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34.1 - Local Resources Board Meetings
Nov. 1943 - March 1944

HQ AAI (ADM ECHELON)
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
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20 MARCH 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

LABOUR & WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE - MINUTES

1. The ninth meeting of the Labour & Wages Control Committee was held at 14.30 hours, 20 MARCH 44, in the Conference Room, HQ AAI (Adm Ech).

Present:- Colonel Douglas N. Lawley - Chairman.

Representatives of:-

RN (FOWIT)
DDL (HQ AAI - ADM ECH)
FBS
NO.3 DISTRICT
EIGHTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY
AAFSC/ITO
214 GF, RAF (ADV HQ)
ACC

In Attendance:-

Vice-Chairman (Br) - Allied Force Local Resources
(Italian) Board
Assistant Financial Adviser (Br)

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 6 MARCH 44 were read and approved.
3. No matters arose for discussion from the meeting of the Board held on 13 MARCH 44. It was noted that the recommendations submitted at the last meeting of the Committee had been accepted with the following exceptions:-
 - (a) Approval was not given to the issue of pepper and salt.
 - (b) Approval was not given to the issue of fuel with the exception of waste oil.

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Vice-Chairman (Br) - Allied Force Local Resources
(Italian) Board
Assistant Financial Adviser (Br)

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- (a) Approval was not given to the issue of pepper and salt.
- (b) Approval was not given to the issue of fuel with the exception of waste oil.
- (c) Approval was not given to the issue of a double ration of bread in lieu of dehydrated soup and vegetables.
- (d) Approval was not given to the reduction in the cost of foodstuffs.

4. The Committee agreed that there was insufficient material before it as a basis for discussion on percentage variations of the Naples rate to allow for increase or decrease in the cost of living in other areas. It was decided to defer discussion on the subject to the next meeting.

5. The recommendations from ACC regarding production incentive pay for weavers (circulated as Appendix "A" to the Agenda, dated 14 March 44) were considered by the Committee and approved.

6. The list of new and revised rates of pay (published as Appendix "B" to the Agenda, dated 14 March 44) was approved with the following exceptions:-

	Lire	
	Min	Max
Pitter (Aero)	100	130
Pitters Mechanic (Automobile)	90	120
Mechanic, MT.	90	120

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7. The proposition submitted by DDL (Br), HQ AAI (Adm Ech), for the issue of registration cards for civilian labour was not approved by the Committee.
8. The FA (Br) raised a number of points in regard to rates of pay of employees of contractors working for the Allied Armed Forces (published as Appendix "C" to the Agenda, dated 14 March 44). The Committee recommended to the Board that the information regarding rates of pay and benefits to contractors' employees (Appendix "A") be published through Command Channels as an addendum to AFHQ Adv Adm Ech Administrative Instruction No. 24.
9. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 44, at 14.30 hours in the Conference Room, HQ AAI (Adm Ech).

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APPENDIX "A"

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Appendix "A" to Minutes of
Labour & Wages Control Committee
Meeting - 20 March 44

Applicable in all territory other than King's Italy

1. The salary or wage of contractor's employees shall be:-
 - (a) Base pay prescribed in Regional Order No. 2 AMF, promulgated 11 DEC 43.
 - (b) Presence indemnity. (Indennita di Presenza)
 - (c) Family allowance. (Assegni Familiari)

If the total of (a), (b) and (c) is less than the Allied Armies authorized rate the contractor may increase the wage to the Allied Army authorized maximum.

The actual cash paid such employees will be the sum total of (a), (b) and (c) - less the employee's mandatory contribution for:-

- (d) Sickmess benefits. (Cassa Integrazione Salari)
- (e) Social insurance. (Assicurazione Sociale)

2. The amounts (d) and (e), above must be remitted by the contractor to the proper agency.

3. The sum total of (a), (b) and (c), above must not exceed the maximum wage authorized by HQ ACMP (Adm Ech), except where the legal amounts of (a), (b) and (c) total more than the Allied Armies maximum, such legal amount should be used.

4. The contractor will be required to pay to the proper agency the employer's contribution for:-

Sickmess benefits.	(Cassa Integrazione Salari)
Social Insurance.	(Assicurazione Sociale)
Accident Insurance.	(Assicurazione Contro gli Infortuni sul Lavoro)
Family benefits of men called to Army.	(Cassa Gratificazione agli Operai Richiamati alle Armi)

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- (e) Social insurance. (Assicurazione Sociale)

2. The amounts (d) and (e), above must be remitted by the contractor to the proper agency.

3. The sum total of (a), (b) and (c), above must not exceed the maximum wage authorized by HQ ACVF (Adm Ech), except where the legal amounts of (a), (b) and (c) total more than the Allied Armies maximum, such legal amount should be used.

4. The contractor will be required to pay to the proper agency the employer's contribution for:-

- Sickmess benefits. (Cassa Integrazione Salari)
- Social Insurance. (Assicurazione Sociale)
- Accident Insurance. (Assicurazione Contro gli Infortuni sul Lavoro)
- Family benefits of men called to Army. (Cassa Gratificazione agli Operai Richiamati alle Armi e Congedi Matrimoniali)

Compensation for smaller work week than 48 hours. (Cassa Integrazione Salari)

5. The contractor's bid will consider payment for family allowances of only 20% of (total wage less both presence indemnity and family allowances). The contractor is reimbursed by the State for the remaining cost of such allowances.

6. The percentage prescribed by Italian laws for sickness, social insurance, accident and family benefits of men called in Army will be on the (total wage less both presence indemnity and family allowance).

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HQ ACMT (ADM ECHOLON)
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
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14 MARCH 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

LABOUR & WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE - AGENDA

The ninth meeting of the Labour & Wages Control Committee will be held in the Conference Room, HQ ACMT (Adm Ech), on MONDAY, 20 MARCH 44, at 14.30 hours to consider the following Agenda:-

1. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Control of Wages Committee held on 6 MARCH 44.
2. To consider any matter arising from the meeting of the Board held on 13 MARCH 44.
3. To review the position regarding recommendations from areas, other than Naples, for percentage variations of the Naples rate to allow for increase or decrease in the cost of living in those areas.
4. To receive a recommendation from ACC regarding production incentive pay for weavers (Appendix "A").
5. To consider a list of new and revised rates of pay - Appendix "B."
6. To receive the following proposition from DDL (Br), HQ ACMT (Adm Ech):-

"It is suggested that all tradesmen, artisans and skilled labour be issued with a Registration Card showing the name of the employing unit in addition to personal particulars, grade, etc. It is suggested that all tradesmen, artisans and skilled labour now in employment be so registered and that new applicants for similar positions with the Allied Forces be registered by a central agency

3. To review the position regarding recommendations from areas, other than Wayles, for percentage variations of the Wayles rate to allow for increase or decrease in the cost of living in those areas.
4. To receive a recommendation from ACC regarding production incentive pay for weavers (Appendix "A").
5. To consider a list of new and revised rates of pay - Appendix "B."
6. To receive the following proposition from DDL (Dr), HQ ACIF (Adm Ech):-

"It is suggested that all tradesmen, artisans and skilled labour be issued with a Registration Card showing the name of the employing unit in addition to personal particulars, Grade, etc. It is suggested that all tradesmen, artisans and skilled labour now in employment be so registered and that new applicants for similar positions with the Allied Forces be registered by a central agency - i.e. AIG Labour Office - before taking up such employment. Also, that an employing unit will not engage a tradesman, artisan or skilled worker thus registered for work with another employing unit."

7. To consider certain points raised by the FA (Dr) - Appendix "C."
8. Any other business.
9. To set the date for the next meeting.

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THOMAS R. GIBSON
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APPENDIX "A"

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Appendix "A" To Agenda of
Labour & Wages Control Committee
Meeting - 20 March 44

SUBJECT:- Proposed Item for Agenda 20 March 1944 - Wage Control Committee

11 March 1944

To:- Chairman, Allied Forces Local Resources Board (Italian)

From:- HQ, ACC, LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION, APO 394.

PRODUCTION INCENTIVE PAY FOR WEAVERS

1. The Labour Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission has received the following memorandum from the Hemp Control Office:- 1943

"Approval is requested to introduce an additional payment for over normal production for weavers in the hemp industry.

The work people affected are almost entirely women who attend the looms and whose normal pay varies from about 25 Lire to 35 Lire per day. This wage means considerable lost time as the hours women can work at this wage are small and if weather is bad many do not think it worth while trudging to work for such a wage.

It has been proposed and managers have agreed that an additional payment of one lire per metre shall be paid by the management provided the normal production is exceeded by 5%.

This payment will be made by the management and will not involve an extra charge to Units. (Sgd) J. SCHLER Lt. Comdr."

2. This matter has been cleared with the other two members of the Wages Sub-Committee and agreement has been received that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Wage Control Committee.
3. A wage study has indicated that the highest wage paid any weaver under existing contracts is 38 Lire per day, and that the average production per loom per day is 17 M. In all probability, production could not possibly be increased over 25% to 30%. This would mean that the base wage plus the proposed incentive payment would not exceed 50 Lire per day.
4. It will be appreciated if arrangements can be made to place this on the agenda for consideration of the Wage Control Committee.

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(Sgd.) J.T.R. BAIN Colonel,
Director, Labour Sub-Commission.

APPENDIX "B"

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Appendix "B" to Agenda of
Labour & Wages Control Committee
Meeting - 20 March 44

1. The following rates of pay have been agreed by the Wages Sub-Committee:-

	<u>Ships of 300 tons or more</u>	<u>Ships under 300 tons</u>
Captain	L 180 per day	L 150 per day
1st Officer	150 " "	110 " "
1st Engineer	150 " "	110 " "
2nd Engineer	110 " "	110 " "
3rd Engineer	110 " "	-
Boatsun	110 " "	110 " "
Cook	90 " "	80 " "
Seaman	80 " "	80 " "

Stenographer (Female) to be same rate as Stenographer (Male) - Lire 120 per day.

	<u>Min</u>	<u>Lire</u>	<u>Max</u>
Upholsterer	80		105 per day
Grooms	65		75 " "

2. The Sub-Committee recommends that applications for the introduction of the following grades be not approved:-

Fitter (Aero) - Maximum 150 Lire per day
Fitter (AFV or heavy equipment) - " 130 " " "

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APPENDIX "C"

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Appendix "C" to Agenda of
Labour & Wages Control Committee
Meeting - 20 March 44

SUBJECT:- Control of Wages and Social Insurance

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To:- Local Resources Section,
ACMF.

With reference to the minutes of the eighth meeting of the Control of Wages Committee on 6th March 1944, and the decision to recommend to the AFRC Board the proposals contained in paras. 4(a) and (b) of the report of the ACC (No. 091.452 dated 6 March 44), the following points arise which I suggest should be further considered by the Control of Wages Committee:-

i. The rates of pay for civilian labour for the Naples Area, authorised by AFHQ Adv Adm Ech Administrative Instruction No. 24, dated 24 JAN 44, were worked out on the basis of the wage necessary to support an average family of a wife and three children (para. 5(f) of Appendix "A" to minutes of second meeting of Control of Wages Committee, dated 5 DEC 43).

Para. 1 of the Administrative Instruction provides for these basic rates to be applied not only to directly employed civilian labour but also to all employees of contractors working for the Allied Services.

It appears however (Para. 5(a)(2) of the ACC report) that all contractors are obliged to contribute towards social benefits (including family allowance) for their employees, and contractors' employees are therefore receiving family allowance in addition to the basic rates of pay which already contain an element for this allowance.

An amendment to Administrative Instruction No. 24 therefore appears to be necessary, to provide for the payment by the contractors of rates which (inclusive of family allowance contribution by the employer) do not exceed those in the tables.

