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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, VENEZIA GIULIA
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Ref: 603/203/80

7 February 1946

SUBJECT: Partisans.

TO : AMG Venezia Giulia.

201

Reference "Minutes of meeting held at HQ AMG 13 Corps at 0930 hours, 21 January 1946".

1. On page 6, section 5, Major Bolvan-Griffith is quoted as saying "I was told that the number of patriots in VENEZIA GIULIA is around 45,000, which is absurd".

2. May this H.Q. be informed, please, as to what the approximate number of patriots in VENEZIA GIULIA may be.

For the Chief Commissioner,

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to 3202/EC

See 222

See M 204.-206

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202.

Capt B.

Ref 188. No action on (i) at the moment.
 get the answer to (ii) as quickly as possible.
 HS 6/2

204

A/CSO. HS.

- i) Minutes of the meeting of 28 Jan at 201 -
 passages of interest are marked.
- ii) Letter at 203 sent in accordance with
 mins 189 & 202

En Comm.

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190 - 201 for info. HS 8/2

HS 9/2

Miss L.

204

Will the booklet at x be ready before
 end February? 5980

Who a Dupa Banks - 1957 20 for an

A.C. Africa A & B?

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161.
Minutes of meeting on 7 Jan. at ANE
Cops are at 148-160. Passages of
interests are marked. The report is
rather dull, except for the statement
on p. 157 (i) saying that the Peace Treaty
will be signed in May!!

174.
Minutes of meeting on 14 Jan. at ANE
Cops are at 162-173. Passages of interest
are marked. Pages 168-169 about the PND
are interesting.

187.
Minutes of meeting on 21 Jan. at ANE
Cops are at 175-186. Passages of interest are marked.
Nothing of outstanding importance.

198.
Minutes of meeting on 28 Jan. at ANE
Cops are at 188-199. Passages of interest are marked.
Nothing of outstanding importance.

P. 198
(i) What is the number of PND?

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Minutes of meeting on 14 Jan. at H&B are
 Copy #2 are at 162-173. Passages of interest
 are marked. Pages 168-169 about the PMS
 are interesting.

KS 231,

See to Com-
 187.

Minutes of meeting on 21 Jan at H&B are
 are at 175-186. Passages of interest are marked.
 Nothing of outstanding importance.
 MS 311 KS 301

Miss L.
 188

Last par- of 182. (1) This is a new office. Failure
 to understand can make it harder.
 What could close the door?

P. 180

(1) What is the meaning of Particulars

188/212

189

A/Cro

Ref par (1) of min 188
 As legal agrees, there is, of course, no offense in failure
 to understand; what SCAG means is that any correction
 etc. of Particulars will render liable an arrest. Does
 Ex C wish to take it up with SCAG?
 Ref par (1) - I will in any case write to AGG V.G.
 on this point (there is no information in the H&B) so
 could include the offer of dinner.

MS 412

Ev. lvn. 130.
 CSO 105-129 for info (ANB also corps meetings on 26/17
 see us) passages of interest are marked.
 27/12.

CSO

(B1)
 What did SCAC mean by his opening

S line?

27/12

CSO

133.
 letter submitted for signature at 132-131 refers.
 3/1.

CSO 134-145 for info. Passages of interest are marked.
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145.
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Minutes of meeting held at HQ, AEC 13 Corps at 0930 hours,
 28 Dec 45.

PRESENT (See Appendix 'A')

JAN 7 1946

GUESTS : - Brig. R.A.T. EYE, Commander 55 Area
 Mr. W.J. SULLIVAN, Representative GB FOLD

1. The SCAO : -

The Camp Commandant is congratulated on the way the
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During the last 10 days the local government situation
 has been effectively changed, and what was stated at the last
 conference as likely to happen, has now become fact.

It is now true that either government conforming to
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Lt. Col. BRUNTON, Area Commissioner for THURSDAY Area: -

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Lt. Col. ARNSTRONG, Area Commissioner for TRENCH Area: -

In SERRANA District, direct military government is now operating fairly smoothly, and since 17th Dec, when an unauthorized demonstration was broken up by the police and arrests made, there has been no further trouble.

In MONTFALCONE Communal councils are being appointed at FERRIS and TURINIA. It has not been possible to appoint councils at D'ERDO, ARMINA and SCHICO, and direct military government is now in operation in these places.

A Communal council is being formed at MUGLIA, but at the neighbouring commune of S. DOMINGO, with a heavily Slovene population, it has so far not been possible to form a council.

Neither Slovenes nor Italian communists have co-operated in the formation of Communal Councils.

See M. 146

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(MUGLIA)

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3. AREA COMMISSIONERS. (Cont.)TRIESTE CITY AREA: - (Capt. RICHMOND)

There is very little to report this week. The housing census has been completed, and 26,000 houses were inspected (a house about being a complete villa or apartment). Of this number, 146 apartments were found available with a total of 227 rooms. The number of apartments partially vacant is 1876, with a total of 2,505 rooms.

185,475 identity cards have been issued, as follows: -

Normal residents	177,605
Italian non-residents	6,159
Jugoslav non-residents	899
Registration certificates	612

Major LONG, Area Commissioner for GORIZIA Area: -

Investigations are progressing very favourably on the murder of the American soldier at MONTESANO, and an early arrest is expected.

The usual delegations have called at HQ at GORIZIA with the idea of looking over the new Area Commissioner.

Christmas parties for the children went off very well indeed considering the fact that only 2,000 children were invited, and some 5,000 turned up.

There are still a large number of persons awaiting trial in the courts.

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More GACs are urgently required.

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The SMC : The GACs will have to explain to the people again that under this Allied Military Government scheme repairs cost them nothing, and are a "good will" gift. If they do not then respond we shall set a time limit and then discontinue the scheme if passive opposition continues.

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3. AREA COMMISSIONERS. (C. at.)

Lt. Col. CRWOOD, Area Commissioner for POLA Area: -

The strike of Central, Provincial, State and Postal employees was called off last Friday. The local papers gave an inaccurate report of the strike, but this has since been amended. So far, no troubles have arisen.

Most of the consignment of cloth, shoes etc. to the approximate value of 14 million lire has arrived from MILAN and neighbouring places. The remainder is being collected shortly.

Lt. Col. BIGNARDINI: The Italian authorities have received instructions that they are not to allocate materials to Provincios, but to VERENA GILIA as a whole, to be distributed through the Commerce Division here.

The case of rabies reported at the last conference actually arose outside the area, and was brought into the hospital in ROMA. To date, no more cases have been reported, and 21 unlicensed dogs were found and destroyed.

The expected departure of the American Military Police detachment will cause many difficulties, especially as the British Military Police strength is so low owing to ILLIP etc.

