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AC CONFERENCES AT 3RD DISTRICT
JAN. - MAR. 1945

Ref minutes 5(1) DCS CTS has telephoned
 RC Southern Reg. The latter ^{now} has all the information
 he requires & does not ~~need~~ need a brief.

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COS

you may wish to see ack at 10 to 10.6.

2 Feb 45

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Shawden
 GPT

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Remind me to tell Bue D. D. 175/412

— COS spoke to Bue. D. D. 175/412

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 COS

To see 16-17. minutes of 2nd AC-3 Dist
 Conf on 15 Feb 45. Paras of special interest
 are marked.

2 hours

The meeting are to

Continue

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C.S.O.

COS shared Sec Minutes of ~ Conf with AC at the 3 Dist. particularly paras 7, 11 + the GOCs summing up para 13. Should COS have any suggestions to make to the RC for the next agenda note that they have to be in by 1 Feb.

24 Jan 44

[Signature]

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1. I should like to know P.6. Health reactions to para 11 - They should brief R.C.S.R. for next meeting.

2. Brie Dunlop may be empowered to show the Macmillan memo. to Gen. Lumsden for his private information.

3. He should write a note to Brie Lumsden, copy to R.C.S.R. approving his current, his calling the meeting & putting him in the picture on AC functions in 1. East. thinking. M.V. 26/1/45

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Cos. Draft - D. in official - letter to Gen Lumsden at 6. 26/1

See folio 6

*Group 15382
P.S.O.*

References

-	GOC	-	3 District
-	Comd	-	54 Area
-	Comd	-	94 Sub Area
-	DAG-99	-	3 District
-	GSO1	-	3 District
-	AG	-	3 District
-	AGM(1)	-	3 District
-	AGM(2)	-	3 District
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-	DAGM(2)	-	3 District
-	CE	-	3 District
-	QSO	-	3 District
-	ADST(Pet)	-	3 District
-	ERMS	-	3 District
-	AM	-	3 District
-	DEON	-	3 District
-	DEL	-	3 District
-	EM	-	3 District
-	ADAMS	-	3 District
-	DAD No2	-	3 District
-		-	52 Area
-	GSO11	-	54 Area
-	Regional Commissioner,		
-	HQ Southern Region, 42.		
-	HQ Southern Region, 42		
-	HQ Southern Region, 42		
-	Public Works, 42		

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 Lt Col JV McNally
 Lt Col RI Sargent
 Maj JPS Roseman
 Maj R McAdams
 Maj Saxon-Mills
 Brig JR Dunlop, OBE, MC, TD

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He proceeded to explain that it was the intention to hand over to the Italian Government full and complete responsibility in all matters concerning the administration of the country and that for all intents and purposes Italy would be placed in an analogous position to that of France. The Allied Commission however would retain certain executive officers whose task would be in the main to watch the Allied interests and be available to tender any advice or render any assistance that might from time to time be required by

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the Italian Government.

In this connection it has been decided to withdraw practically all Allied Commission Officers at present exercising executive, administrative, and judicial powers in those territories under Italian rule, and control will be exercised in respect of the Southern Region from RASI and NALES by Lieut Colonel CUNTER COLES and Lieut Colonel SIMPSON respectively.

The new policy would in no way affect the working of the MICA which would continue to operate as heretofore.

3. SICILY. In the case of SICILY, it is the intention of the Allied Commission to appoint two liaison officers whose task will be to correlate Allied and Italian interests.

4. MEDICAL. Three medical officers will be retained in NALES who will be made available in the event of an outbreak of any epidemic in the Region. In this connection Lt. Col. KING was called upon to give a report. He agreed that the measure of satisfaction was not being maintained with regard to medical services. This was explained by the fact that Italian Medical Officers were difficult to obtain as a result of the low wages offered in comparison with the black market rates. The position was further aggravated by the lack of suitable medical equipment whilst the average Italian doctor lacked the necessary drive and initiative to make the best use of the limited materials at his disposal. He recommended that it would be in the best interests of the Allied Forces if as much assistance as possible could be given to the Italian medical authorities until such time as conditions improved. Brigadier MORGAN expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the recent epidemic of smallpox at BENEVENTO had been checked and remarked on the excellent services rendered by the medical officer responsible.

