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PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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Labour. Criticism are made on the new wage agreements, especially as they are done by districts and not by industries. The allegations that all indust-ries had brought their wage levels down to the Fiat basis have proved to be incor-rect. These matters have been included in the Monthly Report of the Labour Division.

Local Government. P.Cs have done an excellent job with regard to the groundwork done in respect of the pending elections. Such work should be kept up, and it may be necessary to comment on obser. tions made by Prefects. 5503

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In view of the pending elections, R.C. raised the question as to the population's attitude towards the Monarchy. Replies differed in the various Provinces roughly as follows:

Asti - The armed forces and police are in favour of the Monarchym but officials are against.
Vercelli - 50% pro and 50% contra.
Turin - The majority of the people preferred the Monarchy, but not the King.
Novara - The majority are against the Monarchy, especially the farmers.
Cuneo - The majority are in favour of the Monarchy.

RPSO added his own opinion based on a careful study made for some considerable time past: 25% are for and 25% against the Monarchy. The remaining 50% are indifferent, but could be swayed easily one way or the other, influenced by small things.

4. GENERAL. It was decided that regular Meetings will be suspended and held on special request only.

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FSO (B) - Returns of outstanding expenditures have been requested, but have been slow in arriving, especially from the provinces. All were asked to make these returns as soon as possible..... The Prefects report from Torino and Vercelli has not been received.

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3. Regional Commissioner

Personnel - The Regional Commissioner gave a brief resume of the gloomy personnel picture, which, between British LIAP and American redeployment, is fast becoming critical. With the next American draft, there will be but 15 U.S. officers in the Region. All were asked to continue operations until the last, however, keeping a skeleton staff in each province as long as possible.

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To provide Food Division with the needs of the provinces for agricultural salt.

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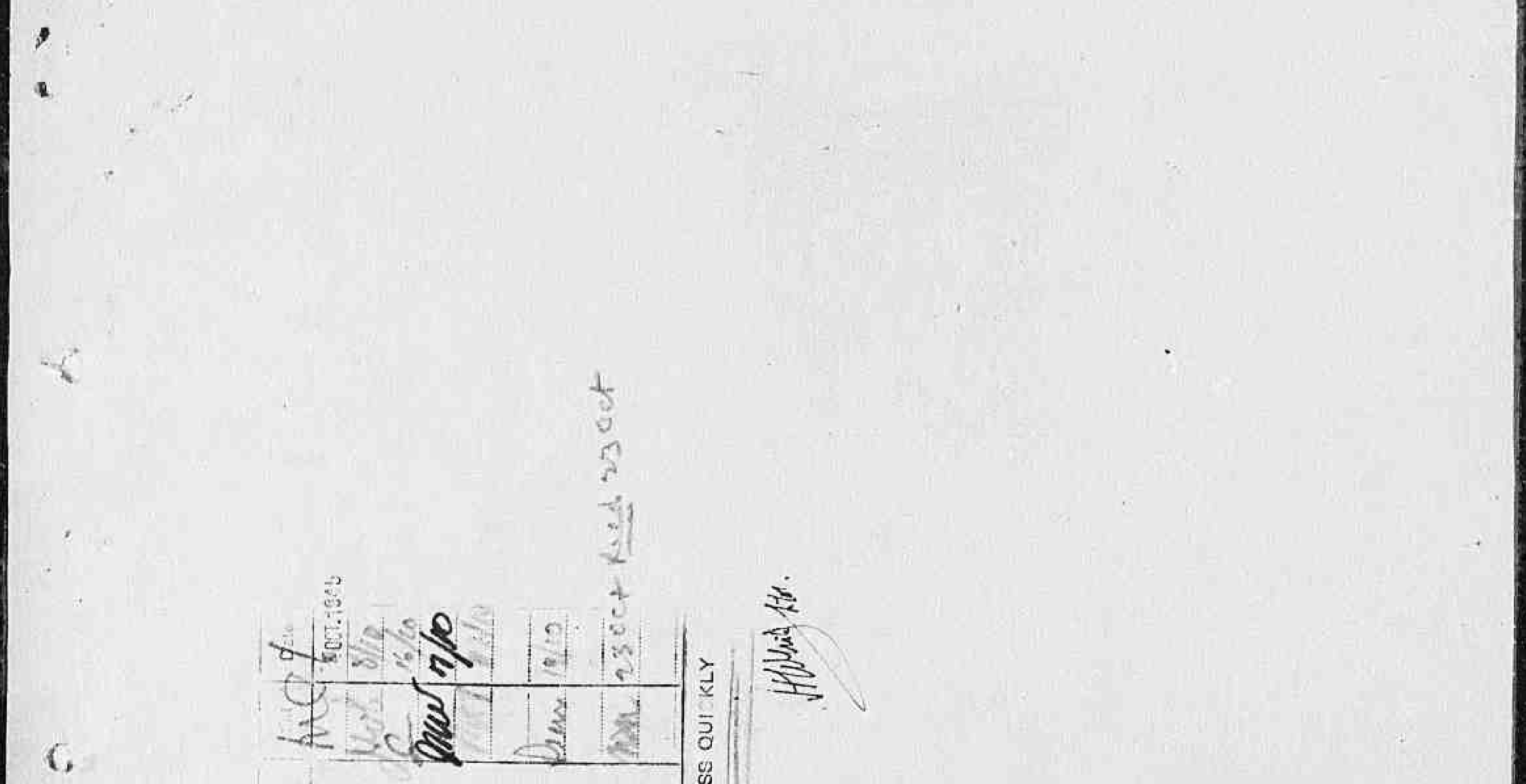
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19 SET. 1945

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12 Sept 45

Subject : Regional Meeting - 11 Sept 45

To : See Distribution

17 SET 1945

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Vercelli - P.C. Vercelli urged that the Italian soldiers who are to assist in the grain collection campaign be allowed to take part physically, but it was thought that their presence alone would be enough to assure the Carabinieri in authoritatively carrying out the actual law-enforcement duties..... It was reported that competition has forced the CLN newspaper at Vercelli out of business. ... It was learned that representatives of the High Commissioner for Epuration in Rome have set up epuration commissions without reference to the Provincial Commissioner. The Regional Legal Officer stated that many Prefects are under the wrong impression regarding the establishment of these commissions, and have been hasty in ordering their formation. The true situation is that operations proceed under GO 35 until the departure of AMG, at which time DDL 159 goes into operation. The representatives of the Italian Government may set up commissions in preparation for their work after the turnover, but should not in any way, interfere with present operations under GO 35.

2. Special Divisions

Industry - The Regional Industry Officer reported that Coal Section in Milan had sent 500 tons of coal to Torino by mistake. Rome has advised that this coal must be used for steel and cannot be put to use in Torino for reactivation of gas works. There will be no gas for cooking before 15 Nov..... Priority for the Fiat works in the allotment of tires was urged by the Industry Officer in order to keep the production at that plant at a high level and provide as much employment as possible.

Finance - The Regional Finance Officer urged that P.C's. do nothing about accepting communal budgets for the last quarter of this year until the actual turnover date has been announced....P.C's. were urged to consult their Legal and Finance Officers to learn of cases in which advantage is being taken in sequestrations of Fascist properties.

Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer announced that tires will not be allotted to requisitioned cars, since the days of need for such vehicles are apparently numbered. It is expected that all these vehicles will be de-requisitioned soon, and that the Liaison Group which remains here will depend entirely upon W.D. transport..... A check at the Michelin plant by the R.T.O. disclosed that Turin has been receiving a lion's share of the tires allotted. In the future allotments on a more equitable basis will be handled by the R.T.O..... The so-called Russian Mission at Cuneo has applied for the release of vehicles at Fiat, but no release will be granted until their position is known to the Regional Commissioner, who as yet has heard nothing officially of their purpose or status .....In the future, all requests from the provinces for load-carrying vehicles will be processed first by the Provincial Transportation Officer before being submitted to the Regional Transportation Office.

Public Health - P.C's. Aosta, Torino, Asti, Vercelli and Novara were notified that medical supplies for their provinces are at the medical depot awaiting transport.

Labor - Labor offices are now operating in all provinces and are capable of handling all labor questions. P.C's. were urged to notify their prefects that they are not to concern themselves with labor questions.

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2. Special Divisions

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Finance - The Regional Finance Officer urged that P.C's. do nothing about accepting communal budgets for the last quarter of this year until the actual turnover date has been announced....P.C's. were urged to consult their Legal and Finance Officers to learn of cases in which advantage is being taken in sequestrations of Fascist properties.

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5. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

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4. Action to be taken

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APO 394

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Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer announced that Sig. Sofia has been appointed Regional Transport Officer when AMG leaves the Region. Sig. Creonti, or any organization which he represents, will not be recognized..... P.C's. were asked to keep a roster of all their civilian cars, with thought given to the order in which they are willing to sacrifice the vehicles for de-requisitioning purposes.

3. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Weekly Meetings - The Regional Commissioner announced that meetings between Heads of Divisions and Provincial Commissioners would be weekly affairs in the future. The purpose is not to obtain verbal reports of the week's activities, but to bring all P.C's. and Heads together to coordinate activities and make on-the-spot decisions on matters which might otherwise require lengthy correspondence.

Transportation - Anyone having civilian vehicles on loan or on any other unofficial arrangement, should prepare to return such vehicles at once ..... The R.C. requested that the "Safe Driving Campaign" be brought to the attention of all drivers in the Region.

