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23 July, 1945

Mr. Brown:

We had pretty good photographic coverage on the Florence art story this week-end. U.S.I.S. serviced the pictures to the U.S. and Italy. A.F. serviced one picture to the U.S.. We covered for Yank and Stars and Stripes. The Army Pictorial Service covered the proceedings with a motion picture camera and sent their stuff to the newsreel pool.

I am collecting enough pictures from the various photographers there to give LIFE and exclusive series on the landing at Bolzano, the arrival at Florence, the ceremony, etc.. All John Phillips has to do (when he arrives?) is to shoot color and black-and-white on the paintings and sculpture being placed back in the museums and LIFE will have a first-rate story.

While waiting for the train to arrive I shot, at the request of Miss Freeman, War Correspondent for Magazine Digest, a story on the art restoration work being done at the Uffizi galleries. This should also make an interesting part of the LIFE story, the more so since Phillips will have the recently arrived paintings to work with.

FYI, I bought a synchronized Rolliflex last week (92) and I now have three good cameras - enough to do most any kind of a job. But we still have the problem of developing and printing the stuff.

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Also of how to get film and flash bulbs (I am now ~~text~~ using my own 120 film and ~~as~~ flash bulbs I borrowed from LIFE but this supply will soon run out).

Is there a possibility that a definite agreement could be worked out with the U.S.I.S. lab so I could have some control over the quality, the size and the quantity of prints we need? As much as I'd like to have a lab of my own I doubt if it would be justified if the AO is going to fold up soon.

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE

22 July 1945.

Mr.G.Stewart Brown,
Director, Public Relations Branch,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

The attached letter from Lieut.Colonel A.G.D.Clark is passed to you for whatever action you deem advisable.

Will you please return it for our files when finished with.

Colonel,
D.D.P.R.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
7th INFORMATION AND HISTORICAL SERVICE
PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION
APO 464 US ARMY

20 July 1945

Colonel Philip Astley,
H.Q.Public Relations,
Central Mediterranean Theater,
ROME

Dear Colonel Astley,-

I have your letter about the Milan PRC's sad plight, and it is possible that I may able to help so far as the officer is concerned. As for the jeep, the answer is a big flat no. Jeeps and drivers have been taken away from me with monotonous regularity of late, and more will be going soon. I have barely enough left for routine requirements, and next week, when an AAF junket descends upon me, I'm going to have to scrounge some more jeeps somewhere to take care of them.

As for the officer, I interviewed today one who looks very good and is definitely interested. He wants to stay around a while and could easily be had. He is going over to Milan in the morning to interview Major Bullock. His name is Major Robert B. Baskin, Jr., Infantry, O-454234, and he is assigned to the 85th Division, but on detached service with Hq, 5th Army, without assignment. He wants to get into PRC work, but while I have no excess of officers right now, neither do I need any more.

I would be extremely simple for Baskin's Detached Service to be changed from 5th Army Hq to AC PRC, Milan, and for him then to be transferred if he is desired on a longer-term basis. He has a very high rating, has had G-2 and some PRC experience, and several years of good newspaper background. He is young and active and his efficiency index and Intelligence Quotient are both high. In fact, he is the sort of man I would seize upon if I had a place for him.

I believe the procedure would be to request his assignment through channels from the 85th Division, since he is not assigned to this Headquarters.

I shall be interested to know how it works out. 1922

Sincerely

/S./
/I./ ARSON D. CLARK
Lt.Col., AGD
Public Relations Officer

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO - A.U.S.
ASS'T ADJUTANT

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

P.R.B.

Originator's Reference: SCAC/5

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 150855B

Message Centre No: C/5236

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TO : ALCOM FOR THE CHIEFS OF STAFF MED MO HEADQUARTERS

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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22 May 45

SUBJECT: Transport for Maj. T. L. Bullock, Deputy Director Public Relations (Field)

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. On repeated occasions Major Bullock has protested about the inadequacy of his transport and has asked for a better vehicle.

2. At the present time he is using an old Austin PU assigned to him from Headquarters, AC, which is causing him considerable trouble. On several recent field trips it has broken down. Since he has to get around in northern Italy it is essential that he have an adequate machine. It would be appreciated if you could instruct the Headquarters Commandant to call in the old PU and give him a more road-worthy car.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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PRB/R63/2

23 April 1945

SUBJECT : Staff DDPR (Field)

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Director
Public Relations Branch
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Please refer to my letter PRB/R63/1 dated 22 April 1945 with reference to Italian Correspondents in Forward Areas.

2. Yesterday afternoon, without previous warning, Sgt. S. Weston, chief clerk of the Displaced Persons and Refugee Sub-Commission representative, with whom I share an office at this headquarters, was sent forward on a permanent change of station. By courtesy of the Forward Representative of that Sub-Commission, Sgt. Weston has been looking after a part of my office routine when I have been on the road.

3. Things are moving so fast up here now that I must have somebody in the office all the time. The business of correspondents and their problems requires a lot of untangling. Practically my whole day yesterday was taken up with arrangements for Gunhild Bergh and Enrico Meille, and both of them will be back Tuesday needing more help.

4. I agree with PRO 15th Army Group that the affairs of Italian correspondents are definitely our pigeon, and I expect there will be more Allied political correspondents coming forward than there were during the winter. I am now chained to my desk by essential routine and cannot move into the field at all.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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G-5 SECTION
APO 777

Ref : PRB/R63/5

20 April 1945

SUBJECT : UNN Story on Piombino

TO : Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Here is a UNN story on PIOMBINO written by Sylvia Matheson, PWB, from notes taken during our recent trip to ELBA.

2. Mrs. Matheson still has a great deal of material on the trip which she will release from time to time as current operations permit.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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AJOR BULLOCK

THE REBIRTH OF PIOMBINO

(Byline, Sylvia Matheson, FWB)

PIOMBINO, Livorno Province, April 17--The German bombardments of this port in September 1943 followed by the Allied bombing of port installations and works during the German occupation in 1944, resulted in widespreade damage -- about 60% of the town itself is estimated destroyed or damaged. But today Piombino presents a typical picture of how a badly-battered town can gradually be restored to life if its inhabitants are really determined, reports a UNN correspondent.

A large proportion of the people of Piombino depended for their livelihoods upon the great iron and steel works run by the MAGONA and ILVA companies. These plants --MAGONE producing sheet metal and steel and ILVA pigiron -- were forced tom close down last year owing to the extensive war damage. The MAGONA works in fact are practically completely destroyed and plans are afoot to rebuilt on a new site at Baretti, a few miles north of Piombino.

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Recuperating work is proceeding in both plants which are now employing over 1,500 workers, mostly labourers. ILVA is completing its repair work on the railway lines in the port area and the port itself was reopened to shipping on March 1st this year.

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The local AMG Civil Affairs Officer, Lt. Thomas Tito, paid high tribute to the remarkably good work performed by everyone concerned with the reopening of the port and the reconstruction of the town itself,which is still in progress.

One bridge connecting the port area with the town has actually been rebuilt entirely on the initiative and by the labour of the employees of the iron works, said Lt. Tito. Official plans for the rebuilding of nine other small road bridges are being put into operation now, while marsh drainage works and general repairs are to be initiated shortly.

The main aqueduct, hospital, jail and town hall have been repaired, while sewers, schools and the cemetary are either being or have been restored to use, the main handicap to speedier reconstruction being lack of certain raw materials such as cement and glass.

Meanwhile the removal of debris and the repairing of roads continues, although work on the roads is carried on with makeshift materials owing to the shortage of asphalt bitumen and a suitable type of surfacing.

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PRB/R63/2

4 April 1945

SUBJECT : PWB STORIES ON ELBA

TO : Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. I have just received from Mrs. Matheson her first batch of stories on Elba. The originals have gone to PWB in Rome for censoring and translation and issue to the Italian press.

2. I don't think these particular items are of any use up at the Fifth Army Press Camp, so I have not taken the trouble to make copies to send on there.

3. Mrs. Matheson has had a lot of routine work in the office since we came back from the Island and she says that in turning out her first stories she has lifted heavily from my report to the Bulletin, a copy of which I gave her for background. However, she is working now on other articles and expects to write some 20 or 30 all told.

4. You might like to issue some of this material to Allied correspondents. If there are any press people in Rome who would like to visit Elba it can be arranged through me and Toscana Region. But I think that when all Mrs. Matheson's copy has come in you will find the Island has been quite exhaustively covered.

5. Your comments on this material would be appreciated. I am afraid that perhaps I have become too curt and factual in my own reporting and it might be a good idea to loosen up more, though I admit that some of this stuff scares me a little.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR Z(Field)

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REPORT FROM ELBA

(Byline: Sylvia Matheson, PWB)

ISOLA D'ELBA, April 3rd -- The island of Elba today is an example in miniature of how war-torn Italy is being reconstructed by Italian initiative, X writes a UNN correspondent.

Very little has been heard about this island since the Allies landed in June 1944. Until December 11th, last year, Elba was ruled by the French, with an AMG officer in an advisory capacity only. But on 20th December, Toscana Region formally took over and the past three months have seen considerable changes.

One of the most remarkable things about the island today is the way in which the Italians themselves have buckled down to the task of reconstruction, showing initiative and resourcefulness. In September 1943 when the people resisted the German occupation, the main Commune and harbour of Portoferraio, where 36% of all Elbans lived, was bombed and shelled by the Germans. In April 1944 the port and industrial area was bombed by the Allies, the entire population evacuated and the city party looted by Germans and civilians. Finall when the Allied landed at Marina di Campo on the south side of the island in mid-June, throwing the Germans out for good, the battle had swept through one third of Elba.

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An now life is gradually returning to normal -- but there are some vital points that can never be the same. For instance, the whole economic life of the island has been changed, and Elba's immediate and long-term problems are economic. In peacetime, the principal industries other than agriculture and fishing, were, in order of importance: iron ore mining, calcium mining, iron ore smelting, boat works, fish canneries, mineries, distilleries, cement work and shipping. Today mining has decreased 87 and a half percent owing to the lack of outlet for ore and the destruction of most of the big iron and steel works owned by ILVA and MAGONA.

The fish canneries are no longer operating ~~for lack of olive oil or substitute oils~~, although the canneries estimate they have sufficient supplies of tins to last four months; ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ somewhat

Wineries and distilleries are operating again but on a reduced scale. Even so, the wine industry, with over 50 million seed plants and a value of one and a half billion lire, is one of the most important on the island. The local wine, (aleatico) is rich in iron but owing to lack of sulpher for the vines, the harvest last year was markedly inferior ~~and only half the normal yield.~~ In spite of this, there is still plenty of wine hidden away on the island by the producers, who hope thus to sell it at a higher price on the mainland. This wine is now gradually coming out into the oppn. In contrast, at San Giovanni,

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about 7,000 litres of 78 degree alcohol, (grappa) two years old, which was successfully hidden from the Germans, was disclosed quite freely to the Allies.

As far as the fishing industry is concerned, the present situation is serious. From March till September is just the season of the "blue fish" - herring, anchovy, sardines, etc. which can be caught only by night. But owing to the ban on night fishing imposed by the Allied navies for security reasons, the fishing industry this year is negligible. The fishermen estimate that were they allowed to go night fishing, their catches would average 200 - 300 quintals nightly, whereas by day the individual catch amounts to one or two kilos only.

The fishermen have therefore had to turn to the land which is now being cultivated as never before. This mountainous little island is by no means ideal for cultivation on any scale, yet today you can see tiny plots of cultivated land in seemingly inaccessible places up mountain slopes. Vegetables and grain are planted round olive trees, while in some cases vineyards have even been moved further up the mountains to make room for vegetable gardens on the lower slopes. A third more grain was planted this year than normally, while last December a distribution of garden vegetable seeds and grain was made. Last year's drought of seven months, followed by failure of the crops, was feared again this year. But timely rains at the end of March have dispelled this fear.

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The food situation still remains something of a problem however. The only fresh meat received goes to the hospitals and institutions and cattle has practically entirely disappeared. To compensate for the lack of unrationed foodstuffs which are/almost unobtainable on the island, Elba (which includes the outlying island penal settlements of Pianosa and Caprala) receives rations for a region of 50,000 people, although the entire population today is not more than x 31,500. Local government officials are trying to supplement these rations by bartering Elban wine ~~xxx~~ on the mainland for unrationed foods such as chestnut flour and dried fruit. The main drawback of this sytem appears to be the high percentage of loss which always attends the return trips. The food generally seems to disappear/at the embarkation port and the deals are consequently transacted at a loss to the islanders.

~~I have said~~ the iron and steel works problem ~~this~~ is a question/that has promoted two schools of thought in the Island. The Christian Democrats say that the ancient iron ore mines have had their day and that the people must look to the land and the sea for a living. The Communists, who/according to Amb. Dow are a vocal minority of less than 1,000 in a population of 31,500, claim that the mining industry must be revived even if the State has to operate it at a loss. The iron mines, which were one the springboard of Etruscan power and later gave Rome her dominance in the world, have dwindled now in importance and ILVA,

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the greatest corporation on the Island, is reluctant to rebuild its plants which have been almost completely destroyed during the German and Allied bombardments.

For several years past, the iron and stell works have been run at a loss under pressure from the Fascist government, but altogether, transport, industry and mining combined have never given a living to more than 20% of the population, 65% of whom live off the land. At the present time a total of 300 men are employed in the mines, mostly repairing and removing debris. The "MAGONA" plant which produced a very high grade of iron ore containing over 60% pure iron, is functioning in part but is piling up a stock ****** as there no longer exists any smelting plant to absorb the ore.

It is very doubtful just how long the ILVA and MAGONA works can continue employing xxxxxxxx labour in the present circumstances. As it is, although wages on the island have been increased to conform with the national standards set by the Italian Government, the one exception is in the case of the mines. Here it is felt that while the labour employed is paid at twice the old wage scale which is still below the new standard rate, an increase to the national scales would force the mines to close altogether unless the Government paid the difference. xxx

Elba is divided by old custom into eight communes, but for the purposes of feeding, schools, public health and welfare, AMG is

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administering it on an island basis and has recommended the appointment of a resident Vice-Prefect. Local government administration was turned over to the Italians last January and SCPRAL has a capably staffed and efficient branch on the island. The Italian officials have been held wholly responsible for indenting for, financing, transporting and distributing all civilian basic foodstuffs, although AMG has loaned three trucks for transporting supplies to the quayside of the nearest mainland port of Piombino.

Rationed food prices have been raised to mainland levels with the raising of wages and the public assistance grant. The latter has been increased from 4 to 8 lire a day per person and to supplement this still further, AMG has placed an export assessment of 5 lire a litre on Elban wines. The funds thus collected will be handled by a welfare committee consisting of the eight sindaci of the island.

Reconstruction is proceeding well, considering the lack of raw materials. For instance, 12 ex-steel workers got together and formed a cooperative to clear away debris and restore part of the demolished quayside in Portoferraio. From the wreckage they built workshops and are now running a shipbuilding and repair yard, employing in all 40 former ILVA workers and expanding all the time.

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Mined and demolished harbours in other parts of the island are being cleared. Portoferraio itself suffered particularly badly during the bombardments, 40% of the town being levelled and the quays and harbour mined by the retreating Germans. The port is today back in operation and the surrounding waters declared 100% free of mines which have been

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swept by the Royal Navy and the local Italian garrison which patrols the beaches. Fifteen sunken ships have been raised and of these four have already been refloated while six more are on the stocks, being repaired. Shops have reopened and banks have been in operation since last August. The fire department has torn down all insecure walls and is clearing away debris. Private rebuilding is being encouraged and 200 tons of cement have been released for reconstruction but acute shortages of tiles and window glass are delaying the restoration of Portoferraio municipio and schools.

Roads, which suffered under the heavy military traffic, have been resurfaced with stone and earth and the few bridges on the island are intact.

Two electrical power plants are running on Diesel oil left in a German submarine base, yielding 350 kilowatts for domestic lighting, milling and light mining.

Civilian transport is fairly good in the island: There are five buses but only three are running owing to lack of tires. Such tires as are available were bought in the black market and accordingly bus fares are higher than normal, but even so, at two lire a kilometre these are lower than on the mainland.

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The health situation on Elba is ~~xxxxx~~ comparatively good. There was a violent outbreak of scabies due to lack of soap and 5,000 cases were reported, but with the arrival of sulpher ointment and soap from the mainland, this epidemic is rapidly subsiding. Malarial control measures are being carried out by the local Genio Civile under instructions from

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AMC, supplemented by the Italian government. There is practically no typhoid but tuberculosis is serious, due to undernourishment and bad living conditions. The local hospital is now back in operation and apart from lack of bedding, rubber surgical gloves and a technician for the newly-repaired X-ray equipment, is functioning well. ~~Manxxxxxx~~ The greatest handicap is the lack of an ambulance as all three at present on the island are immobilised for lack of tires.

All primary schools are opened now on a part-time basis, and school books have been supplied by the Toscana Region/AMG and teachers have all been approved.

Elba's great need at the moment is a newspaper. An attempt was made to run a local paper but failed for lack of newsprint. This and the fact that the radio station is no longer functioning, having been blown up by patriots during the German occupation, leaves the islanders out of touch with thought on the mainland -- such radios are there are don't reach the working classes who are consequently somewhat insensative to political currents in Italy proper.

Political parties are allowed to operate headquarters if they pay rent. They may solicit members and hold social and welfare ~~xxxxx~~ gatherings, but all manifestos, ~~xxx~~ pamphlets and political meetings are banned. The CLN however, which consists of two members/each from the Christian Democruts, Socialists, Liberals and Communists, is extremely active and has just issued a proclamation urging all citizens to cooperate in giving evidence of former Fascists, Squadristi, collaborationists etc:, for documentation with~~s~~ the Provincial Epuration Commission.

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As far as the vote for women is concerned, it is generally believed that an election with the women voting would result in a majority for the Social Democrats.

A committee of ex-Patriots has been set up to examine the claims for Patriot certificates. Although large numbers of alleged Patriots came forward at first, it is anticipated that the number who can show they actually risked their lives opposing the Germans will be about 75% These few men, however, ~~xxxkky~~ organised sabotage, anti-fascist and anti-German propaganda, procured information and passed it on to the Allies, and helped members of both the Allied and Italian forces to escape to Corsica and the mainland.

Altogether Elba seems to be fiercely determined to get on with the job in hand, regardless of distractions elsewhere. The local Civil Affairs Officer, Major H.V. Reilly, while rendering every assistance possible, is working on the assumption that the more Italians do to help themselves, the sooner ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ they will put Italy back on her feet, and ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ Elba is as good an example of this as you will ~~be~~ anywhere in Italy today.

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EX =IRON WORKERS BUILD OWN SHIPYARD

(Byline: Sylvia Matheson, FWB)

PORTOFERRAIO, ISLE OF ELBA, March 30th=One of the finest examples of Italian enterprise is to be found in a row of ramshackle sheds surrounded by the debris of bombed buildings, on the quayside here at Portoferraio, writes a UNN correspondent.

In normal times Alessandro Imparata is Vice=chief of the big ILVA smelting plant at Portoferraio. The ILVA iron works employed some 2,000 men in the mines and surface works but in September 1943 practically every plant both on the island and in the nearest mainlar port of Piombino, was completely destroyed, first by ~~the allied~~ German bombing and later by the ~~Germans~~ Allies as the battle waged back and forth. ~~[illegible]~~ It is doubtful whether the works will ever be rebuilt and in the meantime nearly all former iron and steel workers are unemployed.

Imparata, a shrewd=eyed man in his middle forties, wasnot content to sit down and wait for ~~[illegible]~~ a miracle. As soon as the Allies landed in mid=June 1944, he collected eleven other ex=ILVA employees and together the 12 men formed a cooperative, taking equal shares in a venture to which Imparata gave the imposing title of "Societa anche Cooperativa Esercizio Scalo d'Alaggio e Officina Meccanica". On the 23rd August the 12 men walked down to the ruined waterfront opposite the bombed=out ILVA plant and looked over the quay. What the Allied bombing had started 1909, German mines had completed. Every 10 yards the front was mined and the result was just a pile of rubble == a disheartening sight to most people, but to

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Alessandro Imparata it held great possibilities. He and his eleven companions started to clear away the debris and then with odd pieces of corregated iron sheeting and wooden boxes, constructed a shed on the quay, borrowed some machinery and equipment from ILVA who also gave permission for him to take all the former ILVA employees he needed, and the cooperativa started up its own shipyard.

They were ready by the middle of December 1944 and in one patched-up shed the 12 shareholders started their venture. They began by clearing and repairing the harbour facilities and then got to work on salvaged ships. Up to date they've repaired and launched four vessels and there are another six in the yard, being restored. All these vessels have been lying at the bottom of the sea for months and some of them appear too badly damaged for anyone to attempt to repair. One ship in particular consists solely of stern and bows -- the rest of the vessel is a gaping hole caused by a direct hit from a bomb. But nothing seems to daunt Imparata.

As work progresses, more and more makeshift leantos are the yard is expanding all the time. constructed and now 46 ex-Iron workers are employed in the shipyard. Besides repairing ships, the cooperativa carries out all the smelting and mechanical repair works for the island. They'll tackle anything from a broken jeep axle to a plough in this ramshackle collection of sheds and never once have they asked for help from the Allies, although the Civil Affairs Officer on the island, Major Harold V. Reilly, has offered any assistance possible and made arrangements for the plant to be connect with the local power station for electric power. This only operates at staggered hours, however, but in spite of the shortage of raw materials,

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lack of cord, electrical implements, and of patched-up sheds open to the sky in places -- and it was pouring with rain when I visited the yard -- the cooperative is forging ahead, putting the islands ships and mechanical works back into operation, and all achieved entirely by their own initiative and energy.

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ELBA'S HOSPITAL NOW RESTORED

(Byline Sylvia Matheson, PWB)

PORTOFERRAIO, ISLE OF ELBA, March 30th:-- With the arrival of repaired electrical equipment just a week ago, [redacted] and the subsequent reopening of the X-ray and radio departments, [redacted] all sections of the Civil Hospital here are now back in operation. This hospital, the only one serving the island of Elba and outlying islets, suffered severely during the first German bombardment of the port in September 1943 when half the hospital was destroyed, the X-ray and radio equipment badly damaged and the nurses' home rendered entirely uninhabitable.

The reopening of the X-ray department was a vital necessity to the island -- owing to undernourishment and the bad living conditions to which several thousand bombed-out and homeless people were subjected, there is fear of the spread of tuberculosis. Since the bombardment any patient requiring X-ray or radiant heat treatment has either had to do without, or, in cases of exceptional urgency, travel to the mainland. As passage across the dangerous Piombino Straits is impossible during stormy weather and the island is often cut off from the mainland for long periods during the winter, lack of proper equipment has occasioned considerable hardship to the islanders. The equipment, which was transported piece by piece to Florence for repair, is now back in its old quarters which were so badly damaged they have been practically re-built. The hospital still lacks a trained radiologist but the

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gives treatment three days weekly, during which an average of 20 -- 25 people are treated daily. Electric current is rationed but when required urgently for an operation or X-ray, a special request is made to the power plant and the current turned on for the purpose.

The ultra-violent-ray equipment lacks sufficient mercury to function fully and is limited to treating only x two or three patients daily, instead of the normal five or six.

The hospital can now accommodate 120 patients plus about 40 very old people, but the wards are overcrowded and at time beds are even put down in the corridors. Part of the hospital has had to be turned into sisters' quarters, which still further limits ward space.

One of the sisters belonging to an Catholic Order of nuns, showed me over the ruins of the nurses' home. As the sirens sounded one night in September 1943, the sisters filed down to the cellars, having first helped remove /all the patients to the shelters. All but three, that is. Three badly-wounded German soldiers remained in one of the top-floor wards. Two sisters returned to carry them to shelter when a bomb scored a direct hit on the ward, smashing it at the same time damaging the nurses quarters. Although the roof fell in on top of the beds, not one of the patients was hurt. One sister was severely injured but the other escaped with light surface wounds.

After this experience the patients were evacuated, being transferred twice and finally taking over a building in the inland village of Poggio, returning to Portoferraio at the end of 1944.

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The staff managed to save almost all the surgical instruments, moving them only the day before the room in which they were normally kept, received a direct hit in another raid.

The hospital service is greatly handicapped by the lack of an ambulance. Formerly the Island had four ambulances, two belonging to the Misericordia Society, one to the communal hospital and one to a Catholic organisation. The communal ambulance was destroyed during the bombardment and the remaining three ambulances are out of use owing to lack of tires, besides wanting blankets and bedding.

The Mother Superior of the hospital, who is over 90 years old, told me that only yesterday an urgent operational case had to wait from early morning till late at night before private transport could be found to bring the patient from the other side of the island.

The majority of patients are suffering from scabies of which there has been a severe epidemic owing to lack of soap. More than 5,000 cases have been reported but with the arrival of soap and sulpher ointment, the epidemic is now under control and is abating rapidly. The remaining patients suffer mostly from undernourishment or from wounds caused by children playing with "Red Devil" handgrenades and fishermen dismantling shells to get explosives for illegal fishing. The outpatients' department is open daily and has treated about 200 patients, mostly children, for wounds received in this fashion. In all, some 500 out of 4897 islanders are estimated to have suffered from wounds caused by handling

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explosives.

The maternity ward is barely adequate and consists of five beds only. As a result, women often have to be sent home long before they are really fit, in order to make room for others. The hospital also lacks bandages and surgical rubber gloves, but in spite of these handicaps thestaff of 16 sisters, 10 civilian nurses, two doctors and a surgeon, all under the direction of Professor Antonio Spinelli of Florence, are carrying on their work magnificently. The hospital, which is supported by the Communes and voluntary subscriptions, having been repaired by the Commune at a cost of half a million lire, now serves the entire island with its posulation of 31,500 people.

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ELBA "DIGS FOR VICTORY"

(Reuter, Special Correspondent, Rome)

ISOLA D'ELBA, April 1st -- Elba is usually remembered for its connection with Napoleon, for its wine and for its iron-works -- it has never been noted for any great agricultural activity beyond its vineyards. But war and time have changed the order of things on the island which is now running a wholehearted "back to the land" campaign.

Today Napoleon is remembered only by the occasional tourist and the old caretaker who lives in the Emperor's villa. The great ILVA and MAGONA iron and steel works were almost completely destroyed by the German and Allied bombardments of the island in September 1943 and April 1944 respectively and Elba has had to turn to the land and the sea.

As far as fishing is concerned, the Elban fishermen are faced with the same problem as confronted British fishermen five years ago -- no night fishing is permitted. This is just the season of the "blue fish" which can be caught only by night fishing, and it is difficult for the Elbans to realise that although war has swept over and past their lovely island, it is still waging in the north

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of their country and the Germans still hold a considerable stretch of coastlines. They grumble, they are puzzled and they make much the same sort of complaints that their British brothers have been making since war began. But until the night fishing ban is lifted there is little they can do about it -- so they have turned to the land.

Sixty-five percent of the population is now living off the land and the Cristian Democrat Party on the island is encouraging this move. A distribution of garden vegetable seeds was made in December when 243.19 quintals of oats, 239.36 quintals of barley and 245.03 quintals of other grain were given out. Altogether a third more grain than normal has been planted this year.

Oats are needed for animal fodder and even a normal year's grain crop feeds Elba's population for one month only, as the area of arable land is comparatively small. Last year's harvest was only half the normal, being sufficient to feed Elba for a fortnight only. All the seed potatoes have been eaten by civilians and troops and 500 quintals have been requested to replace them.

This year, however, should see a considerable improvement in the harvest. The vegetable seeds distributed in December have been put to good use, as even a cursory glance at the island proves. Every possible scrap of land is growing some kind of food and even tiny plots tucked away at the top of a mountain, are displaying the green

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shoots of vegetables and grain. Some farmers have transplanted their vineyards further up the hills and planted gardens on the lower slopes, while others have sown vegetables and grain in between and around their olive trees. Olive oil production this year is 33 and one third quintals, of which about 150 kilos will be ammassed and the remainder is retained by the producers.

The weather has naturally formed the main topic of conversation among the landworkers who have been fearing a drought such as was experienced last year. "Unless we have rain within fifteen days," they said, "our crops will fail and our harvest be ruined."

when the island had no rainfall for seven months,

But on March 20th it started to rain. This year's crops are saved.

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ELBAN POWER PLANTS RUN ON GERMAN ~~XXX~~ FUEL

(Byline: Sylvia Matheson, INS)

ISOLA D'ELBA, March 31st-- Two electrical power plants supplying Elba with light and power, are running entirely on Diesel oil found in an underground German submarine base, reports a UNN correspondent.

The huge underground storage tanks were hidden in caves in the hills round the main port of Portoferraio and were bombed by the American air force which blew up the surface tanks. The bombs, however, failed to penetrate to the main store which was exceptionally deep, and when the Allies landed in mid-June last year, they found sufficient fuel to run the ~~entire~~ two power plants until August this year. The plants ~~xxxxxxx~~ generate 350 kilowatts daily, supplying the island with domestic lighting, power to run the flour mills ~~xxxx~~ at night and light mining. Both plants could operate with coal if this was obtainable.

An increase of electric power to the mines has been arranged and when put into operational should result in the employment of at least 50 additional men, making a total of 300 men, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ employed in the mines near Porto Longone. An additional five tons of Diesel oil has been supplied to the ILVA iron works to enable them to start up the foundry which was severely damaged during the bombardment of the island. This again should add another 150 men to those already employed in the works.

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AMG OFFICER IMPROVISES MEDICAL OINTMENT

(Byline Sylvia Matheson, PWB)

PORTOFERRAIO, ISLE OF ELBA, March 30.... Major K.V.Reilly, SCAO for the island of Elba, has an inventive turn of mind. If essential parts or supplies are missing, he generally manages to improvise. When he was assigned to Prato the electricity supply was held up for lack of belting to run the generator, so Major Reilly bought up a stock of rabbit skins and had them sewn together, end to end, with the fur still on, forming an endless belt. The generator worked — true, the fur flew madly and the belt was not very strong. Every time anyone came in to inquire why the current had failed, it was to find Major Reilly busy mending the rabbitskin belt.

To the man who thought up that one, the problem of supplying ointment for the treatment of a violent outbreak of scabies on Elba, presented no difficulties. He found two quintals of sulpher left over from last year's supply to the vineyards. Sulpher ointment is the recognised cure for scabies but there has to be some sort of greasy base to turn it into an ointment, so Major Reilly found some motor grease and experimented with that. The result was good but too stiff. Undaunted he added grappa — the distilled residue left from wine pressings and — until the mixture seemed of the right consistency. He then sent a sample of it up to the hospital to be analised.

The doctors pronounced the home-made mixture excellent and put it into use at once. In fact, it proved so good that when, later on, supplies of the authentic ointment arrived from the mainland, the doctors went on using the special "Reilly mixture" which appeared to work even better than the real thing!

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TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ELBA AND NEIGHBOURS

(byline, Sylvia Matheson, PWB)

ISOLA D'ELBA, March 30— For the first time in the history of the island, telephonic communication has been established between Elba and the outlying islands of Pianosa and Capraine

Pianosa houses a prison hospital settlement for tubercular cases and Capraia a penal settlement. There has always been a cable connection with morse communication, but apparently no one ever thought of establishing a telephonic service until Major H.V.Reilly, AMG & Civil Affairs Officer, arrived to take over administration of Elba in January this year. He thereupon carried out the comparatively simple processof substituting ordinary telephones for the morse equipment thus establishing the first telephonic communications between the islands.

Owing to lack of electricity and proper water supplies the penal settlement on Capraia is being transferred to Pianosa on April 1st.

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Mr. Brown:

None of the American magazines is represented here now. Will suggest to some correspondents who look for feature material, such as Pat Frank of OWI, Dick Fowler of Chicago Daily News or John Smith of U-T.

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While this would make a good story, it appears to me that there a lot of better stories, and ones into which the Allied contribution can be more readily exploited.

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Ref : PRB/R63/2

20 March 1945

SUBJECT : Article on CC RR

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Director, Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission

1. Is there any reason why a correspondent from one of the larger American magazines should not be encouraged to do a full-dress article on the Carabinieri?

2. I have noticed that when anything goes wrong, as in the case of the Roatta escape or of disturbances in various parts of the country, the left-wing elements always raise an outcry against the CCRR. Automatically these attacks on the Carabinieri go out in press despatches to Allied countries and add to the impression abroad that there are really no stable elements in this Kingdom.

3. My impression is that, contrary to the impression which is being fed so assiduously from the left, the CCRR have remained remarkably steadfast and loyal to public order in the face of tremendous odds. I am not prepared to say they are as good as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but I do feel that there are strong resemblances between the two organizations which it might be good business to stress at this period.

4. Is it not possible that the protagonists of disturbance in Italy keep the CCRR constantly under fire precisely because they fear them as powerful, steady and determined defenders of public order?

5. I do NOT think that any article such as I propose should cover the lesser agencies of public order, such as financial and municipal guards. Those forces have neither the traditions nor the authority of the CCRR and it seems to me that the story would be weakened if they were included.

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21 MAR 1945
A. G.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

Ref : PRB/R63/1

18 March 1945

SUBJECT : Director's Report to Chief Commissioner

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Director
Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Thank you for sending me a copy of your report to the Chief Commissioner.

2. Your grasp of problems in the forward areas and the energy with which you are acting on your findings are very encouraging and should make a great difference in both the quality and volume of news originating up here.

3. I have been asked by DCCAO to give a hand with the 15th Army Group Encyclopaedia Project on the AMG side. Since I do not see how it could interfere with my work, but will tend rather to keep me more fully in the picture, I have agreed.

4. I am grateful to you for the cordial note which accompanied your report.

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19 MAR 1945
A. C.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR AC/AMG
In the Field

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APO 777

Ref : PRB/R63/2

17 May 1945

SUBJECT : Staff and Transport

TO : Director
Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission, APO 394

1. S/Sgt. Alan Cash left today for Rome on his way to Austria.

2. Beginning early next week I am going on a tour of Northern Italy with the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, and while I am there shall check up on what is being done and what can be done about AMG Public Relations in the newly liberated areas.

3. In the meanwhile, I have nobody who can take over this office and shall be very grateful if the man you mentioned recently could come forward some hours before I leave.

4. The Austin PU which is my only vehicle is very old. Though it gets its regular workshop inspections right along it seems to be on its last legs. It seems doubtful if even a thorough overhauling, which might take weeks, would make it roadworthy for more than a brief period. This is a serious drawback in my work.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPRB (Field)
AC/AMG

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Ref : PRB/R63/2

16 March 1945

SUBJECT : Office Supplies

TO : Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission

1. It will be appreciated if you can draw the following office supplies for me:

- Ribbon for Royal Portable Typewriter
- 2000 sheets letter-size Flimsy paper
- Paper clips
- Drawing pins (Thumb tacks).

2. May the package be sent by courier, please.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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GSB:

If these names are ok by you, we'll put them on the list.

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APO 777

Ref : PRB/R63/8

16 March 1945

SUBJECT : Distribution of Weekly Bulletin

TO : Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission, CMF

1. PRO Fifth Army AMG requests that the Bulletin be sent every week to the following:

Capt. Richard Limbert
Lt. Col. R. B. Menapace
Lt. Col. Thomas
Lieut M.C. Ravarino.

2. Please mail the copies separately, c/o Fifth Army AMG.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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17 March 45

SUBJECT: Field Trip

TO : Major T. L. Bullock
DDPR (Field)
G-5 Section
Main Hq 15th Army Group, CMF

1. I thought you might be interested in my report to the Chief Commissioner on my trip in your territory. I trust the recommendations contained in my report meet with your approval.

2. It was a pleasant and helpful trip. I enjoyed meeting you and your staff.

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

GSB/mew

17/PRB

16 March 1945

SUBJECT : PRB Field Staff

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Executive Commissioner)

1. To meet the PRB field staff and to determine its adequacy and competence, the Director, PRB spent March 11-15 in the north. March 12 was spent with the 5th Army and March 13 with the 8th Army. I was accompanied by Maj. Floyd Weidman, PRO, G-5. Following are my observations and recommendations.