The GSAO: Unfortunately nothing can be done about this at the moment, but everyone is aware of the situation, and every effort will be made to get another American unit there. Meanwhile, the Divisions attached to the corps are faced with the absolute necessity for training their new units and we shall have to get along as best we can.

4. VERENA GILIA POLICE FORCE (MAJOR MOODY): -

There is a course in progress at the police school, and it is hoped that another course will start on or about the 9th Jan 46. There will be 250 men on the next course, but a shortage of uniforms may delay the programme.

A slight decrease in crime figures was noticed during the week, 32 cases being reported as against 42 cases last week. There was a big theft at MONTECASSINO yesterday, but so far no arrests have been made.

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5. CRIMINAL DIVISIONS.

Local - (Major GOLD) : - In the Summary Courts 86 accused were tried on 104 charges and in the Superior Courts 3 accused were tried on 4 charges.

A large majority of the cases were for theft and possession of Allied property. There were only 2 cases involving possession of firearms.

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5. SPECIAL DIVISIONS. (Cont. of Legal): -

Since the last meeting the following General Orders and Orders were signed: -

- (a) General Order No 31 - Tax concessions to assist the rebuilding of war-damaged buildings.
- (b) General Order No 32 - Turnover tax.
- (c) General Order No 33 - Public Wages-Revision of Gen. Order No 15.
- (d) Order No 43 - Amendment of Gen. Order No 14 - Statement of ownership by Communist Front.
- (e) Order No 49 - Liquidation of Matte Nazionale Distillazione Materio Viscece.
- (f) Order No 50 - Failure to possess identity card or special registration certificate - Supplement to Order No 14 making failure to have card after Jan.
- (g) Order No 51 - Exemption from customs duties.
- (h) Order No 52 - Radio license fee.
- (i) Administrative Order No 15 - Appointment of Dr. RAKUSCH as counsellor of appeal.

Remedies - (Lt. Col. KERNERHUTH) : - The supply programme has been sent to AMINTON, but is still short of the schedules for transportation and agriculture. These will be prepared in a very short time by AMHQ. So far there is no news of any loadings.

Coal stockpiles are coming forward, and except for a few isolated items, we have sufficient food in sight to carry us through to the end of January.

AMHQ still consider us responsible for supplies to UDINE.

During his visit, Mr. FARMER of the Industry Sub-Commission informed us that it was almost certain that the ENVA plant would be reactivated. This will give us a considerable amount of raw materials from the by-products.

The recent rains have improved the electricity situation, and it is hoped that soon it will be possible to remove all restrictions on its use.

The 200 vehicles which have been promised us so long, are at last on the point of arriving. They will have to go through the REM Workshops before being put on the road.

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Education - (Lt. Col. STORZENFELT) : - The supply programme has been sent to WASHINGTON, but is still short of the schedules for transportation and agriculture. These will be prepared in a very short time by AMHQ. So far there is no news of any loadings.

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The Price Fixing Order has not yet been published but the Committees are already working. The Coal Importers Association profits are very high and it will be necessary to cut them down.

Lt. Col. STORZENFELT then read extracts from the report of the Economics Section meeting held at HQ, AMG 13 Corps on the 22 Dec. 45. The main points were discussed.

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5. SPECIAL DIVISIONS. (Cont.)

Public Relations : - About 15 items were sent out by Public Relations since the last conference. These items are in addition to any news items or stories obtained by AIS. Interesting items were : -

- (a) Increase of pensions.
- (b) "GRADISKA" ship.
- (c) Christmas fool story.
- (d) Plans for ILM steel works.
- (e) Christmas relaxation of electricity regulations.

Five correspondents have visited the Area since the last meeting. They represented the : -

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- (c) "Chicago Sun".
- (d) United Press.
- (e) IBC Italian Programme.

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Economics Section weekly conference
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Public Relations has made a substantial contribution to the educational scheme for the troops.

Public Health and Welfare - (Col. PAIR) : - The general health of the population is excellent.

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20 trucks loads of blankets have arrived. Capt. MILLER has the matter in hand.

It is requested that the names of hospital and public health officials who have been operated be sent to this Division, so that the vacant positions may be advertised for replacements.

A letter was received from the Jugoslav authorities stating that people residing in Zone 'B' were not allowed treatment in hospitals in Zone 'A'. This was not, nor is, the case.

5. SPECIAL DIVISIONS. (Cent. of Public Health & Welfare): -

Hospitals have been circularised and lists of such patients have been prepared, together with statements of hospital charges for Zone 'B' patients remaining unpaid, amounting to approximately 12,000,000 lire. The report will be sent to the Finance Officer.

Situation - (Lt. SIMONI) : - Schools are now closed for Christmas vacation. Fuel is being provided for all pupils and it is expected that when the schools re-open on 8 Jan 46, they will all be normal.

In reply to a protest from ITALY that Slovene schools were populated and run by Yugoslavs:

A statistical survey of the number of Yugoslav citizen teachers in the schools has given the following results: -

	Citizenship Birth Place		
	ITALY	JUGOSLAVIA	ITALY JUGOSLAVIA
High school students	1,65	1,374	1,374
Elementary school teachers	336	290	46 (c)
High school professors	92	44	43 (X)
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(c) 22 of the 46 Yugoslav elementary teachers were born in VENETIA GIULIA.

(X) 21 of the 43 Yugoslav secondary school professors were born in VENETIA GIULIA.

Displaced Persons - (Capt. KELLERT): - 124 refugees came into the centres and 286 were evacuated.

Telecommunications - (Major HAYWARD) : - Thefts of telephone wire in the area are becoming serious. In six weeks 2,000 kilometres of wire have been stolen.

The SMO: I am afraid these thefts have not been reported to the police as promptly as they should have been, but I ask Col. THOMAS-THURM to pursue these matters with the greatest diligence. I know that military units are interested and will help.

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Hospitals have been circularized and lists of such patients have been prepared, together with statements of hospital charges for Zone 'B' patients remaining unpaid, amounting to approximately 12,000,000 lire. The report will be sent to the Finance Officer.

Education - (Lt. SINGH) : - Schools are now closed for Christmas vacations. Fuel is being provided for all needs and it is expected that when the schools re-open on 8 Jan 46, they will all be heated.

