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REPORT FOR MAY 1944

1. For the last two months this Report has been a record of steady progress in many spheres, but nevertheless work for many assumed a routine character until such time as the Armies were again able to resume the offensive. Like the Armies we devoted the interim period to planning for a big advance. Fifth and Eighth Army AMG's were strengthened, and Region IV, now responsible for LAZIO, UMBRIA and the City of ROME, like Sleeping Beauty, was suddenly brought to life. The day when the Armies started their big attack, so long anticipated, was 11 May, and for the moment AMG teams with the Armies held the limelight.

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4. Next to the advance of the Armies harvesting prospects and organisation have received most attention. After long discussions the price of wheat was fixed at 1000 lire per quintal and it was announced in the Press and over the radio on 15 May by both A.C.C. and the Italian Government. Inevitably, there are localities where dissatisfaction is expressed over the price, but in reaching a decision factors of national importance had to be taken into consideration.

The word "Amassi", of evil association, is dropped and in its place comes "Granai del Popolo". Well conceived publicity is successfully establishing this phrase.

With the wholehearted co-operation of AAI and the Italian Army, the labor problem has been largely solved by the transference to the principal grain areas of 25,000 Italian troops for the period of the harvest, mostly from Sardinia.

5. 30 and 31 May were devoted to the third Regional Commissioners' Conference which revealed both progress and harmony. Harvesting received rightly more time and detailed discussion than any other topic, for its importance to the Allied cause and the welfare of the country up to the time the last grain of wheat is stored could not be too much emphasized.

The personnel ceiling of ACC/EMG having been fixed and attained (including allowance for future expansion) it is obvious that as new areas are brought under control established areas must release personnel. Naturally the first to feel this thinning out process are the Regions in Italian Government Territory, who have nevertheless cheerfully faced the prospect during the month of parting with a number of their key men.

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10. At a later meeting the Council affirmed a policy of war to the end against the Nazis and expressed its hope for a new world of international collaboration based on the principles of the Atlantic Charter and repeated its conviction that the Italian people had been betrayed and forced into a war against their interests and against their will. The Fascist invasions of other nations are deplored and, specifically, the Government looks to the early liberation of Albania.

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FINANCE.

11. The complete report of the Finance Sub-Commission receives the same circulation as this report. It is therefore proposed to present here only the salient points.
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Weather conditions have offset many of the handicaps resulting from the lack of fertilizers and materials, and second, that Italian farmers in spite of shortage of tools and work animals, and in spite of disruptions due to military activity, have gone ahead and planted the last inches of land and tended and cultivated the crops well.

25. Military installations, such as air fields, ordnance dumps and staging areas, cover a very appreciable portion of the farming land in Southern Italy. While there is considerable damage to growing crops and to agricultural facilities in some areas owing to the military necessity of taking over planted land or buildings, the military is giving splendid co-operation in this particular phase through the Commanding Generals of the Armies who have issued orders instructing that every care be taken in installations and in the requisitioning of facilities, that proper regard be given to areas and facilities which may be utilized for agriculture.

26. Crop reports on the acreage planted and the condition of the crop were collected from all Provinces and the preliminary forecast on 15 May was:-

Wheat	-	1,624,135	metric tons.
Barley	-	153,460	" "
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29. Fisheries. The 21 tonnara around the Sicilian Coasts are in full swing and part of the harvest is being shipped to Naples. The remainder is being sold on the local markets as fresh fish food or is being either canned in olive oil or salted. Several shipments of hamp cordage were made to Region V during the month. Reports from Sardinia indicate that there is a normal run of tuna fish. The heads of the Fisheries Division of the Agriculture Sub-Commission and of the Ministry of Agriculture made a complete survey on fishermen's needs in Region VII. Hamp cordage necessary to make and repair nets has been distributed to every fishing village from SALERNO to REGGIO CALABRIA. As soon as the material is made ready shipments will be made to fishing villages on the IONIAN Coast.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

30. Highways and Bridges. At the beginning of the month eight bridges on main highways were under constructions, and at the end of the month this number had risen to fifteen. Ten new bridges were under survey and design at the end of the month, or were being let out to contract. At the end of May heavy repairs of a major character were in hand on 158 miles of roads, mostly under contract, whilst normal repairs on 791 miles were similarly in hand, either by

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contract or under strengthened gangs of the "Cantoniari" (direct labour). In spite of abnormally heavy traffic throughout the northern Military Government territory, there was a marked improvement in road conditions during May, both as to foundations and surfacing. All roads coming under first priority (military) were in hand, except for certain delays occasioned by local shortages of bitumen, or transport. The total number of quarries operated rose during May from five to eight.

31. Electrical Division. Under the heading of control of electric power supplies, further meetings were held with officials of the Public Works Ministry regarding a more uniform application of the decree on electricity rationing. The rationing has given very marked and on the whole satisfactory results, with corresponding saving in coal consumption at thermal power stations, and conservation of the water held in storage at various high-level lakes and impounding reservoirs which furnish power to the numerous hydro-electric stations. The transfer of electricity generating plant from PALERMO (Sicily) to MATESE on the mainland was not found possible during the month, but will be completed in June.

LABOUR

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35. Railways. Whilst military control becomes less rigid in the south, in the north extended territory and preparations for further extension led to an increase in traffic to military railways. Arrangements were made for civilian mails to be conveyed twice weekly on the Naples - Bari military passenger train, and arrangements will shortly be completed to convey civilian mails over other parts of the service. Five additional passenger services have been introduced to meet civilian needs in the Naples - Salerno area.

36. The Coal Division has been placed under the Transportation Sub-Commission for the purpose of drawing up in conjunction with the Italian Government control organisation for handling and distribution of coal.

37. Road transportation problems have been considerably eased by the receipt of a quantity of tyres and tubes for trucks; more have been authorised and when received additional problems will be solved. The total number of trucks available to the end of the month for the transport of civilian supplies was 604. Re-allocations have had to be made to meet anticipated requirements consequent upon military operations.

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38. Shipping. The scheme for the control of auxiliary motor sailing vessels received the approval of all interested bodies and is now in operation. Further progress has been made in the registration of Italian schooners. Up to the present 489 vessels representing about 39,000 deadweight tons have been registered. Of these, 231 are each under 50 tons but over 20 tons deadweight. In addition, 55 motor vessels of 2250 deadweight tons in Sardinian ports are being registered. During the latter half of May, 99 schooner voyages were reported serving 35 ports and various Islands. The quantity of commercial cargo carried amounted to 7247 tons of which timber, 2227 tons, was the largest item, followed by 1312 tons of foodstuffs, fruit and fish. Wine cargoes are not included.

INTERIOR

39. The Royal Decree restoring Local Government in Italy is being made applicable to Military Government territory. Pools of Local Government officers of various grades are being constituted as a reserve for use where no suitable persons to replace the relieved officials can be found locally in recovered territory. Teams of officials have been sent forward to re-organise the devastated Frosinone and Littoria Provinces.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

45. The plans for moving Carabinieri into new territory as the Allies advance have worked smoothly. It has been reported on all sides that the Carabinieri have proved of the greatest assistance to Allied Forces in dealing with all civilian problems. It is interesting to note that the appearance of Carabinieri with the advancing troops has been enthusiastically welcomed by civilians.
46. Much closer relationship has been established between Provost and Public Safety Officers, with the object of maintaining direct contact between Allied Military Police and the Italian Police. Courses of lectures by Public Safety Officers are being given at Military Police Training Centres. The system of joint patrols by Allied and Italian Police is being extended.
47. The most serious case of counterfeiting yet discovered was at Palermo, where forged L. 1,000 Allied Military notes were being circulated. The printing press, tools and materials have been seized, 39 persons arrested and L. 42,000,000 recovered.

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48. The problem of overcrowding in civil prisons has been energetically tackled and the crisis has passed. All concerned now have a lively appreciation of the problem. The new Director of Prisons at the Ministry of Justice is forming a competent staff and a body of Inspectors.

49. The Military Security Services have reported that the additional restrictions imposed on the movement of civilians, which have thrown a good deal of work on AGC officers in the field, have proved of great value in checking the activities of enemy agents.

PUBLIC HEALTH

50. Smallpox. No further cases have occurred in Taranto, the disease in Naples is of a mild form. At 31 May 161 cases had been reported. There are no deaths.

Venereal. The decline of the V.D. rate continues. 2,000 hospital beds for infected prostitutes have now been provided in Italian Government territory. The Italian Government doctors and officials are co-operating well.

Malaria. ALI has made a considerable amount of Paris Green available for Regions. DDT Powder which proved of such value in Typhus Control is now proving of value in anti-malarial work, mixed with oil it is an effective larvicide, and mixed with kerosene or talc it is an effective destroyer of adult mosquito.

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PROPERTY CONTROL.