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2. It, as a result of the proposal in para. 4(b)(2) of ACC's memorandum, arrangements are ultimately made for family allowances to be paid separately to employees of the Allied Services from an Italian Government Fund, a reduction in the ranges of wages laid down in Administrative Instruction No. 24 will also apparently be necessary.

3. Any scheme involving pay roll deductions in respect of direct employees of the Allied Services will be difficult to apply and it is suggested that it be avoided if possible.

Presumably no question will arise of the Allied Services paying an "employer's" contribution?

(Sgd.) ????????? Lt. Col.,
Assistant Financial Adviser,
Central Mediterranean Force.

12 March 1944

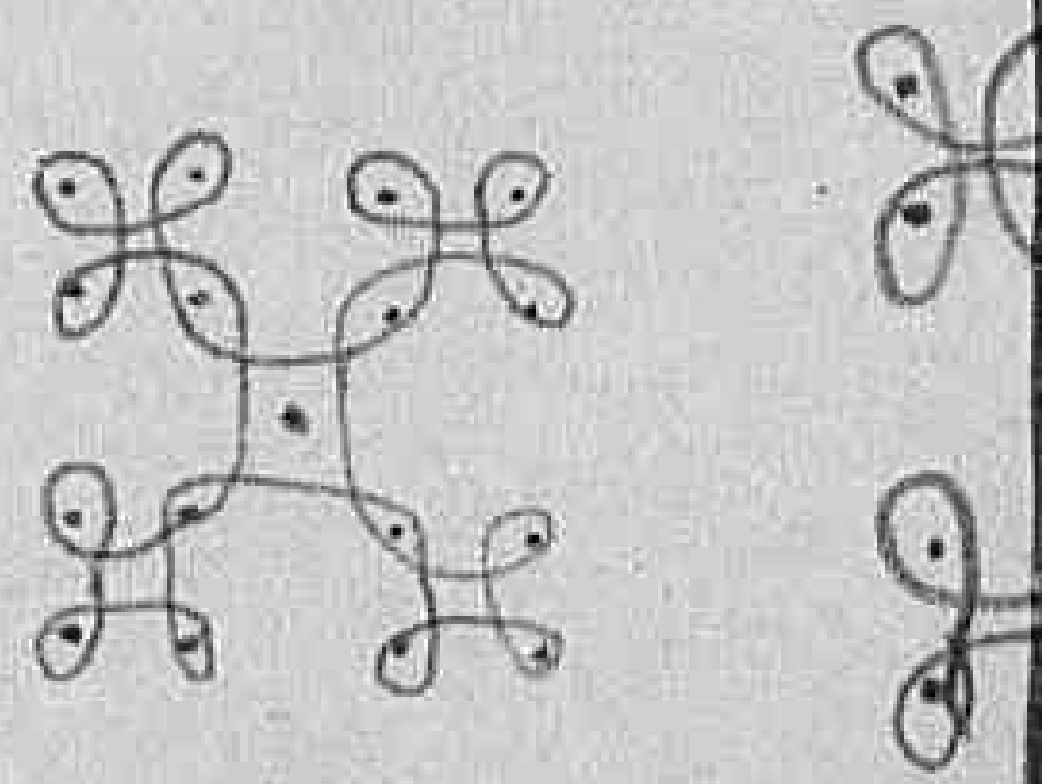
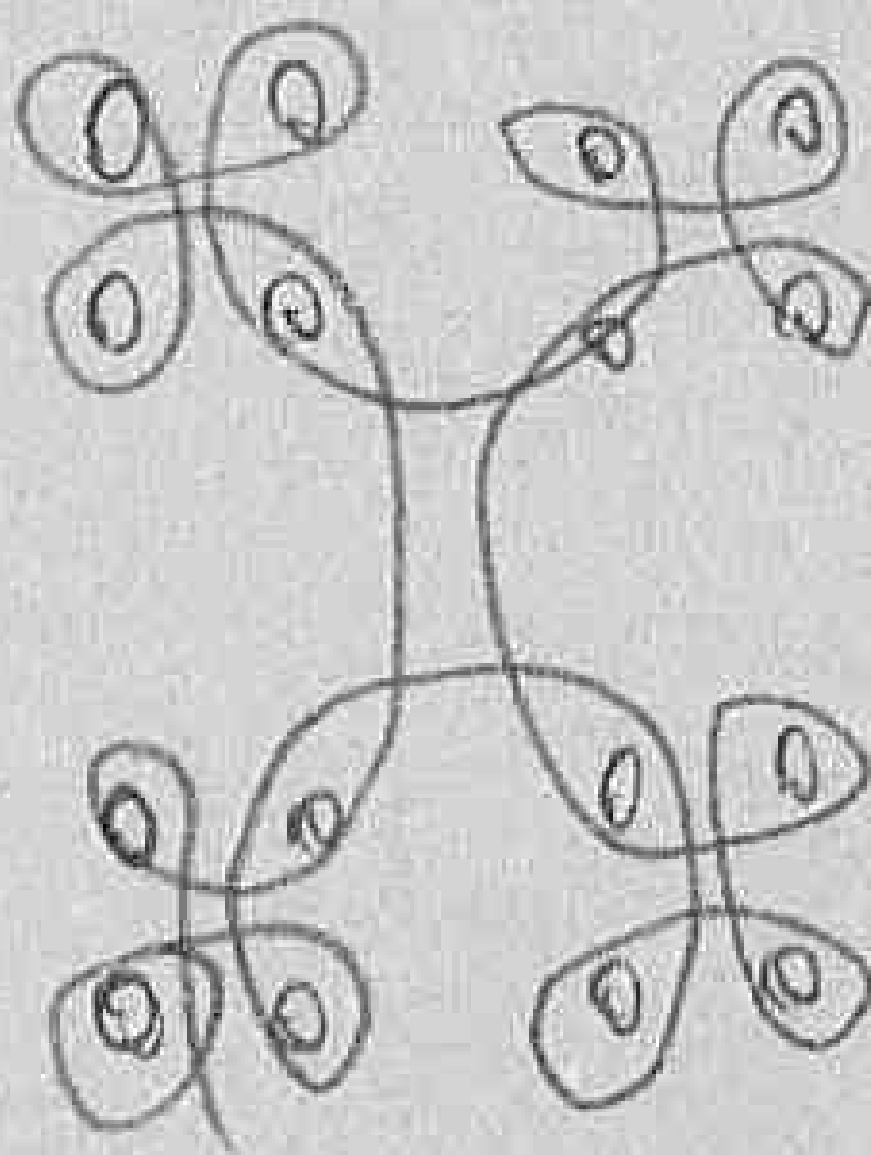
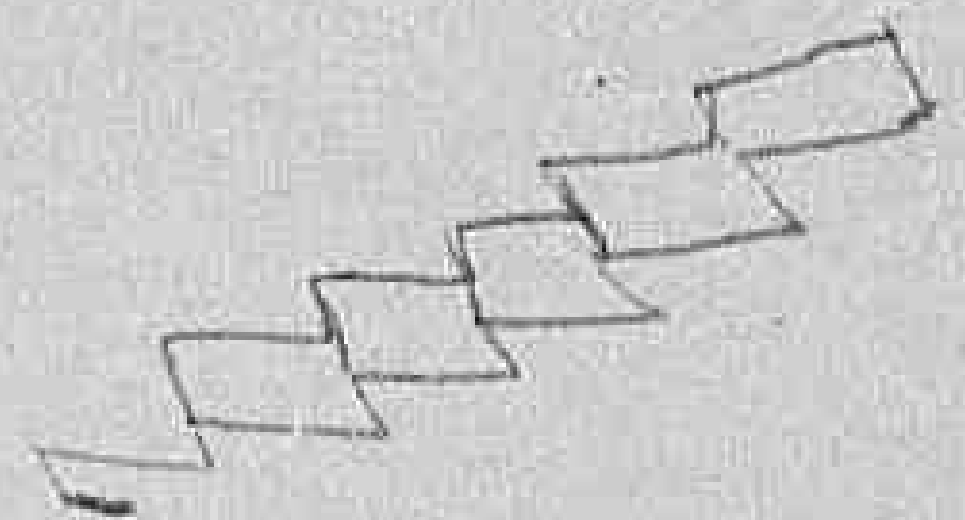
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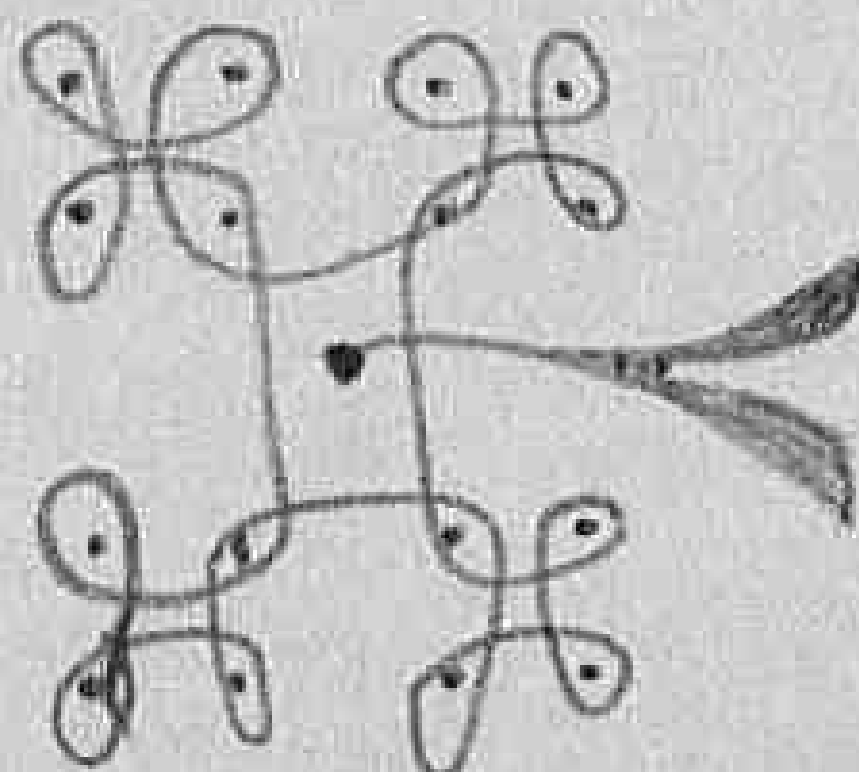
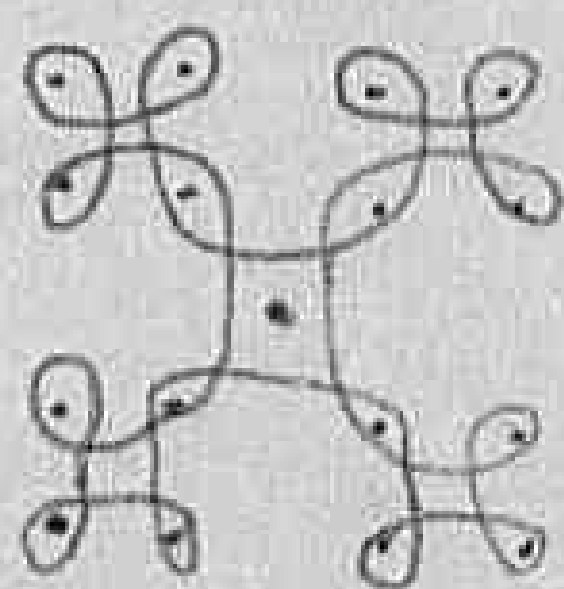
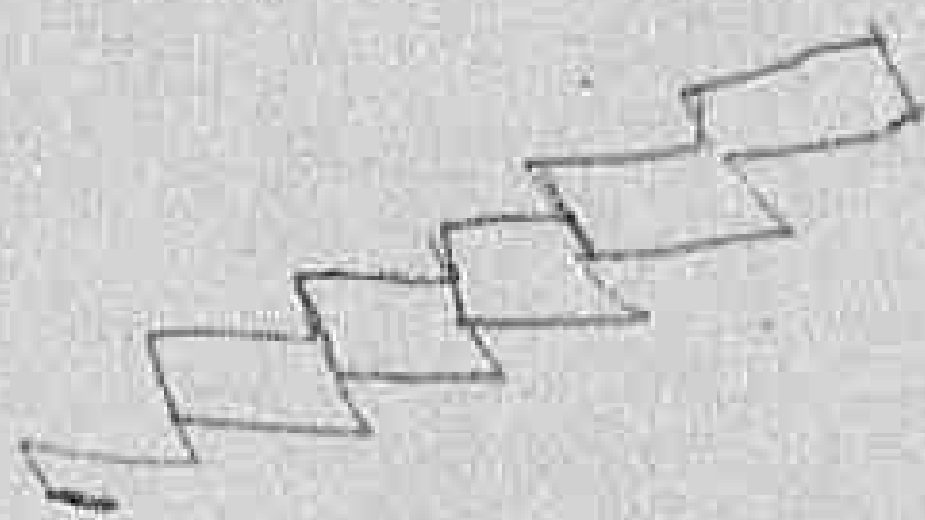
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13 MARCH 1944.