In reply to a protest from ITALY that Slovene schools were populated and run by Yugoslavs:

A statistical survey of the number of Yugoslav citizen teachers in the schools has given the following results: -

	Citizenship Birth Place		
	ITALY	JUGOSLAVIA	ITALY JUGOSLAVIA
High school students	1165	71	1236
Elementary school teachers	336	290	46 (0)
High school professors	92	44	48 (X)
			65 27

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By ORDER of Colonel Alfred C. BOWMAN

J. H. FARMER
Captain,
Staff Officer.

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APPENDIX 'A'

PERSONNEL

GUESTS : - Brig. Gen. A. T. B. A., Commander 55 Area
Mr. W. J. SULLIVAN, Representative 13 POLAD

Colonel

A. C. HORNUM
H. P. P. ROBERTSON
T. PAER
HOLLAND

S. G. A. O.
D/S. G. A. O.

RAC, Chief Public Health Officer
G-2 38 Div

Lt. Colonel

F. J. ARMSTRONG
D. S. BICKENSTETH
E. S. ORFORD
N. T. REARD

AC TRIESTE Area
Economics
AC POLA Area
Finance

Major

J. R. SNOWDEN
A. G. G. L.
D. G. MANNING
MOORE
C. T. LOCKWOOD-TATAM
P. F. HODMAN-REDFORTH
ALLAN
LONG
H. A. MANNING
E. H. RICHARDSON

Allied/Jugoslav Joint Committee
Legal
Executive Officer
V. G. Police Force
Transportation
Patriots and M. P. A. A.
Public Relations
AC GORIZIA
Telecommunications
Public Works

Captain

P. G. BURNETT
G. M. MYER
L. W. OATLEY
J. H. FAIRBANK
D. A. H. BARNES
W. DUNSTON-YOUNG
FRANKLAND-ADAMS
W. J. BOARD
J. KELLEY
J. COFFMAN

AMS, TRIESTE City
Camp Commandant
Supply
Staff Officer
Public Relations
G-II
LC 13 Corps
Property Control
Refugee & Displaced Persons
Agriculture
Education

Lieutenant J. T. S. D. M. G. I.

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CURRANTS : - Brig. E. A. T. D./S, Commander 55 Area
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Colonel	A. C. NORMAN K. P. P. ROBINSON T. P. RYER HOLLAND	S. C. A. O. D/S. C. A. O. RACD, Chief Public Health Offr G-2 98 Div
Lt. Colonel	F. J. ARMSTRONG D. S. BICKENSTETH E. S. ORWOOD N. T. HAZARD	AC TRIESTE Area Reconnaissance AC POLA Area Finance
Major	J. R. SNOWDEN A. G. GILD D. G. MAHONEY MOODY C. W. LOCKWOOD-TATAM P. F. DOUGAN-GRIFFITH ALLEN LONG H. A. RAYWARD E. H. RICHARDSON	Allied/Jugoslav Joint Committee Legal Executive Officer V. G. Police Force Transportation Patriots and M. A. A. Public Relations AC GORIZIA Telecommunications Public Works
Captain	P. C. BURNETT G. R. RYPER L. W. OAKLEY J. H. P. P. RYER D. A. H. BARKES W. DUMMOND-YOUNG FRANKLAND-YOUNG W. J. BOARD J. HOLLETT J. COOTRELL	AC TRIESTE City Camp Commandant Supply Staff Officer Public Relations G-ii LC 13 Corps Property Control Welfare & Displaced Persons Agriculture
Lieutenant	J. P. SIMON	Education

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Minutes of the Economics Section meeting held on 22 Dec 45,
at 0900 hours.

PRESENT : -

Lt. Col. D.S. BICKENSTETH	Economics
Major	
W. H. H. H. H.	Food
E. H. H. H. H.	Price Control
C. W. L. L. L.	Public Works
	Transportation
Captain L. H. H. H.	Agriculture
W. H. H. H.	Commerce, Fuel & War Booty
C. L. H. H.	Industry & Utilities
D. A. H. H.	Public Relations
H. H. H. H.	Finance
L. W. H. H.	Food
Lt. J. J. CANTILLI	Labour
MICOSBY	Area Supply Officer CORUZILA

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- Lt. CANTILLI said the matter of Factory Committees was now in hand, and Lt. Col. BICKENSTETH said he would see the Labour leaders again and remind them of the cooperation they had promised.

- (c) Staff - The question of employing British and American Nationals on the staff of Allied Military Government is being examined. The status of officers will be examined.

L.R. SEBASTIAN	Prime Control
E.H. R. HANCOCK	Public Works
O.E. LONKOWSKI-BATHUR	Transportation
Captain L.H. WILSON	Agriculture
MAJ NICHOL	Commerce, Fuel & War Supply
C.L. HUNTER	Industry & Utilities
D.A. H. BATES	Public Relations
H. PARSONS	Finance
L.W. GALEY	Food
Lieut. J.J. CANTILLI	Labour
NICKSON	Area Supply Office GORIZIA

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(c) Staff - The question of employing British and American Nationals on the staff of Allied Military Government 13 Corps with the Status of Officers will be examined, for there are several suitable people about. Capt. PARSONS (Finance) said this matter had been referred to RMG. The main difficulty would be fixing their rate of pay.

(d) Industrial Education Program - The plan had been received from the Education Officer. This would be referred to Lt. CANTILLI, who would get his staff working on it and get the plan into action. Lt. Col. BICKERSTETH expressed the wish that the plan be taken up energetically, as it was really something to the credit of AMG that we had been able to get this going.

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1. Lt. Col. BICKERSTETH, (Cont.): -

- (c) Liaison Officer ROSE - The appointment of Major DUNCAN as Liaison Officer Lt. ROSE had greatly assisted dealings with Allied Commission. He had reported that: - 600 tons calcium carbide were being specially requisitioned for the January/June 46 supply programme. The IOL requisition for January/June had been increased.

Petrol	356 tons to	485 tons
Gas Oil	408 " "	533 "
Lubricants	26 " "	37 "

50,000 blankets will be leaving LIBYAN next week.

- (f) Road vehicles to F. I. - A suggestion had been made that trucks should take small fish to BARI and return with olives and figs. Was this practical and economical?

Major WATTS (Food) suggested carriage by schooner. Immigration Division (Major DUNCAN) replied that by ship it would take too long and the fish would be bad on arrival; this was the first chance we had of sending a surplus commodity out and getting something in return which we needed.

Capt. OWLEY said almonds would be used to produce oil which would help out the meager ration. It was finally agreed that the trucks would be sent as an experiment and the oil output examined to show whether the scheme was profitable in view of the shortage of tyres.

- (g) Benefit of MUJALA - Then asked by Lt. Col. BICKERSTETH how the Benefaction of MUJALA was progressing, Major RICHMOND (Public Works) stated that 40 million lire would be required, over half of which would have to be spent on materials outside the area. In consequence there was comparatively little benefit to the people of VENEZIA GIULIA, in so far as the absorption of unemployed labour was concerned.

