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CONFERENCES, LIGURIA - LIAISON GROUP
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20/3.

Conference held at the Liguria Liaison Group on 13 March, minutes of, are at 23.

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20/3.

CSO minutes of weekly meeting held at Liguria Liaison Group on 20 March. G.M.C.M. 26/3.

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ALC.C. minutes of ~~the~~ meeting held at Liguria Liaison Group on 3rd April. G.M.C.M. 11/4. H.S. 12/4

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ALC.C.

CSO minutes of weekly meeting held at Liguria Liaison Group on 10 April are at 29. G.M.C.M. 15/4. H.S. 16/4

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ALC.C.

Minutes of conference held at Liguria Liaison Group, are at 31. G.M.C.M. 27/4. H.S. 28/4

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ALC.C.

Minutes of weekly meeting Liguria Liaison Group are at 33. H.S. 115.

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on 20 March. G.M.C.M. 26/3.

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A.C.C. 30.

C.S.O. Minutes of weekly meeting held at Leguria
Liaison Group on 10 April are at 29. H.S. 16/4
G.M.C.M. 15/4

C.S.O. Ex Comm. 32
Minutes of conference held at Leguria Liaison
Group, on 12 April are at 31
G.M.C.M. 27/4 H.S. 28/4

H.S. 28/4

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C.S.O. Minutes of weekly meeting Leguria Liaison
Group are at 33. H.S. 15.
G.M.C.M. 30/4

H.S. 15

exo / *Super to refer to conflict about miners' passes.*

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D.P.C. R.S.C.

Please see minute 16 Nov S.A.C. of 13/3.

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TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.

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C.P. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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1/8 to with in reply to 16 of 13/3

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17 for info in reply to 16. 15/3

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Refer C.L.O. Sykes & Major Stewart to

become consistent

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OK Re 22, please see letter ab 21. 19/3

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(Miss Veige & her report)

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Director P.S. SIC
for Travel Control -

See in 85 above. H.S. 113

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To: C.S.O.

The statement by Miss Lange is entirely
erroneous. HQ SC1/2 have been contacted
and have agreed to inform their
organization in Liguria of the correct
facts.

J. L. Lee Capt

Next Ex Comm.

87 above in reply to SA Co 88 in info. H.S. 213
10 1/3 657.

At CO. Turner Colas to see. H.S. 413 1269

Error shown in H.S. 14 & 277.

H.S. 5-

Also H.S. 713

5-10

Please see folio 29 - future
action to be taken in file 584/EC
H.S. 6/3.

Next Ex Comm. H.S. 15

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facts.

J. L. Cox. call

Wet Ex Comm.

87 above in reply to ex Co 87 in info. H.S. 213
10 1/3. 651.

Mr. CO. Turner CBO 6 sec. 175/43 1269
Error shown in HQ/14 H 27 Feb.

OSG. H.S. 713 12/ Please see folio 12 - future
5-10 8/21/89. action to be taken on file 581/EC H.S. 4/3.

Wet Ex Comm. 15
Minutes of weekly meeting held in Legation on
20 Feb. are at 14. H.S. 7/3. H.S. 9/13

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~~WFO~~ to Comm -

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At 80 are the minutes of a meeting held in
CWO's office, Liguia Group on 13 Feb - they are not
of particular interest.

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Although this is called a Weekly
meeting we have no record of any previous report

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~~WFO~~ to Comm - 9/11/72

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At 80 & 83 are the minutes of the meeting held by
Liguia Group on 20 Feb. 66. I rather think these
meetings only began on the formation of the group.

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HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
LIGURIA

Ex Comm

APR 30 1946

MINUTES OF WEEKLY MEETING HELD AT THIS HEAD QUARTERS
ON 24th APRIL 1946 at 1100 hrs.

