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12 September 1946

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2. Civilian restaurants. - EC asked the latest order on this question and was informed that Civilian Restaurants are still "Out of Bounds" to all ranks.

He further asked if the Italian Decree limiting the number of courses served at any meal had been issued and was informed that it had been reported a failure.

3. Port Dues. EC stated that there had been recent correspondence on this subject and asked if British Merchant Vessels were paying Port dues. Polad B said that he would check.

4. Italian Peace Treaty. EC stated that a photostatic copy of the original draft of the Italian Peace treaty as printed in the New York Times had been received and directed PRO to obtain extra copies for distribution to Heads of Sections.

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6. Fuel. A.V.P. Econ. Sec. stated that last months coal imports had reached the post war high of 944,000 tons and that there is 800,000 scheduled for next month.

The first coal train from Poland is reported to be on its way.

McGowan-Chester

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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MEETING - 27 AUGUST 1946.

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2. Staff Changes. EC said that the appointment of Headquarters Commandant AC was abolished. In its place, Major Bentley (Br) was taking over the duties of Camp Commandant and Major Davy, Adjutant, AC.

EC directed that the Executive Officer A & B should liaise on this matter.

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EC was informed that this would make very little difference as far as D.P. and R.S.C. was concerned.

McGowan - (S)
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to the Executive Commissioner.

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21 August 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S
MEETING - 20 AUGUST 1946.

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EC said that he had read in an UNRRA report that the food position in the country was bad and that there were only stocks sufficient to last until the end of the year. This conflicted with AG information and he suggested that Econ Sec should ask Mr. Cleveland to clarify the UNRRA statement.

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Civilian Restaurants. EC said that this matter had been discussed with UNRRA who were not in favour of lifting the restriction on service personnel. The matter had also been discussed with the Sindaco of Rome and the Acting High Commissioner for Food and AG had gained the impression from them that it was undesirable to reverse the order. The question was raised as to whether, in view of UNRRA's point of view on the matter, the order should not also apply to Allied civilians employed by UNRRA. EC directed that the matter be taken up with UNRRA.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA Electoral Rolls. Brig. Carr said that AFHQ had informed 13 Corps that the General Order on electoral rolls was not to be promulgated until the views of the US and UK Governments had been received. A further signal had stated that in the meantime the compilation of the electoral lists would not be interrupted. CAS took the view that the work of compilation of lists could not be carried out until the General Order had been legally promulgated and AFHQ had been informed of this opinion.

A. B. Hind. Smith

Lt. Col., R.A.,
Chief Staff Officer,
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15 August 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 13 AUG 1946.

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(b) - 1(d). Coal Situation. Col. Walton reported that the coal position was quite satisfactory. July arrivals had been 525,000 tons and present estimated August arrivals were close on 700,000 tons.

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3. Travelling Expenses - Civilians. Col. Walton said that he had received a recommendation from G-1(B) and 2875 Regt. that travelling expenses paid to Italian civilians on official duty be increased. He was inclined to regard the matter favourably and EC ruled that a recommendation be put forward to the Wages & Labour Committee for consideration.
4. Civilian Restaurants. Col. Walton said that RAAC had put forward to AFHQ the suggestion that the ban on military personnel eating in civilian restaurants be removed, and AFHQ had referred the matter to AC for an opinion. Col. Walton was in favour of the lifting of the restriction. EC agreed with Col. Walton but said that before replying to AFHQ the matter should be discussed with the High Commissioner for Food and the Sindaco of Rome in order to obtain their views.
5. Administration - DP Camps. Lt. Col. Fothergill said that Disper had been asked verbally by G-5 AFHQ to be prepared to discuss the administration of DP Camps South of the Appennines after all military installations had been moved to the North. He said that as long as there were units in the PO Valley, Disper could draw supplies in bulk from those sources and distribute by rail and road to their camps in the South. EC

