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SITUATION REPORTS, LEGAL
JAN. 1944

OPERATIVE MESSAGE

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TO: MESSINA FOR INFO

FROM: HQ ARMY FOR INFO

Orig's No. SA 917

21 Jan

SIXTY (..) Sitrep 20 Jan (..) For headings see PA 711 of 3 Jan (..)

ONE (..) General conditions (..) Price control has improved general conditions (..) There seems to be plenty of money most of which is spent in purchasing food on black market (..)

TWO (..) The politically minded are preparing for the SMI meeting on 23 Jan (..) Signor SPINOLA lobbying for appointment as SMI's SMI COMMISSIONER RAVEN (..)

THREE (..) Administration (..) SMI planning well advanced (..) Bad communications regarding local administration difficult throughout (..)

FOUR (..) Two death sentences on spies confirmed and executed (..) One committed one self suicide (..)

FIVE (..) Situation generally satisfactory (..) Italian espionage cooperating (..)

SIX (..) Subscriptions to Treasury bonds generally exceed repayments (..) In area B Army expenditure on road repairs remains high (..) Where possible financing channeled through SMI equals Italian Government's state road organization (..)

SEVEN (..) Imports of food in past week adequate until end January at 150 grams bread ration (..) Have recommended to SMI adoption of Italian ration system (..) Present price of white bread is 150 official price 3 point 60 olive oil 200 lire per kilo official price 28 (..) Transport difficulties still entrance supply problems in forward areas (..)

EIGHT (..) Amount olive oil reaching areas unsatisfactory (..) Prices recently increased but too early yet to judge effect (..)

NINE (..) Decline in Typhus cases (..) Additional 300 beds provided (..) British officer appointed as General Hospital Chief Superintendent (..)

TEN (..) Harbor refugees in S Army front generally increased (..) Urgent need for material assistance from Army being pressed

This message must be sent in CLEAR

DEGREE OF PRIORITY

..... Lt. Col.

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Subject:- Situation Report.

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Legal Division,
AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AMV/250/6.
20 January 44.

Chief Staff Officer,
AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group, C.M.F.

Reference AMG/620/15 dated 4 Jan 44.

Military Governor on 15 Jan confirmed sentence of death imposed by General Military Court upon two spies. Another General Military Court convicted another defendant of same offence on Jan 14.

Wend Hurd

Major, A.U.S.,
Chief Legal Officer.

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EUROPEAN MESSAGE

NO: MURKIN FOR LES

FROM: ACD 15 WEST GROUP

Orig's No. ZA 861

15 Jan

SUBJECT (.) Sitrep 13 Jan (.) For headings see ZA 718 of 3 Jan (.)

ONE (.) As in last Sitrep (.) There is a very large movement of population from and to markets outside in market food (.) Most food is American; better than what was enjoyed by people in old Italian regions (.) Food shortages in Berlin still very serious (.) Hoops now forbidden buy food and restaurants and eating houses off limits (.)

TWO (.) Communist leaflet reports in Berlin indicating disorderly situation (.) If found perpetrator will be tried (.)

THREE (.) Italian Government continues attempt to act as if governing occupied territory and recently receive products and provisions especially another and declared another district separate province (.) All within AMB area (.) This being represented to AMB (.)

FOUR (.) Three Italian spies sentenced to death in our area (.) Several still sub judges so do not publish (.)

SIX (.) Public Finance (.) Tax collectors have been increased necessity increasing revenue and improvement expected (.) Most post offices now operating for all services except mail and some postal savings banks (.) Letter will be received shortly Region Three (.) Policy of Treasury board remain satisfactory (.) In devastated areas consular expenditure remains heavy being demolition unused buildings and extensive repairs public services (.) Banks (.) Situation generally good (.) Accumulation difficulties (.) (.)

SEVEN (.) Imported food still in serious short supply (.) Problem transporting imported supplies to forward areas from ports of entry now arising (.)

