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5 July 1944

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The Brig. said we must try to find barracks for EM/OR. We were out of line quartering them in hotels. He had arranged for attaching Italian Officers to corps spearheads to deal with partisans. Brig. said Hancock & Zellars were in town; had talked about grain. It had been decided to give no bonus, no increase of wheat price in Sicily. We must simply enforce the ammassing. We were getting officers from Middle E. and he hoped to send Col. Young down. The north feels that 1000 for grain is too high. Zellars needs more carabinieri. The Brig. said he was considering letting Rome Region take over Region 4 and using Region 4 Hq. to prepare for next Region (might be Region 12) Col. Poletti did not seem to mind; had said he'd take all Italy if necessary. Region 5 is having difficulty with transport. Region 6 should come down now to members cited in appendix C (Farren and Albright: they have already!) From Region 7 we want more news. On Region 8 Col. Farren said he had had a storing meeting with complaints, about quantity and quality of personnel. Col. Bowman said Region 9 now consisted of one RC and 1 officer.

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(Arrived 5 minutes late and did not was Brigadiers initial announcement of move to Rome. However learned that R.C. and M.G. Section is to start packing to day and be in Rome by Monday night. Economic Section to follow.) Col. Robertson instructed to move by train.

Col. Bowman reported his Advance Hq. set up. His officers were not coming in very fast, only 2 on hand. Still he was confident that things were running well.

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of Executive Commissioner's section getting perhaps cream of offices. Not much real criticism however. Lush thinks all satisfied. Only irresponsible officers had criticism.

Lush thanked Drage and Clough for well-done job setting up HQ. Job now to get down and coordinate as in Naples. Any difficulties arising in past out of separation of HQ between Naples and Salerno must disappear and up to Executive Section to weld all into whole. Must respect work of other sections of ACC. Try to help other sections. Must be helpful, tactful and easy in approach. Must not get watertight attitude or allow others to get it. Make contacts in person or by phone, not letters.

ACC HQ long way behind armies, for example, half a day's journey to AMI HQ. May arrange weekly meeting at AMI HQ with representatives here and forward Regional Commissioners and Army AMGs. We must go out to them. Feeling in armies that they're out of touch with HQ. Must get rid of feeling that we don't care or have no ability to help them. Think hard before issuing orders affecting regions.

Main Sicily and Region 2 have problems of distance, harvest and getting Italian administration going with reduced ACC staff. No officers to be taken from regions if regional commissioners want to keep. Must think hard on how to cut staff at HQ. Disrupt regions as little as possible. Want Region 9 staffed from HQ. Don't want top-heavy organization here.

All in Rome struck with abundance of social life in city. All should re-read General Alexander's directive on associating with Italians. Italians give parties to ask favours. We must be tough. They ask favours incurse of entertainment. This is an occupied country. Don't get indebted to people we have to administer and control.

Italian Government will get Region 3 July 20 probably. Campobasso will also go. Foggia to be independent province until about mid-September because of Region 2 harvest problems.

/ Col Temperley

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Colonel Temperley expected shortly to discuss matter. August 20 ought to see Littoria, Prosinone, Rome Regions and Rome City given back to Italians.

Region 4 and Rome City to be consolidated shortly and Region 4 staff made nucleus of Region 12 staff. Will put them into Umbria to get ready. If lull on Pisa-Rimini line, which Lush does not think will occur, may put Region 9 staff with Regions 5 and 8 for work.

Meetings will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Monday representatives of other sections and sub-commissions will be invited, housekeeping business avoided.

Lush wants picture of conditions in regions regularly. We must get over-all view.

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12 July 1944

Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Col Albright in chair. Officer needed to replace Maj Shove on Rome Area Command real estate section to protect ACC and Italian Govt interests. Main HQ at Naples ceased to exist at 1900 hrs 11 July 1944. Region VIII needs personnel. Rest center: villas requisitioned at Forginani for both officers and enlisted men. Major Drage asked to get beach swept of mines. No overnight staying, however - too close to Rome.

How should adverse reports be submitted? Through channels. Promptly.

Flash: Lush enters ring at 0926 hrs.

Asks why not representatives of administrative and economic sections on hand. Deplores their absence.

Urgent necessity (apparently) for Italian civilian drivers to have uniforms for proper identification. Col Clough has ordered at least 50 uniforms. We have 200 drivers. Style favored is a chic O.D. herringbone coverall, with green-and-white ACC armband (sewed-on so as not to slip). Caps? Possibly blue with visor. Cap question left unsettled.