PRESENT :

Lt-Col. W. Turner-Coles & Staff	A.C.
Maj. Koenigsbert	U.N.R.R.A.
Mr. Wilkinson	U.N.R.R.A.
Miss M. Verge	S.C.I/Z

ABSENT ON DUTY :

M/Cdr P. Phillips	R.K.V.R.
Maj. F.P. Duffy	2 B.L.U.
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Following this telegram, the Action Committee discussed the communication and decided to wait a further week before definite action, which they indicate would be either to sail without authority, or mass suicides to focus attention of the world on their cause.

These facts have been separately reported to the various Authorities concerned.

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 Chief Liaison Officer.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
LIGURIA

MINUTES OF WEEKLY MEETING HELD AT THIS HEADQUARTERS
ON 17th APRIL 1946 at 1100 hrs.
APR 26 1946

- PRESENT :
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| Lt-Col W. Turner-Coles & Staff | A.C. |
| L/Cdr P. Phillips | R.N.V.R. |
| Mr. Wilkinson | U.N.R.R.A. |
| Miss M. Varga | S.C.I./Z |
| Maj. F.P. Duffy | 2 B.L.U. |
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| Capt. P. Hartley | D.P.R.S.O. |
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The situation is calm, pending decision as to their ultimate destination.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Major KATE (Public Safety) reported a case of 6 British sailors from the "FIDELITY" who were drunk in SAVONA causing damage to a Pillard Saloon and assaulted 33 Agents of Public Security, damaging their clothing.

They were later arrested by the Questura and handed over to the ship's Captain, who paid for the damage to the saloon and the cost of repairing the uniforms.

These facts have been forwarded to the British Consul General for information.

4. DEMONSTRATION.

A demonstration took place of employees of the Municipio in CASTEL 1265 GLIONE CHIAVARESE for the removal of certain employees with Fascist backgrounds. Order was restored.

5. HOLDUP.

The holdup of a motorcar containing four passengers, returning to GENOA from CAPALLO, at approximately 500 yds from the Road Block at NERVI, was reported.

The holdup was carried out by six masked youths armed with automatic weapons, who ordered the occupants out of the car, searched them, and released one of the passengers of 50,000 Lit.

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The case is being investigated.

5. CLANDESTINE CAS NOS.

C.L.O. reported that the Prefect had informed him that on instructions received from the Italian Govt, he had closed the Casino at PORTOFINO.

It is learned that clandestine casinos have now been opened in RAPALLO and BORDIGNERA.

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A report is being submitted to A.C.H.Q.

7. BAILEY BRIDGE.

Maj. DUFFY (2 BLU) reported that A.F.H.Q. had refused the recent request for the erection by Italian tps of a Bailey Bridge in the 15 km zone at AIROLE.

W. Turner-Coles

W. TURNER-COLES
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
LIGURIA

MINUTES OF WEEKLY MEETING HELD AT THIS HEADQUARTERS
ON 10th APRIL 1946 at 1100 hrs.

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PRESENT :

Lt-Col. W. Turner-Coles & Staff
L/Cdr. B. Phillips.
Mr. Wilkinson.

A.C.
R.N.V.R.
U.N.R.R.A.

Adj. Roenigsbert
Adj. A.J. Stewart
Miss. M. Verge
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Capt. P. Hartley
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85 P.S.S.

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The elections of 7 April 46 passed off with complete calm and without incidents.

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3. PETROL.

Capt. Lloyd Davies (Tpt) stated that the March allocation of petrol for LIGURIA had been released 30 March but for some unknown reason CIP GENOVA were not notified until late 3 April. A.N.P.B. have taken the necessary steps to put the matter in order.

4. LA SPEZIA - JEWISH REFUGEES.

An unauthorised convoy of Jews numbering 1,014 arrived at LA SPEZIA on the morning of 4 April. They proceeded into the harbour and some boarded the ship "FEDE", others remaining on the quay side.

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The refugees refused to move and threatened that if the O. i/o Naval Party attempted to move the ship other than in the direction of PALESTINE they would burn the ship. The Naval Party and Lighter returned to GENOVA.