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

MINUTES.

1. The eighth meeting of the Board was held in the Conference Room, HQ ACMP (Adm Ech) at 11.00 hours on Monday, 13 March 44.

Present :- Vice Chairman (Am) In the Chair in the absence of the CAO.
Vice Chairman (Br)
D/CAO
DQMG

Representatives of :- CG., PES.
ACC., No. 3 District.
214 Gp. RAF (Adv HQ).
AAFSO/ATO.
HW (POWIT)
ACC.

In attendance :- Chairman: Food Supply Committee
Control of Wages Committee
Electric Power Committee
Engineering Materials Committee
Miscellaneous Purposes Committee

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held 21 FEB 44 were approved.
3. The DQMG brought to the notice of the Committee a letter addressed to ACC requesting them to inform the Italian Government that the control of electric power in the occupied mainland of Italy must remain with the military.
4. A report was received from the Engineering Materials Committee and the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7 MARCH 1944 were accepted. It was stated by the D/CAO that AAFSO were not prepared to operate the Crotone Plant, but that they were developing a source of Oxygen supply near Naples.

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AMSC/MIO.
RM (FOUO)
ACC.

In attendance : -

Chairman: Food Supply Committee
Control of Wages Committee
Electric Power Committee
Engineering Materials Committee
Miscellaneous Purposes Committee

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held 21 FEB 44 were approved.
3. The DQMC brought to the notice of the Committee a letter addressed to ACC requesting them to inform the Italian Government that the control of electric power in the occupied mainland of Italy must remain with the military.
4. A report was received from the Engineering Materials Committee and the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7 MARCH 1944 were accepted. It was stated by the D/CIO that AMSC were not prepared to operate the Crotone Plant, but that they were developing a source of Oxygen supply near Naples. AMSC stated that they were able to continue meeting their immediate requirements under the existing arrangements. Other Services however were not receiving their required amount of the gas under their arrangement. The Board recommended to the Engineering Materials Committee that, in view of reported shortages they should consider a re-allocation of Oxygen and Oxygen producing facilities with the view to requesting ACC to rehabilitate the Crotone or other suitable plants in areas where Oxygen requirements are not being met. ACC to review requirements necessary to get the Crotone Plant into operation and report to the next meeting of the Engineering Materials Committee (4 APRIL 1944).

5. The Minutes of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee meeting of the 10 MARCH 44 were submitted and approved. The following amendments to the list of CONTROLLED items were agreed to and it was requested that these be published through command channels :-

- (a) That paper be deleted from the list of controlled items and replaced by stationery and office paper.
- (b) That soap be deleted from the list of controlled items.

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The recommendation was accepted that leather and leather articles, including belting, should be controlled by one Committee only and, subject to no protest being lodged by the Chairman of the Engineering Materials Committee within 48 hours, it was agreed that leather and leather articles, including belting, should be under the control of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee. ACC were requested to freeze all tanning materials.

The recommendations for the control of the alcoholic beverage output of the Alberti Plant were approved with the following addition :

That all factories operated by any other military or para military agency would be handled on the same basis.

6. Item 5 of the Agenda was deleted, in view of the publication of HQ ACMF (Adm Ech) Administrative Order No.2, dated 10 March 1944.

7. The Minutes of the Food Supply Committee meeting of 10 MARCH 44 were submitted and approved with the following exception :-

"The Board decided that "Q" should investigate fully the position regarding the 845 tons of Olive Oil outstanding from the allocation made to S & T on the 18 DEC 43 and submit their report to the next meeting of the Board".

It was agreed that all foodstuffs, including Olive Oil but excluding Wine, be RESTRICTED items and it was requested that this be published through command channels.

8. The Minutes of the Electric Power Committee meeting of the 22 FEB 44 were submitted and approved.

9. It was agreed that the terms of reference of the Control of Wages Committee be extended to cover labour questions in general and the name of this Committee be amended to read "LABOUR & WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE".

10. It was agreed that the issue of exemption certificates to skilled labour employed by the Allied Armed Forces should be delegated by HQ ACMF (Adm Ech) to District or Base Section Commanders, Flag Officer Western Italy, AFSC/MTO and 214 Group RAF (Adv HQ) and that any cases of dispute should be referred to HQ ACMF (Adm Ech).

11. A recommendation from the Control of Wages Committee that pepper and salt be added to those components heretofore authorised by AFHQ for the noon or midnight shift meal authorised for Italian civilians employed in heavy labour

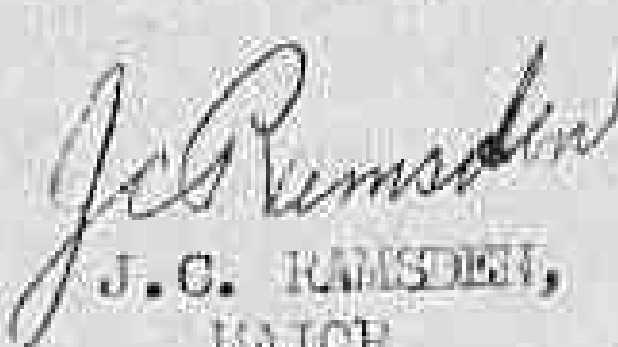
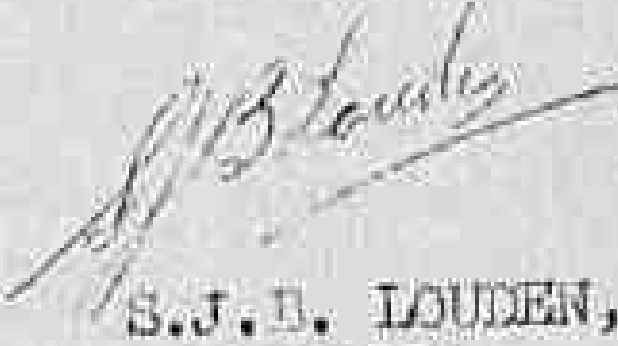
The Board declined that of 3000 tons of olive oil outstanding from the allocation made to S & T on the 345 tons of Olive Oil outstanding from the allocation made to S & T on the 18 DEC 43 and submit their report to the next meeting of the Board".

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8. The Minutes of the Electric Power Committee meeting of the 22 FEB 44 were submitted and approved.
9. It was agreed that the terms of reference of the Control of Wages Committee be extended to cover labour questions in general and the name of this Committee be amended to read "LABOUR & WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE".
10. It was agreed that the issue of exemption certificates to skilled labour employed by the Allied Armed Forces should be delegated by HQ ACHF (Adm Ech) to District or Base Section Commanders, Flag Officer Western Italy, AFSC/MTO and 214 Group RAF (Adv HQ) and that any cases of dispute should be referred to HQ ACHF (Adm Ech).
11. A recommendation from the Control of Wages Committee that pepper and salt be added to those components heretofore authorised by ACHQ for the noon or midnight shift meal authorised for Italian civilians employed on hard labour by Allied Armed Forces was rejected.
12. A recommendation from the Control of Wages Committee for the issue of a fuel ration for the purpose of cooking the ration referred to in para 11 above was rejected, except that approval was given to the use of waste oil as a means of heating the ration.
13. Letter 1427/3, of 29 FEB 44, - Subject: Rations, Issue to Civilians - submitted by GOC, No. 2 District, was received and the Board unanimously agreed that no increase in existing provisions for the supply of foodstuffs to those employed by or on behalf of the Allied Armed Forces could be considered. This decision was supported by H.Q., AOC.
14. The recommendation of the Control of Wages Committee to reduce the cost of foodstuffs supplied to civilians was rejected.
15. The Minutes of the Control of Wages Committee meetings of the 25 FEB 44 and 6 MARCH 44 were approved with the exception of paras 11, 12 and 14 above.

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16. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11.00 hours, 12 APRIL 44, in the Conference Room, HQ ACMEF (Adm Ech).



 J.C. RAMSDEN, MAJOR
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21 FEBRUARY 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

MINUTES

1. The seventh meeting of the Board was held in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon, at 11.00 hours, 21 February 1944.

Present:- Vice-Chairman (Br) (In the chair in the absence of the D/CAO)
Vice-Chairman (Am)
G.O.C., No.3 District.
DQME

Representatives of:- DD/CAO

POWIT

G.O.C., No.2 District.

AAFSC/MTO

214 Gp. RAF Adv HQ

ACC

G.C., P.B.S.

In attendance:-

Chairman, Food Supply Committee.
Chairman, Control of Wages Committee.
Chairman, Electric Power Committee and
Engineering Materials Committee.
Chairman, Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 31 January 1944 were approved.
3. The provisions of Administrative Order No.2, dated 8 January 1944, were considered in conjunction with the recommendations submitted by the Food Supply Committee and with a letter from the D/CAO. The first recommendation of the Food Supply Committee was accepted and approved by the Board as follows:-

Representatives of:- DD/CAO
POWIT

G.O.C., No.2 District.
AAFSC/MTC
214 Gp. RAF Adv HQ
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G.G., P.P.S.

In attendance:-
Chairman, Food Supply Committee.
Chairman, Control of Wages Committee.
Chairman, Electric Power Committee and
Engineering Materials Committee.
Chairman, Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 31 January 1944 were approved.
3. The provisions of Administrative Order No.2, dated 8 January 1944, were considered in conjunction with the recommendations submitted by the Food Supply Committee and with a letter from the D/CAO. The first recommendation of the Food Supply Committee was accepted and approved by the Board as follows:-

"The following are specifically prohibited, except for the use of patients in military hospitals and then only by official purchasing agents with the specific approval of the local A.C.C. representative:

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| (a) Fish | (d) Meat |
| (b) Eggs | (e) Livestock, generally. |
| (c) Poultry | (f) Potatoes" |

The Chairman of the Food Supply Committee asked for the second recommendation to be withdrawn in view of a recommendation contained in the D/CAO's letter.

The following amendment, submitted by the D/CAO, was approved:-

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"Welfare organizations (e.g. philanthropic societies, canteens, services, clubs) may be given permission to purchase the articles mentioned above in areas where they are in plentiful supply. To obtain this permission each organization must apply to Army, District or FBS HQ, whichever is controlling the area in question. The HQ referred to may grant the application, after consultation with its A CC/AMG adviser, fixing a limit to the quantities which may be bought. Individuals may purchase from an authorized welfare or canteen organization, but not direct from civilians."