54. A decree has been passed revoking measures previously taken against the property of Allied - French Nationals. Local officials have accordingly been instructed by the Ministry of Finance to revoke orders for sequestration and to re-assign property to the owner or the Property Control Officer for the owner. Banks which had been acting as managers of sequestered properties will continue to manage them for their owner. The Bank managership is proving very satisfactory.

MONUMENTS & FINE ARTS

55. M.F.A. officers have been well forward and have entered captured positions with, or shortly after the capturing troops. The MAAF is granting every facility for co-operation to avoid inadvertent damage and to enable damage committed to be tabulated.

56. The following lists of protected monuments have been issued to forward troops :

Section 1	-	Sardinia and Sicily.
" 2	-	Apulia, Calabria, Campania and Lucania.
" 3	-	Abbruzzi and Lazio.
" 4	-	Le Marche, Tuscany and Umbria.

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57. A booklet on the preservation of Works of Art with a foreword by the C. in C. Mediterranean Theatre has been distributed to the troops.

COMMUNICATIONS

58. Telecommunications. No major changes have taken place in the telecommunications system. Detailed development has been in steady progress; in particular, the capacity of the telegraph circuits to Naples has been made adequate for the traffic with that city. The telephone circuits available for the Italian Government to Naples are inadequate, and an increase in these facilities has been requested of the military authorities.

59. Posts. Detailed improvements have included the provision of four mail services a week from Naples to Bari (in place of two a week), and an airmail service with Tripoli. The sequence and circumstances in which the resumption of postal finance services, advance postal services for P.O.W. mail, and normal postal services in newly occupied areas has been agreed and instructions issued.

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64. Medical. Yugo Slav and Italian civilians are being used to replace military personnel in the Medical Branch and several members of the Friends Ambulance Unit are now numbered amongst the staffs. Maglie Hospital still maintains a creditable military standard of efficiency. Both Leuca and Maglie hospitals are working to capacity and their bed-strength is being increased. The first course for training nurses was completed and of the original 30 who desired to be trained, 15 qualified. A second class of thirty has commenced training. There has been a mild epidemic of measles. Several cases of Whooping Cough and a few of Mumps and Scarlet Fever. Pulmonary Tuberculosis has also been shown to be fairly common. Most cases are absorbed into civilian sanatoriums. Red Cross personnel and Friends Ambulance Unit continued to render yeoman service.

65. Records Bureau. Approximately 31,500 persons have now been recorded. 1,050 enquiries have been booked out of which 375 definite answers have been received. Enquiries for Southern Italy are decreasing as certain results have been obtained and it has been stressed for some time now that the postal channels now available should be used. Enquiries are already coming in for areas nearer the old front line and it is estimated many more enquiries will come in shortly. The Foreign Relations Department of the British Red Cross have established a

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system whereby they accept enquiries from the American Red Cross, Allied Red Crosses, numerous Jewish organisations, and so on, which is an invaluable help in work of this character. The past months have proved beyond doubt the importance and immense psychological value of this work of handling enquiries and communications of displaced persons and this bureau has been able to co-operate with M.E.R.R.A. and other outside organisations fairly effectively.

66. Statistics. As at May 31 (unless otherwise stated) :

Refugee population in Camps and Hospitals	-	4,843
Reception during May (by ship)	-	2,895 +
Reception by means other than ship	-	10
Shipped to Mideast (Jews to Palestine)	-	571
Gross total shipped to Mideast to date	-	20,391

+ of which 911 were women and 1577 were children under 16 years.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

70. Early in the month an officer of the Commission's Public Relations Branch was attached to each of the Armies operating in the field, and these officers were in close touch in preparation for the active period expected. As a result contact was maintained with events and war correspondents and proper publicity was assured.

71. A number of items dealing with the work of ACC have been released to the press, the photographers attached to the Branch have covered stories of varied interest in the towns recently liberated, refugee camps and the forward areas generally.

72. The routine work was not neglected. Liaison with Sections, Branches, Boards and Regions was maintained, a particular feature being visits to Conferences and meetings held in the Regions. The weekly bulletin is proving increasingly useful and popular, especially in the southern Regions where authentic and up-to-date news permeates only slowly.

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Col. ALBRIGHT.

Regional Commissioners Conference.

AGENDA for Saturday
Meeting.

April 15th 1944.

1. Regional Control Matters.
(Executive Commissioner)

- (a) Security Control - Movement of Civilians.
- (b) Monthly Reports and Sitreps.
- (c) Dealing with correspondence in Regional and Provincial Headquarters.
- (d) Marriages with Italian civilian women.
- (e) Provision and distribution of Medical Supplies.
- (f) Unauthorised appointment of Liaison Officers.

2. Establishment Matters.
(Col. Albright and Col. Farren)

- ✓(a) Staffs of Regions in relation to ACC ceiling. *E. C. M.*
- ✓(b) Promotion of Officers. *A + F*
- ✓(c) Reports on Officers - in addition to regulation reports, report on the work and abilities of officers in their special fields. To be rendered quarterly, or on transfer.
- ✓(d) Promotion of EM/OR's.
- ✓(e) Deficiencies of Personnel in : (i) Clerks. *F*
(ii) Drivers.
- ✓(f) Surpluses of Personnel - General Duty NCO's and EM/OR's. *F + A*
- ✓(g) Use of Italian Military Personnel. *F*
- ✓(h) Visits of G-1 and G-4 representatives to Regions. *A*
- ✓(i) M.T. Maintenance. *A + F*
- ✓(j) Registration of Requisitioned vehicles. *A*
- ✓(k) Registration and authorisation of Essential Civilian Vehicles. *A*
- ✓(l) Friends Ambulance Unit - status of personnel. *F*

3. Harvesting, Amassing and Distribution of wheat crop 1944.
(Col. Adams, Col. Evans, Col. Legg, and Major Hartmann)

4. Refugees - Dispersal and Feeding.
(Lt. Col. Hulls)

5. De-fascistization in Regions.
(Col. Upjohn)

R.L.O's to attend.

6. Malaria Control.
(Col. P.F. Russell)

7. Road Haulage Organisation.
(Col. Adams, Col. Fitch)

8. Public 1852

8. Public Relations.
(Major Fielden)
 - (a) Curfew (P.W.B. Film Showings)
 - (b) Weekly Bulletin.
9. Coastwise and Inter-Regional Shipping.
(Col. Adams & Mr. Ian Campbell)
10. Social Welfare (Region III Order).
(Lt. Col. Poletti)
11. Promotion of Italian State Employees.
(Col. Henderson, Lt. Col. J. R. Smith)
12. Restoration of Post Office Services.
(Col. Henderson & Major Head)
13. Other business.

1630

1645

1715

NOTE ON ITEM 3

1. In order to keep imports of wheat to a minimum the maximum of home-grown wheat must be "amassed".
2. To effect this the following policy has been decided upon :
 - (a) Establishment of Committees of farmers and citizens in each Commune and under the supervision of the Provincial Inspectors of Agriculture for the purpose of screening statistics of wheat production, retention and amassing.
 - (b) Announcement on May 15, 1944, of firm price for wheat delivered to Amassi.
 - (c) Reduction of seed retention allowance to $1\frac{1}{2}$ quintals per hectare.
 - (d) Limitation of food retention allowance to farmers and their families and full time agricultural workers.

NOTE ON ITEM 8.9

1. All schooners under 300 tons are being registered.
2. Schooners can help to relieve railways.
3. All voyages will be controlled by one authority -- MEDCO Schooners Sub-Committee -- who will arrange for return cargoes.
4. Bidding, charter, loading.
Information^{on} the methods for these will be given, explained and discussed.

NOTE ON ITEM 1.12

Initial Restoration of Post Office Services.

1. Post Office services fall into three main categories:
 - (a) Miscellaneous services (Payment of teachers salaries, receipt of tax revenue etc.)
 - (b) Mails collection and delivery.
 - (c) Financial services (Money Orders, Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Current banking accounts).
2. Post Offices may be opened by GAO's for miscellaneous services as soon as required and practicable.
3. The basis for the restoration of mail services is set out in Executive Memorandum No.35 now in the press.
4. Financial Services.
 - (a) Experience shows that there is frequently a need for such services to be in operation before civil mail services are functioning.
 - (b) Both the Finance and the Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commissions are directly interested in the working of the financial services, the former in relation to expediency and financial backing, the latter for the actual operation.
 - (c) The number of Regional Postal Officers available in the past has not been sufficient to cope with the development of services, and the future position in this respect is not secure. As a result, the operating of financial services is necessarily, at the outset, being developed by different Finance Officers, on a Province by Province basis. Such a basis of development necessitates each officer concerned issuing 'ad hoc' instructions, and restricts effective co-ordination of policy and practice.
 - (d) The maintenance of these financial services depends amongst other things, upon
 - (i) the initial and continued availability of forms, Savings Bank books, Postal Bond sheets, etc, and
 - (ii) the provision - in advance of a normal mail service - of a means of communication for transmitting the cash, forms and advices concerned to Post Offices and/or the public.

