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Executive Commissioners Meeting
May - June 1944

PRB 13. Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 1 May 1944.

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Sir Clifford Hewitson, Inter-allied Refugee Council, has arrived here.

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PBB 13. Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 2 May 1944

Col Fiske said he had a very cold trip. He had visited all the provinces in Region II. The crop situation was excellent. The refugees were no better, but at least no worse and the weather was getting warmer. May Day had passed off peacefully. He had seen all the prefects and they were not bad except in Bari, where a change was contemplated. He found that General Solodovnik, who preceded him, had discussed the situation very fully with Italian officials. There was a fear that the Ammassi system would not work; wheat was used as money everywhere. Money was valueless.

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Brig Lush said we had to begin to pull out officers from Region I and possibly Region VI. Col French was to go from Region I to Region V.

Col Albright called attention to the fact that there were less than 2 PCs per province in Region I. Too many officers were in supply. Sub-commissions were trying to prevent specialist officers from becoming PCs. This was wrong.

Brig Lush said he was not disturbed by the lack of PCs. We should be short in any case. He agreed however that specialist officers should be used where necessary. The calling of PCs was about 325.

Brig Lush said Major Barnett was here from AFHQ and gave more hope about pay ceiling. We might even have a reserve of officers. There was however no hope of more EM/OR. The number of officers required to run Rome was put at 117, and Brigadier Lurlop had said that after the honeymoon period he could reduce that to 85.

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Brig Lusk said he thought that the Ammassi release infringed security: it should be checked from that point of view.

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PRB 18.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 4 May 1944

Brig Lush announced that an UNRRA representative is here. They will take over Balkan relief. Will everyone please cooperate?

Lt Col Clough said our transport situation is so grave that all cars we take for visiting "firemen" put our own people short. The hitch is tires.

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Brig Lush said the monthly report is now down to 11 papers. He wants our opinions on it tomorrow morning.

Brig Lush said the Ammassi decree must go out at once.

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PRB 18. Brizadler Lush's Meeting - 5 May 1944

Col Fiske said the Archbishop would be here on Tuesday to settle the matter of the Benevento seminary. He wanted to offer the seminary and avoid requisitioning.

Col Fiske said Col Findlay would be here on Monday and Tuesday.

Col Albright said he had been up to the 2nd Corps Area: they had done a magnificent job of cleaning up and malaria control. At the meeting of the 5th Army there were representatives of the 8th Army and there was much cooperation now between the two. Both 5th and 8th Armies objected to the ACC marking of trucks. General Hume wanted AMG and not ACC. Group Captain Benson said that neither would do: they had to be marked 8th Army.

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Col Clough said he was going to Sicily tomorrow if anyone wanted anything done.

Col Fiske said he wanted a list of prefects.

Major Hinkel said he would make a telephone check. Major Hinkel said Rear HQ had got out an excellent telephone directory. Colonel Clough said they had jumped the gun: we wanted a combined directory. Major Doe asked that room numbers be included.

Col Albright asked if there were any plans for turning Region III back to ACC control.

/ Col Fiske

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Col Fiske said this would be done as soon as possible. It was a question of movement. The change would take place when we moved.

Col Albright said that plans should be made now.

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PRB 18

6 May, 1944

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Defascistization. All doubtful cases to be referred to the G.C.

Directive on shipping. Nothing yet done. Strong reminder to be written to head of Economic Section.

Salerno Road. Brig. Lush said that the road was appallingly destructive to cars. Could we arrange with General Grey to have a decent rail or Diesel service? Col. Albright should take this up.

Fondo Culto. Major Driffeld-White said that the Political Section wouldn't have anything to do with it. Brig. Lush said he would see them.

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Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 8 May 1944

Brig Lush said he had been to 8th Army and the Army Commander said he had never heard anything about AMG so he supposed it was all right. He was prepared to help with transport. Brig Lush said the transport problem needs tidying up - it appeared that there were 80 trucks without drivers in 5th Army. Drivers should be got from the Italian Army. He doubted if 5th Army needed 160 trucks - the 8th Army had only 120.

Brig Lush said we should probably have to turn over a lot of our Italian cars to the Italian Government, which was practically immobilized. Requisitioned cars from Regions I, II and III especially would have to go.

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There was a discussion on press clippings and newspapers.

