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Letter to the Allied Control Commission from General S. Pretorian for the President of the Romanian Armistice Commission

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Summary:

General S. Pretorian requests increased staffing for all the District Centers of Territorial Exploitation in Romania. He lists the responsibilities and resources required to supply both Romanian and Soviet armies and states that the current levels of staffing are insufficient.

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- English Translation

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RUMANIAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION

No. 101,465

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,

We beg to inform you that the General Staff by Note No. 125,225/1945 request an increase of 30% for all District Centres of Territorial Exploitation.

As the actual effective of these centres is 13 officers, 11 N.C.O.'s and 309 men, the required increase would amount to 4 more officers, 3 N.C.O.'s and 90 men for each District Centre.

To prove its request, the General Staff shows that the District Centers of Territorial Exploitation at present are busy with the acquisitioning of all necessary supplies for the Soviet Army namely:

- collecting, butchering and salting of 10,000 cattle and 52,000 pigs.
- collecting, packing, pressing and transportation to the railway stations of about 65,000 tons/6,500 railway carriages of fodder.
- collecting, transportation to the railway station, storing and preservation of about 120,000 tons of potatoes.
- acquisitioning, and preparing of about 7,000 tons of salted cabbage.
- collecting of the cattle, their butchering for the manufacturing of 5,000 tons of canned and smoked meat.
- supply with about 5,000 tons of fresh and dry vegetables.
- collecting of necessary pigs in order to obtain a considerable quantity of animal fat.
- daily watch of the factories of food products/canned meat, spaghetti, etc./in the area of each district, taking care of the supply with raw material and of the execution in due time of the orders.
- collecting of different quantities of food products as, biscuits, stewed fruits, fruits, chicken, mutton, condensed milk, sweets, mustard, wine, grains, onions, olive oil, butter, eggs, millet, salamy, salt, beet-root, red pepper, vinegar essence, bread, cream etc.

At the same time, the Centres of Territorial Exploitation have to collect and ensure the necessary supply, cattle and fodder for the Rumanian army.

As the actual organization of the Centres of Territorial Exploitation is made only for the supply needs of the Rumanian Troops, and at present the task of collecting over 4 or 5 times more than in the past, the collecting of supplies, grains and cattle, etc. necessary for the supply of the Rumanian and Soviet Armies, and meeting serious difficulties due to the fact that these Centres have an insufficient effective.

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In view of the above mentioned and due to the fact that the realization in good conditions of the task of supplying the Soviet and Rumanian Armies depends on the good organization of the Centres of Territorial Exploitation, and in order not to be put in such a situation, unabling us to satisfy the needs of supplying the troops on the front, will you kindly agree to the increase of the effective.

Initially, only the effectives of 11 Centres of Exploitation: Constantza, Ialomitza, Vlasca, Tereorman, Olt, Romanaji, Mehedinji, Timis-Torontal, Arad, Buzau, R.Sarat, will be increased.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUMANIAN
ARMISTICE COMMISSION

General,

Pretorian S.

One of the terms of the Armistice of 1944 between Romania and the Allied Forces entailed the debilitating task of accommodating and provisioning the Red Army while on Romanian territory. The Romanians request here approval to assign additional staff to the staggering endeavor of feeding the Red Army. The letter is in English, probably intended to keep the American and British missions to the Allied (Soviet) Control Commission abreast of their concerns, since Moscow had stipulated that Romania would deal only with the Allies on important matters only through the Control Commission.

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