Capt. WATTS however pointed out that the scheme was economically sound and urged action.

Lt. Col. BICKERSTETH said the matter would be referred to Finance. He hoped, if the scheme were sound, that General Pinarelli could be found for it without Allied Military Government having to finance it.

Capt. WATTS said he believed certain people were interested in providing the finance.

2. FINANCE (Capt. RICHMOND): -

Nothing to report.

3. 2007 (Capt. OWLEY): -

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- (c) Road vehicles to LA - A suggestion had been made that trucks should take shell fish to LA and return with almonds and figs. Was this practical and economical? Major Wright (Food) suggested carriage by schooner. Administration Division (Major Wright) replied that by ship it would take too long and the plan would be bad on arrival; this was the first chance we had of sending a surplus commodity out and getting something in return which was needed.
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Capt. WEL however pointed out that the scheme was economically sound and urged action.

Lt. Col. BICKERSTETH said the matter would be referred to Finance. He noted, if the scheme were sound, that Commercial Finance could be found for it without Allied Military Government having to finance it.

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2. FINANCE (Capt. WRIGHT) : -

Nothing to report.

3. FOOD (Capt. OAKLEY) : -

(a) UNITE Province is loosening its food export policy. 250 cattle per week were being sent to VALLEA.

(b) Out of 85 tons of salvaged flour which had been damaged by flood water, 81% was found to be good for bread making, 13% for cattle food, 6% loss of working flour was due to adherence to the bag.

(c) Bakers were taking advantage of the lack of control and baking bad bread, making it too damp.

(d) SHUL have been ordered to check ration cards by name and number against the recent issue of identity cards.

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4. TRANSPORTATION (Major LOCKWOOD-TARTAGLIA) : -

Vehicles provided by 13 Corps were beginning to arrive. GARIBOLDI needs would be satisfied by 1st week in January. Lt. Col. BICKERTON explained that these vehicles were to be held as an Army responsibility for maintenance, though petrol would come from civilian sources.

5. PUBLIC WORKS (Major RICHARDSON) : -

- (a) Housing - The Bolilla building project is in the hands of Pinerolo. It had been found that business people were using apartments as offices. Only glass is needed now for completion of this building; this glass can be obtained more easily.
- (b) Burnt out villages - The rebuilding of certain of these villages in the GARIBOLDI area had been approved a long time ago but the progress of the work is unsatisfactory. A recent survey indicates that this work is being hampered for political reasons by a "Cooperative Society" which has its main office in TRINTE and a Committee in each village. An investigation is now in progress and a complete report will be rendered at the next meeting.
- (c) Electricity and Water situation - IOLA - The water situation had eased in the past 2 days. The electricity sub-station will require 50 tons of Diesel oil per month. Lt. Col. BICKERTON said this was justified as this was a military need.

6. RICE FIXING (Major SCHMIDT) : -

- (a) SELVAG, SVEM and GARIBOLDI Municipality have all had electricity tariffs increased as from January 1st; this brings them up to the same rate as North Italy. As no retrospective has been allowed, SELVAG are now 60 million lire in debt due to their suppliers for the last 4 months at 5, the price they paid for it. Even with the new tariff it is estimated they will lose 3 1/2 million lire per quarter.

Pinerolo had been asked for assistance by SELVAG. Lt. Col. BICKERTON said that he felt rates should be retrospective in cases where the clause "rates subject to revision" had been inserted on monthly accounts, and that this would provide the assistance needed. Col. FARRIMAN (Pinerolo) replied that he was only asked to meet a part of SELVAG's losses. AGRIAT will owe SELVAG 10 million lire if the new rates are made retrospective even though they themselves are in debt, and asking for assistance.

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- (b) Coal Importers Association have been claiming 6% on incoming coal and are now desiring to claim 3% on outgoing coke. At the present price of coke it means that the Coal Importers Association are receiving 420 lire from every ton of gas-making coal, it is essential that their percentage is cut down.

6. PRICE FIXING (Cont.)

(a) Lt. Col. RICHMONDSTON stressed the point that the civilian Price Fixing Commission would be strongly backed by Allied Military Government. The Commission is representative and had been formed by Allied Military Government so that the local inhabitants would be responsible for their own price control or inflation. Allied Military Government should not exercise its veto unless it was absolutely necessary.

(d) Finance Division had agreed that the temporary wage adjustment should be retrospective from the 1st Nov.

Major RICHMONDSON stated this was affecting all contractors. Lt. Col. RICHMONDSTON asked if Divisions were being properly posted from RGS as regards price fixing, wage scales etc.

Lt. GANTILLI (Labour) replied he was not informed beforehand of wage increases.

Lt. Col. RICHMONDSTON stressed the necessity of our being advised beforehand in such matters so as to avoid the time lag between action in ITALY and action in VENUEZIA GIULIA.

(e) Centieri Riuniti Charges - The Price Equalization Commission will examine the Centieri's books to investigate figures of work done for the Army. Basic wage plus 20% for overheads was charged. This required an explanation.

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(g) Construction Cost (Major RICHMONDSON) : - 155.06 lire per man, per day less in the labour on all contracts due to the Notice No. 1. When this increase is felt in the materials it will mean approximately 40% increase in construction costs.

(h) Lt. Col. RICHMONDSTON stated that the Price Control, Finance, Industry, and Labour Divisions would investigate the Centieri Riuniti's affairs. Loans were being requested by a firm over which we had no control.

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Capt. BARKES asked if any new facts were available to use as counter propaganda against the Communists who were always launching reconstruction in Zone 'B'.

8. GORIZIA Area SUPPLY OFFICER (Lt. MICOSKY) : -

We have had some trouble with the GORIZIA Director. But things are now quiet, the GORIZIA President now seemed satisfied with the Allied Military Government organisation in regard to Food and Transportation.

9. LABOUR. (Lt. CANTILLI) : -

The Port Control Committee wage and tariff agreements results were sent yesterday to be presented to the Docks Superintendent.

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10. DISASTERS. (Capt. ALGER): -

(a) Planning for 1946 was finished last night. Mr. PARKER has taken the plans to RCAF.

(b) Electricity - Recent rains had restored the lakes, and due to this, electricity restrictions had not been enforced during the mornings for the past 4 days. If the water is high enough at VERNON, we hope to cancel the electricity restrictions next week.

(c) ILVA - Mr. PARKER had brought us good news from ILVA. It is planned to start the ILVA steel mills again. ST. CL. BUCHANAN stated that the restarting of the ILVA steel mill had great public relations value. We should release a story ahead of time so that metal agitators who have already got wind of the story, and are now pressing the allies to reactivate the mill, do not claim that their efforts started the mill. He also emphasizes that no more workers can be employed, as the workers have all been kept on the pay rolls.