Typewriters needed. Permanent repairman on tap every day in HQ Commandant's office.

Water carts being re-assigned from 5th Army AMG to Region VIII.

Security in building is of some concern. Case of man who forged pass. Lush asked is culprit in jail? Answer: No, insufficient evidence.

Check and possibly reduce number of civilians employed in HQ Bldg.

Clough wants to use Allied soldiers on bldg guard duty.

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14 JULY 1944

Brigadier Lush's Meeting

Brig Lush said 5th and 6th Armies felt we were too much behind them. We should have a weekly meeting at AMI Advanced HQ. The first meeting would be on Wednesday next. From this section there should be representatives of Civil Affairs, Patriots and Detachment. Brig Lush said he would like everyone to know arrangements about Patriots: this was an essential part of rehabilitation. It was necessary to bring about a speedy disintegration and rehabilitation of patriot bands, and to canalize their activities.

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Col Pidsley said the ceiling for carabinieri was now 60,000: it was not enough. The clothing situation was well in hand.

Col Hulls said he had been impressed by Security at SMAR. General Gullion was in charge of refugees there, with a British brigadier (Robbins) and a large staff. Their plans dealt almost entirely with an unopposed advance. For an opposed advance there was almost no plan. The idea was to take 30,000 in UK. Col Hulls had persuaded them to alter this. No arrangements had been made for displaced nationals: who

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would have got stuck in camps. They had laid down a rule that refugees should not be moved on military roads. This of course was not practicable and had been altered. In brief there was an immense staff and a lot of paper plans, mostly wrong. SHARP had been much occupied with the UNRRA aspect of things. UNRRA however was only at a planning stage. Col Kulis had seen UNRRA in Cairo yesterday; they also were at a planning stage only. Sir William Matthews was in charge. UNRRA and UNRRA were now fused.

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Major Magnus said the new Soviet representative had arrived. His name was Major-General Suslaparov and General Vassiliev was military expert on Advisory Council.

Col Clough asked about Elba.

Brig Lush said when Livorno was occupied it would come under Region VIII. Murechia was there now. Someone ought to go and see him. There was a French military governor operating under ACC.

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20 July 1945.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 20 July

Brigadier Lush, referring to his meeting at AAI yesterday, stressed the necessity of immediate replies to all letters. If immediate action was impossible, interim replies must be sent in acknowledgment. Nothing caused more irritation than letters to HQ which got no reply or a long-delayed reply. Sub-Commissions and officers were also responsible for knowing and finding out the best methods of despatch: letters had been found lying for ten days in the message centre when they could have been sent by air. It was not enough to put letters into a tray and forget about them. Officers should check up on the receipt of their letters.

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Colonel French said his chief trouble was lack of naphtha and petrol.

Brig Lush said he should talk to Gredy.

Col French said he also wanted schooners. He was fairly happy about personnel.

Major Hinkel said the Information Division was growing daily in importance. The most vital information was flowing in.

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biggest contractors of Livorno had failed to see any officers for a fortnight until they had got to Information Division. Information Division had also found in a warehouse personal effects of Clano and others.

The system of passes to ACC HQ was discussed. Brig Lush said he was against extending passes to anyone at all outside members of the Commission. Major Talbot was instructed to work it out.

Col Shipps said officers could not get meals late in the evening.

Col Clough said EM/OR were much better off in this respect.

Next meeting Monday.

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24 JULY 1944.

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- Brigadier Lush's Meeting -

Brig Lush said he thought another Region would have to be formed in addition to Region 2. Many more officers would be wanted. What progress were we making on this?

Col Farren said they were available but he had not the authority yet. It would be "attachment" only.

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Col White said that if they were not "potentially dangerous" they should be released.

Major McKay said they ought theoretically to be turned over to the Italian Government, but there was no machinery.

Brig Lush said that all Internees about whom there was doubt should be at Padua.

Major Winkel said he had special personnel working full time on intelligence targets. They had found Mussolini's / private

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private engagement book. There were no targets in Rome which the 5 Force had dealt with and there was material they had left.

Brig Lusk asked why Hinkel was removing documents? It was the archivists' business.

Col White said the declassification decree was to be published this week.