4. The Minutes of the Food Supply Committee Meeting (10 FEB 44) were submitted and approved (except as amended by para.5 above).

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It was stated that A.C.C. now exercised control over that part of Italy known as "King's Italy."

5. The motion presented as para.4 of the Agenda, pertaining to modification of rates of pay becoming effective 48 hours after approval by the Control of Wages Committee, was agreed.
6. The Minutes of the Control of Wages Committee Meetings (9 FEB 44 and 16 FEB 44), including amendment dated 20 FEB 44, were submitted and approved.
7. In view of a recommendation proposed by the Control of Wages Committee, the Board requested A.C.C. to ensure that all communications and representations from AME/ACC organisations be submitted to the Board or any of its Committees, through HQ, ACC, and not direct.
8. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech letter 59/8/Q2, dated 4 FEB 44, on Electricity Control and the allotment of Electric Power for February was received. There were no comments.
9. Administrative Instruction No.27, dated 8 FEB 44, establishing A.C.M.F. Central Electrical Board was received and it was considered that the formation of the Central Electrical Board did not conflict with the work or prerogatives of the Electric Power Committee.
10. The Minutes of the Electric Power Committee Meeting (1 FEB 44) were submitted and approved.

The DQMG undertook to investigate if steps had been taken to ensure that the control of electric power remains with the military when territories are returned to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.
11. At the request of the Chairman of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee no action was taken to amend the list of "Controlled" items at present in force.
12. E.F.I. were elected to membership of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.
13. The Minutes of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee Meeting (8 FEB 44) were submitted and approved (except as changed in para.11 above).
14. The revised list of controlled items submitted by the Engineering Materials Committee was approved for publication through command channels.
15. R.E.M.E. (Br) were elected to membership of the Engineering Materials Committee.
16. The Minutes of the Engineering Materials Committee Meeting (11 FEB 44) were

Electrical Board was received and it was considered that the formation of the Central Electrical Board did not conflict with the work or prerogatives of the Electric Power Committee.

10. The Minutes of the Electric Power Committee Meeting (1 FEB 44) were submitted and approved.

The DQMG undertook to investigate if steps had been taken to ensure that the control of electric power remains with the military when territories are returned to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

11. At the request of the Chairman of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee no action was taken to amend the list of "Controlled" items at present in force.

12. E.F.I. were elected to membership of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.

13. The Minutes of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee Meeting (8 FEB 44) were submitted and approved (except as changed in para. 11 above).

14. The revised list of controlled items submitted by the Engineering Materials Committee was approved for publication through command channels.

15. R.E.M.E. (Br) were elected to membership of the Engineering Materials Committee.

16. The Minutes of the Engineering Materials Committee Meeting (11 FEB 44) were submitted and approved.

The item of Horseshoes was transferred to the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee from the Engineering Materials Committee and the item of Caustic Soda was placed under the control of the Engineering Materials Committee.

17. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 11.00 hours, 13 MARCH 1944, in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

J.C. RAMSDEN
MAJOR

S.J.B. LOUDEN
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15 FEBRUARY 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

AGENDA

The seventh Meeting of the Board will be held in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon at 11.00 hours on MONDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 1944, to consider the following Agenda:-

1. Minutes of the previous meeting (31 JAN 44).
2. To reconsider the provisions of Administrative Order No.2, dated 8 JAN 44, as the result of proposals made by the Food Supply Committee.
3. To receive report from the Food Supply Committee.
4. To consider the following motion:

"All proposed modifications of rates of pay already approved and the determination of new rates of pay for civilians employed by the Allied Armed Forces on the Italian Mainland which do not conflict with the provisions of Flambo Adm. Instruction No.24 shall be considered by the Control of Wages Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board after such proposals shall have been set out in full in an Agenda Paper circulated to all members of the Committee.

If the Committee approve the proposals (or any variation of them) they shall become effective, providing that no protest has been lodged by any member with the Local Resources Section within 48 hours of the termination of the Meeting, upon the issue by the Local Resources Section in the name of Allied Force Local Resources

Committee.

3. To receive report from the Food Supply Committee.

4. To consider the following motion:

"All proposed modifications of rates of pay already approved and the determination of new rates of pay for civilians employed by the Allied Armed Forces on the Italian Mainland which do not conflict with the provisions of Flambo Adm. Instruction No.24 shall be considered by the Control of Wages Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board after such proposals shall have been set out in full in an Agenda Paper circulated to all members of the Committee.

If the Committee approve the proposals (or any variation of them) they shall become effective, providing that no protest has been lodged by any member with the Local Resources Section within 48 hours of the termination of the Meeting, upon the issue by the Local Resources Section in the name of Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board of an Administrative Circular.

If a protest is lodged against any or all of the proposals, those protested against shall be referred to the Board for arbitration, or in the case of urgency the established interim procedure shall be adopted."

5. To receive a report from the Control of Wages Committee.

6. To receive AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech. letter 59/8/02, dated 4 FEB 44, on Electricity Control and on the allotment of Electric Power for February 1944.

7. To receive and consider Administrative Instruction No.27, dated 8 FEB 44, establishing A.C.M.F. Central Electrical Board.

8. To receive a report from the Electric Power Committee.

9. To consider an amendment to the list of controlled items submitted by the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.

10. To consider a further request from the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee that E.F.I. be elected to membership of that Committee.

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- 11. To receive a report from the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.
- 12. To consider a revised list of controlled items submitted by the Engineering Materials Committee.
- 13. To receive a report from the Engineering Materials Committee.
- 14. Any other business.
- 15. To fix a date for the next meeting.

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9 FEBRUARY 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

CONTROL OF WAGES COMMITTEE - MINUTES

1. The fifth meeting of the Control of Wages Committee was held at 14.30 hours, 9 February 1944, in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon.

Present:- Colonel D.N. Lawley - Chairman

Representatives of:- RN (FOWIT)

DDL

FBS

No.2 District

No.3 District

Fifth Army

AAFSC/MCO

MS (Adv)

ACC

In Attendance:-

Vice-Chairman (Am) (Allied Force Local Resources

Vice-Chairman (Gr) { (Italian) Board

2. The minutes of the previous meeting of the 25 January 1944 were read and approved.

3. No matters arose from the meeting of the Board held 31 January 1944, except that AFHQ message 44982 of 30 January and the resulting AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech. letter 47/40 of 6 February 1944, and FBS Circular No.24 dated 5 February 1944, dealing with the supply of food to Italian Civilians were noted.

4. ACC submitted a brief report on the employment of civilians by the Italian Army and the issuing of rations to such civilians. The Committee decided that to permit of the submission, if necessary, of a considered recommendation to the Board more information on this subject was required and ACC were requested to

Representatives of:- PN (POWIT)

DDL

FBS

No.2 District

No.3 District

Fifth Army

AAFSC/MIO

MS (Adv)

ACC

In Attendance:-

Vice-Chairman (Am) (Allied Force Local Resources)
Vice-Chairman (Br) ((Italian) Board

2. The minutes of the previous meeting of the 25 January 1944 were read and approved.
3. No matters arose from the meeting of the Board held 31 January 1944, except that AFHQ message 44982 of 30 January and the resulting AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech. letter 47/4Q of 6 February 1944, and FBS Circular No.24 dated 6 February 1944, dealing with the supply of food to Italian Civilians were noted.
4. ACC submitted a brief report on the employment of civilians by the Italian Army and the issuing of rations to such civilians. The Committee decided that to permit of the submission, if necessary, of a considered recommendation to the Board more information on this subject was required and ACC were requested to submit a full report to the next meeting.
5. No.2 District representative stated that the condition of AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech. letter 47/4Q of 6 February 1944 were difficult to apply to certain installations in No.2 District. He suggested issuing 500 grams of bread in lieu of prescribed foods. After consideration by the Committee it was decided that, owing to ACC not being able to increase the ration of flour, no alteration could, at present, be considered.
6. A letter written by AMF, Region III, dated 5 February 1944, ("Recommendations - Civilian Wage Scales" - Appendix "A") was received and it was decided that matter would be discussed at the next meeting when members would have had time to consider its implication.
7. It was reported that an instruction regarding control of experienced hump workers had been issued by ACC. The ACC representative agreed to investigate and report at the next meeting.
8. A list of new and revised Rates of Pay (Appendix "B") was submitted to the Board.
9. It was recommended to the Board that future changes in scale of rates of pay, when approved by the Committee, shall become effective 48 hours after the termination of/

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of the meeting, provided that no protest has been lodged by any member with the Local Resources Section within that time.

10. The sixth meeting of the Committee will be held at 14.30 hours, 16 FEBRUARY 1944, in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon.

<i>J.C. Ramsden</i>	<i>S.J.B. Louden</i>
J.C. RAMSDEN	S.J.B. LOUDEN
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT - REGION III
LABOR DIVISION

5 February 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendations, Civilian Wage Scale.

TO : Control of Wages Committee, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon,
Local Resources (Italian) Board.

1. The following recommendations, based on AMG's current experience in Labor Supply in Naples Province, are made in respect to Administrative Instruction No. 24, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon, dated 24 January 1944, and Appendix "A" of that bulletin.

a. Provision should be made for additional compensation for English-speaking personnel, in Office, Artisan and Skilled grades.

RECOMMENDATION: That the maximums be augmented by 20 lire for such personnel, in a "blanket" clause.

b. Method of converting daily rates into monthly rates, and vice versa, should be specified. We are at present multiplying daily rates by 30 and dividing monthly by 30 for conversions after verbal approval from Lt. Col. LYDE'S office. This brings up question as to overtime: for example, an interpreter getting 3600 lire monthly (30 x the max. daily rate) works 26 days a month (four Sundays off). This amounts to an equivalent of Lit. 138 per day worked; yet such rate must be permissible since it is part of a monthly salary computed on an approved daily rate. Now, if that person should work more than 48 hours in any one week, should overtime be paid, or not? Are salaried employees (monthly basis) entitled to overtime; and if so, on what basis?

RECOMMENDATION: That the use of figure 30 for conversion of rates be approved; that monthly-salaried employees getting one day off each week be paid overtime only if the total "overtime" hours per month exceed 20, or the total hours worked per month exceed 228 (except February 220).

c. Procedure should be provided for special rates to cover exceptional individuals, and combined skills. For example: an "executive assistant" may be a combination of steno, interpreter, translator, receptionist, accountant, secretary. No classification in the present list covers such a person; no single wage rate given (steno or translator) is adequate. Another example: clerks with exceptional skill or experience but without strictly "professional" standing - for instance, legal clerks - cannot be classified.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the approval of special rates for individuals of exceptional merits or combined - skills by the superior Labor Office of each AMG, DDL or Base Section region, whichever is

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applicable to the unit requiring such rate. Requests in writing should state reasons; units should be authorized to write direct rather than through channels. Each Labor Office, after having approved a "special individual" rate on this basis, should advise the other two Labor Offices in writing.

d. Recognition should be given to Allied Nationals. A considerable number of Allied citizens are employed by our forces in this area; they deserve better treatment at our hands than the pittance allowed under some of the civilian wage rates.

