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MILITARY GOV'T, ELBH (ELBA)
JUN. - DEC. 1944

Tel: 473303

22 December 1944

Ref/520/97/008.

SUBJECT : L.S.T. lifts from ELBA,

TO : Flag Officer, Northern Area
Mediterranean.

1. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to reply to your letter of the 13th of December 44 relative to the above subject.

2. Security will be made as to the orders which are reported to have been given by Capt. Smith, US officer in ELBA re-routing U.S. L.S.T. 907 onwards from Porto Longone to Porto Farina.

3. Following the recent departure of the French Garrison from ELBA the administration of the Island has been passed to Tuscan Region. I am advising the Regional Commissioner to inform his staff that under no circumstances will they undertake to alter or amend orders issued relating to movements of shipping.

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[Signature]
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to : R.G. - Tuscan Region.

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Tel. 470008

Ref. 520/38/008

22 December 1944

SUBJECT: Re-routing of I.S.T. shipping
at Bari.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Tonnara Region.

The Flag Officer, Northern Area Mediterranean has reported that on the 7th of Nov the U.S. L.S.T. 907 arrived at Porto Tonnara having been enroute routed from Porto Longone under orders from Capt R.V. Smith, A.S. officer in U.S. Will you ask Capt Smith to give you a full report on this matter and let me have your own summary.

J.P.
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff. 2751

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14 December 1944

Ref. 520/B9/COS

My dear Dr. De Gasperi,

I am pleased to be able to advise you that the last troops of the French Garrison have been removed from Elba and the Island has now come under Allied Military Government administration.

Beginning on the 10 December 1944, Elba will be administered by Toscana Region.

Yours very truly,

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MILBURY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
S. O. B. C.

ENCLOSURE

1997

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Chief Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
REF 394

CITING OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Ref: 520/21/203.

14 December 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

Amendment No. 1

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HEAD OF STAFF

In the first line delete "20 September 1944" and substitute
"20 December 1944".

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Group II - List 101

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AMHQ

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13 Dec 44

ROUTINE

SECRET PD

SUBJECT IS ELPH PD

PARSH TO AMHQ FOR GARDEN LANE: FIVE FROM HQ ALONE FROM LUSH PARK

FRANCE GARDEN AND EQUIPMENT REMOVED ON ELEVEN DECEMBER PD ADMINISTRATION

PASSE: FROM ELPHO CONSIDERATION TO ANG TUCANA REGION TWO ZERO DECEMBER

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CHIEF OF STAFF

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H.W. DEACONS
Major, AGO
ADVOCATE

1999

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AMC TOSIANA REGION (OPTION) 127D AAI FOR DOCAO (INFO)

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13 Dec 64

ROUTINE

URGENT 7D

FRENCH CARRIAGE RECEIVED FROM TUSA ELEVEN DECEMBER 64

PAYEE TO AMC TOSIANA REGION FOR ACTION REPEATED AAI FOR DOCAO FOR INFO FROM

HQ ALCON FROM MISS PABER

EFFECTIVE TWO ZERO DECEMBER ADMINISTRATION PASSED TO YOUR REGION AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER SEVEN EIGHT

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Genl C. R. COTCH

CHIEF OF STAFF

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Lt. Jor. HLG
ADJUTANT

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13 Dec 64

ROUTING

SECRET 10

SUBJECT IS MIA 70

PRISON TO AREA FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALONG FROM LUSH PARK

FORGE GARDEN AND EQUIPMENT REMOVED ON ELEVEN TWENTY TO ADMINISTRATION

PASSE FROM ALLIED CONVICTION TO ARE TORCATA REGION TWO ZERO DECEMBER

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H.W. DRAGETT
Major, and
ADJUTANT

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Ref. 320/86/003

Tel. 478003

15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Handover of EIRV.

TO : Distribution below.

1. The French Garrison were evacuated from Elba 11 Dec 44. The French Military Governorship terminated on that date and administration by AMG became effective.
2. Executive Memorandum No 78 transferring administration to Toscana Region becomes effective 20 Dec 44.

G. W. L. SHIPP
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Dist. Toscana Region
Establishment Section
Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
Land Forces G/C
DGCAD HQ AMG
Political Section.

