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OCT. - DEC. 1944

OFFICIAL ORDERS + CORRESPONDENCE - TOSCANA REGION

OCT. - DEC. 1944

To: Harlan Cleveland
Economic Section

11/5/44

Letter attached for Mr. Antolini's signature,
as per your letter of 21 Nov.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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File: .091.4346
Subject: Housing Committee - Livorno
Date: 24 Dec. 1944
To: Labor f/c
From: Finance f/c
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : 478904

22 December 1944

REF : 091.4346 (091.LSC/30)

SUBJECT: Attachments - Labor Officers.

TO : Major J. Howard Salter, R.A., Adjutant
Hq., Toscana Region

1. Reference is made to your letters of 1 December and 10 December, regarding the attachment to your Region of Lt. Colonel James O. Babcock and S/Sgt. C. P. Sorisi.

2. Your attention is called to letter from the Economic Section dated 7 November (LAB 091.4346), stating that Lt. Colonel Babcock and S/Sgt. Sorisi had been designated to undertake the task of solving certain labor problems in the Leghorn-Pisa area, as requested by your letter of 29 October 44, RVIII/40/75. The letter of 7 November states specifically that the officers assigned will "assume full responsibility for labor work in the Livorno Province."

3. Reference is also made to letter from the Economic Section, dated 8 December 44, 091.4346, which is a confirmation of previous correspondence.

4. It would appear that your office is in agreement with the arrangement set up, inasmuch as Special Order No. 133, dated 21 November 44, issued by the Toscana Region, copy herewith attached, states that Lt. Colonel Babcock and S/Sgt. Sorisi "are attached to Livorno Province for rations only".

JUNIOR R. SMITH
Colonel, USA
Acting Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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CC: Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

21 Nov. 44

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 133)

1. The fol named Offr & EM are atchd to LIVORNO Prov for
rtms only.

Maj J.O. BABCOCK, O-523504, Spec Res, (A)
31281205 S/Sjt SORISI, O.P., (A)

2. Capt. O.H. MATHIS, O-901703, CMP, (A), is rel'd fr
atchmt to SIENA Prov & atchd on TD to AREZZO Prov, pursuant to verbal
orders of RC on 19 Nov 44.

3. 2/Lieut F.J. MORAN, O-1797687, CMP, (A), pursuant to
para 5 Hq AG SO No. 287 dated 14 Nov 44, is atchd on TD (Legal) to
FLORENCE Prov. He will be available for release on 24 hrs notice when called
for by RC LIGURIA REG. This is a temp. change of sta.

4. 31060951, Pfc ZACCARIA, C., (A), is rel'd fr asgt to
FLORENCE Prov & re-asgt to SIENA Prov for dy with PISO. WP without delay,
RUA to PC SIENA for instrs. This is a perm change of sta. Travel by mil
tpcn is authd.

5. 48816V Sjt NICHOLL B.H., SABC, UDF, is atchd to
FLORENCE Prov for rtms & accom, & to PWU Div (Reg Hq) for dy.

By ORDER of Colonel KIRKWOOD:

/s/ J. HOWARD SALTER,
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

DISTRIBUTION:

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RC LIGURIA Reg
Labour Div
PWU Div
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RPSO
PC LIVORNO
PC SIENA
PC AREZZO
PC FLORENCE

Maj BABCOCK
Capt MATHIS
2/Lieut MORAN
Sjt SORISI
Sjt NICHOLL
Pfc ZACCARIA
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ECONOMIC SECTION

5 Dec.

(Date)

	To
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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION	
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FINANCE	
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LABOR	☒
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TRANSPORTATION	
PRIORITY & MOVEMENTS DIV.	
REQUISITION DIVISION	
SUPPLY & RESOURCES DIV.	
CHIEF COMMISSIONER	
CHIEF OF STAFF	
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION	
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Remarks/Recommendation	
Investigation & Report	
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Remarks: Will you kindly
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 request from Indiana
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TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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1 Dec 44.

RVIII/40/115.

SUBJECT : Attachments - Labour Officers.

TO : HQ., AG (Attention Econ. Section).

1. Reference para 16 a. letter 511/29/COG dated 19 Nov 44 - "Minutes of Conference held at SDMA on Friday 17 Nov 44".

2. May the written confirmation of attachment to this Region in respect of the u/m officer and E/M, Labour S.C., now working at LIVORNO please be forwarded:-

Lt.Col. James O. BABCOCK 0523504 (A)

31281205 S/Sgt C.P. SORIEL.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D.I. Finlay. Sub.
A.T.S.J. HOWARD SAITTE,
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

EW/an.

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	Initials	Date
Colonel SMITH		
Lt. Col. BABCOCK		
Major BOICLUNA		
Capt. DORF		
Capt. YOPLISS		
Capt. COLINBROOK		
Mr. SACHS		
Mr. EL PENA		
Mr. GARRITO		
Mr. LA LOUISA		
Chief Clerk		

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File Ref: RVIII/40/120

Date: 10 Dec 44.

SUBJECT Attachments - Labour Officers.
TO HQ., AC (Attention Econ. Section).