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 Maj. A.J. Stewart
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On 8 April the refugees declared a Hunger Strike which to date continues.

These facts were communicated to Alcom H.Q. A.F.H.Q. 2 District 59 Area etc. A decision as to the disposal of the refugees is awaited.

The position remains calm.

5. REDUCI.

C.I.O. stated that the Prefect had informed him that there was an estimated number of 60,000 unemployed and Reduci in the Province.

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6. DISPLACED PERSONS.

74 Camp will be handed over to Mr. Wilkinson U.N.R.R.A. for the time being coming under North West Group, D.P.R.S.C.

7. AMERICAN MERCHANT SEAMEN.

4 days ago American Merchant Seamen in SAVONA who had been drinking in a Bar fired pistols into the air. They were arrested by the Questura, pistols confiscated and later returned to their ship.

The Capt. thanked the Questura for the action taken. A letter embodying the facts has been sent to the American Consul.



W. TURNER-COILES
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIEISON GROUP
LIGURIA
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MINUTES ON WEEKLY MEETING HELD AT THIS HEADQUARTERS ON
3rd APRIL, 1946 at 1100 hours.

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| PRESENT: | Lt-Col. W. Turner-Coles & Staff | A.C. |
| | L/Cdr. E. Phillips. | R.N. |
| | Maj. W.C. Duffy | 2 B.L.U. |
| | Mr. Wilkinson | U.N.R.R.A. |
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| | Capt. Oliver S.A. | 85 P.S.C. |
| | Miss M. Verga | S.O.M. |

1. Authority has been received for Capt. Tough (Pub. Safety) to proceed to U.N. on compassionate posting.

C.L.O. expressed his regret in losing Capt. Tough which was seconded by all.

2. ELECTIONS.

C.L.O. reported complete calm and no incidents.

3. LIFE AND LIES ON FRENCH FRONTIER.

C-1 Ops, 2 Dis. informed Major Kane that information relating to mines on French Frontier had been passed to Ministry of War in Rome.

Major Duffy is taking the matter up with the Italian Territorial Command.

4. REFUGEES.

Transportation to France. Lt. Richard French Lieison Officer, Displaced Persons has informed C.L.O. that the Camp at Nice will be closed in the immediate future and the Camp opened in Toulon. He report to Nice to make the necessary transport arrangements and will report further upon his return.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY.

Major Kane reports that on the 1st April, 1946, a bomb was placed by unknown persons outside the offices of the "Uomo Qualunque" in Genova. An explosion resulted which caused no damage.

Elections passed without incidents and no trouble is expected in the forth coming municipal elections.

6. RETRAIL.

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15 Maj. D.P. Duffy
16 Mr. Wilkinson

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6. GENERAL

Capt. Lloyd Davies (Tpt) stated that the allocation for Liguria, Piemonte and Lombardia for March had not been completed and C.L.P. state that their stocks would last only 24 hrs. The Ministero dei Trasporti stated that they could not operate for more than 48 hours, and to this effect a cable was sent to London, ROL.

Mr. Turner
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.
10/4/46
2 days before
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THIS HEADQUARTERS
ON 20th March, 1944 at 1100 hrs.

PRESENT:

Lt-Col. W. Turner-Coles & Staff.
L/Cdr. D. Phillips.
Maj. F.P. Duffy.
Capt. P. Hartley.
Capt. J. H. Fox.
Capt. C.A. Oliver

A.C.
R.N.
2 B.I.V.
D.P.R.S.C.
57 T.A.
15 P.S.S.
U.N.A.R.A.
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ABSENT:

Maj. L. Koehn, sbent.
Mins. L. Verpa.

1. PUBLIC SAFETY.

The situation generally is good.