Brig Lush said he and the CC had agreed on a designation for AMG/ACC which would be published at the next RCs Conference.

Major Hinkel gave a brief lecture on the liquefaction of San Gennaro's Hood. It had taken 22½ hours. Generals Johnson and Hume and Col Poletti had been present. People had wept in all directions. It had made a great impression.

Col Offenhauer raised the question of rations for the Italian Red Cross. Brig Lush said he thought they should draw Italian Army rations. Col Brister objected that the Italian Red Cross was affiliated to the American Red Cross. There were also the FAU personnel. They all ate at the same table and

did the same work. Brig Lush said a principle had to be established: Col Albright should go into it.

Col Robertson said an underground garage had been opened at the Excelsior Hotel. This would ease the strain on the car park.

Major Fielden said that officers were invited to see "Tunisian Victory" tomorrow. He did not know anything about the film.

Brig Lush said it was a film about our victory in Tunis.

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Brig. Lush said they should be regarded as people whom we should help. There should be a paragraph about them in the next monthly report.

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Col. Farren said we were going to get three or four ATS officers soon but he feared no clerks yet. We had not got our Italian soldiers yet.

Col. Offenbauer said he had telephoned about this but couldn't hear anything over the telephone.

Col. Bowman said that the CC had said he didn't want Sitreps. Did we want them or not?

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Col. Farren said we were going to get three or four ATS officers soon but he feared no clerks yet. We had not got our Italian soldiers yet.

Col. Offenbauer said he had telephoned about this but couldn't hear anything over the telephone.

Col. Bowman said that the CC had said he didn't want Sitreps. Did we want them or not?

Brig. Lush said we did.

Col. Bowman said he had spent three hours with the Archbishop at Benevento. He thought we could take over the whole seminary except for the Archbishop's residence. Mr. Reber was going there on Friday.

Brig. Lush said no action could be taken until the AAI telegram had been received.

Maj. Driffeld-White said he had several enquiries about double pay for civilian employees on Labour Day.

Brig. Lush said there was a letter in the files.

Major Fielden asked about the Rabies order which he thought was not obeyed. Col. Crichton had said that it was not a serious menace.

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Brig. Lush said Col. Crichton had no right to say anything of the sort. The order must be obeyed.

Capt. Talbot agreed that it was not obeyed.

Col. Brister said that refugees were constantly smuggling dogs with them.

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Brig Lush asked if there was any rule about Italians saluting Allied Officers. He was concerned about the ~~fact~~ on the civil population if Allied Officers were not properly saluted by Italian soldiers. He would write a personal letter to ~~XXXXXX~~ General Browning on the matter. Captain Talbot pointed out that it was quite difficult to get a salute from our own men in Naples.

Brig. Lush called attention to the difficulties of the Italian Carabinieri in the matter of clothing. At ~~that~~ present they have only 25 % of ~~what~~ what is needed.

Brig. Lush reported that Gen. Messe had expressed himself as willing to use the Italian Army - whole battalions if necessary - to help in the harvesting in Matera, Foggia and Campobasso. On this too ~~XX~~ Col. ~~XXXXXX~~ Lush was to contact Gen Browning.

Brigadier Lush suggested that everyone in CAB should look at the telegram re Vatican property. However the matter is now in hands of Political and Legal 3/Cs. The Archbishop has offered use of one half of Genovato Seminary.

Are we to send representatives to AMI? It was suggested they might come here. Mr. Deber is to handle the necessary negotiations.

Col. Fiske reported that he had spoken with Lord Stansgate and Col. Adams about controlling visitors to Regions and Provinces. No further machinery is necessary.

Col. Farren reported that the NAFL surplus was to be handed over to OR rest camp here. Brig. Lush pointed out that we should not forget that 50 % of ORs were in provinces nor that we should not always be in Naples. He thought it wise to bank most of the surplus.

Col. Shipp reported on trip to Calabria. Had found the roads slow. Apparently there is no war south of Northern boundaries of Regions II and VII. He had observed that cultivation was thick and the prospects for crops were good. In his opinion these regions are self-sufficient. He had remarked a certain absence of young men which he attributed to the POW situation....Region VII seemed to be running smoothly; Col. Shipp ~~xxx~~ felt that the officers there were performing useful work but perhaps not necessary to our war effort. He felt the carabinieri could not be trusted; they were all right as long as we were there. Defascistization had barely started. Refugees were fairly well accepted; there were 6,000 in Catanzaro, largely distributed among the communes. They were welcome if they could work but there was a shortage of tools ~~7988~~ which was being remedied. Transport seemed adequate in Calabria.