2. Major T.L. Bullock (B), is Deputy Director of PRB in charge of the field staff. He has been with AMG since its earliest days. He is energetic, competent and fairly well liked both by the Americans and British. He knows his job but has been handicapped by lack of support from headquarters. He has correspondence on file dated November and December 1944 asking to be relieved of his post unless support in the way of direction, qualified staff and sufficient transport were forthcoming.

3. Captain K. Ellison (B), is PRO, 8th Army. He only began his assignment a few weeks ago. He is young and comparatively inexperienced but is anxious to make good. He has gained the confidence of his regional superiors and will, I think, do a creditable job. As a result of our visit he has a much better idea of what is expected of him.

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4. Rook Ferris, American civilian on loan from PWB, is PRO, 5th Army. He is a pleasant young man of artistic temperament but entirely unsuited to the job, either by training or personality. He is more of a personal aide to the Commanding General, AMG, 5th Army, than a PRO for AMG, 5th Army. Instead of being located at the Press Camp, 5th Army, to maintain contact with the correspondents he lives with the General in the city. The job of PRO, 5th Army, is one of the most important field positions we have and it is vitally important that we put a strong man in this job. It should be someone who can go straight through to the final destination of the 5th Army and keep the

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correspondents constantly advised of AMG activities in his Army's territory. To make the change (and I strongly recommend it be done) will require delicate handling on high levels. I shall be glad to discuss my ideas on this subject with you.

5. Transport facilities for the PRO field staff are entirely inadequate and cripples operations. To move around with the correspondents and to develop their own material, the field staff must be mobile. At present we have one jeep for PRO, 8th Army, which is adequate, and a pick up for Major Bullock, which is inadequate as these cars are not allowed on roads controlled by 5th Army. PRO, 5th Army, is entirely without transport. What is needed are two jeeps, one for the Deputy Director, who must travel into both army territories, and one for PRO,5th Army. I strongly recommend two jeeps be made available immediately.

6. Major Bullock needs an experienced clerk-writer to help him in his office and to keep it running while he is in the field. He would like to have S/Sjt. Cash (B), now in PRB. I would be agreeable if a suitable substitute can be found for Cash at headquarters. Cash, incidentally, is anxious to move north to the final destination of the 5th Army.

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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c/o.P.W.B.,
HQ Main 8th Army,
C.M.F.

11th. March 45.

Dear Jack .

Thanks for your letter and enclosure. I am deeply sorry about your name --- I mean, my spelling of your name ! The time question is complicated but explained by the fact that I send all my copy to you by red bag from the Press Camp. The courier leaves Forli every night at ten o'clock.

There is some talk of an air courier and this should leave in the morning. On an average all my stories leave by courier in the evening and should arrive at PR AFHQ the next morning. I shall put a time on my stories but I don't think they will leave Forli until the evening. I prefer to send them down to the Press Camp about seven in the evening, much to the annoyance of my driver, because psychologically it is a good time. The correspondents have finished dinner, are feeling expansive and in a most generous frame of mind. Drink sodden, they suddenly see my poor efforts on the board and imagine they are much better than they really are. This piece will go down this morning at 11 o' clock.

Regards. 1890
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PS. I am enclosing a copy of Saturday's Corriere containing two of my stories.

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PRESS RELEASE --IMMEDIATE.

1100 Hrs.

FRO AMG 8th ARMY 11 MARCH 45. (Uncensored)

In an announcement made by the Provincial Commissioner for the province of Forli, AMG states that owing to the severe damage to Rimini no more civilians will be permitted to enter the town for the purpose of taking up residence. This applies both to those contemplating temporary and permanent residence.

The town was severely damaged in the battles for its capture and today there is a serious shortage of houses. Public health facilities are such that the town cannot cater, with safety, for more than it holds at present. Only those resident at the moment may remain and people who have homes in Rimini but who are living elsewhere may not return until permission is granted. Severe penalties, including imprisonment and fines, will be imposed on civilians violating this order.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FLORENCE

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE March 8, 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Report (For week ending March 7)
To: S.C.A.O. - Florence.

PRESS RELEASES: Thirteen stories have been released to the press from this office during the week. There were the usual number of stories to be approved after the weekly Press Conference.

LABOR CRISIS: Due to unrest caused by the Roatta Affair, it was necessary to stop the presses on the night of March 6 in order to wait for the prepared statement cancelling the strike to be held March 7. Both the CORRIERE DELLA MATTINO and LA NAZIONE DEL POPOLO cooperated to the utmost in publishing the statement, although LA NAZIONE also published---on the front page---manifestos against the government, which had been circulating in the city during the day. LA NAZIONE being the paper of the National Committee of Liberation, this fact assumes importance and strengthens the suspicion that possible the entire affair was backed by the Committee. RADIO FIRENZE cooperated very helpfully, interrupting their scheduled programs at regular intervals from the time they were first given the announcement calling off the strike until the hour of the strike was past. Too much credit cannot be given to the various departments of PWB---including the sound trucks which were in readiness for an emergency--- for their willing and unquestioning assistance. The official proclamations and announcements were all cleared through this office by the Labor Committee.

Many rumors were repeated to this office of threatened action on the part of the Communists. These were duly reported to the proper officers, and it has been reported today that due to the efficient action on the part of all concerned there were no incidents, as they were never allowed to even get started.

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CENSORSHIP: A great improvement in censorship has been noted, and the PWB

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censor has complied with all requests that have been made to him. Several stories originating from this office upon the request of various departments have been censored and have not appeared in the local press, although they have gone through the other usual channels of distribution uncontested. However, this is relatively unimportant and vastly preferable to the former publishing of anything and everything in which AMG was concerned, whether correct or not.

TRANSPORT: It is obviously impossible to cover the entire field of AMG 5th Army without transport. A civilian car is not practical, as they are not even allowed to go up the road to Futa Pass. Ther are many interesting stories to be had in all of the district of AMG 5th Army, but unless something is done to provide suitable transportation it is impossible to get them. It is regrettable that so much valuable material should be going to waste, when every other branch of PRO is well supplied with means of getting around. As in the future 5th Army AMG will occupy a most interesting territory from the point of view of publicity, it is hoped that some arrangements will be made in this respect as soon as possible.

Rook Ferris

Rook Ferris
Public Relations
AMG 5th Army.

DISTRIBUTION: 2 S.C.A.O. - Florence
1 Mr. Stuart Brown
1 Mr. Griffing Bancroft
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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
6 March 1945

Ref : PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT: Forward Visit DPR

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

1. This will confirm our telephone conversation of this afternoon with reference to arrangements for your visit to forward areas with PRO G-5 Section AFHQ.

2. A room has been reserved for you at Hotel Excelsior, and I shall be very glad if you and Major Weidemann will have dinner with me that night.

3. Arrangements have been made for you to visit AMG Fifth Army areas on Monday, 12 March. Monday night I am giving a dinner for you to meet: General Hume, CG AMG Fifth Army; Col. Monfort, Lt.-Col. Friend-James and Lt.-Col. Persell, G-5 Section 15th Army Group; Lt.-Col. Sutherland, Exec. Off. AMG Fifth Army; Col. Grogan, PRO 15 Army Gp.; Col. Clarke, PRO Fifth Army; Major Blais, Censorship Liaison 15 Army Group; Mr. John Rayner and Mr. Don Minifie of PWB 15th Army Group; Lieut. Weaver, OC Pictorial Section 15th Army Group, and your Fifth and Eighth Army PROs. I am also hoping to have OC PWB Fifth Army if he can come.

4. On Tuesday we shall visit AMG Eighth Army, Eighth Army Press Camp, PWB Eighth Army and, if there is time, Emilia Region Headquarters.

5. I am leaving Wednesday free for you to hold any conferences you may think are necessary after your visit to Army areas.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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AC/AMG
Forward Public Relations
Tel : Filpot 111.
6 March 1945.

FLORENCE (AMG).... Malaria control operations for 1945 have begun in Tuscany Region. AMG officials announce that in coastal areas, where the danger is greatest, work has been in progress for several days.

Grosseto Province has an extensive project of ditch clearing and land drainage and Paris Green and oil are being sprayed over breeding grounds.

In Leghorn Province work is proceeding along similar lines.

Malaria is of comparatively recent incidence on the Island of Elba. The control plan there was inaugurated 22 February.

One of the difficulties reported by AMG officers in working out their prograss is a tendency of some Italian officials to co-operate with influential Italian landlords in putting across private drainage schemes as control works. One landlord is reported to have tried to swing a 1,500,000 lire project of his own under the heading of malaria control.

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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group
Tel : Filpot 111
3 March 1945

Ref : PRB/R63/5

SUBJECT : Censorship in Forward Areas

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, AC

1. Reference your 63/PRB dated 28 February 1945 and confirming phone conversation this date, Mr. Brown - Major Bullock.

2. No formal order has ever been issued, as far as is known here, that Civil Affairs Offi cers will no longer undertake to carry out the censorship of newspapers in Forward Areas.

3. The matter was discussed in January with Wing Commander E. T. Beer, O.B.E., at Eighth Army AMG, during a general discussion of questions affecting the Press, and Wing Commander Beer did say that Eighth Army AMG could not and would not hold its Civil Affairs Officers responsible for supervision of local newspapers.

4. When I met Lt.-Col. Munro and Major Costanza in Rome in February I explained the position to them and said that I was so completely in agreement with Wing Commander Beer's position that I felt INC ought to supply censorship personnel, working in conjunction with Eighth Army PWB, to assume responsibility for this work. Lt.-Col. Charles Beauclerck, O.C. Eighth Army PWB, shares our view in this matter.

5. I have not discussed this question with Fifth Army PWB, though I have spoken of it with Mr. Rayner.

6. What is happening generally at the present time is that AMG Provincial Commissioners and CAOs are having to leave supervision of local papers to Italian civilian employees. You will agree, I think, that this is an unsatisfactory state of affairs. Control of Ttalian-language newspapers, especially in Army areas, is essential. AMG Public Relations in forward areas is a skeleton orgahization of three individuals scattered over a wide area. While we can work with and advise INC and PWB personnel, we cannot hope to act as censors.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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Copy to:

AMG Eighth Army Main HQ

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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

63/PRB 28 February 1945.

SUBJECT : Censorship in Forward Areas

TO : Major Bullock, DDPR (Field)

We have an enquiry from the Information & Censorship Section reporting they are informed that Civil Affairs Officers, acting on orders from their HQ, will no longer undertake to carry out the censorship of newspapers in Forward Areas in accordance with past practice.

We were unable to find any record of such orders in this Office and, on further enquiry, the Information & Censorship Section informed us that this order came out at a discussion in which you participated.

Would you please give us any information you may have to answer the enquiry.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations
Director.

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SUBJECT : Material for "VOCE PARTIGIANA"

TO : Mr. G. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

1. Reference your 20/PRB dated 28 February 1945 and confirming phone conversation this date, Mr. Brown - Major Bullock.

2. It is requested by G-5 Section, 15th Army Group, that as little publicity as possible on Partisans be released for at least a week.

3. Your letter will be kept in the Pending file and as soon as a release on this material is possible, PRO Eighth Army AMG will be asked to get the required information from Major Colquhoun.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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26 February 1945

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TO : Major Bullock, DDPR (Field).

Mr. Michael Stewart, Press Attache of the British Embassy, telephoned to-day to say that the Editor of the VOCE PARTIGIANA has asked for his assistance in obtaining an article on the help the Allies are giving the Partizans in their efforts on behalf of the war.

It seems there is a Major Ian Colquhoun attached to the 8th Army as Liaison Officer with the Partizans who, according to Michael Stewart, would be the logical person to provide the information for this article.

Could you see whether it is possible to secure the information or not. Mr. Stewart is of the opinion it would be helpful if it could be obtained.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director.

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2 March 45

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TO : Major Bullock, UDPR (Field)

1. Supplementing my letter of 28 February 45, regarding the request of "VOCE PARTIGIANA", I am attaching herewith a copy of letter from Mr. Michael Stewart, Press Attache of the British Embassy, giving further information regarding the "VOCE PARTIGIANA" request.

C. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

MS/AT

1st March 1945

Dear Stewart,

With reference to our telephone conversation yesterday afternoon, I enclose a copy of "Voce Partigiana", which is the organ of the "Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia". This association is non-party and is recognized by the Italian Government.

The purpose of the visit I had from the director Signor Felice Salivetto and Dr. Fausto Bacchetti, Sig.Brosio's secretary, was to ask if we could supply them either with articles or with material for articles dealing with the assistance which the Allies have given to the Partisan movement in Italy.

On general grounds you may agree that it is desirable that as wide a publicity as is consistent with military security should be given to the Allies' work in order to counteract the impression that the Partisans receive the main bulk of their moral support from the extreme left parties inside or outside Italy.

As I mentioned on the telephone, I think the man who could supply the material if not write the article himself is Major Archie Colquhoun who is attached to the 8th Army as liaison officer with the Partisans.

If after discussing the matter with the Chief of Staff it is decided that you can supply the material requested, I would suggest that you forward it to Dott.Salivetto at the offices of the "Voce Partigiana" .

I should be interested to know in due course whether you have been able to do anything.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Stewart 1,839

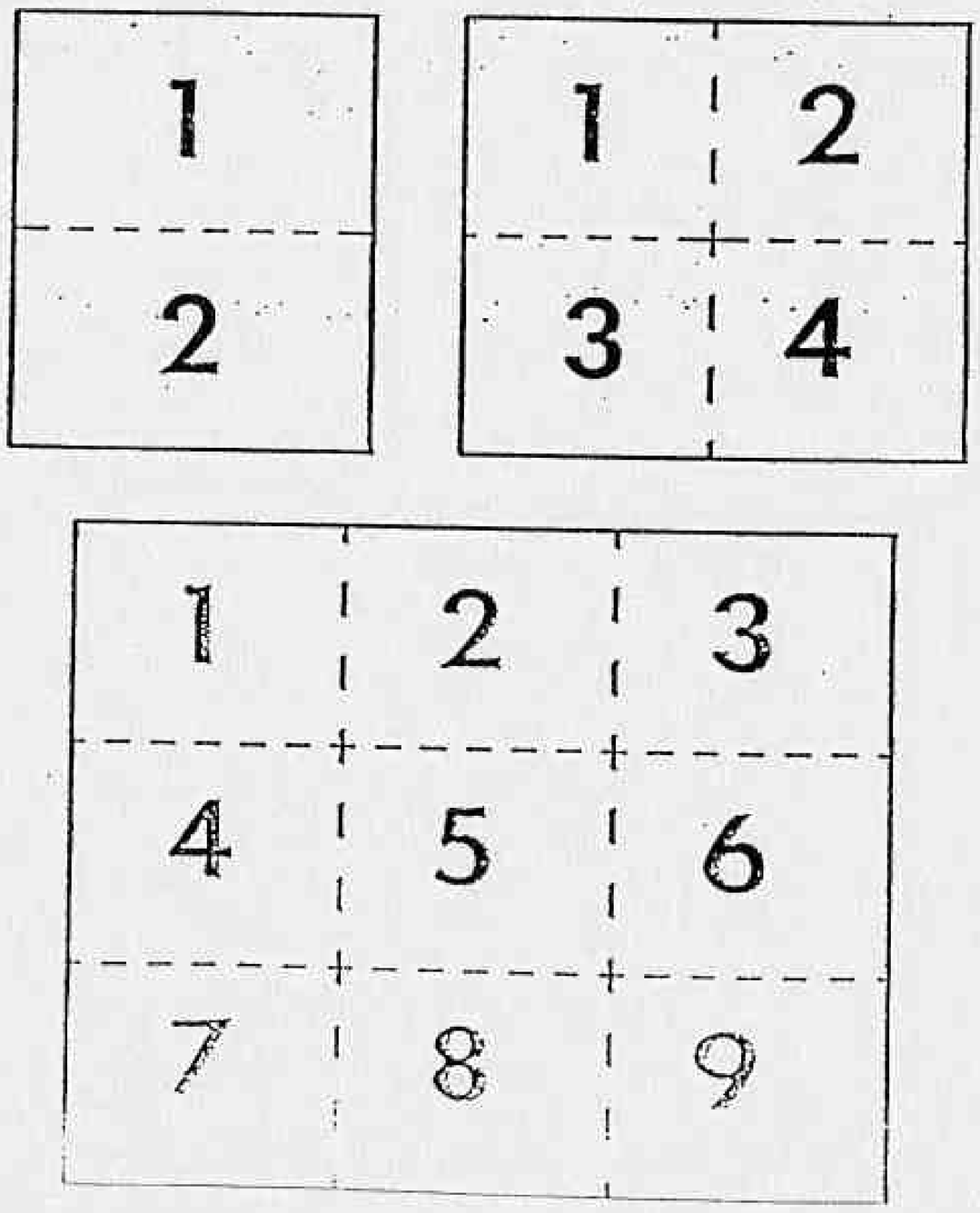
Michael Stewart,
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CHI SIAMO

Per spiegarsi la genesi della lotta partigiana in Italia bisogna tornare col pensiero al settembre '43, quando, in mezzo al crollare dell'esercito e delle istituzioni dell'infausto ventennio, gruppi di cittadini, a Napoli, a Roma, a Milano ed altrove, imbracciarono il fucile per contrastare al tedesco l'ingresso nelle città o per affrettarne l'esodo.

Questi episodi ed il primo lento organizzarsi della lotta partigiana in Italia, possono veramente considerarsi come la proiezione nel campo dell'azione di quella lotta che la democrazia italiana popolando le carceri e i campi di battaglia aveva, all'interno ed all'estero costantemente combattuto contro il Regime del Predappiese. Fu chiaro allora in ogni coscienza che la democrazia non poteva essere data, elargita dagli avanzanti eserciti alleati, ma che doveva essere conquistata con un alto prezzo di sangue.

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L'On. Stoccimaro, appunta quindi la Medaglia D'oro sul petto dell'eroico Alfiere della Bandiera Comandante Bulow. (Antonio Boldini).

Segue infine la lettura delle motivazioni e la consegna della massima ricompensa al valor militare alla memoria dei quindici eroi caduti, che vengono appuntate sul petto dei parenti più stretti.

Così ha termine la manifestazione. Si forma un grande corteo che s'incanala per Corso Umberto per andare a depositare la bandiera nel sacrario del Vittoriale in attesa di poter essere portata alla testa delle gloriose brigate partigiane che combattono al Nord.

Cronaca del pomeriggio

L'Associazione Nazionale Partigiani

Partigiani e soldati

di S. E. Giuseppe Spataro

Ieri il popolo romano interpretò sicuro sentimento di tutti gli Italiani, in modo speciale delle popolazioni settentrionali, ad espresso riconoscenza e rese ai combattenti dilettori del suolo italico. E forse il più significativo trionfo, fra quanti sono stati offerti nella «giornata» dedicata al soldato ed al partigiano e questo averli uniti ed onorati in una sola celebrazione.

Ma ciò non vuole rimanere soltanto il ricordo di un'ora, per solenne che sia; soldati e partigiani devono essere e saranno per sempre associati dal popolo italiano in un solo pensiero, in un solo amore, come soldati e partigiani si attratellano combattendo la stessa guerra, in riordinati reparti o nella guerriglia delle montagne, per lo stesso ideale.

Dalla guerriglia, dallo sbaraglio della vita di bande, che fa la minaccia del pericolo incessante, dei trattimenti e degli agguati, della tortura e del plotone di esecuzione, ma che lancia specie su certi ritmi esercita il fascino del libero spontaneo combattimento, molti patrioti via via passeranno nei ranghi serrati delle nuove divisioni italiane.

Nei cortili delle caserme, forse all'ora del rancio, il partigiano terrà circolo. Racconterà con giusto orgoglio le gesta passate, ci quando faceva la guerra a modo suo, e a volte, a sera, quando echeggiano gli squilli del silenzio, lo coglierà la nostalgia delle veglie e dei fuochi del bivacco. Ma quando, poco a poco, come è possibile oggi nella nostra Italia certamente prevalu, vedrà riformarsi le compagnie, i battaglioni, i reggimenti, le brigate, le divisioni e in testa alle colonne in marcia veder levare il tricolore d'Italia, il patriota che non ebbe divisa, che dovette mendicare un abito, carpire un'arma, nascondere una bandiera, sarà il soldato più fiero della sua divisa, il più diligente nella cura delle sue armi, il più attaccato alla sua bandiera.

Egli, l'uomo della banda, ricorderà i tempi in cui fu trattato da ribelle, evitato come un pericolo, e fu messa una taglia sulla sua testa come su quella di un assassino. Ricorderà la sua solitudine contro tutti, lo sconforto sorretto solo dal richiamo irresistibile, ma lontano, della Patria, e sentirà la bellezza della vita dei soldati, la forza che li sostiene e li unisce in quella grande famiglia che è l'esercito.

Patriottismo di giovani

Un gran numero di giovani, non aventi ancora obblighi di leva, ha fatto pervenire ai vari distretti domande di arruolamento volontario. Le autorità si riservano di assecondare il fervore patriottico dimostrato dai giovanissimi che hanno in tal modo in-

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Queste reazioni delle coscienze e l'organizzazione dei partiti furono le premesse per il divampare della lotta di liberazione.

E' ancora dei primi di settembre il sorgere un po' ovunque dei Comitati di Liberazione, ed è loro il merito di aver saputo raccogliere le fila della vasta tela raggruppando, mobilitando fondendo insieme agli elementi sani dell'esercito quanti volessero combattere.

Da allora il nome dei Partigiani d'Italia è così consacrato alla gloria, all'avventura, alla sublime follia il cui prezzo di sangue è stato spesso di molto superiore ai tangibili risultati, che resterà una delle pagine più belle della nostra Storia, e l'affermazione più completa della nostra maturità democratica.

Al di là della barbara linea dei Goti, l'Esercito Partigiano sotto la guida dei Comitati di Liberazione è in linea da sei mesi.

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Con il Lazio alleato dal Garigliano a Roma ed oltre, cominciò a sorgere il problema della smobilitazione delle forze partigiane. Questo assunse a Roma (dove la lotta clandestina, non tanto per volontà di singoli quanto per il seguire degli eventi, si era dovuta limitare a preparazione alla lotta più che a lotta

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L'avvertimento del generale è rivolto agli stessi patrioti del nord, a cui mesi or sono era stato comandato di non sprecare le proprie forze in azioni tempestive. E' il segno evidente dell'imminente offensiva a cui i partigiani del nord dedicheranno tutte le loro forze per eseguire finalmente il tedesco invasore.

Il Nunzio Apostolico lascia Berlino

Si annuncia che il Nunzio apostolico in Germania ha lasciato Berlino per trasferirsi in Baviera, presso il Vescovo di Eichstadt.

Altre Legazioni sono in procinto di trasferirsi, mentre quella svedese è rientrata nella capitale tedesca per preparare affrettatamente il suo rimpatrio.

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Dalle vie adiacenti confluiscono subito dopo le formazioni dei partiti inalberanti cartelli e bandiere. Gli altoparlanti diffondono nell'aria canzoni care al Nostro Primo ed al nostro nuovo Risorgimento.

Alle 10,30 la settecentesca piazza alle pendici del Pincio, offre uno spettacolo meraviglioso.

L'obelisco egiziano con i quattro leoni marmorei, sembra, sotto il tenue sole primaverile sorridere alla rinata gioventù dell'Italia Democratica.

Nel palco delle autorità notiamo: il Presidente del Consiglio Ivanoe Bonomi, tutti i membri del Governo, il colonnello Poletti a capo di una rappresentanza delle forze armate alleate, il Corpo Diplomatico al completo, il Maresciallo Messe, il Comitato Nazionale per la Liberazione, MANELLA, GIUSTIZIA E LIBERTA' e numerose altre, fiancheggiate dalle rappresentanze dell'Esercito, della Marina e dell'Aviazione. Sul palco stesso al posto d'onore è la Delegazione dei Patrioti del Nord, con a capo l'eroico Comandante Bulow, fino ad ora unica Medaglia d'oro vivente della guerra di Liberazione.

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Il Cappellano dei Partigiani Don Lorenzetti [illegible] benedice la Bandiera.

Il discorso di Bonomi

Prende poi la parola il Presidente del Consiglio Ivanoe Bonomi, che esalta il blocco formato da Partigiani, Forze Armate e Popolo, tutti tesi in un supremo sforzo per la guerra di liberazione, e la vittoria di quegli ideali per cui combattono le Nazioni Unite.

Saluta i gloriosi eserciti d'Inghilterra, d'America e di Russia, e conclude il suo discorso affermando che dall'apporto dato da tutti gl'Italiani alla guerra contro il tedesco invasore si debbono trarre sicuri auspici di rinascita del Popolo Italiano.

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DANTE DI NANNI

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MOSCA, 18.

Nella regione di Breslavia continuano violenti combattimenti. La battaglia per Breslavia accerchiata si sviluppa violentissima. I cannoni sovietici tuonano contro le fortificazioni della città.

Pare che i soldati di Koniev avrebbero fatto irruzione in vari punti delle massicce difese tedesche. E' probabile che le difese di Glogau, altra città fortezza tedesca, siano crollate.

FRONTE OCCIDENTALE

I combattimenti in corso lungo la strada Cleve-Calcar portano a successi alleati. La città di Hulsberden è stata conquistata dagli alleati. Ad est della foresta di Cleve sono stati respinti ripetuti gitacchi nemici.

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Percorrendo la Via Nazionale ed il Corso Umberto confluiscono su Piazza del Popolo.

La piazza è già gremita di romani che contrariamente alle loro abitudini domenicali, si sono levati di buon mattino per occupare il posto migliore da dove gridare ai gloriosi Partigiani tutto il loro amore e la loro riconoscenza.

Dalle vie adiacenti confluiscono subito dopo le formazioni dei partiti inalberanti cartelli e striscioni. Gli altoparlanti diffondono nell'aria canzoni care al Nostro Primo ed al nostro nuovo Risorgimento.

Alle rogo la caratteristica piazza alle pendici del Pincio, offre uno spettacolo meraviglioso.

L'obelisco egiziano con i quattro leoni marmorei, sembra, sotto il tenue sole primaverile sorridere alla rinata gioventù dell'Italia Democratica.

Nel palco delle autorità notiamo il Presidente del Consiglio Ivanoe Bonomi, tutti i membri del Governo, il colonnello Poletti a capo di una rappresentanza delle forze armate alleate, il Corpo Diplomatico al completo, il Maresciallo Messe, il Comitato Nazionale di Liberazione Alta Italia, i rappresentanti dei Partiti politici, i Sindaci di Roma e di Milano, il Prefetto di Roma, il Questore, il Comandante della Piazza, il Comandante della Divisione Granatieri, il Comandante della Divisione Legnano, il Comandante della Divisione Mantova, il Comandante della Divisione Friuli, il Comandante della Divisione Folgore, il Comandante della Divisione Piceno, il Comandante della Divisione Cremona, il Comandante della Divisione Nembo, il Comandante della Divisione Mantova, il Comandante della Divisione Friuli, il Comandante della Divisione Folgore, il Comandante della Divisione Piceno, il Comandante della Divisione Cremona, il Comandante della Divisione Nembo.

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Il Cappellano dei Partigiani Don Lorenzetti [illegible] benedice la Bandiera.

Il discorso di Bonomi

Prende poi la parola il Presidente del Consiglio Ivanoe Bonomi, che esalta il blocco formato da Partigiani, Forze Armate e Popolo, tutti tesi in un supremo sforzo per la guerra di liberazione, e la vittoria di quegli ideali per cui combattono le Nazioni Unite.

Saluta i gloriosi eserciti d'Inghilterra, d'America e di Russia, e conclude il suo discorso affermando che dall'apporto dato da tutti gl'Italiani alla guerra contro il tedesco invasore si debbono trarre sicuri auspici di rinascita del Popolo Italiano.

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Nella capitale ci furono infatti dei tentativi inorganici di tentare questa smobilitazione con il favore di numerose Associazioni, Comitati, Unioni di Partigiani.

Alcuni di questi tentativi sorsero per perseguire altri fini morali ed assistenziali, altri invece (e non potevano mancare) mischiarono le acque cercando di organizzare i partigiani smobilitati e spesso, come ogni combattente, delusi, a fini da un punto di vista democratico non completamente ortodossi.

La confusione era ci è grande; il sovrapporsi, il confondersi delle Associazioni e delle iniziative, porta a doppioni di assistenza ed a sperequazioni.

Con il proseguire dell'avanzata alleata, e con la smobilitazione delle regioni forze partigiane, dislocate in Umbria, Toscana, Marche, Romagna, i Comitati di Liberazione che avevano mobilitati e guidati questi uomini non potevano non prendere in considerazione il problema. Ed allora nell'ottobre scorso, sorse su iniziativa del C. L. N. l'Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia.

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L'11 novembre 1942, anniversario dell'Armistizio, per la meravigliosa passeggiata dei Campi Elisi, dalla Concordia alle Etoile, 8.000 italiani, con in testa il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale, sfilarono, assieme al popolo parigino, dinanzi a Churchill e De Gaulle. Applausi fragorosi salutarono quei nostri connazionali, che durante quattro anni avevano strenuamente lottato assieme alle formazioni partigiane francesi, contro il tedesco invasore.

Quel giorno gli anziani avvertirono che la fratellanza italo-francese, come altre volte nella storia, era una realtà viva ed operante, perchè cementata nel sangue in comune versato. Come nel 1870 e nel 1914, così nel 1939 e nel 1942 gli italiani affrontarono la morte per difendere la gloria di Francia e successivamente per liberarla.

Fin dall'inizio dell'occupazione tedesca — giugno 1940 — numerosi cittadini clandestini italiani che presero la formazione di gruppi di combattimento ispirantisi alla più pura tradizione garibaldina. Questa resistenza organizzata si ebbe sotto la forma di disobbedienza allo straniero invasore ed alla cupidigia di Vichy, di assistenza morale e materiale ai reduci di ogni nazionalità, di convogliamento verso le formazioni di « maquis », che, dapprima isolatamente e poi in nuclei sempre più numerosi, cominciarono ad operare nelle varie regioni francesi. Un vero cumulo di documenti falsi (permessi, certificati, lasciapassare, passaporti, ecc.) fu approntato dai comitati italiani. Ad essi attinsero, spesse volte, anche i più grandi movimenti di resistenza francesi.

Ma l'attività degli italiani non si limitò a questo lavoro meramente organizzativo. Il « maquis » francese, passato nel 1942, dalla resistenza passiva all'azione diretta, ebbe valido e potente appoggio dalle formazioni italiane. Ad Argenteuil, al Pont de Passy, alla casa ospedaliera presso l'Arc di Triomphe, ad Asnières, al Luxembourg, a Meudon, a Meudil-Hubert, a place de l'Odéon, alla porta di Clignancourt, all'autorimessa de l'Avenue du Maine ed in cento altri posti della zona di Parigi e della Francia libera elementi italiani organizzarono attentati, fecero esplodere mine, uccisero nemici, fecero saltare vie di comunicazioni, strade ferrate, piloni elettrici, treni, spesso furono oggetto di dileggio e di denigrazione. Molti caddero combattendo in questa lotta mortale e furibonda; altri furono sequestrati e fucilati; altri ancora imprigionati ed inviati in Germania.

Alfredo Terragni, che in numerosi azioni aveva guadagnato un tale prestigio da portarlo alla direzione del terzo distaccamento delle F.T.P., e successivamente alla nomina di membro dello Stato Maggiore della regione parigina, il 6 agosto 1944, cadde alla testa del suo « maquis » in una imboscata tesagli dal nemico a Taverny. Fabio Carnelli, eroe di molte battaglie, arrestato su delazione di una spia, cadde sotto la mitraglia di tedeschi e di miliziani Darnand. Fabbri Adler, già arrestato riuscì a fuggire, finchè inquadrato nel 3. btgl. F. T. P. di Tournan, in una pericolosa missione, circondato da un numero strabocchevole di nemici, non si arrese, e prima di cadere colpito a morte, riuscì a decimare il gruppo dei suoi avversari. Eusebio Ferrari, giovane di 26 anni, è uno degli animatori dello sciopero dei minatori del 1941. Con audaci colpi di mano procura ai suoi gruppi 1.400 chilogrammi di esplosivo. Salta così la Centrale di Decheville delle miniere d'Aniche, saltano le « chiuse » di Marchiennes Ville e di Wallaing, saltano ponti ferroviari, treni carichi di materiale bellico e di tedeschi. Un rudimentale ed ingegnoso apparecchio, da lui ideato inventato permetterà a tutti gli esecutori di allontanarsi in tempo dalla zona dell'attentato. Perseguitato come una bestia pericolosa egli potè sfuggire alla ricerca di trecento gendarmi armati di mitra per ben 15 giorni, ma, infine, circondato dai nemici, dopo una resistenza strenua, fu colpito a morte da una pallottola.

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Ed allorchè il giorno tanto atteso dell'insurrezione sono migliaia di italiani, in uno slancio magnifico si ritrovarono sulle barricate di Parigi, nelle strade di Nizza, Marsiglia, Lione, Tolone, Bordeaux, là dove vi era un tedesco da cacciare, un atto di eroismo da compiere.

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Anche nei sobborghi, ove la lotta fu più aspra e sanguinosa, gli italiani furono presenti. Alla Courneuve Drancy un forte gruppo di italiani si batte per tre giorni consecutivi contro le forze nemiche, sventa un tentativo diretto a far saltare i ponti della località, la stazione di smistamento e i servizi di acqua del Bourget, e passa infine all'attacco catturando trenta prigionieri ed uccidendo sette tedeschi. Altri quaranta prigionieri e 3 morti lo stesso gruppo procura a Serran.
A Versailles cade alla testa di venticinque patrioti l'italiano Sacchi. Una quarantina di patrioti italiani mettono a Boulogne fuori uso cinquanta autocarri tedeschi. Altri trenta patrioti combattono ad Orgemont. Altri ancora ad Aubervilliers, a Carrefour Pantin, ad Romainville, a Colombes, Garenne, ecc. Nelle dure battaglie di Montessori italiani vengono citati all'ordine del giorno. A Sastronville, da un forte gruppo di combattenti italiani, sorgono improvvisati fortilizi che sotto il fuoco nemico, riescono ad allontanare dal paese un treno carico di esplosivi, che i tedeschi tentavano di far partire al posto.
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A questa domanda si son date una quantità di risposte: deficienze del problema politico, incapacità della dittatura, errori dell'alto comando, impostazione sbagliata della condotta della guerra, ecc.
Lo stesso governo tedesco, in vari documenti ufficiali, ha riunito disordinatamente tutte queste risposte, come a conferirvi valore di spiegazioni. Ma non v'è dubbio che esse sono superficiali e che non possono convincere. Esse devono essere tutte ricondotte e ricollegate a un'altra risposta che va più al fondo delle cose. E che è questa: La Germania soccombe dinnanzi alla Russia perchè mentre questa è riuscita a dare al suo popolo ed al mondo la sensazione che la guerra che combatte è per amore del genere umano, quella ha dato ai suoi sudditi la coscienza dei popoli pagani, abbandonati alla naturale durezza del cuore, alle insidie incontrastate dello spirito del male ed alla legge quotidiana della violenza. Tutta l'opera di Josef L. Reiner, che contiene la più chiara esposizione della dottrina e della politica pangermanista, ha una grande importanza, non solo per la radicale intransigenza dello scrittore, formato al proprio [illegible] molti grandi politici tedeschi e lo stesso Hitler. Se si considerano, grandissime linee tedesca, si è portati che questa tendenza è insita nell'anima popolo. Niente è più vo, a questo proposito, colare che, verso la fine del 1938, il Ministero nazionale indirizzato alle autorità che tedesche. Secondo colare la storia del dotta in conformità razzismo.
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...Perseguitato come una bestia
...icolosa egli potè sfuggire alla
...cca di trenta gendarmi cir-
...ti di mezzatifo per ben 15 gior-
...ma, infine, circondato dai ne-
...ci, dopo una resistenza strenua,
...colpito a morte da una palla.
...Alla stessa maniera cadeva tra-
...rono la morte Blanchier Mario,
...apriola, Bozzi, Della, Della Ne-
...a, di Bella, Fontana Nerone,
...ntano Spartaco, Lucchini Ore-
...e, Pozzi, Rohrenzer, Salvadori
...ntonio Salvadori Riccardo, Us-
...glio e circa altri martiri.