1. May your reply to this HQ. letter RVIII/40/115 dated 1 Dec 44., now be forwarded please.

For the Regional Commissioner:

S. H. Findlay Sub.
A.T.S.

J. HOWARD SALTER
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

GM/ac.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

20/PRB

19 December 1944.

Mr. George Edman
ADPWO (Lib)
PWB

Dear Mr. Edman:

As you know, there has been considerable pressure from 5th Army AMG and the AC's Economic Section to have a news-paper started in Livorno. I understand some local attempts at establishing a paper are in progress under Italian auspices. However, since this is an army zone and since the primary need for a paper, according to our officers, is a military one - to allay rumor and unrest - it is requested that PWB provide some sort of regular news service to that port in the form of a special Italian edition. Will you be kind enough to inform us of what the exact position is in Livorno as to a regular PWB paper being started there or how much progress has been made toward founding an Italian paper there?

For the Director:

JOHN P. LEACACOS
Major, AUS
Public Relations Officer

Copy: Lt. Col. Munro, PWB
Mr. Cleveland, Economic
Section, AC.

HEADQUARTERS
OSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Labor

File Ref: Lab/1500/3

Date: 18 December '44

SUBJECT: Rotation of Enlisted Man Requesting TD.
TO : C.O., HQ Command Allied Force.
(Through Channels)

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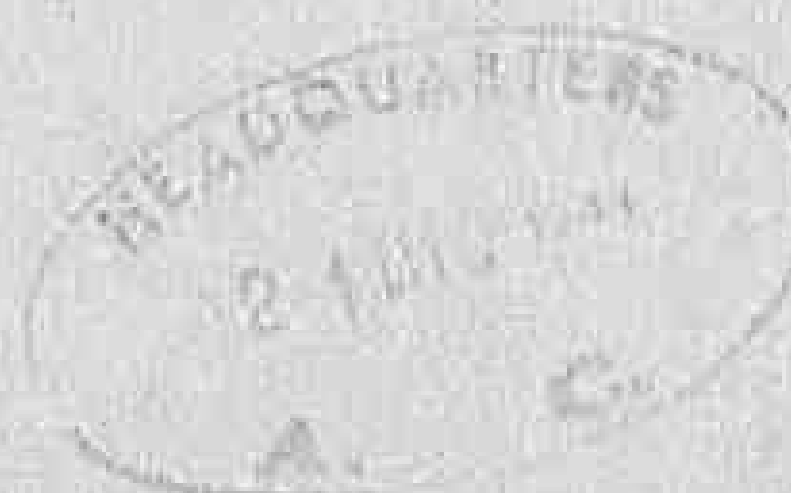
1. T/5 Joseph Speranza ASN 32034684, with the approval of his company commander, made written request for TD in the United States. As a result he was, through error, ordered to the United States not on TD as requested but on rotation as a permanent change of station. A higher headquarters offered to try to have him placed on TD sometime in the future if he would waive his rotation orders but for obvious reasons he elected to proceed to the United States on the orders he then had. He is highly skilled in labor relations, was filling a higher position than his grade indicated, had consequently been recommended for promotion, speaks fluent Italian and desires to return to his previous assignment.

2. It is requested that Par. 1 of Letter Order dated 1 Dec 1944 Headquarters Command Allied Force be amended, placing T/5 Joseph Speranza ASN 32034684 on TD instead of rotation.

Ralph R. Small

RALPH R. SMALL
Major, C.A.C.
Regional Labor Officer.
Region VIII

cc Labor Sub/c *Hq. Alloc.* ✓
cc Regional Commissioner.



HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
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Cross Reference Sheet

File: 4346
Subject: Payment of Housing Committee Workers - Verno
Date: 16 Dec. 44
To: Finance S/c
From: Labor S/c
Documents Filed: 465 464

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DEC 15/1820
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RESCUE REGION LACON OFFICER

COL JUNIOR R SMITH DIRECTOR LACON SUB COM HQ ALCON

IN CLEAR.

Royal Italian decree number 328 is retroactive in Italian territory but not in
A.D. Suggest H. ALLIED COMMISSION should amend this law to avoid above discrimination

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

NSC/1325
14 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Transportation Sub-Commission, Hq. A.C.
Subject: Operation of Port of PIOMBINO.

1. On 1 October 1944, the Port of PIOMBINO was turned over to and made the operational and administrative responsibility of the Italian Navy by a directive of Flag Officer Northern Areas, Mediterranean, British Royal Navy. Consequently the Italian Ministry of Marine has assigned an Italian Naval Officer for duty in the port. Upon accepting responsibility for the operation of the port, the Italian Navy requested the Navy Sub-Commission to indicate the degree to which Allied authorities would make use of PIOMBINO and to assist in supplying appropriate quantities of labor and material to guarantee that Allied demands on the port can be met in an efficient manner.

2. To ensure that no labor or material are diverted for the use of the Italian Navy at PIOMBINO, unless its use will result in assistance to the Allied war effort, either directly by relieving the pressure on forward ports or indirectly by permitting the Italian Government to assume a greater share of responsibility for supplying and rehabilitating the PIOMBINO area, a representative of the Navy Sub-Commission recently made an inspection of the port and visited Headquarters, Peninsular Base Section, Leghorn and British Naval Officer-in-Charge, Leghorn.

