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ISLAND LIASON COMMITTEE
EIGHT MEETINGTo be held at Region I Headquarters A. C. C.
10:00 Hours 5 May 1944AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Matters Arising.
3. Next Meeting.
4. Other Business.

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Held at Region I Headquarters ACC

1000 Hours 3 March 1944

Agenda

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1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Appointment of New Chairman.
4. Re-designation of Board as Island Liaison Committee.
5. Salvaged Cars for fishing industry.
6. Tax exemption for Government purchases.
7. Reception and distribution of refugees from Mainland.
8. Location of Italian Corps HQ and further Division if sent to Sicily.
9. Fixing of Civilian wages with particular reference to rates laid down by C-in-C Mediterranean for Civilian Naval employees.
10. Regulations for lighting on civilian vehicles.
11. Marking of vehicles on W.E. of ACC.
12. Application of Mambo Admin. Inst. No. 26 to Sicily.
13. Rehabilitation of Civilian Telegraph Service.
14. O.R.'s in streets of Palermo after 6 PM.
15. Next meeting
16. Other business.

Officers in attendance:(a) ACC Region I HQ

1. Major J. Chayton, E & S Division, Vice Chairman
2. Lt. Col. C.P. Bolick, TCUAFW Division
3. Major F.W. Gilbertson, Finance Division
4. Capt. L.S. Trevelyan (Communications)
5. Capt. W.M. Savin, (Welfare)
6. Lt. W.L. McGillough (Transportation)
7. Lt. Clarke (Displaced persons)
8. Lt. F.C.V. Hayward, Secretary.

(b) No. 1 District

1. Col. A.A. Curry, DDST
2. Col. V.A. Lindsay, CRE

(c) Island Base Section:

1. Lt. Col. R.W. Reuter

(d) Naval Operating Base:

1. Lt. H.A. Dudley

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(d) Naval Operating Base:

1. Lt. H.A. Ducey

In the absence of Lt. Col. Poletti the chair was taken by Major Chayton, Vice Chairman at 1000 hours.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

In connection with question of salaries paid to Civil Engineers Col. Lindsay stated that he still awaited the scheduled pay hour rates from Lt. Moffett. The Chairman replied that Lt. Moffett was unavoidably absent but he understood that Lt. Moffett was awaiting details from Col. Lindsay of the specific cases discussed at the ---

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previous meeting so that the facts could be presented to the Latin American Commission. The chairman added that Lt. Hester would be acquainted with Col. Lindsay's request. (Attn: Col. Lindsay C. Lt. Hester.)

3. Appointment of New Chairman:

It was unanimously agreed that Col. Hancock be appointed Chairman of the Committee in succession to Lt. Col. Hester who has transferred to the 1st Air Div.

4. Salvaged Cans for Fishing Industry:

The question was raised as to the possibility of No. 1 District collecting salvaged food cans to the fish canning industry in connection with the fish canning industry. It was pointed out that Island has been able to handle the canning of food, already sold, larger number of cans to the canning industry on the West side of the Island and the fish canning would be a valuable addition to the fishing food supply. Col. Gandy replied that the British Army did not use canned food to the same extent as the American Army and that they were not so suitable for the purpose as American cans. For health reasons No. 1 District incinerated all used food cans and buried them.

5. Tax Exemption for Government purposes:

Lt. Col. Hester referred to the Italian sales tax on purchases and suggested that this should not be applied to official purchases made by the Allied Forces.

Lt. Hester, Revenue Officer, AGO, Region I, explained that, under Italian law, on all purchases there was a government tax of 3%. Of this tax 2% was borne by the buyer and 1% by the seller. Under the present conditions AGO had not authority to reduce to 1% the tax, but in actual fact the taxes were not being paid. The question of additional taxes imposed by the Government had also to be considered.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the matter be considered by the financial advisers of No. 1 District, Lt. Col. AGO. Major Hester agreed in the meantime to arrange to the question submitted to the Italian Government with a view to the issue of a decree which would provide for purchases by Allied Forces from appropriated funds to be free from sales tax. (Attn: Lt. Hester.)

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Mr. Col. Taylor, exposed to the greatest danger for a number of years, and, however, that this would not be a matter of a great importance.