Brig. Lush asked if this were not the time to consider whether for our needs in new territories we could, in case of need, strip a whole region such as Region VII or whether it will be necessary to pick men from various Regions. It was the general opinion that very few officers would suffice especially where there were no troops and if the officers could have sufficient mobility. More provinces might be combined, as we have begun to do in Sicily.

Maj. Hinkel brought up the question of allowing such people as Dutch consuls and ~~xxxx~~ Belgian officers out of uniform to examine documents. Col. Fiske said there was no Dutch consul. Brig. Lush said that no officers save members of Commission should be allowed to see documents save by permission of Col. Fiske or himself. In case of doubt the political section should be consulted.

Allied officers with proper credentials should apply in writing.

Col. Robertson stated that there was nothing in Army orders about wearing ties for dinner. The PFC however said they should. Col. Farren observed that such things were usually a matter for regimental orders. Brig. Lush posed the question: is a necktie a hallmark of decency. Col. Robertson ~~replied~~ called attention to the rule that long trousers must be worn and sleeves rolled down an hour before sunset. Col. Robertson reported that a new Allied Officers Club was to open tomorrow in the old Casanova club. Brig. Lush suggested the rest camp bathing pool be examined by doctor. He had bathed in it ~~himself~~ himself and found it dirty.

Maj. Bergen called attention to the sign on the Royal Palace and other defacements of Italian monuments. Brig. Lush was reluctant to take action; there had been too much correspondence about the Palace already. Major Doe finds the sign pleasing. It was suggested that Fine Arts should offer to ~~make~~ have another less garish sign made.

Col. Albright spoke of the proposed train service between here and Salerno. There would be two trains each way, carrying between 50 and 70 passengers. It would enable us to cut out courier service. Major Doe said courier service was very important for documents but two trains would probably suffice. LAX Brig. Lush approved but wanted Salerno consulted.

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Col. ~~Albright~~ wanted a directive on the use of the Hotels Excelsior and Vesuvius. The opening of the former is to take place in three or four weeks. It is not yet clear how much space has to be surrendered to the Navy. Cols. Fiske and Albright are to work out arrangements.

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PRB 16. Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 15 May 1944.

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Col Robertson said it had not arrived.

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Major Hinkel said he was preparing a book on ACC organization.

(After the meeting Major Fielden spoke to Brig Lush and suggested that duplication with Information Division be avoided. Brig Lush agreed and asked him to speak to Major Hinkel).

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Brigadier Lush's Meeting

PRB. 18

17 May, 1944

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On the subject of harvest labor it seems likely we shall have to use some 8,000 soldiers now in Sardinia. Col. Shipp said Italian Government had made arrangements to hold soldiers in ranks another 2 months in order to use their services in harvest. We are getting a total of 15,000 from Sardinia and 6,000 from Security battalions in Calabria. These are all from Army. After July we might make another appeal to air force for another 4,000 to reach 25,000 total will need.

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Col. Shipp reported CAB had had busy day, dealt with instructions on misuse of petrol for RCs, for closing Sorrento peninsula. The transfer of Carabinieri had been subject of an order and the

CAB had taken up matters of getting Consorzio back at Vasto.

Col. Farren said Rome city Sub Region was calling up its people for Monday, including those on loan to Region 3.

Maj. Bergin called attention to voracity of Maj. Pielden in regard to nourishment for Bulletin and Col. Fiske urged collabora-
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Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Col Fiske said Italian troops for the harvest would begin arriving on the 28th in batches of 3,500 for transport from Naples to Foggia.

Col Offenhauer said that arrangements for their reception were in hand.

Col Albright raised the question of the attendance of SCACS at the next Conference.

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There was a long discussion.

Col Fiske said we had to have a security guard.

Col Clough said it would take two months to set it up.

The situation remained unchanged.

Col Farren said Group Captain Benson would be in today.