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Civilian Officials - It is the wish of the Regional Commissioner that this office be supplied with a list of all civilian officials in the provinces who have been properly appointed by Prefectural Decree. In the case of Prefects, Vice-prefects, Provveditore agli Studi, Questore and Sindaci, the names of the incumbents are desired. In the case of other officials, Deputazione provinciale, Giunte communali, heads of UPSEA, UPIC, the Consorzio, etc., all that is required is a statement that the post is filled by recognized appointment.

Personnel - The R.C. announced that an extra day off per week is now permitted military personnel. P.C's. and Heads of Divisions were urged to make arrangements so that all may benefit..... It was also urged that some responsible English-speaking person be present in all provincial headquarters during the normal office hours to take urgent messages which might come over the telephone.

Fuel Program - All possible attention and aid on the part of the Provincial Commissioners was urged in facilitating the collection of wood for use during the coming winter. P.C's. can help most in the matter of providing as much transport as possible for this purpose.

CLN - The Regional Commissioner asked to be advised of any instance of interference by any person or body in matters of administration or policy. Reference was made especially to the Committee of National Liberation, whose powers have long since ceased in any Region governed by AMG, but who continue to be a source of annoyance in some instances. Strong action must be taken to remind this organization that its capacity in Piemonte Region is strictly of an advisory nature, and only when advice is sought.

Monthly Reports - Monthly reports for August should be submitted by 1 Sept. If a full report cannot be given by that date by Section heads, a concise summary of important points may be submitted.

Time of next meeting - The next Regional Meeting will convene at 0930 hours, Tuesday 4 Sept, in Room 324 at Regional Headquarters.

4. Action to be taken

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b. To see that all outstanding bills are paid as soon as possible.

c. To stir up UPSEA officials and provincial police agents with a view to improving the amassing of wheat.

d. To investigate their Genio Civile offices in an effort to have public works projects submitted for approval before the departure of AMG.

e. To submit monthly reports to this HQ by 1 Sept.

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MINUTES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - 13 AUGUST 1945.

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Brigadier UPJOHN stated that all our experience was that the Italian Government had not tackled and were not tackling the public safety problem energetically. Reorganisation of the Carabinieri was desirable but this was not a short term policy, and would take months. As regards the date of the handover, he pointed out that unless approval could be obtained from AFHQ by 16 August 45 it would be administratively impossible to effect the handover on 1 September 45.

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Col. Hamilton said GOC No. 2 District required a directive from AFHQ to define his responsibility, and Executive Commissioner promised to take this up at AFHQ.

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5. Archives.

Executive Commissioner emphasized the responsibility of Allied Commission to see that its Archives were handed over in good order, and this responsibility began with Regional Commissioners in the field. One officer was to be appointed at each Region to deal with Archives, and this officer would spend two or three days at Headquarters, Allied Commission with Capt. Collins. Uniformity was essential and the instructions issued by Archives must be followed.

A paper prepared by Capt. Collins was distributed to members of the meeting. Capt. Collins said the object in view was to prepare all files so that they would mean something to people looking at them for the first time, perhaps twenty years hence.

Executive Commissioner stressed the importance of this subject, which he said had not always had the attention it deserved.

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All Regional Commissioners

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4. <u>Italian</u>/.....

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4. Italian Decrees.

Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region, drew the attention of the meeting to the publication of a decree authorising the establishment of the National Association of Patriots, to be supported by voluntary contributions.

He maintained that contributions would probably be made at the point of a gun. The Chief Commissioner directed that a memorandum be submitted to him on the subject.

Civil Affairs Sec.

A discussion took place on the implementation of decrees which had affected Northern Regions and it was agreed to give Regional Commissioners notice of intention to implement them so that they would have an opportunity of objecting.

5. Visits by Northern Prefects to ROME.

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section said it would be appreciated if Regional Commissioners would give notice of the arrival of Prefects from the North to the Local Government Sub-Commission.

All Regional Commissioners

6. Re-opening of the Swiss Italian Border.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region asked when the Swiss border would be opened. He said there were 40,000 Italians in SWITZERLAND. Director, Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission, replied that 29 June had been fixed for the commencement of the repatriation of these Italians on the BRENNER route and 14 July on the DOMDOSSALA route.

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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that there were many Italians with business connections in SWITZERLAND who wanted to go there as soon as possible. Colonel SIEFF (Transportation Sub-Commission) said that a conference was being held at BERNE on 30 June when it was hoped that a decision would be reached. The Chief Commissioner directed that representations on behalf of Allied Commission should be made at the conference for the early re-opening of the frontier.

7. Public Safety in the North.

Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners for their views on public safety in the Northern Regions. The replies of the Regional Commissioners indicated that in general the public safety situation was satisfactory, but doubts were expressed for the future.

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5. Visits by Northern Prefects to ROME.

All Regional Commissioners

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section said it would be appreciated if Regional Commissioners would give notice of the arrival of Prefects from the North to the Local Government Sub-Commission.

6. Re-opening of the Swiss Italian Border.

C.A.Sec

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region asked when the Swiss border would be opened. He said there were 40,000 Italians in SWITZERLAND. Director, Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission, replied that 29 June had been fixed for the commencement of the repatriation of these Italians on the BRENNER route and 14 July on the DOMDOSSOLA route.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that there were many Italians with business connections in SWITZERLAND who wanted to go there as soon as possible. Colonel SIEFF (Transportation Sub-Commission) said that a conference was being held at BERNE on 30 June when it was hoped that a decision would be reached. The Chief Commissioner directed that representations on behalf of Allied Commission should be made at the conference for the early re-opening of the frontier.

7. Public Safety in the North.

Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners for their views on public safety in the Northern Regions. The replies of the Regional Commissioners indicated that in general the public safety situation was satisfactory, but doubts were expressed for the future.

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Discussion followed on the Coal Allocation Board set up in MILAN as a temporary measure. Executive Commissioner said that there seemed to be some divergence of opinion as to recent decisions of the Board and he instructed Colonel EVANS to see that a thorough overhaul was made of its composition.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, outlined a scheme which he thought should be adopted as an interim measure until the Industrial Coordination Board was set up. He said that in the North there were twenty-three committees which represented each of the main industries in the five Northern Regions. A commissioner should be appointed as head of each of these committees and one official nominated to coordinate the work of the committees. The committees were composed of the best men available in the Northern industries and their functions were much the same as those of the proposed sub-boards of the Industrial Coordination Board. Regional Commissioner emphasized that they would work under the direction of AMG/AC.

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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDY Region, said that it had been strongly reported in the [illegible] press that wage increases had been made. Increases were excessive, 150 lire per day or more on a basis wage of 95 lire and some were retrospective to 1 January 1945.

Executive Commissioner said that there must be no unilateral action and no notice of wage adjustments should be allowed to appear in the press without AMG sanction. The question would be discussed in committee the following day.

All Regional Commissioners

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All Regional Commissioners Estab Sec

The Executive Commissioner said he was prepared to leave it to the discretion of Regional Commissioners. The entitlement was 30 days per annum for American personnel and seven days every six months for British personnel.

16. Promotions/...

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17. Entertainment of Members of CLN in Allied Messes.

Office of the Executive Commissioner. CFA.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, raised the problem of the entertainment of members of the CLN in Allied Provincial Messes and urged that an allowance be made. The Executive Commissioner said he would discuss this with the CFA.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING
27-28 June 1945.

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2. Tea will be served in the Main Conference Room, third floor, during the afternoon on both days.

3. The Establishment Section is providing a car for each Regional Commissioner.

4. No Italian will attend the meeting until the second day and their attendance at the committees is entirely at the discretion of the Vice-Presidents, Regional Commissioners and Heads of Sub-Commissions.

5. The Chief Commissioner or Executive Commissioner will take the chair at all Committee Meetings.

6. The Agenda is attached.

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b) Removal of Government offices and records to ROME and amalgamation of Ministries. — V.P. Civil Affairs Section

3. Problems of general policy raised by Regional Commissioners. (grisco)

Break for lunch.

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Interchange of goods between North and South.

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R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref 107/102/CA

29th August, 1944

SUBJECT: Amendments to Minutes of the Regional Commissioners Conference on the 23rd August

1. The following amendments should be made to the minutes of the above mentioned Conference:

a) Para 16 in action column delete Admin. Section and insert Econ. Section.

b) Para 27 in action column add R.C. & M.G. Section.

c) Para 31 in action column add R.C. & M.G. Section.

d) Para 39 delete the first two lines.

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28 AUG 1944

MINUTES OF

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5. The Executive Commissioner asked R.C's Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region to consider the matter and report in a month's time. The matter would also be re-examined at ACC HQ. Brig. Lush asked Col. Temperley to report as soon as possible on the early handing over of Naples Commune from AMG to Italian Government.

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Promotions.

11. Col. Albright said that American promotions to field grade were temporarily held up. He asked Col. Lewin-Harris to take the matter up. Company grade officers were not affected. Col.Farren (Executive Officer) said that British promotions were held up for

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two or three days while AAI were looking into the matter.

Estab.Br. - Col. Albright said Company Commanders and admin. officers must not be changed without approval from this HQ.

Patriots.

12. Col. McCarthy referred to his talk at the previous day's Conference and to a history of the movement which he had prepared. At the meeting in Siena he was asked to produce information about the Po Valley installations. He had a list of places where damage and flooding could be caused and also a list of pumping stations for Patriots to protect.