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Tel: 478808

8 December 1944

Ref: 520/82/003

SUBJECT: Military Government - ELBA.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1. Reference your G-5 OLA.1-4 of 2 Dec 44.
2. The French troops, as reported in our memorandum to you ref 520/003 of 9 Oct 44, are still at ELBA. No shipping has as yet arrived to remove them.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref : 12077/10.

Ref: 101

29 November 41.

SUBJECT : Carabinieri, 12th.

TO : Civil Affairs Section for Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

1. Attached is a report on above subject, forwarded by Col. Kair of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.
2. It is believed that plans have been made to exchange the present Carabinieri on 12th for an equal number in the pool.
3. Will you please advise what the position is regarding this exchange.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Subject : Conditions on Elba.

Land Forces
Sub-Commission, AG (WMA)
Ryse
23 November 1944.

Memorandum for Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff.

1. Major Van Kirk, our Liaison Officer, is on Elba taking off ex-soldiers who have been recalled to the Italian Army.
2. In a telephone conversation he gave me the following information:
 - a. There are 52 Gariboldi on the Island. These are the same people who held the same jobs under the Germans. They are not cooperative, are very arrogant, and are much disliked by the population.
 - b. The Allied Commissioner told Major Van Kirk that he had made a report to have these particular people removed and new people sent in, but nothing had been done.
 - c. The French troops, who really have been policing the Island, are being withdrawn.

CPK/lak.

CLAYTON S. KERR
Colonel, Infantry.

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Ref. 526/75/CDS

29 November 1944.

My dear Dr. Pramus,

Further to my letter 526/53/CDS dated 23 October 1944.

The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Elba has now reported to me regarding the arrests made last September by the Garrison. All of the people arrested were wearing German uniforms at the time of the invasion and in the circumstances, have been treated as prisoners of war.

A record of these cases has been made with local Italian authorities.

Further permitting me to give an early advice that the small contingent of French troops have left Elba.

Yours very truly,

Edw. J. J. J.
 Colonel, R.A.
 Chief Constable

It is Excellency Don Raimondo Pramus
 Minister for Foreign Affairs
 Italian Government
R. S. M. C.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES
120 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 438800

Ref 520/66/008

4 November 1944

SUBJECT: Arrests of Italian Subjects - Rina.

TO: 1. S. O. 40, Rina.

2. The Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs reports that the French police in Paris have arrested on 25 September the following Italian officials for alleged espionage activities in France:

MASTRO, Giuseppe
STACCI, Eino
MASTRO, Raffaele
MA, Stefano
MASTRO, Guelfo
MASTRO, Melchiorre
MASTRO, Virginia
MASTRO, Ernesto

3. Will you please confirm into these cases and submit a report giving the particulars of the charges, and the possible disposition by the French authorities.

[Signature]
Chief of Staff.

Copy to:
Toscano Region
Civil Affairs Section, No. 1, 1, 1.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED FORCES
OF THE PHILIPPINES
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Tel. 424913

Ref 220/62/302

23rd October, 1964

SUBJECT: Military Government - Mba.

Re: A.F.M.P., 1-5.

I enclose correspondence between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Acting Chief Commissioner. The Minister's protest is an inevitable consequence of our failure to implement an assurance given to him as a result of your letter 6-5; 614.1-4 of the 20th of August which was confirmed verbally by you later.

For Acting Chief Commissioner.

MS Lush.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 520/59/300.

23rd October, 1944

My Dear Mr. Prunas:

I have received your letter No. 6345/16 of 23 October 1944, on the subject of airships which were reported to have been made by the French in 1934. The greater part of the French Garrison has already been evacuated from China but owing to unusually bad weather the withdrawal of the remainder of the troops has been unavoidably postponed. Representations are being made to ensure their early departure and I can assure you that this unfortunate delay will soon be terminated.

With regard to the incident that you mention I am having investigation made and will send you a report in due course.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT W. STUBBS
Commodore, RNVR
Acting China Commissioner

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H is Excellency Don Renato Prunas
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
R O M E.

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ROUGH TRANSLATION

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Dear Admiral :

With letter N. 783/21/31 of September 17th you had kindly informed me that for the 20th September ult., the French Administration of the Isle of Elba would cease to exist and the island would pass under the administration of the I. & G. of the province of Leghorn.

It has now been however reported to me that the French police in Portoferraio arrested on September 23rd the following Italian citizens for subsequent internment in Corsica.