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6. ROADS. Capt HUBERT was called upon to give a survey of the position with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of public highways and to report on the efficiency of the Italian RE organization. He explained that owing to the general poor state of the roads in this Region the number of Field Engineering Corps was to have been increased. With the advent of the new policy, however, this will not now be possible and as a result a far closer liaison with the Italian authorities would be necessary. He went on to describe the rather cumbersome machinery set up by the Italian Government in the matter of field engineering and explained that there were in all five types of engineering organizations. Roads are controlled by all five organizations with a considerable amount of overlapping of responsibility with inevitable inefficiency in proportion.

Brigadier HANE expressed the view that if roads were to be maintained in a reasonable condition it would be necessary either to increase the AC

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staff or the CME staff and further that the necessary financial arrangements would have to be made to meet the added expenditure. He went on to suggest that the necessary machinery be provided to enable the work to be carried out without prior authority from AMHQ.

The SAC expressed the view that with the departure of the AO it would be quite impossible to assume responsibility, particularly without financial backing.

7. COMMUNICATIONS. COL LLOYD, CMO 3 District, explained that the Italian authorities were hampered through lack of skilled labour, material and transport. He explained that numerous priority tanks had been drawn up to be put into effect immediately but only in a very few instances had any action been taken.

On completion of reports by members of the AO Staff Brigadier PUMFORD expressed his gratitude to all concerned for their kind co-operation and support throughout the period that he had held the office of Regional Commissioner.

8. The following points raised by Area and Services were then brought forward for discussion.

- (a) Supply of clothing for civilian labour. Major HENDERSON, HQ 52 Area, drew attention to the fact that the demand for clothing for civilian labour far exceeded the supply. He went on to explain that unless clothing was forthcoming in sufficient quantity it would result in a drop in civilian labour. This was particularly so in the case of BRINDISI where also an acute shortage of boots was being felt.
- (b) Power of requisition. Brigadier CHENE, 56 Area, raised the question concerning the power to requisition cars against difficulties in ME. The Regional Commissioner expressed the view that any vehicles not yet requisitioned would be of little, if any, use for military purposes. Major HENDERSON, 52 Area, called attention to the acute shortage of electric light bulbs in any establishments compared with the number of lights to be seen in civilian dwelling houses and shops. He referred in particular to TARANTO. Brigadier PUMFORD ruled that requisitioning of electric light bulbs from private premises would not be permitted but this might be done in the case of any large supplies being discovered. Brigadier CHENE stated that the position should shortly be improving in view of the fact that the Italian type of bulb was now being manufactured in the United Kingdom.

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(c) Punishment of civilian Minors for theft and other offences. Major KENNEDY stated that he understood that Minors under Italian law cannot be punished for any offences they commit under the age of fourteen years. Captain MUMF called attention to the fact that children between the ages of nine and fourteen may be brought before a special juvenile court and sent to a reformatory, but unfortunately all such reformatories were now full to capacity. He said that he was of the opinion that in many cases the children were encouraged to commit offences by their parents.

(d) Delay in Trial of Civil Offenders. Notice was drawn to the fact that there were over one hundred cases outstanding in the NOLA area. There seemed to be little or no attempt to bring these persons to trial. In some cases where a Court had been convened the Prosecution and Defence had arrived on different days and general chaos reigned throughout. Numerous complaints had been raised but with no result. The Regional Commissioner replied that ASHQ had put the matter up to AD who stated that they did not consider the situation warranted a Court at NOLA. In conclusion the CC said that he would take the matter up.

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(e) Local Purchase - Price Control. The question was raised as to whether machinery existed for the protection of persons who may be victimized by unauthorized overcharging in the sale of goods. The Regional Commissioner replied that Italian Government Machinery had been set up to counter these practices and a branch could be found in the PALAZZO DELLA BORSA, NAPLES, to which representation could be made direct.