Col Farren said AAI were complaining about ACC use of Italian soldiers. Brig Lusk said we had used Italian soldiers precisely because AAI had asked us to keep off Italian civilian labour.

(Lt Col Hullis has become a full colonel).

Col Shipp said Region V HQ opened at Aquila this morning.

Brig Lusk said that there was confusion in the organization of schooner traffic. All Regional Commissioners wanted them. Col Shipp should take this up.

Col Shipp said that Antolinis directive about bread prices had never been cleared with RC and IG section. This ought to be done in future.

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Brig Lush Meeting

July 26

Brig. Lush: wants that to make Govt. more responsible and to have more personnel we must thin one region out of VII, II, III, Foggia and Campobasso. Hq. at Naples. Mobile province. clai towns at strategic points wouldn't take more than 100 officers, maybe less. Acting CC has approved in principle.

Collection of wealth not going well in Sicily. Foggia was 60% over goal. Apulia and Lucania all right. Northern regions will be big job. PC will be hand-picked by special committee.

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Col. Albright: Said 985 E/ORA. 157 with food 3/3, Ret-ages. Army. Reg. IX has 56 wants 100. Rapidly of construction: AI says we must get rid of Italian soldiers. We have now 115 civilians. AI says office personnel cannot be fed a noon meal. This order published several days before we at Hq. got notice.

Brig. Lush said that a understood noon meal was only to be given heavy workers. Albright said we had been feeding them on a P28 rule. Circumstances requiring a small restaurant of their own.

Brig. Lush said we might do the same.

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people didn't read the bulletin. Brig. L. suggests Albright
having conference with Col. Lush having conference with a nos.
of S/C's. Col. Albright said a person number of S/C's would
read H/CR's. Brig. L. doesn't want overlapping of func-
tion. Albright thinks such development inevitable.

Lieut. Montant: said he was planning to keep message center
etc. open till 2300. Brig. L. suggested 2 duty officers.

Allocation of cars again: Albright said people don't read
bulletin. People don't come in on time. Several cars picked
up already. There will be more.

wages for civilian employees committee starting today. Clough said wages fixed by AAI, we hired by low wages and have been maximum at end of week. No secretaries available from Bari.

Col. Fiske: said Security Branch is formulating rules for handling this filed documents by Italian civilian employees.

Col. Findlay: has been in Ancona. Needs lunatic asylum but it had been seized by army unit. Shortage of storehouses. Has collected a lot of curious people, including Ethiopians and Maltese. Good hotel at Cambrino, good road. Good road Foligno-Sperone-Macerata. ACC left out of picture in Ancona. P.C. installed.

Col. Bowman: Region IX has ample resources, transport, U/CR's still short of C's. No transport C's. Major C. Bari. L. suggests conference between Col. Bowman and Brig. Duxley.

Maj. Luckey: suggests that no civilian handle confidential correspondence. Fiske says only "top secret". Inconclusive discussion.

Communication code has been completed, Maj. Gillette reported.

Col. Robertson: should be no permanent passes except to officials and employees. Brig. Luck said we must add Ministers of State. Maj. Falbot thinks it unwise. Findlay suggested Allied Mission should be added. O.K.

Col. Hulls: 8th Army will be sending 200 refugees a day. Brunon somewhat pushed for camps.

Gen McLeod, head of British RC and Lady Falmouth want to go to 8th Army.

Col. McCarthy: Air Force have already started enlisting patriots. Army has started screening. Col. McCarthy to go to 8th and 8th Armies, All Sat morning.

Col. Findlay said he couldn't close Southern Camps as he had hoped. Has UNRRA people wandering around. They are quite ignorant. UNRRA personnel will not be here until Oct 1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R28

28 July 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 28 July 1944.

Brig Lush asked if anyone had any opinions on the ~~roll~~-up of Regions I, II, III and VII. The idea was that we should not give up Sicily.

Col Clough said we ought to leave Sicily altogether.

(Brig Lush was wearing a scarf).

Brig Lush said that was impossible. Even one ACC officer might be worth a battalion in times of difficulty. He was going to hold a meeting with Regional Commissioners at Naples to decide numbers. We had now to think about all the northern regions. For personnel there were three sources to tap. But we should not get more than 150 extra officers. Region 4 would begin *forming* on August 1.

Col Albright said Colonel Butterworth had reported that we could not get military vehicles for the forward areas. There would be some civilian cars coming from U.S. but that would not help. We had lost many vehicles through carelessness and the position was bad.