MAIONE Giuseppe
 PIRANI Tino
 RIBUNOTTI, Serafino
 SGA Chelers
 GRISSEER, Gaetano
 MARCHELLI Valisade
 CROSIO Virginio
 CORGI Oreste.

As the continuation of these arrests carried out by French police as well as the internments in Corsica do not appear compatible with the new administration of the Isle of Elba, according to the contents of your above quoted letter, I would be grateful should you kindly interest yourself in the matter.

Believe me, Dear Admiral

Yours sincerely

(Sd) R. Brown.

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
 Acting Chief Commissioner,
 Allied Commission.
 R G M E.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CICP
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref 520/45/008.

14th October, 1944

SUBJECT: Handover of the Island of Elba.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Toscana Region.

1. This Headquarters is advised today by telephone that shipping has been arranged for removal of the French garrison and equipment from Elba. The evacuation will take place as soon as weather conditions permit.

2. Following the removal of the French garrison, Executive Memorandum No. 73 which provides that the administration of the Island is taken over by Toscana Region, becomes effective. Toscana Region will therefore be in readiness to assume control of the territory upon receipt of advice that the French garrison has been cleared.

3. Establishment Section are advised by means of a copy of this letter that present transfer or movement of present A.C.C. personnel on Elba is to be coordinated with Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region. It is proposed that Major Marchio, S.M.A. will be at the disposal of Toscana Region for a period of one week following the handover to give such assistance and advice as may be required.

4. Extracts of a report of the 7th of October by Lt. Col. Tabor, Provincial Commissioner, Livorno relating to important local problems are forwarded as an attachment to Sections concerned.

5. The S.M.A. Elba has recommended that the French garrison be replaced by an Allied one and further that present S.C.R. be exchanged for C.C.R. in the pool. This recommendation has been passed to Civil Affairs Section, with the comment that no Allied or Italian military garrison will be provided.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to:

Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section
Economic Section
Col. Warrent, D.D.C.A.O., HQ. A.A.I.
S.C.A.O., EIBA.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITANT GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF LIVORNO
TUSCANY REGION.

File: AMG/5(3)/247.

7 October, 1944.

EXTRACTS.

11. The French S.O. is arresting people, is cancelling passes issued by Major COSSACK, is sending people to Corsica to jail, is searching every carabinieri coming to or leaving the Island and pretty much doing as he pleases. 15 Italians were arrested last week by the French accused of being Republican Fascists and were sent to Corsica where they are supposed to be given a good going over. 100 such cases have already been sent to Corsica recently.

12. A French doctor took all the surgical instruments, amounting to an inventory of 400,000 lire from the Italian Hospital at Rio Marino, Capo Livorno.

15. I much prefer Capt. SMITH to Major BENTLEY and regret that the change was made. Either a supply officer like Capt. SMITH or a Police Officer like Major COSSACK are the types most needed for ELBA if only one officer is to be left behind and under the circumstances I hope Major BENTLEY can be relieved in favor of either a Supply Officer or a Public Safety Officer.

16. Conditions on ELBA are not good. Unemployment is the most serious menace aside from lack of food. The people are willing to work. At least 2500 men are unemployed.

17. In addition to the unemployed there are 2000 Italian Marines and soldiers who have become separated from their units and are living on the Island. A Marine Officer (Italian) is now at work on ELBA to gather together the 2000 odd marines. All of these 2000 should be removed from ELBA.

18. The food situation will be much improved if fishing could be permitted. I went into this matter thoroughly during my visit. 2636

19. The Prison situation must be thoroughly investigated and clarified on all three islands where prisons are located.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CCF
Office of the Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 520/33/003.

15 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Military Government - ELBA

TO: Civil Affairs Section,
Establishment Section,
Col. Monfort, D.O.C.A.G. H.Q. AAI.

1. The removal of the French Garrison from Elba has not taken place according to plan and as a consequence it has not yet been possible to handover the territory to TOSCANA Region. AFHQ have been informed.

2. Major Murchie, SCAG Elba, consulted by telephone regarding the French position raises several points which are raised herewith to the responsible Sections:

(a) Civil Affairs Section.

Major Murchie is concerned about public safety following withdrawal of French troops. He has previously recommended that a small number of Allied troops be sent in to replace the French Garrison. In addition a request was put forward that the 50 Carabinieri on the Island be exchanged for Carabinieri in the pool. Major Murchie states that he is not aware of any plans that may have been made concerning the above.

