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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

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NOMENCLATURE OF REGIONS

1. To render the titles of Regions descriptive of their localities a geographical designation will be adopted forthwith in place of the present numerical one.

2. The following are the new and old titles of Regions:-

Geographic Designation

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SICILIA	"
SARDEGNA	"
SOUTHERN	"
LAZIO	"
ABRUZZI-MARCHE	"
TOSCANA	"
EMILIA	"
LIGURIA	"
PIEMONTE	"
LOMBARDIA	"
VENEZIA	"

Formerly

Formerly	Region
Region I	"
VI	"
III, III & VII	"
IV	"
V	"
VIII	"
IX	"
X	"
XI	"
XII	"

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W. Shipp Lt.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 511/42/008.

5 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Reduction of AG officers in Southern Region.

TO : DCOB, GA Sec
 DCOB, Recon Sec
 DCOB, Est Sec
 VP, Pol Sec
 Director, Comms Sub-Com.

1. I attach a memorandum by HQ, Southern Region embodying proposals for the reduction of Allied officers in that Region. The policy of the Allied Commission will probably go further than the proposals made by Brigadier Dunlop, not only in order to implement the terms of the new directive which anticipates complete removal of Allied Commission officers as soon as possible from Italian Government territory, but in order to supplement the personnel for Northern Regions.
2. The memorandum, however, will serve as a most useful basis of discussion and the Chief Commissioner wishes you to take immediate steps, after consultation with Heads of Sub-Commissions, to comment on the memorandum and to make further proposals from the point of view of your Sections and Sub-Commissions.
3. These will be discussed at a Chief of Staff's meeting in the near future. Regional Commissioner, Southern Region will be at HQ AG for the next few days and the opportunity should be taken of discussing the memorandum with him personally.
4. Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions should remember that the policy of the Allied Nations is to effect complete withdrawal and every endeavour must be made to release officers from work that is not essential to Allied Military Government in the North, leaving in the territory only such officers as are necessary to effect the necessary liaison between the various military authorities and the local Italian Government. If services are being rendered entirely for military formations then it may be necessary to arrange for the military formations, in agreement with the Italian Government authorities, to take over control themselves.

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M. S. Lusk
 Brigadier,
 Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594

2 February 1945

R/1561

SUBJECT: Planning : Reduction in Strength
Southern Region.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
Attn: Chief of Staff

1. I have studied the possible effects, on the work of Southern Region, of a sudden and drastic reduction in the number of Allied Officers available to staff the Region, due to the call for officers further north. I wish to submit the following points for your consideration.
2. I am aware that a policy of complete withdrawal has been studied at your Headquarters and I agree in this connection, that the Italian Governmental machinery has made considerable progress. If Southern Italy were completely emptied of Allied troops, and had no responsibility for the provision and movement of supplies to the Allies or to Northern and Central Italy, then there would be little difficulty in handing over all governmental functions to the Italian agencies concerned.
3. As a result, however, of three months experience in Southern Region, I am convinced that it is precisely in relation to the Allied Forces and to Allied supplies, that the Allied Commission performs today, its most useful functions. The question of supply and transportation of material is one which concerns closely the various Subcommissions at Headquarters, and I propose to refer only briefly to this aspect. The question of inter relation between the Allied forces and the Italian administration, which may be called the civil affairs aspect, appears to be most important, and I wish to submit the following considerations and plans.
4. None of the service organizations involved in Southern Region, The Royal Navy, 3 District, P.D.S., or the R.A.F., have officers who are trained or experienced in dealing with the Italian civil administration. I believe, that the function of Allied Commission as a channel of informed communication between Allied troops and the Italian people will remain, for some months to come, a valuable contribution to the regrowth of Italy.
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6. It will not be necessary to maintain a large staff to carry out this "consular" function. There are four main points in Southern Region where Allied interests will be concerned for some time to come, Naples, Bari, Taranto and Reggio. Of these four, Naples and Bari are by far the most important. Taranto will, it is understood, be used as a repair dockyard by the Royal Navy for sometime after the end of the war. Reggio Calabria is only important in respect of its position as a railroad center and a point of contact with Sicily.

Foggia is another place of importance to the Allied interest so long as a large air force is stationed in the neighborhood. I have, however, discussed the question with Lt. Col. Orpwood and Lt. Col. Bright, Zone Commissioners, Bari and Foggia respectively, and they agree that, in the circumstances envisaged, the Province of Foggia could be administered from Bari. The road communication between the two towns is exceptionally good.

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Bari, Brindisi and
Lecce.

Zone Commissioner,
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Taranto Zone H.Q., Taranto: Provinces of Taranto,
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Zone Commissioner,
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9. Points of detail are outlined in Appendix "B". The plan envisaged, economises overhead in every way possible.