Fu allorchè il giorno radioso
...ll'insurrezione sorse nitidissima di
...ttaliani, la loro alacrità magnifica
...ritrovarono sulle barricate di
...arigi, nelle strade di Nizza, Mar-
...glia, Lione, Tolone, Bordeaux,
...dove vi era un tedesco da cac-
...are, un atto di eroismo da com-
...iere.

La settimana dal 20 al 26 ago-
...o vide a Parigi, allineati nella
...ssa battaglia, l'operaio e l'in-
...ellettuale, lo studente ed il mae-
...dole, tutta la massa generosa de-
...gli emigrati italiani. Nel primo «arrondissement» di Parigi una squadra di 15 patrioti italiani, muniti in tutto di tre pistole, partecipa alla lotta in via Saint Honoré; nel 2. un altro gruppo di circa si batte nelle barricate e partecipa alla furibonda caccia organizzata sui tetti contro i miliziani di Darnand. Altri gruppi di italiani sono presenti nelle barricate del terzo, quarto, quinto, sesto, settimo, ottavo, nono «arrondissement». Nel 16 italiani affiancano i combattenti francesi alla conquista ed alla successiva difesa del Municipio e partecipano alla battaglia del Pont Saint Denis e Saint Martin, della rue da Haut-Pavé e Quai Montebello, della piazza della Repubblica e di Port Royal. Nel 11, mentre la massa italiana lavora febbrilmente alla costruzione delle barricate, 85 di essi lottano valorosamente nelle adiacenze della rue du Chemin-Vert, del Faubourg du Temple; prendono parte all'assalto dell'Hotel Modern, della Camera dei Deputati, delle Tuileries e rete Kommandantur dell'Opera.

Trentuno partigiani italiani partecipano, nel 12, agli attacchi contro le colonne tedesche in Dia Diderot. Nel 13, ventiquattro italiani si battono impadronendosi di autocarri, e facendo prigionieri. Così nel 14, 32 compatrioti partecipano all'assalto della Porta d'Orleans. L'italiano Camerana viene ucciso all'ordine del giorno del F.F.I. del 17, arrondissement. Nel 18 e nel 20 inoltre, dopo aver difeso le barricate ed occupato i locali della rue Lemuck, della rue Bichat e del Père-Lachaise nostri connazionali, assieme a forze francesi, danno la caccia al nemico sui tetti.

Anche nei sobborghi, ove la lotta fu più aspra e sanguinosa, gli italiani furono presenti. Alla Courneuve-Drancy un forte gruppo di italiani si batte per tre giorni consecutivi contro le forze nemiche, aventa un tentativo diretto a far saltare i ponti della località, la stazione di smistamento e i servizi di acqua del Bourget, e passa infine all'attacco catturando trenta prigionieri ed uccidendo sette tedeschi. Altri quaranta prigionieri e 3 morti lo stesso gruppo procura a Serrau.

A Versailles cade alla testa di venticinque patrioti l'italiano Sessi. Una quarantina di patrioti italiani mettono a Boulogne fuori uso cinquanta autocarri tedeschi. Altri trenta patrioti combattono ad Orgemont. Altri ancora ad Aubervilliers, a Courbevoie, Fariau, ad Houilles, a Colombes, Garenne, ecc. Nelle dure battaglie di Montesson 9 italiani vengono citati all'ordine del giorno. A Bastrowille, da un forte gruppo di combattenti italiani, sorgono improvvisati fortilizi che sotto il fuoco nemico, riescono ad allontanare dal paese un treno carico di esplosivi, che i tedeschi tentavano di far saltare sul posto.

Nei sobborghi sud di Parigi e nella regione dei migliaia di italiani si son trovati in linea. Ad Issy-les-Moulineau cade l'italiano Poli Pietro dell'attacco contro un fortino tedesco. Il giornale Tre-

FRANCESCO COSTA

(continua in 2.a pagina)

Il decisivo balzo dell'offensiva sovietica in terra tedesca è in corso. Secondo quanto affermano i bollettini tedeschi, e secondo quanto riconoscono i bollettini russi i tedeschi tentano una certa resistenza.

Ma tuttavia non c'è dubbio; per quanto animata da uno spirito di resistenza più pronunciato la Germania è destinata a soccombere. L'avversario che preme su di essi è troppo superiore per impeto, per capacità tecniche, per mezzi, per potenzialità numerica. Vincerà.

E ancora una volta, dinnanzi a questo spettacolo di una grande potenza, di una grande nazione come la Germania, che è presa così sotto il maglio della forza altrui e vi dovrà soggiacere, forse, in ogni spirito portato alla meditazione storica, cioè a cercare la correlazione dell'avvenimento attuale con le sue premesse più o meno remote, la domanda: — Perchè?

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A questa domanda si son date una quantità di risposte: dell'incapacità della dittatura, errori dell'alto comando, impostazione sbagliata della condotta della guerra, ecc.

Lo stesso governo tedesco, in vari documenti ufficiali, ha riunito disordinatamente tutte queste risposte, come a conferirvi valore di spiegazioni. Ma non v'è dubbio che esse sono superficiali e che non possono convincere. Esse devono essere tutte ricondotte e ricollegate a un'altra risposta che va più al fondo delle cose. E che è questa: La Germania soccombe dinnanzi alla Russia perchè mentre questa è riuscita a dare al suo popolo ed al mondo la sensazione che la guerra che combatte è per amore del genere umano, quella ha dato ai suoi sudditi la coscienza dei popoli pagani, abbandonati alla naturale durezza del cuore, alle insidie incontrastate dello spirito del male, ed alla legge quotidiana della violenza. Tutta l'opera di Josef L. Reimer, che contiene la più cinica esposizione della dottrina e della politica pangermanista, ha una grande importanza, non solo per la radicale intransigenza del pensiero dello scrittore, ma per aver formato al proprio insegnamento molti grandi politici e militari tedeschi e lo stesso Hitler in persona. Se si considerano le grandi, grandissime linee della storia tedesca, si è portati a ritenere che questa tendenza pangermanista è insita nello spirito del popolo. Niente è più significativo, a questo proposito, della circolare che, verso la fine del maggio 1938, il Ministro dell'Educazione nazionale del Reich ha indirizzato alle autorità scolastiche tedesche. Secondo questa circolare la storia deve essere condotta in conformità dell'idea del razzismo.

«Essa mostrerà che la razza comanda la storia, che la razza fa epoca e la strumento fondamentale della storia, concepita come sviluppo della cultura e della civiltà. Il professore di storia dovrà mostrare che le origini delle dell'India e della Persia si debbono attribuire ad una razza nordica. La civiltà del mediterraneo è dovuta alla stessa emigrazione nordica. L'Iliade è un'epopea nordica. Alessandro è un eroe nordico, oscurato da qualche tratto orientale. Il mondo germanico ha avuto due nemici: Roma e Israele. Lutero incarna lo spirito germanico contro il caos romano».

L'asse Roma-Berlino ed il controllo fascista impedivano alla stampa italiana di occuparsi di questa circolare, che in fondo era la proclamazione di una propaganda contro lo spirito romano e due anni dopo Mussolini volle far combattere al popolo italiano una guerra antitaliana.

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La guerra condotta da tre popoli educati in base ad una concezione della vita tutta opposta a quella tedesca, doveva portare a questo epilogo. Ed ecco che la Germania, nonostante i suoi mezzi imponenti e la ferocia bestiale dei suoi soldati, è duramente battuta.

Ma come meravigliarsi di ciò? Sono i nodi di una falsa politica inconciliabile col mondo moderno che vengono al pettine della storia.

E' l'espiazione di tutto un popolo tanto più crudele e aperta, quanto più la sua colpa è sanguinosa e segreta.

SALVO TOMASELLI

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj: 250.3 3 March 1945

SUBJECT: Attachment

TO : All Concerned

1. Mr. Rock Ferris, American civilian, having reported this Headquarters per Psychological Warfare Branch Operations Memorandum No. 389, dated 25 February 1945, is attached to Public Relations Branch, this Headquarters, and further attached to AMG 8th Army (Public Relations Officer) for duty.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Nicholas Piombino
NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

March 1, 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Report (For week ending February 28.)
To: S.C.A.O.- Florence

Press Releases: Nine stories have been released to the press from this office during the week. In addition to these, which were written in this office, five stories sent in for approval by the press have been checked and approved, as well as several communications from various agencies and companies concerning civic affairs.

Northwest Italy Planning: Following a request from Rome Headquarters Allied Commission, an effort has been made to present a memorandum of the plans made by PWB in the event of moving to Northwest Italy. The plans presented were merely tentative and subject to change and to approval by AFHQ. Upon advice from Brigadier General E.E.Hume it was decided that it was not necessary to attend the meeting of the Northwest planning commission on March 3 in Rome.

RADIO: A radio broadcast was arranged for a speech by Lt. Col. T.J.Michie on February 27. The speech was most successful, and received excellent notices in the press.

Rock Ferris

Rock Ferris
Public Relations
AMG 5th Army

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PISAN ART TREASURES ARE MOVED.

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, March 1-- Before the arrival of the Allies, the major part of the contents of the Civic Museum of Pisa, consisting largely of paintings of the Pisan School of the XIII, XIV, and XV Centuries, but also paintings of other Italian and European Schools, was transported to the Golf Club at the Campo del Ugolino, near Florence, in order to be safe from bombing at Pisa.

Many works of the Pisan and Florentine Renaissance and Barocque periods were removed at the same time from the churches at Pisa, and taken to the Campo del Ugolino. The building there, however, proved an unwise place for the continued storage of works of art, and the pictures have all been taken in military transport, especially provided by the Florence Command, to a monastery known as Certosa of Pisa, at Calci, about five miles outside the city.

This monastery has already served as a storage place for many other treasures from museums, churches, archives and libraries of Pisa and Lucca, and will continue to house these priceless collections until such time as the badly damaged museums, archives and churches of Pisa, now being repaired under the direction of the Monuments and Fine Arts Division of AMG Toscana region, under the supervision of Lieutenant Frederick Hartt of 755 Park Avenue, New York City, are in condition fit to receive them.

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To: Major Bergin
Major Leacacos
Lieut. Robbins

I would appreciate your written or verbal comments on the questions which Major Bullock raises in his attached letter of 15 February. I would like your views before seeing Major Bullock towards the ~~middle~~ 11th of March.

24 February 1945.

P. R. D.

Not cash - flew a crowd very much resembling Maj. B.

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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
19 February 1945

Ref : PWB/G3/1

SUBJECT : Control of AMG Publicity in the Field

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

1. The case of Lieut Elio Pascarelli, which I mentioned in my letter yesterday, has been somewhat clarified. Mr. Bookman, i/c news PWB Florence, tells me that Pascarelli was sent from Rome to become a member of the Florence PWB news staff. At the same time, however, he came here before his various credentials and permits had been processed and should, by rights, return to Rome to wait until the various documents are completed. I have suggested to Mr. Bookman that he can perhaps save all this trouble by clearing Pascarelli with G-2 Fifth Army and issuing him with PWB Florence credentials today.

2. I should explain that Army AMGs are very sensitive about people from Rome coming into their areas without permission. There is, after all, a German Embassy in Vatican City which presumably maintains constant communication with Berlin, and the Security people who are responsible for the safety of forward troops insist on strict control of all movement between Army and rear areas. We have had the greatest difficulty in getting Allied Commission Sub-commissions to realise that even the highest-ranking Allied personnel must secure permission for every trip forward of the rear Army lines. When Italians are involved, things are even stickier.

3. With the coming of fine weather, I anticipate a sharp increase in the number of correspondents who will want to visit Army areas from Rome. The detailed work involved in clearing each one is considerable. The only channel up here through which these clearances can be made satisfactorily is my office. The nature of my work requires that I be highly mobile. If it is at all possible, I should be extremely grateful for clerical help. Unless he is doing vital work in Rome, would you mind considering letting me have S/Sgt Cash to take this and other duties off my hands? He reads and speaks Italian, which I don't, and could also assist in keeping an eye on the Italian-language press in these areas.

4. I am chucking these problems at you by letter before you come up so you will have had time to think about them against the background of your problems at Headquarters.

5. While I hope you share my view that we ought to leave the Italian press as free as possible, even in Army areas, the fact remains that the Censorship section of MAC is extremely thin on the ground in forward areas, and AMG Civil Affairs officers, many of whom speak no Italian, cannot be expected to accept responsibility for controlling newspapers. Constant close liaison between our Branch and PWB is, therefore, essential, if we are to keep our views before the local Italians. I am all for a policy of education rather than attempted repression from the very start. But I have never been able to persuade AC Headquarters that my problems in the Army zone were of any importance.

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6. When the Public Relations Branch at ACC Headquarters was overhauled in March of last year, Regional and Army Public Relations Departments were abolished and all staffs were centralized at HQ. Those of us who had been in the field until then fought for the principle that the HQ Staff should be a pool upon which the field could draw as needs developed. In practice, however, large numbers of AMG Public Relations Officers who were then in this theatre were dissipated, some to other theatres, some to PWB. When the Liri Valley campaign opened in May, I was allowed to go forward to Eighth Army and Major Leacacos went to Fifth. After Rome fell, Major Leacacos returned to Headquarters. I remained with Eighth Army until Florence fell and was still in that city when Fifth Army AMG took over its administration from Eighth. General Hume then demanded, quite properly, that he should have a fair share of Army AMG publicity, and since that time, as the files will show, there has been an endless struggle to get half-way adequate coverage for the forward areas.

7. The fact that the Branch in Rome is under-staffed is quite appreciated. We are also aware that transport is an acute problem for you. I am satisfied that in recent weeks a real effort has been made to strengthen the Field and I am extremely grateful for all that has been done. But we are going to be in a terrible jam up here if Kesselring suddenly pulls out of Italy or is pushed out in a rapid Allied advance; and while I realize that it is too late to reorganize our Branch on its original lines, I should be very happy if it were realized that a great portion of Italy remains unprovided for from the Public Relations standpoint. We shall do our best with whatever machinery is at our disposal when the time comes. But after 17 months in AMG, ACC and AC Public Relations, I have no hesitation in saying that my realm is in anything but good shape. PWB can and will do a great deal and I have no desire to assume responsibilities which are not properly those of our Branch, but there are some jobs we must do ourselves.

8. I feel also that in areas between the Army line and Rome, where Regions are getting organized, much valuable work is going on which is not being properly explained, either to the Italians or to Allied correspondents. Under my terms of reference those areas are not my responsibility. Perhaps they could be handled from Rome if you had a bigger staff. Maybe we must just let them go. But it seems a pity.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DPR (Field)

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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
24 February 1945

Ref : TRO/R63/2

SUBJECT : Telephone Numbers

TO : Major John F. LEACACOS
Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission, CMF

1. Ref your D/C letter dated 18 February received only this morning.

2. Here is the information you require:

(a) Major T. I. Bullock
Main Hq 15th Army Group.....Telephone: Filpot 111
Pensione Medici
Via de' Medici, 6.....Florence 1167

(b) Mr. Rock Ferris
AMG Fifth Army.....Telephone: Florence 1383 - Ex 13
Billet:
Lungarno Vespucci, 38.....Florence 21254

(c) Capt E. Allison
AMG Eighth Army Rear.....Telephone: Ask Filpot for Eighth Army Rear and ask Eighth Army Rear for AMG

Billet - Same

T. I. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
22 February 1945

Ref : PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Delivery of Letter

TO : Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission, CMF

from enclosure
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PRB

1. It will be appreciated if you can have the enclosed letter delivered for me in Rome.

2. Any reply may be forwarded to me for delivery at this end.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DECLASSIFICATION SECTION
ALLIED CIVILIAN PAY GROUP

PROJECT : K78902

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22 February 1945

SUBJECT : Recruitment of Mr.ROCK FERRIS,(OFI American Civilian) for duty with Allied Commission, Italy.
TO : U.S.War Department, Civilian Committee(Fiwu Allied Force Hq, G-5)

1. Request Mr.ROCK FERRIS be recruited for duty with Allied Commission on the same terms as those of the attached statement of conditions of service which has temporarily been extended pending your reply.

2. Because the duty which Mr.ROCK FERRIS is doing for this Headquarters will no longer be possible under Psychological Warfare Branch, when it moves forward, it is necessary for him to be picked up on the payroll of an agency such as yours, whose personnel can remain with the Allied Commission.

3. The Civil Service Form 57 of Mr.ROCK FERRIS is attached.

4. Since Mr.FERRIS is on the job and doing the work well, this paper transfer appears to be the most efficient means of meeting the needs of this Headquarters.

5. For further information on Mr.FERRIS please communicate with the New-York office of OFI.

J.Wm.CUNLIFFE
Major, A.G.D.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

63/PRB 21 February 1945.

SUBJECT : Elio Pascarelli

TO : Major T.L. Bullock, DDPR (Field)
G-5 Section, Main HQ 15th Army Group.

Mrs. Bastyan informed me of your telephone call to her regarding Signor Pascarelli, which was followed by your letter PRB/R63/1 dated 18 February on the subject of control of AMG Publicity in the Field.

PWB officials here were apologetic about the mix-up. They were under the impression that Mr. Bookman, of their Florence Office would clear Mr. Pascarelli's trip with you and the other officers concerned. As a result of my protest they telephoned Mr. Bookman to straighten out matters with you and Colonel Grogan.

I entirely agree with you that Allied officers going into your territory representing PWB or PR AFHQ should check in with your Office, and should give us advance information of their plans in order that they may be properly controlled.

I shall discuss the matter with Colonel Astley and Colonel Clark of AFHQ PR, and with the proper officials at PWB.

When I come North to see you I hope we can iron out any other difficulties in the way of closer co-operation between AFHQ PR, PWB and our own organisation.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director.

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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group
Tel : Filpot 111
18 February 1945

HEADQUARTERS
19 FEB 1945
G-5

Ref : PRB/RSJ/1

SUBJECT : Control of AMG Publicity in the Field

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CLF

1. During the months when I was the only forward representative of the Public Relations Branch it was impossible to control articles being written and published on AMG activities north of Rome. And as long as operational news was originating in considerable volume in the Army areas, the problem never became serious.

2. Lately, however, with military operations almost at a standstill, various agencies have shown a tendency to send men into these regions to cover our activities without consulting AC or AMG, and stories have been written and published without reference to us which have caused some trouble.

3. Just yesterday an Italian Lieutenant named Elio Fascarelli presented himself in Mr. Rock Ferris' office saying he had been sent by PWB in Rome to write stories on AMG activities in cities around Florence, and demanding that Fifth Army AMG issue him rations and petrol. Mr. Ferris phoned me and I got in touch with Mr. Rayner, who asked that the man be sent to him. I saw Mr. Rayner last night and he told me Fascarelli had not yet reported to him; but he promised to track him down and asked that I leave the case to him. I agreed.

4. Definite, simple machinery for handling Italian civilian and war correspondents desiring to come into forward areas has been carefully worked out by PRB AC and Pit AFHQ in consultation with Army authorities. The rulings are all in the files of our Branch. Any Italian journalists coming into these areas without proper clearance will be arrested. I am inclined to think the principle should be extended to Italian employees of PWB in Rome, especially now that the main PWB organization is forward.

5. On two different occasions in recent weeks Allied officers have appeared in this area saying they came from AFHQ PR in Rome or Caserta to write stories on forward AMG because PR was not satisfied with AMG's forward public relations. The last one who came was instructed to report to me, but he did not do so. This is, I submit, insufferable impertinence and a rank violation of all military channels. We have established and maintained the most cordial relations with forward PR, and our methods of operation have been worked out in close consultation with both Fifth and Eighth Army Press Camps. Any suggestions the rear echelons of AFHQ PR may have to offer concerning our work can come properly only through one of two channels: from Caserta or Rome to you, or from the forward Press Camps to me.

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6. As long as I am responsible to you for the handling of AMG news in forward areas, I cannot tolerate PR personnel from rear areas wandering around up here writing up our activities unless they work with our consent in each case and, to a certain extent, under our supervision.

7. I am not unaware, of course, that relations between PWB AC and PWB in Rome have sometimes been tense. The position up here, however, has been entirely different. Throughout the long months when I was alone to cover this immense field, I relied to a great extent on UNNS correspondents to help me out, and their assistance was welcome. Mr. Rock Ferris, our PRO in Fifth Army AMG, is a former PWB man and he works well with them. Capt. Ellison, after spending some time at Eighth Army AMG, is going to live and work at PWB Eighth Army.

8. We are still very thin on the ground in forward AMG PR. Mr. Rock Ferris is tied to Florence City because he has no transport, though DCCAO has told me that we shall have a jeep and driver for him before long. Capt. Ellison is young and inexperienced and I cannot say yet how he will work out over at Eighth Army. We cannot afford to quarrel with PR or PWB, because we need to use their facilities. I feel that if there is a more cordial relationship between them and us in Rome, these things will straighten themselves out in due course.

9. I shall telephone you, if I may, as soon as I return from Eighth Army on my way to Elba. We can then fix a date for your visit to the forward areas. I expect I shall be back from Elba by 2 March 1945.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DEPR (Field)

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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
17 February 1945

Ref : PRB/R03/2

SUBJECT : Projected Movements DDPR (Field)

TO : Mr. C. Stewart Brown
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

1. Mr. Rock Ferris, PRO Fifth Army AMG, found so much work waiting for him when he returned from Rome this week that our projected tour of Fifth Army area has had to be postponed until Monday, 19 Feb 45. Capt. Ellison has been working with him. I shall go to the forward areas with Ellison tomorrow, Ferris to join us for one day on Monday.

2. On Tuesday, 20 Feb 45, I have arranged to take Ellison over to Eighth Army.

3. Tuscany Region Headquarters have asked that the trip to Elba be deferred until the end of the coming week.

4. Several matters concerning control of the Italian language press in forward areas are still to be discussed on this level with PWB. I have had conversations with PWB Eighth Army, as well as with Lt.-Col. Lamb in Rome, but am awaiting Mr. Rayner's return to this HQ to tie them up with him. I hope this will be possible before I go to Elba.

T. I. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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R63/JPL/PRB

18 February 1945

Dear Ted,

Could you please let us have - as far as possible, that is - the army hq. designation, the office telephone number and the billet telephone number of yourself, Ferris and Ellison.

We are getting out a new list of numbers now the new chief is here and want particulars about the field to make it complete.

(Sgd) Jack

JOHN P. LEACACOS,
Major, AUS,
Public Relations Officer.

Major T.L. Bullock,
Deputy Director of Public Relations
in the Field,
G-5 Section,
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF.

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File 63

Executive Commissioner

1. With reference to General Hume's letter of 30th December 1944 - attached - and Major Fielden's of 29th January 1945 - attached - :

2. General Hume telephoned last night to say that Mr. Rock Ferris was doing excellent work and he very much wanted him to continue as his PRO. He explained that Mr. Ferris was "on loan" from PWB who have informed him that they would not be able to keep him indefinitely on their pay-roll unless arrangements could be made for A.C. to take him on.

3. General Hume asked that immediate action be taken to place Mr. Ferris on the staff of A.C., assigned as his Public Relations Officer. He said that Brigadier Lush and Colonel Fiske were familiar with the antecedents of these arrangements.

4. Major Bullock has intimated that the main difficulty of the transfer lay in the discrepancy of pay previously received by Mr. Ferris from PWB and that offered to him as PRO, A.C. Perhaps the Establishment Section could look into this aspect of the case.

5. It would be appreciated if authorisation could be granted to appoint Mr. Rock Ferris to General Hume's staff in accordance with his request.

17 February 1945

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director.

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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group/CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
16 February 1945

63 Bergen Kasernen Roffhaus file

Ref : FRB/RG3/2

SUBJECT : Article for "The Log"

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission
C.M.F.

1. Attached is copy of an article on "Allied Military Government" which I have written for "THE LOG", a monthly publication issued by the Signals Company of this Headquarters.

2. I was asked only yesterday morning to prepare this article, and it had to be handed in tonight for publication, so there has been no time to submit it to you for criticism. It has been approved, however, by Col. Nelson Monfort, DCCAO.

3. The reason the article has taken its present form is that I was limited to 1000 words and fail to see how a comprehensive picture could have been given otherwise in such a constricted space. The active, forward aspects of our work are naturally of greatest interest to men in tactical and forward formations, and I have tried to give them what they will want to know about.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

In this war, for the first time in history, Military Government has emerged as a distinct arm of the services, intended and organized to administer liberated, occupied or conquered territory as fast as the armed forces advance. Never before has systematic, long-range planning for civilian rehabilitation gone hand-in-hand with planning for military victory.

Of course the principle of military government after conquest is as old as warfare itself. Ever since the dawn of history military commanders have functioned as military governors pending the establishment of civil government by the victorious power. This was a simple business in the old days when wars were more or less local affairs, fought to determine which of two or more rival governments should "own" a certain territory and "use" it for its own national ends. Oddly enough, some of the greatest, strongest and most enlightened nation builders in British history have been conquering generals who remained to establish, in newly-won colonies, military governments which delevoped ultimately into great, sovereign dominions.

But modern civilization has been growing more and more complicated, and our ideas of government as well as of war have undergone great changes. Since 1918 the old, sharp distinction between victor and vanquished has become blurred, at least in the minds of democratic peoples. The concept of the winner pocketing the pot and the loser forking over his last penny has all but disappeared. The Allied Nations are trying to find a formula for "quarantining" German militarism and Nazi bestiality, but nobody suggests an old-style subjugation of German territory and populations. We believe that the peace and prosperity of the whole world require peace and prosperity in all the nations of the world. And it is as a step toward the realization of this idea that Allied Military Government was conceived and initiated.

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The first Military Government in the Allied armies was a joint Anglo-American organization set up in the Mediterranean under AFHQ. From the highest ranks to the lowest, men from the two great English-speaking [illegible] were thrown into a single team and instructed to learn how to work together. As now

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organisation operated in North Africa as "Civil Affairs". Last in Pantelleria then in Sicily it became "Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories", or "AMGOT". In the initial stages it had only one role, to establish law and order and to keep civilians quiet in the areas through which the Allied Armies were advancing. It was essentially a First Aid organisation, moving with the armies and giving little attention to any consideration other than the need of the fighting troops for clear channels of communication. The key man in "AMGOT" was the Civil Affairs Officer who entered a town on the heels of the front-line soldiers. He had to be an improviser, and he had to work fast. There was a controlling headquarters behind him, true, but its main job was to rush up the supplies he asked for. The urgent decisions and the immediate labour were up to him.

It worked out pretty well. By the time the Fifth and Eighth Armies were moving up the Liri Valley last summer, AMG had developed large numbers of experienced and efficient Civil Affairs officers. Consider the case of a young American Captain who was sent into Aquino by Eighth Army AMG early on the morning of 26 May 1944. The town was shattered. Troops were still in occupation of the ruins. A POW cage in the public square held German prisoners, and others were still being pried out of hiding. There were booby traps and mines all over the place. Broken German vehicles blocked the streets. Civilians were flocking in from caves in the river banks, dirty, hungry, frightened, some of them wounded. Our fighting men had plenty to do without bothering about the Italians.

The Civil Affairs officer's first problem was food for the civilians, to keep them from pestering the troops for rations. But food has to be stored in weatherproof buildings where it cannot be pilfered. There were only two buildings in the town which might serve, both filthy and both damaged. The CAO collared 25 Italian men and had one of the structures cleaned and patched. Then rations for 1200 civilians for 20 days rolled in in trucks which had been parked nearby, and food for 48 hours was distributed at once to the hungry people. Numerous dead Germans were lying about. They were buried that morning. An Italian doctor and medical supplies came in with the food trucks. Several civilians, one of them a [illegible] wounded girl, were treated and evacuated to hospitals. Carabinieri arrived and were

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posted to keep order. A temporary Mayor and two assistants were appointed to help get the town going.

On the second day soap was issued and the filthy people were paraded to the river to bathe. The Red Cross, sent in by AMG, brought up clothing. An AMG finance officer arrived with money. The CAO found a flour mill which might be operated if a leather belt could be found, so he sent back for one through AMG channels and within a matter of hours flour was being ground in the town, taking that much load off his slender transport. Among the civilians pouring into Aquino were refugees from Cassino, Piedimonte, Pontecorvo and other shattered Liri Valley towns. The roads must be kept clear for military traffic, so the CAO had to find shelter, food and clothing for them until they could be evacuated through AMG refugee channels.

After the first hectic, often desperate days, the Civil Affairs officer turns his attention to getting up normal life again. Local government is organized, generally in consultation with the local National Committee of Liberation. Hospitals are cleaned out and refitted. Bakeries are got going as soon as fuel can be found. Urgent repairs to water, sewage and lighting system are effected. Streets are cleared of rubble. Banks and shops are opened. Wrecked houses are cannibalized to repair partly damaged buildings. Local people who cleared out before the battle drift back and have to be fitted in. Allied nationals or our own prisoners of war may be found and receive special care. In a country like Italy, where there are countless precious works of art belonging to the heritage of the whole world, Allied Military Government gives particular attention to their preservation without interfering unduly with the needs of the troops.

If the liberated community is a large city, the problems of Allied Military Government are infinitely more complex. Instead of a single Civil Affairs Officer, whole teams may move in. They include specialists who make contact with their opposite numbers among non-Fascist Italian officials and try to get normal community services going again as quickly as possible.

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It is not the purpose of this article to review what happened to the original, simple concept of Allied Military Government when Italy surrendered in 1943 and "Co-belligerency" was born. Here was a new problem, involving high level, long term policies. The rear echelons of "AMGOT" suddenly found themselves pitchforked into the role of "controllers" of an emergency Italian government, neither ally nor enemy -- a role for which they were scarcely organized or prepared. They were quickly reorganized into an Allied Control Commission which recently became the Allied Commission. There had to be improvisation on a considerable scale, and the press of the entire world is still arguing about the policies and accomplishments of ACC and AC. Historians will sift the facts in years to come, and the whole story will some day become clear. It is fair to say, however, that just as our Armies learned to fight through the dark days of Dunkirk, Hong Kong, Greece and the early campaigns in the Desert, so Allied Military Government, in the laboratory of Co-belligerent Italy, has learned valuable lessons from which all liberated Europe will profit in the tense days ahead.

The important thing is that Allied Military Government has survived - the first planned, organized attempt in history to restore peace and prosperity in conquered lands while the battle rages, in order that peace and prosperity in an inter-dependant world may follow the cessation of hostilities.

T. L. B. - February 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

63/PRB 16 February '45

SUBJECT : Projected Movements DDPR (Field)

TO : Major T.L. Bullock, DDPR (Field).

1. Your letter PRB/R63/2 dated 14 February 1945 acknowledged with thanks.

2. Your plans as outlined in Paras 3 and 4 of your letter are approved.

3. As regards your para 5, your suggested visit to Elba has our concurrence, but it would be appreciated if you would advise the estimated length of your stay there as I would very much like to visit the Field staff early in March and await your confirmation that you will be back by then.

G. STEWART BROWN
Public Relations Director.

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G-5 Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
14 February 1945

Ref : PRB/363/2

SUBJECT : Projected Movements DDPR (Field)

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

1. After several months of negotiations between the Allied Commission and British Army authorities, Capt E. Ellison was finally transferred to this Branch some days ago to be Public Relations Officer, AMG Eighth Army. Capt Ellison left Rome for the Field 11 Feb 45 and has been with me at HQ 15th Army Group ever since.

2. Mr Rock Ferris was attached to AMG Fifth Army from PWB on the first day of this year to be General Hume's Public Relations Officer. His definite transfer to AC is being arranged.

3. I plan to tour the AMG Fifth Army area beginning tomorrow with both Capt Ellison and Mr Ferris, so Capt Ellison can find out how things are done in my American sector before he goes over to the Adriatic. Mr Ferris was with Eighth Army in the American Field Service from early 1942 until 1944 and so has a good idea of how British minds work.

4. I should like to take Capt Ellison across to Eighth Army on Friday, 16 Feb 45 to introduce and instal him.

5. On my way to Rome ten days ago I arranged at headquarters of Tuscany Region to go to Elba 20 Feb 45 with the idea of writing a story on conditions and developments there. I should like to return to my office from Eighth Army 19 Feb 45 to clear my desk before proceeding to Elba.

6. These arrangements are subject to your approval. If you want to come forward to meet your Field staff at an early date, I can change these plans easily enough.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major, Canadian Army
DDPR (Field)

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File 63

Ref. 9266/5/GS 10 February 45

SUBJECT: Press Relations

TO : Regional Commissioner, Tongana Region

1. Regarding your letter file RVIII/105/4 of 29 Jan 45.

2. Major Bullock of the Public Relations Office, this Hq, will visit you on or about 20 February 45.

3. Please have readily available any information which you believe can be constructively used in our "press" activities.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

Copy to PR Branch enclosing
RVIII/105/4 dtd 29 Jan 45

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HEADQUARTERS TOSCANA REGION
Allied Military Government

RVIII/105/4

29 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Press Relations

TO : Chief of Staff, HQ AC

1. This Region has done a great deal of very constructive work in the solution of problems which will recur in Northern Italy. If these items could be written up in more detail and more newsworthy fashion than when mentioned from time to time in official reports, it is believed that it would be to the advantage of AC for future use and also to the advantage of AC/AFHQ in building up a better press based on actual accomplishments in the field.

2. It is requested that an experienced press relations officer, able to write up these items in a way to make them acceptable to the press, be attached to this Hq for at least one week now, and later from time to time as material for stories develops.

/s/ Robt. G. Kirkwood
/t/ ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD
Colonel, FA, US Army
Regional Commissioner

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Chief of Staff

Please see the attached file. I do not agree with Colonel Fothergill. The news-sheet may show enterprise and it may be a good thing to have such news-sheets in camps. But it is quite obvious that somebody must be responsible for the contents, or the whole system of censorship goes west. Such news-sheets can very easily develop into active party organs, apart from questions of military security. I think COs of camps should be held responsible for any such publication.

Lionel Fielden

5 Feb '45.

LIONEL FIELDEN, Major
Public Relations Director.

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Ref Draper letter 31 Jan & minute above. You will see that they disagree completely. CoS requests that you consider & make a recommendation.

7 Feb 45

E. Thorden Capt
A/Sec of CoS

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Discussed with Col Fothergill.
Dr Nash to approach INC in Florence.

14 Feb 45

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P.R.O.
Letter forwarded to SubCommission Representative with 15 Army Group, asking him to arrange consultation with INC.
FLORENCE.

16 Feb 45.

Fothergill Col

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/10-16/aDM

16 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: "LO SFOLLATO"

TO: C.A. Section H.Q. 15 Army Group, for attention D.P. & R. Representative.

1. The P.R.O. has raised the question of censorship regarding "LO SFOLLATO", the publication published at the Refugee Camp, FLORENCE. I gather that you have previously approached Major Bullock regarding it.

2. It is appreciated that anything which gives the refugees something to do and keeps them interested is of value. The publication as produced at present with the permission of P.W.B. is innocuous and shows considerable enterprise. It is not considered reasonable to place the onus for censorship check on the commanding officer of the camp, and it is suggested that I.S.C. FLORENCE be approached to carry out censorship.

3. Would you take the necessary action so that this very enterprising publication may continue.

For the Director.

C.F. FOTHERGILL,
Lieut. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

Copy to: P.R.O. H.Q.A.C. - your file herewith.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.C. 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/10-16/ADE Tel. ARCADIA Ext 392 31 January 1945

SUBJECT : "Lo Sfoliato"

TO : Major L. Fielden P.W.B.

1. Reference Major Bullock's letter PWB/H69/1 dated 25 January 45 and your note regarding it.

2. As the Florence Camp is in 5 ARG territory permission for such publications would rest with 5th Army. The publication as produced at present with the permission of P.W.B. is innocuous and shows considerable enterprise. In general this Sub-Commission could not agree to such publications being the responsibility of the commanding officers of camps for censorship check.