Brig Lush asked how many WD vehicles we had on HQ establishment.

Col Clough said relatively a lot but we were keeping them in reserve for forward areas.

Brig Lush said that HQ must get rid of its WD vehicles.

Major Minsel said we might take over captured enemy vehicles.

(This was not well received).

Brig Lush asked Col Clough to let him have facts and figures about HQ cars.

Brig Lush said that civilians from England and America were now studying the possibility of handing over certain things to civilian control. They had decided that no immediate change in ACC responsibility was possible; it would be, if anything, a slow and gradual infiltration of civilian personnel.

Col Albright said that RAC had insisted on having the first floor of the Grand Hotel. We were trying to get an agreement. He thought that if we did not give way we would be *5020* turned out of the whole hotel.

Brig Lush did not agree; he thought we should fight the case. It seemed unfortunate that space had not been available to RAC.

/ Col Fiske

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Col Fiske and Col Clough said there was considerable space available at the Excelsior.

Col Findlay said that Col Poletti had agreed to take over Displaced Persons in Rome but wanted to take an officer from us for that; Col Albright had disagreed. There were 6,000 displaced persons in Rome.

Brig Lush said Col Poletti would have to put up a convincing case.

Col Findlay talked at length about the danger of enemy agents: those whom he had discovered or was discovering. Brig Lush said there were still many enemy agents in Rome.

Col Findlay said he had 54 Ethiopians at Bari who were being repatriated.

Col Farren asked whether supply and distribution officers could come forward from the south.

Brig Lush thought so: there was no food now going into Sardinia or Sicily, or, he thought, Southern Italy: but there would still be stockpiles in Naples.

Col Shipp said he was going to Region V today if anyone wanted to send or get information.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
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PRB/R26

31 July 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 31 July 1944

Brig Lush alluded to changes of personnel. Colonel Johnson, Executive Officer, Region VIII, Colonel Pennycuik to relieve Brigadier Carr in Sardinia. Brigadier Carr to Sicily to relieve Col Hancock. Col Hancock to go north.

There had been 2 groups here to study policy:-

(1) UNRRA - question of looking after Yugoslavs: intention now was to keep Yugoslavs here. (This operative only after next Ottawa meeting).

(2) Infiltration of civilians. Brig Lush said he didn't want this to appear *disruptive*. ACC was not breaking up. We should be here until Allied armies left this country.

Col Upjohn said he thought it extremely improbable that Admin Section would be succeeded by civilians at any stage: he had had full discussions on this point.

Brig Lush repeated that he wanted everyone to insist on this view and to avoid talking of "changes."

Brig Lush said that by the end of this week plans would be ready for Region 2 and the other two Regions.

There would be a meeting in Naples on August 4 to discuss possibilities of amalgamation in the South.

There would be a meeting at AAI HQ on August 2 for SCAGs and RJs IV, VIII, IX and V.

Brig Lush said he had been shocked by the information that 357 vehicles had been requisitioned by ACC HQ and only 189 had complied with the order to register. He did not think such license requisitioning had really been necessary: they had not been properly registered at the time: now there was direct disobedience of orders for which court-martial charges would be made. It was a poor state of affairs. He wanted all officers to help in spotting the offenders.

Col Upjohn explained the new decree on defascistization. The first case would be that of Pellegrini.

Brig Lush said it was a model test case and it would be interesting to see the result.

Brig Lush alluded to a letter which would be circularized regarding the shortage of manpower. He thought perhaps a manpower board would now be necessary.

/ Colonel

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Col Hulls gave a picture of the confused situation now existing in regard to the repatriation of refugees.

Brig Lush said he wanted PRO to add a paragraph on refugees to the statement on civilian movement.

Col Albright said the requisitioning situation was very tight. Civilians coming would make it tighter. He thought it Cols should be allowed to requisition without establishing separate messes.

Brig Lush agreed and said that separate messes could be established for CG officers.

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4 August 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 4 August 1944

Col Fiske in Chair.

Col Fiske had just returned from Elba. A good job was done there. AMG came in 48 hours late and found French commanders had already set up military government and appointed mayors etc. AMG had to remove many of them later. Major Murchie will be kept there awhile. Later one OAC will be able to do the job. Fiske to recommend to AAI that Elba now go to Region VIII and political powers of French military governor be rescinded. Much unemployment due to closing down of iron mines. Iron ore very rich - 80 per cent pure - and found in surface workings. Mills to process ore at both Porto Ferraro and Piombino are washed and no other works in Italy equipped for handling ore. Hence miners will be idle for some time. Fishing industry might be revived soon as naval restrictions lifted. Major Murchie said he has never had a communication from AMG since he has been on the island.