3. Although the Italian Navy now is responsible for all matters connected with the water areas of the Port of PIOMBINO, all land areas remain the responsibility of Peninsular Base Section. The British Naval Officer-in-Charge, LEGHORN, retains an "over-riding authority" over the actions of the Italian Navy in the port, however, there is no representative of NOIC, LEGHORN present.

4. Both NOIC, LEGHORN and Commanding Officer, PES expressed similar opinions to the effect that the early opening of the Port of PIOMBINO for ships loaded with civilian supplies would materially lessen the strain on LEGHORN facilities which are presently occupied in handling logistics for the Allied Armies. This proposed use of PIOMBINO is premised on the supposition that civilian supplies for use

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WBC/1325
14 December 1944.

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Subject: Operation of Port of PIOMBINO.

in the PIOMBINO area can be handled with less transport facilities if off-loaded at PIOMBINO than at LEGHORN. If such supplies would have to be taken to a central depot at LEGHORN and then returned to the PIOMBINO area, as an Allied Commission representative has intimated may be required, it would appear that there would be a small over-all benefit from the early building up of PIOMBINO facilities.

5. The Port of PIOMBINO has one berth which by using ships' gear for unloading, and motor vehicles for transport of supplies, could immediately be used by a Liberty ship. In addition, there is docking space which is capable of handling simultaneously, several coastal schooners. Both the Liberty berth and the schooner berth have been served by a rail spur in the past. The I.L.V.A. Company, whose now damaged steel plant was served both by the docks and the rail line, is sponsoring limited efforts to place the rail line in operation and to join it to the main north-south railroad line. From local representatives of the company, it was determined that the I.L.V.A. Company hopes to have the line in operating condition by the end of January, 1945. It is not known whether the I.L.V.A. Company is being assisted in its rehabilitation efforts by an AG/AMC office or whether its activity is entirely the result of its own initiative. In any event, it appears that the rail line could be made operational in a shorter time if Allied assistance were given to the Company.

6. As the I.L.V.A. Company at PIOMBINO is in a seriously damaged condition, the majority of its large number of former employees are without work. It would appear that in determining the degree to which the Port of PIOMBINO should be operated, some consideration should be given to the condition of the presently unemployed industrial population.

7. The Transportation Sub-Commission, and information addressees are requested to inform the Navy Sub-Commission of their interest in the Port of PIOMBINO and the degree to which it is

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considered that enlarged operation of the port would assist in fulfilling their responsibilities. It is particularly desired that AC/AND addressees indicate in their replies their present interest in the Port of PIOMBINO as well as their anticipated interest at such time as control may be relinquished by the Peninsular Base Section.

H. W. XIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

Copy to:
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NOIC, LEGHORN
US NAVPO, LEGHORN
MIDSO
CHIEF OF STAFF, AC
ECONOMIC SECTION, AC.
FOOD SUB COM. AC.
Labor Sub-Comm. ~~INDUSTRY SUB COM. AC.~~
INDUSTRY SUB COM. AC.
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Capt. TOPLISS		
Capt. SOLENBERGER		
Mr. CROSETTO		
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Mr. DI FEDE		
Mr. CERRITO		
Chief Clerk		

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)

NUMBER : 7)

13 Dec 44

WHEREAS, the office of Director of the Regional Labor Office in the Region of TOSCANA has been and is now filled by Dr. Luigi MAURO in accordance with Administrative Order No. 1, HQ, TOSCANA Region, Allied Military Government, dated 19 Oct 44; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the appointment of Dr. Luigi MAURO as Director of the Regional Labor Office in the Region of TOSCANA be in all things terminated and brought to an end,

Now therefore, I, ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD, Colonel, Regional Commissioner, TOSCANA Region, Allied Military Government, by virtue of the power vested in me as such, do hereby order that the appointment of Dr. Luigi MAURO as Director of the Regional Labor Office in the Region of TOSCANA; heretofore and now existing, be, and the same is hereby, terminated and brought to an end, and the same shall date from the 14th day of November, A.D. 1944, and do further order that all things pertaining to said office be turned over to his successor in office hereafter to be named by me.

Given under my hand, this 13th day of December, A.D. 1944.



Robert C. Kirkwood
ROBT. C. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, P.A., U.S. Army,
Regional Commissioner.

QUARTIER GENERALE
REGIONE TOSCANA
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

ORDINE AMMINISTRATIVO)

NUMERO : 7)

13 Dicembre 1944

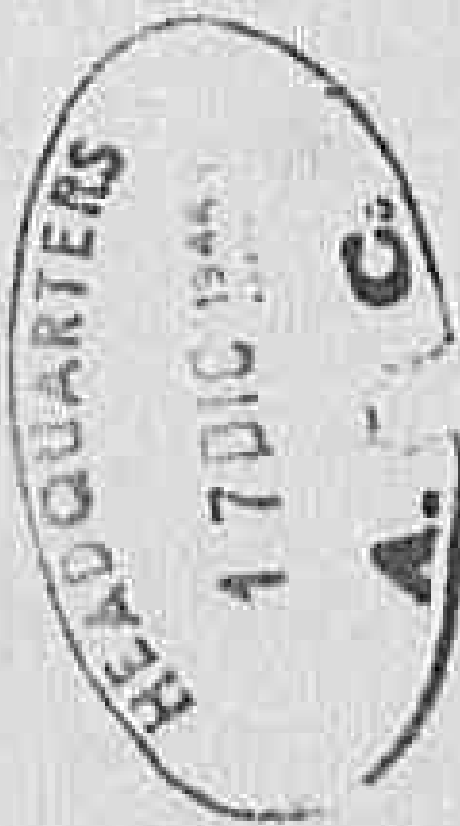
CONSIDERATO che il posto di Direttore dell'Ufficio Regionale del Lavoro della Regione TOSCANA e' stato ed e' ora ricoperto dal Dr. Luigi MAURO in osservanza dell'Ordine Amministrativo No. 1, Quartiere Generale, Regione TOSCANA, Governo Militare Alleato, datato 19 Ottobre 1944; e