For the Director,

C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
25 January 1945

Ref : FRB/R63/1

SUBJECT : "10 SFOLLATO"

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

1. I enclose for your attention a copy of the second issue of "10 SFOLLATO", issued by and for Refugees in the Florence Camp by authority of Lieut. Nash, the Camp Commander. Major Dufour, Forward Representative of DPRSC, has referred this publication to me to see whether I will allow it to continue.

2. I believe that anything which will give Refugees something to do and will keep them amused it probably good. At the same time, however, there is danger from the point of view of military security in allowing publications to spring up all over the place without any censorship check. I just cannot ask PRO Fifth Army AMG to act as a censor throughout the Fifth Army area.

3. If you and the DPRSC people agree at headquarters that refugees should be allowed to issue sheets like this one, then I propose that the authorization should come from the Sub-Commission and that the Commanding Officers of the camps concerned should be held responsible for the material published. I cannot do more, with my slender machinery and increasingly indefinite authority, than supply censorship directives to those officers.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

Colonel Hollingsworth

I agree with that Major Fielden
and also that Major Dufour should be
called upon to see that the Camp Commandant
is responsible

Arthur Lee

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Lo Stellato

Settimanale del Centro
FIRENZE 21.1.45
N. 2 Anno I Lire 1.=

VISITA DEL GENERALE HUME AL CENTRO

Mercoledi 17 Gennaio.- Il Br.Gen. Erskine Hume si é recato a visitare i locali del Centro, al suo seguito erano il Col. Michie, Capt. Limbert che ha accompagnato gli alti ufficiali nella visita ai varii locali del Centro.
Il Generale si é congratulato con i medici e con il Cap. Limbert, e il Ten.Nash per la completa efficienza di tutti i servizi. Particolarmente si é congratulato per l'ottimo funzionamento di tutti i servizi sanitari. Dopo essersi intrattenuto con tutti gli impiegati, il Generale e il Colonnello hanno lasciato il Centro tra i saluti di moltissimi profughi che si erano radunati all'uscita della caserma.

S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE DEL REGNO AI PROFUGHI DEL CENTRO

Mercoledi 17 Gennaio.- S.A.R. il Luogotenente del Regno, impossibilitato ad effettuare la sua visita al Centro ha inviato per mezzo della Sorella Pucci che gli presentava, a Palazzo Pitti, l'albo d'onore del Centro, il seguente messaggio per tutti i profughi: "Nell'apporre la mia firma sull'albo d'onore del Centro non ho messo la data. La metterò il giorno che verrò a parlare con i profughi, come persona che ha molto sofferto e che ha come molti di loro la famiglia lontana." Le parole di S.A. Il Principe di Piemonte, non hanno bisogno di commenti, esse dimostrano una viva simpatia per quelle persone che piu di tutti hanno sofferto in questa guerra.

folto numero d'invitati, sono state celebrate le nozze del Sovrintendente del Centro: Sig. Primo Di Vito con la gentile Signorina Clara Vincenzi. Il rito é stato officiato dal P.Cappellano D.Carlo Mungai, mentre il Capt. Limbert fungeva da testimone. Dopo la cerimonia gli sposi accompagnati dagli invitati, si sono recati nella sala della prima mensa, dove é stato consumato un piccolo rinfresco, e dove erano esposti i bellissimi doni fatti agli sposi.
Alla coppia felice facciamo ancora una volta, la redazione e tutti gli impiegati del Centro, sentitissimi auguri.

UN FERVIDO AUGURIO

I Profughi del Centro approfittano dell'uscita del nuovo numero del giornale, per fare ai coniugi Di Vito, che hanno coronato Domenica scorsa la loro unione, i più fervidi auguri per il loro avvenire.

S.A. IL PRINCIPE DI PIEMONTE RICEVE UN DONO DAI PICCOLI DEL CENTRO

Nell'attesa della venuta di S.A.R. il Luogotenente del Regno, i bimbi dell'Asilo del Centro avevano preparato un piccolo lavoro da offrirle. La mancata visita, che li ha privati di questa grande gioia, non ha impedito però di far pervenire il dono a S.A.R. che é stato consegnato dalla Capo Gruppo della C.R.I. Sig.ra Pucci, a nome dei cari piccini. S.A.R. ha gradito moltissimo il dono ed ha promesso

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NOZZE AL CENTRO

Domenica 14 Gennaio.- Nella chiesa del Centro, alla presenza di un Di Vito con la gentile signorina Clara Vincenzi. Il rito é stato officiato dal P.Cappellano D.Carlo Mungai, mentre il Capt. Limbert fungeva da testimone. Dopo la cerimonia gli sposi accompagnati dagli invitati, si sono recati nella sala della prima mensa, dove é stato consumato un piccolo rinfresco, e dove erano esposti i bellissimi doni fatti agli sposi. Alla coppia felice facciamo ancora una volta, la redazione e tutti gli impiegati del Centro, sentitissimi auguri.

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PARLA IL DOTTORE

Ho assistito l'altro giorno ad un arrivo di profughi dal Nord. Il camion scaricava diecine di poveretti, laceri, contusi, infangati. Pochi avevano passato settimane sepolti nei rifugi, sotto le cannonate, senz'acqua, tutti feriti, in condizioni di vita a malapena credibili. Ora il loro romanzo é quasi finito; essi non hanno più nulla, non vestiti, non scarpe, non viveri; ma la vita é salva. Possono [illegible] le stanche membra senza l'incubo della morte sempre sospesa sulle loro teste. Ma dal sospirato riposo li separa ancora una formalità molto importante: la spolveratura. Un ometto vestito di verde con una pompa in mano li inonda di una strana polverina bianca, senza odore, inconsistente come una cipria. Affonda la pompa nelle maniche, nei pantaloni, sotto gli indumenti più intimi. Vedo le facce ora divertite, ora sconcertate, qualche volta irritate. Molti sono felici di liberarsi delle noiose bestioline che per tanti giorni li hanno importunati, ma ben pochi sapranno rendersi conto dell'importanza enorme della piccola operazione che stanno subendo, e che forse con questo semplice metodo si previene uno dei più terribili flagelli che possano devastare una popolazione.

Quando nel 1917, nella guerra passata, gl'Inglesi si apprestavano a sconfiggere i turchi nel Mediterraneo, l'armata del Gen.Allenby fu letteralmente immobilizzata in Palestina, in Egitto e in Mesopotamia da una spaventosa epidemia di tifo petecchiale che mietè un numero sterminato di vittime fra i soldati e la popolazione civile. Il tifo petecchiale, il nome stesso lo dice, trasmesso dal pidocchio difficilmente [illegible] cinquanta periscono, senza che nessun medicamento, nessuna cura valga ad arrestare il corso fatale del morbo. In questa guerra il tremendo flagello si presentò per la prima volta in Polonia. Le vittime si contarono a migliaia, a decine di migliaia a Varsavia, a Cracovia, e nelle città più provate dalla guerra. Quando gli Alleati liberarono Napoli si trovarono ad affrontare una severissima epidemia di tifo petecchiale: ed essi con l'abituale decisione intervennero energicamente. Migliaia di persone, interi isolati di case vennero bloccati e gli abitanti vennero spolverati con la magica polverina. Dei duecento e più casi quotidiani si scese in breve tempo ai trenta, ai dieci, finché in poche settimane l'epidemia non fu che un triste ricordo. Il pidocchio vive annidato in tutti gl'indumenti, specie i più intimi, su quelli che sono a contatto della pelle. Il sapone e le lavature più attente non lo distruggono. Se per malaugurata sorte l'animaletto punge nel sangue di chi ha contratto l'infezione, trasmette poi da una persona all'altra diffondendo l'epidemia con spaventosa rapidità. Studi pazienti ed attenti, hanno dimostrato non solo l'efficacia della polverina ma che il metodo della spolverizzazione, con apposite modalità, é il metodo più sicuro e rapido per distruggere il parassita. Siamo grati quindi all'ommo della pompetta e soprattutto a chi ha distribuito con tanta larghezza un mezzo di prevenzione così efficace.

Dr. A. Levi.

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senz'acqua, sui [illegible] malati, in condizioni di vita a malapena credibili. Ora il loro romanzo é quasi finito; essi non hanno più malba, non vestiti, non scarpe, non viveri; ma la vita é salva. Possono finalmente le stanche membra sentire l'incubo della morte sempre sospesa sulle loro teste. Ma dal sospirato riposo li separa ancora una formalità molto importante: la spolveratura. Un ometto vestito di verde con una pompa in mano li inonda di una strana polverina bianca, senza odore, inconsistente come una cipria. Affonda la pompa nelle maniche, nei pantaloni, sotto gli indumenti più intimi. Vedo le facce ora divertite, ora sconcertate, qualche volta irritate. Molti sono felici di liberarsi delle noiose bestioline che per tanti giorni li hanno importunati, ma ben pochi sono capaci di rendersi conto dell'importanza enorme della piccola operazione che stanno subendo, e che forse con questo semplice metodo si previene uno dei più terribili flagelli che possono devastare una popolazione.

Quando nel 1917, nella guerra passata, gl'Inglesi si apprestavano a sconfiggere i turchi nel Mediterraneo, l'armata del Gen.Allenby fu letteralmente immobilizzata in Palestina, in Egitto e in Mesopotamia da una spaventosa epidemia di tifo petecchiale che mietè un numero sterminato di vittime fra i soldati e la popolazione civile. Il tifo petecchiale, il nome stesso lo dice, trasmesso dal pidocchio difficilmente risparmia chi ne é colpito. E' un triste retaggio della guerra, delle privazioni, della sporcizia, della mancanza di acqua e di vestiti. Su 100 persone che vengono colpite da malaria, a Varsavia, a Cracovia, e nelle città più provate dalla guerra. Quando gli Alleati liberarono Napoli si trovarono ad affrontare una severissima epidemia di tifo petecchiale: ed essi con l'abituale decisione intervennero energicamente. Migliaia di persone, interi isolati di case vennero bloccati e gli abitanti vennero spolverati con la magica polverina. Dei duecento e più casi quotidiani si scese in breve tempo ai trenta, ai dieci, finché in poche settimane l'epidemia non fu che un triste ricordo. Il pidocchio vive annidato in tutti gl'indumenti, specie i più intimi, su quelli che sono a contatto della pelle. Il sapone e la lavature più attente non lo distruggono. Se per malagurata sorte l'animaletto punge nel sangue di chi ha contratto l'infezione, trasmette poi da una persona all'altra diffondendo l'epidemia con spaventosa rapidità. Studi pazienti ed attenti, hanno dimostrato non solo l'efficacia della polverina ma che il metodo della spolverizzazione, con apposite modalità, é il metodo più sicuro e rapido per distruggere il parassita. Siamo grati quindi all'ometto della pompetta e soprattutto a chi ha distribuito con tanta larghezza un mezzo di prevenzione così efficace.

Dr. A. Levi.

INCOMPRENSIONE

L'A.M.G. e l'Ente Comunale Assistenza stanno lavorando da mesi per rendere meno impossibile la vita dei profughi, nel Centro. Comunque si sentono voci tendenziose che

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parlano di trascuratezza. Questi individui non sono all'altezza della situazione e non si possono rendere conto del grande meccanismo di questa immane comunità. Chi ha letto La Nazione del Popolo di alcuni giorni orsono che riportava per intero le spese gravate all'ECA per tutto ciò che riguarda assistenza non ha potuto fare a meno di meravigliarsi. Si tratta di decine di miliardi.

B. Rossi.

LA COLONNA DEL COMANDANTE

Incominciando con questa seconda edizione del giornale del Centro spero di poter scrivere settimanalmente una colonna nella quale potrò discutere con franchezza e apertamente i problemi che sorgono qui. La ragione per cui scriverò, è perchè questo è forse l'unico e il miglior modo attraverso il quale potrò spiegarvi molte cose che voi potreste non capire. Voglio che sappiate quello che facciamo per aiutare e rendere meno dura la vostra vita qui, e inoltre quello che non facciamo è perchè non possiamo farlo. Il mio scopo, sarà quello di parlarvi francamente e spero che verrete a capire le ragioni che stanno dietro ad alcune cose che potranno sembrare a voi irragionevoli e ingiuste. In cambio attraverso "le lettere all'Editore" spero vorrete fare qualunque reclamo che potrete considerare giusto, e vi assicuro di mettere a posto qualunque cosa, oppure vi dirò la ragione se non potrò soddisfarvi. Ora vorrei parlare delle vostre razioni di viveri, sebbene ad alcuni di voi non sembreranno sufficienti (certo non sono molte) tuttavia sono assai superiori alle razioni che vengono distribuite ai civili di Firenze. Voi ricevete 300 grammi di pane e loro ne ricevono 200, p.e. tenere olio, non é stato possibile variare la vostra dieta. Si tratta sempre della stessa minestra ogni giorno e so che ne siete stufi. Non posso promettervi niente, ma ho la speranza di ottenere l'olio e quando l'avrò avrete la pasta asciutta ed altri piatti, almeno due volte alla settimana. Forse potrò ottenere anche del caffé da darvi ogni mattina, forse anche una razione di sapone ogni settimana per il vostro bucato. I Sigg. Corsini e Rossi dell'ECA hanno lavorato molto per poter ottenere i tabacchi ed anche questo sarà realizzato in seguito. Piano e gradatamente le cose miglioreranno. Non ho posto per parlarvi d'altro per ora. La settimana prossima discuterò un altro problema.

Lt. Nash.

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Il P. Cappellano

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Si rende noto ai sinistrati fiorentini che Lunedì 22 corr. scadono le tessere interne che danno diritto al pane e minestra, quindi bisogna passare dall'Ufficio dell'ECA per effettuare il pagamento. Questo Ufficio sta

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lavorando in maniera di effettuare una distribuzione di carbone. I fiammiferi devono arrivare nella corrente settimana per tutti gli sfollati e sinistrati, nei prezzi e nella misura assegnati dalla Manifatture Tabacchi.

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IL RITROVAMENTO DELLA CAMPANA

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Disciplina

Il capo famiglia per il bene andamento della medesima impone a questa una disciplina. Quando questa manca, la famiglia naturalmente degenera. Facciamo quindi una proporzione fra ricordiamoci esiste, ma non solo per noi, ma anche per gli altri, perciò termina nel preciso punto nel quale inizia quel la altrui. Perciò vogliamo sperare che non si ripetino più quelli che vogliono sconfinare dalle sane regole e sarebbe antipatico il volerle citare.

B. Rossi



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-Il comunista!!
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LEGGETE SEMPRE QUESTO GIORNALE
MASINI LUCIANO - Direttore responsabile.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH LF/adm

63/PRB 5 February 1945.

SUBJECT: "Lo Sfollato"

TO : Chief of Staff.

Please see the attached file. I do not agree with Colonel Fothergill. The news-sheet may show enterprise and it may be a good thing to have such news-sheets in camps. But it is quite obvious that somebody must be responsible for the contents, or the whole system of censorship goes west. Such news-sheets can very easily develop into active party organs, apart from questions of military security. I think CO's of camps should be held responsible for any such publication.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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APO 394
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63/PRB

2 Feb '45.

SUBJECT : Public Relations AMG Eighth Army

TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.

Major Bullock's letter (attached) explains itself. I think there is a good case for sending Ellison forward now - if only in order that he may learn the ropes. But transport is the question. He will be useless without it. As we gave up our 4 cars to the pool, and as you have agreed to a W/E which includes 3 officers in forward regions, could we now have a jeep or PU assigned to Ellison?

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
30 January 1945

Ref : PRE/R63/8

SUBJECT : Report for Bulletin

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

1. Notwithstanding the fact that the Eighth Army front has been almost static for many weeks, normal living conditions are being re-established behind the lines at a phenomenal rate. This is due to a new relationship between AMG Eighth Army and the staff of Emilia Region, proposed last November by Group Captain Benson and supported wholeheartedly by Col. Bowman. The two organizations have closed together as a team, the one supplementing the other, under command of SCAO Eighth Army. There has been no sinking of their identity, but the co-operation and goodwill between them have been complete. [redacted]. Administrative head of the Region side, in the temporary merger, is Lieut-Col. Hartley, Regional Executive Officer, who acts as S.O. I (2) AMG Eighth Army with Lieut-Col. Benton-Jones S.O. I, commanding officer of AMG Eighth Army Rear HQ. On paper, the plan of operation looks complicated. In practice, because the give-and-take has been so cordial all along the line, front-line AMG officers are operating with a much greater consideration than ever before for long-term civilian requirements, and Regional officers have developed a keen appreciation of military necessity in framing their initial policies. All the schools are functioning already as far forward as Corps boundary lines, and some have been opened even within Corps areas. Prices and wages are being adjusted toward levels prevailing in Southern Italy. [redacted] The needs of farmers are being met on an extended scale. Drainage of the flooded areas near Cervia has already begun, and pumping stations will be in operation as far north as Ravenna by the end of February. Civilian transport has been reorganized, and machine shops are repairing or cannibalizing vehicles in Forli and in Ravenna. In Rimini, local engineers and architects have drawn up a ~~splendid~~ basic plan for the reconstruction of their shattered city, the plan has been approved by AMG and by the Italian Government and 325 men are at work clearing away debris in conformity with the planners' intentions. Italian courts are functioning in Ravenna and Forli, in some instances handling cases of minor infractions of military proclamations. Rehabilitation of industries has begun, though the lack of electrical energy is still an acute problem. ~~Thanks to the~~ With the ~~energetic~~ co-operation of the Civil Affairs Section ~~at AC HQ,~~ equipment has been supplied for mine-clearing and a School of Mine Removal, with Patriot instructors under Army direction, has already graduated one class. ~~To coordinate economic planning and activity, an officer has been appointed to act under S.O.I (2) somewhat as the head of the Economic Section at AC HQ functions under the Chief Commissioner.~~ There are some head-aches, of course. Fuel is in very short supply, with only 150 tons a month allocated for hospitals, schools and bakeries when the hospitals alone need 600 tons. There is wood in the area, but ~~none has not yet~~ the terms of sale of wood-working tools and ~~will~~ not release the ~~necessary material.~~ The property control officer is having difficulty in Forli because the provincial records

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have been destroyed. Carabinieri uniforms are not coming forward as ~~promised~~; AMG has allocated transport for their delivery, but the clothing is not forthcoming at the other end. ~~AMG also arranged transport for 9½ tons of fertiliser which was never handed over. Public safety officers need army clerks to handle classified correspondence. Italian civil servants are stopping work because their pay is in arrears; some have had no money for more than two months.~~

2. AMG Eighth Army has five new Majors promoted in recent weeks: H.C. Corbin (B), formerly AMG Liaison Officer with the New Zealand Division, now in charge of Patriots at AMG Main HQ; Andrew J. Malatesta (A), AMG Liaison Officer with 56 Division; J.W. Bellew (A), Welfare Officer, AMG Rear HQ; T.M. Whalen (A), Finance Officer AMG Rear HQ, and Frank P. Pallotti (A), CAO in Faenza. Major Pallotti and Major John A. Steele, CAO in Forli, are both wearing the Purple Heart.

3. Col. Norman E. Fiske, at a meeting at Emilia Region HQ, exploded the myth that it is easier for HQ personnel to get promotions in AC than for men in the Field. He said that 40 per cent of Commission personnel are at HQ and only 60 per cent in the Field. Out of 100 recent American promotions, only 20 per cent went to HQ people, 80 per cent to the Field.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

~~Farther forward, Faenza~~

In other parts of the ~~area~~ area, Faenza was bombed 23 January but not ~~so~~ badly. ~~Ravenna~~ Bagnacavello is still under ~~fire~~ shelling fire but evacuation is proceeding. In fact, civilians have been evacuated along all the front lines. ~~in both army areas.~~ A raid made on ~~some pols~~ the headquarters of the Communist and Christian Democrat parties at Rimini disclosed nothing more than a clandestine mail service between Rome, Rimini and Forli communes. Typhoid has cleared up in the San Marino-Rimini area. Three brick works at Cesena are making a total of 850,000 bricks monthly while production of 500,000 bricks has started at Meldola. Spare parts for farm tractors have been found at Ravenna, enough to supply a greater part of Italy. 600 tons of old flour went sent to Rome recently by rail. An issue of lard in place of olive oil was made in Faenza and Ravenna. Food supplies for three months were sent into 14 mountain communes likely to be isolated by the winter. Timber felling has commenced in the Pineta di Classe, 70 per cent. being slated for fuel and the rest for construction work. Livestock is depleted, though less than expected - cattle being 32 per cent. below 1941 levels, pigs 13 per cent., horses 24 per cent. and sheep 32 per cent. School supplies for 1,000 pupils were found at Forli.

In the Fifth Army zone, where operations are likewise stagnant, work of rehabilitation is progressing at the same time as the Fifth Army AMG is looking toward its future role in North Italy. Refugees are coming through the lines since the Germans stopped food supplies in the Apuania area, 200 persons a day being sent South through the Lucca center. Few Patriots have come through, however. Crime is under control, although a triple murder (believed political) occurred at Lucca and a double one (attributed to an old family feud) at Lestra a Signa while at Borgo San Lorenzo there has been a mild outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. The arrival of five 25-kw. generators has also enabled several projects to start which had been held up because of lack of power.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
30 January 1945

Dear Lionel,

Early this month, before I was ill, I sent you a D/O letter from the Press Camp telling you that I was on the track of some stories about which I had not yet made up my mind.

Parts of the letter appeared in the Bulletin, and the back-lash over here has been pretty stiff.

It would be wiser, if you agree, to publish only the stuff I send you for publication.

I have had a long talk with the Emilia Region labour officer. His views on labour organizations here are not at all like those of John Steele, CAO of Forli, who put me on the track of the question. This is a complicated and delicate subject in the forward areas, as most things are up here. I have been extremely careful to check Bulletin material which has gone out from Eighth Army, and it is too bad that some uncrystallized opinions got out, even if they were labelled "tentative".

I shall not have time in the next few weeks to dig out and write the story of labour in this area. It is a good one, and I hope that Ellison will be able to pick it up and put it out when he arrives.

The fact of the matter is that Group Captain Benson's experiment of using Emilia Region personnel in AMG Eighth Army is working out splendidly, and things are going ahead so fast and so smoothly that the place is fairly crawling with live news - not only great Bulletin material but excellent stuff for the newspaper correspondents and the local press.

I shall be back in my office in Florence Thursday morning. I hope to be able to see Rayner that day. I shall phone you from there. I don't see how I can get down to Rome for a while, with so much happening up forward. But perhaps you could come up here for a couple of days.

Yours Sincerely

Ted.

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

63/PRB 30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Radio Broadcasts in Southern Italy

TO : Major T.L.Bullock, DDPR (fd), Civil Affairs Section, Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF.

1. Your memo of 25 January on the above subject seems to me a bit cock-eyed. I think you should come down to Rome and discuss the whole thing with me before doing so with Beer or Rayner. It's a bit complicated but not, I think, so bad as you think.

2. By and large the answer to your memo is that, for the purposes of the reorganization of PWB, there are two distinct Italies south of Kesselrings Italy, namely PWB 15th Army Group, north of the Army Control Line, and PWB Liberated Italy, (which will liquidate itself) south of the Army Control Line. South of the line it is AC policy to turn responsibility back to Italians as quickly as possible and I think you will find now that the vast majority of Italian decrees are implemented simultaneously in AMG regions south of the line. Where there are differences it should not be difficult to draw attention to them. What we do NOT want is to set up any other machinery of control in place of PWB in Liberated Italy south of the line - we want to throw the responsibility squarely on to the Italians as much and as fast as we can. In other words, as far as this Branch is concerned, we are not taking on anything except perhaps assistance (e.g. by the Film Board) in the transfer of PWB controls to the Italians or to the permanent officials of the Embassies. We are, in fact, working ourselves out of a job.

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3. There are many details to consider, such as possible changes (which the Chief Commissioner wants) in the PWB policy of setting up newspapers in newly-liberated areas. Such details are designed to assist a speedier hand-over when and if we suddenly move forward. I think if you could spare time to come down and discuss it all with me, we could get it ironed out.

LIONEL FIELDEN

Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group
Tel : Filpot 111
25 January 1945

Ref : PWB/RG3/3

SUBJECT : Radio Broadcasts in Southern Italy

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF.

1. As the Italian Government works out its own salvation and reorganizes government in AC territory, it is to be expected that southern radio stations will be used more and more to communicate laws, regulations and changes to the people.

2. In the meanwhile, particularly as long as operations are more or less static, a considerable area of Italy remains under Military Government and subject to Army authority and regulations.

3. Locally published newspapers regularly publish new Italian Government regulations without repeating to the local public the important fact that there are two separate and distinct Italies south of Kesselring's, and that the new laws cannot come into force here until this area is handed over to the Italian Government.

4. Ferris is organizing weekly conferences with the Florence press, when AMG authorities can explain these things to editors and answer questions. This is a step in the right direction.

5. Our chief means of access to Italian opinion remains PWB. I don't know what machinery you are going to set up to keep Rayner's organization informed of developments in Rome, so that this essential difference between Italian Government policy and Allied Army policy can be kept before the people here. Perhaps PWB is not the organization to do this. Maybe it is an AMG Public Relations responsibility. I am going to ask Trevor Beer's opinion this week end. But whoever is responsible, the machinery for getting information to the people here is PWB's. Whether the job is done between Rayner and Rome or between Rayner and my organization (?), it is an aspect of our work which cannot be neglected.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

63/PRB

30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Article by AMGLO in "The Diagonals"

TO : Major T.L.Bullock, DDPR (fd), Civil Affairs Section, Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF.

With reference to "The Diagonals" a copy ~~of which~~ of which you sent me I can't personally see anything wrong with the article in question, and it seems to me that if F.P.C. feel strongly about any such article they can always refer it to you or to this HQ. I don't much like the idea of one of our officers up there being turned into a permanent censor. And what would he do with the Hindustani section?

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Major,
Public Relations Director.

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1. I enclose for your attention a copy of the 13 January 1945 issue of "The Diagonals", published by an Indian Division in the Eighth Army area. Please note the article by Capt. A. W. Purvis on Page 1.

2. This article has the enthusiastic, signed approval of the G.O.C. Furthermore, I think it is good business for AMG Liaison Officers to keep in touch with the troops by all possible means.

3. On the other hand, the Field Press Censor at Eighth Army has raised some objection to this article, and other people have questioned the good taste and wisdom of the section under the sub-head "Co-belligerents Now".

4. You will realize, of course, that until there is an AMG PRO in Eighth Army, there is really nobody to whom articles like this can be submitted for approval before publication. Field Censors will not pass on questions of political expediency or AMG policy, and it is not feasible for me to have all draft articles sent to 15th Army Group for my consideration before they are published in Divisional papers.

5. I am trying to work out with Ferris some machinery for the control of all material in which AMG Fifth Army is interested, even when it is handled entirely through PWB channels. There are many difficulties, in large areas where formations are scattered, as you can readily understand.

6. The material you sent on Reorganization of PWB Italy arrived only this morning. I am leaving in a few hours for Eighth Army and shall not be back before Monday or Tuesday. I want to digest these changes carefully and then talk over the situation with Rayner who, PWB people tell me, is a very difficult person to deal with.

7. You say in the last paragraph of your letter of 22 January that you do not think the changes in PWB should affect me. At first sight, I am inclined to think they will affect me considerably. But I want to give them a great deal more study before I express a formal opinion.

8. Our friend Col. Grogan has taken over as PRO 15th Army Group. I have had dealings with him already and he is pleasant and encouraging to work with.

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WHAT OF THE NEW ITALY?

"PRESERVE WHAT IS GOOD OF HER PAST"

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CO-BELLIGERENTS NOW

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The answer to that is simply "What is it worth?" It is because it is worth so much to us that I feel very strongly that we should accept this responsibility. The less damage we do to the economic structure of Italy now the less we shall be involved in her reconstruction in the future.

Putting aside all sentimentality — every one of us has some good reason to say that they shew up pretty well individually — the odd egg here and there you know — we should do all we can to make the Italians feel that they have a future by preserving all that is good of their past.

Destruction is inevitable in war and much has already been lost, more will yet be lost but the men who can replace the loss remain. The Italian is a craftsman. He should be encouraged in his work but he depends on a secure economic structure for his efficiency just as a soldier in the line depends on a secure supply organisation and — believe it or not — a competent War Office. In the light of these facts let us consider the Fascist and his wine as a typical example of the proper attitude towards the Italian.

EVIL OF FASCISM

Fascism represents the evil against which we are fighting. We are at war because we do not believe that the State should rule mens lives but that it should exist to enable the individual to fulfil his life by pooling certain resources with his fellows.

Modern science cannot be fully employed without co-ordination of effort. A motor car is not built by a single man in his back yard though he may rise to a wheel barrow if he has the wood, if he has the wheel, if he has the tools. Every individual then relies on his fellow men for the full expression of his will. Fascism has sought to use this fact to control the expression of that will and we don't like to be told what we shall make and how many unless it is to our own advantage by our own standards.

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However much the Italian may have disliked fighting against us in the first instance we must realise that to be forced into such a position after eight years of victorious campaigns has brought in its wake a sense of utter despair. The Italian has no standing whatsoever with the Germans, who are now his enemy. Let us make no mistake about it — he knows what we think and he doesn't think any the less of us on that account — in fact he holds us in contempt only in so far as he feels we do not appreciate our strength. We stand therefore in the position of conquerors. How far are we prepared to accept the title of liberators which has been so generously thrust upon us by this defeated people?

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Food For Thought

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It is a subject for fruitful discussion and this paper will welcome articles on the line "What is— what should be the attitude of our troops towards the Italians?"

Cutting out "vino" as an analogy, there are many other lines of discussion.

The majority of Italians we have contacted are agriculturists and decent folk. We have still to meet the more rabid and one-minded Fascists.

G.O.C.

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It's over and done with, we know—but funny stories are never behind times. That's why we give you this

Christmas Flashback.

"And This Little Piggie Went...."

by P. W. B.

Looking back, one realises that the produce of Italian wineyards, augmenting beer and spirits, produced the most convivial Christmas and New Year on record.

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This hadn't ceased tickling me when Bom'r E, as we call him, had in his pals for a drink. They chose gin and lemon and Bom'r E poured out the three drinks, after which they solemnly drank. I discovered next day that all three had imbibed lemonade, having taken the gin out of a bottle that had been filled with water for thinning purposes. They had smacked their lips in proper appreciation.

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Brain Tonic!

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2 From what plant is cornflour obtained?

3 Which English kings were named Longshanks Lionheart and Crookback?

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FRUSTRATION

After all this non-temperance talk I must finish on a more sober note and I think we should cast our minds back to the pre-Christmas period when the raiding parties were out in search of turkeys, chickens and what have you. One party — no names, no Battery, no pack drill — flushed a large and succulent pig in its lair. After a council of war flank guards were posted against unwelcome visitors and arrangements made to drive the pig from its sty through a small gap in a nearby hedge.

On the far side of the hedge was stationed a fifteen stone gunner, armed with a long pole, three inches in diameter, for the purpose of killing the pig. The sty opened, the pig emerged and was guided through the opening.

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GREAT DAY

It's a great day! The cry goes up "The 'Q' has just pulled in at H.Q. Blimme, I hope this target finishes before he gets over here".

"Let's see, you had a new housewife a month ago. What? You've got no cotton, well why didn't you say so in the first place? Hey! Storeman reel some of this on a piece of paper or something for this chap over here. Don't be silly, of course you can't have the whole reel, that's only for refills there's over 500 yards there".

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"Hey, 'Q', what about some issue soap? . . . D'you remember the pair of boots I had condemned a fortnight ago? D'you happen to have a pair of size sevens, large—and English, they *must* be English . . . . . *Please* Mr. Quarter Master could you *spare* a pair of laces . . . . "

The "Q" begins to see spots before his eyes. But when you've done the same job for so long it becomes automatic.

Socks, water bottle corks, rifle pull throughs, they vanish into eager hands in their dozens.

Eventually, he gets back into his truck and starts for "home".

The "Q" has had another clearance sale. He's got a bit of a headache but a lighter load. And those young lads on the guns are just a bit happier.

So the "Q" is happier, too.

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TUNING-UP FOR "CIVVY STREET"

BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT

STATISTICS

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Well over 10,000,000 —one third of the adult population— are now in the services and munition industries.

Nearly two and three quarter million more women (out of a total of 16,000,000) are now in the services, or in industry, than in peace time.

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The people of Great Britain have reduced their over-all consumption by 21 percent. They now spend only 54 per cent of their incomes. Taxes and savings take the rest.

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SPORT IN PRE-"DEMOB" PERIOD

A whole lot has been written and said about what the Army authorities have in store for us during the period between the cessation of hostilities and demobilisation.

But there is one topic, one vital feature of life, which I feared was being over-looked—sport.

It is all well and good to draw up comprehensive schemes for education and pre-vocational training but, surely, if you don't want this necessarily nerve-straining period to be one of unbearable impatience and anxiety you must cater in a big way for the body as well as for the brain.

It was, therefore, of great interest to me to learn a little of what the Army planned in the line of sport and physical training.

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One house in three in the whole country has been damaged, one in 30 destroyed or made uninhabitable.

FINANCE.

Each year the Govt has borrowed a steadily falling proportion of a steadily rising expenditure. Taxation now takes over 36 per cent of the personal incomes of the country, compared with 22 1/2 percent before the war.

Over £1000,000,000 of over-seas assets have been sold and £2,300,000,000 of over seas liabilities incurred.

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The foundation stone for much of the present plan was laid by Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson when he set up the Allied Sports Commission in the Mediterranean Theatre.

More detailed information of the way in which sport and physical training will interlock with studies in the pre-demobilisation period have not yet been made public, but, together with many sportsmen, I welcome the assurance that the facilities will be provided in no mean way.

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DIGEST OF THE WEEK

I think we must turn to the Far Eastern Theatre for the most notable event of the week. On the morning of 9th January a large American force under the personal leadership of Gen. MacArthur landed on Luzon, the largest and most important island of the Philippines and only 450 miles from Formosa off the Chinese coast. The landings were made on the west coast in the Lingayen Gulf about 100 miles north of Manila, the capital. The landings appear to have taken the Japanese by surprise and opposition was at first slight. This enabled the Americans to land in the course of a few days over 100,000 troops and to penetrate to a depth of 25 miles from the beachead. Opposition is naturally stiffening and there will probably be much land fighting before the Island is secured, and Bataan and Corregidor are avenged. The progress so far has been most satisfactory and the day is in sight when America will once more control the Philippines.

When once the Philippines are in Allied hands it should not be long before all the Islands of the Dutch East Indies fall as naval craft based on the Philippines can cut their supply routes with Japan. The pattern of the Pacific war is therefore beginning to be unfolded and can be likened to a man knocking down a wall. He does not do so brick by brick but strikes at various key points and the rest falls down automatically. In the same way Gen. MacArthur and Admiral Nimetz are striking at strategic islands on the long route from New Guinea to Japan causing the less important ones to fall behind them.

Turning to the Western front there is good news from the Ardennes salient where Field Marshal Montgomery's Army Group from the North, and Gen. Bradley's from the South are forcing Von Runstedt to give up more and more ground. It is now reported that there are no German troops west of the river Ourthe. Apart from diverting our attention from our Saar offensive which a month ago was making satisfactory progress, the great counter-offensive has been a failure and the Germans have lost tens of thousands of valuable trained men. The final result looks like being an excellent New Year's Gift to the Allies and should make the next Allied thrust all the easier. Further south the counter-offensive in the Saar area appears to have been halted, and the Allied counter-attack has made some gains in the area of Bezuch, but enemy infiltration is still continuing in the area south of Strasbourg where the third blow was struck.

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OPINION

Forecast Private War 1921

In printing this letter from Sgt D.M.R. we would like to pay a tribute to those brave airmen who face certain death if brought down over Japanese territory.—

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NEWS IN HEADLINES

Saturday: American forces advance towards the La Roche Highway. Canadian troops trap German forces between Ravenna and Lake Comacchio. Russian forces clear more suburbs of Budapest.