(b) Establishment Section.

There are three officers at present stationed on Elba; Major Murchie (B), Capt. Bentley (B) and Capt. Smith (A). Major Murchie requests that orders affecting the three officers named be brought in line with the delay in the handover.

3. It may be expected that orders removing the French Garrison and their equipment will be issued shortly by AFHQ and plans for the handover should be formulated accordingly. Particular reference is made to further co-ordinating the transfer from Maj. Murchie to TOSCANA Region.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Chief of Staff Sec.

SECRET PD REFERENCE YOUR FOX THREE SIX ONE ONE EIGHT OF EIGHT OCTOBER PD PAGE 10

AMHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ AGO PAGES FIVE STRENGTH AREA OFFICERS ISN ONE NINE SIX

EQUIPMENT PD
PD ONE LARGE CANNON APPROXIMATE WEIGHT TEN TONS ^{ONE} TWELVE LIGHT CANNONS ONE TON EACH ONE

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TWENTY TONS ONE SEVEN LIGHT LOCOMOTIVES ONE AND HALF TONS EACH ONE ONE HALF TON PRIVATE

CAR ONE ALSO TWO HIGH SPEED LIVE SHOTS THIRTY BARR

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L. P. JENNETT, Jr.
1st Lt AGO
ARTIST

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SECRET. Conversation JACKMAN-SMIA yesterday is reference. Request you state urgently exact numbers of French on ELBA with particulars of vehicles and equipment to be moved. This necessary in order arrange sea transportation for French still on island.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

9 October 1944

REF : 520/COS.

SUB/SUB : Military Government ELBA.

TO : AFHQ, G-3 Section.

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1. Reference your G-5 OHL-1-4 of 3 October 44.
2. I have been told by the CGAO ELBA that the expected removal of the French Garrison has not taken place and it is reported that no plans for departure are under their consideration.
3. There has been a movement of troops to and from the Island. 180 new troops recently arrived prior to the departure of a large part of the garrison. On 8 October 44 the French strength was 196 officers and men. A list of equipment is attached.
4. We are informed that Col. Petit the Deputy Governor left Elba six to eight weeks ago and that his command has been assumed by his former Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Boulier.
5. The Italian Government have for some time evidenced their concern as regards the administration of Elba. Early in September the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs made strong representations on the manner in which the French were carrying out their administration. The communication stressed the resentment evidenced by the local population generally to the French Administration. A request was made that the position be re-examined with a view toward the return of the Islands' administration to the Italian Government, and the Acting Chief Commissioner answered the points raised by stating that AMG Administration could be expected to be in force on or about 20 September. The resulting position in light of the French delay in removing their garrison is most unsatisfactory.
6. Will you please convey this information to G-3 and advise us of what action is being taken.

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See also 782

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
For Acting Chief Commissioner.

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FRENCH EQUIPMENT ON MLBA

	<u>Weight</u>
1 large artillery Piece	10 tons
12 light artillery Pieces (1 ton each)	12 "
2 tanks (5 tons each)	10 "
American ammunition	200 "
German ammunition	10 "
7 light lorries (1 1/2 ton each)	10 1/2 "
1 small private car	
200 live sheep	
30 mules.	

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 394

TBJ/mals

G-5: OLA.1-4

3 October 1944

SUBJECT: Military Government Elba.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to G-5: OLA.1-4, of 16 September 44.
2. G-3 has now informed this section that the French Garrison left the Island some days ago.
3. In the circumstances will you please confirm for record purposes at this HQ that Col Petit has also left the Island and that it is now administered normally under ACC/ANG control.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:


T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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EWS/drr

A/CG 014.13

29 September 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

In reply to your letter 12/01864/118 of 23 September 1944, I should tell you that the islands of the Tuscan Archipelago to which you refer have all along been under Allied Military Government, and that they remain so.

Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency don Renato Prunas,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

12/3136/113

Rome, 8 September 1944

Dear Admiral,

Thank you for communicating to me in your letter of September 17-R, n. 783/21/DA that since September 23, the administration of the island of Saba has been taken over by the Allied Military Government as being part of the province of Leghorn.

I suppose that the above mentioned decision has been taken for the other islands of the Tuscan Archipelago too (Capraia, Gorgona, Pianosa, Montecristo, etc.), which also belong to the province of Leghorn.