CONSIDERATO che e' desiderato che l'incarico del Dr. Luigi MAURO come Direttore dell'Ufficio Regionale del Lavoro della Regione TOSCANA venga a cessare

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Ora, percio', Io, ROBERT G. KIRKWOOD, Colonnello, Commissario Regionale, Regione TOSCANA, Governo Militare Alleato, in virtu' dei poteri conferitimi come tale, do ordine, col presente, che l'incarico del Dr. Luigi MAURO come Direttore dell'Ufficio Regionale del Lavoro nella Regione TOSCANA, prima ed ora esistente, venga, e con il presente viene ordinato, a cessare, e questo con il giorno 14 di Novembre 1944, e do ulteriore ordine che tutto quanto e' pertinente al detto ufficio passi al suo successore nell'ufficio o che deve essere da me nominato.

Dato sotto le mie mani, questo di 13 del mese di Dicembre 1944.

DISTRIBUZIONE:

R.C.
Exco Offr.
HQ, AC (Labor Sub-Comm.)
All P.C.'s.
Labour.
Dr. Luigi MAURO.

Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, T.A., U.S. Army,
Regional Commissioner.

Capt Eaton - PBS

PROVINCIAL LABOR OFFICE
LIVORNO PROVINCE
TOSCANA REGION

Gen office

8 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT : Labor train to operate from CECINA to LIVORNO.

TO : Lt.Col. J.O. BABCOCK, Labor Officer, A.C. Labor S/C -

1. In regard to the operation of a labor train from CECINA to LIVORNO for the purpose of transporting workers to the LIVORNO area for the Armed Forces, MRS approved route "A" specified by Capt. Eaton, RFA of PBS, submitted to MRS through PBS Transportation Officer.

2. The labor train will start operation on Monday, 11 December 1944, with the following schedule :

a) Train leaves CECINA	Station at 0500 hours
" VADA	" " 0575 "
" CASTELLINA MAR.	" " 0550 "
" ACCIAIOLO	" " 0635 "
" COLLINBALIVETTI	" " 0700 "
arrives LIVORNO (S.Marco Sta.)	" 0745 " approx

- b) On the return trip the train will leave LIVORNO (S.MARCO STA.) at 1745 hours, arriving at CECINA at approximately 2030 hours, stopping at the

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*Not sent
as per this report*

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3. The units concerned have been notified ⁵¹to inform their personnel, which previously had been transported by military trucks, that they shall use the labor train when it starts operation. The workers living at CA-STIGLIONCELLO, CALETTA and ROSIGNANO SOLVAY will con-

tinue to be picked up by trucks until such time as a shuttle between said localities and the station of CASTELLINA MARITTIMA may be put into operation.

4. The passengers of the labor train will consist of two types :

- a) Persons already working for the Armed Forces in the LIVORNO area. These workers will use the Unit identification cards as their authority for awaiting themselves of the labor train as means of transport to and from their job. Upon their arrival to LIVORNO they will show their cards at the station gate, outside of which they will find trucks to carry them to their respective units. This procedure will be reversed in the evening.
- b) Persons sent to the Livorno Provincial Labor Office to find work with the Armed Forces. These prospective workers will be furnished with a train permit issued by the Comune Labor Office nearest their place of residence (See Attachment). Upon their arrival at LIVORNO station they will be conducted to a waiting room, checked against a master list made out for that day by the Labor Office which is sending them, and then put on a truck (to be furnished by SPA, SPA), and transported to the Livorno Labor Office. Here they will be processed and sent to the units which have placed orders with the Livorno Labor Office. Those who

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5. A courier, on the payroll of the Livorno Provincial Labor Office, will board the train at USCINA with the master list of the day, furnished by that Labor Office, and will pick up applicants and other office papers at all stops made. He will check the applicants against the master lists in the waiting room of the Livorno station, will supervise their getting on the truck which will conduct them to the Livorno Labor Office and, upon arrival at the office, he will turn over all papers to the employees engaged in that activity. In the afternoon he will pick up any papers addressed to the various Labor Offices along the route, conduct the applicants who did not find work to the station, board the train and distribute all papers to Labor Office representatives who will meet the train at their respective stations.
6. It is foreseen that before this system starts to work smoothly some complications may arise, but it is contemplated that prompt, decisive action will iron out these difficulties.
7. The train permit form was set up by me following discussion with Capt. Eaton and Dr. Del Fraro, Provincial Labor Office Director for Livorno; and Capt. Eaton cooperated in running off copies of the mimeographed stencil; Dr. Del Fraro and myself visited the province for the purpose of instructing Communal Labor Office personnel in the procedure to be followed and usage of the train permit form.
8. A subsequent report will be submitted to you, informing

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8. A subsequent report will be submitted to you, informing you of the number of new workers who shall have been employed in the Livorno area by the Armed Forces through the facilities provided by MRS after the labor train will have been in operation for two weeks.