Sunday: Germans establish a small bridgehead on our side of Rhine near Strasbourg. British bombers over Germany in strength for the twelfth night running; Mannich the chief target. British troops complete the mopping up of Athens and advance northwards.

Monday: American troops cut the La Roche road and advance a mile on 30 mile front. Field Marshal Montgomery's men 12 miles from the American Third Army. American bombers attack rail centres in Western Germany.

Tuesday: In Hungary Germans recapture Esztergom 20 miles North West of Budapest. In Czecho Slovakia Russian troops capture Komarno. Allied convoys reported moving towards Luzon. Paramushire in the Kurils attacked by American planes.

Wednesday: Montgomery's troops dominate 15 miles of the La Roche highway. Americans regain ground around Bitche. Heavy German counter-attacks to relieve Buda, ost repulsed. British troops enter Thebes 35 miles North West of Athens.

Thursday: Powerful American forces land on Luzon and seize four bridgeheads. They have entered San Fabian. Super Forts attack Tokio. In the Ardennes the Northern Allied forces only 10 miles from those in the South.

Friday: Good progress made in the Philippines. Japanese reinforcement convoys heavily attacked by carrier base aircraft off the coast of French Indo China. British troops advance another 7 miles in the direction of Saint Hubert. Russian forces press on to the frontiers of Austria. More suburbs of Budapest liberated.

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Finally we are honoured by a letter from a real live C.S.M. (didn't know they could write):—

Sir,

For Pete's sake give me the answer to an argument that has been driving me to distraction in our mess lately concerning the actual date of the termination of the first Great War. Some here say that it was NOV 1918, while others contend that it did not officially finish until FEB 1919.

Yours etc., **S.U.B.**

Hostilities ceased in NOV 1918 but the official Peace Treaty was signed 31 AUG 1921.

L.R.F.

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"LITTLE INDIA" AT THE FRONT

BRIEFS FROM BLIGHTY

WOODFORD (Essex)

Delysia Nosworthy, barmaid at the "Horse and Well", married a captain in the Swedish Navy, and has now signed up as stewardess on her husband's tramp steamer. "I heard a lot about sailor husbands breezing off and leaving their wives behind" she said "Not for me. I'm going too!"

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WILMSLOW (Cheshire)

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Progress of New Association

We publish this story because we feel it carries with it a suggestion—that British soldiers in the Division may like to follow suit.

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I do not suggest that troops should not have the wine but I do suggest that payment should be made under a controlled system in such a way that the money goes to enabling the vats to be refilled. If you are still with me at this stage the question we have to consider is how payment can be made without undesirable persons benefitting. This is rather a tricky business because although the person to whom immediate payment is made may in fact have been a Fascist by not paying him you may be depriving many persons who are not and who never have been Fascists, of their livelihood. It is the avowed policy of the Italian Government to stamp out Fascism. How far it will succeed in its efforts depends on the support given to it by the British authorities, because if it cannot command our respect it will fail to obtain the wherewithal necessary for its existence.

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I have taken wine as an example but there are innumerable other things which may be brought to mind. If we can school ourselves to realise that to act as irresponsible conquerors is to act fools we will perhaps do something in this time of war to overcome the ravages of the peace in which soon we all hope to be involved. If we can treat our erstwhile enemies as human beings, as part of an economic system without regard to the sentiments of love and hate, we will be helping them to establish themselves as an economic entity designed to benefit the individual.

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GREAT SUCCESS

An addition to the organisation of impromptu concerts, the initiation of discussion meetings by the Association has been attended by remarkable success. Here Indian soldiers of all castes and creeds gather together to discuss vitally important topics of the day as well as problems of post-war India.

A quintet of office bearers devote the bulk of their leisure to making the association a going concern, while the co-operation of the unit's British officers, notably Major Lofts, have helped appreciably.

Urgently needed are a gramophone, with Indian records, a wireless set and sports equipment.

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SEARCHLIGHT ON SPORT

by "ARGUS"

So it's started at last! The sporting "big wigs" back home have begun scratching their heads in real earnest as to how they are going to reinstate professional athletes whose peace-time careers have been so rudely interrupted by this so-and-so war.

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Five years is a big slice out of a football "star's" career, but, fortunately, not all of them will be too old when they get back to "Casey street" so they will be the least of the problems. Of the 5,000 professional footballers on the books of clubs in 1939 it is estimated that 2,000 will still be young and fit enough to take their places in their sides.

But, what worries me, is what is going to happen to the other 3,000.

Together with you who are more deeply involved, I await hop up further information.

Cricketers are, of course, also interested in the problem, but their case is somewhat different. Five years is not such a long period in the career of a professional cricketer. The cricketer has a longer career than a footballer, and, on pre-war standards, received a higher rate of pay, but there is the question of the mobility to keep one's eye in that is going to effect the futures of many.

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MODERN VERSE WITH A TWIST!

REMINISCENT

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Slim white shoulders. Hair of beautiful colouring, with
Little stars dancing gaily around its curls. A slim white
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Glide softly backwards, an arm automatically links with yours.
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Whispering "goodnight".

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You awake in the morning and you can
Still hear that same voice whispering "goodnight".
Nobody ever knew that voice was the cause of
My forgetting to fasten my tunic at the neck
Every morning. The cause of my forgetting to shave
Every morning. The cause of my forgetting to clean my boots
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But, jeez fellows, you can't tell THAT to the sergeant-major can you? I ask you—can you?

Gnr. E. Mills (K.Y.).

Brain Tonic!

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Football Players and Trainers Union has launched a "Square Deal" campaign with the view to getting a higher rate of pay. Many top-notch players have signed a petition and the Football League has agreed to meet the Union to talk things over.

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Archie Sexton, Bethnal Green boxer, now doing work as a war reserve policeman, has been awarded the George Medal. He rescued two men and a woman who had been trapped in a shelter during a Flying Bomb raid.

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Planning the reconstruction of numerous golf courses which have been "dug for Victory", the British Golf Union have called in advice as to how to restore greens which have been ploughed up.

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You awake in the morning and you can
Still hear that same voice whispering "goodnight".
Nobody ever knew that voice was the cause of
My forgetting to fasten my tunic at the neck
Every morning. The cause of my forgetting to shave
Every morning. The cause of my forgetting to clean my boots
Every morning.

But, jeez fellows, you can't tell THAT to the sergeant-major can you? I ask you—can you?

Gnr. E. Mills (K.Y.).

Brain Tonic!

ANSWERS

1 Turkey, California and Eire.
2 Maize.
3 Edward 1, Richard 1, and Richard II.
4 Nine.
5 King's Own Royal Regt.
6 Richard III at Bosworth, 1485.
7 Spree, Vistula and Volga.
8 The science of the composition and classification of rocks.
9 Mongooses, ottomans and courts martial.
10 Sir Horace Walpole, 1720—42.

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UN KI KAHANI — AUR — UN KI ZABANI

Ek German sepoy ne apne ek dost ko khat likha (jo hamare hath laga) kih Rus ka front Italy ke front se bahut achha hai.

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PREM VIYOG

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Ujiale jiwan men andhyara chhaya
Tuti hui asha aur dur kinara
Prem ka hai Sajan panth nyara.

Uth uth ke girna, gir ke uthna
Khud hi rona, khud hi hasna
Viyog men jalna ahen bharna
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Jangi Wazir ne kaha kih ham larai ki pabandion par qabu rakhne wali taqaton se darkhuast karte hain kih woh Japan ko is buri harkat se baz rakhne par majbur kare, aur Red Cross ke doctoron ko Japani qaidi campon men jane ki ijazt ho. takih un ki report ke bad qaidion ko welfare ki cmzen rawana ki jawen.

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Hamle ka pura namuna unko hidayat men hi dia jata hai.

Master bomberon ka chunao Path Finder Force ke sab se achhe hawa bazon men se kia jata hai.

Yeh sikhlai ka tariqa ek sal ke tajrube ke bad shuru kia. Sab se pahle German V hathiyaron ke tajrubon ke Peenemunde station ko barbad karne ke lie yeh tajwiz ki gai thi. Is hamle ki tamam force ki command Path Finder ke master bomber ko digai.

Pahla master bomber C-Capt J. H. Searby D. S. O., D. F. C. training hasil karne wala tha.

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Bhola . . Mera bap marte waqt 5000 rupae chhor gia.

Chanda . Naqd ya jaedad?

Bhola . . Qarza!

V-5 CHUCKLE

American 9th Army ne jo German qaidi pakre hain unhon ne German ke V-5 khufia hathiyar ka ziqr ek larai ki khabar dene wbale se kia.

Us ne bataya kih V-5 hathiyar taiyar hai, yeh ek tank hai jis ka crew 140 admion ka hai. 10 admi is ke andar rahte hain aur 130 isko dhakelte hain.

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BURMA FRONT

Pichhle hafte sab se achhi khabar Burma front se mili hai, jahan 6 January ke din AKYAB ke jazire par bagair kisi fauji rukawat ke hamara qabza hogea. Jazire par utarne wali faujon men British faujon ke ilawa 10th Baluch aur 2nd Gurkha Regt. shamil thin.

Japan is jazire ko jo Burma ke bilkul qarib hai aise chhor kar bhaga jaise gadhe ke sar se seengh. Woh apna taman saman tank aur rased le kar Burma ki zamin par bhag gaya. Jate jate jazire ke taman mazdur bhi zabardasti pakar kar legaya.

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EUROPE KI LARAI

Germany ki faujen ek kaman ki shakil

LARAI KE BAD FAUJION KE LIE KAM

Hindustan men ek committee banai gai hai jo fauji jawanon ke lie larai ke bad rozgar ka bandobast karegi. Is ka nam "Post war Reconstruction committee hai". Yeh committee khud bhi soch bichar karti hai aur dusron ki achhi salah bhi har waqt lene ko taiyar rahti hai. Larai be bad berozgari ko rokne ke lie ab se hi intzam ho rahe hain.

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WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY:- Five American officers, serving in the field with AMG Eighth Army, were invested today with the insignia of the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat areas in Italy and Sicily. The five recipients of the honour were: Col. Charles J. Farinacci, San Antonio, Texas, Chief Medical Officer of AMG Eighth Army; Major John A. Steele, Knoxville, Tennessee, Civil Affairs Officer in Forli; Major James C. Grizzard, Atlanta, Georgia, AMG Liaison Officer with a Canadian Corps; Major Steve Mavis, Columbus, Ohio, AMG Liaison Officer with a British Corps, and Capt. Edmund E. Torcellini, Civil Affairs Officer in Palazzuolo.

A sixth American officer in AMG Eighth Army, 1st Lt. William A. Lesse, Irvington, New Jersey, was awarded the Bronze Star "for heroic service in support of combat operations in Italy on the night of 5 July 1944." He was not present to receive his decoration.

The decorations were conferred by Col. Norman E. Fiske, Portland, Oregon, of Headquarters, Allied Commission.

Numerous Eighth Army officers, British, Canadian and South African as well as American, attended the investiture, headed by Wing Commander E. T. Beer, O.B.E., who represented Group Captain C.E. Benson, D.S.O., Senior Civil Affairs Officer, AMG Eighth Army.

Col. Farinacci's citation said: "In the forward areas, he has worked tirelessly beyond the call of duty under the most difficult circumstances and without regard to his own personal safety to perfect the medical organization and supply system adopted by AMG administrators."

Major Steele, "as Civil Affairs officer in the town of Castelfrentano, Italy....performed dangerous duties without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, and on one occasion suffered injuries from an exploding enemy mine."

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Lieut. Lessa's citation records that "As Civil Affairs Officer in the Commune of Loreto, Italy, he was largely responsible for the saving of many civilian lives during a five-hour enemy bombardment.....his actions did much to re-establish confidence and order among the civilian population."

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APO 394.
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

17/PRB

25 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Mr. Rock Ferris

TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.

In a report made for the Bulletin, Major Bullock sent the following (which I did not include):

"At long last AMG Fifth Army has a full-time Public Relations Officer of its own. He is Mr. Rock Ferris, an American civilian, who joined the American Field Service shortly after Pearl Harbour and went to the British Army in Egypt in April 1942. He remained with AFS until 18 March 1944 when he joined PWB. He has been on General Hume's staff since last New Year's Day. Mr. Ferris is a graduate of Princetown University, and was widely known in North America as a brilliant concert pianist. He is giving a concert in the Pitti Palace, 6 February, for the benefit of the poor of Florence".

I have had no official intimation of Mr. Rock Ferris' appointment. Am I to regard him as a part of this Branch, or is he on General Hume's staff? In the latter case, I presume all Regional Commissioners can appoint Public Relations officers.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
25 January 1945

Dear Lionel

Receipt of your communication with reference to PWB changes in Italy puts a new face on things in my realm. Expansion of PWB activities on the 15th Army Group level is bound to bring questions to me from both Fifth and Eighth armies in increasing volume.

Ferris is not satisfied with PWB handling of AMG material, nor with the censorship at the PWB offices in Florence. General Hume wants a tightening up of control. The baby drops in my lap.

Over on Eighth Army side, also, at least until the Group Captain returns, I think public relations work is likely to be encouraged considerably. If Ellison can really get going in co-operation with Trevor Beer I think the G.C. will like what he finds when he comes back and possibly leave it alone.

Under the circumstances, I think you'd better disregard my D/O letter of 24 January 1945 which suggested that I spend a few weeks in Rome. I do think I ought to go down for two or three days, as soon as possible, and perhaps return say once or twice a month, as developments may require.

One thing is sure - I can't buzz off into Eighth Army area for extended periods any more. And before you take too seriously the Group Captain's assertion that there is nothing doing over there, it might be as well to check with Trevor who, I believe, may have quite different ideas.

Yours Sincerely
Ted Bullock

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, C.M.F.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
25 January 1945

Ref : FRB/R63/8

SUBJECT : Weekly Bulletin

TO ; Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission, CMF

1. There are numerous gaps in my file of Weekly Bulletins.

2. The issues I need, if you can send them to me, are the following:
Nos. 41, 39, 33, 27, 17, 16, 10, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1.

3. I understood some months ago that new stencils were being cut of early issues, if the old ones could not be used again. Is that right?

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

Under Cover of Mil. Sec. 25/1/45

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, C.M.F.
Tel : Filpot 111
25 January 1945

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Ref : PRB/R63/3

SUBJECT : PRO Fifth Army AMG

TO : Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission, CMF

1. Will you please add to your distribution list of the AC Weekly Bulletin the name of:

Rock Ferris, Esqre.,
Public Relations Officer
AMG Fifth Army.

2. If you have any spare back numbers of the Bulletin in stock, it would be a good idea to send a few issues to Mr. Ferris.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

Nos. 42, 41, 40 & 39 sent 29/1/45.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
25 January 1945

2. Odds & Ends from Florence.

Ref : PRB/R03/8

SUBJECT : Report for Weekly Bulletin

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission, CMF

1. Enemy radio stations made quite a fuss recently about an alleged Typhus epidemic in Prato, Florence Province, said to be the worst in history. There was an article in a Florence newspaper which quoted an AMG official to the effect that Typhoid in Prato had reached its greatest point in recent years. This article was not checked with any competent AMG official before publication, and its distortion by enemy propaganda agencies is a striking illustration of the danger of issuing irresponsible statements to the press. The Provincial Medical Officer of Florence (Italian) has just issued an official report on infectious diseases in the Province since 1939, and this report is being given wide radio and newspaper publicity in the area. There has not been a single case of Typhus in the Province in the last four years. The only infectious disease which has not decreased since the Allied occupation is Typhoid Fever, and the spread of Typhoid is directly due to the systematic destruction and pollution of water systems, sewer systems and wells by the retreating German forces. Here are a few comparative figures which show how effectively Allied measures are checking the rate of disease among Italians:

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Measles (cases)	1941	492	5267	794	1820	240
Scarlet fever	431	503	673	773	503	106
Chicken pox	674	561	786	675	661	200
Typhoid fever	227	180	322	390	313	950
Paratyphoid	125	196	170	166	118	100
Dysentery	17	20	67	23	22	3
Diphtheria	516	458	299	713	900	582
Whooping cough	247	536	513	564	336	87

2. Civilian motor vehicles in and around Florence are being fuelled in steadily growing numbers by natural gas (Metano) which is carried in metal cylinders fixed on passenger cars and trucks. The compressed gas is derived from wells 33 miles away with a daily yield of 20,000 cubic metres. By the end of January 50 trucks will have been converted to burn Metano, and conversion will continue at the rate of 50 vehicles a fortnight thereafter. Metano-burning civilian vehicles are issued ten times as much fuel as petrol-burning cars. When AMG took over one of the garages in Florence in the early days of occupation, it was found to be the terminus of the pipe-line leading to the wells. Surveys showed the enemy had made 25 breaks in the line as they fell back. Repairs took three months to complete, and were carried out by S.A. Idrocarburi Nazionale under AMG Fifth Army direction. Some of the gas now being piped into Florence will be used as domestic fuel.

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4. Fifty delegates from Florence are going to the General Confederation of Labour conference in Naples.

5. (There is a report here, which I can't check, that Prince Umberto flew here yesterday from Rome to visit the Refugee camps and circled the city for a couple of hours without being able to land because of the weather. His appointments were cancelled. Might be a little item if you can get the facts).

T. I. BULLOCK
Major
DDPI (Field)

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
24 January 1945

Dear Lionel

Once or twice lately you have suggested that I ought to go down to Rome. Last time I was there you mentioned the possibility of rotating officers in the field.

When I spoke to you on the phone Monday about Capt Ellison you said you would send him forward for two weeks and then bring him back to Rome until we break into the Po Valley.

I suggest that it might be fairer and more sensible if, when I have got Ellison and Ferris trained up here, I went back to Rome for a while and rested my aching carcase. I must confess that I am finding the strain of endless travel in a defective car extremely trying in this weather. You just can't be smart on the job when you're half sick all the time with colds and fatigue.

One need be no prophet to anticipate a heavy and anxious summer in the Field. If you agree, I think I'd like to go back to HQ for a few weeks (a) to get under cover for a while and (b) to catch up on developments and policy with which I am beginning to feel out of touch.

I leave for Eighth Army tomorrow.

I return here on Monday.

When Ellison comes up I shall have to go back.

I shall phone you on Tuesday next to see what you think of this proposal.

Yours Sincerely

Ted Kennedy

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission
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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
22 January 1945.

Dear Lionel,

I enclose two letters from the Guerrini family in FAENZA. If you can have them delivered in Rome I shall be very grateful. The eldest Guerrini son is a member of the Faenza C.L.N. He is also now the head of the family manufacturing plant. They are very decent people and are having a pretty hard time of it.

If the recipients of these letters want to reply, and you will take the trouble to have the replies sent on to me, I can insure their delivery in Faenza in due course.

Yours sincerely
Ted Bullock

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

Letter forwarded 27/1/45.

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22 January 1945.

Dear Ted:

Thanks for your letter of January 19. Yes, Ellison has finally arrived (I am expecting counter-orders any minute!) and you shall have him for Eighth Army in about a fortnights time. I want him first to get a notion about the general lay out of the Commission. I would like also to say this - I don't want him to stay up there unless he is fully occupied. I know you think it very important and I understand your point of view: at the same time so many tricky things are happening here and I am so much in need of reliable staff that I do absolutely grudge the absence of anyone unless they are fully contributing to the job of PR AC - which is what our job is, and not PR AFHQ i.e. operations.

You will see from my "PWB moves on" note in the Bulletin more or less what is happening here. It is really quite a big shift and is complicated by the fact that Mr. Macmillan has proposed and intends - probably quite rightly - to make a new set-up of Public Relations with AC, MOI, OWI and the Embassy Press Attaches all in a pool, the main burden falling more and more on the last. At present I find myself involved in the complications arising out of these changes and, apart from ordinary routine, having to run to, and obey, these very separate and distinct masters, viz Lush, Stone & Macmillan. It is not always easy. And both Jack & Tom are distinctly tired and on edge. So you see I may perhaps grudge the loss of a man to the 8th Army where, Con Benson says, there is nothing doing. If the operational picture changes, its a different pair of shoes.

I shall have to talk to the COS about transport. The position about that is appalling. I know that people up front must have it. But we now have only one unreliable civilian car, and whether AC can or will supply more I just don't know.

I send you for information copies of the meetings which took place re the PWB move. They will give you some idea of the general intention. I don't think the changes should effect you.

Yours,

LIONEL FIELDEN

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LIONEL FIELDEN
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Major. Bullock
Civil Affairs Section
Hqs 15th Army Group.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ 15th Army Group, CMF
Tel : Filpot 111
19 January 1945

Ref : FAB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Organization in the Field

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. Please note my new telephone number.

2. Brigadier Lush has undertaken to do all he can to see that staff for our forward areas is forthcoming in time for any emergency. I have been informed that the question of taking Mr. Rock Ferris on strength as PRO AMG Eighth Army was referred by you to the Chief of Staff. Brig. Lush will check on the position when he returns to Rome.

3. I have met Ferris, who is already on the job by arrangement between General Hume and FWB. I liked him very much and hope that he will fill the bill.

4. Mrs. Bastien tells me that Ellison has finally arrived. I do hope you will be able to let me have him for Eighth Army, if you find he is as good as you expected.

5. The question of transport for these men remains open. Can anything be done in Rome?

6. I shall appreciate being kept informed of developments in the FWB business. They are likely to affect our work here to some extent.

7. It will be necessary, as soon as I have any organization at all, to set up machinery for checking FWB's Basic News items on AMG before they are published. There have been some "breaks" lately in the Fifth Army area which we are doing our best to patch up. I cannot be everywhere at once, but having even Ferris on the job is going to be a help.

8. Sorry to hear you are under the weather. Hope you will be able to take things easy for a while.

T. L. BULLOCK.
Major
DDPR (Field) 1319

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Fiche 62.

Main Press Camp
Eighth Army
15 January 1945

Ref : FRB/RB3/2

SUBJECT : Ortona - Surgical Supplies

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. A correspondent who has just been in Ortona has reported to me that the community is without surgical supplies which are needed urgently. When reconstruction of the Cathedral began it was found that the Germans had mined and booby trapped the rubble. Serious civilian casualties are occurring there as well as in the fields and lives are being lost in the hospitals because the necessary supplies are not available.

2. Will you please report this condition immediately to the appropriate Sub-Commission and press for speedy action. My experience is that when the correspondents get together on a question like this wise men in AMG act fast.

3. The investiture of American officers in AMG Eighth Army has been put off until Col. Fiske returns to Italy. I am, therefore, leaving for 15th Army Group on Wednesday and shall phone you when I arrive.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

Brigadier Parkinson

For Lt Col Fielden

Fielden 4811

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Main Press Camp
Eighth Army
7 January 1945

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Dear Lionel

In connection with my D.O. letter of 4 January 1945, it might interest you to see a copy of the Consolidated Press Report of PWB Eighth Army, P/4 dated 30 Dec 44. Only 12 copies were made and I want to keep one for my own file, but Lt-Col. Munroe has three and I am sure he would let you read one. All members of APB should have a look at it, I think.

Yours sincerely
Ted

T. L. BULLOCK
Major

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

(Please return for file.)

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16 January 1945.

Major T.L.Bullock
Civil Affairs Section
Hq, 15th Army Group

Dear Ted:

All your geese seem to be swans or vice versa. Arnould told me and Colonel Jones (G-1) that Major Knight was willing to release him. When Colonel Jones approached Major Knight he got a violent refusal and a denial that any agreement had ever been given to his release. Knight said they would not on any account release him and in fact was sending him to Greece.

Yours,

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Main Press Camp
Eighth Army
13 January 1945

Dear Lionel

Capt Arnauld may have told you that I was in bed for some days last week with what looked for a while like pleurisy but turned out, thank God, to be only a severe cold with sharp pains in chest and back. Heating arrangements are pretty primitive in the Camp and I am not getting back on my feet as quickly as I should like. The weather is terrible and so far I have not dared to go out in my jeep.

Trevor Beer fixed up an AMG show at Canadian Corps for the visiting British M.Ps. I was not able to get there, but Canadian Public Relations people said they would look out for our interests and get some pictures taken. Haven't heard yet what was done.

I'd like to go back to Florence at once and keep under cover for a few days, but six American officers in AMG Eighth Army are to be decorated with the Bronze Star at an investiture this week and I feel that should be given the widest possible coverage. There are also some American promotions in AMG Eighth Army to be announced at the same time, as well as the award of one Purple Heart. So I'll stay over here until that is done.

Try to get the 30 September issue of Collier's Magazine and read Martha Gellhorn's story on Florence. It ends with a very fine tribute to Eighth Army and AMG. I have only one copy and intend to hang on to it.

The outlook for the next couple of months is giving me some anxiety. I could put up with the physical disabilities all right, but I find this last cold has done tricks to my thinking processes, such as they were. I find myself going to sleep on my feet, and my ideas get all mixed up. Hell, I can't even play decent bridge any more! Hate to feel I am letting you down, when you have so many troubles of your own. We both seem to be up against the same sort of stone wall.

An editorial, "Chips on Shoulders", in the 12 January "Maple Leaf", appeals to me. It is time the Allies quit making faces at each other. Yesterday's "Stars and Stripes" is full of disquieting stuff.

Shall try to get around some before Thursday and send you fresh material for this week's bulletin, but can guarantee nothing if this beastly weather keeps up and the aftermath of the cold hangs on. Two fellows are in bed in the camp today and nobody seems really bright.

Thanks, pal, for your patience.

Yours

Ted.

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
APO 394.

63/PRB 10 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Miscellaneous

TO : Major T.L. Bullock, DDPR (Field)
Main Press Camp, Eighth Army.

Dear Ted,

Thanks for your letters about Arnould. He came down here and I saw him and liked him very much indeed. I have asked for his release through G-1. Major Knight has agreed. G-1 is rather doubtful as to whether the question of his pay won't have to be referred to AFHQ and London - but I am doing my best to hurry things.

People here are rather worried about that generator and trailer.

I am so sorry about your back. I wish you could get a rest somewhere - Montecatini is the right place, I believe! Any amount of large hotels empty, I'm told, plenty of logs to burn, and cures for all ills! (Except the war, of course).

Hume, as you probably know, wants to employ Roch Ferris, a PWB civilian, as his PRO. I have told the Chief of Staff that I see no objection to it if he doesn't. If you get Ferris and Arnould your problems should be easier.

Yours,

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Main Press Camp
Eighth Army
7 January 1945

Ref : PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Public Relations (Field)

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission.

1. Thank you for your letters of 30 December 1944 and for one dated 31 December 1944 forwarding General Hume's views on Sitreps from Bologna.

2. I shall convey to Gp Capt Benson the sad news about the generator and trailer. I have no information about the Command Cars, though I hear there is a British Film Unit in this area running around in one which may have been inherited from Fletcher. Let me know if you want the matter pursued.

3. The last paragraph in General Hume's letter can be answered only from HQ AC.

4. Please believe that I am deeply grateful for your New Year's greetings and that I reciprocate them cordially and sincerely.

5. Jackson got through the pass between here and 15th Army Group in four hours today, notwithstanding a snowfall of more than a foot in the Po Valley and still more in the Appenines.

6. I plan to return to my own station on or about 15 January. There is a lot of good material over here, but I am having trouble with my back again and am afraid I shall have to stop travelling for a while. I have some irons in the fire which I want to finish smacking while they are still hot, otherwise I'd take a rest from the road immediately.

6. Nick Read of the National Film Board of Canada writes that he will probably be in Florence about the time I go back. I'll have to come back to Faenza with him then unless a PRO for AMG Eighth Army has been found by then, but I dread doing any travel after the work I have in hand here has been cleared away. I hope Arnould may be the solution...

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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Press Camp
Eighth Army Main
6 January 1945.

Dear Lionel

My back is playing tricks with me again as from last night and I just can't face the long journey to Rome and back.

Capt. Arnould, about whom I wrote you by bag yesterday, is going down today, arriving in Rome tomorrow, and I have asked him to see you.

If you think he will be all right, will you discuss what steps ought to be taken to get him released to us from the Red Cross. As far as Major Dufour is concerned, I am sure I can take care of him all right. But there may be others to be seen and conciliated, and I think that should be done by the Director of the branch.

His visit to you tomorrow will be unofficial.

As far as transport is concerned, if things work out so that I am not forced to cross these passes every few days I can turn over my jeep and driver to Arnould on this side and then get down to Rome when this damned back clears up and arrange something there.

Please do not think, from my D.O. letter of 4 January 1945, that I am unduly alarmed over the civilian situation. As I said in it, there may be some seeds of trouble but I don't know yet how serious they are and I have no intention of going sensational about a few incidents.

Yours Sincerely
Ted Bullock

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission
Ministry of Corporations Building
Rome

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Press Camp
Eighth Army Main
5 January 1945

Ref : PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Conditions in the Field

TO : Public Relations Director, AC

1. The tire which you sent me in December finally reached the Press Camp today. There was no tube with it and it is a pretty old one. But it is better than nothing and I am grateful to you for sending it on.

2. I am going to be forced to cut down my mileage a great deal because this jeep is on its last legs. Chains have to be used on many trips, now, and they burn through old tire casings very quickly. Two of my tires were badly burned coming over the Muraglione Pass last Sunday.

3. Red Bag service between here and Rome may suffer some interruptions during the winter. We have had one five-day break already.

4. I saw a man yesterday who might be just the chap for Eighth Army AMG Public Relations - Capt. I. C. Arnould who is in Forli with the British Red Cross. He says you know him. He says also that he'd love to do the job (a) if we want him and (b) if Major Knight will release him from Refugee work. I had dinner with him last night and he seemed to be an intelligent, active, earnest fellow. He was a "Times" correspondent in Europe for some years and speaks four languages: English, French, Italian and German. If you think he might do I'll try to bring him to Rome to fix things up.

5. There are tends among the civilians in this part of Italy which make me think the time has come for us to keep a man with AMG Eighth Army right along. Arnould has a flexible mind and, I think, might be trusted to give AC a broad, sound, continuous picture of developments. I can always come in from 15 Army Group if he needs help in an emergency.

6. Next week, transport permitting, I hope to go down to Riccione to do a piece on how the Region people have been fitted into the Group Captain's field organization - a new departure which I am told is working out splendidly. I am planning also to talk with all the Corps and Division Liaison Officers and as many forward CAOs as I am able to reach.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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Capt Arnould
Forli
Good luck to you
Good field work
Capt.

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Major Fiddo

Capt. Arnould is not on the active list. He is a retired officer attached to the Civilian Relief Branch of the British Red Cross and is working with that organisation at Florence. (Telephone number for Florence is 1523). Capt Arnould's work takes him to 5th Army area.

H.Q. British Red Cross (in the American Red Cross Building, Piazza Barberini) say that he wears a Red Cross Uniform, and although locally a civilian is known as 'Captain' on account of his former rank, but they think it raises an interesting point.

Mr. Lumley of the "Times" has no recollection of Capt. Arnould. He thinks Arnould might possibly have been an occasional correspondent, but not a staff correspondent.

I have shown Capt. Cowan this letter. He is endeavouring to get another tire and tube sent to Major Bullock

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

31 December 1944

SUBJECT: Situation Reports from Bologna

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Officer
Allied Commission

Approval is given to the suggested arrangements made in letter dated 18 December 1944 signed by Major T. L. Bullock that he prepare situation reports from Bologna as soon as occupied.

This approval is given with the understanding that Major Bullock will be able to perform this function. He wrote early reports from Florence but immediately on the city's being taken by the Fifth Army he was ordered elsewhere and for many weeks no public relations reports were sent out from Florence. That was at a time when the world was more interested in Florence than any other city in a theater of operations except Paris.

In the event that Major Bullock cannot be allowed to continue responsibility for these reports, information is requested as to whether or not some other public relations officer is available.

EDGAR ERSKINE HUME
Brigadier General, GSC
Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Fifth Army

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4 December 1945.

SUBJECT : Assignment of Public Relations Officer.

TO : General E.E. Hume, USAC, Fifth Army.

1. I refer to your letter of December 30 regarding the proposed appointment of Mr. Rock Ferris as PRO to Fifth Army AMG.

2. I agree entirely that PR staff has been short, as it still is, and it has been impossible, owing to lack of qualified personnel, to cover the activities of Army AMG's and Regions as fully as we should have liked to do.

3. I would point out that Lieut. Atkinson was recalled only at the request of Major Bullock who informed me that he was unacceptable to Fifth Army AMG. He is still available.

4. I should personally welcome the addition of qualified staff, military or civilian, but in view of the general directive of General Macfarlane on the PR set-up of the AC and also of the proposals which I understand that Mr. Macmillan has in mind I am referring the matter to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to : COS.

Michael Palmer,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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H E A D Q U A R T E R S
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

30 December 1944

SUBJECT : Assignment of Public Relations Officer

FOR : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

1. Unofficial information has been received that Mr. Rock Ferris of the Psychological Warfare Branch, an American civilian authorized to wear uniform, would be willing to come into AMG to do public relations work.

2. It is understood that this gentleman has particular qualifications fitting to be a public relations officer, being a newspaper editor at home. While we would prefer to have a commissioned officer do this work, there is no reason administratively why a civilian in Mr. Ferris' status could not do all that we desire.

3. Information is requested as to whether his services can be made available to us and if so, that he be so assigned.

4. The need for a qualified public relations officer for A.M.G. Fifth Army is very great. We have had but two in more than a year. The first, Captain Harwell, was relieved by order of General Macfarlane when he abolished public relations officers except in his own office. The second, Lieutenant Atkinson, was relieved after some difficulty by orders of the public relations officer of the Allied Commission.

5. During the recent visit of the Congressional Committee the only criticism made of A.M.G. was that we were not letting the American public and, I may also add, the British public, know about what we are doing. It is impossible for a public relations officer singlehandedly to cover the work of the Fifth and Eighth Armies, A.M.G. and no one knows this better than Major Bullock who is now engaged in that work.

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(Sgd.)

EDGARD ERSKINE HUME
Brigadier General, GSC
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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Main Press Camp
Eighth Army
30 December 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Jeep Tire

TO : Director
Public Relations Branch
Allied Commission

1. A signal was received here more than a week ago saying a tire was at AFHQ PR in Rome for delivery to me here.

2. Thank you for acting so quickly to meet my request.

3. Unfortunately, the tire has never arrived and I have been stuck twice badly for lack of it.

4. Would you mind checking with AFHQ PR to find out if the tire ever left Rome and, if so, what happened to it? If it is still there I shall appreciate having it sent to 15 Army Group rather than here. I went over there on Wednesday and it was suggested I should go back again tomorrow in view of changes believed to be imminent in the Civil Affairs Section at that HQ.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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Press Camp
Eighth Army Main
22 December 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/8

SUBJECT : Report on FAENZA

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

date 18 Dec

1. AMG entered Faenza on ~~Tuesday~~ just in time to relieve some 6000 citizens, hiding in cellars in the town, from starvation. There was no flour left, and the people were grinding grain in coffee mills ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~. The water and sewer systems were out of commission and there was no electricity. At least 20 per cent of the town has been completely destroyed, and it is estimated that 40 per cent of the buildings in the commune are ruined beyond repair. Every tower in Faenza which might have served as an observation point was demolished by the Germans, including the towers of every church and the one on the post office building. The Bishop of Faenza, nearly 80 years of age, was killed by a shell fragment 7 December in his room in a convent some five kilometers outside the town. A memorial service will be held in the Duomo on ~~Saturday~~ 23 Dec attended by AMG officials. Destruction is particularly heavy in the neighbourhood of the railway station and along both banks of the Lamone River where Route 9 runs in from Forli. Citizens began to return in small numbers today from hiding places in surrounding villages, but most of the townspeople sheltering in cellars are still in hiding, and the number of sick and wounded among them is still unknown. An emergency hospital with 100 beds is being organized ~~today~~. Dyphtheria serum has been sent for to ward off a threatened outbreak. Sick and wounded from a hospital which the Germans used as a machine-gun post are being transported to the AMG hospital in military ambulances. A refugee centre has been organized and between 700 and 800 from nearby hamlets will be accommodated in it tonight. The town is still under shell fire from the German lines, but there has been no mortar fire since ~~Thursday~~ 21 Dec. Very few dead and wounded civilians were found in the streets when the Allies arrived.