Three minor outrages occurred last week.

a) VANDALISM - Bomb outrage causing some damage. No political significance, attributed to irresponsible youths.

b) LA SPEZIA - Bomb outrage causing little damage. Of no political significance.

c) LA SPEZIA - Offices of "Unione Italiana" raided on 17th March. Documents and records seized and destroyed.

A demonstration by Reduci which took place on 16 March, was disclaimed by their official Organ. 200 Reduci went to the Prefettura and returned after being promised that the question would be looked into. During the demonstration a tailor's shop was ransacked and bales of cloth One person who turned out to be a prominent member of the Italian Navy, and who was the head of the group of demonstrators) was arrested.

2. ELECTIONS.

Elections were held in a small number of Communes in Genova Province. They passed off entirely without incident.

3. NAVAL PILOTS.

Comdr. Phillips stated that owing to the shortage of Naval personnel, it was impossible for him to provide pilots.

4. B.I.S. GOODS FOR NAVY.

Town Major reported that he had contacted B.I.S. MILAN who were unaware of the existence of Naval personnel in GENOVA. Town Major to submit the etc. to B.I.S. MILAN immediately, when supplies will be made available.

5. PRISON EMPLOYEES.

Maj. Kane reported that the proposed reduction by the Italian Govt. of the wages of apprentice warders, was causing grave concern to Prison authorities. Public Safety is making a complete investigation of the position.

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6. RE UNRESTRICTED PROPERTY.

C.I.O. referred the Town Major to a request he had received from the Prefect for the demarcation of a Vehicle Park now used by the South African troops in GENOVA. The Park was required in connection with the "Salvino i Rimb" Campaign. The Town Major stated he would take the matter up.

7. DISCIPLINE - IL. MPS.

C.I.O. requested Maj. Dally (2 S.I.S.) to contact the Territorial General with a view to tightening up the discipline of the local Italian troops which in view of the recent disorders had given rise to considerable adverse criticism by the Italian population.

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Chief Liaison Officer.

R. J. Allen. (3)
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HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
LIGURIA

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MINUTES OF WEEKLY MEETING HELD AT THIS HEAD QUARTERS
ON 15th MARCH, 1946 at 1100 hours.

Present:

Id-Ocl. W. Turner-Coles and Staff.
Maj. L. Koenigsbert.
Maj. A. J. Stewart.
L/Odr. B. Phillips.
Cdr. P. Hartley.
Capt. J. H. Ray.

Absent:

Maj. P. P. Duffy.
Capt. G. A. Oliver.
Miss H. Verra.

A. C.
E. M. R. R. A.
D. P. R. S. C.
R. N.
D. P. R. S. C.
57 W. M.

2 E. I. N.
85 P. S. S.
S. O. I. Z.

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2. PROVINCIAL SEARCHES.

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D.P.R.S.C.
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57 T.M.

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A Colonel of Aviation i/c Mine Clearance had reported that explosive charges had been removed from 5 - 1 ton demolition charges. The matter had been referred to P.S.S. and investigations are proceeding.

The death of a R.A.F. rating is being investigated and a Naval Court of Enquiry will be held on Thursday 14th March 46.

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minor trouble was reported regarding the conduct of Naval personnel during the evenings in Genoa. I/Cdr. Phillips agreed to go into the question of providing picnics.

4. DIPLOMATIC PERSONS.

Maj. Stewart reported that an additional block had been obtained from the Italian Asylum Authorities in TURIN for refugee purposes. Extra accommodation in this Region will not now be needed.

It is anticipated that GENOA Camp will, in the near future, be turned over to UNRRA.

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C.I.C. reported that the question of transport by rail of both men to FRANCE has been somewhat delayed by the attitude of the Prefect of NICE, the only person who had raised any objection. C.I.C. indicated. Stewart hoped to see him in the near future and discuss latter rail.

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Maj. Koenigsberg stated that there was a lack-block of food in the Port. The matter of distribution has been taken up with the appropriate Italian authorities.