Col Brister's representative said Col Brister had gone to the front. There was a long discussion on types of refugees seen by various visitors to the front.

/ Col Clough

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Col Clough said Sicily wanted to keep its supply officers till the harvest was over.

Major Fielden said that as everybody seemed to be going to the front PRB would be grateful for all AMG stories.

Col Albright said Major Supeone (French Corps) had got in to San Giorgio before the Army.

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FRB 18

24, May, 1944

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Major Driffeld-White alluded to a disturbance in Sardinia in which there had been two killed.The monthly report is ready.

It was reported that promotions of British officers will be out by Saturday. Brig. Lush said they must be.

Capt. Gillet reported a breach had been made in the Hitler Line north of Pontecorvo. Brig. Lush said we might be interested to know that over 20 miles of Highway 6 10,000 vehicles had moved every day.

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Colonel Robertson reported night checking of Province Bldg in progress. 79 People came in last night. No suspicious characters yet--- Summer kits still unstiffed; all small shirts and oversized pants. Stiff note in preparation.

Col. Robertson said bathing had been cancelled by MO.

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Col. Young reported prison situation much easier. Brig. Lush said no more prisons should be requisitioned... the carabinieri were training to produce 500 a month. Col. Young had finally got decree from government cutting militia out of carabinieri. A provost. A provost marshal had now been named by A/I. There was hope of blending carabinieri with provosts... Maj. Wilcox had gone to Lecce to get battle dress for carabinieri. Boots and shoes were in hand.

Col. Albright asked if Col Young had heard of civilian drivers disappearing armed with ACC cards. Capt. Mc Kay nodded reassuringly.

Col. Offerbacker said first group from Sardinia due tomorrow. Hope to forward to Foggia. Staging area ready in case of delay.

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Col. Young reported prison situation much easier. Brig. Lush said no more prisons should be requisitioned... the carabinieri were training to produce 500 a month. Col. Young had finally got decree from government cutting out of carabinieri. A provost. A provost marshal had now been named by AA. There was hope of blending carabinieri with provosts... Maj. Wilcox had gone to Lecce to get battle dress for carabinieri. Boots and shoes were in hand.

Col. Albright asked if Col. Young had heard of civilian drivers disappearing armed with ACC cards. Capt. Mc Key nodded reassuringly.

Col. Offenbacher said first group from Sardinia due tomorrow. Hope to forward to Foggia. Staging area ready in case of delay.

Capt. Gillett said Col. Smith had found schools going well in south.

Brig. Lush asked Major Bergin to see Administration Section is taken care of in Bulletin.

One provost
At night
in one post?
or a post?
or a guard
in the end
of policemen and provost on post?

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FRB 18.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 26 May 1944

Col Fiske said he had nothing: his mind was full of inflation.

Major Driffield-White said 8th Army wanted mobile carabinieri patrols to keep civilians off the roads: they needed motor cycles.

Nobody, it appeared, had any.

Col Albright said he would try to find some.

Major Driffield-White said Col Spofford was expected on Sunday.

Capt Talbot said it was Monday.

Col Brister said they were now handling large numbers of refugees night and day. Hospitals were overcrowded. The Italian staff were working heroically. They had run out of delousing powder: apparently the stocks had been frozen for transmission to India.

Col Offenhauer said 1106 Italian soldiers had gone to Foggia: they had not been warned that they were to be kept in the Army and were not pleased. He did not know how many would reach Foggia.

Major Doe said that General Alexander had decided that Benevento seminary should be taken over.

PRB 18.

29 May 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Brig Lush said the CC was very concerned about the feeding of Rome. The plans had been hopeless: insufficient transport. 40 lorries had now been taken from Region III. An assurance had been given to 5th Army that these would be ready in 24 hrs.

Brig Lush said he wanted people to get hold of Regional Commissioners at the meeting and clear all outstanding points. Personnel particularly.

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Col Offenheuer said 100 drivers would come today.

Brig Lush said in that case we need not disturb the pools.

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1 June 1944.

Colonel Fiske's Meeting - 1 June 1944

Col Fiske said he had little to say, had enough of conference. Was going toward front tomorrow. Had been in Arce and Caprano; proclamations were up, food arriving, all in hand.

Lt Col Bowman said he felt he was not doing enough to help Col Fiske. Would like to do more.