2. Exhibits from the famous Museum of Ceramics were removed for safe-keeping some time ago to two private houses. One of them has been knocked flat and the priceless examples of early Faience which it contained are buried in the rubble. The other house is intact. The Army is co-operating with AMG to see that the rubble in the ruined house is not touched until experts can begin salvage operations.

3. The food situation in the Commune of Faenza is not bad. At least 20,000 quintali are reported stored in different places, though some of the grain is wet. There is storage space for about 7,000 quintali in the town and AMG has brought in supplies. There seem to be adequate supplies of vegetables on farms near Faenza, but importation cannot be allowed ~~before the beginning of next week~~ for four days for security reasons. The electrical flour mills are all out of commission and water mills cannot operate just yet because canal walls have been smashed, but it is hoped that two will be running shortly. Water mains were fed through a gravity feed system 35 kilometers long. The pipes have been broken in several places. The Royal Engineers are installing water pumps along the Lamone and water points will be set up because the compensating reservoir has been smashed.

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4. Doctors, nurses, technicians from the waterworks and electrical services as well as municipal employees are being allowed back into Faenza as fast as they appear. The banks have adequate funds on hand, between one and two million lire having been found in the vaults of one branch alone. The electrical transformer station was not blown up and most of the equipment was hidden by officials with the help of partisans. The smaller transformers on poles have all been smashed, however. The fire station is in ruins, but one pump and truck and other pieces of equipment have survived the battle. Acute shortages will be relieved from Ravenna, where the fire services are intact. One lone carabinieri was found on duty when AMG arrived, with some firemen, two members of the guardia municipale and several questura officials. Fifty-two carabinieri came in ~~today~~ on 22 Dec. The jail was smashed to rubble.

5. A Sindaco, a Vice-sindaco and a Giunta, nominated by the CLN and described unofficially by the Acting Bishop as useful and trustworthy citizens, ~~were~~ have been appointed ~~this afternoon~~. The Sindaco is a man who held the position before the Fascist regime came into power. Capt. Pallotti, the CAO, says: "The CLN seem a substantial lot. There is no party wrangling among them. The town was peaceful when we came in. There were none of the usual bands of partisans swaggering around with arms and red kerchiefs. ~~Apparently the Communists have little or no influence in Faenza.~~ The civilians have turned in their arms to the Carabinieri and the partisans at the Caserma. This seems better than to have them disarmed by us. The clergy helped greatly to keep things under control before we arrived."

6. There are no ceramics factories as such in Faenza. The traditional art is carried on by families who hand on their skill and knowledge from generation to generation. Most of their work is done to order. Faenza had a furniture factory which employed 150 hands. The machines are gone and the buildings are partially wrecked. There was one silk mill which is also without machines and partly smashed.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR AC/AMG
In the Field

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Major T.L.Bullock
DDPR (Fd)
Civil Affairs Section
Hq 15th Army Group.

Dear Ted :

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All good wishes to you, my dear Ted, for the New Year, and many thanks for all you have done for us since we assembled at Naples. For my own part I feel astounded that I have survived the year in the most tricky of jobs! And I doubt whether I can, or wish to, survive much longer! Anyway I hope that 1945 will bring you all that you desire.

Yours,

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Hq 15th Army Group.

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Yours,

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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30 December 1944.

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Major T.L. Bullock
DDER (Fd)
Civil Affairs Section
Hq 15th Army Group

Dear Ted:

The attached for your information and action. I think you should convey the sad news to Group Captain Benson yourself!

Yours,

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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27 December 1946

Subject: American Vehicles and Equipment in 5th Army Territory

To : Public Relations Officer
Attn: Major KELLOGG

1. In accordance with Headquarters, Allied Commission policy that no American equipment will be used in the 5th Army territory, the following equipment will be returned to Regimental Supply Officer, 367th Regiment, Allied Commission with one jeep:

2 Trucks, 3/4 ton, 4x4, Command
WSA No. 2016[illegible]
2562397

2 Trailer, 1 ton, 2 wheel
WSA No. 2765615

1 Generator, GMC, No. 1971[illegible]

By Command of Rear Admiral SEOWS:

C. M. Parkin

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Executive Officer (US)

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel : Filpot 56
15 December 1944

Dear Lionel,

The second paragraph of your D.O. letter dated 12 December 1944 misses one point which I think is really the key to my position. When the advance comes it is likely to come suddenly and the break-through may take in a great deal of territory in a very short time. Any man who is going to cover forward AMG activities properly, scattered as they are, must know his way around in the Field. He must also know and be known by the men with whom he has to deal. What I dread is having one or two men sent up to me after the breakthrough. Not only would they be practically useless for quite a while, but having to take them around and launch them will tie me up just when I must be most mobile. It is with these considerations in mind that I have pressed for men while there was still a lull so that when the story does break it can be handled properly.

Other branches reject men they cannot use and get replace-ments. I feel that you will never get new men until you create vacancies. G-1 will never believe you are not satisfied with a man until you actually fire the blighter. I'll bet you that if I hadn't kicked Atkinson out I'd have been saddled with him for the duration.

Granted that you have too many troubles at the moment to take mine seriously, if that is the way your mind works, don't you think I have a very good case for an extremely serious squawk if I go into the Po Valley alone months after the fall of Florence and when I have repeatedly warned you, officially, unofficially, verbally and in writing, of the nature of the problem in the forward areas?

I am satisfied after our conversation this morning on the phone that you do intend to take action in the matter of staff. But I am going right on pressing for the very least I can get by with, because I do not intend to have it said that "Bullock fell down on his job" when Bullock hasn't been allowed to do it properly.

I shall be at the Eighth Army Press Camp after Sunday night. But I wish you would continue sending all communications here. I shall send Jackson across for them once a week. Bologna may fall into our hands suddenly, and I don't want mail and messages scattered all over when that happens.

Do your best, like a good fellow, to get this forward picture straight.

Yours Sincerely

Ted

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission
C.M.F.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy;
CMF
Tel : Filpot 56
15 December 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/8

SUBJECT : Report for Weekly Bulletin

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. Lack of transport bogged me down in Florence last week and so my projected tour of Fifth Army forward areas could not be made. I have been over on the Eighth Army side since Monday. That is where the where the greatest activity is now and I am going back there on Sunday, probably to stay until Bologna falls.

2. Here is my report.

3. AMG Fifth Army. The City of Florence is counting the days until railhead comes up for relief from a desperate fuel shortage. In the first four months after the German withdrew from the south of the city only one kilo of charcoal per person was distributed and the total lignite issue was only seven kilos. Some black market supplies have been sold at high prices, but A.M.G. officials confess they have no idea how the people have done their cooking. Vegetables are in short supply. Sugar for November has not been distributed. There is no fuel in the orphanages and there has not been enough food. Public soup kitchens are serving 4,031 meals a day. Garbage collections are still unsatisfactory though farmers have helped by hauling away refuse for fertilizer. Otherwise conditions in the Tuscan capital are improving steadily. Production of shoes will have totalled 50,000 pairs by Christmas. All-wool workmen's sox are being made at a rate of 500 dozen pairs a day. Ten million bricks a month are coming from the kilns for industrial and civilian use. Manual labour is being imported from Pistoia to relieve a local shortage. By the end of November 2,500 civilian phones had been connected and the total number in use by the end of the year will be 5,000. There is some improvement in the electrical supply and it is hoped that production of gas will be resumed by the end of the year. A.M.G. vehicles are doing three wheat runs a day from Siena but the civilian

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rate of haulage is disappointing. Two new mills in the northern end of Siena province will add seven tons a day to the flour supply for Florence. The City A.M.G. is operating a pool of 24 hired civilian vehicles. Clearing of rubble and demolitions is in the hands of the Genio Civile and is going well. The Council of Administration of Florence University has been dissolved and the Rector is nominating a new one. Sixteen Jewish teachers have been reinstated.

Cildren attending schools at the end of November numbered 12,800 in the elementary grades, with 605 in the kindergartens and 7,400 in secondary schools. Courses for Canadians at the University in Italian literature, history, language, art and politics have been so popular that extension courses may be offered to British and American troops. There has been a little trouble with troops : five civilians were assaulted by drunken soldiers, one shot in the wrist. Refugees are in good health and spirits. The peak figure in the Florence centre in recent weeks was 4,899. Out of a total of 16,016 handled in three months only 47 were hospital cases. Following a recent cinema show the refugees put on a variety show they had organized and rehearsed themselves without telling the authorities. It has been described as "very good and very funny." The Tuscans seem to be learning to laugh again. Unfortunately the partisan situation, while policy is still in a state of flux, is not so encouraging. There has been a lull in political activity in Florence since the beginning of the Italian Cabinet crisis but quiet political meetings go on, the Communists showing the best organization and greatest initiative.

4. AMG Eighth Army. Conditions on the Eighth Army front are much as they were last winter in the Abruzzi-Molise area. Mud, floods and demolitions make travel difficult. Diversions are insecure. The only likely way to reach where one wants to go is in a jeep and that is cold, wet, dirty business. Gum boots, trench coats and warm clothing are recommended. Most billets are unheated, many lack doors, windows, bits of roof. A CAO working in the hills near San Marino got around for wekks with a mule train and visited some of his villages on foot. The Forli team are under constant shell fire. Last Sunday night the Luftwaffe had a ho at them and blew in their doors and windows, pitting walls and furniture with broken glass. The Church of S. Biagio was hit during vespers. Known civilian dead at 1800 hrs Wednesday were 26, with other still being dug out and 50 wounded in hospitals. Though all the shops in Forli are still closed, some industries are starting up. Two brickworks are producing for the army and some green tiles for roofing are being baked at the same time. Stoves were found

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in three factories and frozen by AMG. Four big shoe plants are ready to start up as soon as electricity is available and one of them is turning out 300 pairs a day by hand. A large tannery will operate eventually. Troops, scrounging wood where they find it, burned shoe patterns in one factory. Ravenna is almost an island, with sheets of water and seas of ooze reaching out in all directions. The city of Theodoric is not a thing of beauty like Siena. It looks like any other war-battered Italian town. The CLN is reported to be able and energetic and the Vice Prefect and Sindaco appointed on its recommendation are both said to be very good; but there was pained surprise in AMG circles when the Committee tried to put in their own bank manager. The partisans executed three Fascist before AMG arrived. The damaged prefettura was thoroughly looted by the absconding Prefect. Some of the furniture has been found in a nearby town but the silver, linen and pictures appear to be gone for good. Ravenna Province has wheat for export and 600 tons of salt in stock but the salt works were badly smashed by the Germans. AMG Eighth Army heads are perturbed by a reported Italian Government broadcast announcing that the CLN will advise the Cabinet in Northern Italy. No intimation that such a policy was being discussed ever reached them from AC. Some anxiety is also being caused by lavish promises made to partisan leaders in the area without prior consultation with AMG Eighth Army. But all is not gloom. Group Captain Benson is having great fun with two of his Very Senior Officers who took an Extremely Distinguished Guest from AC duck hunting and returned with a kill of two decoys.

5. Song being sung with gusto by the Forli Team (tune, "Rose of Tralee", words by Capt Peter E. Clarke) :

The curse of Forli.

Now the Huns were retiring away from our city
The shelling had stopped(1) and we thought we were free;
As we crept from the cellars it seemed quite a pity
Liberation had come to the Town of Forli.

(1) Poetic License

There were flags in the Square and a few Proclamations
But it was not those banners alone that stunned me;
No, no, t'was the words on a green and white blackground,
Liberation had come and the dread A-M-G.
Now the Poles and Canadians were peacefully looting,
The Greeks and the French raped our daughters with glee;
The Bishop was hit in a slight case of shooting,

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But the worst thing of all was the dread A-M-G.

T.L. BULLOCK
Major,
DDPR AC/AMG
In the Field.

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20 December 1944

SUBJECT : Jeep.

TO : DDPR (Field)

Your letters of the 16th were received on the 19th. We got into touch with the Supergarage immediately but found it impossible to get a Jeep tire up by the courier the same night. The courier leaves here about midnight. We have therefore sent it to AFHQ, PRO, for dispatch to-night.

With regard to the missing tools the garage are trying to obtain a jack; the wheel brace, they say, is the jack handle, & this must be on the Jeep; tire repair outfits have not been issued for many months now; and a valve extractor is being obtained.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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20 December 1944

SUBJECT : Sitreps from Bologna

TO : General Hume, SCAC 5th Army AMG.

I attach a copy of a letter which I have received from Major Bullock. Brigadier Lush agrees, subject to your concurrence. Will you be kind enough to let me know if you agree?

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LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Branch.

Copy to : Colonel Montfort.

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Press Camp, Eighth Army Main
18 December 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Jeep

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. Trying to reach FAENZA this morning I got a large piece of shrapnel in one of the tires of the jeep, damaging it so seriously that only re-treading will make it usable again. The position here with respect to tires is so serious that I cannot get a replacement locally.

2. The spare tire which was on the vehicle is a very old one, and I dare nor risk myself on the road with it alone.

3. While the jeep was in the workshops in ROME this last time tools were removed from it as itemized on the attached list. You will realize that I cannot be travelling in a forward area with essential tools missing and no spare tire.

4. Will you please, therefore, instruct Captain Owen to send me by courier immediately, at Main HQ 15th Army Group, the best jeep tire he can get his hands on as well as replacements for the missing tools. If you will despatch a signal to me here, notifying me when these items will arrive at Army Group, I shall send Jackson there with a borrowed jack and tire repair kit to enable him to make the journey, so that he can pick them up. He will return the ruined tire to Capt Owen for re-treading.

5. If you will treat this matter as urgent I shall be very grateful. The only way I can get around until Jackson gets back here from Army Group with the missing articles is by hitch-hiking, an extremely unhappy position to be in.

6. I am going to try to bum a ride into FAENZA today or tomorrow, so that I can give the correspondents some official dope on the civilian situation there. Shall send you all I can pick up by bag for the next Bulletin.

7. The weather and roads in this area are very bad just now, which makes it doubly difficult for me with my transport laid up. People are just not travelling around as much as I feel I should do after being away from this side so long.

T. L. Bullock 4787

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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Tools missing from British Jeep 4922550 (Willys)

Jack

Jack handle Wheel brace as jack handle

Tire repair outfit

Valve extractor

This vehicle cannot operate in forward areas without these tools.

Major
DDPR AC/AMG
In the Field

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Tools missing from British Jeep 4922550 (Willys)

Jack

Jack handle

Tire repair outfit

Valve extractor

This vehicle cannot operate in forward areas without these tools.

Major
DMFR AC/AMG
In the Field

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Main Press Camp, Eighth Army
18 December 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Jeep

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. There is a daily courier service between AFHQ PR and this Camp and the tire and tools for which I asked in my first letter today might come up that way, if there is room in the vehicle.

2. If, when the items are ready to come, you can check with Major Locke and if he can get them through direct to me here, it will save Jackson a risky trip over the mountains on extremely bad roads.

3. Please send me a signal when these replacements are ready to send, telling me where and when they will be delivered.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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Press Camp, Eighth Army Main
18 December 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Sitreps - Bologna

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. Col. Montfort feels that I ought to get out frequent Sitreps from Bologna as I did from Florence as soon as the city falls. It has been said at AAI that the only satisfactory sitreps received from Florence were the AMG ones. That being so, the Civil Affairs Section feels it is good business for us to do it again.

2. I tried to see General Hume on my way to Eighth Army yesterday, but he was out with some photographers and could not be located. I left him a note asking him if he agreed with Col. Montfort's suggestion and saying that, if he did, it was absolutely vital that I move into Bologna with the very first AMG elements, that I be kept fully in the picture at all times after we entered the town, that Army communications be made available to me for sending out the Sitreps, and that I be called back to Florence from here in time to arrive at least 24 hours before our first people went in in order that I can check all arrangements.

3. I also asked that at least six rooms be set aside for correspondents in the AMG hotel in Bologna from the very first hours.

4. It might be well if you cleared with Brigadier Lush on these plans. I cannot do Sitreps properly, as my experience in Florence showed, unless General Hume is able to meet these conditions. And I should not send them, of course, without Brigadier Lush's approval.

5. Will you, while you are discussing this with him, tell him what a desperate position I am in with respect to staff and transport.

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I agree provided CAO & Army AMG has no objection

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File 63.

Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel : Filpot 56
10 December 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/3

SUBJECT : Public Relations Fifth Army AMG

TO : Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. Realizing that I am powerless to assist AMG Fifth Army in their Public Relations work with the staff and equipment I have, I discussed the situation this week with General Hume and Lt.-Col. Michie. We have come to the conclusion that AMG Fifth Army must look elsewhere for news coverage of its activities.

2. By arrangement, therefore, with Col. Grogan and PWB's UNNS, Lt.-Col. Michie has set up his own Public Relations division in Florence. The Florence Executive Officer and General Hume's ADC will co-operate.

3. Since our Branch has nothing to offer in the way of help, I feel we have nothing to offer, either, in the way of criticism. I have, therefore, given the arrangement my blessing and shall co-operate as much as I can to make it a success.

4. AMG Fifth Army in the Field is still unprotected, of course. And I have had to make it clear that if Bologna falls in the near future, as it may, the assistance I can give then will depend upon what transport, if any, I have at my disposal by that time and what my obligations may be elsewhere.

5. I am going to AMG Eighth Army tomorrow and shall return to my office on Thursday, by which time I hope to have some definite information about what you propose to do to implement the WE/TO laid down for the Field staff of our Branch.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR AC/AMG
In the Field

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH.

63/PRB 12 December '44

Dear

Thank you for your letter of December 10. It is the authentic Bullock and I sympathise since I am apt to write such letters myself. I have also learnt by experience that they frequently defeat their own object. Nobody is "trying to make a fool of you", and such a phrase discounts the value of your other accusations; but I will try to answer them as fully as I can.

First, as regards the set-up. The proposal for three officers in the Field was made contingent on an advance which would greatly increase our activities and coverage. The operational stalemate changed the picture, and, in view of the general manpower situation, the lack of transport, and the lull in activity, I should not, until these matters change, feel that the employment of three officers in forward areas was worth while. Nevertheless, as I have told you, you can have your pick of Atkinson, Braydon or Owen.

The transport situation is such that there is no hope whatever of getting three cars for three officers. All AC cars are now pooled and even so there is acute shortage. I have heard the whole case discussed in detail on several occasions at the Chief of Staff's Meetings, and you must take it from me that at present transport is not available in sufficient quantity to give each officer a car. Without cars they would be, on your own admission, almost useless.

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The manpower question is equally difficult. You can scarcely suppose that I do not agree with you, and perhaps with rather more reason, that we have "too

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much dead wood on our staff". You do not however seem to realise that it has always been very much in my own interest, and I have fought increasingly, to change that. But the men we need have not been, and are not, available. Ellison, I think, will join us before long, because I have fought that case for six months and eventually persuaded AFHQ to weigh in.

When you are thinking these things over, remember that it is I who have had to cope with these problems, both in the matter of trying to get better staff and to use what we had, while you have merely rejected what you didn't like. Remember also that we have had, and have, to keep constant services going while you have, sometimes over periods of weeks, left us without a word.

Your jeep went in for repairs at a moment when the whole AC transport had been thrown into the pool, and 70% of it, I understand, needed urgent repair. We produced another jeep for you. And when that broke down, Owen did his best to get the second to you as quickly as possible; but it had to await its turn. You had priority, in this matter, over everyone else in the Branch: yet you can only say "someone is trying to make a fool of you".

You are very welcome to go to the Chief Commissioner if you wish, and as far as I am concerned you are welcome to the thankless task of trying to run this Branch with far too few experienced and able people! But that it is a thankless task is not, you will perhaps some day understand, my fault.

Everybody is having a worrying time just now and I invite you to consider that the worries are not all yours.

Yours

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Major T.L. Bullock
Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, C.M.F.

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, C.M.F.
Tel : Filpot 56
10 December 1944

Dear Lionel.

The way I have been treated this week in the matter of my transport has forced me to the conclusion that the Public Relations Branch, or somebody in it, is trying to make a fool of me. I am appealing to you once more to make a genuine attempt to reorganize our Branch and bring it up to the strength in Rome and in the Field authorized in our WE/TO, before I apply for an interview with the Chief Commissioner to ask for a change of assignment.

I have made several trips to Rome, and have lost much time there, attempting in good faith to secure a workable implementation of the set-up which Brigadier Lush has approved as a minimum for carrying on my work. I have had pleasant assurances of good-will and co-operation. I am also much worse off than I have ever been.

On Wednesday I sent Jackson to Rome to find out what was going on at workshops. Capt Owen had given me various vague and conflicting assurances and I was not satisfied. I learn from Jackson that the jeep was on the "stock" list and had not been touched for three days. Capt Owen had told me he had pursued the matter himself and it was listed as an urgent job.

You have too much dead wood on your staff. There is no use kidding ourselves that we can cover Public Relations for the Commission with seven officers when only four of them are doing public relations work. Keeping you Embassy going for the convenience of three or four correspondents who could surely have been put up in one of the eleven hotels which Col. Clough tells me AC is operating in Rome has obviously become one of the major activities of the Branch. I challenge the value of that mess if it means the Field must remain uncovered.

Our establishment calls for seven officers, three of them in the Field. There are still six at HQ and I am alone. Your secretary has informed me that Cash will not be commissioned. Other officers you have been "hoping" for months to get have not materialized.

It is time the problems of this Branch were taken up seriously on a high level and adjusted one way or the other. If you will not do it, as Director, I am going to do it as one of your Deputies in the form of an application for change of assignment.

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No use my running down to Rome again until I go to see the Chief Commissioner. Your reply to this letter, not in words but in flesh-and-blood help I can use, will determine when I go and what I do when I get there.

Yours Sincerely,

Major Lionel Fielden
Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel : Filpot 56
16 November 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/8

SUBJECT : Weekly Bulletin

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. I am writing this letter rather than communicating its contents verbally so that it may form a part of the records of our Branch.

2. Over and over again officers in the Field have told me that the Bulletin is indispensable to them. They say that it is their only source of information concerning what goes on at Headquarters and in other parts of Italy.

3. One senior officer told me today that while he was in Rome he did not think much of it because his information was often more complete, up-to-date and accurate than the Bulletin's. In the Field, however, he found it of the greatest value and is prepared to say so officially and strongly at any time.

4. You know that I opposed the Bulletin for a long time on the ground that it was not a job for us but for the Information Branch, and that since we were under strength to do our own work properly we ought to get rid of it. Now that Information is a part of PR it becomes one of our important activities.

5. Some Corps SCAOs and IOs are still not receiving the Bulletin. All I have spoken to want it. Will you have the lists checked again to make sure it is reaching all who are entitled to it?

(0 copies so to 5th Army)

6. "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents" is also very interesting to our officers. I think its distribution ought to be expanded if we have the machinery for getting it out.

(6 to 13 Corps.)

7. You are not unaware that AMG personnel in the Field have no great regard for Allied Commission activities. This feeling in our organisation, I regret to say, seems much stronger than the usual military rivalry between HQ and forward formations. Much of it stems from lack of information and difficulties of communication. This Section has been established to help bridge that gap.

8. If our branch can keep Field personnel more fully informed of what is going on in all parts of the organization it should help to build up a greater spirit of unity and of loyalty all 'round. To a certain extent, the bad press we get in Allied countries stems from the freedom with which Field personnel express their contempt for the Commission. Correspondents pick this up and it colours their copy.

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9. I am convinced that our own internal "Public Relations" should be persistently and effectively intensified. But this cannot be done as long as we are crippled in our work by lack of staff, lack of support and lack of information. No good going back over the history of our Branch since ACC was first formed. We all know it only too well. Surely no part of the Commission has laboured under greater difficulties or has had its requirements more persistently ignored. The position in forward areas has become completely hopeless, and I know your situation in the Branch at Headquarters is not much better.

10. All our own HQ personnel should be able to get out into the Field on rotation. Field personnel should be able to get back to Headquarters to keep in touch. As we are now, every one of us is frozen in his own corner for lack of staff, transport and machinery to do his own job decently. Public Relations - Information is the window through which the Commission is viewed by the outside world and by its own forward personnel. Folks looking through a clouded window are bound to get a dim view.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (field)

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel : Filpot 56
9 November 1944.

Ref : FRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Italian War Correspondents

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. You will remember that when I received your letter of 2 November 1944 informing me that three Italian correspondents were to come into the Fifth Army area on 3 November 1944, I phoned and asked whether I should not advise Col. Grogan that they were on their way.

2. Your instructions were that your letter was for my information only, and that arrangements with Col. Grogan would be in Col. Astley's hands.

3. There has been some trouble about these fellows. Maj. Mydans phoned me this afternoon for Col. Mayne asking me to get up to AMG Fifth Army as soon as possible tomorrow to go over the whole situation which has been referred to them by Col. Grogan.

4. Apparently, from what Mydans tells me, you gave some message to Atkinson about these fellows which he forgot to deliver. Atkinson, by the way, returned to AMG Fifth Army only yesterday after an absence of nearly a week. He did not report to me on the way back, though he had to pass through here.

5. No use your having a Deputy in the Field if people are going to short-cut him and carry messages into his territory that he doesn't know about. What goes on? I want to know.

6. I am in no way responsible for these three fellows and intend to make that quite clear.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

63/2/ PRB

November 8th, 1944

SUBJECT : Italian correspondents

TO : Major T.L. Bullock, DDPR (Field)

Your letter of November 1st.

1. I agree : it should NOT have been headed "Italian War Correspondents."

2. I attach another copy, also a list of correspondents to whom green cards have been issued since the latter was written.

3. I discussed with Security some time ago the advisability of sending specimen green cards around but it does not seem to work that way. No one can really check authenticity in that way : forgeries are always possible. But as our cards carry a photograph and two signatures they ought to be fairly foolproof.

(SGD) 4775

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Public Relations Pers.
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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
1 November 1944

REF : PRB/RG3/2

SUBJECT : Italian Correspondents

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission

1. Enclosed please find my copy of the letter you sent Col. Grogan 6 Oct 44. I wonder if it wasn't a slip of the pen heading it "Italian War Correspondents".

2. I should have another copy to replace this one, not only because it is such an informative letter but also because it holds a list of the correspondents you have screened.

3. I am wondering, also, if the Intelligence people should not be supplied with "Specimen" copies of your green card so that they can check the authenticity of the credentials carried by the correspondents. That is a matter of machinery on which I have no doubt you can check in Rome.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR AC/AMG
In the Field

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armied in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
2 November 1944

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Ref : PRO/R63/2

SUBJECT : Routine problems

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission.

1. I have been ordered off the road for a week and am to undergo daily massage and other treatment. Lumbago, starting between the shoulder blades about a fortnight ago, came out suddenly this morning in the region of the kidneys. Have been feeling utterly rotten nearly a month, in fact, but hoped to work it off on the job in the old infantry tradition. This may account in fact for obvious grouchiness and slowing up in my work. Hateful business at this stage.

2. An unpleasant snag in the Cash commissioning affair cropped up yesterday. He must do a month's training before putting up his pips. That means that I cannot have him for AMG Eighth Army before mid-December, since he will stay in PRB until 15 November. Tried to reach you by phone yesterday but failed and lines are out today. AAI also wants a statement, from Rome (a) giving the number of the Allied Commission War Establishment and saying there is room on that establishment for a Lieutenant. At the same time, however, the application is to be completed here. These are all developments since yesterday. Lt.-Col. Friend-James was told by A-3 last week that the coast was completely clear. Will you talk it over with Cash and find out what he wants me to do. I think I should go ahead, but if I cannot travel down to Rome for at least a week we'll have to settle the case by phone.

3. Atkinson blew in yesterday around 1030 hours without letting me know he was coming. Wanted me to send the AMG Fifth Army history through to Rome, though I have told him over and over the channel is the Red Bag from PR Fifth Army. I wigged him a bit about failing to deliver the letter on Italian correspondents to Col. Grogan. He first denied ever having had it, then suddenly remembered and went more scatter-brained than ever. Dashed out of my office to see if he could find a courier going to Rome, though I told him again his only safe bet was to go up to the Press Camp and connect with the bag. I didn't see him again, but when I got in from lunch found a note on my desk slugged 1245 hrs, telling me he had gone on to Rome with the history, and might drop in to see me on his way back "in a day or two".

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This in spite of the fact that he had just told me he was going back forward to gather and write copy for the Bulletin as soon as he had got the History on its way, and would move to the Press Camp today.

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T.L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, GMT
Tel ; Pilpot 56
2 November 1944

Ref : PRB/R63/3

SUBJECT : Report for Bulletin

TO : Public Relations Director
Allied Commission.

1. Difficult conditions are anticipated this winter in the shaggy country east of Route 65 between Florence and Bologna, where an AMG Eighth Army Corps team is operating under AMG Fifth Army command. Lt.-Col. Donald Smith, the Corps AMG LO who handled the Cassino area last May and June, says that about 50 per cent of the crop will be salvaged. The peasants cut and stacked their grain but left it unthreshed until after the Germans pulled out so it would not be carried away, by which time about half had gone bad. Milling, however, will be no problem since there are many water mills in the area and water these days is in anything but short supply. Health is quite good, with a few cases of typhoid. The steep valleys fill with snow in winter and communication is difficult. Emergency mule and jeep tracks across the mountains in an easterly direction from Route 65 have already been surveyed. Battle damage varies from "not bad" to "almost like Cassino". In Firenzoula not a single building remains more than half standing and the communal administration has been moved to nearby Cornacchiaia (normal population about 8000). S. Godenzo is also flat and its communal administration is operating from Sambavello. Marradi and Palazzuolo are in fairly good shape though there, as practically everywhere else north of Lake Trasimeno, the Germans have blown all buildings along main roads into the highways to block the Allied advance - a wanton procedure since the Allied bulldozers generally have the roads open again in less than two hours. Col. Smith is living under canvas, knee-deep in mud and suffering from an attack of partisan trouble. Gangs of idle men wearing red neckerchiefs are raising food and money from the people on a large scale. Major Russell, administering the commune of Dicomano, reports that the partisans there are threatening to "take care of" 64 citizens whom they call fascists once AMG has pulled out. The story is that four are to be shot, several of the remaining sixty badly beaten up and the rest "made to keep quiet". Two bands of partisans have come down into Col. Smith's area from behind the German lines for no apparent reason except to live off the people and get away from the combat zone. The gangs numbered 152 and 160, respectively, when they arrived. All are armed, cocky, exigent. The second half of their brigade was to come also, they say, but the guide was shot by the Germans.

2. A fur merchant in Arezzo sold a coat the other day for 20,000 lire in 500 lire notes raised from Allied Military fifties. The fraud was not detected until several days later, when he went to the bank to deposit funds. Yet the forgeries were very crude, the blue background having been roughly daubed with green ink. Army field cashiers say nobody familiar with Allied Military currency could have been deceived.

3. The play, "A Bell for Adano" opened on Broadway in New York on Monday night. Lt.-Col. Toscani, the Major Joppolo of the book on which the play is based, is shrinking from considerable spotlight at headquarters of AMG Fifth Army. Mrs. Toscani is sick of the whole thing. She is having to receive shoals of press people asking all sorts of questions. The colonel's jeep, however, still jauntily advertises the book in lettering which is anything but reticent.

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Major
DDPR (Field)

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
27 October 1944

PRB/R63/2

SUBJECT : Story of AMG Eighth Army

TO : DPR - ACC

1. Enclosed you will find the AMG Eighth Army story for which you asked. I have shot wide of a list of dates, names and places because I consider the organisation is unique and a bald recital of the usual guff would do justice neither to its peculiarly practical nature nor to the personality of its leader.

2. The Group Captain has not seen this yet. I am sending him a copy today with the request that he bring it to the Forward Conference next Wednesday with his remarks. I shall phone through any changes to your office the day after the conference, and then mail down a revised copy if revisions are needed.

3. The AMG Fifth Army history has been promised me for the morning of Wednesday 1 Oct 44 and I am riding herd hard on it.

4. Atkinson landed in my room after ten o'clock last night in the pouring rain to ask me how to get his PRB/R35/512 down to Rome. I had instructed him to use the PR Bag, and I notice in his covering letter he said he was doing so. But at the last moment he got a whim and dashed down here instead. I am escorting him back to his HQ this morning and am going to try to make him understand that he must show far more judgment and initiative than I have found in him so far.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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(43) PRB 1313

Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
22 October 1944

SUBJECT: CLIPPINGS AND PUBLIC OPINION DIGESTS

TO : PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH - ACC

1. When you put me on your mailing list for Trend of Correspondents' copy after receiving my letter of 14 Sep 44, you also sent me one lot of photostats of magazine and newspaper clippings and a copy of the 14 Sep 44 issue of "CIVIL AFFAIRS IN OCCUPIED AND LIBERATED TERRITORY" published by the War Department in Washington.

2. If you get more than one copy of the photostats and digests, how would you like to send the extra copies to me so that I may keep scrap-books to be shown to SCAOs and Regional Commissioners when they visit this HQ? I should like to see them myself as well.

3. If you have no extra copies, it might be a good idea to remind officers in the Bulletin that you have them on file in the Branch in Rome and that they may be seen at any time there or in the Information Branch, as the case may be.

HEADQUARTERS
24 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR

No further action
Spoke to Bullock 30 Oct. Photostats
sent by mistake. He will return them

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
22 October 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Correspondents in Army Area

TO : Director
Public Relations Branch
HQ ACC

1. DCCAO has asked me to bring up the subject of Italian correspondents in Army areas at the next meeting of SCAOs and RCs. When it has been fully discussed there he will decide how far he wants to go in pressing AAI for a ruling.

2. I have asked O.C., PWB Eighth Army, if he will review his decision that Committee of Liberation newspapers will NOT be authorized in areas under his control and have requested that he agree to my issuing the 18 August 44 memorandum on Newspaper Authorizations which Lt.-Col. Munro signed for distribution to all CAOs. I hope to have his answer in writing before the meeting. DCCAO is all for the Italian press being as free as possible as early as possible.

3. While I am prepared to put your case as clearly and as strongly as I can before the SCAOs and RCs, you might like to come up and say your own piece.

HEADQUARTERS
24 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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P.R.B (1) R63

Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
24 October 1944

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SUBJECT : Next Forward Conference

TO : Public Relations Director, ACC

1. Copy is attached of a letter sent to Brig Lush today.

2. I met the FWB AAI people this morning and am to have another Conference with them on Thursday morning. Their problems are very much like mine in forward Regions - the Army combat teams are busy far forward, Rome is a long way behind, personnel and equipment are desperately short. The position in the intermediate areas with regard to newspapers and cinema, and to a lesser degree radio, is chaotic in the extreme. They and I think we can be very useful to each other, especially if the AMG people are aware of the nature and extent of the problems.

3. I have written you already about the AFB directive.

4. It ought to be an interesting meeting for you to attend, if you can get away from Rome for it.

5. Am going to Florence this afternoon to check up on things at AMG Fifth Army, returning here tomorrow afternoon. If Ravenna falls in the next few days it will be just too bad as I have nobody over there to cover it and do not see how I can clean up the things I am finding here, get over there, and return in time for the 1 Nov Conference barring a miracle. Be a good fellow and keep after that Eighth Army man for me.

HEADQUARTERS
25 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
24 October 1944

R.T : 512/G5/100

SUBJECT : Forward Conference

TO : G of S, ACC

1. Major Fielden, Public Relations Director, is anxious that duly vetted Italian newspaper men should be allowed in Army and forward areas. PCOAO and CMFA have discussed the question and it is the desire of PCOAO that it should be studied briefly at the next Forward Conference before any representations are made to Gen (b) AAI.

2. PCOAO have asked PCOA to assist in obtaining clarification of the situation with respect to newspapers, cinema and radio in such "intermediate" communities as SICILY and PUGLIA.

3. Fifth Eighth Army are expected to communicate to PCOA, before the Conference, their views on an Allied Publications Board ruling issued in August 1944 requesting that CMFA authorize Committees of Liberation to publish their own newspapers in areas still under Fifth Eighth Army jurisdiction.