NOTE ON ITEM 5 (CONT'D)

5. To meet those cases in which a Postal Officer will be available to deal with the restoration of all main services, sets of schedules are now being prepared detailing, as far as possible, the procedure to be followed at each of the various stages. The schedules will incorporate the A.C.C. and/or Italian Government's instructions which have been issued to date, in respect of services operating in the Postal Officer areas. The intention is that, as these officers become responsible for an additional part or complete province, they will hand to the Post Office Provincial Director a set of the schedules, and, at the appropriate stages, instruct him to proceed with the introduction of each service on the lines laid down.
6. The following points are for the consideration of the Conference:
 - (a) That all Regional Commissioners and SCAO's of Army AME accept a supply of the schedules, for the attention of the Postal or Finance Officer who will be responsible for the Post Office services.
 - (b) That R.C's keep the Administrative Section and Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission advised of developments.
 - (c) That, in setting up official communications for the transmission of forms (see para.4 (d) above), the eventual requirements for letter delivery services be kept in mind as far as possible, particularly in relation to Censorship and Security considerations.

NOTE ON ITEM 6

1. Malaria control is of vital importance to the Allied Military effort. The following points require consideration :
 - (a) Provincial anti-malaria Committees.
 - (b) Programmes of Control work.
 - (c) Labour available (civil and military).
 - (d) Transport problem.
 - (e) Equipment, larvacides and drugs.

NOTE ON ITEM 11

1. Applications have been received from Italian State employees regarding promotions that would have been made had there been no interruption of the regime, promotions considered to be due, promotions for efficiency and as rewards, etc.
2. Consideration is to be given to:
 - (a) The policy to be adopted.
 - (b) The rules to be followed.
 - (c) Procedure to be recommended.

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MINUTES

Regional Commission re Conference

Saturday, March 4th

0900 hrs.

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Presiding : Brigadier M.S. Lush.

PRESENT

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C. (Chairman) Executive Commissioner.	S.C.A.O. 5 Army AMG.
Brigadier General E.E. Hume	R.C. Region IV.
Brigadier M. Carr	R.C. Region VI.
Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C.	Dep. Exec. Commissioner.
Colonel N.E. Fiske	S.C.A.O. 5 Army AMG.
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" J.J. Albright	C.S.O. Econ. Section.
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" S.A. Fitch	Executive Officer (Br).
" R.H. Parren	Director, Displaced
" R.G. Kirkwood	Persons Sub-Com.
Lieut. Col. A.N. Hancock	R.C. Region I.
" G.H. McCaffrey	R.C. Region II.
" The Lord Forester	C.S. Region III.
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" T. Farley Smith	Staff, R.C. & M.G. Section.
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The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 0900 hrs.

Item No. 1.

Coordination of Road Transport with Regions.

Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission (Col. Fitch) explained the salient points of the proposed organisation for road haulage transport as issued to Regional Commissioners 11 Feb 44. Progress of plans was reported which included formation of Truck Unit of 80 trucks, and the availability of further 250 trucks. Of those allotted to Region II a total of 65 were now found to be unworthy. Arrangements have been made by Adm. Eob. ACMF to attach competent officers for the purpose of ensuring that all trucks assigned were put into roadworthy condition. Three officers had been detailed and would be attached for one month.

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Region I - organisation working. Additional trucks required to augment services. Number required 100.

Region II - little progress.

Region III - organisation ready to accept 50 trucks at once.

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Region II has the organisation S.I.T.A.

Region III has a similar organisation in C.A.N.

Region V has a number of contractors willing to form a pool in Foggia.

From this it appeared that the scheme could operate as soon as the necessary trucks became available.

Agreed that in A.M.T. territory, trucks should be turned over to R.Cs. and accounted for in the same way as A.P.A. lire, or any other commodity. On the turn-over of territory to the Italian Government the vehicles would also be turned over to the Italian Government on payment. Vehicles would then be turned over to contractors against receipt and guarantee of maintenance and upkeep.

Contractors to be paid allowance on distance according to tariff. R.C. Region I undertook to send to this H.Q. form of existing contract which has actually been used.

R.Cs. were asked to send in immediately their plan for freight charges and kilometrage allowance. It is appreciated that there will be differentiations and these will be coordinated at this H.Qs.

Deputy Executive Commissioner (Col. Fiske) took the opportunity to explain that A.F.H.Q. had ordered the return to the Italian Army of all Italian military equipment, especially transport vehicles. R.Cs. had been instructed to return all Italian military transport vehicles to the Italian Military authorities. Where this would vitally disorganize the existing transport system for civilian supply, or other works, R.Cs. were asked to state the case for each individual vehicle and then to submit to this H.Qs. without delay.

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Agreed that correspondence should not be addressed to officers in the Regions by name. The R.C. suggested that Heads of Sub-Commissions should remember that Regional Control existed even in Naples and that contacts should be effected through the Regional Commissioner.

C.S.O. Admin. Section (Lt.Col.Cripps) asked that correspondence from Regions to Sub-Commissions should be addressed to the Executive Commissioner, H.Q. A.C.C. and routed to the Sub-Commission concerned. Also agreed that communications from the Italian Government to Regions must be sent through H.Q. A.C.C.

Region IV - no objection with the same proviso as Region III. It was noted that as the H.Q. of Region IV would not when in operation be situated in the same town as the central H.Q. the question would not arise.

Region V - no objection. R.C. requested that any officer travelling in the Region should give advance notice of their probable arrival in order that arrangements for their feeding and accommodation might be made. Also requested that all contacts within the Region should be made either through the R.C. in the first instance, or that he should at least be informed of the intentions of the visiting officers.

Chairman instructed that an order to this effect should be published in the Daily Bulletin and repeated once a week until further notice.

Region VI -- no objections. Suggested that military communications relating to the Region be reported to R.C. Visitors to be instructed to carry blankets.

Item No. 32

The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Stansgate, Vice President Administrative Section, and representatives of Legal (Col. G. R. Upjohn), Interior (Lt. Col. R. A. B. Spicer), and Public Safety (Col. P. C. Kirk) Sub-Commissions joined the Conference.

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(c) Communications.

Col. Upjohn reminded the Conference that under the Armistice terms the Armed Forces of the Allies were allowed complete control of all communication systems. For that reason military authorities were within their rights in denying to the Italian Government the use of any tele-communication facilities.

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(d) Prostitution,

Col. Upjohn advised that the control of prostitution was a very delicate matter and any steps taken by R.Cs. should be fully coordinated with the Legal Sub-Commission.

(e) Review of Court Cases,

The Chairman said that it was incumbent upon R.Cs. to take a very active interest in the review of all Court cases within their Region. They should from time to time actually review cases themselves, especially those in which their own officers might be impugned, or against whom allegations might have been made, or might have subsequently been made. Col. Upjohn quoted cases.

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4. Over the next 6 weeks it was required that ,

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Region II " " 20,000

Region III " " 10,000 (District III were being pressed

to raise the ban on some of its closed areas).

Region VI (Sardinia) to take 10,000 if shipping could be arranged.

- (d) Feeding en route. The present arrangement was to put rations for 48 hours on the trains. This had not been entirely satisfactory, but would be continued. In addition, it was required to have feeding stations (soup kitchens) at 4 points (SALENO, PAOLI, CATANZARO and REGGIO) along the railway route. One meal per train of 700 people at each point.

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Equipment to be provided.

Organisation of team of workers was necessary, e.g. Mayor, doctor, priest and some women.

Stockpiles of food would have to be formed - initial supplies would be forthcoming.

- (e) Work required in camps and en route must be done by Italians up to 100%. Instructions and advice would be circulated to assist Provincial Officers in solving problems.

R.Cs. agreed to accept allotment and organise local help at feeding points and committees to deal with refugees in the communes. Subsequent local feeding problems would have to be dealt with by:

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Head of Sub-Commission (Col.Miric) asked to be kept informed, with as little delay as possible, on all unusual events in Regions, and Provinces. This was specially necessary to enable the requirements in CC.RR to be arbitrated on bread lines and an even balance maintained.

Pointed out that CC.RR is a national organisation and command responsibility was being resumed. There would be changes in local commands and transfers of individuals for various reasons. No attempt should be made to influence these changes or prevent them on grounds of "losing a good man", or the break up of pleasant associations.

Reasons for a protest against moves would need to be very substantial.

The question of supplies (excluding food) for CC.RR is being taken up by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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(h) Screening of Italian Officials.

Head of Security Branch (Col. Young) explained briefly the use of the "Scheda Personale" (copy attached) and how the screening scheme had been worked in Regions I & II. With modifications dictated by experience, a new form was being printed and would be brought into use in all Regions.

Chairman announced the formation of the Zanibone Committee and organization for the purge promulgated. Suggested that a member of the Committee should be co-opted on to the organization being formed in Region III. R.C. Region III declined to accept this without further examination.

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2. Agreed that Regional Commissioners may arrange movement between Regions.

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Item No. 5.

Distribution of Petrol Products.

Chairman introduced Lt.Col. King to explain the work of the Petroleum Section, A.C.M.F.