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issue of a decree which would provide for purchase by United States
from appropriated funds, to be free from sales tax. (Submitted to
Government).

Reconstitution of Federal as Federal Election Commission

It was agreed that the Board should be called the Island Liaison Committee in future to avoid confusion with the Allied Forces Liaison Committee (Sicily) Board.

2. Adoption and Disaffirmance of Adult and Child Marriages

1. Background and Summary of the Project. Mr. J. Distin had not been heard in 1961. Curry stated that he had consulted with regard to the project to bring refugees from the mainland. He pointed out that it involved many difficulties affecting the Army and it was essential that advance notice be given of any such project. He stated that assistance would, if possible, be given provided the request was made through channels. He stated that refugees should have no contact with the local population and that after identification and that there should be no talking or writing, particularly the Telerec-Mesina and Syracuse-Mesina roads.

It was agreed that a signal be sent to ACC stating No. 1 District's position and requesting that they should be consulted prior to action.

8. Location of Italian Camps etc.

Col. Curry stated that the British Command would like to put a new Italian Division at Tripoli and withdraw the Sabauda Division to the western side of the island. ACC raised no objection. Col. Curry stated that the American Army would be consulted on a matter.

9. Making of Divisional Maps

Col. Curry referred to Ad. Insp. No. 24 dealing with civil maps and suggested that it referred only to Italy and not Sicily. Although C.M. C. Mediterranean was already working on it and this matter was then in force on the island. He stated that it had been sent to C.M. C. an acting that the present rate in Sicily were working satisfactorily and should remain in force. It was agreed with this action.

It. Dudley stated that the U.S. Navy had not received a copy of the instructions but could not alter the present Sicilian notes which they consider satisfactory. Col. Curry added that he realized that it was a matter for the latest and was control committee of the ARPA (Sicily) board, but he had mentioned it as a matter of interest at a meeting where all the services were represented.

10. Regulations for Lighting of Civilian Airports

Col. Curry stated that No. 1 District are issuing new regulations dealing with lighting restrictions on Italian Army vehicles in Sicily. He called attention to the fact that civilian vehicles were travelling at night without any lighting restrictions and suggested that regulations be issued to put a stop to this practice.

The chairman replied that this was now a matter for Italian Government. The Public Safety Division of ACC would be formed and requested to take suitable action. (ATTACHED)

11. Marking of vehicles on 1.1. of ACC

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10. Regulations for Issuance of Civilian Tele. Mark Service

Col. Curry stated that No. 1 District has issued new regulations which will bring restrictions on Civilian Army vehicles in Italy. He called attention to the fact that Civilian vehicles were travelling at 11.15 without any 12-hour restrictions and that regulations be issued to give a stop to this practice.

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The chairman replied that this was now a matter of Italian Government. The Public Safety Division of AOC would be formed and requested to take suitable action. (XXXXXXXXXXXX)

11. Marking of Vehicles on 11.15. 11.15. 11.15.

Col. Curry raised the question of motor vehicles. Vehicles numbers which were being used by other than AOC personnel. He said that new CIL were distributing IDL to civilians. He also heard that AOC vehicles should be supplied from Army stocks but this could not be done until the AOC were given a definite W. He argued that this should be done as soon as possible.

(Lt. McMillan replied that no definite W. of AOC vehicles had yet been fixed and there was little likelihood of one in the near future. The chairman agreed that representations should be made to AOC HQ with a view to expediting the issue of the W. of vehicles for one region. (XXXXXXXXXXXX)

12. Application of Flaming Admin. Inst. No. 26 to Sicily:

The chairman reported that no reply on and subject had yet been received from AOC HQ.

13. Rehabilitation of Civilian Tele. Mark Service

Col. Curry stated that the CIO, No. 1 District had received message informing him that it is proposed to rehabilitate the

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civilian telegraph service. He suggested that as it is a matter which vitally affects both the British and American Armies, particularly from the security point of view, they should have been consulted. Capt. Trevelyan replied that ACC HQ had been asked if the telegraph service could be re-opened and they had replied in the affirmative. The CBO had been consulted and agreed.