4. It is requested that these items, perhaps under the general designation of Public Relations in Forward Areas, be inserted in the Agenda for the 1 Nov 44 Conference.

for Colonel
D.C.C.A.O.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED COMMISSION

PRB/R83 27 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Correspondence of 26 October, 1944.

TO : Major T.F. Bullock, DDPR (Field).

1. Your letters of 26 October would be more welcome if they were (a) shorter and (b) less abusive.

2. Transport. You say that a motorcycle will not do for Atkinson. My comments were based only on his own assertion that it was sufficient for him. At the moment you have from us one PU and one jeep for yourself and Atkinson: if and when you get another officer we will consider additional transport. Such is the shortage of cars here, however, that it is likely that all cars will shortly be pooled.

3. PWB. It would be very pleasant if you now gave up the legend that we are in a perpetual state of quarrelling with PWB here. This now constant assertion on your part does little good to anyone. My own work in Rome has brought me into constant touch with Colonel Munro, Edman and Miniffie, and I cannot recollect any quarrel of any kind since we got here. I see a good deal of them, and on the complex subjects of press, radio, news agencies and films we have been and are in agreement. When I say that "the PWB is not eternal" I do not imply anything against PWB, but only that, in the normal course of things as the Italian government takes over, we have to work more and more through Italian agencies and correspondents: and - a most important point - that you may sometimes make better use of stories by working through Italian channels than you can hope to do by working through an agency which, for good or bad, is known as a propagandist agency. I attempted, when writing to you, to suggest this so that you could make a gradual differentiation in the treatment of your material. 4766

4. A.C. News. You have now been in the field for some five months. During that time you have given us a few absolutely first class stories, but the amount of stuff coming to us from AMG armies through you has been painfully scanty compared with what we have had from Regions. I make this point only because as DPR for ACC I have got to look at the whole picture, and I question whether, on the showing of the past or even the promise of the future, it is necessary for me to accept your assumption that two thirds of our transport and half our staff should be given to you. AMG work with the armies has sometimes a hot news value and always a potentially dramatic news value but it is not necessarily more important than riots in Palermo or grain amassing in Foggia, from the point of view of an ACC PRO. By "fathering its own news" I

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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P.R.R. 1578
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Civil Affairs Branch
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
26 October 1944

Ref : PRB/263/2

SUBJECT : Trip to Rome

TO : DPR - ACC

1. Your phone message came while I was at AAI Adv in conference with the PWB people. I received in on my return.

2. Shall arrive in Rome on Sunday afternoon and plan to leave again for Siena at nine o'clock Tuesday morning. While I am there I should like to see Mr. Caccia as well as you to find out if I may be informed through some channel we can devise of any jobs PWB may be doing for him in my area which are not purely political or intelligence work. The PWB people here share my feeling that I ought to be in the picture so that when AMG folks question any PWB activity they do not understand I can vouch for its being authorized by our own people.

3. After discussing matters with Col Montfort tonight, I am going up to Florence tomorrow to see Atkinson, the AFHQ PR people, PWB Combat team, General Hume and anybody else I may run across who fits into the picture. I shall come back here Saturday night, spend part of Sunday morning in my office, and leave here for Rome at 1100 hrs Sunday.

4. I believe that the things which are most on my mind just now have been fairly well put before you by letter or by phone. I hope that in whatever time you can spare, Sunday night and Monday, we can reach agreement on the job to be done here and, in a general way, on the methods to be followed. Apparently there must be differences between your policy in Rome and mine in forward areas, especially with respect to PWB and Italian journalists, but as long as we can find where the line lies and keep it clean, I see no unsurmountable difficulties.

5. We must certainly agree on what is to be laid before the SCAOs and Regional Commissioners and then not change our minds except for very serious reasons and after the fullest consultation and agreement. It is apparent to me that both your office and mine must have full knowledge of everything important which is done or planned in the other place.

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T. L. BUILOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

27 OCT 1944

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Section

Civil Affairs ~~Branch~~
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
25 October 1944.

Ref : PRB/T36

SUBJECT : Organization in the Field

TO : DPR - ACC

1. Reference your letter of 20 October 1944.

2. Thank you for the file numbers for which I asked.

3. I don't know Maloney, merely passed on the suggestion.

4. One of these days, preferably very soon, I want a frank talk with you about PWB. It seems to me there is altogether too much friction in Rome between that organization and our Branch and I think you are entitled to know that I do not blame PWB for all of it. Our relations with them since March have been deplorable down there. If the PWB personnel does not really know the ACC/AMG set-up is it entirely the fault of PWB?

5. Of course PWB is not eternal. Neither, I hope, is ACC PRB. What you say about a strong movement to "break" PWB is interesting, but it is still only a "movement". In the meanwhile, PWB exists, is powerful, has staff and equipment, is by no means made up only of fools and knaves. My job, as I see it, is to work with them, not against them.

6. I had one conference yesterday with PWB AAI and am having another tomorrow. Our problems are similar up here and our views coincide on many points. Where they do not, we compromise.

7. ACC PRO could father its own news if it had the staff and equipment to do so. But that would entail setting up a sort of cross between AFHQ PR and PWB. If you think you can get it, hop to it and I'll be a much happier man than I am now. But I am not amused when I receive two letters from you on the same day, one saying "ACC should father its own news" and the other telling me I can cover all Northern Italy with one jeep, one F.U., one motorcycle and one man. Up in the part of the world where I live, PWB and AFHQ PR have personnel and equipment which they are decent enough to offer us the use of. They are prepared to overlook the tension and squabbling that goes on in Rome between you and their Headquarters, as I am. We are useful to one another and it is my intention to go on working with them on this level as closely and as agreeably as I did in Eighth Army. Granted, PWB is not perfect. Good God! Are we?

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T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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Civil Affairs Section
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
25 October 1944

DPR & ACC:-

Here is a copy of a letter I received this morning. Please note the last paragraph:

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
MAIN HQ, EIGHTH ARMY

B/1
of
23 OCT 44

To: D.D.P.R.
ACC/AMG
Civil Affairs Section
HQ, AAI

SUBJECT: Basic News

1. It is noted that you will no longer be requiring copies of Basic News to be sent to you. However, we will continue to send you copies of all Italian language papers produced by us or under our auspices.

2. I hope you will let us know as soon as you have found a suitable P.W.B. for EIGHTH Army as I would like us to work as closely with him as we always have with you.

C. BEAUCLERCK
Major
O.C., PWB EIGHTH ARMY

IN THE FIELD
T.C."

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R63

Civil Affairs ~~Branch~~
Main HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Filpot 56
25 October 1944

Ref : PRB/R63

SUBJECT : TRANSPORT

TO : DPR ACC

1. The matter of transport in the Field is not a question of how many vehicles are north of Rome to cover all Italy compared with the number you have in Rome where there are both tram and taxi services, it is a question of whether our personnel up here have the one tool they need with to do their work or whether they are marooned in one spot while the job is all over the place.

2. I don't know how much experience you have had with motorcycles, but I have had plenty and I say Atkinson can't do his job properly on one. It is all right for short distances in fair weather, but up in the forward lines, where I have instructed him to spend most of his time, and especially for taking correspondents around, the suggestion that it is a proper vehicle for him is simply ridiculous. We have to go over roads where it is all a jeep can do to get through with the four-wheel drive and lowest gear connected. There are times and places, especially in wet weather and particularly in the vicinity of newly captured towns, where neither a motor-cycle nor a P.U. will do. The fighting troops have ceased trying to use motor-cycles where messages must get through. And I will not ask him to invite correspondents to ride on the back of a bike.

3. A command car has four-wheel drive and if we can find our machine I think on a pinch it might serve at Eighth Army because there are officers there who would be glad to swap the use of it for the use of a jeep when our man on that front has to go into places where the command car couldn't get through.

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4. The P.U., as far as the field is concerned, is not practical. I tried one last May, as you may remember, in dry weather around Cassino, and had to give it up. Brig Lush agreed then that a jeep was the only thing.

5. I am not trying to be sticky about this, and I am willing to do my best with a P.U. if my men forward have jeeps so that I can hitch-hike with them in their areas. Normally I can get as far forward as the Rear Army HQs in the P.U. and can always be met there by the PRO in case of heavy mud.

6. We thought, sitting in your office in Rome, that I might give my P.U. to my Eighth Army man when we get him. In setting up this job, however, I realize I must be on the road practically the whole time and so I must have transport of my own. After two winters on a motor-cycle in Britain I am not prepared to take Atkinson's over for my own use, even on the best roads in the world. And I can't get around properly from this HQ if I must beg rides across the length and breadth of Northern Italy.

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7. Col. Montfort wants me to be highly mobile and to keep moving. He sees, as I do, that the job of Public Relations in Army and Forward Regions has never been done properly. It is high time that it was. Not only the PROs at Army levels but the CAOs in their dealing with local press and cinema are likely to make mistakes because they have never had anybody up here to whom they could turn. Some pretty serious things have happened already, as I have learned to my dismay in the last few days. You have enough to do and enough to worry about in Rome without the trouble you are in for unless the situation in the Field is straightened away. It is my desire to do a job up here, not to sit in one place waiting for things to go sour and then correcting them from a distance. What needs to be done is growing clearer every day.

8. On the question of transport, which is of vital urgency, I know the difficulties. All Branches of ACC are desperately short here as well as in Rome. I am not demanding that you do the impossible, I am merely asking you to do your very best and trying to explain what is going to happen if I don't get bare essentials. If, when I have tried to make my case, the answer is still "No", I have at least the satisfaction of knowing that I have done all I could to make the picture clear and the responsibility for my failure to get tools does not rest with me.

9. Will you please keep on trying? Will you please, also, take a realistic look at the work being done by the jeep your Branch has now in Rome and ask yourself if it might not be better employed in a forward area?

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR (Field)

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R63 22 October 1944

SUBJECT : Transport

TO : Major T.H. Bullock DDPR (Field)

1. Your letter of October 20 regarding transport.

2. The jeep has gone to Atkinson who tells me that he already has a motor-cycle. You have the P.U.

3. Compared with us, therefore, you are doing pretty well : I don't see any hope of giving you more. I have made repeated enquiries after Fletcher's car and I cannot trace it. Gen and typing!

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Civil Affairs Section
HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Philpot 56

20 October 1944

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION

TO : DPR - ACC

1. We are going to have to find transportation for our PRO at AMG Eighth Army whether we like it or not. I can't depend on hitch-hiking to get around.

2. When I was in Rome at the end of August, I was informed that the American Command Car which Fletcher's crowd used was still on charge to our branch.

3. I think Howard Owen should get on the track of that car and get it back for us. I never saw Fletcher after I left for Eighth Army, but if it can be ascertained where he worked from it might be possible to find that vehicle for which our Branch is responsible.

T. I. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR

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Capt Howard Owen.
Bullock is quite right — who's about
we get Fletchers car back? I
have checked here & shipped several
times about this - I think I
should get on to the track, with
the relevant papers.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRAN .
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R63 22 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Organization in the field.

TO : Major T.L.Bullock., DDPR (Field).

1. Reference your letter of October 20.

2. File numbers for papers concerning PR Field activities are as follows:

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PRB/R35	5th Army AMG
PRB/R36	8th Army AMG

3. Do not, please, even think again of Capt. Maloney.

4. I am a good deal concerned about Margolin's activities and anything similar. Some time ago, and with very considerable trouble, we tied up an arrangement with AFHQ PRO by which 3 Italian war correspondents were to be accredited to the Italian army. 1 to the Italian Air Force and 1 to the Italian navy. Rules were laid down for their nomination and the channellings of their copy through the censorship. In the case of the Army correspondents, the papers represented are Avanti, Unita, Il Popolo and Risorgimento Liberale: other papers do not want a war correspondent. The three correspondents are working more or less on a shoestring, since AFHQ insists that their "administration" be in the hands of the Italian army. We want to give them every opportunity, however, of doing their job. If the PWB, with all its resources and the monopoly of the UNN agency, now steps in and scoops priority on the Italian army, the correspondents will naturally feel pretty sick about it. Admittedly this is a complicated business because we do want publicity for the Italian armed forces and so does AAI: but I think PWB should give Italian correspondents a chance.

5. I see nothing against your suggestions about stories from Region VIII. In all dealings with U.N.N or Basic News I think you should remember two things (1) PWB is not eternal and there is now a strong movement to replace UNN and Basic News (in Liberated Territory) by an Italian News Agency operating in conjunction with services such as UP AP Reuters etc (2) the ACC should as far as is possible and convenient, father its own news: when PWB starts acting as ACC PR we are apt to get inaccuracies and misstatements simply because the PWB personnel does not really know the ACC/AMG set-up.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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Civil Affairs Section
HQ Allied Armies in Italy CMF
Tel: Philpot 56

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION IN THE FIELD 20 October 1944

TO : DPR - ACC

1. As I informed S/Sgt Cash by telephone this morning, I have set up a base of operations in the Civil Affairs Section, AAI.

2. My telephone number is PHILPOT 56. I shall be sharing an office with Major J.E. Dufour of Displaced Persons and Repatriation. He has a clerk who will be here all the time, even when we are both on the road, so you can telephone messages through to me at any time.

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3. So that our files may be coordinated, will you assign me a PRB number to cover everything emanating from my office, also a PRB number for AMG Fifth Army and another for AMG Eighth Army. This will help to keep your own files and the archives straight when I turn in stuff for the permanent record out of my own files. I think one number for each formation will do. We can then subdivide on the decimal system.

4. I arrived here from Eighth Army Main yesterday afternoon with Mr. Leo Margolin of PWB who had come over there to cover the war effort of the Italian Army in Eighth Army Area. He tells me that PWB in ROME have an ACC officer on attachment to them who might be just the man to cover AMG Eighth Army for us, Capt MALONEY. The Group Captain thinks he would like an American PRO and from what Margolin tells me he might be a good man for the job - not particularly sensational, but hard-working and conscientious. If we can whistle him back into ACC I shall be quite content, unless, of course, the Canadians will loosen up on Capt. Arnoldi, whom I should prefer.

5. Nice things about the Bulletin continue to be said.

6. There seem to be a number of stories in Region VIII which have never been covered. If you agree, I plan to work on them in two ways: I shall cover as many as I can myself, and I shall ask PWB in Florence to look after the rest. They seem eager to help in this way and I see no reason why their machinery should not be used. It will become largely a matter of calling the attention of correspondents to Basic News in the case of stories covered by PWB. If you have any objection to this plan, either on the ground that PWB Basic News is not the proper agency for the job, or because the correspondents will not use material from that source, will you let me know as soon as possible.

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7. When both my PROs at Eighth and Fifth Armies get moving, I shall cover Regions with still greater concentration. While there is a lot of colourful spot news in Armies, the really constructive work gets going only after Armies move forward.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/P&S 21 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Abbreviations

TO : Chief of Staff.

Major Bullock sends me a complaint that Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C arrives at the Army in a car marked D.P. He feels strongly that these are his initials - incidentally of course they belong to all Public Relations. Is there no copyright in initials. Anyway we got those last before Displaced Persons & Repatriation, who are mere parvenus in the Initial field. They should think of something else.

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Copy to: Colonel G.S. Findlay
Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C

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Civil Affairs Section
HQ Allied Armies in Italy, CMF
Tel: Philpot 56

20 October 1944

SUBJECT: ABBREVIATIONS

TO : DPR - ACC

1. A Displaced Persons and Repatriation car came to AMG Eighth Army Main this week with the initials DPR painted on its left front wing in the ACC sign.

2. Apart from anything Col. Astley might say if he saw one of those vehicles, it seems to me that the choice of initials to designate that Branch is confusing. Frankly, when I first saw the car I thought you had blown in.

3. How would you like to talk to Col. Findlay about it?

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR

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SUBJECT : Telephone Information.

Civil Affairs section,
HQ Allied Armies in Italy.

Ref : AFHQ 432

AAI0/7/3.2

19 October 44.

TO : Adjutant, HQ AAI.

1 Copy of letter to "A" Branch (reference AAI0/7/3.2 of 19 Oct 44) is attached.

2 Will you please have these particulars inserted in the Daily Bulletin.

Lt Col, Chief Staff Officer,
for DCOAS.

Copy to: Col Nelson W.Monfort, DCOAS.
Col C.B.Findley HQ AAI.
Major Lionel Fielden, PRO, HQ AAI.

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SECRET : [illegible]

Civil Affairs Section,
(E) Allied Armies in Italy.

Tel: [illegible] 132

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19 October 44.

20 : [illegible] Retards.

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1 Will you please insert two additions to the officers in Civil Affairs Section as follows:-

Major J.B.[illegible] Ext : 56
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

Major T.L.[illegible] Ext : 56
Public Relations Branch.

2 Please also note the following amendment:-

Captain W.L.[illegible] Transportation Sub-Commission to be 6753 ?
Extension 57 vice 56.

(Sgd) [illegible]

Lt Col, Chief Staff Officer,
for DCAO.

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RESTRICTED YOUR ABLE ONE NINE ONE ZERO NINE RECEIVED EIGHT OCTOBER PAREN TO EIGHT ARMY REAR FROM ACC HQ FROM BULLOCK SIGNER STONE PAREN PRIVATE GUAY TAKEN BY ME TO NUMBER TWO CDN NETD SAME DAY

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SIGNAL MESSAGE OUT

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FROM: Rear EIGHTARMY

TO : Maj BULLOCK Eighth Army Press Camp

A 19109 expedite reply my R 19109 A of 28 sep ref home posting pte GUAY

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R 63

23 Sept, 1944

Maj. Bullock

1. Best thanks for your excellent report on San Marino, which was read by all here with great interest. The Political Section felt scandalized that the information had not reached them and AFHQ first! The Brigadier, I think, wired it all to Caserta.

2. There is a forward ACC meeting at Siena on Wednesday at 11 a.m. You asked me to let you know about these. I don't think I shall go to this one, however. But probably one of us will attend. Probably you are much too far away and too busy for it to be worth your while.

(Sgd) Lionel Fielden

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/RGS

22 Sep. 1944

TO ; Major T.L. Bullock, Deputy Director of Public Relations in the Field

1. I am delighted that you have now got satisfactory accommodation in the Ptean Camp and a satisfactory means for communication : your letters arrived in one day : I will send this to you by the same route. With this quick service, you can let us have stories for the Bulletin ? In that respect, it may interest you to know that we have some very good marks for the Bulletin from the War Office and State Department- but, alas, still many objections here to "frivolity" which led to the drastic cutting of the Bulletin last week.

2. Phone numbers here are :

ADC PBX 45081 (Ext 300) or 47871 direct

3. I don't fully understand the business about McCarthy, though I sympathize with your comments. Nothing has been heard of it here and I don't propose to do anything about it.

4. I am bothered about staff for you but I very much hope that we may get two more officers, both very good, before long. You shall certainly have one at once.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD

20 September 1944

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS

TO : DPR ACC

1. The Press Camp here has very kindly agreed to let me send all my communications to you through their Air Bag to PR AFHQ in ROME.

2. Will you please call the Express Letter Office at PR AFHQ and give Major LOCKE your phone number so that he can ring you whenever there is anything in from me to be picked up.

3. Will you also put your phone number in your next letter to me. I had it once, but have lost it.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD

30 September 1944

SUBJECT: PWB-AMG LIAISON IN FORWARD AREAS

TO : DPR ACC

1. I enclose a copy of a letter I wrote 9 Sep 44 to O.C. PWB Eighth Army.

2. Col McCarthy came to AMG Eighth Army Main before we went into FLORENCE and made it very obvious that he was looking for personal publicity in connection with Patriot Activities. He came to FLORENCE also, 6 Sep 44, and spoke to me again about meeting the press.

3. At that stage, the situation with respect to Patriots was a very delicate one, and I had been told by the Censors that they wanted the Press steered away from it.

4. It is obvious to me, and I think it will be equally obvious to you, that Col. McCarthy went to A.A.I. within four days and put in his squawk.

5. If he was not satisfied with the liaison between me and Major Beauclerck, it seems to me he might have said so either to me or to you. I think it is too bad that his action called down a rocket on Beauclerck. However, I don't think there is anything further we need to do. Guess my letter to Beauclerck makes the situation clear enough.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD

9 September 1944

SUBJECT: PWB-AMG LIAISON IN FORWARD AREAS

TO: C.O. P.W.B. Eighth Army

1. I have read with amazement the letter dated 10 Aug 44 from C.O. PWB, Adv Hq A.A.I. with reference to the liaison between our organizations in forward areas.

2. I have just had the responsibility for Fifth Army AMG Public Relations assigned to me, and shall not be able to take over on that side until next week, so I do not know what the conditions are over there.

3. PR ACC in ROME is fully informed of the close liaison which has been maintained between us in Eighth Army, and I think that if Col. McCarthy had made his observations to that Branch of his own organization he would have found out what the position really is.

4. Will you please inform PWB AAI that it is my intention to work with PWB Fifth Army as I work with you.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD

20 September 1944

SUBJECT: PUBLIC RELATIONS EIGHTH ARMY AMG

TO : DPR ACC

1. In agreement with SCAO Eighth Army AMG and DADPR Eighth Army I moved 17 Sep 44 into the Eighth Army Press Camp to live.

2. Three days' experience have shown that it is the ideal arrangement. I am able to visit AMG Eighth Army two or three times a day to keep in touch with what is going on there. The rest of the time I am with the correspondents and am able to be of far more use to them than before.

3. It is easier also for me to keep in touch from here with the Canadian Press Camp and with PWB Eighth Army. I see them all at least once every day, sometimes oftener.

4. I shall try to make a similar arrangement at PR Fifth Army when I return to the other side, if General HUME agrees.

5. Nothing has happened yet about an assistant for me in Eighth Army. I don't think I can tie anything up definitely until I see you and find out if ACC considers the Field important enough to let me have the transport, typewriters and tents I shall need for any assistants I may select for your approval.

6. I shall take a run down to ROME as soon as the SAN MARINO story is cleaned up.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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IN THE FIELD

20 September 1944

SUBJECT: PUBLICITY IN BRITAIN - EIGHTH ARMY AMG

TO : DPR ACC

1. By arrangement with LUMBY, Graham SPRY, a Canadian, is doing an article for The TIMES on AMG Eighth Army. He spent two days at Group Captain BENSON's Headquarters and gathered a great deal of material.

2. He is also going to do an article for The ECONOMIST, and one on a different level for The EVENING STANDARD.

3. In addition he has asked me to arrange for a sequence of pictures for PICTURE POST. The Canadian Film Unit here is going to do that series when RIMINI falls.

4. The picture end of the SAN MARINO story is being handled by BAFFU. All the correspondents in this area are standing by to come in with us. We expect to be in within a few hours.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC RELATIONS (FIELD)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — 22 September 1944.

Allied Military Government officials, headed by Group Captain C. E. BENSON, D.S.O., S.C.A.O. (Senior Civil Affairs Officer) of Eighth Army A.M.G., reached the Capital City of SAN MARINO at 1800 hrs yesterday, 22 Sep 44, after a six-hour trip in jeeps over tracks made virtually impassable by rain and military movements.

Acting under orders of the ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, for the Allied Governments, Gp Capt BENSON met the CAPTAIN GENERAL and members of the CONSILIO GRANDE E GENERALE. SCAO Eighth Army AMG was accompanied by Wing Commander E. T. BEER, O.B.E., his principal staff officer; Lt.-Col. ALFRED BOWMAN (illegible), Regional Commissioner, ACC, for that part of ITALY which adjoins the REPUBLIC of SAN MARINO; Lt.-Col. GUY ELWES, Chief Refugee Officer AMG Eighth Army; Major L. E. ZERVUDACHI, Temporary Civil Affairs Officer, ACC/AMG for SAN MARINO; Mr. J. A. SELBY, British Red Cross, and Capt W.F.D. YOUNG, Supply Officer, AMG EIGHTH ARMY.

The Government of SAN MARINO received the Allied delegation in a spirit of friendly co-operation. Assurances were given that the neutrality of the State would be fully respected as soon as operational requirements against the Germany Army, which violated that neutrality, have been fulfilled. Not only will all Allied military personnel be withdrawn from SAN MARINO at the first possible opportunity, but the Republic will be placed Out of Bounds to all troops.

A suggestion that a curfew be imposed in SAN MARINO while Allied troops are still there was rejected by the Government on the grounds that never in its long history had SAN MARINO imposed such restrictions on its people and the Government would sooner risk any slight incidents which might occur than break a tradition of such long standing.

AMG Proclamations, which are invariably posted in occupied territory, were NOT posted in SAN MARINO. They were, however, shown to the Government and it was suggested, for the safety of SAN MARINO as well as that of Allied personnel, that any dangerous Fascists found among the Refugees now in the State should be interned and turned over to the Allies.

There are 80,000 refugees from ITALY now in the REPUBLIC of SAN MARINO, most of them from RIMINI and nearby districts. All refugees are to be kept in the Republic for the time being, and all roads are to be cleared as soon as possible so they may be fed until they can be returned to their homes in ITALY.

Thirteen lorries loaded with food and medical supplies, stationed outside SAN MARINO by AMG, have not yet been able to go in owing to the condition of the roads. They will be sent in at the first possible moment. The food situation in the Town of SAN MARINO is excellent, but distribution is a serious problem because the Germans removed all transport they could find. The lorries to be sent in by AMG will remain. The Germans destroyed the water system of the town, and AMG will send in water carts supplied by Eighth Army. There is no electric light.

The financial situation of the REPUBLIC is all right. Damage due to military operations is slight. Group Captain BENSON reports that the internal organization, both for government and relief, is excellent. AMG is posting Italian Carabinieri around the border on the Italian side to assist in keeping Refugees in the Republic until such time as they can be disposed of adequately.

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Major L.E. ZERVUDACHI will remain in SAN MARINO as a Temporary Civil Affairs Officer until the Republic has been cleared of Allied troops, whereupon the Republic will send a Liaison Officer to RIMINI to maintain contact with the Allies.

T.L.Bullock

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FIELDEN:

FLASH ON RIMINI.

Destruction by military operations, mining, demolitions, booby traps and time bombs as serious as in PESCARA. One time bomb went off near the MUNICIPIO about 1500 hrs yesterday and destroyed two buildings. Only 5 civilians in the city when CAOs went in yesterday noon, 12 by last night. Practically entire population is in SAN MARINO.

CAOs returned at 0800 today with Royal Canadian Engineers personnel to clear out the Harbour Master's House as an AMG HQ. Only building in the town found partially habitable on first survey.

Every attempt will be made to keep out civilians as long as possible.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R63 18 Sep 44

SUBJECT : ORGANISATION, FORWARD PUBLIC RELATIONS

TO : Major T.L. Bullock, DDPR ACC/AMG - In the Field.

1. Reference your two letters of September 14.

2. Trend of correspondents copy is now going to you, General Hume and Group Captain Benson.

3. I am afraid I can't be responsible for the A.C.C. message centre. It does seem that there are bad delays. General Hume at Siena said that a letter sent to him from here on August 28 reached him on September 13. I am quite surprised that the Bulletin gets through as well as it does!

4. Future arrangements must I fear be unsatisfactorily fluid. I am getting involved in more and more work here since both Information and Archives are coming under me - with greatly reduced staff. We have to look after the whole de-fascistization of the Press, the Cinema and the Radio as well as making complicated arrangements for their future. Political correspondents are now being accredited to us and we are responsible for their billeting, transport and rationing. We have to look after the Neutrals and re-establish the Stampa Estera. With all this plus the usual routine of Allied correspondents, daily digests and weekly bulletins I cannot spare anybody and I think that ACC PR work now lies mainly in these channels. That does not mean that your work is not important of course : but rather that it tends to be somewhat divorced from ours. I wish that it were not so and I should like to be able to send you half a dozen people to cover the work which will certainly come your way.

5. On one point - Milan - you can rest easy. Colonel Poletti feels that there are going to be many complicated questions there, e.g. the whole press and radio situation, and asked me specifically to appoint an officer to go in with him. I felt

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that we must do this and have told him that Bergin will go. Milan as you know will be a region on its own and you can leave it to Bergin and look after the rest yourself - which will be plenty. I expect we shall have to maintain a permanent sub-office, so to speak, in Milan. Maybe when we get as far as that air communications will solve some of our problems.

6. I feel extremely worried about the problem of Italian correspondents going forward. The point is, as I constantly reiterate, is that you cannot stop it any more than you can stop the Black Market. Any newspaper worth its salt will get news from Bologna, Milan or anywhere else directly they are liberated. If we can send correspondents with our passes and blessings it means that we have some measure of control of them, and it also means that they are good correspondents whom we have tested. If on the other hand the Army authorities refuse permission, the result is (a) that the Italian Press finds this Branch contemptible and ignores it, (b) that the papers either send up correspondents whom we don't know and who get there quite easily as civilians, or employ people living in the area. You can't in fact stop it. If the Army authorities persist in refusal, then we have wild articles written by people whom we can't trace : if on the other hand they accept our authorised correspondents they will get good pro-Ally work.

7. I may perhaps do a tour along the fronts this week so don't come to Rome until after the 25th.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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An officer has just arrived who in private life is Robin Goodfellow, acting Editor of The Daily Mail. I may send him to you - not very good I fear but perhaps useful.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD

14 September 1944

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION, FORWARD PUBLIC RELATIONS

TO : DPR ACC

1. ACC General Order No. 37, dated only 11 Sep 44, finally reached me yesterday. Your weekly Bulletin No. 23, which advises its readers of the meeting being held at SIENA this week, came to me a few hours later.

2. If these communications had been in my hands in time I should have taken it upon myself to attend the SIENA meeting, since I am sure you have been there and because I think it would have saved time and probably a great deal of mileage for me if the forward Public Relations set-up could have been discussed with you and both Army SCAOs together.

3. On the other hand, if it has been a high-level policy meeting, then of course our problems must necessarily wait to be settled until the new Forward ACC organization is set up and begins to function.

4. We have reached the conclusion at Eighth Army that AMG PRO ought to live and work at the Army Press Camp. Both the AMG and PR people agree to this.

5. I have also found that I must have a PRO at each Army since I cannot possibly be everywhere all the time. But this means finding two more men, transport, tents, typewriters for two more men, and deciding where I myself must set up a little HQ to facilitate communication with the Branch in Rome.

6. If I cannot have CASH, I have three alternatives in mind. Capt Titus OATES, now a Legal Officer with Region XII, might do. There is a Capt BUCKLEY at Region IX who has been recommended, but I haven't seen him. Lieut FORBES, of Canadian Public Relations, would like to come and he says Col. GILCHRIST might lend him to me. But I really want CASH.

7. The Group Captain has not yet returned from SIENA and we are still waiting for the SAN MARINO story to break. So there is nothing definite I can do even yet. If the new Forward ACC is to be located anywhere near AAI Advanced, then of course that is unquestionably the place where I should hang my hat. But if Forward ACC is with AAI Main, that will be too far back for my purposes and I am not at all sure that communications between AAI Advanced and ROME are better than from Eighth or Fifth Army. There is something to be said for my being fairly near DADPR AAI and OC PWB AAI, especially for discussing questions of policy.

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9. With reference to your PRB/R5c and PRB/R2, both dated 7 Sep 44 and both received only this morning, I must report that HENEKER and BEAUCLERCK as well as GSI (b) are strongly opposed to the idea of Italian correspondents coming into the Army area. BEAUCLERCK says further that he will not tolerate the setting up of newspapers in the Army Zone which are not directly controlled by his own people. Can we keep both issues open for a few days? Perhaps it would be useful if I discussed them with DADPR and OC PWB at AAI. The fact that Fifth Army seems willing to go along with you and that PR AFHQ in 2/PRS/86 dated 25 Aug 44 also makes some concessions might induce the AAI people to help me persuade Eighth Army to change its mind. AMG Eighth Army tell me they are not prepared to go any further in the matter here, that I've got to fight it out with you and everybody else concerned myself.

10. This is a sort of interim report and I am afraid you will not find it very satisfactory. The last fortnight has been disappointing altogether. If I had had any idea things were going to drag so much on this side, I'd have gone back to FLORENCE and taped out my Fifth Army set-up with General HUME. I'd be no further back here, and a whole lot further ahead there. If my appointment had come through sooner, I'd have taken a chance in the middle of last week and certainly pulled out for three or four days then.

11. But don't let all the "ifs" in this letter disturb you unduly. As soon as the Group Captain returns and tells us the position of the new Forward ACC, and once the SAN MARINO story has broken, our ideas will be much clearer and my proposals will be more specific. I shall not undertake to set up anything firmly until I have been to ROME and cleared with you.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD

14 September 1944

SUBJECT : TREND OF CORRESPONDENTS' COPY

TO : DPR ACC

1. You may remember that I wrote you from FLORENCE early in August asking if you could include my name in your list of persons receiving your Trend of Correspondents' Copy service. I asked you again verbally when I was in ROME at the end of the month and you said it would be done.

2. Nothing has come through yet.

3. I have assured AMG Eighth Army twice, now, that our Branch in ROME would give us a picture of what is going out through correspondents and I am beginning to look a little silly.

4. If Trend of Copy is a multigraphed affair, I think it would be a good idea for you to send three copies of each issue into the Field: one to General HUME, one to Group Captain BENSON, the third to me.

5. I am receiving the Bulletin very spottily, too. I got the last issue all right, on Wednesday night, but the issue before has never come. I'd like to see how you finally handled my purple patches on FLORENCE.

T. I. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG
In the Field

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AMG FIFTH ARMY REPEAT AMG EIGHTH ARMY
HQ ACC

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ROUTINE

7 SEPT 44

PUBLIC RELATIONS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ACC SPECIAL ORDER ISSUING TODAY PAREN TO AMG FIFTH ARMY REPEAT AMG EIGHTH ARMY FOR BULLOCK FROM HQ ACC FROM FIELDEN PAREN MAJOR TARE LOVE BULLOCK IS APPOINTED ACC DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FIELD TO SUPERVISE PUBLICITY FOR AMG FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
IN THE FIELD

SUBJECT : ORGANIZATION IN THE FIELD

TO : PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

1. If the GOTHIC LINE breaks in the near future, AMG on both Army and Regional levels is going to have to fan out fast over a tremendous area. I hope within a week at the outside to have seen the heads of all forward Press Camps, both PWB Combat Teams, the Censors and every Corps AMG Liaison Officer, so that the principles governing our publicity which have been agreed upon mutually between General HUME, Group Captain BENSON and myself can be made known to everybody concerned, including the correspondents.

2. You will appreciate the fact that I have no personnel whatever, not even a clerk. The Pool of PROs, which was to be set up last March in NAPLES, and which was to meet the requirements of Armies and Regions instead of the Public Relations Officers they had, was never set up. I am, therefore, faced at the last minute with the problem of scraping up personnel, communications and transportation as best I can from the Armies.

3. I am going to set up a central HQ where I can (a) receive all incoming communications, (b) despatch all reports, releases and communications and (c) centralize my own movements back and forth between various key sources of AMG news in the field and our own Main HQ in ROME.

4. In the early stages I am going to have to make the AMG Liaison Officers in Eighth Army, and their prototypes in Fifth Army, my spearhead PROs. That is all there is time to do unless I can persuade the Admin people or the AFHQ PROs at headquarters of both Armies to lend or assign me men. Later on, perhaps, I can find officers in the various Provincial teams who can help me out.

5. In the meanwhile, it will help me somewhat if you will rush to me copies of the ACC Order establishing the status agreed upon for myself and already notified by Signal to SCAOs of both Armies. If I had that Order I might be able to borrow personnel from Provincial Commissioners. It will also help if you will get cracking fast on the case of S/Sgt CASH. The time is desperately short for all I must do.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC/AMG IN THE FIELD

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/R17.

1 September 1944.

Subject: Major Bullock, DDPR.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

This is a rather complicated question and to answer it I must go back a little. When the PR Branch was formed Major Bullock - who is Canadian, and very Canadian, and was then smarting under an order signed by Brigadier Gueterbook that "Dominions officers were not suitable for PR" - was very much upset by the appointment of an American DDPR over him. He pointed out that he had been in AMG Public Relations longer than any other officer, which was true, and also that he had considerable experience, which was also true. He put up such a good case against working under Rowell (then DDPR American) that General MacFarlane agreed - and stated in the PR Directive - that the PR Branch should have a Director and Two Deputy Directors. This was expressly to include Major Bullock, and it was felt then that the combination of British, American and Canadian was good. I don't think we could now take away Bullock's title.