Region III - Control was difficult because registration was not completed before the turnover to the Italian Government. Brigadier Lush replied that the Government would doubtless now cooperate in this.

S.C.A.O. 5 Army : The material presented would have special reference to

Rome.

Agreed that returns on petrol supply bids be quarterly and not monthly.

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Item No. 6.Personnel and Transport Situation (Colonel Albright) - (See attached Schedule "A").

Col. Albright said that many shortages existed as a result of calls for personnel to be used in other theatres and operations. The ultimate prospect for this theater was approximately 1222 officers, equally divided between American and British, which was considerably below the previous authorized strength of more than 1400. It would, therefore, be impossible to have fixed establishments within Regions. Personnel must be posted where required. Ceilings will, however, be set up for Regions. Also, with this situation prevailing, all advancements of officers and CR/EM would be dealt with by JOC HQ, upon recommendation from the Regions and Sub-Commissions. It is hoped that Tables of Organization can be set up for enlisted men so that a fair distribution of grades might be maintained.

This shortage of personnel will make more imperative the fullest possible use of Italian personnel for cooks, waiters, drivers, etc. A detachment of Italian soldiers including an officer and JOC's was being set up to be trained as drivers, under supervision of American officers, who would be responsible for supervising the training and tests in order that the requirements of vehicle maintenance be observed. Italian typists must be used to the fullest extent within the limitations of security.

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Lt. Col. Spicer inquired if previous recommendations for advancement had been disregarded and was answered by the Brigadier that they had not.

Establishment Officer: on the assignment of Officers and EM/ORs, said that owing to the difficulties of location and mail, all permanent postings would be made by AOC H.Q. H.Q. must be notified of all moves of personnel within Sub-Commissions or Regions. The Armies might make requests for attachment of personnel by application to Regional Commissioners or to H.Q. after clearing through Regional Commissioners.

S.C.A.O. 5 Army: asked what is the status of the Rome Party until the formation of its Sub-Regions. Establishment Officer replied that in some cases their positions were not yet determined, but generally they would be attached to formations with which they were now working.

Agreed that Rome Party specialists may be summoned to meetings, if the specialists are notified through the Regional Commissioners.

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Establishment Officer; British vehicles are expected from NATOUSA for the Refugee and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions which could then return the vehicles borrowed from Region IV. The American T/E's were now approved and additional vehicles would be available as soon as they could be assembled. Interest Regions and Sub-Commissions should submit requests especially for trailers. In order that priorities might be determined, reasons for request should accompany. At present, Refugees and Displaced Persons have the first priority. A Pool would be set up to cover emergency demands; T/E's will not be fixed, Maintenance is to be handled by local units of other formations.

Region IV: asked for a reduction in personnel records and returns to prevent duplication. Consideration is promised.

S.C.4.0. 5 Army: said that EM/OR drivers were essential as Italians could not be used in the forward areas. Agreed that 5th and 8th Army must have priorities on personnel.

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A great deal of information is collected by this Sub-Commission and it is always available to other members of L.C.C. The correct use of channels through H.Q. should be observed, with special reference to contacting ministers of the Italian Government.

Item No. 8.

Liaison.

Lt.Col. Bowman introducing the subject as Chief Liaison Officer, ACC HQ., emphasised that the following points should be observed in liaison work:

1. Be sure the contact or request is necessary.
2. Make all original contacts through the Liaison Officer to ensure that the proper agency is reached, and that too many people do not initiate contacts.
3. Make requests specific, and only if justified.
4. Make the use of liaison two-way.

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Item No. 9.Medical Supplies.

Colonel Griffin said that help was requested from the Regions in collecting information upon which to base requisitions. Normally the operations of the Sub-Commissions would extend only down to the Regional level except in cases of emergency. The prices of supplies would be determined and notified to the interested persons. All possible aid should be given to restoring drug-making industries.

Item No. 10.Other Matters.

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1 March 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment

TO : All Regions, AMG Armies, and Sections, Sub-Commissions and Branches of HQ.

1. Present Position

a. The authorized strength of the 2675 (American) Regt., ACC is 829 Officers, 15 Warrant Officers and 1045 EM. Of these, 74 EM are detached on special duty, but still carried on the strength of the Regiment.

b. The authorized strength of AMGAC, the British Unit created by War Establishment No. NA/266/1 dated 6 January 1944 is 663 Officers and 1347 ORs.

c. On the strength of the above two units is borne the whole of the personnel allotted to ACC-AMG in Italy.

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Letter, dated 1 March 1944, Subject: Establishment (Cont'd)

3. Ranks and Promotion

a. The question of ranks and promotion will similarly be dealt with centrally by this HQ because it is not possible to lay down any fixed ranks for Officers or EM/OR in Regions since the total personnel will vary as territory is handed over and duties become supervisory on the one hand or operational duties increase under AMG on the other. Similarly, the volume of work in Sub-Commissions is not constant.

b. Recommendations for promotion of Officers (as to which separate instructions on the British side have been issued in Exec Memo No. 19) will therefore be submitted without regard to whether there is or is not a suitable assignment in a higher rank in the particular region, Sub-Commission, etc., in which the Officer being recommended happens to be serving at the time.

c. Instructions regarding the promotion of both EMs and ORs are being issued shortly.

For the Executive Commissioner:

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT
Colonel, Infantry
Establishment Officer

DISTRIBUTION:

All Regions

AMG 5 Army

AMG 8 Army

Sub-Commissions, Sections, Branches of Hq.

DATA

PROVINCIA

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

N.B. - Penalità severissime, di prigione e di ammenda sono previste per chiunque facesse delle dichiarazioni false nella presente scheda.

SCHEDA PERSONALE

SI DEVE rispondere a ogni domanda secondo le indicazioni
Every Question Must be Answered

1. Cognome _____ Nome _____ di _____
e _____ fu _____

a) Luogo di nascita _____ b) Data di nascita _____
Place of Birth Date of Birth

2. Indirizzo _____ a) Residenza permanente _____
Address Permanent Residence

3. a) Professione _____ b) Posizione attuale _____
Profession Present Position

c) Carica desiderata _____

4. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F. ? _____ a) Da quando ? _____
Were you a member of P. N. F. ? Since when ?

5. Appartenevate ad uno dei seguenti gruppi (SI o NO) : _____
Did you at any time belong to any of the following groups (Answer YES or NO).

a) Sansepolceristi _____ b) Squadristi _____ c) M. V. S. N. ? _____

d) Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio ? Indicate con un SI od un NO l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi :

If you belonged to the Milizia, in which of the following units did you serve ? (Answer YES or NO opposite unit giving the date).

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service)

(Specificare se servizio effettivo o nei quadri)
(Specify whether permanent or temporary Service)

Milizia ordinaria ? _____
Ordinary Milizia ? _____

Milizia Ferroviaria ? _____
Railroad Milizia ? _____

Milizia Postale ? _____
Postal Milizia ? _____

Milizia Portuale ? _____
Port Milizia ? _____

Milizia Forestale ? _____
Forest Milizia ? _____

c) Carica desiderata Position Desired	_____	Present Position	_____
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Milizia Ferroviaria? Railroad Milizia?	_____		_____
Milizia Postale? Postal Milizia?	_____		_____
Milizia Portuale? Port Milizia?	_____		_____
Milizia Forestale? Forest Milizia?	_____		_____
Milizia Stradale? Road Milizia?	_____		_____
Milizia Confinaria? Border Milizia?	_____		_____
Milizia Universitaria? University Milizia?	_____		_____
Milizia Antiaerea? Antiaircraft Milizia?	_____		_____
Milizia Artiglieria Marittima? Naval Artillery Milizia?	_____		_____
« Moschettieri del Duce »? The Duce's Musketeers?	_____		_____
Battaglioni « M »? « M » Battalions?	_____		_____
e) Se avete militato solo in tempo di guerra, siete entrato nella milizia da volontario o in seguito a regolare chiamata? If you served during the war only, did you volunteer or were you drafted?	_____		_____
6. Avete ricoperto una delle seguenti cariche nel Partito Fascista (rispondete SI o NO e indicate i periodi di servizio in ciascuna carica negli spazi rispondenti): Did you at any time hold any of the following positions in the Fascist Party? (Answer YES or NO giving the length of time of each).	_____		_____

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PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

- a) Segretario nel P. N. F.? _____
Secretary of the P. N. F.?
- b) Membro del Direttorio Nazionale? _____
Member of the National Council?
- c) Segretario Federale? _____
Federal Secretary?
- d) Membro del Direttorio Federale? _____
Member of Federal Council?
- e) Ispettore del Partito? _____
Inspector of the Party?
- f) Ispettore Federale? _____
Federal Inspector?
- g) Segretario Politico di un Fascio? _____
Political Secretary of a Fascio?
- h) Fiduciario di un Gruppo Regionale? _____
Fiduciary of a Regional Group?
- i) Membro di un Gruppo Regionale? _____
Member of the Regional Group?
- j) Capo-settore? _____
Chief of a Sector?
- k) Capo-nucleo? _____
Chief of a Group?
- l) Una posizione autorevole nella G.I.L.? _____
An authoritative position in the G.I.L.?
- m) Una posizione autorevole nel G.U.F.? _____
An authoritative position in the G.U.F.?
- n) Una posizione autorevole nei Fasci Femminili? _____
An authoritative position in the women's Fasci?
- o) Qualche altra carica nel Partito? _____
Some other position in the Party?