Maj Brown said he was working out supply problems with Maj Thompson. We should be thinking about paper. La Patrie needs it, more will be needed when we get to Rome. Doubted that A P B realized scope of job. They had only casual meetings. Maj Bergin objected to the adjective, pointed out APB difficulties. Col Fiske asked if PRO would take it over? Maj Bergin said he would be happy to present this opportunity to Maj Fielden.

Mr Wickersham said he was working on rehabilitation. Col Fiske suggested he should phone Maj Docchino re buildings for Italian Government.

Lt MacNamara said malaria was well under control in the Pontine Marshes. There was no malaria because there was no population.

Maj ----- mentioned child welfare conference at Salerno. De-requisitioning of schools had been pressed and there was talk of fostering a boy-scout movement.

Maj Talbot suggested temporizing on matter of bldg for Command paymaster. Referred to shooting of Indian by Nembo Division Italian at Benevento.

Maj Hinkel said there was a rumor that the Pope had left. He said Chaplain O'Hare had been temporarily assigned to 5 Army. Said as a result of a day and a half in Sardinia he had learned 95% of the people were satisfied, 89% had malaria and 80,000 troops had left the island.

Maj Cunliffe said RC Region I had felt he was uninformed on doings of Italian Government. Colonel Fiske suggested S/C weekly meeting when we get to Rome, with subsequent bulletin to RCs.

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2 June, 1944

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5 June 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 5 June 1944

Brig Lush said no-one was to go to Rome without a pass. Had the passes been made out? No reply. They must be done by noon.

Brig Lush said Region VIII was being activated. Region VII had got to be skinned. Col Kirkwood would be in command. A beginning had been made with Region IX. He would not give names yet. AAI had given transport for the unloading of food at the Anzio dump. It looked as though the feeding of Rome was going to be very difficult. 7,000 tons probably needed for first ten days even at ration of 120. Twenty or thirty officers from S/Cs would be needed for the harvest. Officers would also be needed for refugees. Transport was going to be borrowed (he hoped) from PBS. Colonel Zellars, after saying he had enough labour, had wired Army Sub-Commission for 10,000 men; possibly he had got a zero wrong. Colonel Fiske would be the CC's representative in Rome and had gone there.

Ration-card "needs" were now down to 71%. Food S/C was trying to work this out. We should have a decision about increase of ration by June 15.

There was a long discussion on transport, tyres and ambulances.

Col Farren said an extra 23 British Lt Cols were likely to be made soon.

Capt Mackay said as regards civilian movement into Rome there would be 3 periods (a) no entry (b) entry by permission of 5th Army passes (c) AMG/ACC passes. Brig Lush said (b) should be AMG/ACC, approved by CC: the scheme would not work if it was in the hands of Regions. Family enquiries could be dealt with through the Italian Red Cross. PRO said Col Young wanted a press notice at once. Brig Lush said a notice could be put in simply saying that no applications would be considered at present.

There was a discussion about Goum trouble. Brig Lush said that native troops were native troops.

In reply to Col Clough Brig Lush said that the indications were that Rome would not be declared an open city.

Major Quayle, now on the CC's staff, attended.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting

7 June, 1944

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Maj. MacKay had received a letter from AAI asking if Capt. Fielders could stay another month in Sardinia. All right, conditionally.

Maj. Doe said he did not know whether it was common

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knowledge that Capt. Stone had been nominated Rear-Admiral by Pres. Roosevelt.

Col. Robertson was asked if he had moving committee under way. Brig. Lush said committee must meet this p.m. We shall have to be ready to move possibly in a few days (skeptical laughter). At any rate we should be ready. Maybe some of us will have to go soon.

Maj. Hinkel volunteered to give the latest news. Brig. Lush said he preferred to get it in the usual way. Maj. Hinkel spoke of the difficulties of billeting Italian civilians, to extremely respectable refugees had arrived last night and had to be sent to Avellino. Also they want to go back to Rome and Maj. Hinkel thinks they should.

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9 June 1944.