13. He would like to stress that AMG's with Armies, and Regions should send back a weekly report from their Italian Patriot representatives.

14. On a discussion of present policy, Col. Kirkwood (Region VIII) said it was fundamentally on right lines but there were practical difficulties as the Patriots wanted to remain fighting.

15. Col. Marshall (Region V) said that Patriot representatives often arrived without proper identification cards and permits. A letter of appointment from ACC HQ to say that any Patriots arriving were accredited to the Commission was required. Col. McCarthy said they were now working on a scheme for getting transport from the Italian Government as they were only useful when mobile. Exec. Commissioner said that Patriot representatives NOT sent out at the request of the R.C's would be sent with transport, not to be charged against TE/WE. If requested by R.C's transport would have to be found by them.

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13. He would like to stress that AMG's with Armies, and Regions should send back a weekly report from their Italian Patriot representatives.

14. On a discussion of present policy, Col. Kirkwood (Region VIII) said it was fundamentally on right lines but there were practical difficulties as the Patriots wanted to remain fighting.

15. Col. Marshall (Region V) said that Patriot representatives often arrived without proper identification cards and permits. A letter of appointment from ACC HQ to say that any Patriots arriving
Patriot Br. were accredited to the Commission was required. Col. McCarthy said they were now working on a scheme for getting transport from the Italian Government as they were only useful when mobile. Exec. Commissioner said that Patriot representatives NOT sent out at the request of the R.C's would be sent with transport, not to be charge against TE/WE. If requested by R.C's transport would have to be found by them.

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21. The aim was to get the people back to their homes as quickly as possible. Transit Camps would be necessary and personnel to man them. The Italian Government had been asked for 1,000 Italian Officers and men to do it. The Army Sub-Commission said personnel could not be found from the Italian Army and the possibility of
Refugee Br using demobilized soldiers was discussed. The matter was left for
Army S/C. further exploration with the suggestion that it might be possible to

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pick men out of the transit camps to which these soldiers were sent prior to discharge and take them on a civilian pay roll on the spot.

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When an area had been turned over to Regional control the R.C. would normally leave it to the Italian Committee or refer a special case to HQ ACC.

Proclamations.

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33. Exec. Commissioner said that if movement was restricted completely food supply, industry, etc., would be hindered. But movement must be restricted for military reasons.

Transport and Appointments of Prefects.

34. Col. Spicer (Interior Sub-Comm) said that the transportation question had been decided the day before at the Chief Commissioner's Conference. He appealed for cooperation by R.C's with Prefects who had difficult journeys to undertake. They were high ranking Italian officials and all the help that R.C's could give them would be appreciated.

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(b) Railroad Transportation. Major Richardson, Railway Section, said it must be understood that the whole of this movement was over civilian lines in military trains, and that the bulk of the traffic was from East to West. The railroad was very bad and traffic very heavy. Time lag between bid and train movement was considerable and could not be avoided. When no ACC officer was available to handle bids the Italian channel was from railway stationmaster to railway Divisional Office and from there to Transportation Sub-Commission representatives. Food had priority over other commodities.

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(c) Road Transportation. Lt.Col.Bordass explained that under a new decree civilian road haulage would come under one control, i.e., E.N.A.C. It would operate up to Army area. All movement by road would be allocated by E.N.A.C. Asked what was the plan for providing road haulage for the Northern Regions, Col. Adams said there would be local transport, plus the withdrawal of extra transport loaned to harvest Regions. Alternatively, it would be necessary to apply for additional Transport Coys. E.N.A.C. would be operating in 3 - 4 weeks time.

Econ Sec

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War Material Disposal and Italian POW Sub- Commission.

46. (a) Lt.Col.Campbell, Director, said it should be known that it was now possible to repatriate any Italian POW providing he was required in a specific administrative position. The request for repatriation should be submitted through Italian channels. No requests should be received or forwarded by us.

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Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Acting Chief Commissioner.

2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section:

Region I	- Brigadier M. Carr
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Region "Z"	- Brigadier J.K. Dunlop
Eighth Army AMG	- Group-Captain G.E. Benson
Fifth Army AMG	- Brigadier General E.E. Hume
Refugee Branch (Italians)	- Colonel L.R. Mills
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.B. Findlay
Patriots Branch	- Colonel C.D. McCarthy
Executive Commissioner	- Brigadier H.S. Lush

Afternoon Session - 1430

3. Address by Acting Chief Commissioner.

4. Reports by Administrative Section:

Interior Sub-Commission	- Colonel R.C.B. Spicer
Public Safety Sub-Commission	- Colonel P.O. Kirk
Public Health Sub-Commission	- Brigadier G.S. Parkinson
Legal Sub-Commission	- Colonel R.H. Wilmer
Education Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith
Property Control Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel C. Carroll
Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission	- Major E.T. de Wald
Acting Head	- Colonel G.R. Upjohn

Recess - 10 Minutes

5. Reports by Economic Section:

Commerce Sub-Commission	- Colonel W.S. Evans
Industry Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.S.E. Todd
Labor Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.R. Bain
Agriculture Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel W.W. Hartman
Food Sub-Commission	- Colonel W.J. Lech
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Region VIII	- Colonel A.G. Kirkwood
Region IX	- Lt. Colonel A.C. Bowman
Region "G"	- Brigadier J.K. Dunlop
Eighth Army AMG	- Group-Captain C.E. Benson
Fifth Army AMG	- Brigadier General E.E. Hume
Refugee Branch (Italians)	- Colonel L.R. Mills
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission	- Colonel C.B. Findlay
Patriots Branch	- Colonel C.D. McCarthy
Executive Commissioner	- Brigadier W.S. Rush

Afternoon Session - 1.30

3. Address by Acting Chief Commissioner.

4. Reports by Administrative Section:

Interior Sub-Commission	- Colonel R.S.B. Spicer
Public Safety Sub-Commission	- Colonel P.G. Kirk
Public Health Sub-Commission	- Brigadier G.S. Parkinson
Legal Sub-Commission	- Colonel R.N. Walker
Education Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith
Property Control Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel C. Carroll
Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission	- Major E.T. de Wald
Acting Head	- Colonel G.R. Upjohn

Recess - 10 Minutes

5. Reports by Economic Section:

Commerce Sub-Commission	- Colonel W.S. Evans
Industry Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.S.E. Todd
Labor Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.R. Bain
Agriculture Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel W.T. Hartman
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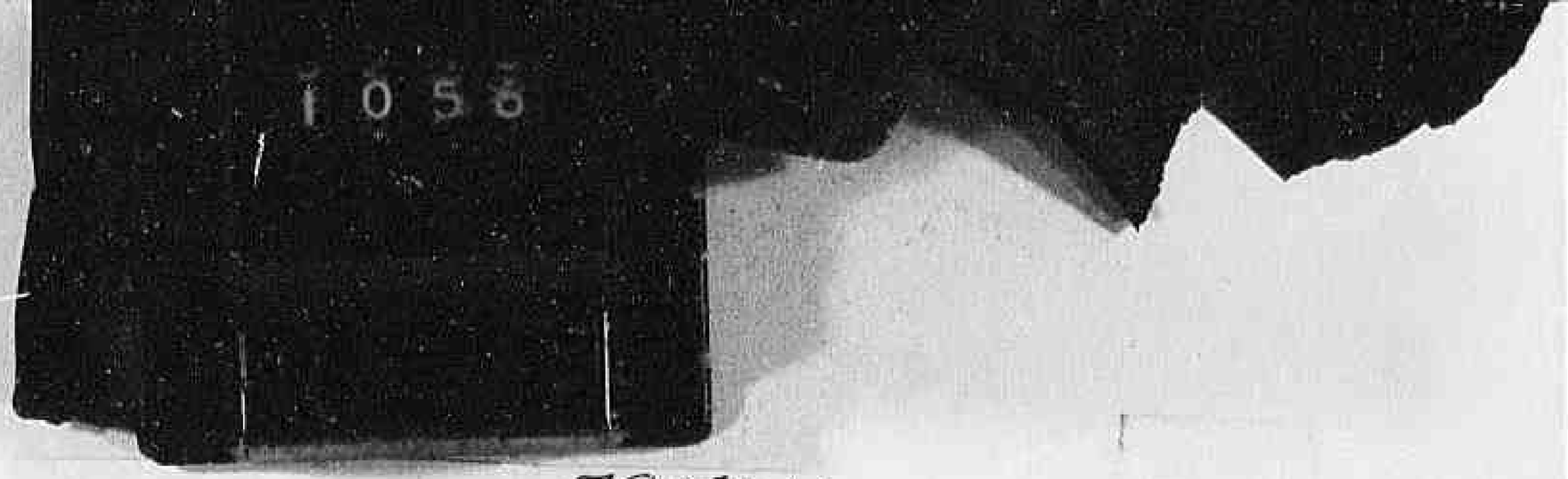
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6. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

Naval Sub-Commission	- Rear Admiral G.D. Morgan
Army Sub Commission	- Major General L. Browning
Air Sub-Commission	- Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet
Communications Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.L. Henderson
War Materials Disposal & Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission	- Lt. Colonel J.A. Campbell

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R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Phone:
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Ref/107/89/CA. 19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.C's Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX & "Z".
SCAO's Fifth & Eighth Armies.