RECOMMENDATION: That wages paid to bonafide Allied Nationals may, at the discretion of the employing office or unit, be supplemented by an additional 50% of the rates quoted in the Italian Civilian Labor scale (Appendix "A").

e. Rates should be set on the basis of relative worth of the work performed. The sex of the employee performing it is not a determining factor, and should not be the basis of arbitrary discrimination. If a woman can do a given job as satisfactorily as a man (some do better!) she should be paid accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION: That Par. 1 of the "Notes", Appendix "A", be revoked; that all rates now quoted differentially, by sexes, be combined as one rate for both sexes, using the minimum now given in "female" classification and the maximum quoted in "male" classification except as may be otherwise recommended in enclosure No. 1.

f. Conditions governing civilian labor contractors need to be more clearly defined. For example, is the contract laborer's salary his total pay including benefit, paid for him by the contractor; or is it his pay minus these benefits but including payroll deductions; or is it actual cash-in-the-hand received? By some interpretations, it is impossible for a contractor to comply with both Paragraphs 3 and 9 of the Instructions.

RECOMMENDATION: Revision of Instruction No. 24 as indicated.

g. The "minimum rate week" ruling in Par. 3 of the Instruction should be modified. As written, it places discrimination against workers who may work on a series of temporary short-term jobs, for different units, by making it impossible for these men ever to be paid more than the minimum rate. The result is that many skilled workers who deserve a higher wage, do not get it, so they refuse work with Allied units, causing a shortage. The AMG Labor Office and PBS, by mutual agreement, sometime ago promulgated a modification of a similar ruling contained in the first wage List published for Italy. Modification provides that any man who has worked a cumulative total of 7 days for any Allied unit or units since last October may be started at any rate between the min. and max. allowable in case he is hired by another unit thereafter. Certification of his having worked 7 days may be given by AMG Labor office, PBS, or the unit for which he worked.

RECOMMENDATION: That this modification be incorporated in a revision of Instruction No. 24.

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h. The term "Chief Foreman" should be defined.

RECOMMENDATION: "Chief Foreman" shall mean any foreman who has at least two other foreman-led gangs under his control, or who has a minimum of 50 men under him directly.

i. It is felt that the maximum set in a great many of the classifications in Appendix "A" are too low. In many cases, the new rates will necessitate reductions in pay for skilled workers who were getting higher wages under the former approved and provisional rates. This is bound to react unfavorably to the Allied war effort, since it will result in strikes, demonstrations, quitting, lowered morale and output, among workers so treated who are now engaged in vital war work for Army, Navy or Air Force units.

RECOMMENDATION: An immediate upward revision of rates in skilled labor and other classifications as indicated in Inclosure No. 1, attached.

j. Many needed classifications are not found in Appendix "A". This necessitates a great deal of cross-checking and correspondence back and forth between AG - AFHQ - AGC and the units requesting rates for unlisted categories; it burns up time which our Labor Supply section could use to much better advantage; it requires a separate decision and clearance for each new classification added.

RECOMMENDATION: That Appendix "A" be replaced by Inclosure No. 1, attached, which is based on the Italian labor classification system with which we have to work, and includes well over 190 additional categories.

k. Since, in specifying labor, the Italian trade designations must be used, and their exact English equivalents should be known to all users of labor.

RECOMMENDATION: That the bilingual list as given in Inclosure No. 1 with this letter be adopted to replace Appendix "A"; and that in future, every rate authorization approved by AFHQ be made bilingually, based (as is Inclosure No. 1) on a translation of the correct Italian term.

2. In view of the present labor situation in the Naples area, it is considered that favorable action on the above recommendations is of prime importance to the interest of the Allied forces. In particular, any protracted delay in the adoption of modifications recommended in Paras. 1-f, g and i, will almost certainly multiply the difficulties of Labor Supply to the Armed Forces in this area.

FOR THE REGIONAL CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

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/s/ Harold E. Pomeroy
/c/ HAROLD E. POMEROY
Capt. AUS,
Acting Adjutant General

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APPENDIX "B"

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Appendix "B" to Minutes of Control of Wages
Committee Meeting held 9 February 1944

RATES OF PAY

Boot Repairers:

Boot Machinist
Boot Machine Operator Mechanic
Shoe Makers (Special Boot & Surgical Work)
Closers (Female)
Cutters (Male)
Cutters (Female)

Tailors:

Tailors (With machine)
Tailors (Without machine)
Tailoresses (With machine)
Tailoresses (Without machine)
Pressers, Machine. (Male)
Pressers, Machine. (Female)

* Hoffman Steam Press

Elevator repairer mechanic
Mechanics (Marine Engineer, R.N.)
Mechanics (Marine Instruments, R.N.)
Mechanic, M.T.

Aero Fitters (R.A.F.)
Armature Winder
Electricians
Gunfitter

Driver (Truck, trailer)
Carotaker (Cometery)

<u>Min.</u>	<u>Max.</u>
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Tailors (Without machine)	60	60
Tailoresses (With machine)	70	70
Tailoresses (Without machine)	45	110 *
Pressers, Machine. (Male)	80	90 *
Pressers, Machine. (Female)	60	
* Hoffman Steam Press		
Elevator repairer mechanic	65	120
Mechanics (Marine Engineer, R.N.)		120
Mechanics (Marine Instruments, R.N.)	85	120
Mechanic, M.T.		110
Aero Fitters (R.A.F.)	90	110
Armature Winder	90	150
Electricians	85	120
Gunfitter	80	120
Driver (Truck, trailer)	85	120
Carotaker (Cemetery)	80	120
Operator, motion picture.	80	120
Truck master	100	120
Truck master's assistant	90	110
Ammunition mechanic	80	120
Welder	80	120

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31 JANUARY 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 31 JANUARY 1944

1. The sixth meeting of the Board was held in the Conference Room, AFHQ. Adv. Adm. Ech. at 1100 hours, 31 January 1944.

Present:- D/GAO (Chairman)
Vice-Chairman (Am)
Vice-Chairman (Br)
ED/GAO
G.O.C., No. 2 District.
D.Q.M.G.

Representatives of:- C.G., P.E.S.
Flag Officer, Western Italy.
AFSC/ATO
M.G.S. (adv)
A.C.C.
214 Gp., R.A.F.
HQ., No. 3 District.

In attendance:-
Chairman, Food Supply Committee.
Chairman, Control of Wages Committee.
and seven others.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 17 January 1944 were approved. No. 3 District was elected a Member of the Food Supply, Control of Wages, Engineering Materials and Electric Power Committees.
3. The question of the supply of food to civilian labour employed for the benefit of the Allied Armed Forces was considered in conjunction with Message 44982 of 30 January (Appendix "A"). It was decided that the provisions outlined in Message 44982 would be adopted for
 - (a) manual labour employed directly by the Allied Armed Forces.
 - (b) manual labour employed by contractors engaged on work for the Allied Armed Forces, provided that the issue of this food to the workers is properly controlled by the employing Service.

In attendance:-

Chairman, Food Supply Committee.
Chairman, Control of Wages Committee.
and seven others.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 17 January 1944 were approved. No.3 District was elected a Member of the Food Supply, Control of Wages, Engineering Materials and Electric Power Committees.
3. The question of the supply of food to civilian labour employed for the benefit of the Allied Armed Forces was considered in conjunction with Message 44982 of 30 January (Appendix "A"). It was decided that the provisions outlined in Message 44982 would be adopted for

(a) manual labour employed directly by the Allied Armed Forces.

and

(b) manual labour employed by contractors engaged on work for the Allied Armed Forces, provided that the issue of this food to the workers is properly controlled by the employing Service.

but that the provisions would not be applicable to office workers. A.C.C. stated in this respect that they hoped to increase the civilian ration scale in 14 days' time.

Should the Services find difficulty in obtaining the fresh meat and vegetables required, they may apply to A.C.C. for dried vegetables and dehydrated soup which was stated to be available. A.C.C. added that adequate flour supplies should be available in 14 days' time.

It was stated that "Q" Branch (G-4) would issue an instruction to put the above procedure into effect forthwith and any difficulties experienced or recommendations are to be submitted at subsequent meetings of the Board.

4. Reports were received from:-

(a) Food Supply Committee (Meeting 18 Jan 44)

Report accepted except for para.9, it being understood that a new proposition regarding planting of potatoes had now been submitted by D.D.S.T. (para 10 below).

/.....It was considered

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It was considered that the Food Supply Committee was now doing extremely useful work.

(b) Miscellaneous Purposes Committee (24 Jan 44)

The Board directed that the attention of the Electric Power Committee be drawn to the requirement of power for the manufacture of hemp products and to the desirability of giving a high priority to this requirement.

The Royal Navy accepted the responsibility of placing all contracts for manufacturing hemp products on the allocations approved by the Board.

The Committee were instructed to submit a detailed list to the Board of these articles of furnishings and equipment which they required to be controlled.

The recommendation regarding Welfare Articles, as presented, was not considered to be practicable and "Q" Branch, after co-ordination with "A" and "G-4" Branches, were requested to submit to the D/QAC a draft instruction to 5 Army to prevent large scale purchases of these items, other than by the Welfare Authorities in the Rome Area.

The recommendation that E.T.I. be represented on the Committee was not approved, it being decided that their requirements should be handled by "Q" Branch, Flambo, who were to be represented. "G-4", Flambo, were invited to be represented if they so desired.

Authority was given to the Committee to deal with any item which they considered to be within their scope.

The list of controlled items submitted for publication through command channels was approved.

(c) Control of Wages Committee (25 Jan 44)

Report accepted. R.A.F. were elected to membership on the Committee.

5. The Draft Instruction on procedure (Appendix "B") was approved, but the full machinery set up in the draft is only to be applied when absolutely necessary and the Board emphasized that lists of Controlled and Restricted items were to be kept to the minimum.

6. It was decided that allocations of CONTROLLED or RESTRICTED items approved

to 5 Army to prevent large scale purchases of these items, other than by the Welfare Authorities in the Rane Area.

The recommendation that E.F.I. be represented on the Committee was not approved, it being decided that their requirements should be handled by "Q" Branch, Flambo, who were to be represented. "G-4", Flambo, were invited to be represented if they so desired.

Authority was given to the Committee to deal with any item which they considered to be within their scope.

The list of controlled items submitted for publication through command channels was approved.

(c) Control of Wages Committee (25 Jan 44)

Report accepted. R.A.F. were elected to membership on the Committee.

5. The Draft Instruction on procedure (Appendix "E") was approved, but the full machinery set up in the draft is only to be applied when absolutely necessary and the Board emphasized that lists of Controlled and Restricted items were to be kept to the minimum.

6. It was decided that allocations of CONTROLLED or RESTRICTED items approved by the appropriate Committee shall become effective, (providing that no protest has been lodged by any member with the Local Resources Section within 48 hours of the termination of the meeting), on the receipt by the demanding Service or Agency of an official Release Note signed by a Vice-Chairman. If a protest is lodged, all allocations of that item will be held up until the matter has been arbitrated upon by the Board or, in cases where urgent decisions are required, the established interim procedure would be adopted, whereby it is referred to the Chairman of the Board, or in his absence to the DD/CIO for a decision.

7. As a result of modifications in the composition of AMC/ACC, it was decided that all AMC/ACC representation (on the Board and its Committees) would be covered by one member to be nominated by A.C.C. for each Committee.

8. The draft instruction prepared by the Works Directorate (Br), dated 27 Jan 44, regarding Electricity Control, was approved, subject to the addition to the addressees of:-

Commander No.3 District (for action when formed)
and Paragraph 3 being referred to read:-

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"The Societa Meridionale Electricita controls the electricity supply grid in Southern Italy but the distribution is in the hands of local supply companies. The supply by the S.M.E. to these local companies will be controlled in accordance with allocations made by the Electric Power Committee r, in case of appeal, by the Local Resources Board."

