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MEMORANDUM

11/9/44

At 10 am 11th September 1944 a meeting was held between
Lt Col Fothergill (Displaced Persons)
Maj. Reakes (RC & MG)
" Dunolly (Refugees)
" Harvey Security Branch & Public Safety.

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AFHQ
It was agreed that the memorandum ~~(70-5)~~ needed considerable clarification. The object seemed to be to clear the North African camps of Italian civilians. It was agreed Maj. Reakes should write to AFHQ, asking for further information on:-

- a) Status of persons on arrival in Italy - either internees or freed persons; in the latter case they would be as refugees.
- b) Number of persons likely to be moved.
- c) Would it be possible to use 371 Camp as a temporary shelter pending screening.
- d) Who does the screening in Italy. (Refugees Section)
- e) Will Italian Government see to distribution here.

It was realised this was probably the first step in a world wide repatriation scheme and considerable thought would be necessary before actual steps could be adopted to implement the general policy set out in the letter.

S. J. Harvey
S. J. HARVEY, Major

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Minutes of Conference on Refugees
17 March 44

Present: Regional Commissioners and Staff, representatives British Navy, U.S. Navy, HQ No. 1 District, I. E. S., Red Cross etc.

1. PLAN

- a. To accept 20,000 refugees per month starting 1 April.
- b. 2/3 or 14,000 to enter SYRACUSE.
1/3 or 6,000 to enter PALERMO.
- c. Arrivals expected.
1400 - 1500 every 3 days SYRACUSE.
700 - 750 every 3 days PALERMO.
24 hours notice has been requested.
- d. Reception Camps to be provided by 1 April as follows
complete with disinfesting plant, medical, feeding, security screening and sleeping arrangements and segregated as necessary at SYRACUSE by HQ No. 1 District
222 E.V. Camp 4,500
overflow camp PRIGIO 2,500
at PALERMO by I.E.S.
staying camp MONDELLO
with total numbers including reserve 3,500
I.E.S. is considering TERMI I IMERCI as an alternative.
- e. Turn-Round at Camps
Target date including disinfesting, screening and documentation 7 days
Allowance in reserve 3 days
Figures given above allow for 15 days' intake at each port.
- f. Transport for evacuation to be by special train of 500 a time at 24 hours notice, or by I.E.S. vehicles.

2. CONCEPT OF WIDE PLAN

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222 E. W. Camp overflow camp at RABBITO by I. D. S.	4,500	2,500
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I.F.S. is considering TERMINAL INTEREST as an alternative.

e. Turn-Round at Camps

Target date including disinfecting, screening and documentation	7 days
Allowance in reserve	3 days

Figures given above allow for 15 days' interval

f. Transport for evacuation to be by special train of 500 a time at 24 hours notice, or by I.M.V. vehicles.

2. CONCEPT OF WIND PLAN

a. Both Navy and Army authorities approve plan of 2/3 SYRACHEN and 1/3 ITALY.

h. Military requirements necessitate disposal of refugees for April and May only in following areas:

refugees in communes on MESSINA-PALERMO road.
NO refugees in Provinces of MESSINA, CATANIA, P. A. MESSINA,
SYRACUSE North of West to West line through town of PALESTRA
 Nothing West of line inclusive PALERMO to inclusive SOLICATA.

Provinces without restrictions: AGRICULTURE (less SOLAGODA),
PACCEL, CATTANUCCI, PALLINO SONDRETTA PATRION, STAGUST
SOU VERNI FAVIN.
HQ No. 1 District agrees to forward map showing number of
communes which may be found available in restricted Provinces.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Agreed that Italian administration must accept primary responsibility.
4. Break-down of responsibility for reception was agreed as follows:
- (1) HQ No. 1 District.
- 282 I.M. and PRIOLIO Camps to be provided complete with washing and cooking facilities, latrines, wire, and tents ready 1 April.
- 2 Disinfectors No. 3.
- 1000 Sacks or sandbags and labels. (for disinfecting)
- 2000 Blankets (for disinfecting)
- Soyar stoves - 50 on site.
- Administrative staff - 2 Officers and 100 I.M.
- 222 I.M. Camp
- 1 Officer and 50 I.M. PRIOLIO.
- British guards
- Security personnel for screening - 250 a day.
- Vehicles from ship to camp and for administration.
- HQ No. 1 District will consider whether any tyres may be available for Italian ambulances, and whether any condemned food stocks can be created.
- (2) I.E.S.
- Camp at PRIOLIO complete with washing and cooking and latrine facilities, tents and wire, or alternative at PRIOLIO. To be ready 1 April.
- Hospital tent and cots for emergency station.
- 1000 Blankets (for disinfecting)
- 500 flour bags (for disinfecting)
- 3500 mess outfits
- 3500 siccans
- Trucks from ship to camp, for administration and in lieu of ambulances.
- Administrative staff - 1 I.M. Officers and 100 I.M.
- Guards - 46 Italian Regiment
- Security personnel

2000 blankets (1000)
 Geyser stoves - 50 on sites.
 Administrative staff - 2 officers and 100 I.M.
 222 I.M. Camp
 - 1 officer and 50 I.M. PRIMO.
 British guards
 Security personnel for screening - 250 a day.
 Vehicles from ship to camp and for administration.
 HQ No. 1 District will consider whether any types may
 be available for Italian ambulances, and whether any
 condemned food stocks can be granted.

