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LOCAL RESOURCES BOARDS
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 ISLAND RESOURCE BOARD
 FOURTH MEETING
 1000 HOURS 7 JANUARY 1944

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meetings.
2. Matters arising.
3. Necessity for continuance of Island Resources Board.
4. Transport for Civilian Contractors working for Army.
5. Supply of Dittum.
6. Control of Civilian transport and petrol.
7. Unauthorized wearing of Allied Uniforms.
8. Carrying of Arms by Civilians.
9. Availability of forage for Army remounts.
10. Purchase of Fish and eggs etc. by military.
11. Points arising from APH Administrative and No 95.
12. Next meeting.
13. Other business.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

(a) Major J. C. Clayton I.R.

1. Major J. Clayton, - C & S Division, Vice-Chairman.
2. Lt. Colonel A.A. Belick, F.C.D.I.I. M. Division.
3. Lt. Colonel R. Snook, Public Safety Division.
4. Captain C.E. Inard, F.C.U.I. M. Division.
5. Captain A. Campbell, Labor Division.
6. Lt. F.C.V. Hayward, - S Division, Secretary.

(b) Lt. G. H. Adcock I.R.

Lt. Commander C.E. Darlington, U.S.N., Industry & Commerce.

(c) Major A. E. E. E. E.

1. Colonel A.A. Curry, D.D.I.
2. Colonel Lindsay, C...
3. Colonel S.E. Garrat, ...
4. Lt. Colonel Hazledine, R...

(d) Lt. Col. A. E. E. E. E.

Lt. Commander L... Stephens.

(e) Island Base Section

1. Lt. Col. A.A. Reuter, Base Purchasing Agent.
2. Major A.A. Alsin, Engineer.
3. Capt. J.D. Equire, Utilities.

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OFFICERS IN AFM HEADQUARTERS

(a) AFM Region I HQ.

1. Major J. Clayton, - C S Division, Vice-Chairman.
2. Lt. Colonel T.A. Bolick, F.C.U.I. M. Division.
3. Lt. Colonel H. Snook, Public Safety Division.
4. Captain C.R. Inard, I.C.U.I. M. Division.
5. Captain A. Kempel, Labor Division.
6. Lt. F.C.V. Hayward, - S Division, Secretary.

(b) AFM Region II HQ.

Lt. Commander C.P. Darlington, USNR, Industry & Commerce.

(c) AFM Region III HQ.

1. Colonel A.A. Curry, D.O.I.I.
2. Colonel Lindsey, C.I.
3. Colonel S.P. Garret, A.
4. Lt. Colonel Hazledine, R.I.

(d) Eastern Vicinity Naval Base.

Lt. Commander H. Stephens.

(e) Island Base Section.

1. Lt. Col. H.W. Reuter, Base Purchasing Agent.
2. Major W. Albin, Engineer.
3. Capt. J.D. McGuire, Utilities.
4. Capt. R.L. Eaton, Base Purchasing.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

(a) In the absence of Lt. Col. Charles Tolsted the chair was taken by Major J. Clayton, Vice Chairman at 1000 hours.

(b) The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

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3. Unauthorised wearing of Allied Uniforms.

(a) Hydrochloric acid.

The chairman raised the question as to whether any further action was required from A. I. by No 1 District following on the sample sent for testing Lt. Col. Hazzledine replied that the result of the test was not yet known. He would inform A. I. if the supplies of acid available in Palermo were required by them.

(b) Frozen materials.

The chairman pointed out that the revised list of frozen materials promised by I. B. C. and No 1 District had not been received. It was agreed that this was now a matter for the Allied Forces Local Resources (Sicily) Board.

3. Transport for Civilian Contractors working for Army.

Colonel Neuter stated that this matter was raised by Colonel Dickin who was not present and he had instructions to allow the item to lapse.

4. Bitumen.

Colonel Lindsay stated that all locally produced bitumen would be available for roads but that no imported bitumen would be permitted to be used for this purpose. It was required on assurance that locally used bitumen would all be used for road repair work and this assurance was given by Lt. Felick.