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Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 9 June 1944

Brigadier Lush said he had spent yesterday with 5th Army Field. They were fully stretched: north of Civitavecchia and perhaps as far as Viterbo. Supplies were a difficulty. Col Legg had been there. It was intended in future to use Anzio, Civitavecchia, Piombino and Leghorn: these would be forward supply depots with 2 officers and 3 enlisted men: AAI would be asked to supply trucks. From the ports it would go to stock-piles manned by officers of Food S/C. This would be an HQ responsibility as long as the armies were on the move. We had 7,000 tons at Anzio now. Civitavecchia would be open on June 23 and would take 200 tons a day, as would Anzio.

Badoglio had failed to form a government and Bonomi had been asked by the Lieut-General to form one: they would all return tonight.

Brigadier Lush said he wanted HC and MG Section to move up quickly.

Col Albright said Region VIII should have a fair representation today: anyhow for the first two provinces. Lt Col Quinsmith would be going up today.

Brig Lush said Region IV would probably make their HQ between Rome and Tivoli.

Brig Lush said there were now planes to Cisterna but no transport from there. Colonel Clough said that this was being arranged.

Col Robertson said the Drage party was standing by to move at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Col Farren said he had been to AAI who had approved our establishment of officers and NCOs for truck companies (Italian). No hope of extra men: on the contrary they might take all our drivers.

Major Dunolly said a refugee camp was being established at Roccasecca. There were 3,000 at Capua and 3,000 at Aversa.

Brig Lush said a lot of refugees were coming south out of Rome. There did not seem to be enough screening arrangements.

Major Fielden said that the Italian Red Cross apparently had not been informed about and could not deal with enquiries about Italian civilians in Rome. Brig Lush said they had to do it, it was an Italian job and the ACC would not touch it.

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PFB 18.

12 June 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 12 June 1944.

Brig Lush - Situation moving rapidly. Same rate to continue. May be a complete walk out from Italy. Must be prepared. Had spent yesterday drawing up Regions to Rimini-Fise line and for all Italy. Assuming no more reinforcements, 912 officers in field. Not too bad a picture. We can cope - especially with local government. We may have to leave more to Italians. Food situation will not be quite so desperate.

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Col Fidsley: Can any SC send advance men? Brig Lush: Yes.

Col Robertson: Rome courier now gets there in 8 hours. Links with Region IV at Rome. Calls at Caserta. Col Clough says courier faster than cables.

Col Albright: Col Pennyquick HQ at San Severo near Civitatevecchia.

Brigadier Lush: PBS going to Civitatevecchia.

Col Bowman: May be time when we wish PBS were near.

/ Major Donolly

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Major Dunolly: Col Brister goes to Cineciville. Brig Lush: next film will be Brister's Millions. Col Findley to make HQ there.

Major Driffield-White: About parties of Italian officials. How to get local govt chaps up? Brig Lush: should go with ed's party. Should go through Col Densmore. Major Talbot: Is church to go up? Brig Lush: No.

Can we have mepscrine? Col Robertson says 57 Area won't issue. Brig Lush said shouldn't be mosquitoes in office.

Will information go up light?

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14 June 1944

Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Brig. Lush: 5 Army hands over to AAI HQ, AMG 5 Army to Rome Region tomorrow.

Col. Fiske temporary Reg. C. Our own advance H. to go at midnight tonight. Any one having real business can go up more easily from now on. But applications through security; Monfort & Lush to know. Reg. 6 has 50-60 officers now. Col. Kirkwood going up shortly. When Rome Region takes over we can think of decreasing its staff with an eye to Florence, Livorno etc.

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B2 is sending correspondence on Moroccan troops to Gen de Gavin

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Driffield-White: 20 percent of consedati are being lost between here and Foggia. Measures now being taken.

B2 is sending correspondence on Moroccan troops to Gen de Levin

Maj. McKey: S/C's submitting applications for Italian civilians. Prepared to consider it if it will make a real difference in running things; said Brigadier Lush. Very few to go. McKey has prepared a draft on employees leaving our employment and not surrendering certificates.

Maj. Donolly.: Foggia to have HQ. 25 officers to screen 1000 Italian P.O.W. Brig. Lush: Who are they exactly? Seems 8th Army is not in for further refugee problems, but you never know.

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Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Col. Albright in charge

Small group this morning may get smaller.

Had cheering note from Maj. Drage. Utilities good. Bldg situation good, Regina Carlton for Jt. officers - Offices adequate for all, complete with telephone and furniture.

