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AC INSTITUTION
OCT. 1944 - MAY 1945

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Exec Comm:

To see folio 25 re proposed organization of an Allied Commission Association--Postwar.

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[Signature]
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VP Ed Sec

I should like the Committee to view

178/1618

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Atty. General

do not follow 29 and numbered 30,

please. May we have committed view?

[Signature]

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Est Sec

18 May 48

Executive Commissioner

In its meeting held on February 20, 1948, the Allied Commission Post-war Organization Committee considered carefully the desirability of holding a annual gathering or dinner, to be attended by former AG personnel. Correspondence received both from Regions and individual officers has, I feel, made it quite clear that there is no enthusiasm in AG for a post-war organization. The Committee recorded its own view in para. 3(c) of Folio 25, and it is respectfully submitted that Mr. Parkinson's memorandum puts forth no proposal that has not already been considered by the Committee.

[Signature]

Hq. Condit

Do note Johns 21 and suggested 30,
please. May we have committed money?

Easton

18 May 45

Admission
Covers add.

Executive Committee

In its meeting held on February 15, 1945, the Allied Dominion Post- War Organization Committee considered carefully the desirability of holding an annual gathering of members to be attended by former AC personnel. Correspondence received both from Regions and individual officers has, I feel, made it quite clear that there is no enthusiasm in AC for a post-war organization. The Committee reported its own view in para. 11 of Folio 25, and it is respectfully submitted that Sir. Parkinson's memorandum puts forth no proposal that has not already been considered by the Committee.

R. H. Robertson Colonel
Chairman, AC Post-War
Organization Committee.

18 May 1945

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24 Do. reply to Sirs. H. H. & Parkinson
(See 34) 18/12/45

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TO: Lt. Col. Grossman, Legal Sub-Commission.

Your attention is invited to this file, particularly minute 18.

I would like to have the opportunity of having a short talk with you to discuss what action we should take in this matter.

26 Dec 44

R. H. Robertson Lt. Col.
R. H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant.

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Chief of Staff:

Reference minute 17, for action taken, see
folio 22.

Attachment Section
29 Dec 1944

h. J. Macdonald
for Col. DCOS

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V.P. Est. Sec.

Please see draft minute of meeting
at 25.

5 Mar 45

R. H. Robertson Col
Hq. Cmdt.

26.

Executive Commission:

To sec. 25, please.

Est. Sec
5 March 1945

R. H. Robertson
Capt DCOS

12C.O.S.

Further to your minute #10, in which you suggested that one or two officers from the regions should be placed on the Post-war organization committee, these names have now been submitted. To facilitate the working of this group, it is suggested that the committee be limited to ten members. The following names are accordingly proposed:

U.S.

- a. Lt Col Grossman - Legal S/C
- b. Major Simmons - Finance S/C
- c. Capt Silveira - Public Health S/C
- d. Capt Solenberger - Labor S/C
- e. Capt Greene - Emilia Region

BRITISH

- a. Lt Col Robertson - HQ Commandant
- b. Lt Col White - Civ Aff Section
- c. Major Mielles - Pub Rel Sec
- d. Major Harrison - Indo-Uganda Region
- e. Capt Birch - Transportation S/C

With official approval, this entire matter will be turned over to Lt Col Grossman and Robertson with instructions to proceed with the organization plans.

1. This has been left to
Col. Birch to sign as necessary

order

18/12/4

PWS/19/4

19DCOS - Establishment Dept.

Would you please, to issue an appropriate directive to set up this organization and handle all matters in connection therewith in the future. see min 18.

Please return this file showing action taken. PWS

20 Dec.

- a. Lt Col Robertson - Liaison
- b. Lt Col White - Civ Aff Section
- c. Major Eviden - Pub Rel Sec
- d. Major Harrison - Lasio-Gabrie Region
- e. Capt Birch - Transportation 3/2

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I think this can now be left to
 Lt Col Birch to see how the necessary
 orders

14/12/4
 19/12/4

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DCOS - Establishment Set

Would you please, to issue an appropriate directive to set up this organization and handle all matters in connection therewith in the future. (see min 18).
 Please return this file showing action taken. *18/12/4*

HQ Condo.