After some discussion it was agreed that ACC HQ be informed that the military commanders for security reasons view with some concern the General's proposal to re-open the civilian telegraph service. No. 1 District and ILS consider that policy on this connection should be laid down by the C in C. ~~(xxxxxxTrevelyanxxxxxx)~~

14. O.L.'s in streets of Palermo after 6 P.M.

The chairman raised the question of O.L.'s being confined to barracks in Palermo after 6 P.M. He pointed out that at present they were not allowed out after this time without a pass, although in Catania they were free until 10 P.M.

Col. Curry replied that this was a matter for discussion between the Officers commanding the British and American Armies. Col. Curry agreed to take the matter up with Officer commanding U.S. Army in Region I. ~~(xxxxxxCurryxxxxxx)~~

15. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Island Liaison Committee will be held at 1000 hours, Friday 30 April 1944 at ACC, Region I HQs, Palermo.

16. Other Business:

There was no other business and the meeting terminated at 1200 hours.

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Lieutenant,
Secretary.

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16. Other Business:

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ISLAND CC ORIENTATION BOARD

FUTURE MEETING

HELD AT REGION I HEADQUARTERS A.C.G.

1000 HOURS 4 FEBRUARY 1944

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Allocation of potato crop.
4. Wheat Offals, Hay and Straw.
5. Food processing.
6. Sulphuric Acid supplies.
7. Functions of Italian ex prisoners of war attached to and working with British Corps of Military Police.
8. Unauthorized permits etc. given by junior AMG officials.
9. Enforcement of price regulations.
10. C.I.D.'s functions in new procedure of petrol distribution.
11. Salaries paid to Civil Engineers.
12. Next Meeting.
13. Other Business.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

(a) A.C.G. Region I HQ

1. Major J. Chayton, E & S Division, Vice Chairman.
2. Lt. Col. Jordan, Legal Division.
3. Lt. Col. R. Snook, Public Safety Division.
4. Lt. J.H. Moffitt, Labor Division.
5. Lt. F.C.V. Hayward, E & S Division, Secretary.

(b) AMHC, H.C.S.

1. Col. F.F. Norcross, C.E.

(c) No I District

1. Col. A.A. Curry, D.D.S.T.
2. Col. V.A. Lindsay, C.E.
3. Col. S.F. Garrot, A.
4. Lt. Col. G.R.G. Hart, Provost Services.

(d) Island Page Section

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(a) A.A.S. Region I HQ

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2. Lt. Col. Jordan, Legal Division.
3. Lt. Col. R. Snook, Public Safety Division.
4. Lt. J.H. Hoffitt, Labor Division.
5. Lt. F.C.V. Hayward, M & S Division, Secretary.

(b) AFHQ, H.Q.S.

1. Col. E.H. Norcross, C.E.

(c) No I District

1. Col. A.A. Curry, D.D.S.T.
2. Col. V.A. Lindsay, C.E.
3. Col. B.P. Garrat, A.
4. Lt. Col. G.H.G. Hart, Provost Services.

(d) Island Base Section

1. Lt. Col. C.L. Morris, C.E.
2. Major D.A. Dryer, Base Purchase
3. Capt. R.L. Eaton, Base Purchase.

(e) Naval Operating Base

1. Lieut. Dudley, Legal Officer.

In the absence of Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, the chair was taken by Major Chayton, Vice Chairman, at 1000 hours.

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1. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

2. Matters Arising.

In connection with the unauthorized wearing of Allied uniforms the Chairman explained that the necessary announcements had been made in the three Sicilian newspapers indicating that it was not only an offence against the Proclamations to wear items of military equipment but, in fact, to be in possession of them.

3. Allocation of Potato Crop.

The chairman pointed out that the question of the allocation of the potato crop was included in the next agenda of the Allied Forces Local Resources (Sicily) Board, Food Committee.

4. Wheat Offals, Hay and Straw.

Captain Eaton stated that I.D.S. were not interested in these commodities. Col. Curry reported that No I District had 1200 mules to feed and it was the Army practice to receive tenders for the supply of these foods except in the case of barley and that this practice must be followed. If the sample of wheat offals is good No I District are prepared to take all that is available at 200 lire per quintal. A sample was produced at the conclusion of the meeting.