Region 5 to take over from spearhead unit which will go back to 8 Army Headquarters. Problem now is civil transport.

Region 8 gradually moving up. Col. Kirkwood to leave tomorrow morning.

Col. Ship on travel orders to Region 6. Bulletin of June 3 (13th).

Brig. Carr says restriction too tough.

Col. Bowman has been to Pescara. Had had bad time with dead end woods and mines.

Col. Whitley planning to move to Chieti, which is untouched.

Maj. F. James things going well North of Lake Bolsena. About 6 miles from Grosseto. The line will run from about 2 miles North of Pescara.

Prince of Piedmont wanted to go see his villa near Frosinone.

Maj. Donolly : Capua camp closed, ready to move forward. Needs 100 lorries.

Cesano with 7000 refugees (under Germans) dreadful conditions. Capua camp staff to go up.

Cinecittà now has French flag waving over it.

Necessity for keeping refugees where they are.

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19 June 1944

Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Brig. Lush asked how Col. Albright was. Col. Farren gave reassuring reply.

Brig. Lush said show was running well in Foggia province. They have only 16 men. Need 10-20 more officers and 10 jeeps. As for jeeps he will try to borrow from PB3. Col. Farren said there was a reserve for Reg. 9 although of course one did not talk about it. Brig. Lush may try AAI. For men will wire middle east; if two fails will draw 5 men from each section. Will need men and jeeps for 2 months. Mindentally Reg. 4 also very short of transport. Brig. said Col. Wilson, Maj. Nichols, Col. Bright had all been sent to Foggia. There were PCs and should not be put under PCs. Wanted matter investigated.

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Brig Lush said that Reg. Commissioners should be notified that as of today Capt Stone, Deputy CC, would be in charge of the Commission.

He said Reg. IX was being got together. Col. Farren had got on with the earmarking and had given instruction that the bodies were to be ready in a week. Brig. Lush said our Adriatic advance was near in Incona and there seemed to be no Germans in sight. Brig. Lush said he was going to Rome and would not be back till Monday. Asked Col. Robertson if he was ready to move soon. Could move by Wednesday said Col. Robertson.

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In Rossano Potenza he had learned that there was some passive resistance and lack of cooperation on the part of local officials who felt that the Allies would soon be pulling out of the South. This attitude was evident in the matter of the harvest. In this region the hilly country makes for a later harvest. There is some feeling that the price should be higher....The refugees are no longer a problem, having been all assimilated or dispersed.

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At the conclusion of Col. Bowmen's report Brig Lush asked if he found morale good, officers sufficiently occupied or overworked. Col. Bowmen said morale was generally good though there were a few exceptions. The officers obviously couldn't do as much as the former staffs had done and weren't really trying to. But they were all working hard.

Col. Warren reported 18 new Italian drivers and do we derequisi tion Cimbrone? Brig. Lush said he hoped they could drive and not yet.

Col. Brister reported on his visit to Cesano's horror camp. He had found a hospital nearby and had moved diphtheria cases. Things were much improved. They were keeping the mother superior in confinement (Brig. Lush suggested the phrase was unfortunate.) There had been cases of rape, native soldiers having dragged women from the camp. The French officers when appealed to had treated the matter lightly but the troops had now left the vicinity. Col. Brister had found 47 schools in Rome full of refugees. They would be emptied into Cinecitta but he would hold buildings for later needs.... The communal camp at Naples will be closed Tuesday. He thought his branch should move to Rome at once and the Brig. agreed.... There were young men in these schools and they should be used for the army; he hadn't been able to find any machinery for that in Rome. The Brig thought there was, will look into it today when he goes up.... A trainload of Sicilians will leave Naples next week.

Maj. Bergin asked who, in the absence of the Brig. would vet the Weekly Bulletin. Brig. Lush said: vet it yourself. Maj. Bergin said he was going to say some daring things about Rome. In that case, said Brig. Lush, he could let Col. Shipp or Col. Bowmen look at it.

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25 June 1944

Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Col. Farren took meeting.
Had no news: had not get in touch with Brigadier.
Col. Shipp said VPs meeting has been put off till Wednesday.
Brig. to go to 8th Army to day.
Middle East had asked for P3 officers to lecture at Cairo.
Col. Francis had not been paid expenses.