Capt. Lloyd Davies (Rpt) stated that it was hoped that the trans-shipment of goods from the Port of Genoa to Austria would cease with the unloading of the ship at present in the harbor.

6. D.I.S.

I/Cdr. Phillips stated that D.I.S. in MILAN had refused to issue supplies to Naval Personnel in GENOA. Their only other sources of supply were MILAN and TRIESTE. Capt. Ray (T.I.) said he would take up the question with MILAN immediately.

W. TURNER-COLES
Lt. Col.

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4. DEPORTED PERSONS.

Mr. Stewart reported that an additional block had been obtained from the Lunatic Asylum authorities in ULLIN for refugee surgeons. Extra accommodation in this region will not now be needed.

It is anticipated that GANQ Camp will, in the near future, be turned over to ULLIN.

300 people went to GANQ on the morning of the 15th March. This party consisted mainly of miners for Belgium. During the next few weeks numbers would be likely to drop considerably.

C. C. O. reported that the question of transport by rail of goods to GANQ has been somewhat delayed by the attitude of the Prefect in ULLIN, the only person who had raised any objection. C. C. O. and J. O. Stewart moved to see him in the near future and discuss matters fully.

Mr. Kane stated that the Port Liaison Officer had reported that a number of passes issued during the time of ... C. O. were still in circulation. A complete check of all Port Passes is to be carried out by the Guardia di Finanza with a view to cancelling all "out of date" passes.

5. FOOD.

Mr. Keenigsbert stated that there was a back-block of food in the Port. The matter of distribution has been taken up with the appropriate Italian authorities.

Gen. Lloyd Davies (Tol) stated that it was hoped that the trans-shipment of goods from the Port of Genoa to Austria would cease with the unloading of the ship at present in the harbour.

6. B.I.S.

Mr. Phillips stated that B.I.S. in ULLIN had refused to issue supplies to ULLIN personnel in GANQ. Their only other sources of supply were ULLIN and TRIESTE. Capt. Fry (T.I.) said he would take up the question with ULLIN immediately.

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Lt. Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.
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Ref. : 636/24/70

20 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian miners proceeding to Belgium.

TO : C.I.C. Liguria.

1. Reference minutes of the meeting held at your HQ on 27 February 1946, para 6 (b).

2. Displaced Persons and Repatriation S/C state that

"Major Stewart's remark that passes, issued in Rome for Italian miners to proceed to Belgium are not recognised in MILAN is not borne out by his statement in his report to this Headquarters for February. The relevant paragraph reads textually: - Owing to the large number of refugees for Belgium held by the NOVARA Camp the weekly intake and weekly convoys for Nice have been exceedingly heavy. On the convoy of the 23rd (i.e. February) 541 persons were transported, this being the largest single party to be repatriated over this route. It is anticipated that on the following weeks the numbers will be smaller -. "

3. Will you please urge Major Stewart to be more consistent in future.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM ON WEEKLY MEETING HELD AT THIS H.Q. ON 27th FEBRUARY 46
at 1100 hours.

- Present:- Lt. Col. W. Turner-Coles & Staff A.O.
Maj. G. H. Fleckie T.M. (Retiring)
Maj. E. E. Duffy 2 E.I.U.
Maj. L. Koenigsbert U.N.R.R.A.
Maj. A. J. Stewart D.F.R.S.C.
Capt. F. Hartley do.
Capt. J. E. Fay T.M. (New)
Miss. L. Varga S.C.I.E.
Absent:- Lt. Col. B. Phillips R.M.
Capt. C. A. Oliver B5 T.S.S.

1. COMMON.

Major Koenigsbert stated that the storage position was slightly easier from the U.N.R.R. point of view.

2. PERIOD.

Lt. Col. (Tpt) stated that instructions had been received that all local British Units would draw their petrol from the South African Unit in Genoa. S.C.I.E. petrol would be drawn and issued by this H.Q.