Fiske also spoke on trouble between French and Italians at Taranto Aug 1. Truckload of French sailors tried to capture the Commander of the GC RR and the mayor to shoot in reprisal for killing of French sailor. Battle resulted in which several wounded.

Fiske also said he asked AAI to have Italians investigate German atrocities further north rather than have it done by AMG because of lack of personnel and time.

Major Talbot told of a trip to Region V. Having patriot bands often do not recognize authority of Patriot representatives sent out by AMG. Germans are taking strong reprisals against patriots. Besides shooting the patriots themselves, they are shooting 50 to 100 inhabitants of mountain towns patriots come from. Brigand bands are growing up. Fiske fears civil war there one day.

Talbot also said three-fourths of getting of grain in Region V done by hand and machines not needed. Fiske said machines needed for threshing and collecting grain for Anagni. Region has 200,000 tons surplus for export. Hardest part of getting in harvest is matter of male transportation. Owners of mules are profiteering in prices for mule hire.

Despite the heat, the Soviet Representative - name missed - has come down with pneumonia, not seriously, according to Major Murchie.

Col McCarthy says Patriot recruits for Italian Army will be first housed in tents and given refugee rations until they

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get to Rome, where they will get army rations. Plan to set up recruiting centre at Ancona because Chieti too inaccessible.

Talbot reports you can call Rome from Aquila but not vice versa. Elba can also call Rome but not vice versa.

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7 August 1944

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 7 August

Brig. Lush in Chair.

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introduced Lt. Col. [redacted] of [redacted] who will observe here for several weeks. Lt. Col. [redacted] decided to roll up into one region of five provinces and HQ. at Naples. Provinces will be [redacted] (including Campania), [redacted] (including Campania), [redacted] (including Campania), [redacted] (including Campania), [redacted] (including Campania). There will be 100 officers, 70 less than now, and 20 less than expected. Chief point brought was that as officer strength in field is reduced, ACC must increase quantity of transport to make officers mobile - in effect with a car to every man. Similarly Italy - Italian officials must be made more mobile and ACC must get more transport and give up its requisitioned vehicles to Italian government.

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ACC staff officers also coming from England. Some to be sent to regions.

Four being moved into Florence only by night. Full [redacted] team to move in today. Col. Bowman standing by to send in his men as needed. HQ. here has been making arrangements to send up 200-300 RR but BSC says they are all

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Col. Lush is meeting with very good results to roll up Southern Italy (Regions II and III) into one region of five provinces and HQ. at Naples. Provinces will be Puglia (including Campobasso), Bari (including Brindisi), Taranto, Canosa and Naples. There will be 100 officers, 75 less than now, and 10 less than expected. Chief point brought was that as officer strength in field is reduced, HQ must increase quantity of its support to make officers mobile - in effect with a key to every man. Similarly Italian officials must be made more mobile and HQ must get more to transport and give up its requisitioned vehicles to Italian government.

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Lush said ACC had better tell G-1 about news before they head in the store and stripes.

Col. Aloright and Brigadier Dunlop wanted the four best provincial commissioners in Italy for his new staff but will have to take a cross-section. Also reported that ACC wants back all the 5 gal. gasoline cans it can find.

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PRO suggested it can help through an Italian publicity campaign. Will coordinate through Civil Affairs Branch and Col. Alway.

Col. Alway also reported that many persons want down out through their wills. Agreed this was inevitable. Lush said he heard Economic Section wanted 27 more offices. ARHQ also wants to increase military drivers and substitute Italian military. Lush suggested Col. Nickol go out in a 3 ton truck with an Italian driver and convince himself. Added that all would replace any jeep we turned in.

Col. Findlay asked about Yugoslav camp in Tripoli. Said it was one of two mile East group. Asked why he was not told about it. Tripoli camp has no personnel. Said he thought no more Yugoslavs ought to be evacuated from Italy now. Col. Bodett on said Italian guards were lax, elevator etiquette deplorable. Col. Blum said efforts ought to cooperate in preventing traffic jams in front of HQ.