8. WE - Land Forces S/C (MIA). Col. Pidsley said that the Land Forces S/C (MIA) War Establishment had been considered at AFHQ and it had been decided to make no change for the time being.
9. Admin of BLU's. Col. Pidsley reported that he was still pursuing this matter but very little progress had been made. One of the difficulties was the question of payment to the Italians and EC suggested that he discuss this with Col. Battersby of AFM. Col. Pidsley said that he had been assured of every cooperation by the Italian Ministry of War.
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1 August 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 30. JULY. 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(c) - 1(d). Liaison Groups. EC said that he had made a tour of all Northern Liaison Groups and the closing down was proceeding smoothly. Ex.O(B) said that on his recent tour he had found that the main problem seemed to be the settling of outstanding accounts and matters being referred to AC which were originally handled by military formations. EC said that he thought that in all cases Liaison Groups had inserted notices in the local newspapers stating that the Groups were closing and asking for all outstanding accounts to be submitted by a certain date. He also said that he would ask the CC to inform the Italian Government of the closing of the Liaison Groups in order that the Italian Government might inform the local Prefects.

(d) - 1(e). Coal. Col. Walton reported that there was a Polish Mission in Italy who were discussing the provision of 30,000 tons of coal monthly to Italy. Transport had at first been considered the difficulty but ECITO believed that this could be overcome.

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5. CEM Branch. Col. Walton said that AHO were issuing revised instructions on CEM which provided that all units now in possession of CEM dumps would immediately withdraw such material as they required and declare the surplus ready for the handover. Instructions also provided that units in possession of miscellaneous quantities of CEM would hand them over direct to the Italian Government. In view of the time which it would take for the publication of these instructions and the preparation of reports, it was probable that CEM would remain an AC responsibility for a further period.
6. Civilianisation. Ex.O(A) reported that a memorandum had been received from MTOUSA saying that it was the War Department policy to replace American Officers and EN by War Department civilians wherever possible. An allocation of 38 had been made to AC and a report was to be submitted to MTOUSA by 10 Aug.
7. AC Telephone Lines. Col. Hubert reported that at the direction of RMAC it was necessary to cut down to the minimum the number of direct dial lines from offices in the AC building to the Italian telephone system. As a result of this the number of lines was being reduced from 24 to 8. Ex.O(A) would examine the matter of a possible reduction in the number of telephone lines at present installed in billets.

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25 July 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 JULY 1946

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24. July, 1946.

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(b) - 1(e). CIP Strike. Col. Walton reported that the CIP strike had ended. He said that the Prime Minister had been prepared to take strong action by calling in the military to take over strike-bound plants, if the strike had continued.

(c) - 1(h). Civilian Employees. A/EC directed that EO(A) should circulate a consolidated table every fortnight giving particulars of civilians employed by the Commission. A/EC said that all concerned must continue to see that civilian personnel employed by them were in keeping with the regulations and that all were usefully employed.

(d) - 2. Liaison Groups. A/EC said that Liaison Groups at MILAN, BOLZANO and NAPLES would close by 31 July, the remainder on 22 July, with the exception of TENDA which would remain for the time being. Major Savill, G-1(B) reported that arrangements for the closing down were proceeding smoothly and the matter of disposal of surplus personnel was in hand.

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17 July 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 JULY 1946.

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- (d) - 1(f). Aliens in Camp at MODENA. Col. Pothergill said that DPR S/C had drafted a reply to AFHQ which was now with Polads for comment. He said that both Polads were of the opinion that DPR S/C should have access to this camp.
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- (g) - 5. Electoral Lists in Venezia Giulia. EC said that this matter had been discussed further at the VP's meeting where it was decided that it should be put before AFHQ for decision. A telegram had therefore been sent to 13 Corps requesting them to publish the General Order and AFHQ had been asked for instructions.
- (h) - 12. Civilian Employees. A discussion took place on this subject in which Ex.O(4) said he did not think that the matter of the reduction of civilian employees was getting the proper support from S/Cs. EC said that it was a matter which Heads of Sections and S/Cs must look into personally and directed