I remain, dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

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Admiral Wilbur W. Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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Trans. E.C.

6/465/209

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, September 9, 1944

HQ ACC. APO 3/2

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9 Sept 17 1944

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Dear Admiral,

on June 25th ult., with letter No. 4977, I took the opportunity to point out to Sir Noel Charles the disadvantages that in the Italian Government's opinion were caused by the appointment of a French officer as Governor of the Island of Elba.

Referring yourself verbally to this communication, you assured me that the question could be taken again into consideration after a suitable period of time had elapsed to allow things to settle down.

In the meantime it has come to the knowledge of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that, independently from the moral side of the question, the troops of occupation on the Island of Elba have been guilty, in this period, of numerous offences committed against the person and property of the inhabitants of the Island, stirring up an intense feeling of resentment amongst the local population. It is reported furthermore that, contrarily to the procedure followed until now in the Italian campaign, the Italian soldiers incorporated in German formations and made prisoners on Elba have been transferred, not to Allied concentration camps, but to French camps situated in Corsica, where they have not always been subject to the treatment accorded by international law.

I take the opportunity afforded me by these complaints to ask you to interest yourself again in obtaining from the A.C.C. a re-examination of the question of the Island of Elba in compliance with the assurances which you so kindly gave me. As the return to normality of the situation invoked as a condition for its re-examination by the Allied authorities is now accomplished, the time seems ripe for restoring the Island of Elba to the Italian Government's administration. In this connection I wish to recall those considerations of opportunity and timeliness which I pointed out in my previous letter and I shall be very grateful if you will explain and illustrate to the proper Authorities the Italian Government's point of view on this delicate question.

Very cordially your

(s.) R. PRUNAS

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The Acting Chief Commissioner

Administration of the Island of
Elba

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A.C. & S.S. Section)
Political Section) In turn

11 September 4

1. Reference is made to attached copy of letter from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government, No. 6/465/209, of 9 Sept 44, relative to the above subject.
2. For your comments and suggested reply, please.

Stone

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as above

Quoted 1 piece

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NO. 2726
DATE 12 Sept 1930
BY [signature]
CHKD. [signature]

TRANSLATION

6/465/209

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, September 9, 1944

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Very cordially yours, 2625

/s/ A. Franas

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/57/CA

11 Sept 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 79)

ISLAND OF ELBA

Effective 0001 hours 20 September 1944 the island of ELBA ceases to be administered by R.C. ASC and becomes a part of LIVORNO Province, Region VIII.

W. S. Lush
W. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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C O P Y

17 September 1944

Ref/783/21/GA.

Your Excellency,

I thank you for your letter 6/465/209 of 9 September 1944 on the subject of the military occupation of the island of ELBA, and am glad to be able to tell you that the Island becomes part of LIVORNO Province under Allied Military Government for purposes of administration on the 20th September. I trust that the incidents of which you speak will come to an end with this change.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Capt. USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Prepared by: Lt.Col.G.W.I.Shipp,
Civil Affairs Br.,

Sigd Lt.Col.Shipp GWI

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/57/CA

11 Sept 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 73)

ISLAND OF ELBA

Effective 0001 hours 20 September 1944, the island of ELBA ceases to be administered by HQ ACC and becomes a part of LIVORNO Province, Region VIII.

W.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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The Acting Chief Commissioner

Administration of the Island of
Elba

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11 September 4

R.C. & H.G. Section)
Political Section) In turn

1. Reference is made to attached copy of letter from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government, No. 6/465/209, of 9 Sept 44, relative to the above subject.

2. For your comments and suggested reply, please.

Stone

1 Incl:
as above

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15 SEP 1944

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All'Ammiraglio ELLERY W. STONE
Acting Chief Commissioner
Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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Traggo l'occasione dalla segnalazione dei fatti lamentati per pregarla di volersi nuovamente interessare per ottenere da parte della Commissione Alleata di Controllo un riesame della situazione dell'Isola d'Elba in conformità degli affidamenti che a suo tempo Ella ebbe la cortesia di darmi. Col trascorso del periodo di assestamento invocato per un riesame della questione sembrerebbe infatti giunto il momento per la restituzione dell'Isola d'Elba all'Amministrazione del R. Governo. Mi richiamo a questo proposito alle considerazioni di opportunità e di tempestività invocate nella mia lettera sopracitata e ricorro alla Sua cortesia pregandola di voler lumeggiare opportunamente, in sede competente, il punto di vista del R. Governo nella delicata questione.