9. A letter, 1549/Q of 22 Jan 44, from No.2 District was received. In view of the decision regarding electricity control made in para.8 above there was no discussion.
10. D.D.S.T.'s proposal for the planting of potatoes was considered and it was agreed that D.D.S.T. would place at the disposal of A.C.C. 7,000 tons of potato seed. A.C.C. undertook to set aside for D.D.S.T., in approximately equal instalments from the total crop on the Mainland as a first priority for the use of the troops maintained by D.D.S.T. during the months June/October inclusive, 66 2/3% of 7,000 tons multiplied by the average yield for all farms. A.C.C. will arrange the planting of the seed potatoes.
11. It was decided to amend A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech. Administrative Order No.2, dated 8 Jan 44, para.2(b) to read:-

"The purchase of such fruit and vegetables as may be declared surplus from time to time and released for sale to the Allied Forces by the Local Resources (Italian) Board, or by the Food Supply Committee of that Board, or by any local Committee set up with the approval of that Board."

12. The Board instructed the Food Supply Committee to study the practicability of amending para.5 of A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech. Administrative Order No.2, dated 8 Jan 44, to permit of the purchase of these prohibited articles by troops in areas where they are plentiful and to submit their recommendations to the Board.
13. The list of controlled items submitted at the last meeting (17 Jan 44) of the Board by the Engineering Materials Committee was returned to this Committee with instructions to review the list and to produce a shorter list of critical items.
14. In reply to a query by the DD/CAO, the D/CAO stated that in his absence, although the Vice-Chairman of the Local Resources (Italian) Board took the chair at meetings of the Board, urgent matters of the Board requiring interim decisions would be taken by the Vice-Chairman to the DD/CAO for action.
15. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 1100 hours, 21 FEBRUARY 1944, in the Conference Room, A.F.H.Q., Adv. Adm. Ech.

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15. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 1100 hours, 21 FEBRUARY 1944, in the Conference Room, A.F.H.Q., Adv. Adm. Ech.

Handwritten signature: J. C. Ramsden
 J. C. RAMSDEN S. J. B. LOUDEN
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APPENDIX "A"

CIPHER MESSAGE IN

SIGS NO. 5607

TO: ACTION FATIMA INFO FLAMBO CG PBS GOC 2 DISTRICT
GOC DISTONE CG IBS FABLE FOR WEBSTER AND HARDING
CG SOS NATOUASA

FROM: CITE PESUP FHDSC FHDQ FHEDS GHMGS SIGNED CINC

44982

30 JAN

TO PROVIDE A NOON MEAL (OR MIDNIGHT MEAL IF EMPLOYED AT NIGHT) FOR ITALIAN CIVILIANS EMPLOYED AT HARD LABOUR BY ALLIED FORCES, THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE EFFECTED BY THOSE CONCERNED. SUB-PARA. A. BASE SECTION, AREA OR DISTRICT COMD WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES NECESSARY TO PREPARE AND SERVE THE MEAL AT THE SITE OF EMPLOYMENT IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONSUMPTION BY THE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING THE HARD LABOUR. SUB-PARA.B. THE BASIS OF THIS MEAL, PER INDIVIDUAL PER WORKING DAY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COST</u>
FLOUR OR BREAD	Equiv. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	.0128
FRESH VEGETABLES	6 ozs.	.045
FRESH MEAT (if locally available)	1 oz.	.026

SUB-PARA.C. THE PROVISION OF THE FLOUR ELEMENT WILL BE AN A.C.C. RESPONSIBILITY UNDER CENTRAL ARRANGEMENTS, BUT DETAIL ISSUES ON THE ABOVE SCALE WILL BE MADE FROM ARMY STOCKS THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS.

A CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY TOTAL OF AMOUNTS SO EXPENDED WILL BE PRESENTED BY BASE SECTION, AREA OR DISTRICT COMDS TO H.Q., A.C.C., WHICH WILL ARRANGE IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT. SUB-PARA.D. PROVISION OF ITEMS AS ABOVE OTHER THAN FLOUR WILL BE FROM LOCAL RESOURCES UNDER EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS, REQUIREMENTS BEING DEMANDED AND ACCOUNTED FOR THROUGH REGULAR ARMY CHANNELS. SUB-PARA.E. DAILY WAGE SCALES WILL BE REDUCED IN AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE AVERAGE COST OF THE MEAL

NECESSARY TO PREPARE AND SERVE THE MEAL AT THE SITE OF EMPLOYMENT IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONSUMPTION BY THE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMING THE HARD LABOUR. SUB-PARA.3. THE BASIS OF THIS MEAL, PER INDIVIDUAL PER WORKING DAY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COST</u>
FLOUR OR BREAD	Equiv. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	.0128
FRESH VEGETABLES	6 ozs.	.045
FRESH MEAT (if locally available)	1 oz.	.026

SUB-PARA.C. THE PROVISION OF THE FLOUR ELEMENT WILL BE AN A.C.C. RESPONSIBILITY UNDER CENTRAL ARRANGEMENTS, BUT DETAIL ISSUES ON THE ABOVE SCALE WILL BE MADE FROM ARMY STOCKS THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS.

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APPENDIX "B"

ARMY ADV. ADM. SCHEDULE
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO...

PROCEDURE IN REGARD TO THE PROCUREMENT AND ALLOCATION
OF LOCAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE ITALIAN MAINLAND

1. DEFINITIONS: The following definitions, as applied to commodities/materials required by the Procurement Services and Agencies of the Allied Armed Forces, will be adopted in all communications regarding Local Resources:-
 - A. FROZEN. If a stock of a commodity/material in short supply, located in Civilian hands, is required by the Armed Forces, it will be FROZEN by AMG/ACC if so requested by the appropriate Committee of the Board, i.e. its direct procurement by Civilians is prohibited.
 - B. CONTROLLED items are those, the allocation of which as between both the different Services and the Civilian population will be made by the Board on the advice of the appropriate Committee on an equitable basis after receipt of bulk estimates of requirements from all interested parties. Schedules of CONTROLLED items will be published by FLAMEO ~~at the request of the Board.~~
on the recommendation
 - C. RESTRICTED items are those which can only be procured by the Armed Forces after the essential needs of the Civilian population have been met. The available balances so declared will be allocated as between the different interested Services by the Board on the advice of the appropriate Committee. Schedules of RESTRICTED items will be published by FLAMEO ~~at the request of the Board.~~
on the recommendation
 - D. UNCONTROLLED items are those which have not been scheduled either as CONTROLLED or RESTRICTED, and which are in sufficient supply to meet the requirements both of the Civil population and of the Armed Forces.
2. SCHEDULES: Separate lists of CONTROLLED and of RESTRICTED items will be maintained in respect of each Committee established: each schedule will bear a serial number, and every item in a schedule will also bear a running serial number. They will be frequently reviewed by the Committee concerned and every effort will be made to keep the lists as small as possible.
3. PROCEDURE: The following procedure in connection with allocations will be adopted:

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3. PROCEDURE: The following procedure in connection with allocations will be adopted:

(1) Demands for controlled and restricted items in regular demand will be submitted by the interested Services monthly on a day to be fixed but not less than 72 hours before the date of meeting (of the Board or) of the Committee concerned. At the same time the organization responsible for the submission of figures of availabilities will lodge particulars. Items not in regular demand or emergency requirements may be submitted at any time.

(ii) Demands should be made in duplicate on a pro-forma similar to Annexure "A" (after any necessary modifications). The stock on hand should be listed together with the estimated days of supply. To aid in assessing priorities demands should indicate whether they are:

- (a) Urgent Operational
- (b) Normal Current
- (c) Stockpiling Requirements

(iii) After allocation by the Board/Committee, the Board will issue release orders in duplicate, endorsed by AMG/ACC or other appropriate agency, to the Demanding Service. The Demanding Service will direct its local representative to approach the local representative of AMG/ACC concerning delivery. The order on the back of the two copies issued will be completed by the local AMG/ACC representative and returned to the representative of the Service who, after collection of the items specified will return one copy duly certified to/

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to the AMG/AOC representative and will attach the other to the A.F.(Er) P 1622 or cash receipt. Any balance not drawn within the specified period will be forfeited. If more than one supplier is involved for any one release order, sub-orders quoting the original number of the release note will be issued by the AMG/AOC representative in the form shown on the reverse side of the original release note.

(iv) When Services or Procurement Agencies are unable to obtain elsewhere stocks of items required by them which are held under control or are being manufactured by a particular Service or Agency, the Board or Committee concerned may instruct them to be held either in whole or in part pending allocation. Such allocation will be evidenced by the issue of an official Release Note signed by a Vice-Chairman of the Board.

4. INTERCOM: All communications intended for the Board or for its Committees should be addressed to Local Resources Section, this h.v.

MAJOR GENERAL,
DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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MAJOR GENERAL,
DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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26 Jan 44

Annexure "A"

Supplies and Stores Demand on A.F.L.R. (Italian) Board.

Demanding Service.....

Commodity Demanded.....

Quantity Required.....
(in metric tons, or other suitable unit)

Place delivery required

Town.....

Province.....

Compartment.....

Date delivery required.....

Any Special Requests..... days supply.

.....

Certified that these supplies and stores are required for
urgent operational/normal current/stockpiling purposes.

.....Rank

Date / /44 Appointment.

For use of Local Resources Section Only

Demand No. Prefix.....

Serial.....

Release Order No.....

Passed to MGS/AMG/ACC.....

Any Special Requests..... equivalent to.....days supply.

.....

Certified that these supplies and stores are required for
urgent operational/normal current/stockpiling purposes.

Date / /44.....Rank.....Appointment.....

For use of Local Resources Section Only

Passed to MGS/AMG/ACC.....
Allocated by Committee.....
Approved by Board.....
Demand No. Prefix.....
Serial.....
Release Order No.....
Date.....
All notified.....

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26 Jan 44

Signature "P"

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

TO:
Release Order No.
(in duplicate)

The following items will be released to you on demand by AMG/AOC representative at.....
(Item).....

These items will be collected by you from the Supplier(s) indicated by AMG/AOC representative before...../...../44, failing which this Release Note will cease to be valid.

If payment is effected, it will be made at the price indicated by AMG/AOC representative but receipt on reverse will be exchanged as soon as delivery has been taken.

Any temporary receipt issued to the supplier must be attached by him to the A.F.P. 1922 or cash receipt, in case of payment.

Countersigned.....
MGS/AMG/AOC.
Date.....
Vice Chairman,
Allied Force Local Resources
(Italian) Board.

(Reverse of Release Order)

To..... (Supplier)
You are hereby ordered to deliver to:-
.....

cease to be valid.

If payment is effected, it will be made at the price indicated by AMG/AOC representative but receipt on reverse will be exchanged as soon as delivery has been taken.

Any temporary receipt issued to the supplier must be attached by him to the A.F.P.1922 or cash receipt, in case of payment.

Vice Chairman,
Allied Force Local Resources
(Italian) Board.

Countersigned.....
MGS/AMG/AOC.

Date.....

(Reverse of Release Order)

To..... (Supplier)

You are hereby ordered to deliver to:-

.....

(Item).....

as and when demanded prior to...../...../44 after which date no further deliveries will be made, at a price not exceeding Lire.....per....

.....
AMG/AOC Representative.

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To.....
(AMG/AOC Representative)

Received the above-mentioned quantity of.....which if paid for will be at the rate of Lire.....per.....

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COPY NO. 16

ADV. ADM. ECHELON,
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION,
C.M.E.

