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MID SHIFT MEAL  
JUNE, JULY 1946



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S. H.  
SUBJECT IS MIDSHIFT MEAL TO ITALIAN CIVILIAN WORKERS (REUR 4064 of 8 July 1946 and 4092 of 9 July) on conclusion of meeting (date not yet fixed) to be held at this HQ to discuss above subject, the draft proposals will be submitted to you for comment prior to their final publication.

Pointed out that Alcom, as a member of the Allied Forces Labour and Wages committee, obtains copies of agenda and minutes of all meetings held by the committee.

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11 July 1946

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes in Mid-Shift Meal.

JUL 11 1946

TO : Allied Force Headquarters  
APO 512, U. S. Army

Attention: Chief Administrative Officer

1. I have been informed through Mr. W. H. Braine, British Embassy, Chairman of the Allied Force Labor and Wage Committee, that changes in the mid-shift meal for Italian employees of the Allied Forces have been proposed by the Committee. It is my understanding that the changes would include a sharp reduction, if not the elimination of the bread component of the meal.

2. While Allied Commission did not participate directly in the proceedings which led to the recommendations, I do strongly urge that before any changes are decided upon I be consulted.

[S] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Copy of signal to AMER  
re above subject.cc: Mr. W. H. Braine, Labor Attache  
British Embassy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
ECONOMIC SECTION

REF: IS/

10 July 1946

JUL 11 1946

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes in Mid-Shift Meal

TO : Executive Commissioner  
Allied Commission

1. Attached hereto are the minutes of the Allied Force Labor and Wages Committee meeting of 27 June (See Minute 2), in which that Committee recommended a re-adjustment in the mid-shift meal to:

- (a) Italian civil employees of the Allied Forces;
- (b) Italian civil employees of contractors.

2. It will be noted that the Committee recommended a balanced adjustment rather than an abolition of the meal, and that the Committee suggested that contract labor be fed by contractors.

*Charles W. Walton*  
CHARLES W. WALTON  
Colonel, A.C.  
Acting Vice President

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS ATTENTION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

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9 JULY 1946

ROUTINE

PARA ONE HAVING BEEN INFORMED OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO CHANGE THE MID  
SHIFT MEAL FOR ITALIAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES I URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT  
BECOME ANY CHANGES ARE RECEIVED UPON THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER BE CONSULTED  
PD

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a/ CHARLES W. WALTON  
Colonel, AC  
Acting Vice President

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO  
CWD USA  
Asst. Adjutant

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS (ATTN: CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER)

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SUBJECT IS MID SHIFT MEAL TO ITALIAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES PD  
PARA ONE PD I HAVE LEARNED OF A RECENT RECOMMENDATION OF THE LABOR AND  
WAGES COMMITTEE THAT THE MID-SHIFT MEAL TO ITALIAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BE  
READJUSTED PD PARA TWO PD IT IS REGENTLY REQUESTED THAT THE PROPOSAL TO  
READJUST THIS MEAL BE REFERRED TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER BEFORE ANY FINAL  
ACTION IS TAKEN PD

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S/ C.W. WALTON  
Colonel, AC  
Acting Vice President

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CWO, USA, Asst. Adjt.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref. :

July 1946

SUBJECT: Midshift meal

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Because of the world shortage in cereals, the Labour and Wages Committee has considered the necessity for a change in the Midshift Meal.
2. Factors bearing on problem:
  - a) The m/s was prescribed by AFHQ and must be varied by the same authority.
  - b) The US Military Authorities raised the question to save the flour.
  - c) The bread rationing in England gave impetus to the problem.
  - d) The present m/s meal has a large component of bread.
3. The Labour and Wages Committee consider that a radical change in the meal will cause labour trouble and will have some political implications. Also they are aware of the practice of Italian employers in furnishing m/s meals. The Italian m/s meal commonly has a low flour component but is balanced by other items.
4. Recommendations of Labour and Wages Committee to G-5:
  - a) That the supplying services, G-4 (US) and S and T (Br) consider changing the meal by reducing the flour component and increasing other components.
  - b) That contractors be denied the right to draw m/s meals from the Allies for their labour.
5. Mr. Braine, from whom the above information was obtained, feels that an appropriate solution would be to make a balanced adjustment. He also feels that a radical adjustment of a. Complete abandonment of the m/s or b. ~~containing~~ the meal in its present form, will not be the best solution.
6. There are estimated to be about 65,000 Italian employees of the Armed Forces.

/s/ CHARLES W. WALTON  
Colonel, A.C.  
ACTING Vice President 786



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MR. BRAINE RANG AND SAID

Ref. : Midshift Meal.

1. Midshift meal imposed by A.F.H.Q. up to A.F.H.Q. to make any changes. .". AC. need not worry.

2. Labour & Wages Committee replied to A.F.H.Q. a week ago with recommendations.

BEING:

Bread ration for midshift meal be reduced and abolished PROVIDING satisfactory equivalent can be supplied; i.e. TASSOLI juice.

3. A.F.H.Q. have the matter in hand.



Extract from the Minutes of the SEVENTH Meeting of the  
Labour and Wages Committee, held on the 27th June 1946  
in the Conference Room of Labour Branch (Br) RAAC.

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MIDSHIFT AND OFFICE WORKER MEAL.

(2) Notwithstanding these reports, which were unanimously considered to reflect the general position, the Committee were of the opinion that the question of the reduction of consumption of flour, in view of the general world food shortage, was too serious to be answered merely in a negative fashion. They gave careful consideration to possible alternatives. They were informed that SEPRAI made special issues to employers, providing midshift meals in ordinary industry and that the cooking and preparations of such meals, to which workers normally brought their own bread contribution, resulted in a more attractive and satisfying meal than that provided by the Allied Forces. The Committee came to the conclusion that if the general midshift meal could be improved as regards other items, the bread component could be reduced or abolished without undue discontent or dissatisfaction, and they therefore recommended that A.F.H.Q. should request S. & T. and Base Quartermaster to make adequate proposals for the provision of a midshift meal at least up to the standard normally provided in Italian industry and containing no greater bread or pasta element than so provided; and the Committee unanimously agreed that if such provision could be made the bread element could be correspondingly reduced. They hoped due notice would be taken of their opinion that without such alternative provision a decision to reduce or abolish the bread element would cause large scale discontent.



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