Mi creda, caro Ammiraglio,

M. de' Medici

R. Biondi

TRANSLATION

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

12/0186/118

Rome, 2 September 1941

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Dear Admiral,

Thank you for communicating me in your letter of September 17th, n. 705/21/CA that since September 20, the administration of the island of Sika has been taken over by the Allied Military Government as being part of the province of Laghona.

I suppose that the above mentioned decision has been taken for the other islands of the Tuscan Archipelago too (Grosseto, Livorno, Piombino, Portofino, etc.), which also belong to the province of Laghona.

I remain, dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

S/

Admiral Henry A. Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

H. O. M. S.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section

APO 512

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CHS/TBJ/JW

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Administration of Elba.

A-1691

15 JUL 1944

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Herewith for your information are two copies of the following relating to the appointment of Colonel Petit as Deputy Governor of Elba, Vice General Magan.

a) Letter of 29 June signed by the Chief of Staff and addressed to General de Tassigny.

b) Letter of appointment of Colonel Petit which was enclosed with (a).

c) Letter 23/G/Ops of 2 July to this HQ from Adv. HQ AAI.

d) Letter of 5 July from this Section in reply to (c).

e) Letter of 5 July from General de Tassigny.

f) Letter of 8 July from this Section to Adv. HQ AAI with copy of enclosure.

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CHARLES E. SPOFFORD

Colonel, G. S. C.,

Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl: as above.

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29 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Military Government in Elba

TO : General of Army de Lattre de Tassigny,
Commanding General Army B

1. Paragraph 2 of my letter to you of 5 May envisaged that when General Maguan left Elba a senior French officer on the Island would be appointed in his stead as Deputy Military Governor on the Island.

2. As General Maguan has now left Elba and it is understood that Colonel Petit is the senior French officer who has taken over from General Maguan it is desirable that the fact that he thus succeeds to the appointment be made a matter of record.

3. A letter appointing Colonel Petit vice General Maguan is accordingly attached. It would be appreciated if you would agree to this letter of appointment and advise this Headquarters when it has been forwarded to Colonel Petit. General Alexander is being informed from this Headquarters.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater:

J. A. H. GIBBELL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

Incl:
as above.

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30 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Military Government in Elba.

To : Colonel Jean L. Fetit

1. You are designated as Deputy Military Governor of the Island of Elba as from the time when General Magnan relinquished that appointment.
2. A copy of the original letter of 5 May appointing General Magnan as Deputy Military Governor is attached, and your appointment is subject in all respects to the same terms and conditions.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater:

J. L. B. GAZZELL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff

Incl
as above.

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SUBJECT: Administration 5124

Advance Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

25/6/46

To: A.P.H.C.

1. In accordance with A.P.H.C. letter of May 1st (Enclosed) General Maguan has appointed Deputy Military Governor of Elbe.

2. In the final paragraph of this letter it was stated that on relief of General Maguan the senior French officer would be appointed by your H.Q. as Deputy Military Governor.

3. General Maguan has been relieved and as will be seen from the attached Order de Mission Col Petit has been appointed Deputy Governor of Elbe by the Commissaire de La Guerre in Algiers, with Col Smith as his lieutenant.

4. A.P.H.C. letter of May 1st (para 2) stated that the French would not participate actively in the administration of the Island.

5. The instructions sent to Col Petit, who is reported to be a French Colonial Administrator, lay down that he will be responsible to the Administration (see above) for the Island and will be responsible to the French High Command (Vice). His appointment is therefore a dual one, as he will have military questions and command of troops.

6. It would appear proper that the Deputy Military Governor (if the title is to continue) should be appointed by your H.Q. with instructions to delegate his powers to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, A.P.H.C., as was done in the case of General Maguan. It may be thought more desirable that Col Petit should be appointed C.O. Troops and that the civil administration should be left to the S.C.A.C. who would have instructions (as elsewhere) to consult the C.C. Troops on all matters of Policy.

7. It is proposed that as soon as Livorno Province passes to the control of the Allied Military Government that this should be returned to its original status under Italian law as part of that Province.