11. COMMERCE (Capt. MAC NICOL) : - Two ships are expected in the near future with coal of the December allocation.

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2 Jan.	William Proulx	4,048 tons

12. MANUFACTURE. (Capt. WEIL) : -

(a) MOBILA Report - With further reference to the MOBILA source (see minute 1 sub para (d)) Capt. WEIL said it must be remembered that though a lot of people had left the area through the shortage of water, they will return after the project is completed.

(b) Fish - We plan to expand the fresh water fisheries in the Canals leading into the sea. We shall require 800,000 to 1,000,000 lire from Finance, but this sum is more than offset by economies effected elsewhere.

(c) Shops - The Jugoslavs were sending sheep (some of which carried licenses) into Zone 'A'. This matter would be brought up on Thursday with the Yugoslav Government of Zone 'B'.

(d) Beneficiaries - Major BUCHANAN (Public Works) said he would like to express his preference for contractors who employ their own labour when working for the Consorcio Agrario on Beneficio contracts.

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By Order of Colonel Alfred C. BROWN

D.S. BICKENSTETH
Lt. Colonel,
Engineers.

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UNITED STATES ARMY COMMISSION.
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Ref: 603/10

3 January 1946

SUBJECT: Minutes of meeting held at HQ AMG XIII Corps
17 December 1945.

TO : SCAG AMG XIII Corps.

1. Reference para 1 of the above mentioned minutes.
2. It would be appreciated if this Headquarters could be informed what exactly was meant by the opening sentence.
3. It is considered that the position of AMG XIII Corps remains unchanged in spite of the handover of the other regions.

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Minutes of meeting held at HQ, AMG 13 Corps at 0930 hours,
17 Dec 45.

PRESENT (See Appendix 'A')

GUESTS : - Brig. R. A. T. EME, Commander 55 Area
Mr. H. J. GREEN, Representative US POLAD
Mr. W. J. SULLIVAN, Representative G3 POLAD
Mr. C. K. MOFFLY, A13

1. The SCAG : -

There will be several developments in the next two or three weeks which will associate this Allied Military Government more closely with purely military formations as such, than in the past. One of the results of this will be that our reports will be read and studied by military commanders, who will expect complete accuracy and objectivity. In parts of some recent reports there is considerable material in the nature of excuses, intimations that other people are not "doing right" by us, etc.

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By the end of this month, all communes will be working either under General Order 11 or under direct GAO rule. This will deviate the position which existed previously, whereby certain communes have been permitted to operate through irregular committees not conforming in all respects to General Order 11.

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A letter has been sent out asking for a greater degree of liaison between divisions. This is a good opportunity to point out that all matters dealt with by HQ Divisions are also the concern of appropriate Area Commissioners and it is therefore necessary to pass on all available information. For example, a complaint has been received from GORIZIA that such bodies as its Consorzio Agrario and SERRAL are too completely dominated by the TRIESTE organizations. These organizations should send representatives to TRIESTE to attend all meetings.

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3. AREA COMMISSIONERS.

Lt. Col. ARISTIDES, Area Commissioner for TRINIDAD Area:

Capt. SCHMIDT at SERRA has made substantial progress in the matter of obtaining employees to support his "white" government, and has been greatly assisted by the police in carrying out difficult administrative duties.

The situation in MATE LAKE is improving, although somewhat slowly.

Demonstrations have been launched in each of these places, ostensibly over the suspension of the "REDONCELI DAWKIN", although at SERRA the demonstrations developed into a protest against the implementation of General Order 11.

Practical difficulties have arisen in the administration of fractions of communes located by the Morgan Line. Isolated houses situated in the "no man's land" between the outposts or road blocks of the Allied Forces on the one hand, and the Yugoslav Forces on the other. In certain cases foodstuffs have been supplied to portions of bisected communes, whose communal seats are in Zone 'B', and to people to whom identity cards have not been issued.

Lt. Col. SMITH, Area Commissioner for TRINIDAD City Area:

The principal event of the week was the general strike which was definitely organized by the UAG, and ignominiously failed. Attempts were made to keep the shops closed, but after initial defiant submission on the part of the shop keepers, for the greater part of the day nearly all the shops were open, and life in the city went on normally.

The issuing of identity cards is nearly finished, and an estimate based on figures so far, shows that the population of TRINIDAD is probably the same as it was last year: between 250,000 and 260,000. The actual number to be issued will probably be around 200,000. The balance of the population is made up of persons under 18 years of age.

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Demonstrations have been launched in each of these places, ostensibly over the suspension of the "HRDACHKI DEKRETI", although at ERMANI the demonstrations developed into a protest against the implementation of General Order 11.

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Lt. COL. BICKENSTON: The efficiency of the organization seems to be mixed. Some of the workshops are very well run, and others not quite as good.

Major SMITH, Area Commissioner for GERILIA Area: -

The highlight of the week was the protest regarding the suspension of "HRDACHKI DEKRETI". A written protest with many thousands of signatures has been received.

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Major SHIRK, Area Commissioner for CORUZZA Area: - (Cont.)

On Thursday the 13th, demonstrations were held in most parts of the Area, only one of which was authorized. On Friday the 14th, a demonstration was illegally held before the Area Allied Military Government Office by about 500 people. The Area Commissioner refused to meet a delegation until the unlawful assembly dispersed. Police helped to disperse the crowd and arrested about 60 people. Only about a dozen will be held for court.

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A case of rubies has been reported. The victim, a child bitten by a snake, was brought into hospital but died there soon after.

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4. VENEZUELA CIVILIA POLICIA AERON (COL. JAMES-THOMAS) : -

The number of identity cards issued or likely to be issued does not correspond with the total number of ration cards (331,000) even allowing for approximately 50,000 people under 18 who will not receive identity cards.

The SCAG ordered the Food Officer to investigate as to possible duplications of cards, etc.

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The SCAG: We will take care of the SESIA detachment in the Municipio if necessary.

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Major GOLD: The Appeal Commission have so far reviewed only about 9 cases, and it is true that in the majority of these, decisions were changed. However, they may have been selected for preferred attention because they were weak cases, and it is therefore too early to draw any general conclusion.

Card Commission: - NIL

5. SEBASTIAN DIVISION. (Cont.)

Economics - (Lt. Col. BICKERSTEN) : - The firewood situation is good as far as present stocks are concerned (5,000 tons), but future supplies are uncertain. The mill weather is helping a lot, and it may be possible to get in another 2,000 tons or so before the weather gets really bad. Demand for wood have not been as high as was expected, probably owing to the high price asked, mild weather, and a considerable amount of black market wood.