5. Control of Civilian transport and petrol.

Colonel Garnet pointed out that there was considerable mis-use of petrol and that there were too many civilian vehicles on the road. Licences were issued to very wide categories of persons and the conditions for the use of the vehicle were not sufficiently precise. Specific instances were submitted by Col. Garnet where investigations had been made by No 1 District and the chairman promised that enquiries would be made. Cases submitted. It was also agreed that more specific instructions would be issued as to interpretation of schedule "A" of A.P.C. Administrative Instruction No 12 so that licences would only be issued in essential cases and for specific purposes.

6. Unauthorised wearing of Allied Uniforms.

Colonel Curry stated that increasing numbers of civilians were appearing in the streets wearing parts of Allied military uniforms. The chairman pointed out that the responsibility in the first instance laid with the Armed Forces. It was, however, agreed that action should be taken to inform the civilian population that it was an offence to be in possession of any issued military equipment.

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7. Carrying of Arms by Civilians.

Colonel Garret stated that when a number of houses were searched in No 1 District instances occurred of arms being discovered. He asked for information as to who was authorized to carry arms among the civilian population.

Lt. Col. Snook replied that outside of the limited number of persons who were allowed to carry firearms, such as bank employees, post office clerks and persons in isolated areas, permission to carry these arms

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was money it only issued after careful inquiry.

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The chairman pointed out that this was again a question for the A.L.L.D. but Colonel Curry indicated that the matter was urgent and that action should be taken by the Board. It was particularly interested in straw and hay. The chairman stated there was little likelihood of hay being available but was probable he would be able to obtain information where supplies of straw could be found and proposed to take action with this end in view. He also said that an instruction had been issued for the retention for Army purposes of all offal from the killing of imported wheat and said that they would be available at 200 lbs. per quintal ex mill. Colonel Curry stated that he would be pleased to take all such supplies as became available.

9. Purchase of Fish, Eggs, etc. by A.L.L.D.

Colonel Curry stated that in his opinion the time was opportune for the removal of the existing restrictions which prohibited the purchase by the Army of such food as fish, eggs and poultry. It was agreed that these restrictions should now be removed.

10. A.L.L.D. Administrative - Memorandum No. 25.

The chairman stated that this memorandum had not been received by A.G. and Colonel Curry supplied a copy for his use. It was agreed to discuss this matter on the following evening.

11. Necessity for Continuing of Island Source Board.

The question of how far the A.L.L.D. supplied this Board was discussed. It was generally agreed that there was still a need for the existence of this Board although its scope would be reduced. It was agreed that the Board should be referred to the Island Co-ordination Board.

12. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Island Co-ordination Board will be on Friday, 4 February 1944 at 1000 hours at Headquarters.

13. Other Business.

It. Commander Stephens said that the C.I.C. had estimated required 10 tons of coal for 10 tons of fuel. Colonel Pollock said that some supplies of coal for 10 tons of fuel would be available. A small amount of plant and inquiries would be made by the Board. It was agreed that the Island Co-ordination Board should be kept informed of such stocks as available. Colonel Curry stated that

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The chairman stated that this memorandum had not been received by L.G. and Colonel Curry supplied a copy for perusal. It was agreed to discuss this matter on the following morning.

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13. Commander Stephens said that the C.I.C. Mediterranean required 40 tons of coal per and 10 tons of oil. Colonel Curry said that some supplies of coal might be available and would be sent at once and inquiries would be made by L.G. to see if such stocks were available. Colonel Curry stated that he would deal with the question of the C.I.C. Lt. Commander Stephens asked that information in this matter should be transmitted to the Pulling Officer, Western Sicily Naval Base, Augusta.

14. Seed Potatoes.

Colonel Curry asked for information on seed potatoes and the chairman gave figures of availability and stated that the crop would be expected to come in towards the end of...

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