Quale?
What?7. Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell' OVRA? _____
*Were you at any time a member of the OVRA?*Quando?
When?8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico dei CC. RR.? _____
*Were you a member of the Political Office of the CC. RR.?*Quando?
When?9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico di P. S. _____
*Were you a member of the Political Office of the P. S.?*Quando?
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Were you at any time a functionary in any of the following organizations?

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Quale ?
What ?

7. Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell' OVRA ?
Were you at any time a member of the OVRA ?

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Were you a member of the Political Office of the CC. RR. ?

9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico di P. S. ?
Were you a member of the Political Office of the P. S. ?

10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni ?
Were you at any time a functionary in any of the following organizations ?

a) in una Corporazione ?
In a Corporation ?

Quale ?
Which One ?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

b) In una unione sindacale ?
In a syndical Union ?

Quale ?
Which One ?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

c) In un Consorzio Agrario ?
In a « Consorzio Agrario » ?

Quale ?
Which One ?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

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Length of Service

d) In qualche altra organizzazione corporativa

o sindacale?

In some other Corporate or Syndical organization?

Quale?

Which One?

Denominazione della carica

Nature of Work Done

11. Indicate le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue:

Give the National, Provincial or Communal, governmental or parastatal positions held by you since 1921.

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO

Name of the Institute

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

Length of Service

MODO DI ASSUNZIONE

How Acquired

12. Indicate le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:

Show the principal sources of income during the Fascist Regime:

FONTI

Source of Income

MEDIA ANNUALE

Yearly Average

INTROITO DEL 1942

Income in 1942

13. Avete prestato servizio militare?

Have you rendered military service?

b) Quando?

When?

a) In quale arma?

What branch?

c) Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente?

Last rank?

d) Dove avete prestato servizio?

Where did you serve?

e) Siete stato «volontario» nella guerra civile Spagnola?

Were you a «volunteer» in the Spanish Civil war?

f) Siete stato «volontario» nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale?

Were you a «volunteer» in the Ethiopian Campaign?

Della campagna in Russia?

Russian campaign?

Del Nord Africa?

North African campaign?

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What branch ? |
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When ? | c) Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente ?
Last rank ? |
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North African campaign ? |
| Della campagna in Russia ?
Russian campaign ? | |
| g) Avete goduto di qualche esonero dal servizio militare ?
Were you deferred from Military Service ? | |
| Per qual motivo ?
Why ? | |

14. Avete fatto parte dal 1922 in poi di qualche organizzazione politica diversa del Partito Fascista ?
Have you belonged to any political party other than the Fascist Party since 1922 ?
- Nome dell' organizzazione :
Name of the Party or Organization ?
- Periodo di appartenenza ?
How long were you a member ?

10 Dichiaro sinceramente e solennemente che tutto quanto ho affermato è vero.
I solemnly swear that all I have said is true.

Firma Signed	Testimone Witness	Data Date
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

*INC
File*

7 February 1944

STAFF MEETING

Brig. E. Gueterbock	Chief of Staff
Col. N. N. Fiske	O. S. & I.
✓ Col. R. B. Rathbone	Executive Officer
Col. A. E. Young	Security Intelligence
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough	Adjutant General
Lt. Col. C. G. W. Earnshaw	Hq Commandant
Lt. Col. E. A. Purgold	G-1
Maj. W. B. Drifffield-White	O. S. & I.
Maj. W. F. Scoggins	G-4
Capt. M. Hay	Economic Directorate

The meeting was convened at 0930 hours.

Message Center: Titles are:

Secretary General to General MacFarlane
Chief Assistants to Vice-Presidents

Stores to Italian Armed Forces:

Accountancy to be co-ordinated by Land Force Sub-Commission.

Accommodation:

Hq Commandant to be notified on further arrivals of
officers as peak figure is now being reached.

P.O.W. D.P. & Refugee Sub-Commissions:

Negotiations proceeding as to re-assignments. Displaced
Persons to receive supplies as at first stated.
supplies

The meeting adjourned 0955 hours.

E. Gueterbock
for
E. GUETERBOCK
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

3 February 1944

Brig. E. Gueterbock	Chief of Staff	Lt.Col. E. L. Glough	Adjutant General
Col. D. S. Adams	Economic Directorate	Lt.Col. C.G.W. Barnshaw	Hq. Commandant
/Col. J. J. Albright)	Executive Officers	Lt.Col. F. A. Furgola	G-1
Col. R. B. Rathbone)		Maj. W. P. Scoggins	G-4
Col. A. L. Young	Security Intelligence		

The meeting was convened at 0930 hours.

Salerno

Ceremonial guard to be abolished.

Salerno Visitors

Officers desiring meals at Salerno are to notify Hq. Commandant Salerno at long a notice as possible. Food will not be available for them unless this is done.

Internal Security

Security of Headquarters to be in hands of Hq. Commandant. Security Officer to be appointed. Carabinieri to guard General MacFarlane's residence at Salerno. Guards to be mounted from office staff at Naples.

Telephones

Order to be issued restricting conversation with operator. "Information" answers all queries.

Paper

Enquiry into further economies of paper supply.

Staff Meeting

In future to be taken by Establishment Officer. Operating sections and telecomms to send representatives.

Conference Room

Reservations - Extension 44.

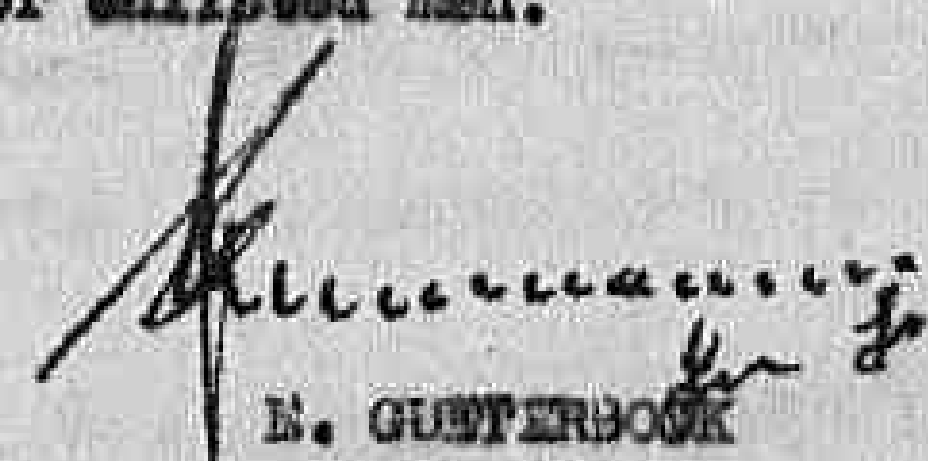
Transportation

Further vehicles arrived. Assignments being enquired into.

Post Office

Only part contracted for. Suggested quarters for enlisted men.

The meeting was adjourned at 1020 hours.


E. GUETERBOCK
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

30 January 1944

Brig. E. Gueterbock	Chief of Staff	Lt.Col. L. R. Daines	Secy-Intelligence
Col. D. S. Adams	Econ. Directorate	Lt.Col. C.G. Barnes	Hq. Commandant
Col. J. J. Albright	Executive Officers	Lt.Col. F. A. Furgold	G-1
Col. R. B. Hathorn		Maj. W. Driffield-White	G. S. & T.
Lt.Col. W. J. Bentley	Communications	Maj. V. P. Scoggins	G-4
Lt.Col. E. L. Clough	Adj. General	Capt. H. Ray	Comms.

The meeting convened at 0930 hours.

Brindisi-Salerno

Move to start today. Two separate organisations Naples-Salerno coordinated by Executive Officers, G-1, and G-4 who are responsible for both places.

Communications

Brindisi and Salerno with wireless stations. Teleprints installed both at Salerno and PEG, Naples. Two circuits direct Salerno one to Bari, which can be interrupted for Salerno. Necessity for quick communication with Algiers. Suggested signals from Salerno for certain priorities. Orders to be issued.

Correspondence and Cables

Necessity for the Chief Commissioner's correspondence to be coordinated. Outgoing correspondence without personal markings to go through aural channels.

Originating section responsible for internal distribution as well as external. Direction to be shown "copy to".

Cable Addresses - Revised list to be issued.

Telephone Directory - To be issued.

Cables - G-1

- "For Action" personnel cables to G-1. "Information" to other people concerned.

For Action - To be agreed on both sides. In doubt consult.