Please discuss

J. L. Lauer *18/12/4*

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Chief of Staff:

See minutes 11 and 12, above, for names of one American and one British officer from Regions.

Establishment Section,
14 December 1944

Whitcomb
1st Lt. ASD,
for Colonel, DCS

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CSO To see 15 *for* 14 Dec 11

M submit in form to Co & Sec Comd

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Page Two

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C.O.S.

Further to minute 4, DEOS, Establishment
Section did not bring up this matter at the
Siano Conference but intends to do so tomorrow.
Nov 22nd at the Chief of Staff's meeting

C.O.S. (last word)

21/11/64

21/11/64

H. Mason J/cdr.

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matter discussed at COS meeting 22. Nov. DEOS Est Sec putting up a list
of names to COS to form a committee to consider the formation of
such an organization

W. H. H. H. H.

Col.

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For see 12.8. paragraph 2
encl. 27/11

to a committee, I do not think any addition are
required.

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I think we should have one or two refs from
the Field. And the first duty of the committee to
collect permanent home addresses, proposed and
downing

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Estab. Sec: For see minute 10 and take

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Col. ESB:

To see 12.5. paragraph 2
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 the field. And the first duty of the committee to
 collect permanent house addresses, professional and
 domestic

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Exec. Sec: To see minute 10 and take
 necessary action 28/11

G-1(3):

See minutes 10 + 11, above. For recommendations,
 please.

Get Sec.
 30 Nov.

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Col. S. ESTAS Sec

Major R. HARRIMAN (S) Lazio Region

T. L. Jones L. C.

TO: Chief Staff Officer

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Reference Col. Pennington's suggestion opposite:

1. That the idea will probably gain some support is already indicated by moves on a smaller scale within Regions and amongst individuals.
2. The most important step would seem to be the nominating and selection of semi-permanent secretaries, who would undertake to serve both now in compiling of names and addresses and carry on post-war.
3. It is suggested that a definite scheme be proposed at the next Regional Conference.
4. Would you like me to get a cross section opinion and draft something?

5 Oct 44

encl.
Sept.

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To: C/S

Ref: Inclosure #3.

1. 10 Names were sent to Col Fiske (5 Am + 5 Br) from which a committee might be selected to draw plans for and communicate.

5 Oct 44

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To: C/S

Ref: Enclosure #3.

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2. Col Fiske is taking the matter up at the Lincoln Conf. today.

Est Sect.

17 Nov 44

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Wm Cundick
Major A.C.D. 232

Will what result?

15 Nov 44

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Ref: 534/4/EC.

22 May 1945.

I have referred Brigadier Parkinson's suggestion of an Allied Commission post-war dinner club, enclosed with your memorandum of 16 May, to the Allied Commission Post War Organisation Committee, and to various other officers in the Commission. It would appear from all the opinions I have received that there would be no enthusiasm for such a scheme. In this case I think, although sympathising with Brigadier Parkinson's most laudable idea, that it would be better not to attempt any project which is almost certainly doomed to failure.

M S L

Brigadier G.R. Upjohn,
Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: General Dinner

FILE NO.

TO: Ed.

Offing 1945

In view of the impending departure of ^{MAY 15 RECD} some officers you may care to consider the enclosed memo which was submitted to me sometime ago by Big Parkinson.

Expressing a purely personal opinion, I am
had at attending "Old Boy" dinner but the
matter ~~should~~ deserves consideration. I venture to
think by you & C.C. See Min Co.

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DRAFT.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DA Sec FROM Brigadier G.S. Parkinson:

As I feel it would be a great pity if, in future years to come, we were to lose sight of the many friends we have made during the various phases of the Commission's existence, it is suggested that a dinner club should be formed to hold annual dinners on alternate years in New York, ^{or New City} and London. I cannot help feeling that apart from the valuable work done in Italy by AC it has performed an even greater function in bringing the two great nations together and I feel that it would be a great loss to our future relationships in the work we must do together for the peace of the world, if the friendships made were not continued.