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The Welfare Officer states that there are about 80 British and American Allied Nationals who should be helped in the area, and that Jugoslavs should not be classed as Displaced Persons for this purpose.

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5. SERIAL DIVISIONS. (Public Health and Welfare): - (Cont.)

Question: Must X-ray apparatus and beds at POLA be handed back to the Yugoslavs? If possible something should be done, and reciprocal action taken, as this apparatus is required for civilian use and they have much equipment taken from POLA. There is no doubt that it came from Yugoslav sources.

American Red Cross is definitely leaving on 15th January, which is regretted. Italian Red Cross personnel have been applied for to carry on the work.

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ECONOMICS SECTION

Minutes of the Economics Section meeting held on 15 Dec 45
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(d) Consejo Agrario, ISF de Antioquia - There has been a complaint from Medellin to the effect that these bodies in GERMANIA are doing too much under the domination of the TRINITE organizations.
Lt. Col. BICKERSTETH directed the Food & Agriculture Divisions to examine these complaints by making personal visits and report.

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1. Lt. Col. BICKERSTETH (Cont.) : -

- (a) The 1946 planning is proceeding very slowly. Although food demands have gone forward to Washington, there is, as yet, no word of landing, with the exception of a certain amount of grain, which is expected in January.

Plans for industry have not yet gone forward from TRISTAN. This is being expedited.

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4. PRICE CONTROL (Major RICHARDS) : -

There is some difficulty in finding four qualified accountants for the "Price Compensation" committee which is being formed.

Lt.Col. RICKFORTH stated that he knew of one good man and that Finance Division might be able to help us find the other three.

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5. PUBLIC UTILITIES (Lt. Col. STUBBS) : -

- (a) On Monday an order will be issued by Lt. Col. STUBBS (THIRTEEN City Area Commissioner) giving VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force the power to enforce electricity "cuts".
- Next Saturday a Sub-Committee will consider the results of the cuts to date and alter them accordingly.
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Mr. CLEVELAND stated that, as far as surplus goods were concerned we should have more chance of getting them if we applied for them through military channels (G-4 or 'Q' branch) than through G-5 or AG channels.

(b) Major DUNCAN had telephoned from ROME saying that we should receive 100 tons of calcium carbide in December, January, and February for the two "Mac". In addition 600 tons were expected from AGRICOLA between Jan and June. Mr. CLEVELAND was interested to know how the American supply would be paid for.

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7. Lt. Col. STEPHENS (Cont.) : -

- (c) Of our estimated requirements of 5,750 tons of coal for space-heating we have only received an allotment of 3,000 tons.

- (d) ROL - A request has been made for 58 tons of petrol for January, but according to the 1946 planning we should only receive 387 tons, in order to bring us "into line" with the rest of Italy. But our position could not be compared with that of the rest of Italy. VENEZIA GIULIA is dependent for most supplies on Italy, and requires a lot of petrol for transportation alone in order to collect these supplies. Railway facilities were not such, that they could be depended on entirely. In addition the petrol ration did not allow for unforeseen circumstances. Mr. CLEVELAND suggested that we should insist for ROL required over and above our basic ration, through military channels.

- (e) According to an American press report 300,000 bales of cotton were being imported to cotton mills in CZECHOSLOVAKIA to make clothes for American soldiers and European civilians.

Lt. Col. STEPHENS asked Mr. CLEVELAND if he knew if a part of this cotton would come through the port of TRIESTE. Mr. CLEVELAND said that he did not know.

- (f) Lt. Col. RICHMOND stated that so far no payment had been received by the Port of TRIESTE from the countries concerned (such as JUGOSLAVIA and AUSTRIA) for the forwarding of imports. Such countries could quite well pay in kind if not in money. In VENEZIA GIULIA was entirely dependent on outside supplies such payment in kind would be a great advantage. The whole question of TRIESTE's handling of UNRRA supplies for AUSTRIA, JUGOSLAVIA and now possibly CZECHOSLOVAKIA, gratis, required further examination. For example both AUSTRIA and JUGOSLAVIA could furnish timber and firewood for use in VENEZIA GIULIA, and it is only right that they should do so in return for the services rendered by TRIESTE.

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Mr. CLEVELAND suggested that we should insist for POL required over and above our basic ration, through military channels.

- (e) According to an American press report 300,000 bales of cotton were being imported to cotton mills in CZECHOSLOVAKIA to make clothes for American soldiers and European civilians.

Lt. Col. STEPHENS asked Mr. CLEVELAND if he knew if a part of this cotton would come through the port of TRIESTE. Mr. CLEVELAND said that he did not know.

- (f) Lt. Col. BLOMSTEDT stated that so far no payment had been received by the Port of TRIESTE from the countries concerned (such as JUGOSLAVIA and AUSTRIA) for the forwarding of imports. Such countries could quite well pay in kind if not in money. As VENEZIA GIULIA was entirely dependent on outside supplies such payment in kind would be a great advantage.

The whole question of TRIESTE's handling of UGRA supplies for AUSTRIA, JUGOSLAVIA and now possibly CZECHOSLOVAKIA, gratis, required further examination. For example both AUSTRIA and JUGOSLAVIA could furnish timber and firewood for use in VENEZIA GIULIA, and it is only right that they should do so in return for the services rendered by TRIESTE.

8. FOOD (Capt. GAGLEY) : -

- (a) Mills in UDINE were not able to supply us with flour owing to the cuts in electricity. Mr. CLEVELAND stated that this would be rectified by the new MILAN decree which made all flour mills exempt from electricity rationing.

- (b) Lt. Col. BEARD head of the Pioneer Division HQ AMG 13 Corps has given us permission to carry on with the work required to get the Pastificio Friestino into operation.

9. AGRICULTURE (Capt. WELL) : -

- (a) The job of getting specialist civilians as substitutes for officers is going on well. The problem however of billeting and feeding such civilians is still difficult, and a definite policy for this is urgently required.

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9. AGRICULTURE (Capt. WEL) (Cont.): -

- (b) Agricultural supplies are coming in quite well except for seed potatoes. There are no seed potatoes in ITALY, and (according to AD HERS) they would have to be sought from U.K. If the delivery of them is delayed too long, we shall lose our entire potato crop.

Mr. CLAYBURN took note of this, and stated, as a matter of interest, that ITALY was trying to make a deal with HOLLAND for seed potatoes.

- (c) The work on the pulling of stumps is very much a losing project, as the cost of labour required to pull the stumps greatly exceeds the value of the stumps. The provision of material has, however, always been incidental to the provision of labour in this project.
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By ORDER of Colonel Alfred C. BOWMAN

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D. S. BICKERSTETH
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Minutes of meeting held at HQ, Allied Military Government
13 Corps at 0930 hours, 7 Dec 45.