EIGHT (.) Agriculture (.) Wheat seed being distributed (.)

NINE (.) Typhus situation Berlin continues to present health problem (.) Average 17 cases a day being reported (.) Epidemic being attacked along lines of Sitrep 5 item (.) Hospital facilities and distribution services being maintained (.)

TEN (.) Italian field hospital 100 beds on route to Army (.) List of 2 casualties to purpose Airborne and attached to below sent 3 Army

Subject:- Situation Report.

Legal Division,
AMG Hq.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AMG/250/4.
13 January 44.

Chief Staff Officer.,
AMG Hq.,
15 Army Group, C.M.F.

Reference AMG/620/15 dated 4 Jan 44.

There is nothing to report from this Division.

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Major, A.U.S.,
Chief Legal Officer.

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Subject:- Situation Report.

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Legal Division,
AMG HQ,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AMG/230/3.
6 January 44.

Chief Staff Officer,
AMG HQ,
15 Army Group, C.M.F.

Reference AMG/620/15 dated 4 Jan 44.

General Military Court in session since 4 Jan
at LUCERA. Italian courts functioning normally, most areas,
despite extensive damage to court buildings.

W. H. H. H.
Major, A.U.S.,
Chief Legal Officer.

FOUR (.) Italian Courts functioning normally despite extensive damage court
buildings (.)

4 Jan 44

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SUBJECT: Reports.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

TO: All Heads of Divisions.

AMG/620/15.
4. Jan. 44.

The following is a paraphrase of a message received from A.F.H.Q. :

"Demands from London and Washington for information as to the general situation in occupied Italy necessitate the following reports being made :

- (a) Situation Reports by Signal to reach A.F.H.Q. on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and last days of each month.
- (b) A monthly report to reach A.F.H.Q. by the 22nd of each month covering activities during the previous month. Activities of the Central Economic Committee will be included in the report to be forwarded by A.C.C. The AMFA report will be submitted as an annexe to the A.C.C. report.

The first situation report is required at A.F.H.Q. by 8 Jan.

2. Situation reports will be completed by G.S.O.1 from brief telegraphic sentences to be forwarded by Heads of Divisions to G.S.O.1 on the evenings of the 6th, 13th, 20th and last day minus two of each month. Nil reports are required. It is suggested that each Division open a special file for these reports. Registry will arrange to bring these up on the morning of the day on which reports are required.

3. As regards the monthly reports, see copy of AMG/620/14 of 4. Jan. 44 attached. On receipt of the reports from R.C.A.Os. and S.C.A.Os. pertinent extracts will be passed to Heads of Divisions for consideration, additional information (if thought necessary) and return to G.S.O.1.

4. First action on para.2 is required on evening of 6. Jan. 44.

DISTRIBUTION: Legal, Finance,
Public Health, Public Safety,
Prop. Custodian, E. & S., ~~AMFA~~.

P. R. Smith
Lt. Col.
for Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.
AMC/620/14.
4. Jan. 44.

TO: S.C.A.O. 5 Army.
S.C.A.O. 8 Army.
R.C.A.O. Region III.
R.C.A.O. Region IV

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2. In order to provide the material for consolidated reports you will submit to this H.Q. by the 12th of every month a report on the area under your control covering the previous month. The following headings will be used:

1. General conditions of the people.
2. Political.
3. Administration.
4. Justice.
5. Public Safety.
6. Finance.
7. Supplies.
8. Agriculture.
9. Medical.
10. Refugees.
11. Staff.
12. Miscellaneous.

3. The monthly reports called for above will take the place of the reports previously forwarded by S.C.A.Os. 5 and 8 Armies.

4. The first report will be in respect of the month of December. Short notice may prevent the December report being received here by 12. Jan., but it is essential that it be received as near that date as possible.

5. The report is required in QUADRUPPLICATE.

[Signature]
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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All heads of Divisions:			-	1
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