If you dislike it very much, we can call him Director of Public Relations in the Field or with Army AMGs. I don't mind that at all, and maybe it would fit in with future arrangements. Bullock is doing an excellent job and deserves any encouragement we can give him.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R17

31 August 1944.

Subject: Major T.L. Bullock, Deputy Director of Public Relations.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

As a result of certain movements I wish Major Bullock to have a roving commission for PR duties in the field. General Hume, Brigadier Lush and Group Captain Benson have all agreed. Before publishing the following order may I have your agreement?

"Major T.L. Bullock is appointed ACC Deputy Director of Public Relations ~~in the~~ field to supervise publicity for AMG 5th and 8th Armies."

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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AUG FIFTH ARMY FOR BULLOCK

ACC HQ

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

BY ORDERS OF YOUR AGENCY BY EXECUTIVE CONSIDERATION AS FIRST STAY WITH MOTOR CONVOY FLIGHT TO 5TH FIFTH ARMY FOR BULLOCK FROM ACC HQ FIVE FIFTEEN CARLO TWO FIVE HUNDRED MILES MAJOR TO LEVEL UNDER YOU DISCRETION WITH RESOURCE BY LAND AT MAXIMUM MAGNITUDE FIRST AS DEMANDS TO E HE HOWARD DOWN TO FLORENCE IF NO OTHER MEANS AVAILABLE BUT CANNOT STATE OTHER FROM HERE NOW FOUR AGENCY YOU CONTROL IN THIS FIELD AND AGO OFFICE WILL ISSUE FIVE ALTHOUGH NO DOUBT YOU HAVE MUCH TO D MUST INSIST YOU SENT US MOVEMENT MATERIAL WHICH IS NOW VERY SECRET AS YOU WILL OF COURSE BE WELL DISCRETION OF GOOD IN AREA WHERE YOU OPERATE

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R17

27 August 1944.

Subject: PR staff.

To: Executive Commissioner.

I have thought over the question of Bullock and discussed it with Colonel Shipp, who thinks he ought to stay with Benson and so do I. For various obvious reasons there is no-one else here whom I can send to Hume. I am not absolutely sure that Hume needs a PRO. However I am of the opinion that the interests of ACC, under the circumstances, are to fall in with Bullook's suggestions and I would like to send the following telegram:

"My orders to you agreed by Executive Commissioner are first stay with Benson yourself ~~repeat important~~ Two find someone ~~if possible~~ to deal under your direction with ~~Benson~~ Florence as long as necessary Three am prepared to send Howard Owen to Florence if no other personnel available but cannot spare others from here now Four agree you control in the field and ACC order will issue Five although no doubt you have much to do must insist you send us more ~~army~~ material which is now very scanty" Six

The ACC order would be:

"Major T.L. Bullock is appointed ACC DDPR in the field to supervise publicity for AMG 5th and 8th Armies".

Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FLORENCE HEAD QUARTERS

TO : DPR ACC

FROM : DEPR IN THE FIELD

SUBJECT : ORDERS AND DIRECTIVES

REF : PWB 43

DATE : 23 August 1944

1. I have not neglected you deliberately. The FLORENCE story is growing by leaps and bounds and it has been a great deal of work just to get the news out.

2. Also, as you know, FLORENCE is still in the front line. I have had a flood of correpondents not only from ROME but from the press Camps, and a surprisingly large number have come without rations, petrol or transport.

3. There is no Press Camp in FLORENCE and it has been a terrific job to get these people taken care of as it has meant pestering private families for beds, and other formations very often for petrol and food.

4. I have arranged with SCAC FLORENCE CITY, Col WICHIS, that we shall feed any members of the press up to 15 in our hotel. But I shall be very grateful if you will tell correspondents coming to FLORENCE that they must bring rations for themselves and their drivers not only for the journey but for the length of their stay here. They must also be on their own for petrol and transport. My jeep has been on the run so constantly that it didn't get its monthly overhaul on the 5th of this month and its clutch went yesterday. I'm on my flat feet for probably three days.

5. As soon as I get a lull of even three hours, I shall send you all the material I have which I think Bulletin readers would be interested in. There is a lot of material if I could only get the necessary minutes to put it on paper.

6. Now to brass tacks. I am still on ACC orders as attached for temporary duty to AMG Eighth Army, and therefore am under Group Captain DENISON's orders. General HUME had a talk with me the other day and told me he intended to have his share of my services. Forward Regions also want a cut in. The Group Captain has become intensely publicity-conscious and is very firm about keeping me with Eighth Army and under his direct control, which he still can do. I am very sure that I shall be taken from the FLORENCE story before it is properly covered and there is nothing I can do about it as long as that order stands. 4731

7. I think the answer is to reassign me to HQ ACC as DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE FIELD and leave it to me to judge how my time is to be divided between the forward formations.

8. What I propose to do in practice is to get myself an understudy in each formation so that when I leave one big story for another the run of news will not suddenly stop altogether behind me. This is in

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7. I think the answer is to reassign me to HQ AFC as DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE FIELD and leave it to me to judge how my time is to be divided between the forward formations.

8. What I propose to do in practice is to get myself an understudy in each formation so that when I leave one big story for another the run of news will not suddenly stop altogether behind me. This is in effect setting up again Public Relations in Armies and Regions, but with a travelling DDPR not only in charge but in practically constant contact. It will also give me some time to get down to ROME occasionally and give you what you want from the field. I shall hold myself responsible for the efficiency and output of these junior officers and ride herd on them as hard as may be necessary.

9. I have already informed General [redacted] that I shall not act as a press agent for any individual or individuals and he has agreed to that definitely. At the same time, even the Group Captain now wants me to get out stories on individuals. All these forward teams are tired and edgy, and we are convinced that the best thing for morale under the circumstances would be to let our men feel that the eyes of the world are more or less upon them.

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9. It is well, I believe, that we should maintain the principle of control from HQ over all publicity, and so I do not intend to have these understudies of mine called PROs. What I do envisage, though, is the training of a group of junior PROs out in the field so that when all Italy is liberated and the focus moves back to ROME, you can reach out and take the best of these youngsters for your HQ staff. Needless to say, I am not talking about that plan here.

11. I feel the field is growing more and more important every day. No one man can possibly cover it all, with the heavy travel and detail involved. You cannot spare anybody from ROME. So I advance my suggestion as a workable compromise.

12. There is some urgency about getting the order I ask for published. But pending publication, if you will just signal me, copies to Group Captain DAWSON, Brigadier General HUME, Col HILDWOOD and Col DONLAN to the effect that the Order is coming, then my greatest anxiety will be set at rest, and I shall be able to go ahead and get these forward areas organized on a firm basis. Otherwise, I am going to be buggered about by the Group Captain. He has the best intentions in the world, but he just hasn't realized that my job now extends far beyond the confines of his HQ. AAC Eighth Army is the whole world to him, he is justifiably proud of it - but I must take a wider view and he must not have the power to interfere beyond legitimate limits. Please understand that relations between his staff and myself are just as cordial as they have ever been; and we can keep them that way as long as there is no ambiguity about where I stand. At heart I shall always have a big soft spot for Eighth Army and all concerned can be sure that they will get the squarest of deals from me.

13. I am sorry there was some trouble about security in one of my messages. You may be sure that I was not in the picture when that message was sent. If I am not aware of what is going on, then I or any other public relations man is in a dangerous position. There are no officers in AAC more security-conscious than I am, with my Regiment in this country and the lives of my own people at stake, and you can assure the Brigadier that when I have even the faintest idea of what is going on I am pretty careful about those things. The hardest part of your job and mine is to get high-ranking officers to realize that we cannot do our jobs well in ignorance. Perhaps a SECRET directive on this score, ordering that we get some such information as, for instance, the Censors receive, would be of assistance. If we are not to be trusted, then of course we should be fired.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR AAC IN THE FIELD

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Major
DEPR ACC IN THE FIELD

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R.7

13 August 1944.

Subject: -

Dear Ted,

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that you had a spot of bother about getting into Florence, but we have had quite a good sitrep service, for which I gather we have to thank you. One of our troubles is that Sitreps get delayed at least 24 hours between the Message Center and this office: I am trying to sew this up. I am sorry, for my own sake, that the Group Captain would not send me a pass: but there is so much to do here that perhaps I ought not to go joy-riding.

I was glad of your appreciation of our last Bulletin. Oddly enough (and it just shows you how opinions differ) Stone and Lush took great exception to it and said it was cheap and flippant. A row royal is in progress. Maybe the Bulletins will now be written in officialese or cease altogether. Personally, such is the confusion of directives at ACC and so little (it seems to me) do they value PR at all, that I don't care much what happens.

I am inclined to think that you could and should send us some more dramatic, personal, human-touch stuff. We tend now to get from AMG armies only factual material. How did Lumby cross the Arno - by the Ponte Vecchio, in a boat, or what? What happened when the SCAO's villa got a direct hit? How are patriots really behaving and what sort of people are they? What is the present state of affairs in places like San Casciano or Castelfiorentino? How are Bowman's teams (now with 8th Army AMG) shaping? I'm not expecting miracles and I know you have plenty to do but I've been missing the kind of stories you used to send us.

Some odd intrigue (perhaps consequent on his own sometimes abrupt manner) has produced an AAI order summoning Jack to a Replacement Depot. He is not pleased. We have managed, however, to save him.

We have had an Epuration Committee sitting here - Lush, Upjohn, Densmore and Antolini - and have all sat before them insisting on the enormous importance of our work. What the result will be, God knows.

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LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R16 3 August 1944.

Subject: Black Market - Florence.

To: Major T.L. Bullock, DDPR, 8th Army AMG.

I think Group Captain Benson might perhaps be interested to see Ralph Howard's piece.

TREND of 2 August.

(Sgd)
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY MAIN

TO : DPR ACC

FROM : DDPR

SUBJECT : EIGHTH ARMY REPORTS

REF : PRB 43

DATE : 29 July 1944

1. AGR/32020, JRCS/11, dated 24 July 1944, which is the third Peoples' Granary Bulletin issued by the Agriculture Sub-Commission, should, I feel, be released to the press if it has not already been done. Paragraph 4, including the sub-paragraphs, gives perhaps as good a picture in miniature of what we are up against in Italy as anything to be found.

2. I have PRB/826/PBL4, the Bulletin which I criticised in a recent letter. You may think that my observations are matters of taste. I did not like the tone of the Treatment of Partisans section. I thought the first paragraph, trying to be funny, was rather insulting. In AMG With the Armies, it seemed to me that I was quoted rather too fully - the stuff was scarcely important enough to take up so much space. Here and There missed fire, I thought, in its references to Gp. Capt Benson (who was NOT amused), the crack about our own Branch, and the last sentence, about the Pope's audiences.

3. The first edition of a weekly paper in SIENA is appearing today under the direction of PWB. Editor is a local poet-lawyer, EZIO FELICI, who did three months in prison after the armistice for writing a hot article hailing the collapse of Fascism. A PWB man is collaborating with him, looking after the business end and keeping an eye on things. There is no power, so the paper must be run off by hand. A first edition of 5000 copies is hoped for. If there is sufficient demand, and if facilities permit, the paper will be issued twice a week. As soon as we reach FLORENCE and Major BEAUCLERCK can increase his production, the CORRIERE will go into SIENA to supplement the local paper.

4. ANCONA is being fed with news from MACERATA where there is a PWB-controlled weekly running 12,000 copies an issue. The ACC people there have frozen the paper stocks and, so far, have refused to release enough to PWB for its needs. BEAUCLERCK would like to make that paper bi-weekly. PWB is publishing a weekly in PERUGIA, circulation about 5000. Normally the city bought more than 10,000 copies of a daily issue produced locally. Copies of the CORRIERE are sent into PERUGIA to help out.

Theo Bullock

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY MAIN

HEADQUARTERS
PWB 3rd GP
A.P.O.

TO : DPR ACC

FROM : DDPR

SUBJECT : PWB

REF. : PRB 43

DATE : 23 July 1944

1. When Gp Capt BENSON went yesterday into SIENA, which has been turned over to us from AMG Fifth Army, he found that the people there had been without news and that the situation with respect to local publications was not clear.

2. Major BEAUCLERCK, PWB Eighth Army, is going in today with 1000 copies of the PWB newspaper and quantities of other reading matter. He will also survey the local situation. If he thinks a paper should be started locally he will so recommend and AMG Eighth Army will issue the necessary authorization.

3. I enclose the English version of an Order which will be issued when we enter FLORENCE. If BEAUCLERCK finds that he needs supplies and machinery in SIENA the order will be issued there also.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR ACC

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ORDER GOVERNING PUBLICATIONS

I. It is forbidden to print, publish, distribute or display: newspapers, handbills or other publications of any type until proper instructions are issued by the Allied Command.

II. All paper mills, printing works, lithographers, publishing houses of books or periodicals and all concerns connected with the paper and printing industries must, within five days of this date, deliver to the PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH of ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS (P.W.B.) at their Office (address)
   a. A complete and exact list of all machinery;
   b. A complete list with samples in their original size of newsprint or printing paper of any other type, showing the quantity, size and weight per ream, together with a list of printing inks, photographic material and any other material connected with the printing trades.

III. Any violations of this order may be punished by fine, imprisonment and confiscation of machinery, material and stock in trade.

By Order

C. E. BENSON
Group Captain
Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Allied Military Government
Eighth Army

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

23 July 1944

PRB/R36

Subject: Report from 8th Army

To: Major T.L. Bullock, DDPR, 8th Army AMG.

Many thanks for your note of July 18, which unfortunately arrived only after the bulletin had been mimeographed on the 23. A pity, because I was particularly short of information from the armies this week.

I intend to come and see you very shortly. But I do get caught up in things here.

I will see what I can do about someone to censor films. The difficulty is to find anyone military: there are civilians by the dozen, but they create difficulties of feeding and transport and passes.

Although I'm sure you consider 8th Army the only important thing in a shoddy world, as indeed you should, there are a good many political moves brewing here which may affect the future more, even, than the capture of Florence. Things are not going too well in Southern Italy as you'll see from this week's bulletin: and I don't know what use we are, or what good the war is, if things are going to slide back to the status quo ante as soon as we leave!

I'm very interested in your criticism of Bulletin 14. I thought it was one of the best we had done - which shows how opinions vary. It was only partly my effort: I did the political and army stuff, and the rest was Jack's. It would be interesting to know just what you disliked about it. Please send more criticisms: they are useful.

I agree that one should get away from the office: in this hot weather I can't tell you how strongly I agree! At the same time, if you are to be part of PR at all, you should sometimes come to HQ. It also has a certain importance in the scheme of things. And one of the worst features of the ACC is the tendency to fall apart.

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(Sgd)
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major, Public Relations Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY MAIN

TO : DPR - ACC

FROM : DDPR

SUBJECT : REPORTS AMG EIGHTH ARMY

REF : PRB 43

DATE : 18 July 1944

1. You will find enclosed a copy of the material which has been prepared for release through Eighth Army Main Press Camp when we reach FIORENCE. It is in three parts:

a. Background Notes on Tuscany and Florence.
b. What to See in Florence.
c. Preliminary AMG Price List, Florence.

2. I have been in close contact with Major HENEKER, DADPR Eighth Army, and with Major BEAUCLERCK of PWB. We are all set to work together. So far there have been no differences of opinion between us and none are expected. I told you in a previous letter what it is proposed to do about newspapers in FIORENCE.

3. BEAUCLERCK wants to gather all the Italian films he can find, have them censored, and release them in the cinemas of the city as quickly as possible. His difficulty is to find people to do the censoring and he wonders if you could help out by finding some Italian-speaking man of judgment who could come up to FIORENCE to give a hand.

4. Yesterday I visited AREZZO with Major NEWTON and Captain ELLIS, our Monuments Fine Arts and Archives Officers. Enclosed is a copy of a release I have made to the press today.

5. Here are three stories I got in AREZZO which I am not making public. You might like to use some of the facts in the Bulletin.

a. The Germans moved into AREZZO 8 or 9 September 1943. Two or three days later the QUESTORE of the town and his COMMISSARIO, RICCI, were called to HQ of the Military District by the Cadet Commander, Colonel POLIZIO, and informed that MANNA, QUESTORE of FIORENCE, had sent several high ranking British Prisoners-of-War in plain clothes down to AREZZO in a truck. They included four or five General Officers and some dozen other officers who had been interned in a Villa in FLORENCE. POLIZIO asked RICCI to say that these men were civilian internees and to arrange for them to be hidden from the Germans. RICCI went to the Bishop of CAMALDOLI and asked if he would take them under his protection. The Bishop agreed and kept the whole party for about three months. Then they disappeared. (This is obviously the party of officers who came down through the MAIELLA early this year). I have talked to RICCI, a fine type and obviously anti-German. The Germans interrogated him on the subject of the missing British officers but he gave them no information. RICCI was found in CORTONA by Captain HUNT, AMG Eighth Army, and returned to AREZZO with HUNT yesterday.

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b. The second story, which I heard from three different sources all agreeing in every detail, is that the Germans, infuriated by the Patriots, seized 47 men as hostages in SAN POLO, 3 kilometres northeast of AREZZO and murdered the lot on Sunday before clearing out. The story is that they machine-gunned some but lopped off the arms and legs of others and let them bleed to death. AMG is investigating and will report to ACC through channels. I cannot release an atrocity story from here.

c. Priests in this section have been actively anti-German. One priest in AREZZO, who has been taking care of the few civilians who remained in the town, running the post office and drug store, and hiding Patriots in churches and religious institutions, was put up against a wall three times by the Germans to be shot, and saved each time by the intervention of a high ranking German Roman Catholic Officer.

6. I have been on the road a great deal since 1 July. In that time I have been in 276 different cities and towns of Liberated ITALY. In the last four days of last week I travelled 820 miles through PERUGIA, FOLIGNO, TOLENTINO, MACERATA to HQ 2 POLCORPS, then down through PESCARA, FRANCAVILLA, ORTONA, VASTO, TERMOLI, LARINO, CAMPOBASSO and BENEVENTO to AVELLINO, and back again by BOIANO, ISERNIA, CASTEL DI SANGRO, ROCCARASO, SULMONA, POPOLI, AQUILA, RIETI, TERNI and SPOLETO.

7. It might be interesting to some of the readers of the BULLETIN if you got the story of the closing of ALBERTI's distillery in BENEVENTO by PWB on the ground that he released 18,000 litres of improperly rectified gin for sale to troops in NAPLES. Lt.-Col. ARMSTRONG, CAO in BENEVENTO, told me there had been quite a dispute between PWB and ACC about closing the plant, that PWB finally passed the buck to ACC and ACC handed it on, in turn, to the Italian Government. You might check the facts.

8. Our people at POLISH CORPS say they have reports that about 10,000 of the 80,000 population of ANCONA are still in the city and that the rest are not far away. The chief problem of AMG in the area between PESCARA and ANCONA is to get fuel for running tractors to operate grain mills.

9. A party from HQ REGION V visited PESCARA last week to recce the town as a prospective REGIONAL HQ but they cleared out fast. PESCARA is a mass of mines and booby traps. Four British officers and men were blown up in a jeep the day I was there on a street which was supposed to be clear of mines. Two of them were killed instantly. There are similar accidents nearly every day. Very few civilians have returned. PROVINCIAL HQ offices are in the partly destroyed GOVERNOR'S PALACE. The Staff live in a new apartment house on the water front which is only partly damaged. There is no electricity. Water is on only a few minutes each day. Colonel ROBERT MARSHALL, the new REGION V Commissioner, is moving his REGIONAL HQ to AQUILA some time this week. When I called on him he had been in office only two days and was going to ROME the following morning, so I have no doubt you can get the REGION V story from HC and MGS is better perspective and detail than I can give it.

10. I noticed during my trip that Italian troops on the road observe even worse discipline than some of the Indian Divisions, who are shocking drivers. They cut in and out and snarl up traffic with insane recklessness. I am afraid they are keener on riding around yelling, waving at girls and singing, than on fighting. I noticed also that in the whole area about to be turned over to the GOVERNMENT, civilians in horse-drawn carts block our military traffic on the roads with what seems almost calculated hostility.

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11. In the forward areas the picture is quite different. The peasants in the hills between PERUGIA and 2 POLCORPS are sturdy, friendly folk. We stopped near one house for lunch and the whole family came out with gifts of wine and eggs and would accept no pay. When I gave the old man some cigarettes he rushed off and came back with more wine which I could not accept. The people are definitely cleaner and more self-respecting than further south. I made several stops to chat with peasants through an interpreter and was much impressed with their frank, independent courtesy.

12. Grain is pretty well all cut in the areas I visited.

13. Construction of bridges from ISERNIA and CAMPOBASSO south is proceeding rapidly. Many are finished. Others are nearly completed. In one or two cases of emergency the AAFHY has agreed to leave BAILEY BRIDGES.

14. The condition of the roads varies between excellent and execrable. The cross-country highways from PERUGIA to just south of ANCONA have some narrow diversions and flimsy bridges, which will carry a jeep or a staff car only, but in the main you can travel 60 MPH without discomfort or danger. The coast road down to PESCARA has a few one-way diversions and bridges so that if you meet a convoy you lose considerable time, but for the most part a jeep can travel on that road at 60-65 MPH quite comfortably. From PESCARA to TERMOLI the coast road and diversions are worse than anything I ever travelled on. There are three gangs building new roads between VASTO and TERMOLI but they are proceeding very slowly and the strips they have laid are just long enough to emphasize the wretchedness of the rest of the road. Of the hundreds of Italians employed in these various gangs, I saw not one single individual actually working as we passed. Those who were not lounging about talking were lying by the road asleep. From TERMOLI to BENEVENTO via CAMPOBASSO is fair but rough going even at only 20 MPH. BENEVENTO to AVELLINO is an excellent highway in fine shape, with sharp bends and many steep grades. The road from ISERNIA to PETTORANO is surely one of the most magnificent drives in ITALY. But in some places demolitions are so bad that it is little more than a mule track and the verges are filled with mines. Your hair stands on end every ten minutes or so but the scenery and the air are worth it. POPOLI, through AQUILA and almost to RIETI, is a superb highway in perfect condition except for a few insignificant diversions. RIETI to TERNI is somewhat rough but quite passable. TERNI to PERUGIA, except through the towns, is splendid.

15. For a swim in cool, clear water in beautiful surroundings I recommend LAKE PIEDILUCO in the mountains behind TERNI. The outlet of that lake, CASCATE DELLE MARMORE (see "Childe Harold"), is one of the most exquisite falls on earth. Because the power plants at TERNI have been destroyed, the whole outlet from the Lake is pouring over the falls providing a spectacle which has not been seen for several decades and will probably never be seen again.

16. If you want a little private amusement, get your hands on a whacking big file of original documents from RIETI PROVINCE which this HQ has just sent down to RC and MGS. Some of the exhibits are priceless. Read, particularly, a Program for the reception of the Regional Commissioner on His first official visit and the Proclamation which announces His coming to the multitude. 4721

17. I am somewhat disturbed by your BULLETIN No. 14. I do wish you would get away for a few days from the wrangles and tensions of the office. It seems to me that you wrote like a very tired, very indifferent man and that you let a few chips fall without looking to see where they might land. Do you mind my suggesting that the BULLETIN should be written before noon on Friday and not looked at again until Saturday morning, when a final revision might be made before the stencils are cut? Distribution in the Field is so uncertain at best that surely a difference of 24 hours in "up-to-dateness" cannot matter nearly as much as the maintenance of the standard you set in the beginning.

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18. You will probably receive my next report from FLORENCE.

T. L. BULLOCK
Major
DDPR - ACC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY MAIN
Public Relations

Release: IMMEDIATE

18 July 1944

AREZZO, home of Petrarch, was taken over by AMG Eighth Army on Sunday, the day it fell. The Bishop of Arezzo has ordered the celebration of a Solemn Te Deum on Sunday next for the liberation of the city.

Arezzo was severely damaged by Allied bombing last January and February. Some damage was caused in recent fighting.

Only 100 persons, mostly armed patriots, of a normal population of nearly 40,000, were in Arezzo when the Eighth Army entered, but arrangements are in hand for the reception of returning civilians.

Curfew has been imposed. Road blocks are in effect on the highways for the regulation of returning refugees. Stocks of food were moved in by AMG yesterday. A slightly damaged hospital of 150 beds is being re-opened for civilian use. There is no electricity and the water system has been damaged. But water is available from numerous private wells and the mains will be restored.

Bomb damage is greatest in the vicinity of the railway station and yards. Monuments and Fine Arts Officers of AMG Eighth Army inspected the city on Monday, with the assistance of priests who remained throughout the fighting, and reported last night as follows:

"Preliminary inspection of monuments and archives of Arezzo was made today. As the city was taken only yesterday, almost no civilians are there, no officials were to be found and some of the buildings are still closed. Damage to monuments is in most cases remarkably slight.

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"The following are intact, only slightly damaged, or already repaired: S. Francesco (with frescoes); Cathedral (with archives); SS. Annunziata; S. Domenico; S. Maria della Pieve; S. Maria delle Grazie; Palazzo della Fraternita dei Laici, and Casa del Vasari.

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A.M.G. PRICE LIST, FLORENCE

LIRE PER KG.

Bread	3.60	Pane
Flour	5.60	Farina di frumento
Maize flour	3.20	Farina di granoturco
Sugar	15.00	Zucchero
Pasta	5.00	Pasta
Bran	3.00	Crusca
Salt	5.00	Sale

LIRE PER LITRE

Olive oil (superfine)	30.00	Olio di oliva (Soprat.)
Cows' milk	15.00	Latte di vacca
Wine (local production of the province)	40.00	Vino (produzione della provincia)
Vermouth	80.00	Vermouth

LIRE PER KG.

Potatoes	10.00	Patate
Vegetables	10.00	Verdura di stagione
Soap (toilet)	40.00	Sapone da toletta
Soap (laundry)	24.00	Sapone da bucato

LIRE PER BOX

Matches	2.00	Fiammiferi

LIRE PER KG.

Oranges	25.00	Arance
Dried Figs	25.00	Fichi secchi
Almonds in shell	25.00	Mandorle in guscio
Almonds shelled	80.00	Mandorle sgusciate

LIRE PER 100 KILOS

Wood fuel	80.00	Legna da ardere
Charcoal	250.00	Carbone vegetale

LIRE PER LITRE

Petrol	13.00	Benzina
Gasoil (Dery)	11.50	Gasolio
Kerosene	12.00	Petrolio
Lubricating oil	35.00	Olio lubrificante

HAIRDRESSERS — BARBIERI

	Tradesmen Lire per client	Tariffed class Lire per client	
Shave	7	6	Barba
Haircut	10	7	Taglio capelli
(Complete service)			(Servizio Completo)

RESTAURANTS — RISTORANTI

	Tariffed class Lire per client	
For meal comprising:	100	75
Pasta or Soup		
Meat or Fish with veg., quarter litre of wine, local bread and service		

Per un pasto di Pasta o Minestra, Piatto con contorno, Un quarto di vino, frutta locale, servizio compreso.

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PRB 43

8th Army

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY MAIN

TO : DFR ACC

FROM : DDFR

6 LUG 1944

SUBJECT : REPORTS EIGHTH ARMY AMG

REF : PRB 43

DATE : 5 July 1944

1. CHIUSI has been found nearly one-quarter destroyed and more than half damaged. A labyrinth of subterranean passages under the town providing shelter from bombing and shell-fire attracted refugees. Our occupation found the normal population of 8500 increased to 9000. Germans were in the town three months, looted on an extensive scale and left the people dazed and depressed. Roof of Etruscan Museum on Piazza del Duomo collapsed during shelling. Several vases were destroyed. Reconstruction began with burial of many dead and clearing of streets. Water supply is precarious and main drain is destroyed. Three doctors, 2 midwives and 3 chemists were still in CHIUSI. Medical supplies and food were rushed in, a 35 bed hospital was improvised in a new building, and a water-cart was repaired to bring in water from a distance of 1 kilometer. There is no electric power at the moment, but it is hoped to connect with MONTELEONE. Major ZERVUDACHI is in charge. We have now turned over CHIUSI to Fifth Army AMG.

2. Nearby CETONA was only slightly damaged during operations. There were 800 refugees in addition to the normal 4600 people. One doctor, 6 CCRR and 3 town guards were still on the job. Partisans numbered 200 under command of Col Marenco Silvio and Mecucci Pietro. UPSEA and Giunta Committees were formed at once, the Sindaco was removed and replaced, 50 men were put to work clearing roads. Capt HUNT is in charge.

3. The health resort of CHIANCIANO, with many large hotels, was less than five per cent damaged. The normal population of 3500 was swelled to 5000. There were 65,000 lire in the communal treasury, the normal budget for a month. Two trucks were found in working order and there may be more in the surrounding countryside. There is an electrically operated mill which will be run with a tractor. Two doctors, three caribinieri and one communal guard were on hand. Capt RILEY is in charge.

4. In the bank in CORCIANO, 73 lire were found. There was no money in the communal treasury. Population of 6700, including 200 refugees, was being looked after by three doctors, one carabinieri and one municipal guard. There were adequate medical supplies for a month. The people were found friendly and cooperative. The town, centre of an agricultural commune, had about half its buildings more or less damaged. Lieut TORCELLINI is in charge.

5. Only one building was found damaged in ACCUMOLI, the light and power plant which the Germans had sabotaged. There were 2800 people, one-third refugees. No rice or pasta had been issued for three months and the wheat ration fluctuated from month to month. The water supply is good. One doctor, one midwife, two carabinieri and one communal guard. ACCUMOLI is a charcoal making commune. The only truck in the place, a charcoal-burner, is not working. Cash in the bank was 20,000 lire, but the communal treasury was empty. Capt COMSTOCK is in charge.

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In SPOLETO, the British-born Countess (Betty) DI SAN MARZANO, has for two years been running an underground Rest Camp for fugitive Allied prisoners of war. She is the wife of an Italian Lieut-Colonel now in the north, and the mother of four children. Since 1942 she has been giving lessons for eight hours a day in English to Spoleto people. The Germans got wise to her activities and she moved her extensive English library from the town into the hills where our prisoners of war were lodged in the homes of friends of hers. One friend, in a house alongside the surreptitious rest camp, sheltered as many as eight POW at a time for periods up to two months. The Countess, who is a person of energy and decision, declares that the people of Spoleto have always been friendly to her and that she has had no trouble since the war began in spite of her English background. Of the attitude of the Italians to the war she says: "The peasants, the professional people and the middle class have always been pro-British, and against the war. There was a brief period of war-fever at first, but it passed long before the first Italian defeats and only the ardent Fascists maintained any zeal." The Countess is assisting the CAO as an interpreter. She feels strongly that the Allies should be generous with the families who helped our prisoners of war at great risk to themselves, though there are naturally numbers of these people who would refuse any reward. In her opinion the Partisans who have fought for the Liberation of Italy are a problem for the Italian government.

7. Eighth Army Printing Section is running off an edition of "WHAT TO SEE IN FLORENCE" written by Major NEWTON, Monuments and Fine Arts, this HQ, for Education Eighth Army. Major NEWTON is now preparing brief notes on PERUGIA and ASSISI at the request of English-speaking Displaced Persons who have formed volunteer groups to act as guides for Allied troops visiting those towns.

8. I am producing for distribution at Eighth Army Main Press Camp, which will be located outside FLORENCE, 100 copies of a digest of the Zone handbooks, our administrative instructions for Florence, and NEWTON's notes. Major HENEKER and I are working in the closest co-operation. General LEESE is very angry because press and radio have slighted Eighth Army and most correspondents have remained swanning in Rome. He has sent a protest to the War Office on the way BBC has overplayed Fifth Army and underplayed Eighth. Any correspondents who "swan" in FLORENCE will do so at their own expense and under their own arrangements. It is a delicate situation, and neither Gp Capt BENSON nor I will try to interfere. I shall issue all my material through HENEKER, though I shall be in FLORENCE from the very beginning and shall hold myself at the disposal of correspondents who may come to me for information or assistance.

9. All newspapers will be shut down the moment we enter FLORENCE. PWB will issue their own paper until such time as APB get around to making up their minds what they want to do. Gp Capt BENSON feels strongly that this is an APB pigeon.

10. Executive Commissioner's Branch HQ ACC have seven copies of AMG EIGHTH ARMY OPERATION ORDER FLORENCE. ACC also has Copy No. 40 of EIGHTH ARMY ADM INSTR No. 31 of which it forms a part. Our Instruction on Treatment of Partisans in Florence, OA/181 and OA/200, and our PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION Orders, have also been sent to the Executive Commissioner's Branch. Better look them over if you can.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY MAIN

TO : DPR ACC

FROM : DDPR

SUBJECT : ARTICLES BY AMG FIELD PERSONNEL

REF : PRB 43

DATE : 27 May 1944

1. I have read two manuscripts by AMG Eighth Army officers. One is a factual account of his experiences during the first days in Sicily by an American Captain. The other is an essay on the spirit of ACC/AMG by a British Lieutenant. The first, unfortunately, is not available to us. The second, written in response to a request for an article for publication in Britain, is of no value except as a clue to what is in the mind of an illiterate and somewhat illogical individual.

2. I had a talk the other day with an American Major who is making notes for a book on our work in Italy. He has a broad, keen mind and I found his ideas stimulating.

3. The itch to write is strong in some of our officers. With very little encouragement we could get in a flood of first-hand impressions and experiences.

4. I think we might encourage some of our people to write articles. A certain number could be authorized for publication in suitable media in Allied countries, some could go into our archives. Major BERGIN might consolidate useful material from the Field in official articles for our Magazine or for release, giving proper credits to the original writers.

5. Will you talk this over with BERGIN and tell me what you think.

need one more definitely for journal. Always good to have more, under-lined please wenceyou

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HQ AMG Eighth Army
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TO : DPR

FROM : DDPR

1. Before noon yesterday AMG Eighth Army had a party in the ruins of CASSINO. The town is so completely flattened that Cp Capt BENSON instructed his CASSINO CAOs there was nothing for them to do there and so AMG will NOT occupy the town. Party was hewled by Cp Capt BENSON in person and was fired on from CASSINAZ HILL by pockets of German resistance concealed in dugouts.

2. During the afternoon, under Polish conducting officers, Major NEWTON, AMG Monuments and Fine Arts and your DDPR climbed to the Abbey through the Polish lines with some 20 correspondents and a Polish flag party. NEWTON found the Abbey largely destroyed except for the walls on the side away from CASSINO. Shall rush you his report earliest. There are German Graves in the Abbey visible from top of rubble and walls. Polish chaplain said some German wounded were still in lower passages of the ruins. Much of the rubble is fine dust. Excavation will be necessary to ascertain what remains. When the Poles raised Polish and British flags over the Abbey just before 1600 hrs it made scattered German holding parties very angry and we were opened on by mortar and snipers - no casualties.

3. Shortly before we left CASSINO town ruins around 1300 hrs to go to the Abbey, Capt DAVIES, FRO, told me two correspondents had been killed in the town but haven't their names yet.

4. Got in only at midnight after 36 hours forward waiting to enter CASSINO from SAN VITTORE. Shall send you full report soon as possible.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Relations Branch

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10 May 1944

PRB 2

SUBJECT : COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MAIL BAG THIEVES

TO : Lt-Col C W Gilchrist
Canadian PRO

1. I enclose a copy of a letter which Major Fielden has just received from the Regional Commissioner of Region 2, ACC, telling what has been done to secure convictions against Italians accused to rifling Canadian Mail in what used to be known as King's Italy.

2. My feeling is that the Colonel expresses himself quite warmly on a subject which bothers us all. I don't think, and I believe you will agree with me, that he should be quoted in print.

3. Nevertheless I do think that Capt MacFarlane ought to see this letter. It may help him to realize what we are up against under the Terms of Armistice and the status of Co-Belligerency.

4. How would you like to talk over the situation with us?

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