3. CIVILIAN TRAIN TO ROME.

Capt. Lloyd Davies L.O. (Tpt) reported that the civilian train to Rome had a compartment available to Allied Commission personnel. Maj. Koenigsbert requested permission for U.N.R.R.A. Officials to make use of this compartment, this was agreed. Capt. Lloyd Davies is responsible for the issue of tickets, to whom application should be made.

4. TRANS-ITALIAN FRONTIER.

Major Xane (Public Safety) stated that following the complaint of Displaced Persons Section that French Officers of the Repatriation Group were being stopped on the Italian side of the frontier, and that vehicles and baggage were being searched, a letter was received at this H.Q. from Lt. Richard, French Repatriations Officer bitterly protesting against this treatment and asking for a clarification of the status of all Allied Officers crossing the border.

Maj. Xane made enquiries to T.S.S. and S.C.I.E. who were only able to inform him that Italian Police were acting on their annual instructions. He therefore asked the Guardia di Finanza for their instructions on the matter and they forwarded him a copy of an order signed by Special Agent Androsovitch of the Allied Forces Frontier Control Section of San Remo, dated 27 Jan 46 which in effect stated that British and American Officers with proper documentation could pass without being searched out in the cases of French, Russian and Polish Officers etc., the search was obligatory.

Maj. Xane contacted Capt. Biggelli S.C.I.E. who stated that

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1. Maj. A.J. Stewart
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Maj. Kane contacted Capt. Nigrelli S.C.I./E who stated that these instructions had been rescinded on 5 Feb 46, which he then confirmed in writing. Maj. Kane stated he had since conveyed these instructions to the Guardia di Finanza.

At No.2 District Conference on 26 Feb 46 Maj. Kane brought up the matter with G.S.I. (E) for information as to the status of Allied Officers with regard to the stopping procedure. G.S.I. (E) was unable to give any useful information on the matter and is sending a letter to A.H.Q. for their ruling. In the meantime Allied Officers with proper documentation are passing through without search or hindrance.

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5. PUEBLO SALVO.

5. Maj. Kone reported a demonstration on 23 Feb 46 at TRIBONIA when fourteen persons invited the Vice Sindaco and his staff to leave the office as they were not suitable to fill their posts. The office was then locked up and the key given to the local Carabinieri. No violence ensued.

On 26th Feb at 1700 hrs. the Town Hall of BERRA RIGGO was entered by ten Communists and the Sindaco was forced to resign. He was then conducted to the frontier of the BERRA RIGGO Territory and allowed to go unharmd.

Maj. Duffy (2 B.L.U.) stated that he had informed the Carabinieri here that 16 motor cycles were ready for collection in PIACENZA. Nothing had been done to arrange collection and Maj. Kone agreed to take the matter up.

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Maj. A.J. Stewart (D.P.R.S.C.) reported that the 16,000 Jews who had been receiving UNRRA support now have to go into Camps for aid. Another Camp was essential either here or in Piemonte as all other Camps were full. Owing to the small number of Jews allowed to emigrate to Palestine at one time, the Camp would have to be kept on for some considerable time.

Maj. Stewart also reported the fact that a large number of Italians proceeding to BELGIUM to work in the mines were held. Passes had been issued in 1944 which have not been recognised in BELGIUM, thus the miners were in D.P.R.S.C. Camps.

C.L.O. referred to the transporting by rail of refugees to FRANCE, instead of the present method of road transport thus making considerable economy of petrol and tires. He had interviewed the French and Italian Officials at the border and ascertained that the trains could be got through without delay or difficulty, provided that two days notice could be given in advance to allow arrangements to be made to have Police and Customs Officers there. The refugees could then be dealt with and the train would be delayed not more than an hour.

7. GENERAL.

C.L.O. thanked the retiring Town Major (Maj. C.M. Blackie) for his assistance during his stay in GENOA and expressed regret at his departure. C.L.O. looked forward confidently to the same cooperation with the new Town Major (Capt. J.H. Day).