5. Food Processing.

The chairman referred to 15,000 tins of sardines already manufactured at Trapani. Col. Curry stated that he considered it was a matter for the A.F.L.R. (S) Board to decide upon. The Army could not accept the sardines until their experts were satisfied with the pack and with the conditions under which they had been manufactured.

6. Sulphuric Acid Supplies.

It was agreed that this was a matter to be referred to the A.F.L.R. (S) Board.

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It was agreed that this was a matter to be referred to the A.R.I.R. (S) Board.

7. Functions of ex Italian Prisoners of War working with British C.I.F.'s.

Col. Garrat explained that No 1 District are short of Military Police and they have been using ex Prisoners of War as Police to work with the British C.I.F. It was anticipated that occasions might arise when it would become necessary for these additional police to arrest civilians. Prosecutions would however be conducted by the C.I.F. No 1 District had received a letter from A.K.C. Catania suggesting that the ex Prisoners of War were usurping the functions of the Carabinieri but Col. Garratt emphasized that this was not the intention. Col. Hart stated that they had been distributed as an addition to the strength of the Military Police and had been sworn in merely to give them power of arrest.

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Lt. Col. Snook replied that there was no objection to this course providing they were no insignia suggesting that they were members of the Carabinieri and that their activities were military in character. He pointed out that when the anticipated change in administration took place it was probable that a new aspect would arise and the question of the status of these police would have to be considered.

8. Unauthorized Permits by Junior A.G. Officials.

Col. Garrett referred to a number of cases where motor cars without licences had been stopped by the Military and the driver had produced a written permit by a junior A.G. official authorizing the use of the vehicle. The chairman replied that this might have been done in cases of emergency but it was not the usual practice. Lt. Col. Snook informed the Board that instructions had been issued to the Carabinieri and the Guestrs for all vehicles without licences to be requisitioned irrespective of the owner. This would provide a number of vehicles urgently needed by the police and would, it was hoped, considerably reduce the number of persons using motor fuel. Cars refused licences would be similarly taken, irrespective of condition and it was considered that this procedure would check the black market in motor car spare parts.

Col. Garrett stated that the old licences allowed too wide a scope for use and Lt. Col. Snook assured the Board that this defect had been remedied in the new licences.

9. Enforcement of Price Regulations.

Col. Garrett raised the question of what was being done to check rising prices. Col. Snook replied that A.P.G. had been active in the matter by instituting many prosecutions but this had only partially checked it.

Captain Eaton stated that the practice of the American Provost Marshal was to cause periodic inspections to be made of all shops and to place "Off Limits" signs in these checked excessive prices. Shops permitted to trade were re-visited from time to time and if it was found that prices or conditions were unsatisfactory they were placed "Off Limits".

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10 Functions of C.I.F.

Col. Curry referred to the newly formed Comitato Italo Petrol which was now dealing with the whole of the distribution of petroleum products for civilian requirements in Sicily. He suggested that a certain amount of help would be necessary in the first instance from A.I.G., I.P.S. and the District and the Board agreed that this would be given but confined to an advisory nature.

11. Salaries paid to Civil Engineers.

Col. Lindsay referred to the small salaries paid to Civil Engineers and the fact that in many instances they were getting little more than laborers working on the roads. He suggested that this state of affairs was detrimental to efficiency and should be remedied.

Lt. Wolcott replied that no rates had been fixed for the types of cases mentioned. Senior Officials of A.A.S.S. were also affected.

If more information could be given it could be referred to the Labor Sub-Commission of A.C.C.

The chairman suggested that it was a case for reference to A.D.C. as wages were frozen by Army orders except in those cases covered by subsequent general orders. No such order had been issued providing for increase in the specific cases referred to.

12. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 3rd March, 1944 at 1000 hours at Region I Headquarters, Palermo.

13. Other Business.

Col. Curry asked whether the Sports Club on Via Stabile could be made available for use of British Troops in the area as a place of recreation. It was at present being used as a billet for American personnel of A.M.G. The chairman promised to investigate this matter and to assist as far as he was able.

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