1. Reference 107/65/CA of 5 August 1944, enclosed is the Agenda for the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.

2. Sections, Sub-Commissions or Branches will be responsible for ensuring that a representative is present at the times indicated for opening the discussion on the subjects against which their names appear. Other members of the Staffs concerned will be present as required.

for

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section (3)
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Establishment Br. (2)
Patriots Br. (1)
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Legal Sub-Comm. (1)
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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Wednesday 23rd August

AGENDA

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Ref/107/77/CA.

15 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Heads of all Sub-Commissions.

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter 107/65/CA of 5 August 1944, para.3.

2. Owing to the fact that there will be more speakers than on former occasions, reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions will, of necessity, be restricted to not more than five minutes instead of ten minutes as stated in the above letter.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
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Regional Commissioners Conference

Wednesday, 31.May.44.

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1. Ration Card Percentage.

The Executive Commissioner explained the Chief Commissioner's policy of distributing to each Province sufficient food to feed on the

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3. Staff Matters.

(a) Colonel Albright said the ceiling for all Italy up to the Rimini-Pisa line was 1270 officers, 635 American and 635 British. We must hold to this ceiling. It had been computed that for all Italy a further 300 officers and 600 EM/ORs would be necessary. Inquiry as to the possibility of getting these officers posted now for training to avoid inexperienced officers having to be employed if rapid tactical moves occurred, had not yet been satisfactorily answered. No information was available as to where these personnel were to come from.

Sub Coms. Est. Br.

Further cuts must come in Regions III, IV and Rome Staffs, and Regional Commissioners must plan future cuts now. Directive to be issued shortly would include provisional figures. Specialist officers would also be affected. Officers would be required to double up jobs inside Sections. There will be a shortage of Provincial Officers.

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(f) 2675th Regiment. Colonel Parkin said Companies of this Regiment were commanded by junior officers. Senior officers should back these junior officers. A memorandum of which the main features were read, is to be published.

(g) Administrative requirements for June.

(i) Efficiency reports on officers for the period 1st Jan to 30th June. General instructions for the preparation of the efficiency reports will be despatched by 10th June to all Regions. Efficiency reports must be in this Headquarters by 15th July.

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(ii) Need to tighten up the arrangements for safe-guarding Commission vehicles.

Regional Commissioners.

(iii) Promotion and reduction of NCOs must be the subject of reports addressed to C.O. 2675th Regt. They will be acted on when received.

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Legal Sub-Com.

Colonel Zellars said we must hit hard and hit quickly. All Regional Commissioners agreed, also agreeing that imprisonment would be much more effective than fines. Colonel Upjohn explained that AMG Courts could not handle this in Italian Government territory. The present decree provided for up to 3 years imprisonment; a new decree was coming out which would increase this. Colonel Upjohn was asked to press for the speeding up of hearing of cases. Italian Courts to give priority to these cases for public effect.

In Regions III and V, AMG Courts could be used, but Region III had decided to use Italian Courts as far as possible except in very bad cases, and where undue delay seemed likely.

(c) Composition of Committees.

Composition of the communal committees - could CC.RR officials function on the committees? Yes, though this provision was merely to keep them in the picture; they would have no right to vote. It was further suggested that a consumer could act on communal committees, and it was agreed that where a suitable person was available he could be co-opted.

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Colonel Zellars said we must hit hard and hit quickly. All Regional Commissioners agreed, also agreeing that imprisonment would be much more effective than fines. Colonel Upjohn explained that AMG Courts could not handle this in Italian Government territory. The present decree provided for up to 3 years imprisonment; a new decree was coming out which would increase this. Colonel Upjohn was asked to press for the speeding up of hearing of cases. Italian Courts to give priority to these cases for public effect.

In Regions III and V, AMG Courts could be used, but Region III had decided to use Italian Courts as far as possible except in very bad cases, and where undue delay seemed likely.

(c) Composition of Committees.

Composition of the communal committees - could CC.RR officials function on the committees? Yes, though this provision was merely to keep them in the picture; they would have no right to vote. It was further suggested that a conservator could act on communal committees, and it was agreed that where a suitable person was available he could be co-opted.

5. Regional Reports.

(a) Colonel Bowman explained that it was not intended to distribute Regional reports to all the Regions. They were for the use of this HQ, but copies could be had on application either to the Regions concerned or this HQ. Distribution was considered satisfactory.

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(b) Pro-Forma Monthly Report. Regional Commissioners agreed that no amendment to the form of report was necessary except that a short para should be added to the report dealing with Finance. Agreed. Executive Commissioner stressed that reports must be factual and must not contain demands for personnel or supplies, which must be submitted in the usual way.

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(c) Regional Commissioners reported that they were getting material from the Information Section. Generally the feeling was that reports were a necessary evil and that they could be handled so long as sufficient time was given to collect the necessary data and information. Agreed that Civil Affairs Branch should ensure that a reasonable period is allowed between calling for report and date of submission.

Civil Affairs Branch.

(d) Distribution within HQ. ACC. This is a matter for the HQ. Regional Commissioners were invited to suggest when submitting reports that they should be circulated in special quarters.

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9. Emergency Supplies.

Colonel Bowman spoke on this subject from the liaison standpoint and stated that it was imperative that needs should be forecast and supplies estimated well in advance. The policy of planning ahead should be one which Regional Commissioners should keep constantly

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10. Arrest of Italian Nationals.

Civil Affairs Branch.

It was agreed to adopt the procedure set out in HQ letter 316/64/CA. Colonel Wilmer said it was working satisfactorily in Regions II and VII (No.2 District).

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Pub.Rels Branch.

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The proceedings terminated at 1720 hours.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/107/12/CA

18 May 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.C's Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX.
S.C.A.O's 5th and 8th Armies.

1. Reference 107/2/CA of 5 May 1944 attached is list of items that have been submitted for discussion at the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.

2. If, after study of the subjects, there are any particular questions to which answers are required, will you please submit these in writing in order that the answers may be prepared before the meeting or be incorporated in the explanatory statements.

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Do you think it worthwhile to let Regions
Heads of Div. see draft agenda please one
copy of letter - on the new agenda
that we get this and throw our
ideas/ especially those re items 3
Then in an awful hurry to prepare
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such actions are made
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Copy to:
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Army Sub-Commission
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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 31 May
Thursday, 1 June

Suggested Items for Agenda

Subject	Suggested by	Remarks
1. Ration Card Percentage		(see D/O letter to R.C's Ref. 1003/274/CA)
2. Epuration (Defascistization)	Legal	
3. Staff Matters. a) Reduction of Staffs Regions 1, II and VII b) Specialist Officers c) Italian Drivers d) 2675 Regt Admin. Responsibility of Senior Officers e) Investigation of Rumours.	Establishments Branch.	a) See letter 57/33/CA of 18 May 1944 b) Inter-regional transfers
4. a) Collection of Commodities e.g. grain (Granio di Popolo) b) Price of barley, pulses and olive oil. c) Collection (Grain) 1. Courts to deal with delinquents 2. Composition of Committees	Region II	1. Suggests AMG Courts 2. Inclusion of Consumer member on Provincial and Communal Committees.
5. Transport a) A.C.C. b) Italian Government c) Transport Officer in Regions	Establishments R.C. & M.G. Region IV	Economic Section to explain duties, responsibilities and position in relation to Transportation Sub-Commission.
6. Italian Armed Forces Clothing Equipment and Rations	Army Sub-Commission	Answers to general queries; procedure to be explained.
7. Prisons - overcrowding. causes and remedies.	Public Safety	See letter 317/81/CA of 20 May 1944
8. "Emergency" Supplies	Chief Liaison Officer (Lt. Col. Bowman)	Suggests that "Emergencies" arise too often through lack of foresight and we are often put in the position of 'suppliants'. Word by Chief Commissioner or Executive Commissioner might cure some of this.
9. Arrest of Italian Nationals	Civil Affairs Branch.	See letter 314/64/CA of 20 May 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/107/CA.

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Action on Minutes - R.Cs. Conference.

TO : Distribution below.

1. (a) It will be noted that the left margin of the minutes of the Conference held April 15 & 16, 1944, has been headed ACTION and a note made of the officers or Branch of whom action is expected.

(b) As regards the Admin and Economic Sections, it would be appreciated if V.Ps. would examine the relevant paragraphs and take such action as in their opinion they consider necessary.

2. The annotation "All concerned" may refer to some or all of the following :

(a) Regional Commissioners.
(b) SCAO's 5 and 8 Army AMG.
(c) Heads of Sections.
(d) Heads of Sub-Commissions.
(e) Heads of Branches.
(f) Transport Officers.
(g) Dispatch Officers.
(h) Headquarter Commandants.
(i) Provincial Commissioners.
(j) Personal Assistants.

3. You are requested to examine the minutes carefully and to ensure that where action is required it is taken promptly.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Admin. Section — It was agreed that Col. Kirk should see Brig. Airey and Col. Gibson, explain Regional Commissioner's views and produce a scheme conforming to pass-system principle. Italian police must be persuaded to co-operate. Identity card issue would be extended and passes issued only to holders of authentic and valid identity cards.

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Estab. Branch All requisitioned vehicles must be officially registered and instructions would shortly be issued.

ACTION

Executive Commissioner directed that only those vehicles essential for official work be used and that Regional Commissioners should scrutinise the vehicles held. A number of vehicles would be required by the Italian Government.