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PRB/R28

14 Aug 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 14 August 1944

Brig Lush alluded to the new officers he had seen. He asked officers to invite them out and explain things to them.

Brig Lush spoke of the Manpower Committee. He said he thought RC & MG Section would be the most epurated. They were still short of 400 EM/OR.

Brig Dunlop had opened his HQ at Chianciano.

The Florence situation was going to be difficult. Col Fiske said it was full of Fascists.

Col Fiske said there were difficulties about Elba. It could not be put under Fifth Army.

Brig Lush said that perhaps Piombino and Elba could be transferred to the Region.

Col McCarthy said there had been a meeting at Palermo to decide the Italian Government's treatment of Patriots. The Ministry of War wanted to run the whole thing. They were fairly sensible about it.

Col McCarthy spoke highly of the Patriots' work in Florence, which he had seen.

Major Friend-James reported that situation at Florence was that Germans were still patrolling Florence north of the canal. There would not be any further fighting in the town, he thought. St Malo was now in our hands; Brest, L'Orient, and St Nazaire were still holding out. Information captured from the Germans showed that they regretted not having blown the Rome bridges.

Col Farren said we now had permission to fill up our War Establishment to 645 (British).

PRO asked if it was really necessary for the Secretary-General to sign yellow passes.

Brig Lush asked what yellow passes were.

PRO explained and Colonel Fiske said it was to save trouble.

PRO objected that it did not do so: the Section had to make out the pass and the Secretary-General was a rubber stamp.

Brig Lush said the matter had been discussed and decided.

PRO asked if Italian journalists might be sent to Florence.

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Brig Lush said certainly not. Various others objected.

PRO said nevertheless there was a case. Major Talbot agreed.

Brig Lush said he would not allow it.

PRO said he would have to do it eventually.

There was a discussion on the requisitioning of flats. Col Robertson said that flats were available if approved by RAC. Food at the Flora was unsatisfactory owing to crowded conditions. The ex-Manchukuo Embassy was available for 25 officers, but he had had only 2 applications.

Col Brown said there were too many women there. The place was becoming a scandal.

Brig Lush said it was a serious matter. If the mess could not deal with it an order would issue.

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PRB/R28

18 August 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 18 Aug

There was a discussion on the arrangements for the Regional Commissioners Conference.

Brig Lush said he had the impression that except at meetings we are not getting from Regions a picture of what they want and what they are doing. AAI and AFHQ had the same impression. RCs must be told to do better in this.

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21 August 1944.

Brig Lush's Meeting

Brig Lush said he was sorry that the Manpower Committee had taken so much of his time; he hoped the results would be useful. There would be changes, but nothing very startling.

Colonel Hancock had arrived from Sicily and would at first work a combined show with Brigadier Dunlop.

Brig Lush said he wanted everybody to be thinking about the occupation of northern regions - whether we should have Provincial Commissioners, how we can improve organization etc. It was not necessary always to go on in the same way. We might use different methods. It was possible we might have to move very quickly. He would like to discuss the matter on Wednesday, and get everyone's advice.

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German division strength:

177 in Russia.

55 in France and Low Countries.

26 in Italy.

Col Albright said we had not really enough cars.

Brig Lush said he thought we had: it was a question of organization.

Col McCarthy said that owing to the war news patriots were increasing by thousands. Mr Antolini was producing a map of the Po Valley showing what were the important points to preserve against demolition.

/ Col Fothergill

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Col Fothergill said Marshal Tito's representative was coming here on Friday to discuss certain points.

Col Pennycook said there were still 20 officers in Sardinia; it would be 15 at the end of the month.

Col Hulls said he was very worried about the large movements of refugees. Something would have to be done with the Italian Government and the Italian Press.

Brig Lush said that to-morrow would be an excellent opportunity to get it across to the Italian Press.

Col Hulls insisted that the matter was very serious.

Col Shipp said that people who went forward to army areas with passes from this HQ but without army passes had their vehicles confiscated and were returned through the refugee channels.

Brig Lush said that that should be published in the Press. PRO to note. He added that it was largely the fault of Armies who were not implementing checks.

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PRB/R28

28 August 1944.

Brigadier Lush's Meeting - 28 August 1944

Col Fiske asked who gave permission for what. Many people came to him with enquiries and he did not know who to go to. Italians don't know where to go. It needed tying up.

Col Clough said in any place outside Army territory they should go to their Regional HQ.