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PRESENT (See Appendix 'A')

GUESTS : - Brig. RHODES, HQ 13 Corps Rear
Mr. J. H. GREEN, Representative US POLAD
Mr. W. J. SHELIV, Representative G3 POLAD
Mr. C. K. MORTON, AGC

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2. AREA COMMISSIONERS.

Lt. Col. ARDREING, Area Commissioner for TRIESTE Area: -

Lt. Col. ARDREING said that he had just returned from ENGLAND, and had come in contact with the new VENEZIA CHIEF of Police for the first time. He wished to congratulate the Chief of Police, Col. THURMANN, on the fine appearance and discipline of the Police.

Mr. J. H. HENRI, Representative US SDAO
Mr. W. J. SULLIVAN, Representative GS SDAO
Mr. C. K. MORTON, AIS

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2. AREA COMMISSIONERS, Lt. Col. ARMSTRONG - (cont.) -

So far, the number of identity cards issued to non-residents in TRIESTE Area is:

Italian	,992
Jugoslav	888
reg. Cards	594

As a matter of convenience, Lt. Col. ARMSTRONG will continue directing the issuing of identity cards for the entire TRIESTE Area, including the City.

Lt. Col. SMITH, Area Commissioner for TRIESTE City Area : -

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Major SMITH, Area Commissioner for CARRARA Area : -

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Advice is requested on the provision for the final date,

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Major SHIRK, Area Commissioner for GORIZIA Area :

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Advice is requested in the provision for the final date, and also for action to be taken on lost cards and appeals.

The final situation has improved and some firewood is arriving, but the price is still too high. Coal for the foundry arrived in time to prevent a lay-off. 5904

Water and light are both insufficient, and the area is now without water from 2000 hours to 0600 hours. Electric current is erratic.

The gas works started on 5 Dec 45, and have eased the heating-cooking problem somewhat.

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2. AREA COMMISSIONERS. (Major SAITZ) - (Cont.)-

Too many cases are pending in the Courts. With only one Public Safety officer in one legal office, it is difficult to bring the cases up to date. 88th Div have helped by loaning one of their men who is acting as prosecutor.

The personnel situation is acute, and many additional officers could still be used to advantage.

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Public Security is improving.

Public Works projects are coming in well, and the stamp-pulling program at SLOVENO is now showing good results in fuel as well as the provision of employment.

Major JOHNSON. Area Commissioner for POLA Area: -

An ammunition dump blew up last Wednesday, affecting a working-class area. The results up to now are about 80 people homeless, plus at least another 100 with their homes minus doors, windows, etc. The dump factory was completely flattened. Emergency measures have been taken, i.e. including restoration of a metal barracks to house the latter. An allotment of glass and roofing material however is urgently required.

The SACO: Asked Major JOHNSON to submit a formal request for these materials.

The social co-operatives are still the only effective means of getting anything out of Zone 'B'.

There is still no decision about blocked confiscated URSER supplies.

The SAC: These will continue to be stored and safeguarded.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE. (Col. THURNE-THORNE) : -

Col. THURNE-THORNE thanked Lt. Col. ATLASING and Lt. Col. SMITS for their compliments on the new police force.

265 recruits have just passed through a new course at the police school. 124 of these will go to TRINITY Area, 117 to GEFILIA Area, and 24 to PC. Owing to the holidays the next course will be longer, and will not include recruits from POLA.

3. VERACRUZ GUERRA POLICEMAN. (Cont.)

Quite a lot of extra responsibility is entailed in opening up substations throughout the Area, and a shortage of officers and senior NCOs for this purpose will make things difficult. A substation at SESANA is the No 1 priority.

Contrary to certain rumours and accusations, there is no crime wave and no increase in crime generally. A lot more reports are coming in now however, especially to the central station in TRISTE, and it is apparent that the public gained confidence in the police, and is more willing to come forward to report incidents. During the week there were 32 reported crimes. This included 1 murder and one suicide. 24 arrests were made, 4 of the arrested persons being in possession of house breaking tools.

Night patrols have started, and burglary cases have since decreased.

Mounted military patrols are on the streets now, and will soon be replaced by mounted civil police. Motor-cycle patrols will start next week.

The explosion at TOLA (as reported earlier by Major JOHNSON) is being investigated by the SIB and CID.

No more disappearances have been reported.

The SCAG: The Public Safety situation in TRISTE is unique, as in nearly all other parts of the world serious crime waves are being reported.

4. SPECIAL DIVISIONS.

Local - (Major GELD) : - The following orders were signed during the week: -

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- (b) General Order No 25 - Price Control of Essential Commodities and Services.
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- Supp. to General Order No 14.
- (d) General Order No 28 - Protection of Public Buildings and other Property.
- (e) General Order No 29 - Repeal of General Order No 19.
- (f) Order No 46 - Re-organization of the Consular Agency.
- (g) Order No 47 - Establishment of Food Advisory Boards.
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- (h) Administrative Order No 14 - Unification of "UDIS" with GIBRAL.

Throughout the territory, 136 cases were disposed of, of which 121 cases were in the Summary Courts, and 15 cases in the Superior Courts. As usual the majority of cases related to possession of Allied property. In TRIESTE during November, two persons were caught trying to steal jeeps. Sentences of three years were imposed on conviction in each case.

Discussion has been going on for two or three weeks, and the proposed order on electoral rolls is now being prepared in Italian after a long conference with the Italian legal adviser. In accordance with instructions the order is being drawn tentatively following Italian procedure.

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4. SPECIAL DIVISIONS. (C. 4.)

Recommendation - (Lt. Col. B. CHURCHMAN) : - Industry Division is working on a report on the salvaging of ships, this report will be published next week.

According to present plans, no supplies for VENEZUELA GUAYULA or MEDERA Province will be sent in by URSAL.

Lt. Col. BLOOMSTERN to read extracts from the report of the Economics meeting held at HQ, MS 13 Corps on the 4 Dec 45. The main points of that report were discussed.

Industry & Utilities - (Major MOORE) : - Rationing of electricity goes into effect today. No objections have been received, and the proposals have been accepted and announced.

It is unfortunate that the matter of restrictions was not previously discussed with anyone at ORIZABA, but an electrical engineer will discuss everything with Major SMITH later.