8. It is important, in the interests of administration in Elbe that the

Sd/ ?

General,
Commander-in-Chief.2 July 46
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4. A.S.H.C. letter of May 1st (para 2) stated that the French would not participate actively in the administration of the island.
5. The instructions sent to Col. Petit, who is reported to be a French Colonial Administrator, say that he will be responsible for the administration and also for the maintenance of the island. He is to be assisted by a French officer (Colonel) who will be appointed by your H.Q. as his adjutant. It is noted that the instructions also state that Col. Petit should be appointed by your H.Q. as his adjutant. It is noted that the instructions also state that Col. Petit should be appointed by your H.Q. as his adjutant. It is noted that the instructions also state that Col. Petit should be appointed by your H.Q. as his adjutant.
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7. It is important, in the interests of administration in Elba that the following be clarified as soon as possible.

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General,
Commander-in-Chief.2 JULY 44
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P.C., le 26 Juni 1944

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R E C E I V E T I C A T I F

a l'ordre d'opérations n 355/3-B.D.
du 25 Juin 1944.

Commandement Français des
Opérations de Corse.

et

1er Corps d'Armée

Etat - Major

3ème Bureau

N 371 / / .BD

III.- Lorsque le General Commandant la 9 D.I.C.

quittera l'île le Commandant Militaire et Administratif sera exerce
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Le Colonel SALAN sera l'adjoind du Colonel PETIT pour
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de l'ensemble des troupes.

Le General Commandant la 9 D.I.C. conserve son droit d'inspection
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Le General de Corps d'Armée GENRY
MARLIN Cdt les Forces Terrestres
Françaises et Alliées de Corse.

Signe: MARTIN

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Monsieur le General d'Armée Commandant
L'Armée "B" - A titre de C.R.

- pour execution -

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- le Colonel PETIT (a/c du
- du General Cdt la 9 D.I.C.)
- le Cdt du Detachement de liaison
- de la 9 D.I.C. a BASTIA.
- 9 D.I.C. (P.C. arriere CORSE)

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Françaises et Alliées de Corse.

Signature: MARIN 2113

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- pour information -

- M. le General Gouverneur Militaire de la Corse
- le General Commandant la MORS.
- le General Commandant l'Artillerie du C.R.
- le Commandant du Carie
- le Commandant des Transmissions
- le Commandant du Train.
- le Commandant des F.T.A.
- le Directeur du Service de Sante.

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COMMISSARIAT A LA GUERRE

Le 22 Juin 1944.

ORDRE DE MISSION

Le Colonel PELLET, affecté pour ordre à l'Etat-Major du Ier Corps d'Armée est désigné, d'accord avec le Commandement Allié pour prendre les fonctions de DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF de l'Armée au départ du Général MARTIN.

Il est mis, dès maintenant, à la disposition du Général MARTIN pour se préparer à ses futures fonctions.

Le Comd saire à la Guerre

Signe: DIENHART.

Commissariat Français des
Opérations de Corse
et Ier Corps d'Armée

Etat - Major
3e Bureau
N° 2.188/3

COPIE C. M. T. NOTIFIÉE,

Pour exécution, à :

M. le Général Cdt la 9^e D.I.C.

le Colonel PELLET

P.C., le 23 Juin 1944.
Le Général de Corps d'Armée Henry MARTIN
Commandant le Ier Corps d'Armée
Commandant les Forces Terrestres
Françaises et Alliées de Corse,

Signe : MARTIN

P.A. Le Colonel DESAMARS de MONTMILLARD
Chef d'Etat-Major.

Signe: DESAMARS DE MONTMILLARD

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Il est mis, des maintenant, à la disposition du Général MARTIN pour se préoccuper de ses futures fonctions.

Le Général s'adresse à la Guerre

Signe: DIEZELLE.

Commandant Fouchet des
Opérations de Corse
et 1er Corps d'Armée

CAPTE C HENRIE NOTIFIER.

Pour exécution, à :

M. le Général Cat la 9^e D.I.C.

Etat - Major

3^e Bureau

N° 2.138/2

le Colonel PETIT

P.C., le 23 Juin 1944.
Le Général de Corps d'Armée Henry MARTIN
Commandant le 1er Corps d'Armée
Commandant les Forces Terrestres
Françaises et Alliées de Corse,

Signe : MARTIN

P.A. Le Colonel DECAZARS de MONTCAILLON
Chef d'Etat-Major.