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Colonel Hulls said Rome was not billeting its refugees. It was incredible.

Brig Lush said it was a question of food. Food was short and the Economic Section wanted people out of Rome. Colonel Hulls should thrash the matter out with Colonel Legg.

PFB/R26

Executive Commissioner's Meeting - 11 Sep. 1944

Brig. Lush said that Colonel Feasey had gone north with the nucleus of his team. We had put in a strong plea to G-5 for personnel and transport for the north. Food plans for the northern regions had been stepped up but we should probably have to borrow from our stockpiles. There would be difficulties in getting it up. Fifth Army estimates were 1570 tons a day. There would have to be restrictions on the purchasing power (of food) of the troops. ACC now came under AFHQ. as Liaison officer with AAI, being the Representative of the Chief Commissioner there.

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Colonel Hulls said there had been great difficulties in transporting refugees from Ancona south. They were now sending about 1000 a week direct to Bari which was easing the situation. Fifth Army had been most successful in their plan of local absorption, helped by Patriots and Carabinieri. On the whole only a minimum number were now being sent back.

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Brig. Lush said he felt very strongly that a history of ACC should now be set out by P.R.O. Col. Spofford had written the early history and PRO should get that. All officers should help in this, if necessary writing narratives of their own part.

Col. Farren said 42 new officers had arrived, all British: 5 more new arriving today. A large consignment from Region IV were coming for reassignment, headed by Col. Poletti.

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15 September 1944

Executive Commissioner Meeting

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Col. Hulls said that the only solution was billeting.

Brig. Lush read a telegram concerning the withdrawal of American military personnel. He said that there was no question of withdrawing American personnel from the ACC in the near future or before the Commission was finally broken up. The telegram ought never to have been sent. He would like all officers to make this clear.

Col. Farren said he was continually being asked what the future of the Commission was.

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23 Sep. 1944

Executive Commissioner Meeting

Brig. Lush in chair.

Northern regions now up to 50 per cent. strength. Brig. Lush wants to know where teams and RC's are located for quick notification if need be.

Manpower reorganization to be in effect in few days; now being o.k. by G-5.

ACC forward echelon will be at AAI with Col. Montfort and Administrative Economic section, food and transport represented. Will be able to give orders and decisions when necessary but normal flow of orders from ACC will continue.

Brig. Lush asked if publicity given to safeguarding of American officers. Col. Clough said well done in PRB Bulletin.

Forward meeting of regions at Siena, Sep. 27, with epuration as chief subject.

Col. Fiske also pleased and amazed at PRB bouquets to Establishment Branch.

Sep. 23 Displaced Persons and Italian Refugees amalgamate.

Col. Fiske mentioned Maj. Walker's request for PRB Bulletin to corps officers.

Long talk on housing and feeding Italian employees by Col. Fiske, Clough, Brig. Lush and Col. Robertson.

Col. Clough said northern regions pleased with transport.

Col. Findlay said repatriation problem to be terrific. May need 10 to 20 camps, with Allied personnel.

Transportation S/C to take over MRS railroads up to a point.

Complaints of delay in mail to G-5. Brig. Lush wants test runs made.

ATS officers coming from England to replace men in regions.

Regions will be called by names instead of numbers hereafter.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/28

25 September 1944

Executive Commissioners Meeting

Brig. Lush said he hoped that Reorganisation would be set in motion before the end of the month. Liguria was now up to 8 % strength and the other Northern Regions up to 50 %. There was some difficulty in getting people to obey assignment orders.

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Col. McCarthy said the Italians wanted recruits for the new Divisions and was sending to Florence for 1000 from the Patriots. There was some difficulty as the Patriots wanted special units.

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Brig. Lush said that conscription would apply in any case.

Col. McCarthy said that they had sent transport before for 1200 and got 20. In any case the Italian Chief of Staff did not want partisans.

Maj. Fielden drew attention to the prison conditions and the muddled procedure which was causing them.

Brig. Lush said the whole matter was being taken up by Capt. Stone this morning: the just thing was to get our own prisoners out of Regina Coeli.

Maj. Fielden said that that did not solve the question of muddled directives which must inevitably cause these conditions everywhere.

There was a long discussion on divers. General impression - Italian drivers hopeless and causing much damage to cars. No solution.

Brig. Lush said the meeting on Wednesday would be long. He would appreciate it if everybody would give in their points beforehand.

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