Maj. Stewart Miss Russell arrived from Cairo with 6 or 8 girls.

Maj. Hinkel notified at condition of Montecassino. Guarded by Italian troops who pinch things.
Also Allied soldiers grab souvenirs. Shipp suggested Ward-Perkins take up with 55 Area.

Col. Robertson : Flora 25 lire a day, 75 lire a day for grand messing charges.

Moving going up. American Ambassador and 2675th Reg. garage and workshop go up tomorrow. This takes must of trucks.

Maj. MacKay, new Army Rear Security line will run north of Rome. Rome Area Command and ACC now in charge of security Rome and south. Does tins mean time for phase 3 (free civilian circulation)? Farren says ask Rome.

Epurations : Question of channels of authorities. Can Italian Government pinch up people through questura in Reg. 3 ?

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Brigadier Lush's Meeting

The Brigadier said he had hoped to move R.C. and M.G. section immediately but the acting CC thought HQ. should move as one. Just when, as yet uncertain. Brig. Lush said Col. Bowman had been made R.C. of Region IX. The Brig. had visited 5th and 8th Armies. The food situation was in general good and the harvest promising. Refugees were not a serious matter, though they might be. Partisans causing some concern.... The questore of Rome had made off with a lot of boodle but had been nabbed in Perugia. Perugia had been found to contain a lot of odd folk. Met a British Colonel who had spent the war there and was very pro-fascist.... Brig. said bread ration in Rome Region was to go up today.

Rome was improving. Transport gradually improving. Rome Region was to have no W.D. cars, depend on requisitions. Most Rome restaurants were closed.... Brig. suggested Region IV might tighten road traffic - too many carts on road. Rome to Anzio railroad to be opened today. Soon there would be service to Civitavecchia.

Col. Farren said Excelsior Hotel (Naples) was still to be reserved for ACC/ The Red Cross is moving up to Rome today (Piazza Barberini)

Col. Bowman made a brief valedictory. Had enjoyed work in section: hoped he wouldn't be regarded as a natural enemy from now on as G - 1 had suggested.

Major Driffield - White had lectured at Benevento. There he had found 140 officers. All wanted to help ACC. Brig. suggested they could land us their jeeps.... Major D. - W. said Region II was to move HQ. to Bari almost immediately.... He told of shocking condition of a small mess at S. Maria di Levea where six officers are still eating out of mess tins. Considerable discussion as to whose fault, were officers to be pitied or censured etc.

Maj. McKay, on being asked, said Ezio Garibaldi was still in jug but would soon come out.

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30 June 1944

Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Brig. Lush said we were still trying to get permission for the Italian Government to go to Rome. In the matter of stripping southern Regions. RC of Region 3 had suggested RCs should be allowed to make lists of Cs they definitely wanted to keep. Brig. felt this was only fair; in general such lists would be respected. The Brig.'s list of estimates for Cs needed in various phases is going on to AFHQ with letter stating we really need 300 more for all Italy. Col. Jones is proposing list of sellings and indicating how close we come to meeting them. Some 3/Cs badly out of line and need investigating. Col. Albright said we were now 20 American Cs overstrength; Brig. said we must give up only the indifferent. Food is nearly 50 overstrength; refugees and displaced persons are also a little above ceiling.

Col. Albright said food 3/C was anxious to move 2 platoons to Civitavecchia.

Col. Clough was asked how many Cs in Rome. Did not know as many many had not signed.

Col. Shipp had been to Sicily for P.C. meeting. They were wondering what to do about cars they were leaving behind.

Brig. said dereg'd cars should be given Italian Officials. Col. Shipp said farmers not collaborating too well. Army is making movement to mainland difficult. All had spoken well of bulletin. Brig. asked PRO to make sure P.C.s got it.

Col. Robertson reported RC now clear of Cs. Some furniture left. Maj. MacKay again brought up question of Phase 3.

No wholesale return of refugees at moment, said Brig.

Brig. said AAI has lent 15 jeeps for 2 months for harvest.

Also getting Cs from from Middle East and convalescent homes.

Too many EL/ORs in Hq. would not have more than 750.

Col. Clough discussed possibility of higher rate for B. & A.

civilians found available in Rome. Must be checked with Finance. And legal.

Brig. turned the matter over to Col. Clough.

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