Signe: DECAZARS DE MONTCAILLON

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N 360/3 B.D. Du 26-6-44.

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1. Au départ prochain du General MAGNAN, Colonel PETIT designé comme Cdt. Militaire des Iles d'EEBE et PIANOSA - sera responsable de la défense vis à vis Ter C.A. Sera responsable de l'Administration avec aide commission de Contrôle allies vis à vis General ALEXANDER;

2. Disposera momentanément des troupes suivantes : 6 R.T.S. - I Bn.
4 R.T.S. - Groupe de Commandos moins 1 commando - un groupe d'artillerie
Coloniale - Bois Genie - F.T.A. - F.T.A. - 15 groupe et 26 groupe --
Transmissions nécessaires aux liaisons radio avec la COMEX - Batteries
MARINA et F.T.A. du Cdt. PINEL - 1 Section de transport de la 9 D.I.C.
Service sans changement jusqu'à nouvel ordre - FBI.

A.B.
9eme DIVISION D'INFANTERIE
COLONIALE

COPIE CONFORME NOTIFIÉE
"Pour Information"

Etat-Major-3 Bureau

N 37 / 2

DESTINATAIRES :

- Colonel PETIT
- Major RUMED

P.C. Le 26 Juin 1944
Le General de Brigade MAGNAN, Cdt. la
9 D.I.C.
P.O. Le Lt-Colonel BOURGUIL, Chef d'E.M.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Administration of ELBA.

TO : Advance HQ AMI.

1. Reference is made to your 25/G/ops of 2 July.

2. In a recent cable received here from CG Force 255, it was stated that General Magnan had left the Island and that Col. Petit had taken over the function of 'Military Governor' and Governor of Elba, assisted by Col. Salan for Command of troops and Major Murchie (SCAG) for Administration.

3. In the light of the above cable and having regard to the last paragraph of the letter of 1st May which appointed General Magnan as Deputy Military Governor, it was thought proper to take steps from this HQ at once to make Col. Petit's appointment as Deputy Military Governor a matter of record, such appointment to be subject in all respects to the same terms and conditions as in the case of General Magnan. Letters as attached have accordingly been signed by the Chief of Staff and have been despatched to General de Tassigny. A letter from the Chief of Staff to General Alexander acquainting him with the action taken is being held ready on the instructions of the Chief of Staff for despatch on receipt of confirmation from General de Tassigny that the letter of appointment has been transmitted to Col. Petit.

4. In the circumstances it will be seen that action as contemplated in your letter has already been taken.

5. It is desirable that this HQ should be notified as much in advance as possible of the date when Livorno Province will pass to AMG control in order that the appointment of Col. Petit as Deputy Military Governor may be officially revoked as from that date.

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(Spd) CHARLES E. SPOTFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Asst Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incls.

- 1) Ltr Lt Gen Gamell to Gen de Tassigny, 29 Jun
 - 2) Ltr Lt Gen Gamell to Col Petit, 30 Jun
- (both on sub: "Mil Gov in Elba")

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Traduction

ARMEE "B"

ETAT - MAJOR
3ème BUREAU

M 929/3.S.

5 Juillet 1944.

OBJET: Gouvernement Militaire de l'Île d'IND.

AU : Commandant Suprême Allié, M.T.

1.- En réponse à votre lettre du 29 Juin, je donne mon
agrément à votre lettre nommant le Colonel PETIT au poste occupé
précédemment par le General MAGNIAN comme Délégué Gouverneur Mil-
itaire de l'Île d'IND.

2.- Nous faisons suivre aujourd'hui cette lettre d'affecta-
tion au Colonel PETIT et par la présente en prévenons votre Quar-
tier General.

Le General d'Armée de L'ATLANTIQUE de TASSIGNY

Commandant l'Armée "B"

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FRENCH ARMY "B"

HEADQUARTERS

G-3
No 929/3.S.

5 July 1944.

SUBJECT : Military Government in Elba.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.

1.- In answer to your letter of 29 June, I agree to your letter appointing Colonel PETIT in place of General MAURAN as Deputy Military Governor on the Island of ELBA.

2.- We are to-day forwarding to Colonel PETIT your letter of appointment and hereby notify your Headquarters.

General de LAFITE de TASSIGNY

Commander French Army B.

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