During this war there has been no similar organisation in which the USA or GB have worked in such close contact or under the same conditions for though our armies have fought side by side even when not commanded by their own Generals the various units have been under the command of their own Nationals. In AC I consider that it has been to the benefit of all concerned that the question of nationality of those in command has never been questioned and, apart from little differences which may have arisen from time to time, the functioning of AC has been an undoubted success in this direction.

Before the war the question of holding annual dinners on alternate years in the two cities would have appeared impracticable on account of distance but in the future this should present no obstacle.

Similar dinners might be held by enlisted men and other ranks and the value of these should not be overlooked as it would embrace an even larger number of nationals.

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While it is realized that such a project will necessitate a considerable amount of organization I feel that the time and labour spent would be well worth-while, as an opportunity has now occurred to cement the friendship of our two nations which may never occur again and which may play a very important part in the maintenance of world peace.

If this is considered a practical proposition I feel that the matter should be considered now for although the war may continue for some months to come it may terminate with ^{the} dramatic suddenness with which it did in 1918.

If you are in agreement with this suggestion perhaps you will discuss it

it with the Chief Commissioner.

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DRAFTHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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2 March 1945

COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED PERMANENT A. C. ASSOCIATIONMinutes of Meeting held in the office
of Headquarters Commandant, A.C., on
20 February 1945Present:United StatesLt. Col. Scroggins
Major Timmons
Captain SolenbergerGreat BritainColonel Robertson
Lt. Col. White
Major Birch

1. The Committee organized itself on a temporary basis with Col. Robertson as Acting Chairman and Capt. Solenberger as Acting Secretary.

2. Reports from Regions and Sub-Commissions, expressing views on the proposed permanent A.C. Association, were read by the Chairman. In favor of the proposal were Venezia, Sicily, Southern, AMO 5th Army, Sardinia, Emilia, Commerce Sub-Commission, Food Sub-Commission, Agriculture Sub-Commission, and G-4. Contrary or indifferent views were expressed by Abruzzi-Marche, War Materials Sub-Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Communications Sub-Commission, and Local Government Sub-Commission.

3. After considerable discussion the Committee agreed to the following:

- (a) That organized clubs with offices or club facilities would be impractical because of distances involved and the probability that interest would wane after the war;
- (b) That a directory service to provide A.C. members with each others permanent home addresses in Britain and America, as a means of facilitating desired contacts, represents the maximum undertaking which should be considered now.

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- (c) That in order to ascertain whether a majority of A.C. members are in accord with the Committee's view, a questionnaire should be circulated to all British and American A.C. personnel asking whether they would subscribe to a directory, if published, and whether they would favor attending any additional program such as an annual dinner, possibly in conjunction with veterans' organization meetings, or contact points through permanent secretaries in large cities such as London and New York;
 - (d) That the sum of \$,100 lire collected by Captain Newfeld in Southern Region be devoted to the expense of sending out the questionnaire.

V. E. SOLENBERGER
Capt., S.R.
Acting Secretary
Committee on A.C. Association

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Adj: 334.

28 December 1944
29 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Allied Commission Association

TO : Chiefs of Sub-Commissions and Sections, and all Regional Commissioners

1. A suggestion has been put forward that a post-war association for members of the Allied Commission should be formed in the United States and in Great Britain. The undermentioned officers have been nominated as members of a provisional committee which will meet at this Headquarters early in January 1945 for the purpose of investigating and reporting on the formation of an Allied Commission Association and the activities thereof.

2. Please discuss this matter fully and forward your views addressed to the Headquarters Commandant, Headquarters, Allied Commission. The provisional committee will meet at a time and date which will be notified later.

U.S.