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Ref: 581/EC. ✓

6 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Franco-Italian Frontier.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-2 Section.

1. There seems to be some doubt in the minds of the local representatives of the SCI/Z as to the control of the Franco-Italian frontier in Liguria. Recently a representative of SCI/Z stated that that organization still had control of the frontier; she then altered her statement to read that the CIO had control of the frontier.

2. So far as I know neither organization has, or should have, control of the frontier. If this assumption is correct I should be glad if the local representatives could be so informed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: AC CIO, LIGURIA.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
C.M.F.

27th February, 1946.

REFERENCE: AC/14

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SUBJECT : Minutes of Weekly Meeting held on
20th FEBRUARY, 1946.

TO : All concerned.

1. Ref para 4, Sub-para IV, line 3, of above.

For "S.C.I/Z" read "C.I.C."

Amended.
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2. Owing to the absence of the C.L.C. on duty
on 6 March 46, the next meeting will take place on 1 March 46.

W. Turner-Coles

W. TURNER-COLES
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.

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LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
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Major F.E. Duffy		2 B.L.M.
Major L. Koenigsbert		U.M.R.M.A.
Major A.J. Stewart		D.P.R.S.D.
Capt. P. Hurley		ditto
Capt. C.A. Oliver		35 F.S.S.
Miss M. Verca		S.C.I./Z.

ABSENT:

L/Cdr. B. Phillips.
A.N.1. COTTON.

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2. PETROL.

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Capt. Oliver, F.C.S. reported that they had received frequent demands from various strange units for petrol. The C.I.O. referred to the relevant C.R.O. and said that units should carry sufficient petrol with them. In any case the route from Milan to Rome was through Bologna and Florence, and not through Genoa. Capt. Lloyd Davies said that no reply had been received from Brig. Matthews, 39 Area regarding petrol supplies. C.I.O. said he would take the matter up at once.

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Capt. Tough emphasized the seriousness of the French propaganda in the border area and stated that the French were doing a thorough job. The C.I.O. agreed but pointed out that this was a matter which had to be dealt with by higher authority. Major Stewart (D.I.R.S.C.) reported that the French Missions were being cut down in strength and in some instances withdrawn.

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REFUGEES & DISPLACED PERSONS.

C.L.O. stated that Maj. Stewart was taking up with Government Control re the movement of refugees by rail, thus saving patrol and tyres. C.L.O. had heard a report that there was a break in the line at Ventimiglia. Capt. Hartley replied that the line was passable but delay was likely to occur at Ventimiglia owing to the refugees having to pass through the Customs Guard there. C.L.O. was of the opinion that this could be done at Nice and Capt. Hartley agreed it might be arranged. Traffic to the west was not very heavy.

Maj. Stewart reported that Mr. Wilkinson had left Rome to commence taking over the Camp from Capt. Hartley. He had left a week ago but as yet had not reported here.

Capt. Hartley drew attention to the fact that D.F.R.S.O. officers when taking convoys to France are experiencing difficulty at the border. A report is being submitted. Maj. Koopman suggested that the Border Central should be informed of the special need for D.F.R.S.O. to cross the frontier.

Mrs. Verga (S.C.I./Z.) said that the situation was rather difficult as there were no longer Allied representatives at the Border. S.C.I./Z. still have control although they have no actual representative there. The matter was being taken up with A.E.H.Q. as there was some doubt as to who was in charge since Mr. Andrews' orders have been rescinded. Maj. Koopman asked that any new developments on the matter be reported to this H.Q. Capt. Fough (I.O.P.) saw no objection to vehicles being searched, as instructions had been given that all vehicles coming from France to Italy and vice versa should be searched.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY.