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Major Driffield-White returned. Report to be issued. Commission to be at Naples not Salerno.

Hq. Commandant

Motorcycles without drivers but only one car. Effort to raise more transport.

Salerno Courier - To report to dispatcher for passengers. Car to be provided. Increasing passenger demands.

Parking - Abolished in front of building. Four car space allotted between Post Office and this building.

S.E.E.R.E.T

Mr. Commandant Salerno - Taking over as from 1 February.

Mr. Commandant Naples - Desire to release Col. Barnshaw from duties.

The meeting was adjourned at 1020 hours.

[Signature]
for
E. GUETERBOCK
Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

27 January 1944

Brig. E. Gusterbock	Chief of Staff	Lt.Col. G.C.W. Sarnshaw	AD Commandant
Col. E. M. Spofford	Deputy C of S	Lt.Col. F. A. Furgold	G-1
Col. R. R. Adams	Recon. Directorate	Major T. H. Jennings	G-2
Col. J. J. Albright	Executive Officers	Capt. W. Hey	Comms.
✓ Col. R. A. Rathbone		Capt. E. Talbot	O. S. & I.

*Full
in presence of
Conf. Col. Rathbone*

MM

Meeting was convened at 0930 hours.

Organisation

General MacFarlane and Staff. Administration: Lord Stanagete. Economics and Finance (to include Transportation and Shipping): Mr. Grady.

Advisory Council

To live in Naples. FLAMEO to provide accommodation. Political Section to Mass. W/A approved.

Chief of Staff

Brig. Lush to take over duties.

Secretary General

To be created.

Handover

Consultations now with regard to handover of Regions 1 and 2.

Naples-Salerno Personnel

Re-allocation of personnel. No great changes.

Personnel: Sub-Commissions

Sub-Commissions to ensure that present staff is fully employed before requesting increase.

Displaced Persons & P.O.W. Sub-Commissions

Amalgamation approved by C. in C. Awaiting final confirmation. 50 officers, 280 em/or to spare from P.O.W. Col. Kirkwood handling 15,000 foreign and a mass of Italian refugees. Lt. Col. MacFarlane at Salerno as link with Col. Kirkwood and Headquarters. Future dispositions of Col. Kirkwood unknown.

Regional Plans

Revision of Regional boundaries in hand. Separate AMG regions to be abolished. Italian Government to extend to 5th and 6th Army boundaries. Maps to be produced.

Archives

History of A.C.C. being written by Capt. Ellis. Major Fielden dealing with Brindisi history. Lord Rennell writing A.M.C.

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Assignment Board

Two to be set up. Preliminary investigation and final decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 1015 hours.

E. Gueterbock

E. GUETERBOCK
Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

16 Jan 44

Brig. E. Gueterbock	Chief of Staff	Lt.Col. F. A. Furgold	G-1
Col. E. M. Spofford	Deputy C of S	Maj. W. Drifffield White	G.S. & I.
✓ Col. R. R. Rathbone	Executive Officer	Maj. T. F. Hazard	G-4
Lt.Col. E. L. Clough	Adjutant General	Maj. J. B. Thompson	Neon.Direct.
Lt.Col. R. R. Gripps	Admin.Direstorate	Capt. M. Hay	Comms.
Lt.Col. L. R. Daines	Secy Intelligence	Capt. P. E. Negretti	Hq. Comm.

Meeting was convened at 0930 hours.

Heads of Sub-Commissions

Decision pending whether they be at Salerno or Naples. Local composition changed.

Officers' Accommodation

Three villas held for senior officers, one functioning only. Completion to be expedited owing to congestion and frequency of visiting bodies.

Advisory Council Accommodation

An officer to be appointed responsible from shipping Sub-Commission.

Red Cross Supplies

Movement proceeding satisfactorily under Committee with Col. Spofford in the chair, Brig. Parkinson and Col. Cheyne.

Transport

Algiers' opinion to raise Italian drivers. Matouza required specified T/O or W/E which Transport Platoon would fit. Executive Officers to enquire.

Rome Planning Personnel.

Matter under control of G-1 and Col. Spofford. Limit reached in our resources. Suggestion that Region IV supply their personnel needs. Occasional overriding orders received from FREEDOM. Region V denuded to supply Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Captain Stone to be consulted.

EMFOR

Suggestion that they be transferred in proportion to the number of officers.

Shipping Sub-Commission

Change over now effected.

Palermo

To be closed as soon as accommodation ready here. Personnel to be moved to Salerno as soon as possible - forty-eight hour notice only required. Thirty-five can be placed immediately.

Maples Passes

Report received that AMG Provincia Building passes not accepted by authorities. Assurance that all was in order but enquiry would be made.

Transportation

Growing demands by C.F.O. was causing concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 1015 hours.

K. Macnamara Jr.
for
E. CUNTERBOOK
Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

S.I.C.S.-T

**STAFF MEETING
MINUTES**

*File "Minutes of
20 Jan 44 Meetings"*

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Col. E. M. Spofford	Deputy C of S	Lt.Col. R. R. Gripps	Admin. Direct.
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Col. A. E. Young		Maj. T. P. Hazard	G-4
		Capt. M. Hay	Comm.

The meeting convened at 0930 hours.

It was again emphasised that in view of the present situation changes, if made, were to be as few as possible.

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

An order to be issued that it is H. Brindisi, with detachment at Salerno.

Messages Incoming

To be marked with full list of addresses for action, for information. Request to P.B.S.

Establishment Ceilings

Already laid down in preparation of handover to Italian Government. Regional chiefs to be consulted and to discuss with Sub-Commissions concerned. Lord Stenogate and Mr. Grady in agreement on AND turnover to ACC and would be referred to.

Mail

Irregularities reported. Improvement generally acknowledged.

Passes Passes

New passes now in issue, old passes obsolete.

HQ. Commandant.

S.O.P.

To be issued with regard to matters pertaining to HQ. Commandant.

Officers Messes

Sta. Brigida opening on 24 Jan. No small messes permitted without permission of Executive Officers.

Billetting

Officers living at the Toledo and Via Medina to be transferred on a voluntary basis to the Volturmo. Space available for 100.

Office Space

Twenty offices now vacant.

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Motor Pool

Closer liaison with Q-6, and another working reported.

Dispensary

Doctor now returned, leave continuing for a week to enable work to be brought to date.

Telego Hotel

Now heated. Fuel oil available.

Communications Salerno

Teleprint now functioning. Direct line operating. Intention to relieve military switchboard at Salerno.

Transport - Regions

Revision of demands on change over.

The meeting was adjourned at 1015 hours.

W. Gueterbock
for
W. GUETERBOCK
Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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STAFF MEETING MINUTES

16 Jan 44

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Three villas held for senior officers, one functioning only. Completion to be expedited owing to congestion and frequency of visiting bodies.

Advisory Council Accommodation

An officer to be appointed responsible from shipping Sub-Commission.

Red Cross Supplies

Movement proceeding satisfactorily under Committee with Col. Spofford in the chair, Brig. Parkinson and Col. Cheyne.

Transport

Algiers' opinion to raise Italian drivers. Matousa required specified T/O or W/E which Transport Platoon would fit. Executive Officers to enquire.

Rome Planning Personnel.

Matter under control of G-1 and Col. Spofford. Limit reached in our resources. Suggestion that Region IV supply their personnel needs. Occasional overriding orders received from FREEDOM. Region V denuded to supply Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Captain Stone to be consulted.

ENFOR

Suggestion that they be transferred in proportion to the number of officers.

Shipping Sub-Commission

Change over now effected.

Salerno

To be closed as soon as accommodation ready here. Personnel to be moved to Salerno as soon as possible - forty-eight hour notice only required. Thirty-five can be placed immediately. 1830

Our file

Maples Passes

Report received that AMC Province Building passes not accepted by authorities. Assurance that all was in order but enquiry would be made.

Transportation

Growing demands by C.R.C. was causing concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 1015 hours.

[Signature]
for
E. GUSTERSON
Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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STAFF CONFERENCE
MINUTES

13 January 1943

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Lt. Col. F. A. Purgold, G-1
Major W. Driffield-White, O.S. & I.
Major T. P. Hazard, G-4
Capt. M. Hay, Comms.

Meeting was convened at 0900 hours.

Staff Conferences.

To be convened in future at 0930 hours.

Staffs.

Staff Officers and Sub-Commission personnel situation was being reviewed.

Regimental Headquarters.

Arrival in Naples postponed owing to freezing of prospective accommodation. It was hoped that they would be in Italy.

A.G.C. Basis.

To be reached before take over by Italian Government.

Red Cross Supplies

Reported in Naples some three weeks. Local authorities failed to distribute. Committee to be formed with high transport priority. A possible matter for Public Health and Medical Warehouse Committee. 15th Army Group, to be tied into existing sub-commissions.

Coal Distribution.

Discussions now initiated.

Staffs.