(h) Essential Civilian Vehicles.

An Italian Government decree and an AMG directive were shortly being published.

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All concerned

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(d) Among other views expressed Region II asked which Court would try offenders. The lower court would be unsatisfactory, and the higher would be inundated.

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(b) Among many objections were transportation, the different scales of rations and the hunger of refugees.

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(c) It was suggested that communal feeding be instituted, giving one hot meal per day.

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He suggested close co-operation and co-ordination of military and civil efforts.

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(f) Control Service.

The services of a Medical Officer, Entomologist and Engineer were available on demand.

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(g) Paris Green was in short supply and would only be used for the benefit of the Armed Forces. The oil would be used for civilian purposes. Sprayers were in short supply but more were expected shortly.

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(i) Atabrin, which was in plentiful supply.
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P.H. Sub-Com. Done 27 Sept. PH

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functioning well. The 120 handed over by the 1001 G.T. Coy on the East side only 65 were serviceable to start with but these had been replaced by 120 completely new British vehicles and these are now in service.

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Item No.9 - Coastwise and Inter-Regional Shipping.

(a) Mr. Nichol said that the Services used all the schooners and there was little left over for the use of the civilian organisations. It was pointed out that any schooner under 50 tons might be used without permission but the following had to be borne in mind :

(i) the schooner should be registered, and
(ii) before sailing the route should be confirmed by Naval authorities.

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Asked that ruling should be given on "tumbling" and "paging" in reproducing documents that would have to be preserved.

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Estab. Branch. Agreed to refer matter to Archives Advisory Committee.

Suggested that individual histories would also be of value, as distinct from formal War Diaries.

All concerned. Agreed that War Diaries be dispensed with but that some kind of journal be kept to be supplemented by historiography.

Other Business. Sunday, April 16, 1944.

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Three points should receive immediate attention :

(i) The proper employment of cars as to type, which would involve re-distribution, e.g. cars suited to town and level running might be unsuitable for country and long distance work over indifferent roads.

(ii) Servicing difficulties owing to lack of tools and garage facilities but more could be done.

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(ii) Arrest of Allied Military Personnel by Carabinieri.

Executive Commissioner explained that a proposal had been received to grant powers of arrest of Allied Military Personnel to Carabinieri and asked Regional Commissioners' views. The consensus of opinion was against it.

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R.C. & M.G.Sec. Agreed to reply accordingly.

(iii) Tentage.

Brig.General Hume said he required tents for his own personnal in connection with C.S planning. He had arranged to draw from G-4, 5 Army but had since found that only 2675 Regt authority would be accepted. 2675 Regt cannot supply without a movement order.

Estab. Branch. This would be taken up.

7. 2675 Regiment.

Following a general discussion on powers and responsibilities of the Regimental organisation, including :

(a) Completion of Records.
(b) Possibility of obtaining qualified specialists known to be in Replacement Depots, either directly or on exchange.
(c) Reports on officers.

Agreed that Establishments would issue a memorandum covering these

Estab. Branch. and other points for the information of Regional Commissioners and Company Commanders.

8. Eighth Army (Group-Capt. Benson) wished to discuss :

(a) Labour rates.
(b) Transportation costs in connection with food supplies.

The question of difference of labour rates in adjoining regions was discussed briefly and it was agreed that it should be taken up with the Labour Sub-Commission.

Charges for civilian road transport resulted in an increased price of bread in Communes not served by rail or Army transport.

Agreed that this should be discussed with the Sub-Commission concerned.

9. Region III (Col.Poletti) asked :

(a) For a ruling on the correct letter heading to be used in the Region.

Establ. Branch. Establishments are issuing a clarifying memorandum.

(b) Whether additional payments to priests and clergy could be made from the FONDO CULTO to compensate for the increase in the cost of living. This was a section of the community that had no such compensation.

Admin and Econ. (d) 2794 re RRC

Int. Sub-Com. Agreed that it would probably earn goodwill and increase our influence. Suggested that Interior Sub-Commission take up with the Italian Government.

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Estab. Branch. this would be taken up.

7. 2675 Regiment.

Following a general discussion on powers and responsibilities of the Regimental organisation, including :

(a) Completion of Records.
(b) Possibility of obtaining qualified specialists known to be in Replacement Depots, either directly or on exchange.
(c) Reports on officers.

Agreed that Establishments would issue a memorandum covering these and other points for the information of Regional Commissioners and Company Commanders.

Estab. Branch.

8. Eighth Army (Group-Capt. Benson) wished to discuss :

(a) Labour rates.
(b) Transportation costs in connection with food supplies.

The question of difference of labour rates in adjoining regions was discussed briefly and it was agreed that it should be taken up with the Labour Sub-Commission.

Charges for civilian road transport resulted in an increased price of bread in Communes not served by rail or Army transport.

Agreed that this should be discussed with the Sub-Commission concerned.

9. Region III (Col. Poletti) asked :

(a) For a ruling on the correct letter heading to be used in the Region.

Establ. Branch. Establishments are issuing a clarifying memorandum.

(b) Whether additional payments to priests and clergy could be made from the FONDO CULTO to compensate for the increase in the cost of living. This was a section of the community that had no such compensation.

Ref. and Com. (d) 27th ult. to PRB

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It was thought that the Vatican had funds which could be applied to this. It was contrary to general policy in other countries.

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R.C.& M.G.Sec. Agreed that the matter be taken up with Monsigner Carroll, the Vatican representative.

10. Colonel Farren (Executive Officer) asked :

R.Cs. & SCAOs Armies. (a) That Regional Commissioners should furnish quickly, in the case of British Officers, A.F.B194G for those officers who had been ordered to another theatre.

(b) For instructions regarding the disposal of the surplus mess funds of the Military Government School and Holding Centre, Tizi Ouzou.

He explained that the 14½% of the surplus allocated to any new School and Holding Centre remained to be distributed as no new School was to be set up.

Colonel Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner designate of Region VII asked if his new mess could be considered for an allocation. Region II and Region VII agreed that the matter be left to the discretion of Colonel Farren and all agreed that Region VII should be considered as requested.

Estab. Branch.

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All Officers. was instructed to make copies available. Executive Commissioner endorsed this in respect of British officers and said that officers should be reminded that the Commission was a military unit.

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(d) Classification of Documents. The classification TOP SECRET should only be used in very exceptional cases. Its use should be avoided as far as possible.

(e) Functions of Civil Affairs Branch. The principle function was co-ordination which sometimes meant a little delay in the initial stages but saved time in the long run. Another function was to keep personnel evenly spread over the areas, and to see that officers were most fittingly employed. He had noticed a tendency to overloading at Regional and Provincial Headquarters.

15. Executive Commissioner announced :

(a) The forthcoming issue of a booklet of memoranda for the guidance of officers of the Commission and commended it for study.

(b) Date of next conference - about 1st June.

Brig. Carr requested that it should not be at a weekend and this was agreed.

The Conference closed at 12.15 hours.

22.April.1944.

Minutes prepared by
Major W. Driffield-White.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

CA Corps

Ref/107/26/CA

8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioner's Conference.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX.

Ref. 107/13/CA of 29 March 1944.

1. Attached is a Provisional Agenda for the Saturday meeting of the above conference.

2. Notes on each item are appended. These are not exhaustive but are intended to give an idea of the scope of discussion. They should serve to enable you to collect relevant data for contribution to the discussions.

for NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copies to:

Economic Section (2)
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All Officers named on Agenda.
Deputy Executive Commissioner
Secretary General.

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Regional Commissioners Conference.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA for Saturday Meeting.

April 15th 1944.

1. Harvesting, Amassing and Distribution of wheat crop 1944.
   (Col.Adams, Col.Evans, Col.Legg and Major Hartmann)

2. Coastwise and Inter-Regional Shipping.
   (Col.Adams & Mr. Ian Campbell)

3. Restoration of Post Office Services.
   (Col.Henderson & Major Head)

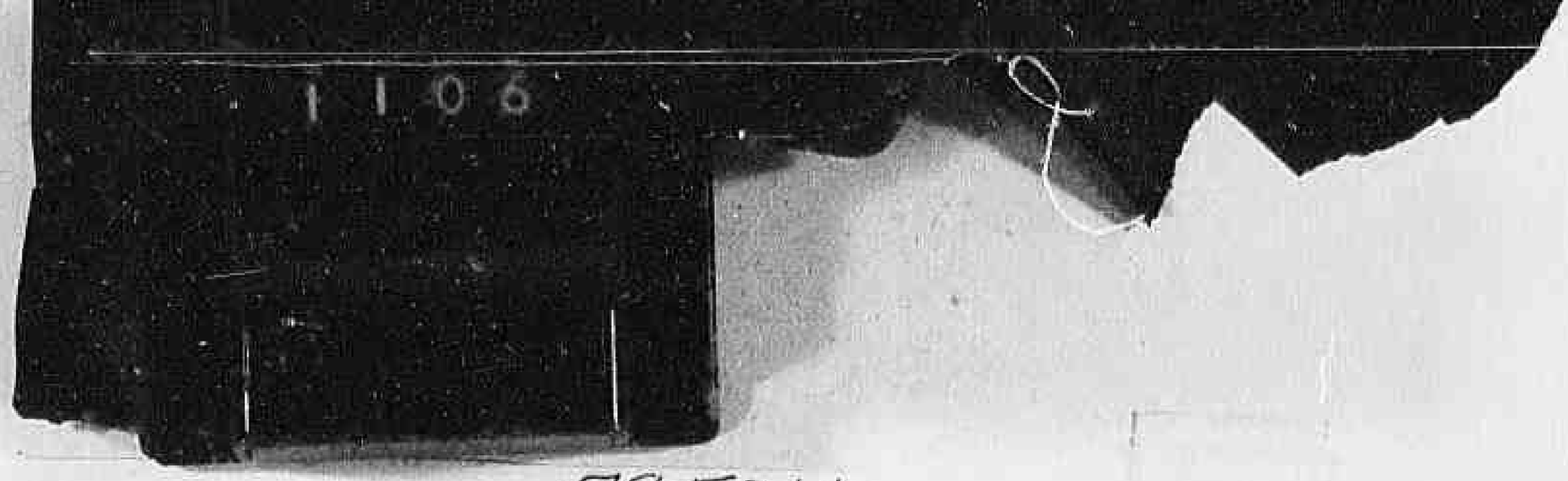
4. Road Haulage Organisation.
   (Col.Adams, Col.Fitch)

   Regional Commissioners to give brief resume of situation in Region.