Maj. Kane stated that during the next few days there was the likelihood of a demonstration by RADICAL. They have given a 5 day ultimatum to the Prefect that unless promises of employment made by a recent visiting Minister (Nemi) were carried out, they would demonstrate on the 5th day (Thursday 21 Feb 46).

It was reported that 2 Communes in the Province of Genoa had commenced their own Polizia del Popolo. They worked from 9.30 p.m. to 5.30 a.m. and were armed. Further details were being obtained.

Maj. Duffy, 2 B.I.U. stated that he had a long report to render at the end of each month on Security to M.M.I.A. for transmission to C.R.Q. He has to rely to some extent on the local C.C.R. and Police organizations and has noted a meeting between himself and Major Kane, to which the C.L.O. agreed.

6. BLACK MARKET.

Maj. Kane reported that he had received information from the Guardia di Finanza that large quantities of food and cigarettes came from the Merchant Seamen into the Black Market at night time. When stopped the seamen invariably produced documents saying that the goods were for delivery

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Major Kane stated that during the next 200 days there was the likelihood of a concentration by REDUCI. They have given a 7 day ultimatum to the Perfect that unless promises of employment made by a recent visiting Minister (Nemmi) were carried out, they would evacuate. He stated on the 5th day (Thursday 21 Feb 46).

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Major Kane reported that he had received information from the Guardia di Finanza that large quantities of food and cigarettes came from the Merchant Seamen into the Black Market at night time. When stopped the seamen invariably produced documents saying that the goods were for delivery to a Military Unit in the town. The instance was quoted of a seaman being stopped with 36 pounds of coffee and 48 pounds of sugar. He sent a companion back to the ship and an Officer came along with a document saying that the goods were for delivery to a Military Unit in the town. C.I.O. said he would arrange to discuss the matter with W/Oar. Phillips to see if anything could be done from the Naval side, and also take it up with the American War Shipping Administration, N.W.A. representatives here together with British and American Consul Generals.

Major Kane stated that the Penicillin found on the Black Market here was without doubt coming from Leghorn.

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7. GENERAL.

Major Blacrie, Town Major of Genne reported that 17 Town Major had closed down in Alessio and he would now be responsible for the whole of Liguria Region. He further stated that he would be leaving Genne shortly and would be replaced by a 3rd class Town Major (Capt.) It had not been decided who would take over as C.O. Troops.

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ANALYSIS.

News was received after the close of the meeting that tankers had arrived in Naples with petrol and local G.I.P. have been authorised to release their present reserve stocks.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
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MINUTES OF WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY 1946 at 1100 hours.

PRESENT:-

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| Major G.M. Blackie | Town Major |
| Major F.P. Duffy | 2 D.L.U. |
| Major L. Koenigsbert | U.F.R.R.A. |
| L/Cdr B. Phillips | R.N. |
| Capt. C.A. Oliver | 85 F.S.S. |
| Capt. P. Hartley | A.C. D.B.R.C.O. |
| Miss M. Varga | S.C.I. Unit 2. |

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7. VIOLENCE.

Lt/Cdr. Phillips reported a considerable number of cases had occurred of British sailors being attacked and beaten up in GENOVA. The P.S. Liaison Officer will make enquiries, obtain statements and take the matter up with the local Police Authorities.

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8. TRANSPORT.

Capt. Lloyd-Davies reported that arrangements regarding the drawing of bulk petrol from Milan are still under discussion with Pet Seo and Comd. 59 Area. C.L.O. pointed out that Brig. Matthews had requested him to draw in bulk for various small units here in order to conserve transport. Capt. Lloyd-Davies was instructed to go into the matter and report at the next meeting.

Major Koenigsbent stated that UNRA are working on a scheme to fix a schedule of prices for the repair of all motor vehicles at specified garages. As soon as these arrangements are completed, Major Koenigsbent will notify all small units in order that advantage may be taken of reduced prices.

2. The meeting closed at 4450. The next meeting will take place at 1100 hrs on 20 Feb 46 at this H.Q.

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