9. It is my opinion, which I know agrees completely with yours in this matter, that the operation of this labor train schedule will be a valuable aid toward solving the labor shortage in the Livorno area, and, if successful, will provide a substantial argument in favor of the implementation of route "B" (Livorno-Pisa), should the labor need be acute. However, one tangible result shall be attained at the very start: the freeing of considerable track transport, now hauling workers over long distances, for other important uses, a not too negligible contribution to the allied war effort.

S/SGT. CHARLES E. SORIELI, AUS
AC HQ., Labor Sub-Commission

Copies to :

Col. Smith, Acting Director, Labor Sub-Comm. AC
Col. Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner Toscana Region
Maj. Small, Regional Labor Officer " "
Lt. Col. Laboon, Provincial Commissioner, Livorno Province

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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TEL : 550
REF : 091.4346
SUBJECT: Labor Sub-Commission Representation in Toscana Region.
TO : Regional Commissioner
Headquarters, Toscana Region

8 December 1944

1. At the Siena conference on 17 November, I believe you raised the question regarding the Labor Sub-Commission sending representatives into the field who report directly to their Sub-Commission rather than to your office.

2. For your reference in the particular case of the presence at the moment, in Leghorn, of Lt. Col. James O. Babcock and S/Sgt. Charles Gorisi, both of the Labor Sub-Commission, I am attaching copies of correspondence under date of 29 October and 7 November. This correspondence set up the special arrangement of Labor Officer representation in the Leghorn-Pisa area, and was made as I understand it, at the request of your office.

3. I trust the foregoing will answer the query you raised.

A. G. AMOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

Enclosures (2)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

7 November 1944

REF : LAB. 091.4348

SUBJECT: Labour Officer, Livorno

TO : Regional Commissioner, Hq. Toscana Region

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A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

Copy to Lt. Col. LANE, 5th Army, Labour Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII

Allied Military Government

File Ref: RVIII/40/75

Date: 29 Oct. 44.

SUBJECT: Labour Officer, LIVORNO.

TO : HQ, AC (Attention Labor Sub-Commission).

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2. This Region has no Labour Officer available for the duty referred to and the question is referred to you for such action as is deemed appropriate.

For the Regional Commissioner:

J. HOWARD SALTER,
Major, R.A.,
Adjutant.

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Copies to: - Base Purchasing Agent, PBS, Fwd. LIVORNO - Your TPM No. 931 dated 27 Oct. 44, received 29 Oct. 44 refers.

HQ, PBS.
Reg. Labour Officer.

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21 November 1944

TO: Col. Smith
Labor S/C

1. At the Siena Conference on 17 November, the Regional Commissioner for Toscana Region raised a question about the Labor S/C sending people into the field who report directly rather than to the Regional Commissioner.

2. May we talk about this soon?

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director, ES

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Cross Reference Sheet

File: 1 4346

Subject: Conference for Directors Labor Offices

Date: 6 December 44

To: 1 Mr. Small - Bureau Reg.
1 Mr. Fisher - Bureau Reg.

From: labor

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4 December 1944

TO: Lt. Col. John F. Baboon,
Provincial Commissioner, ~~Leghess~~.
AMG - Livorno Province
Dorsana Region.

Dear Colonel,

I would appreciate any help you can render in reserving for the uses of Lt. Col. Babcock and such other members of A.C. as will have to come to your area, the premises now being used by Babcock in:

Via in Villa Pacinotti,
Ardenna.

The knowledge that such premises are available will be of inestimable benefit in planning further assistance to solve labor problems in your area.

Many thanks, and with kindest personal regards,

Junius R. Smith
JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel, QMC
Acting Director,
Labor Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

2 December 1944

SUBJECT: Railway transportation for laborers in the
Livorno area.

TO : Col. J. R. SMITH, Acting Director, Labor
Sub-Commission.

1. Lack of housing facilities in Livorno have prevented residents of that town from returning from evacuation points, and have created a condition whereby P.B.S. units in that area have been forced to fill labor needs by sending trucks to outlying towns, bringing laborers into Livorno in the morning and returning them to their places of residence at night.

2. This situation has not proved entirely satisfactory, because the demand for labor still exceeds the supply, witness the present backlog of unfilled labor orders amounting roughly to about 1500 workers.

3. The situation could be solved by the setting up of labor trains, morning and night, as follows:

- a. A train route from Livorno through Colle Salvetti, Castallina Marittima and Vada to Cecina.
- b. A train route from Livorno to Pisa.

- c. A trolley route from Pisa to Cascina and Pontedera, through a private Company.

4. P.B.S., through its Transportation Officer, has asked M.R.S. to consider the running of labor trains, as per (a) and (b), and the unofficial report is that M.R.S. would consider favorably route (a), but is unfavorably disposed toward (b). The importance of route (b) is also enhanced by the fact that the resumption of service on the Pisa-Pontedera trolley line, whose Pisa terminus is about 200 meters away from the South Pisa railway station, could get a much larger number of workers into Livorno, since the radius of operation of P.B.S. trucks is necessarily limited besides preventing the trucks from being used for other purposes.