5. Malaria Control.
   (Col.P.F.Russell)

6. Promotion of Italian State Employees.
   (Col.Henderson, Lt.Col.J.R.Smith)

7. Other business.



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NOTE ON ITEM 1.

1. In order to keep imports of wheat to a minimum the maximum of home-grown wheat must be "amassed".

2; To effect this the following policy has been decided upon :

(a) Establishment of Committees of farmers and citizens in each Commune and under the supervision of the Provincial Inspectors of Agriculture for the purpose of screening statistics of wheat production, retention and amassing.

(b) Announcement on May 15, 1944, of firm price for wheat delivered to amassi.

(c) Reduction of seed retention allowance to 1½ quintals per hectare.

(d) Limitation of food retention allowance to farmers and their families and full time agricultural workers.

NOTE ON ITEM 2.

1. All schooners under 300 tons are being registered.

2. Schooners can help to relieve railways.

3. All voyages will be controlled by one authority — MEDEO Schooners Sub-Committee — who will arrange for return cargoes.

4. Bidding, charter, loading.

Information on the methods for these will be given, explained and discussed.

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NOTE ON ITEM 3.

Initial Restoration of Post Office Services

1. Post Office services fall into three main categories:

(a) Miscellaneous services (Payment of teachers salaries, receipt of tax revenue etc.)

(b) Mails collection and delivery.

(c) Financial services (Money Orders, Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Current banking accounts).

2. Post Offices may be opened by C/O's for miscellaneous services as soon as required and practicable.

3. The basis for the restoration of mail services is set out in Executive Memorandum No.35 now in the press.

4. Financial Services.

(a) Experience shows that there is frequently a need for such services to be in operation before civil mail services are functioning.

(b) Both the Finance and the Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commissions are directly interested in the working of the financial services, the former in relation to expediency and financial backing, the latter for the actual operation.

(c) The number of Regional Postal Officers available in the past has not been sufficient to cope with the development of services, and the future position in this respect is not secure. As a result, the operating of financial services is necessarily, at the outset, being developed by different Finance Officers, on a Province by Province basis. Such a basis of development necessitates each officer concerned issuing 'ad hoc' instructions, and restricts effective co-ordination of policy and practice.

(d) The maintenance of these financial services depends amongst other things, upon

(i) the initial and continued availability of forms, Savings Bank books, Postal Bond sheets, etc, and

(ii) the provision - in advance of a normal mail service - of a means of communication for transmitting the cash, forms and advices concerned to Post Offices and/or the public.

5. To meet/.....

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NOTE ON ITEM 3 (CONT'D)

5. To meet those cases in which a Postal Officer will be available to deal with the restoration of all main services, sets of schedules are now being prepared detailing, as far as possible, the procedure to be followed at each of the various stages. The schedules will incorporate the A.C.C. and/or Italian Government's instructions which have been issued to date, in respect of services operating in the Postal Officer areas. The intention is that, as these officers become responsible for an additional part or complete province, they will hand to the Post Office Provincial Director a set of the schedules, and, at the appropriate stages, instruct him to proceed with the introduction of each service on the lines laid down.

6. The following points are for the consideration of the Conference:

(a) That all Regional Commissioners and SCAO's of Army AMG accept a supply of the schedules, for the attention of the Postal or Finance Officer who will be responsible for the Post Office services.

(b) That R.C's keep the Administrative Section and Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission advised of developments.

(c) That, in setting up official communications for the transmission of forms (see para.4 (d) above), the eventual requirements for letter delivery services be kept in mind as far as possible, particularly in relation to Censorship and Security considerations.

NOTE ON ITEM 5.

1. Malaria control is of vital importance to the Allied Military effort.

The following points require consideration :

(a) Provincial anti-malaria Committees.
(b) Programmes of Control work.
(c) Labour available (civil and military).
(d) Transport problem.
(e) Equipment, larvacides and drugs.

NOTE ON ITEM 6.

1. Applications have been received from Italian State employees regarding promotions that would have been made had there been no interruption of the regime, promotions considered to be due, promotions for efficiency and as rewards, etc.

2. Consideration is to be given to:

(a) The policy to be adopted.
(b) The rules to be followed.
(c) Procedure to be recommended.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/107/24/CA. 8 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.Cs. Regions II, III, IV, V, VI.

1. Reference this H.Q. memorandum 107/13/CA of 29 Mar 44, I am desired by the Chief Commissioner to request that you will arrange for the attendance at the Conference on April 14 and 15, 1944, of your Regional Chief Legal Officer.

2. Attention is directed to para.3 of the above-quoted memorandum.

for NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Region I (for information)
Secy. General.
Admin Section (2)

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R.C. & M.G. Section
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Ref/107/14/CA. 30 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : See Distribution Below.

1. Reference memorandum 107/13/CA of 29 March 1944.

2. The precis of remarks requested in para. 2 (c) of above-quoted memorandum is required by the Secretary General by 1200 hrs on day previous to meeting.

3. Will you please make the necessary amendment.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
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APO 394

29 March 1944

Ref: 107/13/CA
SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference

TO : See Distribution.

1. This is to confirm that as arranged at the last Regional Commissioners Conference the next conference will be held at Hq. ACC, Provincia Building, Naples on Friday April 14 and Saturday April 15, 1944.

2. The Chief Commissioner will preside at the Friday meeting which will commence at 0900 hours.

The agenda will be:
a) Address by Chief Commissioner.
b) Reports by Regional Commissioners and SCAO's AMG Armies.
c) Reports by Head of Sub-Commissions (to be so prepared that they can be delivered in a maximum of 5 minutes) and Vice Presidents of Sections. (Officers making reports are requested to furnish the Secretary General with a precis of their remarks immediately before the meeting).

3. The Executive Commissioner will preside at the Saturday meeting which will commence at 0930 hours. Attendance of heads of sections and Sub-Commissions may be required by agenda items, at times to be notified before the meeting.

4. Regional Commissioners and heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Saturday meeting. The suggestions should be accompanied by a brief statement on the points to be discussed, which will be circulated to all concerned before the meeting. Suggestions should be in the hands of the Deputy Executive Commissioners, R.C. & M.G. Section by 4 April 1944 latest.

5. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in Naples at least one day prior to the opening of the conference. R.C. & M.G. Section should be notified of expected time of arrival in order that accomodation and transport may be arranged where necessary.

6. The Secretary General will act as Secretary on the Friday Meeting.

A staff officer of the C.A. Branch R.C. & M.G. Section will act as secretary of the Saturday meeting.

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MINUTES

Regional Commissioners Conference

Saturday, March 4th

Ref/124/CA. 0900 hrs.

Presiding : Brigadier M.S.Lush.

PRESENT

Brigadier M.S.Lush, C.B.E., M.C.-(Chairman)	Executive Commissioner.
Brigadier General E.E.Hume	S.C.A.O. 5 Army AMG.
Brigadier M. Carr	R.C. Region IV.
Brigadier [illegible].K.Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C.	R.C. Region VI.
Colonel N.E.Fiske	Dep.Exec.Commissioner.
Group Captain C.E.Benson, D.S.O.	S.C.A.O. [illegible]
Colonel F.L.Whitley	R.C. Region V.
" J.A.C.Pennycuick	R.C. Region VIII.
" R.P.Marshall	C.S. Region IV.
" J.O.M.Ashley	C.S. 5 Army AMG.
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" S.A.Fitch	Internal Trans.Sub-Com.
" R.H.Farren	Executive Officer (Br).
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Lieut-Col.A.N.Hancock	R.C. Region I.
" G.H.McCaffrey	R.C. Region II.
" The Lord [illegible]	C.S. Region III.
" E.O.Hobbs	[illegible] Region IX.
" R.R.Cripps	C.S.O. Admin.Section.
" E.L.Clough	Executive Officer (A).
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" E.Talbot	Staff, R.C. & M.G.Section.
1st Lieut.D.K.Young	" " "

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 0900 hrs. 630

Item No.1.

Coordination of Road Transport with Regions.

0900 hrs.

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Item No.1.

Coordination of Road Transport with Regions.

Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission (Col.Fitch) explained the salient points of the proposed organisation for road haulage transport as issued to Regional Commissioners 11 Feb 44. Progress of plans was reported which included formation of Truck Unit of 80 trucks, and the availability of further 250 trucks. Of those allotted to Region II a total of 65 were now found to be unroadworthy. Arrangements have been made by Adm. Sch. ACMF to attach competent officers for the purpose of ensuring that all trucks assigned were put into roadworthy condition. Three officers had been detailed and would be attached for one month.

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Chairman stressed the importance of the organisation and emphasised that the Chief Commissioner was not satisfied with the progress made since the publication of the instructions, and asked Regions to report on the state of organisation in their areas.

Region I - organisation working. Additional trucks required to augment services. Number required 100.

Region II - little progress.

Region III - organisation ready to accept 50 trucks at once.

Region IV - plans made, estimate initial requirements 200 trucks.

Region V - plans made, estimate initial requirements 125 trucks. Ultimate requirements 380 to cover the whole Region, but it was required to know under what conditions the operatives would be clothed, fed and paid, and what sort of terms could be offered to contractors.

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Agreed that in AMG territory, trucks should be turned over to R.Cs. and accounted for in the same way as AFA lire, or any other commodity. On the turn-over of territory to the Italian Government the vehicles would also be turned over to the Italian Government on payment. Vehicles would then be turned over to contractors against receipt and guarantee of maintenance and upkeep.

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Contractors to be paid allowance on distance according to tariff. R.C. Region I undertook to send to this H.Q. form of existing contract which has actually been used.

R.Cs. were asked to send in immediately their plan for freight charges and kilometrage allowance. It is appreciated that there will be differentiations and these will be coordinated at this H.Qs.

Deputy Executive Commissioner (Col. Fisk) took the opportunity to explain that A.F.H.Q. had ordered the return to the Italian Army of all Italian military equipment, especially transport vehicles. R.Cs. had been instructed to return all Italian military transport vehicles to the Italian Military authorities. Where this would vitally disorganise the existing transport system for civilian supply, or other works, R.Cs. were asked to state the case for each individual vehicle and then to submit to this H.Qs. without delay.

Item No.2.

Relation and Channel of Communication between Regions and Sub-Commissions.

The Chairman stated that Sub-Commissions have the right to deal direct with the technical members of Regional and Army AMG Staffs on technical matters. S.C.A.Cs. and R.Cs. were asked to give their views as to routine of channels of communication.

5 Army - no trouble so long as orders were not issued.

8 Army - satisfactory. Attention was drawn to the instructions regarding entry into Army areas. Essential that all officers should first obtain permission to enter these areas and inform the Army staffs who they were visiting.

Region I - satisfactory, but complaint raised regarding the introduction by independent Sub-Commissions of Units into Regional area without warning of arrival or explanation of functions.

Region II - attention drawn to "mavericks' (unbranded calves). Cases cited: Mr. Mooton activities in connection with silk, Mr. Wilson something to do with Industry and Commerce. Major Knight reputedly Supply Officer Apulia. Various AFA agencies. None of these people appear to have any credentials, nor did theypresent themselves at Regional H.Qs. to explain their presence in the Region.

Region III - satisfactory, but a request that all correspondence be addressed to Regional H.Q. for the attention of any special officer.

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Deputy Executive Commissioner (Col. Fisko) took the opportunity to explain that A.F.H.Q. had ordered the return to the Italian Army of all Italian military equipment, especially transport vehicles. R.Cs. had been instructed to return all Italian military transport vehicles to the Italian Military authorities. Where this would vitally disorganise the existing transport system for civilian supply, or other works, R.Cs. were asked to state the case for each individual vehicle and then to submit to this H.Qs. without delay.

Item No.2:

Relation and Channel of Communication between Regions and Sub-Commissions.

The Chairman stated that Sub-Commissions have the right to deal direct with the technical members of Regional and Army AMG Staffs on technical matters. S.C.A.Cs. and R.Cs. were asked to give their views as to routine of channels of communication.

5 Army - no trouble so long as orders were not issued.

8 Army - satisfactory. Attention was drawn to the instructions regarding entry into Army areas. Essential that all officers should first obtain permission to enter these areas and inform the Army staffs who they were visiting.

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Region IV - no objection with the same proviso as Region III. It was noted that as the H.Q. of Region IV would not when in operation be situated in the same town as the central H.Q. the question would not arise.

Region V - no objection. R.C. requested that any officer travelling in the Region should give advance notice of their probably arrival in order that arrangements for their feeding and accommodation might be made. Also requested that all contacts within the Region should be made either through the R.C. in the first instance, or that he should at least be informed of the intentions of the visiting officers.

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Chairman instructed that an order to this effect should be published in the Daily Bulletin and repeated once a week until further notice.

Region VI - no objection. Suggested that military communications relating to the Region be reported to R.C. Visitors to be instructed to carry blankets.

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The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Stansgate, Vice President Administrative Section, and representatives of Legal (Col.G.R.Upjohn), Interior (Lt.Col.R.A.B.Spicer), and Public Safety (Col.P.G.Kirk) Sub-Commissions joined the Conference.

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Agreed that such a procedure would be desirable.

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Col. Upjohn advised that the control of prostitution was a very delicate matter and any steps taken by R.Cs. should be fully coordinated with the Legal Sub-Commission.

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The Chairman said that it was incumbent upon R.Cs. to take a very active interest in the review of all Court cases within their Region. They should from time to time actually review cases themselves, especially those in which their own officers might be impugned, or against whom allegations might have been made, or might have subsequently been made. Col. Upjohn quoted cases.

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Equipment [illegible] would be provided.

Organisation of team of workers was necessary, e.g. Mayor, doctor, priest and some women.

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Reasons for a protest against moves would need to be very substantial.

The question of supplies (excluding food) for CC.RR is being taken up by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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(h) Screening of Italian Officials.

Head of Security Branch (Col.Young) explained briefly the use of the "Scheda Personale" (copy attached) and how the screening scheme had been worked in Regions I & II. With modifications dictated by experience, a new form was being printed and would be brought into use in all Regions.

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S.C.A.O. 5 Army : The material presented would have special reference to Rome.

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Item No.6.

Personnel and Transport Situation (Colonel Albright) - (See attached Schedule "A").

Col. Albright said that many shortages existed as a result of calls for personnel to be used in other theatres and operations. The ultimate prospect for this theater was approximately 1222 officers, equally divided between American and British, which was considerably below the previous authorized strength of more than 1400. It would, therefore, be impossible to have fixed establishments within Regions. Personnel must be posted where required. Ceilings will, however, be set up for Regions. Also, with this situation prevailing, all advancements of officers and CR/EM would be dealt with by ACC HQ, upon recommendation from the Regions and Sub-Commissions. It is hoped that Tables of Organization can be set up for enlisted men so that a fair distribution of grades might be maintained.

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Establishment Officer: British vehicles are expected from NATOUSA for the Refugee and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions which could then return the vehicles borrowed from Region IV. The American T/E's were now approved and additional vehicles would be available as soon as they could be assembled. Interest Regions and Sub-Commissions should submit requests especially for trailers. In order that priorities might be determined, reasons for request should accompany. At present, Refugees and Displaced Persons have the first priority. A Pool would be set up to cover emergency demands; T/E's will not be fixed. Maintenance is to be handled by local units of other formations.

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Lt.Col. Bowman introducing the subject as Chief Liaison Officer, ACC HQ., emphasised that the following points should be observed in liaison work :

1. Be sure the contact or request is necessary.
2. Make all original contacts through the Liaison Officer to ensure that the proper agency is reached, and that too many people do not initiate contacts.
3. Make requests specific, and only if justified.
4. Make the use of liaison two-way.

Item No.9.

Medical Supplies.

Colonel Griffin said that help was requested from the Regions in collecting information upon which to base requisitions. Normally the operations of the Sub-Commissions would extend only down to the Regional level except in cases of emergency. The prices of supplies would be determined and notified to the interested persons. All possible aid should be given to restoring drug-making industries.

Item No.10.

Other Matters.

(a) Chairman: said that the present delicate political situation made it imperative to keep information flowing in from the Regions. In cases where urgency made it necessary, PC's would communicate directly with this HQ.

Region V: asked whether the personnel attached to P.W.B. would be returned and was informed that they would not, their functions having been concentrated in the P.R.O. at Headquarters.

(b) After a brief discussion of the form and date of filing monthly reports, it was agreed that the reports could be summarized and accompanied by more expanded reports from the Specialist Divisions. The date of submission of the report would remain the 10th of the month.

The Conference closed at 1730 hrs.

10.March.44.

W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE
Major.

Minutes prepared by:
Major W.Driffield White,
and Lt.D.K.Young.

DISTRIBUTION:

All present and attending.	(43)
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Admin. Section	2
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Italian Refugees Branch	1
Information Branch	1
Establishment Branch	1
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

1 March 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment

TO : All Regions, AMG Armies, and Sections, Sub-Commissions and Branches of HQ.

1. Present Position

a. The authorized strength of the 2675 (American) Regt., ACC is 829 Officers, 15 Warrant Officers and 1045 EM. Of these, 74 EM are detached on special duty, but still carried on the strength of the Regiment.

b. The authorized strength of AMGAC, the British Unit created by War Establishment No. WA/266/1 dated 6 January 1944 is 663 Officers and 1347 ORs.

c. On the strength of the above two units is borne the whole of the personnel allotted to ACC-AMG in Italy.

d. The number of Officers scheduled to proceed to U.K. is:

American 200
British 90

The British Officers are being replaced from U.K.; similar replacements will probably not be forthcoming for the American Officers. There will be no further bulk demands for personnel of ACC for other theaters.