The electrical shortage is due to the rivers in Northern MEXICO drying up, making it necessary to reduce power by 30%. The rationing scheme has been evolved on this basis. There is no prospect of an increase in electrical supplies until the snows begin to melt. As a result of this shortage, frequency has dropped, which makes motors run slower. The pumps running slower than the designed speeds are not capable of pumping against the head and the higher parts of the town do not get water. In ORIZABA there is a small standby Diesel pump and the city is therefore doing reasonably well. ORIZABA will not be as fortunate. Industry and Utilities Division will try to correct the shortcoming on the electrical supply to get the pumps working at their normal speed. It is possible the load will operate 24 hours per day. The signals section regarded the 12 hours delay as not serious, but it will stop the operations on the automatic telephone system. If the current is supplied continuously to these small users, it will entail a waste, because it is not possible to isolate them without general interference to the system. The figures are being watched by 10 and if further restrictions are necessary they will be discussed first in the normal way. It is proposed to reduce street lighting by 50%. Lights will be turned on half an hour later, and it is proposed to take out alternative lamps except at danger points. Rationing will

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Telecommunications - (Major HAYWARD) : - A large number of telegraph poles are being stolen. This is a serious matter. At a certain place there are 40 poles at risk at 1,000 lire each. SIB has been contacted with a view to placing the people concerned under arrest.

This Division is responsible to 13 Corps for keeping the Allied Military Government part of the telephone directory up to date, and some of the telephones will have to be changed to correspond with numbers already in the latest directory.

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4. SPECIAL DIVISIONS. (Cont.)

Public Relations - Correspondents during the week were Messrs. POLLEY and SMOLLY of the Daily Express and Messrs. ROED and MACHS of the Picture Post.

AIS press reading staff are going to be installed in the Casa del Popolo under Public Relations supervision, and will produce the daily press summary previously produced at 'D' Section, AIS. It might thus be possible to discontinue the weekly press summary.

Mr. SULLIVAN : It will be a pity if the weekly summary is not continued, as this was very useful to the Embassy.

AIS : - NIL

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General health is good. A small number of chicken-pox cases have replaced the diphtheria epidemic, now finished, at CORIZIA.

There is a good deal of unrest in hospitals and institutions at CORIZIA and PULA, probably due to local appointments on the staff. All positions will be filled by competitive methods.

Regarding the CORIZIA Jug-Slav military hospital, Col. PACE said he would go there on Tuesday next and render a report.

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4. SPECIAL DIVISIONS. (cont.)Education -

The Slovene school section is working satisfactorily. It is understood from the rector of the University here, that 100 students are planning to come from POLONA on the 20 Dec. and intend to cause trouble. Public Safety is asked to take necessary steps to prevent trouble.

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56 Div : - NIL88 Div : - NIL

Welfare and Displaced Persons - (Capt. MILLER) : -
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There are signs that the Italian Red Cross and the Yugoslav Red Cross are at 1 it co-operating.

Medical supplies have arrived, and these will be under the control of the Public Health Department.

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By ORDER of Colonel Alfred C. BOWEN

J. H. FARMER
Captain,
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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APPENDIX 'A'

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Minutes of the Economics Section Meeting held on Saturday 8th December 1945
at 1500 hours.

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- (2) Purchasing of food supplies by direct negotiations as between merchants and SCADAL was also discussed. Lt. Col. Bickersteth ruled that no illicit purchases should take

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place, and that it was essential to have the approval of the Italian authorities in the exporting Provinces before purchases could be authorized.

(3) Major Tannock suggested that Pola command employees should be paid at the same rate as those in Trieste and Gorizia. This was agreed.

(4) Pola was urgently in need of cloth. A representative had gone to Milan to purchase this.

(5) Some firewood had been arranged for Pola by AMC 13 awaiting arrival of supplies from across the MORCAY LINE.

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(c) Workers in Monfalcone who lived in Udine Province were complaining that they could not eat their heavy workers supplementary ration. The reason for this was that in Udine Province the plan was that the worker should get his supplement in the town where he worked, whereas the rule in Venezia Giulia Area was that the supplement should be issued in the Comune of residence.

It had been agreed tentatively between Capt. Hall (Supply Officer, URM) and Capt. Oakley (Supply Officer, Venezia Giulia) that the supplementary rations should be issued in the Comune where the worker was employed. Labour Division, Venezia Giulia Area had agreed.

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3. GORIZIA (Lt. Micozzi)

(a) Vehicles requisitioned for AMG Public Works GORIZIA were being used by other AMG personnel. Major Lockwood Tatham said that he would look into this.

(b) Major Lockwood Tatham stated that at the moment there were no other vehicles available for GORIZIA but that as soon as they become available a vehicle pool would be formed there.

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(b) There were repeated requests from both Army Units and civilians for permission to cut down forests in Venezia Giulia for firewood. Such forests which could be used for firewood did not now exist in VENEZIA GIULIA. and firewood must be obtained from elsewhere. Cases had occurred of civilians cutting down peach trees for firewood; this would have to be stopped at all costs.

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(d) There was as yet no supply of seed potatoes. It was essential that a supply was obtained in the near future.

(e) A small supply of farming machines have arrived (more are expected in January) but as yet no drilling machines have been received. These are needed urgently.

(f) The Community of GRADO has demanded that land owned by the "Thres Venezia Company" be handed over to the community. This is primarily a legal matter.

(g) Slovene communities are not accounting to the Agricultural division for the agricultural material received by them. If this continues such supplies will cease.

7. CECECE (Lt. Col. Stephens)

(a) It has been reported that URSIA supplies for Czechoslovakia might go through HAMBURG instead of through TRIESTE. This would be a very bad thing for TRIESTE and something should be done about it.

(b) It has been rumored that an Austrian transport firm was "angling" to arrange business between Austria and Udine.

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(c) Lt. Col. Stephens stated that it is essential that AMG civilian employees of high status had their own cars. Major Lockwood Tatham replied that he could get the cars alright but could not get the tyres for them.

(d) GORIZIA wanted three trucks for use in collecting firewood. Major Lockwood Tatham stated that he could not provide military vehicles himself but suggested that the American 60th Div. might be able to.

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9. DEMURRY (Major Poden)

(a) A small subsidiary domestic pool of civilian vehicles for use by AMC civilian employees is being formed, but difficulties have arisen regarding arrangements for P.O.L. and garaging. Major Lockheed Tatham promised that he would go into the matter.

(b) Lt. Col. Bickersteth asked for a report from Industries on the salvaging of ships.

10. LABOUR (Lt. Cantilli)

There was a bakers strike in TRIESTE which lasted 24 hours. Port labourers had also threatened to strike, but nothing had developed.

11. NAVALE TRIESTE

Lt. Col. Bickersteth stated that there would be a meeting shortly regarding the proposed new ship building yard "Navale Trieste". Labour Division is to investigate this and submit a report.

By ORDER of Colonel A. C. BOWMAN

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