(2) I.I.S.

Camp at MONDELLO complete with washing and cooking and
 latrine facilities, tents and wire, or alternative at
 PRIMO. To be ready 1 April.
 Hospital tent and cots for emergency station.
 1000 Blankets (for disinfecting)
 500 flour bags (for disinfecting)
 3500 mess outfits
 3500 sycons
 Trucks from ship to camp, for administration and in lieu
 of ambulances.
 Administrative staff - I.M. Officers and 100 I.M.
 Guards - 45 Italian Regiment
 Security Personnel

I.I.S. offers loan of special Diesel for Refugee staff
 under A.C.C. officer to contact Provinces quickly.

(3) A.C.C.

Disinfectors for MONDELLO Camp - Public Health
 D.D.T. or equivalent powder for SYRACUSE - Public Health
 Soap - SYRACUSE and PALERMO - Economic **1069** Supplies
 Food for Reception Camp
 Food and Milk for infants and nursing mothers
 Contracts for local Bakeries - SYRACUSE and PALERMO
 Special identity cards - Public Safety
 Liaison on with Military for Security Control
 Public Safety
 Signal of departure of ships to be obtained from Italy
 for forwarding to I.I.S. and SYRACUSE 24 hours prior
 Executive Officer

(4) Italian Red Cross
Medical Staffs at reception camps SYRACUSE and PALERMO

SYRACUSE	PALERMO
1 superintendent	1 superintendent
2 doctors	2 doctors
2 female doctors	1 female doctor
nurses	nurses
8 orderlies for disinfectors	orderlies for disinfectors
Hospitals - SYRACUSE 180 beds	
PALERMO 110 beds	
Amulances at ship and camp.	
Propaganda for collections of clothing and necessities.	
Soup kitchens as and when available.	

(5) U.S. Red Cross.
To consider allotment of reserves of shoes and clothing to both reception camps.

(6) ITALIAN Administration
Provision of 7000 bowls

7000 spoons	SYRACUSE
14000 blankets	
14000 towels	PALERMO
7000 blankets	
7000 towels	

necessary drugs to camp hospitals
Responsible for Documentation staffs SYRACUSE AND
and necessary documents PALERMO

Billetting arrangements in communes
Evacuation to communes

4. POSSIBLE LARGE ACCOMMODATION SITES. NOTE FOR INFORMATION

Place	Description	No.	Availability
ROCCA PALUMBA ALIA	Railway hutted camp and area	1050	NEW
SAN GALAIDO	Camp site with buildings	200	Now
	many more with work		
VITTORIA	Old P.W. Camp and air station	300	Now
	1000 with repairs		
	2000 when stores cleaned		
TRAPANI	Building with beds	500	Now

SYRACUSE
14000 blankets
14000 towels
7000 blankets
7000 towels

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Billetting arrangements in communes
Evacuation to communes

4. POSSIBLE LARGE ACCOMMODATION SITES. NO. 1 FOR INFORMATION

Place	Description	No.	Availability
ROCCA PALUMBA ALIA	Railway hatted camp and area	1050	Now
SAN CATALDO	Camp site with guidelines	200	Now
VITTORIA	Old P.M. Camp and air station	300	Now
		many more with work	
		1000 with repairs	
		2000 when stores cleaned	
	Building with beds	500	Now

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- Region I all dept's.
- Prov. Commissioners-2 each
- HQ No. 1 District-12
- I.E.S.-12
- S.M.O.P.S. 1.-3
- U.S. Navy-3
- Liaison officer No. 1 District-1
- Capt. Atkinson Grimshaw-1
- Major Guseley-1
- U.S. Red Cross-3
- Spares-20

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SECRETHEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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15 March 1944

SUBJECT : Quota for dispatch to Region 1, 2 and 3.
Period March - April.

TO : O.C. Italian Refugee Branch, Region 3. A.C.C.

1. The numbers to be sent to Reg. 2. subsequent to 11th March, are to be limited to 12500.

2. If possible, only half of this numbers is to be from this side, leaving the other half for refugees from 8 Army. This can be done by holding the maximum numbers in camps here pending commencement of evacuation to Region 3. The latter will receive:

5000 March - last week
10000 April

3. Region 1. should also be ready to take:

20000 during April

but we still await their dispersal programme, giving reception Ports.

4. Should the numbers from 8 Army Area, mentioned in para. 2 be smaller than expected, the total (up to 12500) will be sent to Region 2 as arranged, although their movement may continue after the end of March.

L.R. HULLS
Lt. Col.
Commanding.Copy to: HQ, Region 1 and 2.
Food Sub-Commission.
Security Sub-Commission.SECRET

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