(f) Contributors for Camps - Do AC require further voluntary assistance from Toot II and Rover Scouts. Several members of Toot II and the YMCA have offered their assistance which is in great demand in ITALY. Full information would be forwarded in due course covering all aspects of the situation.

(g) Italian Troops Welfare. The responsibility for the welfare of the Italian Troops rests with ANS ITALIA and full information on the subject will be forwarded by Major SMITH MIA. A certain number of Welfare Officers would be left behind by the Allied Commission whilst a Welfare house was being opened in NAPLES.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

R/1581

3 February 1945.

FEB 1945

SUBJECT: Conference 3 District - Southern Region - 13 January 1945.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(CHIEF OF STAFF - 2 copies).

1. Reference your 209/8/GOS of 30 January 1945, addressed to Civil Affairs Section, repeated to this Headquarters.

2. The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, has already telephoned me in this matter. I write to assure you that in fact the situation is not serious although I admit that such an impression might have been gained from the minutes of the 3 District conference. I therefore give you a brief report of the circumstances.

3. Among the items for discussion at the conference appeared that of "DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO CIVILIANS". I therefore briefed myself on that subject. Brig. Morgan, DMS, 3 District, was not present at the conference, but when the above named item on the agenda was reached, Lt. Col. Donnelly, ADH, 3 District, to my own surprise, as well as to the surprise of other officers present, embarked upon a lengthy discussion on many medical matters centering around the Benevento small-pox epidemic. Many of his remarks were clearly not justified by the facts of the case. On the other hand the meeting, the first of its kind, had proceeded thus far in a very amicable atmosphere and I did not wish to embark upon an acrimonious discussion. I therefore contented myself with saying that I differed from the speaker and could not accept his report as a correct picture.

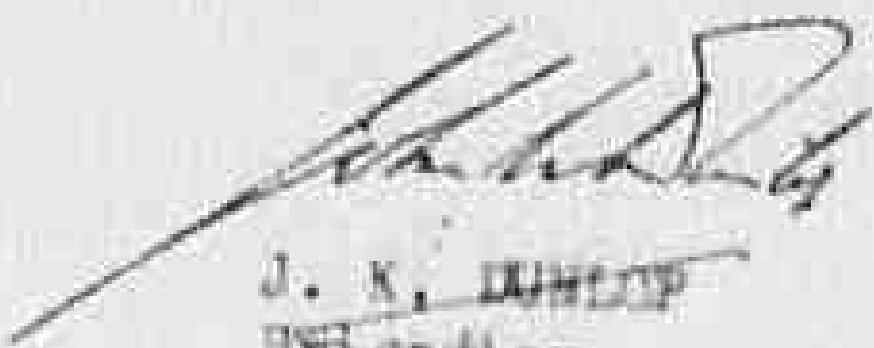
4. The following week a staff officer of 1 District wrote the draft minutes for my approval and my comment at that time was that, if the ADH's speech was to be reported so also my rejoinder that I did not accept it. In fact, the whole question of the Benevento small-pox has been, I think, very fully dealt with in our R/1502 of 22 January 1945, copy of which was sent to Public Health Sub-Commission. 5579

5. I have paid two visits to Benevento myself, the second one in company of Brigadier Parkinson and I am able to assure you that the situation is in fact in hand.

(ORIGINAL PASSED TO CASAC)

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6. Both in this case and in the case of the Pace Hospital,
we have the most complete and friendly understanding with Brigadier
Morgan, DMS, 3 District.


J. K. DUNLOP
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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From Major General G. LORRIS.

HQ, 5 District,
C.M.P.

DO/129

30 Jan 45

Dear Gen.

FEB 2 1945

Very many thanks for your 209/6/COS dated 26th instant.

Your remarks are much appreciated and I am sure such conferences will be of value.

I shall look forward to reading the memorandum "Allied Policy towards Italy". Dunlop is away at the moment but I expect he will let me have it on his return.

Yours sincerely
Hamill

Brigadier M. S. Lush, CBE, MC.,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
C.M.P.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXERCISES "M"
APO 994

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 209/8/008

Tel: 451.