5. It is recommended that the Commanding Officer of M.R.S. be informed of the seriousness of the situation, so that he may act favorably upon the request submitted by P.B.S..


S/SGT. CHARLES P. SORISI
Labor Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII
Allied Military Government

29 Nov. '44

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File: 1200/Lab/20

Subject: Resignation of Regional Labor Director, Toscana.

To: Colonel J. R. Smith, Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to letter 18 Nov. subject as above, from Maj. Albright, to Director, Labor Sub-Commission, in which Dr. Mauro is quoted in mis-statement of facts.
2. Dr. Mauro left his position as temporary Regional Labor Director, Toscana, because AMG could not furnish him with quarters and rations. He made no attempt to find quarters and rations for himself. When I told him Labor Sub-Commission would be so notified he endeavored to find other reasons to justify his resignation and the results are faithfully recorded in the a/m letter. I had urgent need of the services of a Regional Director when Dr. Mauro left and still need one. Provinces needing help from a Regional Director are Arezzo, Siena, Grosseto, Livorno and now, Pisa. Dr. Mauro disappeared, not Dr. Mauro's job. I have yet to receive his written resignation. To date I have only his statement that he 'thought' he would resign.
3. I had arranged for Dr. Mauro to be paid for his services to the end of October but he disappeared before claiming his pay. He had been absent from 30 Oct. to 11 Nov. on personal affairs, returned here for three days and again disappeared. I then arranged for the Regional Finance Officer to pay Dr. Mauro in Rome but do not yet know if this was done. I do not feel that Dr. Mauro is entitled to any pay for the month of November and made no agreement to pay him at the rate he claims or at any other rate.
4. Dr. Mauro's conduct in the whole matter leaves much to be desired. He left Florence in ill-repute with both AMG and Italian officials, asked permission to go to Rome for five days and was gone twelve, including an unauthorized

Resignation Regional Labor Director con't.

trip to Naples. On returning here he accepted the Regional Commissioner's offer to give him quarters and rations for two days while he found his own, made no attempt to find any and left. He then proceeded to Rome and told a completely false story to Maj. Albright. I feel that he lacks self-reliance and is not too trustworthy. Lt. Col. Babcock was present at what turned out to be my final interview with Dr. Mauro and can confirm part of the above statements.

5. This Region is in need of a civilian Labor Director and I have been unable to date to find a qualified person locally. Any assistance Labor Sub-Commission can give will be helpful. It should be made clear to any applicant, however, that the Region cannot furnish quarters and rations.

R. R. Small

R. R. SMALL
Major C.A.C.
Regional Labor Officer
Region VIII

cc to R.C., Toscana

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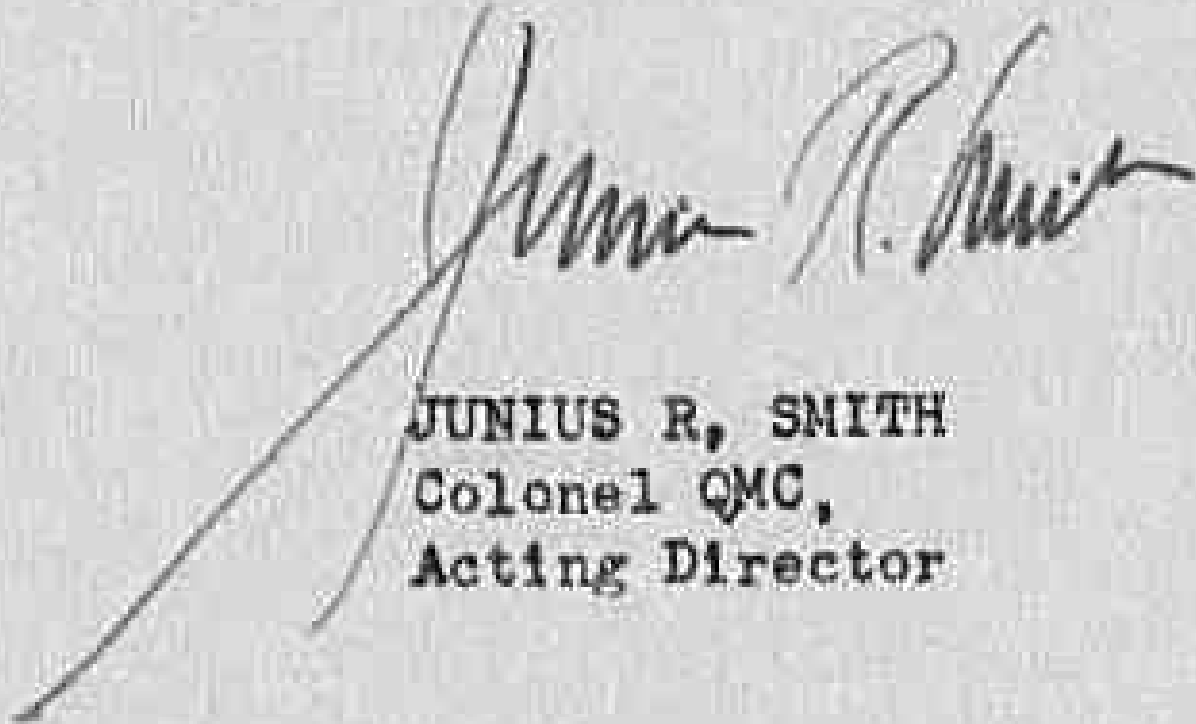
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7 November, 1944

SUBJECT: Labour Officer, Livorno

TO : Economic Section

1. Attached is letter to Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, covering assignment of special Headquarters Officer to tackle the Leghorn-Pisa situation. Request made by Regional Commissioner. Also attached is Major Babcock's full report on the Leghorn Pisa situation. Major Babcock will report to the Regional Commissioner but have full authority and responsibility.


JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel QMC,
Acting Director

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Copy to Lt. Col. LANE, 5th Army, Labour Officer

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REF. : 091.43266

6 November 1944

SUBJECT: Assignment of Officer and EM Personnel to the
Port and Area of Livorno.

TO : Col. J. R. Smith, Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

1. This is a recommendation to assign one officer and one Italian speaking N.G.O., full time, from A.C. HQ Labor Sub-Commission, to the Port and Area of Livorno for the purpose of attending to labor problems and labor relations. This recommendation is in response to the request of the B.P.A., P.B.S. (Fwd) as forwarded to the Labor Sub-Commission by the Regional Commissioner of the Toscana Region. In forwarding the request the Regional Commissioner stated that he was sending it to the Labor Sub-Commission "for such action as it deemed appropriate."

2. The Port and Area of Livorno should be considered to be all that portion of Livorno Province and Pisa Province which is now under the Military Command of P.B.S. Adv. Ech. Roughly speaking this is the entire province of Livorno and most of Pisa province south of the Arno river.

3. There are many different jurisdictions involved in this area all of which would properly have an interest in the work of such a team. These different jurisdictions are:

- a) The A.M.G. Regional Office which will have ultimately nine provinces under its jurisdiction. It now has jurisdiction over Livorno but not Pisa and even in Livorno Province the Army Control Line is about 30 Km. south of the city of Livorno.
- b) The Livorno A.M.G. Provincial Office which while technically still in 5th Army Territory never-the-less reports freely and directly to the Regional A.M.G. office and is under A.M.G. Regional jurisdiction.

- c) The Pisa A.M.G. Provincial Office, which while staffed by officers attached to the Toscana Region, is still under the 5th Army.
- d) The 5th Army directly in all of Pisa Province and indirectly in Livorno Province as far south as Cecina.
- e) P.B.S. (forward Ech.) which has been designated as the Military Command for the area in question.
- f) A.C. Hq. which has always assumed national policy leadership on the labor front.
- g) Some 80 different military installations and establishments including American and British Army Units and the Royal Navy.

4. Entirely apart from the work load involved it is believed that this complicated jurisdictional pattern calls for full-time, more or less permanent direction from top-side A.C. Hq. in order that problems may be settled quickly and appropriate liaison can be maintained with all parties concerned. Their interests are not similar in all instances but certainly overlap.

5. The area is most important in the conduct of all 5th Army activities in forward areas. The Port of Livorno is the base of nearly all supplies for the entire operation. Failure on our part to do our utmost to coordinate labor work in the area or to cooperate in meeting the request of the Regional Commissioner would be a serious dereliction of our military duty. There are 16,000 workers employed at this base and more are needed. At the Florence end of this base operation there are another 10,000 workers and all their work is dependent upon the smooth functioning of the Port of Livorno.

6. The various problems which must be faced in the Livorno Port and area are most comparable, in a smaller scale, to the problems which were faced in Naples all last winter when Hq. was located in that city. All Naples problems are present plus a man-power situation which we have never before faced in Italy. Some of these problems are:

- a) Routine administrative problems present wherever a large labor registration office is maintained such as:

- 1) Assuring that all persons employed in the

office are paid at proper rates on time. This has not been functioning smoothly to date.

- 2) Supervision of outlying offices and the keeping of their work integrated with the central office in Livorno. This is complicated by the fact that the Civilian Provincial Director of Labor has no transportation, and that his sub-offices are numerous. Offices are located in:

Livorno

Pisa (North)

Pisa (South) in San Ernesto

Bagni San Giuliano

Cascina, with sub-offices in

Navacchio

Forchinetto

Pontedera, which reports on six communes north of the Arno river.

Pensacca, which is run by the British D.A.D.L.

- 3) Office supplies and services, hours of work, record keeping, printing, etc.
- 4) Analysis of reports from all offices to determine how well they are meeting military needs and whether or not new manpower problems are arising. For instance, one office reported that it could supply 20 workers of a certain type but only supplied 4. Why? Another office offered 235 mechanics but only supplied around 20. Why?
- b) Establishment of a uniform registration system in Pisa province so that its work can be properly integrated with the Livorno province work.
- c) Labor Relationship problems with various civil groups; such as:
- 1) The National Committee of Liberation which is inclined to press its points of view without regard to Military need.
 - 2) The C.G.I.L. which is constantly pressing for wage adjustment and the "take-over" of the local insurance offices.