Reference: - 3/2/LR

25 JANUARY 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

A meeting of the Board will be held in the Conference Room, AFHQ, Adv. Adm. Echelon, at 11.00 hours on MONDAY, 31 JAN 44, NOT Monday, 7 Feb 44.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of previous meeting (17 Jan 44).
2. To consider the question of the supply of food to civilian labour employed for the benefit of the Allied Armed Forces with particular reference to R.N. (FOUIT) letters, reference FWMIT 123, dated 9 Jan 44 (Appendix "A"), and 20 Jan 44 (Appendix "C")
3. To receive reports from:-
 - (a) Food Supply Committee.
 - (b) Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.
 - (c) Control of Wages Committee.
4. To consider a draft instruction on procedure (Appendix "B").
5. To consider the following motion proposed by the Vice Chairman:-

"That allocations of CONTROLLED or RESTRICTED items approved by the appropriate Committee shall become effective, (providing that no protest has been lodged by any member with the Local Resources

R.N.(FOUIT) letters, reference FOUIT 123, dated
8 Jan 44 (Appendix "A"), and 20 Jan 44 (Appendix "C")

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 - (b) Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.
 - (c) Control of Wages Committee.
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- 5. To consider the following motion proposed by the Vice Chairman:-

"That allocations of CONTROLLED or RESTRICTED items approved by the appropriate Committee shall become effective, (providing that no protest has been lodged by any member with the Local Resources Section within 48 hours of the termination of the meeting), on the receipt by the demanding Service or Agency of an official Release Note signed by a Vice Chairman. If a protest is lodged, all allocations of that item will be held up until the matter has been arbitrated upon by the Board."

- 6. To decide whether any modification is necessary of the representation of:-

M.C.S.
A.C.C.
H.C., A.M.G., C.M.F.
A.M.G., 15 ARMY GP.

on the Board or on any of the Committees.

- 7. Any other business.

THOMAS R. GIBSON
LT. COL. AUS
VICE CHAIRMAN (AM)
ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

J.L. PRESOTT
LT. COL. AMAG
VICE CHAIRMAN (BR)

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Appendix A

TREATMENT OF CIVILIAN LABOUR AND CIVILIANS GENERALLY - NAPLES AREA

FROM: Flag Officer, Western Italy, Naples.

DATE: 8th January, 1944.

No. FOWIT 123.

TO: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copies to:- A.F.H.Q. Advanced Administrative Echelon,
Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic & Liaison,
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military
Government, Region III,
Commander, 57th Area,
Vice Admiral, Malta.)

Although the Royal Navy is only a comparatively small direct employer of labour there are large numbers of contract workers and employees of shipbuilding and shiprepairing yards on whose work much depends. Moreover, as regards the direct labour employed the number of permanently employed Italians (nearly 2,000) is greater than the number of naval personnel shorebased in Naples; this has been necessary owing to the acute shortage of trained personnel to meet present manning commitments at sea. The efficient functioning of the Royal Navy ashore, therefore, is dependant to a very considerable extent on the loyal co-operation and standard of the work of Italian employees.

2. It is felt that the present policy pursued with regard to civilian labour and civilians generally is calculated to lead to a progressive deterioration in their work and even to acts of sabotage or strikes unless there is a radical change in the policy pursued.

3. First and foremost is the food problem. All the civilians can obtain on their ration cards is one hundred grammes of bread a day (approximately three and a half ounces); other items released have been negligible. Supplies of food in addition to this have to be obtained from a flourishing black market. The following are understood to be some of the current black market prices together with the official rates:-

Black Market Price Official Price

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	<u>Black Market Price</u>	<u>Official Price</u>
Bread	140 lire per kilo.	3.60 per kilo
Eggs	27 lire each	None
Potatoes	26/27 lire per kilo	19 lire per kilo
Oil	180/210 lire per litre	22.50 per litre
Beans	111/120 lire per kilo	11-12 per kilo

4. It is apparent, therefore, that the problem of adequately feeding his family (and families run to Victorian lengths in Italy) is almost insoluble for any employee or contractor's workman on a wage between 50 - 120 lire a day. With starvation threatening the family at home satisfactory and loyal work cannot be expected.

5. The language

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(Field Officer, Western Italy's No. FCMT 123 dated 8th January, 1944)

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5. The language difficulty makes it necessary to employ as many bilingual workers as possible to obtain satisfactory work. This means that many employers tend to be of a higher educational and social level than would normally be the case in peace time and they are in consequence accustomed to a higher standard of living.

6. Until recently the only employees allowed to be fed were the actual manual workers in the port area; these men received a mid-day soup ration. This has now been extended to cover all direct employees engaged on manual work as a temporary measure until such time as the amount of bread available can be increased.

No non-manual workers such as office employees, interpreters, etc., are allowed to be fed and many of these cannot afford a midday meal and so hungry throughout the day. In addition no provision is made for the large number of contractor's workmen.

7. There are other and minor considerations where a more generous treatment would achieve more whole-hearted co-operation. Examples are:-

(a) Instructions were issued by Allied Military Government that all employees were to be informed that it was their responsibility to set aside out of their salaries the necessary money to cover both employers and employees insurance contributions (which are considerable) and income tax. In practice, of course, little or no money has been set aside, every available lire being spent on the necessities of life.

It is understood that this decision is likely to be annulled but no cancellation of the order has yet been received.

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8. It is only natural that the Italians should now compare the treatment meted out to them with that encountered under German yoke and the comparison is not always in favour of the Allies. The Germans imported considerable quantities of food into the Naples area and it is understood that Christmas 1943 was the first Christmas since the outbreak of war that no additional rations were forthcoming for the civilian population. Such treatment is bound to be of adverse propaganda value to sympathisers with the Allied cause in Northern Italy.

9. It is, however, the treatment of civilians actively assisting the Allied cause that most directly impedes the war effort and it is considered that a much more definite interest must be taken in their welfare in the future. These civilians are now replacing naval ratings, or being employed to avoid the drafting of additional ratings into the area to an ever increasing extent, but a number of the better employees are already leaving in disgust at the cheerless treatment they have received. Very large numbers were eager for work in the initial stages, but suitable applicants for work are steadily decreasing.

The matter is now urgent and, if the present policy of utilising Italian labour to the full is to be pursued, either wages must be increased all round or the food situation must be materially eased.

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10. It is recommended, therefore, that all direct employees be given special ration cards and issued with more substantial rations at Allied Military Government controlled rates and that a similar concession be made to contractors' workmen engaged in work directly furthering the war effort. Such action is also calculated to increase the range from which employers are recruited with consequent gain of efficiency.

It is also suggested that it should be an accepted principle that standard ration should be issued to Italian employees in forward areas pending the satisfactory establishment of a ration scheme similar to the above.

Signed
PEAR ADMIRAL.

APPENDIX "B"

AHQ ADV. ADM. ECHelon
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO...

PROCEDURE IN REGARD TO THE PROCUREMENT AND ALLOCATION
OF LOCAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE ITALIAN MAINLAND

1. DEFINITIONS: The following definitions, as applied to commodities/materials required by the Procurement Services and Agencies of the Allied Armed Forces, will be adopted in all communications regarding Local Resources:-
 - A. FROZEN. If a stock of a commodity/material in short supply, located in Civilian hands, is required by the Armed Forces, it will be FROZEN by AMG/ACC if so requested by the appropriate Committee of the Board, i.e. its direct procurement by Civilians is prohibited.
 - B. CONTROLLED items are those, the allocation of which as between both the different Services and the Civilian population will be made by the Board on the advice of the appropriate Committee on an equitable basis after receipt of bulk estimates of requirements from all interested parties. Schedules of CONTROLLED items will be published by FLAMBO at the request of the Board.
 - C. RESTRICTED items are those which can only be procured by the Armed Forces after the essential needs of the Civilian population have been met. The available balances so declared will be allocated as between the different interested Services by the Board on the advice of the appropriate Committee. Schedules of RESTRICTED items will be published by FLAMBO at the request of the Board.
 - D. UNCONTROLLED items are those which have not been scheduled either as CONTROLLED or RESTRICTED, and which are in sufficient supply to meet the requirements both of the Civil population and of the Armed Forces.
2. SCHEDULES: Separate lists of CONTROLLED and of RESTRICTED items will be maintained in respect of each Committee established: each schedule will bear a serial number, and every item in a schedule will also bear a running serial number. They will be frequently reviewed by the Committee concerned and every effort will be made to keep the lists as small as possible.
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3. PROCEDURE: The following procedure in connection with allocations will be adopted:
 - (1) Demands for controlled and restricted items in regular demand will be submitted by the interested Services monthly on a day to be fixed but not less than 72 hours before the date of meeting (of the Board or) of the Committee concerned. At the same time the organization responsible for the submission of figures of availabilities will lodge particulars. Items not in regular demand or emergency requirements may be submitted at any time.
 - (ii) Demands should be made in duplicate on a pro-forme similar to Annexure "A" (after any necessary modifications). The stock on hand should be listed together with the estimated days of supply. To aid in assessing priorities, demands should indicate whether they are:
 - (a) Urgent/Operational
 - (b) Normal Current
 - (c) Stockpiling Requirements
 - (iii) After allocation by the Board/Committee, the Board will issue release orders in duplicate, endorsed by AMG/ACC or other appropriate agency, to the Demanding Service. The Demanding Service will direct its local representative to approach the local representative of AMG/ACC concerning delivery. The order on the back of the two copies issued will be completed by the local AMG/ACC representative and returned to the representative of the Service who, after collection of the items specified will return one copy duly certified to/

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to the AMG/AOC representative and will attach the other to the A.F.(Br) P 1922 or cash receipt. Any balance not drawn within the specified period will be forfeited. If more than one supplier is involved for any one release order, sub-orders quoting the original number of the release note will be issued by the AMG/AOC representative in the form shown on the reverse side of the original release note.

(iv) When Services or Procurement Agencies are unable to obtain elsewhere stocks of items required by them which are held under control or are being manufactured by a particular Service or Agency, the Board or Committee concerned may instruct them to be held either in whole or in part pending allocation. Such allocation will be evidenced by the issue of an official Release Note signed by a Vice-Chairman of the Board.

4. INTERCOMN: All communications intended for the Board or for its Committees should be addressed to Local Resources Section, this H.Q.

MAJOR GENERAL,
DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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Annexure "A"

Supplies and Stores Demand on A.F.L.R. (Italian) Board.

Demanding Service.....

Commodity Demanded.....

Quantity Required.....
(in metric tons, or other suitable unit)

Place delivery required

Town.....

Province.....

Compartment.....

Date delivery required.....

Any Special Requests.....

equivalent to.....days supply.

Certified that these supplies and stores are required for
urgent operational/normal current/stockpiling purposes.

.....Rank

Date / /44.....Appointment.

For use of Local Resources Section Only

Demand No. Prefix.....

Serial.....

Passed to MGS/MG/ACC..... Release Order No.....

Certified that these supplies and stores are required for urgent operational/normal current/stockpiling purposes.

Date / /44 Rank Appointment.

For use of Local Resources Section Only
Prefix.....
Demand No. Serial.....
Release Order No.....
Date.....
All notified.....

Passed to MGS/AMG/AOC.....
Allocated by Committee.....
Approved by Board.....

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Annexure "D"

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

TO:-
Release Order No.
(in duplicate)

The following items will be released to you on demand by AMG/AOC

representative at.....
(Item).....

These items will be collected by you from the Supplier(s) indicated by
AMG/AOC representative before...../...../44, failing which this Release Note will
cease to be valid.

If payment is effected, it will be made at the price indicated by AMG/AOC
representative but receipt on reverse will be exchanged as soon as delivery has
been taken.

Any temporary receipt issued to the supplier
must be attached by him to the A.F.P.1922 or
cash receipt, in case of payment.

Countersigned.....
MGS/AMG/AOC.
Vice Chairman,
Allied Force Local Resources
(Italian) Board.

Date.....

(Reverse of Release Order)

To..... (Supplier)

You are hereby ordered to deliver to:-

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(Item).....

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(Italian) Board.

Date.....