6-1 Shortage of typists persisting. Civilian supply exhausted. Suggested Italian clerk platoon. Brig. Duheane to be asked. Wire to be sent to AFHQ to appraise them of situation in view of recent requests. Platoon of W.A.A.C.s already asked for. Mobility necessary. G-1 to telephone Brindisi. Proportion and supply unknown. Typewriter situation satisfactory.

Fuel.

Available now for Headquarters and officers' billets.

Palermo Transport

Now in pool.

Economic and Political Directorates.

Matters to be referred. Incorporation postponed until take over.

Intelligence Committee.

Not functioning awaiting the assignment of members of the various sections.

Italian Prisoners of War.

All correspondence to Interior Sub-Commission. Special officer to be detailed.

Military Section.

Lt. Col. G. W. Quinn Smith to be sent to Brindisi on departure of Brig. General Taylor.

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Naples Operations.

Sub-Commissions were reminded that they were not to operate in Naples and were in no way responsible for what happened in the city.

Accommodation.

It was reported that a college was vacant with room for offices, mess, and sleeping quarters for 100 officers and 200 clerks. A mess was available behind the Municipio and could be completed in a week for 150 people. Villa, bed, and furniture situation was satisfactory but office furniture was still difficult. The Volturmo and Post Office buildings would be finished by the end of the month when the Palermo party should have arrived. Castellammare was being explored by Major Scoggins for further accommodation. Limit of 150 officers in the Economic & Administrative Section for Naples-Salerno, this figure not to include those assigned to FLAMBO and those in the field.

Fixtures.

Permanent a matter for engineers, moveable for G-4. It was reported that electric heaters were impracticable at SALERNO in the Palace of Justice.

Transport.

Pool was reported on and personal assignments limited. Organization of Italian truck companies was suggested as Italian drivers were not to drive military vehicles. Shortage of drivers and not vehicles.

Shipping Sub-Commission.

Capt. Hay to keep in touch with Capt. Stone regarding developments.

Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.

Was to conform with the Italian Government formation. Matter to be held in abeyance. 1826

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for C. of S.*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

18 November 1943

Minutes

15 November 1943

Staff Meeting

Present:

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Col. J. J. Albright
Col. R. B. Rathbone
Col. D. S. Adams
Lt. Col. C. G. Brown
Lt. Col. E. L. Clough
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Lt. Col. F. A. MacFarland
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Major J. R. McDougall

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Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
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Economic Directorate
G-4
Adjutant
Administrative Directorate
Communications
Displaced Persons Sub-commission
G-1
Industrial Planning Staff
Operations Security Intelligence
G-1

The meeting was called at 0900 hours.

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Increased Wages

Proposals were generally accepted with modifications to conform with the Badoglio schedule. A general wage increase for civil servants was to be published. Copies to Brindisi and 15th Army Group.

Other Measures

Information was awaited as to the result of the recent levy of 50 kg on producers in Region I. The suggestion of house to house searches was made and an offer to loan officers and transport was made for that purpose. Brig. Gueterbock hoped something was being done and it was suggested that officers meet Col. Poletti to formulate a plan.

Black Market

The formation of this Committee had been approved in Brindisi.

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PORTS OF APULIA

Difficulties were reported and the despatch of six officers was urgently desired to supervise unloading of stores. Lt. Col. Monfort also wanted advice on accountability.

Personnel to Brindisi

Were not to be sent without prior acceptance.

Coal

A confused situation. Mining Division was a sub-section of Industry and Commerce. The Fuel sub-section was to become inactive and the Fuel sub-commission be reorganized by AFHQ. A policy for the Sardinian Mines was to be worked out and Petroleum was to be handled in the same way as that situation was confused also. Brig. Hamlyn suggested that G-1, Economics and Shipping enquire into the matter.

Payment of Italian Troops

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PROCEDURE OF ALLIED COMMISSION

Planning only done in Palermo. Advance Command Post, Brindisi was functioning. Need for closest co-ordination and officers should be prepared for frequent movement. We had offered Brindisi help in the matter of Transport but Colonels Farren and Parkin were to be consulted before two officers were sent to organize it. Administratively, Brindisi is a detachment. Operationally, Brindisi is the HQ.

Operations and Plans

AMG to conform to ACC long term plans. Take over by Italian Government not known. Gen. Joyce to be consulted before issue.

Directives

Sub-commission chiefs to go to Brindisi for approval of directives must consult Gen. Maxwell Taylor. Plan of issue under discussion but suggested that Naval, Land

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Air Forces, Prisoners of War, War Material Disposal, Foreign and Internal Affairs, Internees and Displaced Persons and Telecommunication, be issued in Brindisi.

Regions - Issue of Orders

Status of Regional Orders was raised. Col. Spofford to produce a letter dealing with the matter.

Correspondence

"Copy to Brindisi" "Copy to Palermo"

Sub-commissions

To be conversant with conditions in subordinate districts.

Naples Move

Doubtful as to room for the two Governments. Italian Departments to be paralleled. Education, Justice, Public Welfare, Finance, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Industry and Commerce, Communications, War, Marine. Finance and Industry needed high grade man. Of a maximum of 80 officers it is doubtful that more than 20 be available on sub-commissions. It was presumed that Italian "Public Safety" came under Ministry of Justice. (Later Note - accommodation for additional officers may be available).

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DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION

To make headquarters at Bari under supervision of Brindisi. Lt. Col. MacFarland to report to Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Mr. Caccia and Maj. Cave, Intelligence. Foreign accredited representatives not to be called without permission of Deputy President. Major Cave's intelligence organisation is sufficient and no intelligence officers to leave Palermo. Capt. Tate in Bari. Emphasis on G-1 and G-4 readiness to depart. Financial instructions being prepared by Brig. Hamlyn. All proposals accepted by Political Section.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Directives of sub-commission submitted to Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor should be functions and delegations of ACC and not AMG.

Copies of Regional CCAO orders to provinces would be helpful.

Reorganisation of Italian Merchant Marine was being handled by North African Shipping Board. Report from Col. Densmore was awaited.

Travel Orders - Request must be in writing and if scheduled trip is not taken, Transport Officer to be notified. Adjutant General to confirm all orders. This was stressed by Col. Clough.

Officers concerned were reminded that on Monday and Thursday at 0900 hours, there is a Staff Conference and that their regular attendance was desired without notice. The Executive Conference is at 1500 on Friday, G-1 and G-4 do not attend. The meeting was adjourned at 1045 hours.

By command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

OFFICIAL

E. L. CLOUGH

Lt. Col., A.G.D.,

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E. GUETERBOCK

Brigadier

Acting Chief of Staff

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Secretary Intelligence Committee

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NOTES OF MEETING
Col. Rathbone's Office
20 Nov. 1945

PRESENT:

Colonel Rathbone
Colonel Farren
Lt. Col. Jackling
Lt. Col. Purgold.

1. Global W.E. Plan produced showing total A/B officers needed for whole of Italy - broken down as shown (MGS Paper No. 9).
2. Political and Military Sections: would not be part of A.C.G.T.O./AM except for the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and the Information Sub-Commission (Latter consists of 2 officers only).
3. Increase of Sub-commissions numbers. It will be permissible under W.E. to increase any Sub-Commissions numbers by transfer of officers from Regions, provided that the total W.E. figures are not thereby exceeded.
4. Casualties, M.S. matters and discipline: Casualties to be reported to 2nd Echelon by British Administrative HQ. Nominal Rolls as at ^{Dec} to be obtained from all concerned by Col. Farren, consolidated and sent by him to 2nd Echelon. Casualties will be reported to British Admin. HQ.
Officers pool will for the present be reported under MGS and Holding Centre establishment. Procedure for Col. Farren to communicate direct with Regions under 15 Army Group requires an Order of AFHQ. (re personnel and accounting matters). Rolls for Region I and II to be obtained via A.C.G.
HQ AMG, 15 Army Group was at present on old AMGOT W.E. and would so remain pending approval of new W.E. Lt Col. Jackling to obtain necessary nominal Rolls.
5. Replacement of Officers (through casualties etc.) will be dealt with under special arrangement with M.S. Demands would therefore be made on AFHQ (MGS). OR's to be dealt with through normal channels (2nd Ech).
6. Nominal Rolls for Brindisi Party. Lt. Col. Jackling to see to collection of these rolls to show where each officer originally was (e.g., A.C.G., of A.M.G.O.T.)
7. Officers from M.E. with Reg 2. MGS to produce nominal Roll and also to decide whether such officers were attached or transferred.

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8. Channels for discipline and H.S. matters:-

Certain agreed amendments were made to Col. Rathbone's memo.

9. Regions under A.M.C. 15 Army Group will be subject to and under British Administrative Hq as from 1 December 1943 for the purposes of the routine matters dealt with by that Hq.

Meeting Continued 21 Nov.

10. S.1 and S.4 for Fatima. Lieut Volstead (A) to be appointed. Col. Farren will supply name of British officer (Capt or Lieut). These two will be sent direct to Advanced Command Post. It was suggested that W/O Brook was suitable for appointment on personnel side, in addition to the SI Officer. Col. Farren to Cable Tizi Reptd Fatima (This was done).