Lt Col Grossman - Legal Sub-Com
Major Timmons - Finance Sub-Com
Capt Silveira - Public Health Sub-Com
Capt Solenberg - Labor Sub-Com
Capt Freese - Emilia Region

BRITISH

Lt Col Robertson - Hq Commandant
Lt Col White - Civil Affairs Section
Major Fielden - Public Relations Br
Major Harriman - Lazio-Umbria Region
Major Birch - Transportation Sub-Com

Nicholas Fleming

NICHOLAS FLEMING
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

33/1/EST

24 November 1944

Subject: Postwar Association of Allied Commission Officers

26 NOV Recd

To : Chief of Staff

1. In accordance with discussion at the COS meeting of 22 November (see para 11 of the Minutes), herewith is a list of proposed members of a committee to be appointed to draft a plan for a postwar organization of Allied Commission officers:

U.S.

a.	Lt Col. Grossman	- Legal S/C
b.	Major Timmons	- Finance S/C
c.	Capt. Savage	- Pub. Health S/C
d.	Capt. Silveira	- Pub. Health S/C
e.	Capt. Solenberger	- Labor S/C

BRITISH

a.	Lt. Col. Robertson	- Hq. Comd't
b.	Lt. Col. White	- Civ. Off.
c.	Major Fielden	- Pub. Rel. Br.
d.	Capt. Moyle	- Transp. S/C
e.	Capt. Birch	- Transp. S/C

2. I should be grateful for comment, additions or reductions to the list, and for any suggestions you might care to make.

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NORMAN E. FIERCE,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief of Staff

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*By hand
P. C. H.*

END

Colonel C. F. TEMPLELEY, OBE, MC.
Headquarters, Southern Region,
Allied Commission,

3 November 1944

Dear Commodore Stone:-

Some time ago I mentioned to Brigadier LHM that it might be a good idea to form ACC Societies with the simple function of keeping addresses of members, so that members from overseas could find out where to look up their friends and to arrange reunions each year on the 10th of June when all ACC officers who cared could get together for a dinner.

I am quite prepared to take on the Hon. Secretary of the British Society. If the scheme has your approval, Colonel Hensley of New York is similarly prepared to take on the U. S. Hon Secretary. I have given him a suggested circular to be sent to all ACC officers and he has promised to take the matter up with you when he is next in Rome. I do hope you will support the scheme as, I believe, now is the moment to get something of the kind going.

Yours very sincerely,

CET/3A

cc: Colonel Hensley, HQ SF AC

Ch. Templeley

Commodore Hilary W. Stone,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMPTROL COMMISSION
CWP
Office of the Chief Staff.

REF : 531/2/COS.

7 October 1944

SUBJECT : AAD Institution.

TO : Establishment Section.

1. Reference is made to attached copy of a letter from Col. Temperley.
2. It is believed that some form of centralizing addresses post war, would be welcomed both by American officers interested in contacting other American officers and British officers other British officers. This in addition to the Anglo-American aspects as brought out by Col. Temperley.
3. It would seem desirable to get a cross section of opinion in the Commission and it is suggested that Establishments bring the matter up for discussion before the next Regional Commissioners Conference.
4. Will you please let us have your comments before a reply is made to Col. Temperley.

encl.
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Colonel C. E. TEMPERLEY, OBE, MC.,
Regional Commissioner,
Headquarters, Southern Region,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

R/1067

3 October 1944.

SUBJECT: ACC Institution.

Dear Brigadier,

During the past year all officers of the Commission have made a great number of friends, both British and Americans. It seems a pity that we should get out of touch with one another after the war. Has the idea been mooted of forming ACC societies in England and America with the dual purpose of putting ACC members in touch with each other (e.g. American members visiting England and vice versa), and organising some kind of an annual reunion in each of the two countries?

If such a step is wished, then it occurs to me that now is the time to appoint secretaries, to circularize all ACC officers with an outline of scheme and to compile lists of members and their home addresses.

Do you think this worthwhile?

Yours *Brigadier*
Chapman

CET/jh

Brigadier M. LUSH,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

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