was brought from Italy by an officer of the Napoleonic Guard during the Napoleonic Wars & was for some time in the Vanderbilt Collection from where it was bought by M^r Oulton. 5109

During M^r Oulton's internment as a British subject, whom he suffered every kind of persecution & humiliation under the Nazi Forests, the picture was taken ^{& many other works of art} from his house in Rome by chance, was traced to Florence, & various other places, & finally to Milan, where it was restored to its rightful owner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information, News and Censorship Section
Public Relations Branch
APO 512, U.S. Army

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE 16/8/45

TO: Mr. Stewart Brown Director, FR, AL

Would you please advise attached to the
Italian Press.

Thanks,

Ken T. Dugan
CST/CL
APRO

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All attached &
if generally carried
there is no reason for
us to release this &

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION
APO 777, U.S. ARMY

For Immediate Release to Italian Press

UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA, August 11—General Mark W. Clark, Commanding General of the United States Forces in Austria, today posthumously awarded a Silver Star to Captain Luigi Giorgi of Viale Margherita, Fossola di Carrara, Italy, for gallantry in action on March 2, 1945, when he captured 19 Germans in a heavily fortified house at Chiavica Pedone on the River Reno. Captain Giorgi was killed in subsequent action.

The award was forwarded to the captain's wife, Mrs. Magda Giorgi, with a letter from General Clark which said in part, "It is one of the great evils of war that the cream of the world's youth must be thrown into conflict and some, like your husband, must lose their lives in the struggle. You have, however, the satisfaction of knowing that he died a hero's death while aiding in the liberation of his country. There can be no finer cause."

The citation follows:

On 2 March 1945 at Chiavica Pedone, Italy, on the River Reno, the rifle company commanded by Captain Giorgi was given the mission of carrying out a diversionary attack against a heavily fortified house occupied by a German garrison. During the preparatory artillery fire he went forward with two men to reconnoiter the area, but left the men behind as he approached the house through swampy, heavily mined ground. Observing no sentry, Captain Giorgi entered the house, despite the fact that it was still under fire from his own artillery and surprised and captured the 19 occupants. He kept them covered with his automatic weapon until several of his men arrived a few minutes later. When his company arrived, Captain Giorgi organized and held the position despite heavy enemy fire. His cool, decisive action and great bravery furnished a splendid example to his company and were an inspiration to the entire regiment. Captain Giorgi was a resident of Carrara, Italy.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

8th August 1945.

Dear Stewart,

I enclose for your information
a copy of a communique which we have
today issued to the principal news
agencies in Rome.

Yours sincerely
D. Pemberton-Pigott
D. Pemberton-Pigott,
Assistant Press Attache.

G. Stewart Brown, Esq.,
Public Relations Officer,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

ROME.

6th August 1945.

COMMUNIQUE.

In view of continued suggestions that the Movimento per l'Indipendenza della Sicilia has British support, the following letter addressed to Signor Rino Cichero-Aprile by the British Embassy in Rome on June 14 is made public:-

The British Embassy,
Rome.

14th June, 1945.

Sir,

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A.C.E. Malcolm.

Signor A. Pinocchiaro-Aprile,
Presidente,
Movimento per l'Indipendenza della Sicilia,
Via Duca della Verdura, 4,
PALERMO.

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