10. "further point in favour of maintaining these small Zone Headquarters, has developed in the last few months. It is clear that various civilian agencies such as U.N., the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, etc, will play an ever increasing part in the post war work in Italy. Until these agencies set up their own administrative network, there are, in fact, very dependent on Allied Commission help. It is suggested that, where possible, such agencies should establish their own HQs in the Zone Headquarters building of ...C.
11. It is proposed to review briefly the possible future policy in respect of Subcommissions.
- Three Subcommissions of the Civil Affairs Section :- Local Government, Monuments Fine Arts and Archives, and Displaced Persons and Repatriation, are already without representation in Southern Region. A fourth Education, is shortly to be closed down. There will then remain Legal, Public Safety and Public Health.
12. The Public Health Subcommission is already inadequately staffed to deal with the heavy work of maintaining Allied standards of health and hygiene in those Italian towns which are occupied by troops. It may, however, be argued, that no question of important principle would be involved in their withdrawal.
13. In the case of the Legal and the Public Safety Subcommissions, however, important questions of principle do arise. The Legal Division at present, operates A.M.G. Courts, at Bari and Naples. So long as these Courts are to continue, the absolute minimum of Legal Officers for Southern Region is seven; (H.Q. three, Naples two, and Bari two). If it be decided that all cases affecting Allied interests including murder of Allied personnel, may be left to the Italian Courts, then it would be possible to reduce to one Legal officer at Regional H.Q.
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14. In the case of the various Subcommissions comprised within the Economic Section, the question of reduction of staff within Southern Region must depend to a very great extent upon decisions taken by H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome. Such specialist branches such as Hemp Control, Industry, Commerce etc, carry on their work in Naples under technical instructions which are dictated by circumstances outside Southern Region.
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17. In the case of P.W. & U., Labour and Food Sub-Commissions, slight reductions might be possible, and in these three Commissions, the replacement of officers by civilians appears specially suitable.

18. There is one final point which I should like to bring to your notice, a good deal of correspondence reaches this Headquarters from time to time calling for reports on matters, which though, perhaps important in a particular way, are not important to the general recovery of Italy. In the conditions of considerably reduced staff which I have envisaged, Sub-Commissions will please realise that it will not be possible to carry out detailed reports and execute detailed reconnaissance.

19. Considerable progress has already been made in getting ready for moves and it should be possible to put into operation the outline plan set out in paragraph 8 in a very short space of time, after receipt of your orders.

(Signed) JOHN K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier, Regional Commissioner.

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APPENDIX "A" TO E/156

APPROXIMATE OFFICER ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTHERN REGION

BASED ON REVISED LAYOUT

REGIONAL H.Q.
To Include
Maples Zone H.Q.

Regional Commissioner	1
Executive Officer	1
Asst. Executive Officer	1
Adjutant	1
Coy "Q"	1
British Detachment	1
Zone Commissioner, Maples	1
Asst "	1

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION (Also for Maples)

Legal	5
Public Health	2
Public Safety	5

ECONOMIC SECTION (Also for Maples)

Commerce	2	Including Civilian
Food	3	
Industry (Including Hemp)	2	
Finance (Including Supply A/C)	6	
Labour	1	
P.W. & U.	5	
Transportation	?	

TOTAL 39 Excluding Transport.

PARI ZONE

Zone Commissioner	1
Provincial Officer	1
Public Safety	2
Legal	2
Transportation	?
P.W. & U.	2
Food	2

TOTAL 10 Excluding Transport.

TARANTO ZONE

Zone Commissioner	1
Public Safety	1
Provincial Officer	1

TOTAL 3

REGGIO ZONE

Zone Commissioner	1
Public Safety	1
Transportation	2
Food	1

TOTAL 5

COMPLETE TOTAL

3 Excluding Transport.

55 Excluding Transport.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION (Also for Naples)

British Detachment	1	
Zone Commissioner, Naples	1	
Asst "	1	
Legal	5	
Public Health	2	
Public Safety	5	

ECONOMIC SECTION (Also for Naples)

Commerce		2 Including Civilian
Food		3
Industry (Including Kamp)		2
Finance (Including Supply 4/3)		6
Labour		1
P.W. & U.		5
Transportation		8

TOTAL	39 Excluding Transport.
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EARL ZONE

Zone Commissioner	1
Provincial Officer	1
Public Safety	2
Legal	2
Transportation	2
P.W. & U.	2
Food	2

TOTAL	10 Excluding Transport.
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TARANTO ZONE

Zone Commissioner	1
Public Safety	1
Provincial Officer	1

TOTAL	3
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REGGIO ZONE

Zone Commissioner	1
Public Safety	1
Transportation	2
Food	1

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COMPLETE TOTAL	55 Excluding Transport.
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Compared with present strength excluding olive oil officers - but including transportation officers - 131.

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APPENDIX "B" TO R/1561

VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS ARISING OUT OF
PLANNING: REDUCTION IN STRENGTH

1. BUILDINGS

(a) Naples - Propose that Regional Headquarters and Naples Zone should both be accommodated in the Provincia Building.

(b) Bari - Present accommodation satisfactory and to be maintained.

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Note:-

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2. TRANSPORTATION

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3. PERSONNEL EM/OP.

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