11. It was agreed that Major Franklin should be sent as Adv. Rep. (C-4) of British Admin. H.Q.

12. Assignments at Tizi:-

Colonel Jackling was informed that these were not coming through. Arranged that he would cable MGS and ensure that outstanding and future assignments were duly notified. (Cable was sent).

13. Paper No. 9. It was stated that this could be expected in 10 days.

14. Form of Global H.S. Will be broken down as in Paper 9 for Regions. A.C.C. would be as at Tizi.

Distribution:

G-1 (B)
Executive Officer
G-4.
British Adm. Hq

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Minutes of Conference, 20 Nov. 1943

PRESENT:

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Col. Parkman (MGS)
Col. Farren
Col. Parkin
Col. Rathbone
Lt. Col. Clough,
Lt. Col. Brown
Lt. Col. Purgold
Major MacDougall.

The Conference considered whether it would be desirable and practicable to arrange for the move from Tizi Ouzou to Sicily of all or part of the elements there.

Attention was particularly drawn to the fact that the issue of T.E. and G4098 stores and equipment had not yet been completed for all personnel. It was, therefore, considered that if the move was made before they were fully equipped the arrangements for the purpose would be rendered exceedingly difficult and that to equip them after they had left would be a complicated and lengthy process, if any of the equipment had to be obtained from North Africa.

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(c) Both HQ's will exchange all necessary information copies of letters, etc., with HQ AMG, HQ ACC and HQ AMG 15 Army Group both in respect of personnel and equipment. For purposes of coordination or information, details will be worked out between all HQ's concerned.

(d) Details of the foregoing to be issued by Administrative Orders.

2. Each HQ (i.e. 2675 Regt and Brit. Admin HQ.) will join its immediately superior HQ as soon as possible.
3. Remainder of unassigned personnel at Tizi-Ouzou will move as soon as possible to Sicily or Italy.
4. Rear party ACC, with proportion EL/OR with records, documents maps etc will move to Palermo as soon as possible.
5. Any changes of officers between Regions under 15 Army Group will be by way of attachment and not of transfer.

DISTRIBUTION:

G-1 (A)	Comms. Sec.
G-1 (B)	Admin. Dir.
G-4 (2)	Econ. Dir.
Brit. Admin. HQ	D.C. of S. (Admin)
AG (2)	Exec Officers (2)

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Confidential

November 1943

Notes of Conference 26 Nov. 1943,
With reference to New Global W.E.

PRESENT:

Brigadier E. Gustorbock
Colonel Rathbone
Colonel C. M. Spofford (during early stages only)
Lt. Col. Jackling (JRS)
St. Col. Parkman (JRS)

Col. Jackling presented the proposed MRS paper No. 2, including the new Global W.E. and explained the basis adopted for its preparation in relation to the three phases of AMI AOC work. Detailed reference was made to the Tables and *Appendix* illustrating and forming part of the W.E. during the course of which the following points, inter alia, arose *and dealt* with as stated below;

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3. Military Section

This would not be covered by the W.E. though 8 staff officers were at present functioning at Brindisi from the figures (See para. 1). It was agreed that they should be deleted.

4. Political Section

Had not been included except for Information and D.P. Sub-Commissions.

C-3 would deal with MS for Military Section.

5. Agreed as follows:-

(a) to make up Finance figures from items 1 and 13 in Annex. F.

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(ii) out Admin. by another 9 (total 13)

(iii) out CAOs by 10 (total 23)

6. Cpts and Lieuts. It was suggested that these should be grouped in one total figure. This was not practicable but as there was a total of 92 Lieuts in the theatre which figure was being cut to 52 this would permit promotion of 40 Lieuts.

7. Camp Commandant's Staff.

It was agreed that the AFHQ embargo on Camp Comdts and Quartermasters being graded as Staff Officers would cause no difficulty in the new Global W.E. since this would not specify individual appointments. Officially, therefore, there would be no "Camp Comdts".

8. General decision on W.E. Col. Jackling to proceed with preparation on basis discussed subject (i) to itemised exceptions and variations.
(ii) To exclude Military and Political Sections less Information and D.P.
(iii) No account to be taken of Shipping, Sub-Commission in-so-far as responsibility for provision of personnel is concerned.

9. Officers proportion.

Col. Jackling stated that if the authorised figure of American officers of 829 (see para 1) was enforced it might necessitate a reduction in the British proportion.

10. Officers for Foggia Region Agreed to provide 26 British officers but not from ~~North Africa~~ *ACE*.

11. Assignments - Not to be by name.

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- (iii) No account to be taken of Shipping, Sub-Commission in-so-far as responsibility for provision of personnel is concerned.

9. Officers proportion.

Col. Jackling stated that if the authorised figure of American officers of 829 (see para 1) was enforced it might necessitate a reduction in the British proportion.

10. Officers for Egyptia Region Agreed to provide 26 British officers but not from ~~Western Africa~~. *ACE*

11. Assignments - Not to be by name.

12. Personnel of Region V. at Cascare to come under AGC Command

13. Proposed move of Region V. Various alternatives were discussed but the principal difficulty for each proposed location was the lack of adequate accommodation.

It was agreed that Col. Jackling would discuss the suggested move with Lord Remell on the following lines:

"There are at present some 500 officers at Tizi Ouzou. It is possible that A.M.G. will have to meet a call from England for a number of officers for use in other theatres of war. It is felt that the above 500 should be trained to enable those who have had actual experience in the field to be sent home when the need arises. It is, therefore, suggested that Lord Remell might agree to have these officers, say at Naples, for purposes ^{Dr. H} of training, with Regions. This course, if agreed, would produce the ideal

result of training a large number who are otherwise having no real experience and also providing qualified officers to replace any that might be needed elsewhere."

(2) ~~The wishes of A.C.C. in regard to consistent military term policies shall be observed and applied.~~

14. Consistent Policies. With a view to the execution of consistent policies as laid down by A.C.C. A.M.C. the following alternatives were suggested either (1) That a request be made by A.C.C. to 15 Army Group that certain consistent principles be applied provided tactical considerations permit. Or,

(2) That an order for the purpose be issued by A.F.H.Q.

Agreed that A.F.H.Q. make an order requesting 15 Army Group to ensure that, as far as tactical reasons permit, the wishes of A.C.C. in regard to consistent & long term policies shall be observed & followed.

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Agreed that A.F.H.C. make an order requesting 15 Army Group to ensure that, as far as tactical reasons permit, the wishes of the in regard to consistent & long term policies shall be observed & preserved.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ECONOMIC MEMORANDUM
1615 on 22 Nov. 1943

Present:

Brig. R.A. Hurlyn
Col. R.B. Rathbone
Col. J.S.R. Todd
Lt. Col. C. Carter
Lt. Col. G.E. Rhodes
Lt. Col. J.R. Smith
Maj. M.A.M. Dickie
Maj. R.A. Martin
Capt. J.A. Robertson
Capt. R.J. Northland

Economic Director, Chairman
Exec. Officer, Administration
Industry and Commerce
Fuel
Public Works and Utilities
Labor
Agriculture
Staff, Econ. Directorate
Labor
Staff, Econ. Directorate, Secy.

1. Brig. Hurlyn stated that aspects of movement of 150 officers to Corrente is being considered in event of removal of seat of Italian Government to Corrente. Sub-commissions are to determine what officers are to be sent if move is made. The 48 officers at Brindisi will go to Corrente as part of movement and are to be included in total of 150. Present structure of Italian Government is not known.

2. Col. Todd and Lt. Col. Smith reported a rumor from mainland (Brindisi and Naples) that PICCARDI is replacing CORTINI in the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Labor.

3. Brig. Hurlyn indicated Finance Sub-Commission is considering rotating 5 or 6 officers in Corrente each fortnight, bringing back to Palermo those replaced so they could work out ideas gained in Corrente.

4. Col. Rathbone indicated Brig. Gusterbock is opposed to a 50-50 split of officers between Corrente and Palermo. The earliest the move could be made is in one week. Limitations of numbers apply to officers permanently assigned not visitors.

5. Col. Rathbone saw no objection to proposal of Col. Todd that some 1 & 2 officers be attached to headquarters of Region II to forestall development of civilian supply difficulties.

6. Sub-commissions requested following number of officers be included in total of 150.

Sub-Commission	Officers To Go From		Total
	Palermo	Brindisi	
Agriculture	3		3
Finance	5	2	7
Fuel	1 (in Naples at present)		1
Industry & Commerce	5	2 (estimate)	7
Labor	4	1	5

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Sub-Commission	Officers To Go From Palermo	Brindisi	Total
Public Works & Utilities	8		8
Total	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>

7. Col. Todd indicated Col. Evans would want to go and Lt. Col. Rhodes believed Lt. Col. Jarry would want to be in Serranto also.

WILL J. KENTLAND,
Captain, Infantry,
Secretary

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