2. Sub-Establishment for Regions, etc.

a. The question of Sub-establishments /TOs for Regions, AMG Armies, and Sub-Commissions and Branches of Headquarters has been under consideration, and it has been decided that no attempt will be made to issue them. It is realized that this decision will cause some difficulty and uncertainty in Regions and Sub-Commissions, but the question is fraught with so many complications that it has been found impossible to arrive at any other satisfactory solution.

b. The chief reason for the decision is that conditions, and with them the weight and direction of effort are and will be constantly changing. It is therefore impossible to allot personnel on any permanent basis, and it would be useless — in fact positively harmful to issue Sub-establishments /TOs which would be subject to constant amendment. Personnel will therefore be allotted by this HQ as and when required in accordance with the volume of work to the extent permitted by available numbers. All that can be said is that for the present Region I will operate with about 110 Officers, Region II with 117, and Region III will be gradually reduced to about 40 after its territory is handed over to the Italian Government.

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3. Ranks and Promotion

a. The question of ranks and promotion will similarly be dealt with centrally by this HQ because it is not possible to lay down any fixed ranks for Officers or EM/OR in Regions since the total personnel will vary as territory is handed over and duties become supervisory on the one hand or operational duties increase under AMG on the other. Similarly, the volume of work in Sub-Commissions is not constant.

b. Recommendations for promotion of Officers (as to which separate instructions on the British side have been issued in Exec Memo No. 19) will therefore be submitted without regard to whether there is or is not a suitable assignment in a higher rank in the particular Region, Sub-Commission, etc., in which the Officer being recommended happens to be serving at the time.

c. Instructions regarding the promotion of both EMs and ORs are being issued shortly.

For the Executive Commissioner:

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT
Colonel, Infantry
Establishment Officer

DISTRIBUTION:
All Regions
AMG 5 Army
AMG 8 Army
Sub-Commissions, Sections, Branches of Hq.

DATA _____ PROVINCIA _____

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

N. B. - Penalità severissime, di prigione e di ammenda sono previste per chiunque facesse delle dichiarazioni false nella presente scheda.

SCHEDA PERSONALE

SI DEVE rispondere a ogni domanda secondo le indicazioni

Every Question Must be Answered

1. Cognome _____ Nome _____ di fu _____

e di fu _____

a) Luogo di nascita _____ b) Data di nascita _____
Place of Birth *Date of Birth*

2. Indirizzo _____ a) Residenza permanente _____
Address *Permanent Residence*

3. a) Professione _____ b) Posizione attuale _____
Profession *Present Position*

c) Carica desiderata _____
Position Desired

4 Eravate inscritto al P. N. F.? _____ a) Da quando? _____
Were you a member of P. N. F.? *Since when?*

5. Appartenevate ad uno dei seguenti gruppi **(SI o NO)**:
Did you at any time belong to any of the following groups (Answer YES or NO).

a) Sansepolcristi _____ b) Squadristi _____ c) M. V. S. N.? _____

d) Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio? Indicate con un **Si** od un **NO** l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi):
If you belonged to the Militia, in which of the following units did you serve? (Answer YES or NO opposite unit giving the date).

	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service) (Specificare se servizio effettivo o nei quadri) (*Specify whether permanent or temporary Service*)
Milizia ordinaria? *Ordinary Militia?*	
Milizia Ferroviaria? *Railroad Militia?*	
Milizia Postale? *Postal Militia?*	
Milizia Portuale? *Port Militia?*	
Milizia Forestale? *Forest Militia?*	
Milizia Stradale? *Road Militia?*	
Milizia Confinaria? *Border Militia?*	
Milizia Universitaria? *University Militia?*	
Milizia Antiaerea? *Antiaircraft Militia?*	
Milizia Artiglieria Marittima? *Naval Artillery Militia?*	
« Moschettieri del Duce »? *The Duce's Musketeers?*	
Battaglioni « M »?	

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SCHEDA PERSONALE

SI DEVE rispondere a ogni domanda secondo le indicazioni

Every Question Must be Answered

1. Cognome _____ Nome _____ di fu _____ e di fu _____

a) Luogo di nascita _____ *Place of Birth*

b) Data di nascita _____ *Date of Birth*

2. Indirizzo _____ *Address*

a) Residenza permanente _____ *Permanent Residence*

3. a) Professione _____ *Profession*

b) Posizione attuale _____ *Present Position*

c) Carica desiderata _____ *Position Desired*

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a) Da quando? _____ *Since when?*

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Milizia Artiglieria Marittima? *Naval Artillery Militia?*	
« Moschettieri del Duce »? *The Duce's Musketeers?*	
Battaglioni « M »? *« M » Battalions?*	

c) Se avete militato solo in tempo di guerra, siete entrato nella milizia da volontario o in seguito a regolare chiamata? _____ *If you served during the war only, did you volunteer or were you drafted?*

6. Avete ricoperto una delle seguenti cariche nel Partito Fascista (rispondete **SI** o **NO** e indicate i periodi di servizio in ciascuna carica negli spazi rispondenti): *Did you at any time hold any of the following positions in the Fascist Party? (Answer YES or NO giving the length of time of each).*

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PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

a) Segretario nel P. N. F.? _____
Secretary of the P. N. F.?

b) Membro del Direttorio Nazionale? _____
Member of the National Council?

c) Segretario Federale? _____
Federal Secretary?

d) Membro del Direttorio Federale? _____
Member of Federal Council?

e) Ispettore del Partito? _____
Inspector of the Party?

f) Ispettore Federale? _____
Federal Inspector?

g) Segretario Politico di un Fascio? _____
Political Secretary of a Fascio?

h) Fiduciario di un Gruppo Rionale? _____
Fiduciary of a Regional Group?

i) Membro di un Gruppo Rionale? _____
Member of the Regional Group?

j) Capo-settore? _____
Chief of a Sector?

k) Capo-nucleo? _____
Chief of a Group?

l) Una posizione autorevole nella G.I.L.? _____
An authoritative position in the G.I.L.?

m) Una posizione autorevole nel G.U.F.? _____
An authoritative position in the G.U.F.?

n) Una posizione autorevole nei Fasci Femminili?
An authoritative position in the women's Fasci?

_____

o) Qualche altra carica nel Partito? _____
Some other position in the Party?

Quale? _____
What?

7. Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell' OVRA? _____ Quando? _____
Were you at any time a member of the OVRA? *When?*

8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico dei CC. RR.? _____ Quando? _____
Were you a member of the Political Office of the CC. RR.? *When?*

9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico di P. S. _____ Quando? _____
Were you a member of the Political Office of the P. S.? *When?*

10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni?
Were you at any time a functionary in any of the following organizations?

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

a) in una Corporazione? _____
In a Corporation?

Quale? _____
Which One?

Denominazione della carica _____
Title of Position

b) In una unione sindacale? _____
In a syndical Union?

Quale? _____
Which One?

Denominazione della carica _____
Title of Position

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d) Membro del Direttorio Federale? _____
Member of Federal Council?

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Title of Position

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In a syndical Union?

Quale? _____
Which One?

Denominazione della carica _____
Title of Position

c) In un Consorzio Agrario? _____
In a «Consorzio Agrario»?

Quale? _____
Which One?

Denominazione della carica _____
Title of Position

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PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

d) In qualche altra organizzazione corporativa o sindacale? _____
In some other Corporative or Syndical organization?

Quale? _____
Which One?

Denominazione della carica _____
Nature of Work Done

11. Indicate le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue:
Give the National, Provincial or Communal, governmental or parastatal positions held by you since 1921.

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO *Name of the Institute*	PERIODO DI SERVIZIO *Length of Service*	MODO DI ASSUNZIONE *How Acquired*

12. Indicate le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:
Show the principal sources of income during the Fascist Regime:

FONTI *Source of Income*	MEDIA ANNUALE *Yearly Average*	INTROITO DEL 1942 *Income in 1942*

13. Avete prestato servizio militare? _____ *a*) In quale arma? _____
Have you rendered military service? *What branch?*

b) Quando? _____ *c*) Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente? _____
When? *Last rank?*

d) Dove avete prestato servizio? _____
Where did you serve?

e) Siete stato «volontario» nella guerra civile Spagnola? _____
Were you a «volunteer» in the Spanish Civil war?

f) Siete stato «volontario» nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale? _____ Del Nord Africa? _____
Were you a «volunteer» in the Ethiopian Campaign? *North African campaign?*

Della campagna in Russia? _____
Russian campaign?

g) Avete goduto di qualche esonero dal servizio militare? _____
Were you deferred from Military Service?

Per qual motivo? _____
Why?

14. Avete fatto parte dal 1922 in poi di qualche organizzazione politica diversa del Partito Fascista? _____
Have you belonged to any political party other than the Fascist Party since 1922?

Nome dell'organizzazione: _____
Name of the Party or Organization?

Periodo di appartenenza? _____
How long were you a member?

IO Dichiaro sinceramente e solennemente che tutto quanto ho affermato è vero.
I solemnly swear that all I have said is true.

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Denominazione della carica _____ _____
Nature of Work Done

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Signed

Testimone _____
Witness

Data _____
Date

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