30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Conference 3 District - Southern Region, 10 Jan 45.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (2)

1. On 10 January 1945 a conference was held at which representatives of HQ 3 District and Southern Region were present. The following is an extract of the minutes:

"Distribution of Medical Supplies to Civilians."

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The Regional Commissioner did not accept the statements above as the complete picture but agreed that control of epidemics is a function of the Public Health Sub-Commission. AC is, however, lamentably understaffed. There are only 3 Medical Officers in the Southern Region. The Regional Commissioner has great hopes that since Major King has gone to BENEVENTO, things there will be put right. It was agreed that should necessity arise, AC must call on this HQ for assistance, and further, where adequate action is not obtained through service channels, the HQ should be informed to enable him to take action on a higher

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The Regional Commissioner did not agree to the issue of bread being made subject to vaccination. The issue of sugar is, however, conditional on vaccination."

2. The Chief of Staff requires that you should brief Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, for the next meeting which is to be held on 10 February 1945, sending him a copy of your comments.

(see M11) *[Signature]*
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: S.C. Southern Region.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

H/1513

24 January 1945

JAN 26 1945

SUBJECT: Joint Conference with HQ 3 District.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission. ✓

Attached herewith for your information Minutes of a
Joint Conference held at HQ 3 District on 10 January 1945.

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25 JAN 1945

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J. K. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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Ref: 209/6/008.

26th January 1945.

I have read with great interest the Minutes of your conference on the Allied Commission held at your HQ on 10 January, and I want to say how very much we appreciate your action in calling this conference. I am sure that the holding of these conferences from time to time will be most valuable.

On the general subject of the Allied Commission functions in Italian Government territory, I feel it would help if you saw Mr. Harold Macmillan's memorandum "Allied Policy towards Italy", and I am authorising Brigadier Dunlop to show you his copy for your private information.

M. S. LUSH

Major General G. LAMONT, G.B.E., M.C.,
C.O.C., 3 District.

Copy to: Brigadier J. K. DUNLOP,
Regional Commissioner,
Southern Region.

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JAN 14 1945

Minutes of Allied Commission Conference/Held at HQ 3 Dist on 10 Jan 45

PRESENT

Chairman - Maj Gen G. Lammie CBE, MC	-	ROC	-	3 District
Brig BUS Delapre MC	-	Comd	-	85 Area
Col R. H. H. Graham	-	Comd	-	84 Sub Area
Col ILMC Laurie CBE	-	DA & QMG	-	3 District
Col WH Lloyd CBE, MC, TD	-	CSO	-	3 District
Col CPO Fretwell CBE	-	DPL	-	3 District
Col FE Carpenter	-	DDME	-	3 District
Lt Col CC Givings CBE	-	AAG	-	3 District
Lt Col SM Leach MBE, TD	-	QMG(1)	-	3 District
Lt Col EAH G. Odwin	-	QMG(2)	-	3 District
Lt Col RI Sugden	-	ADAMS	-	3 District
Lt Col HN McNally	-	DPM	-	3 District
Lt Col FA Denny	-	ADM	-	3 District
Lt Col WO Kelly	-	ALST(S)	-	3 District
Maj Saxon-Mills	-	QMG 1	-	54 Area
Maj AC Daniels	-	QMG 2	-	42 Area
Maj MA Goss	-	DA & QMG	-	209 Sub Area
Brig JH Dunlop CBE, MC, TD	-	Regional Commissioner,	-	
Col RH Ferron	-	HQ Southern Region, AC	-	
	-	ALL	-	
	-	HQ Southern Region AC	-	

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2. Brig JH Dunlop CBE MC TD Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, Allied Commission gave the following resume of the Commission's work :-

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 Lt Col PA Dornally
 Lt Col WC Kelly
 Maj Saxton-Gillie
 Maj HD Daniel
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 Col RM Farver
 - AMSG (2)
 - ADAMS
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Second, to assist in the reconstruction of Italy. It is necessary to recognise the distance Italy has gone in reconstruction. When Allied Military Government first came to Italy nearly two years ago, in the wake of the invading Allied Armies, Italy was an empty, and Allied AMG Officers, plentiful in numbers, went into every small village and set up an Allied Military Government of direct control. Now, there is an Italian Government in existence in Rome to which the leading Allied powers, as well as neutrals, have sent accredited ambassadors. Italian armed forces are fighting alongside the Allies in the air, on the sea, and on land.