4. Coal. Col. Walton reported that the possibility of getting coal from the Ruhr was not hopeful, as nearly all the coal being produced was required in the Ruhr district itself.
5. Displaced Persons. Col. Fothergill reported that the agreement between SACRED and UNRRA was signed on 15 July and would take effect as from 1 August. There were still 14 Disper camps remaining with a commitment of 13000-20000 persons still to be dealt with.
6. Evacuation of Poles. In reply to a query by the EC, Col. Fothergill said that the move of Polcorps personnel and dependents was going according to plan. Movement was being made by rail over the MEDLOC route.
7. Prisoners Strike. PAX reported that the meeting of the CCPC began yesterday and it was probable that they would declare a general strike.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 9 JULY 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a).

Food Situation. Col. Walton reported that so far the amassi had been very successful and the total amassed as at 6 July was 625,000 tons. There had been some impatience on the part of the population for the return to a higher ration and it had been reported that the Prefect of MILAN had already raised the ration to 300 grams. It was expected that the final amassi would reach a fairly high figure and UNRRA were using a tentative figure of 2,100,000 tons on which to base their future import requirements. EC stated that the CC had recommended to SACMED that a full programme of imports be maintained in order to bring the ration to its proper level.

(b) - 1(d).

CA Agreements. EC stated that he understood that the Italian Govt. had prepared its first comments on the two agreements and these would shortly be forwarded to British and US Authorities.

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12. Correspondence. CSO to EC said that a great deal of time was being wasted owing to files and letters for signature being submitted in the wrong form. He read a list of the main irregularities and EC directed that a memorandum should be prepared and circulated to S/Cs.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 18 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

1(a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col. Walton reported that UNRRA on making a revision of wheat stock holdings had found a total of 94,000 tons on 1 June. Amassing, previously estimated at 15,000 tons was now believed to be in the region of 79,000 tons. This, with 150,000 tons June arrivals, would give a stock for the month of 303,000 tons and with consumption estimated at 228,000 tons, left a stock at 1 July of 75,000 tons. The very promising crop now being harvested gave a more optimistic tone to the food situation.

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1(b) - 1(b). Coal Situation. Col. Walton reported no change.

1(c) - 1(c). OIF. Col. Walton reported that there was no indication at the moment of the CIP workers going on strike again.

1(d) 1 1(c). Allied Seamen. EC said that the conduct of Allied seamen in Italian ports and their subsequent trial for offences had been raised by the Italian Govt. and the Deputy CMA had gone to GENOA to attend a conference on the subject called

that the organization of the Section would most likely be in the hands of the Head of the new Special Section.

Liaison Groups would be retained for the time being but owing to shortage of personnel they may be reduced to 2 officers and in all probability would be withdrawn entirely by the end of the month.

Discussions with General HAMLEN had elucidated the fact that in all probability there will be a successor to the AG in the form of some kind of Liaison Office or CA Section in ROME which will deal with AG in UDINE and VERONA. GIULIA, displaced persons, and many of the functions that cannot be taken over by the Embassies.

1(h) - 6. Medical Personnel. Brigadier Carr had mentioned the matter to Col. Prizelle but he was unable to help. EC(A) explained that there was a possibility of 10 officers being added to the US TO in which case he would apply for one medical officer to be assigned.

2. Civil Affairs Agreements. EC reported that US and UK Civil Affairs Agreements had been handed to the Italian Govt. one of which had been described in the newspaper 'Unità'. The other document is a secret document and a signal had been sent to JMW suggesting that this document be declassified.

3. Economic Advisers to Embassies. EC said that Sir Quintin Hill and Col. Hancock were returning to Italy from UK this week to set up the Office of Economic Adviser to the British Embassy. Poland(A) said that the US Embassy would utilise existing staff with the addition of one or two experts.

4. Facilities to other Organisations. EC expressed the opinion that house-