- 3) The Camera del Lavoro which is constantly attempting to run labor offices in competition and conflict with our legally established Regional and Provincial Offices.
 - 4) Private Industrial groups who are being pressured by local labor groups and who look to the Provincial Labor Office for help and assistance. This is normally a civil function.
 - 5) The various Unions and especially the Stevedores Cooperative which insists upon obtaining the "inside track" in contracts for unloading ships.
- d) Advise on contracts to various members of the Armed Forces. We are informed that many of the military units intend to move in the direction of letting contracts instead of the direct employment of labor. These labor contracts provide, frequently, a means by which contractors can pay, because of excess charges, illegal wages to their workmen and thus upset the wage market. For instance, one unit has been paying on a contract under which the contractor is paying the Armed Force wage scale to his workmen, a proper payment if the Army unit so wishes. But the unit is also being charged 20% for family allowances which are computed to be part of the Armed Force wage, and is also being charged insurance percentages at obviously excessive rates. No unit is being advised as to the propriety of these payments and are overcharged. Much counsel needs to be given on such matters if stability is to be achieved in the labor market.
- e) The solution of a variety of man-power problems such as the following:
- 1) How to supply skilled workmen in sufficient quantity to meet the demand? Many persons with skilled training were told, when the Armed Force Units first employed them as common labor, that when jobs calling for skilled workmen opened up they would be given a chance to be employed at the level of their skill. The demand is now increasing for many skills as is evidenced by the back-log of orders on 31 Oct. 44, as follows:

76 masons
33 mechanics
16 rope splicers
20 iron workers
22 other skills.

The need for masons is long standing and they are currently being sought through three sources:

- a. Un-occupied
- b. Privately employed
- c. Employed "as common labor or at less than their skill" by Armed Force Units.

This search calls for the compilation of lists, calling on workers, arranging for release from units, and decisions as to man-power priority together with the development of a whole series of enforcement techniques to enforce the priorities. This problem may require the establishment of a manpower Committee, with the A.C. representative as the Chairman. This Committee would have to represent all units in the area and should meet regularly for a contact checking on problems and interchange of views.

Again, there is a real probability that within the next two weeks 400 to 600 mechanics will be needed by a base shop expansion that is planned. But, only 37 mechanics in Livorno and 295 in Pisa are registered as unemployed. A careful search must be made to find the remainder and if they cannot be found substitute techniques developed to meet the need.

- 2) How to replace skilled workmen with common laborers when skilled workmen are drawn into their proper skills? The back-log in the Livorno office on 31 Oct. 44 was 272 common laborers with about 200 move orders placed with outlying offices. The supply of new workers was running less than 100 per day. The units will expect and should get replacements if skilled workmen are drawn off so again the priority problem will have to be faced.

- 3) The establishment of priorities as between a growing civilian demand and a continued Armed Force demand with a limited supply of labor available. For instance, there is a demand for workers by the Genio Civile to repair school buildings in order that schools may be opened. He needs the same type of skilled workmen that are required by the army. Another example is that, as more and more workers return to the Area to work for the Allied Forces, more and more civilian services will be needed. In an average industrial city in the United States the proportion of industrially employed as contrasted with those running essential "services" is about 60% for the industrial and 40% for the services group.

f) The solution of the Housing Problem:

As is well known, Livorno suffered much damage to living quarters. Most of the known available housing is now used up by the families of the workers of the Allied Forces. Major Savin, C.A.O. for Livorno, recognizing the need for essential civilian services and knowing that a good labor market (in the sense that the Allied Forces are not at the mercy of the workmen requires about 10% to 15% surplus, is anxious to find every available housing location and allocate homes to workers on a priority basis. He has asked the Labor Office to cooperate with him in the conduct of a survey that will occupy the greater portion of a month. His plan calls for basic and original factual information on all Allied Forces employees. The plan appears sound and is one in which labor officers should take an active part.

7. Nothing that has been said in paragraph 5 above about the existence of certain problems should in any way be taken as an indication that the A.M.C. officers at all levels have not done their part. Quite the contrary is true. The C.A.O. has done an excellent job and works very closely with the Labor Office in all his work. The same may be said for Major Hunt in the food office. At all times the Provincial Commissioner, Lt. Col. Laboon has cooperated closely, worked hard, and has

made every facility available for the proper conduct of labor work. The Regional Commissioner has kept one or more of his staff officers in Livorno so much that he has been forced to sacrifice labor work in other places in his region. It is to be wondered that he has gone as far as he has in solving the problems of the Livorno area. His staff officers have been attentive to their duties and have shown real progress. So the picture is one of progress and excellent cooperation even though many problems remain unsolved. In part the problems mentioned above are the problems of an economy that was badly torn apart but now has reached an advanced stage of settling down to normal life. The speed with which the early problems of Livorno were solved calls for the highest praise of the Communal, Provincial and Regional Officials. If in the early days of the occupation of Livorno the P.B.S. seemed critical of the AOC-AMG, it certainly does not feel that way today and perhaps it even realizes now that some of that early feeling was misplaced.

The problems that do exist in Livorno today are such that this Sub-Commission could not, in all fairness to the Regional Commissioner, deny the request for assistance. We must help him as much as possible in getting the job done.

James O. Babcock
JAMES O. BABCOCK
Major S. R.
Deputy Director

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Regional Commissioner, Region VIII.

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