It is a matter of high policy to give every encouragement to the Italian Government, to lead them on to the acceptance of responsibility.

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(b) Continental Italy (in Italy less Sardinia and Sicily) may be regarded as divisible into three main parts.

(i) Southern Italy - The Part which lies southeast of the battle line of last winter GASSING-ORIONA; approximately coincides with Southern Region. About 50 million inhabitants. Roads, Railways and electrical power plants in fair shape. But, industry backward.

(ii) Central Italy - From the battle line of 11 May to the battle line of today. Has been passed over by the Allied advance of this summer. In certain districts there has been great destruction.

(iii) Northern Italy - That part not yet liberated. Contains 21 million inhabitants. Also contains the pre-war part of Italian industry.

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(c) The Independent Sub-Commissions -

Navy Sub-Commission
MIA
Air Force Sub-Commission, etc.

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In Southern Region there is a steady process of transference of responsibility and authority to Italian Authorities. It is necessary to give these authorities confidence in themselves, to build up the esprit de corps of the Carabinieri, and to help the Prefects of Provinces to carry out efficiently their administration.

The following points raised by Areas were then discussed :-

5. Curfew for Civilians -

The Regional Commissioner said that the Ministry of the Interior has the power to impose curfew. The difficulty lies in enforcing such an order as Carabinieri are scarce and there are already too many regulations. It is advisable only to have laws that can be enforced. Finally agreed that agreement on this subject should be through AC as other methods confuse the Italians, but where AC representatives are not available, direct action may be taken by the Military, and AC informed. The curfew is most easily enforced in towns and should be restricted to specified localities.

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It was suggested that AC should take action to enforce either the handing in of all arms from non-licensed persons or the handing in of all arms held by civilians. A device to remove existing in the fact that there were in the ARH221 Area alone 5000 licensed holders of arms. The Regional Commissioner considered that the difficulties in enforcing such order were insuperable. Arms would just be hidden by the gunster type of Italian and such an order discriminated against the well behaved farmer who needed arms for his own protection against armed gangs. AC would only have to withdraw arms from non-licensed persons on specified localities. It was finally agreed that if this problem becomes worse, this HQ reserve the right to raise it again. In the meantime, AC will arrange for an announcement to be made in the Italian papers that strong action will be taken against non-licensed persons who carry arms.

10. Machinery for Luring Offenses Against Allied Military are dealt with Speedily and Adequately

It was agreed that machinery already exists and that Military cases are given priority. Close liaison between Pro and AC should ensure that cases are speedily dealt with.

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11. Distribution of Medical Supplies to Civilians

The case was forcibly presented, that AC adheres too rigidly in hygiene matters generally, to its purely advisory functions, which means that virtually no effective pressure is brought to bear on the Italian local health authorities to control epidemics and outbreaks of disease, or to raise the local standards of hygiene and sanitation. The example was quoted of the SENEVETIC typhoid and smallpox outbreaks, and it was pointed out that only the last few weeks has AC actually drafted a Medical Officer to stay in SENEVETIC to supervise the Italian efforts at control of the situation, which efforts had to far failed lamentably. It was not accepted that the smallpox outbreak at SENEVETIC did not constitute a menace to allied troops. The Typhus Section of AF was quoted on the other as an example of first class executive hygiene action on the part of AC.

Distribution to the Italians of medical supplies by AC was considered to be not as shipments permitted, but the question of whether or not proper treatment of prostitutes was carried out by the Italians, was considered to be one requiring constant "check-up" by AC. It was asked who deals with a severe epidemic if the Italian authorities prove incapable of taking adequate action.

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- (c) It did appear that AC could do more to help on the public health side, but that as this was a vitally important matter, we must be prepared to act, if necessary.
- (d) As these conferences were obviously of great value, the next would be held on or about the 10 Feb 45. Areas and AC will forward points for the Agenda by 1 Feb 45.

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