(Reverse of Release Order)

To..... (Supplier)

You are hereby ordered to deliver to:-

.....
(Item).....

as and when demanded prior to...../...../44 after which date no further deliveries will be made, at a price not exceeding Lire.....per....

.....
AMG/AOC Representative.

To.....
(AMG/AOC Representative)
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Received the above-mentioned quantity of.....which if paid for will be at the rate of Lire.....per.....

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Appendix "C"

SUPPLY OF FOOD TO EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS WORKMEN

From: The Flag Officer, Western Italy, Naples.

Date: 20th January, 1944.

No. PWIT.123

To: THE CHAIRMAN, GENERAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, ITALIAN MAINLAND.
(Copies to:- The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean,
Civil Food Controller, Italian Mainland,
Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic & Liaison,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military
Government, Region III.
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section)

As has already been reported in my letter RWIT.123 of 8 January, 1943 (copy attached), the position as regards civilian workers has progressively deteriorated and I am of opinion that prompt and energetic measures are necessary if a serious loss to the war effort is to be avoided.

2. As regards the Navy the civilian workers concerned can be divided into two classes:-

- (a) Direct employees.
- (b) Contractor's workmen.

Direct Employees.

3. Among direct employees, manual labourers only are allowed a soup issue daily but clerical and non manual workers have no similar issue. I attach a representation from a number of office employees who are doing good work for the Royal Navy. These employees are educated bilingual men and women and have been trained up over a period of several months to do useful work, but many of these will be leaving unless the present situation is materially improved and it will not be possible to replace them.

4. With both manual and non manual workers the problem of feeding their families arises and the situation now is such that even better class employees, who would normally scorn such an action, will risk dismissal and imprisonment to steal two or three potatoes or some other small quantity of food. No employees can now be trusted near foodstuffs.

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5. Contractors are encountering ever increasing difficulties in getting the labour necessary for carrying out their commitments. Some contractors have made preparations for starting soup kitchens but require the release of certain items of food at controlled prices before they can bring their kitchens into operation. A copy of letter written on this subject is attached.

6. To cite an example of the seriousness of the situation, there were two strikes on the firm of Navalmechanica during last week caused by the critical food situation. This firm is doing vital work on shipbuilding and repairing and should its work be brought to a standstill operational units of the Allied Fleet will be immobilised.

Recommendations

7. It is strongly urged that the present serious situation may be faced without delay and as immediate measures, it is recommended that:-

(a) Non manual direct employees should be issued with a midday ration forthwith &
 (b) Flour and other items of food for making soup should be made available for issue to approved contractors at controlled prices in order that their workmen may be issued with mid-day meals.

8. These measures are only palliatives and do little to improve the lot of the workers' families. Until increased rations are available general dissatisfaction and unrest among civil population will continue. It is requested that the recommendations in my letter already quoted may also be given consideration.

SIGNED

REAR ADMIRAL.

COPY NO. 15

AFHQ ADV. ADM. ECHELON,
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION,
C.M.F.

Reference:- 3/2/IR

28 JANUARY 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

Reference the Agenda of the meeting of the Local Resources Board to be held on MONDAY, 31 JAN 44, circulated under reference 3/2/IR of 25 JAN 44, the following additional Agenda will be considered under para. 7. In view of the importance of these matters the relevant papers are attached:-

(i) To receive a letter No. 1649 Q of 22 January 1944 from No. 2 District (Appendix "D") calling upon AMG/ACC to order a 33 1/3% cut in civilian consumption of light and power in Apulia.

(ii) To consider a draft instruction prepared by the Works Directorate (Br), dated 27 January 1944 (Appendix "E"), regarding rationing of Electric Power and Light in General.

(iii) To consider the following proposal made by D.D.S.T. for the planting of seed potatoes:-

D.D.S.T. will place at the disposal of AMG/ACC 6,000 tons of potato seed, estimated by AMG to produce a yield of 48,000 tons. AMG will cause the planting of the seed potatoes by farmers and will retain as part of the farmers' remuneration 33 1/3% of the crop, or 16,000 tons. D.D.S.T. desires an undertaking from H.Q., AMG/ACC, that 32,000 tons of potatoes will be set aside, in approximately equal instalments, from the total crop on the Mainland as a first priority for the use of the troops maintained by him during the months June/October inclusive.

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APPENDIX "D"

SUBJECT:- Electric Power Consumption

URGENT

HQ, No.2 District, C.M.F.
1549 Q

22 JAN 44

Allied Control Commission
AMG Region II
AMG Region III

1. The attached proposals for the reduction of Electric Power Consumption in SE ITALY and the reasons for the necessity for such reduction are forwarded.
2. It is imperative that the reduction mentioned should become operative at the beginning of February, and you are requested to take the necessary steps as a matter of urgency, to ensure that the economy is effected.
3. Arrangements will be made to ensure that units of Allied Forces in the Area conform with the regulations issued by you in so far as they are in a position to do so.

T.O.O. 09.15

Major General,
Comd No.2 District.

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Annexure to HQ 2 District 1549 Q dated 22 Jan 44.

Proposals for reducing the Electric Power Consumption in S.E. Italy for the purpose of providing the necessary Power Supply to operate the Foggia - Naples Railway.

1. At the meeting of the Electric Power Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board at NAPLES on Jan 5th a demand was presented from the Director General of Military Railways for the supply of 6,000 k w of electric power at FOGGIA to the railway system, for operating the FOGGIA - BENEVENTO- NAPLES line electrically.

The service is to commence on Feb 10th and the schedule has been arranged to keep the maximum demand down to the above figure of 6,000 k w.

This demand is required to have the highest priority.

2. In order to make this amount of power available at FOGGIA, it is necessary to curtail the consumption of Eastern Italy as a whole by at least the same amount, since the maximum demand is already up to, and at times over, the highest figure which the transmission lines from the Sila Power Stations in CALABRIA will carry with efficiency.

3. This group of hydro-electric power stations is practically the whole source of supply at present for Eastern Italy; the territory concerned being all that served the Societa Generale Pugliese di Elettricit , which now also feeds power to the East Coast Region to the north, formerly served by the UNES Company from PESCARA.

4. There are several small stand-by thermal generating plants in the area which might be brought into service, and we will endeavour to arrange a supply of fuel to such as can be efficiently and usefully employed; but it is considered that they had better be treated as a reserve in hand, and that the immediate requirements should be met by reducing the existing consumption, which is on a liberal scale and tending to increase.

5. The attached chart shows approximately an average daily load curve for the total consumption of the S G P E system taken in mid December, and analysed into four categories -

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- (ii) Domestic appliances, Cooking and Heating, and similar apparatus in Hotels, Restaurants, Public Buildings etc.
- (iii) Medium and small power users; chiefly small industries.
- (iv) Large industries.

The amount of power exported to UNES is also shown, and this will include some of the first three categories.

6. Of these components, the last two, category iv large industries, and the power exported to UNES, must be considered as practically irreducible.

In fact the demand for large industries is likely to increase as more are started up and expanded for essential war production, under the direction of the Allied Forces.

The reduction necessary will, therefore, have to be effected in the **3620** three.

7. The problem of reduction to meet this present requirement is primarily that of reducing the maximum power load in Kilo Watts, not one of reducing the total energy consumption or meter reading in Kilo-Watt-hours, though any incidental reduction in the latter will be beneficial also.

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The load curve shows that there are two peaks of maximum load, one broad one of long duration in the morning, falling somewhat in the afternoon. The other is of shorter duration, but reaching a slightly higher maximum, in the early evening.

The actual present consumption is somewhat higher than that shown, and these two peaks are now both well over the 40,000 k.w., which is the maximum permissible for efficient operation of the transmission line from Sila, and at time for short periods approach 45,000 k.w. with consequent low voltage.

The problem is thus that of reducing these two peaks each to a total load of not more than 34,000 k.w.

8. It will be seen that the reduction required is approximately the same in each peak period and amounts to about 7 to 9,000 kilowatts out of a total of 41 to 43,000 kilowatts.

Out of this total some 9 - 10,000 kilowatts belong to the practically irreducible minimum of the larger industries and the power fed to the UNES Company to the North, leaving a margin to work on of about 32,000 kilowatts.

The average proportionate reduction of the loads in this margin is thus about a fourth, but there will inevitably be a number of essential loads which cannot be reduced to this extent, and which cannot be transferred to the more favourable period.

The target reduction must therefore be set at a higher figure to cover these, and that suggested is one third.

9. Owing to the different nature of their principal constituents these two peaks may be considered separately.

The Morning one can be seen to be composed principally of Category iii loads, with a proportion of Category ii loads.

The maximum peak can in this case be reduced by two methods each of which can contribute towards the result required:-

(a) by cutting out all redundant and non-essential loads, and by reducing the consumption of the remainder by careful and economical use.

(b) by transferring selected loads to operate in the valley period of low consumption between 22.30 hours and 06.00 hours.

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The Evening peak consists principally of the Lighting load, with a proportion of Domestic Appliances etc.

In this case the load is not susceptible to transference to a more favourable hour, and all the reduction necessary must be achieved by economy in consumption and the cutting out of all non-essential items.

10. Results will have to be achieved quickly, in order to reduce the total consumption to the required figures by Feb. 10th, ready for the operation of the Railway.

It is therefore considered that simple and urgent methods will have to be employed, and it is suggested that immediate instructions be given to the Italian Government to issue orders that each and every private, public and official consumer, is to reduce his maximum consumption or demand for electricity by one third; under suitably severe penalties, unless exempted by a special permit which must be obtained by application to the authorities.

All consumers should be required to state whether they have any standby power plant, and if so to submit proposals and requirements for bringing it into service to supply all or part of their load, and if possible feed into the general supply network.

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Such permits must be given strictly and only where it is demonstrated that the reduction cannot be made without prejudicing services really essential to the war effort or to the economic life of the country.

In such cases the applicants may be directed to operate in the night period mentioned above; and other users also must be so directed, sufficient to achieve the necessary total reduction in peak load.

11. An item in the evening peak load which should immediately be cut out completely is all external and street lighting of which a sensible quantity still exists, and which is ineffective and practically useless anyway through heavy shading or blue bulbs.

The Appulian Acqueduct Company has a pumping load totaling some 2,000 k.w. and we have already requested them to arrange that this shall be taken as far as possible between the hours of 22.30 and 06.00.

12. Another measure which will help the achievement of these reductions is the increase in price of electric power, and it is suggested that the order should include permission to the SGPE to raise its tariff charges by some 100% or more above the present low figures.

In this connection it is understood that the generating company, the Societa Meridionale di Eletticit , is shortly to raise its charges for electric power supplied to the distributing companies by 62.5%.

13. In an emergency a necessary reduction of total load could be effected by cutting off altogether supplies to one or more feeders serving unimportant areas; but that course is not favoured since it will cut off all types of loads without discrimination and may have a detrimental effect upon the economic life of the community.

Such a course should not be adopted without reference to and approval by this Headquarters.

14. It is essential that all measures adopted shall be universally and equably enforced throughout the area concerned; and it is suggested that the orders should be issued promptly by proclamation, and be prominently and widely posted up in all districts; stating that this reduction is necessary

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14. It is essential that all measures adopted shall be universally and equally enforced throughout the area concerned; and it is suggested that the orders should be issued promptly by proclamation, and be prominently and widely posted up in all districts; stating that this reduction is necessary to supply the needs of the army fighting to the north where all power plant has been destroyed by the Germans.

It is also important that adequate machinery should be arranged to carry out these measures and effectively to enforce compliance.

Steps will be taken to ensure all reasonable reductions and economies in the consumption by the Allied Forces, but it must be understood that the large proportion of these are necessarily essential loads which will not admit of much reduction, and may inevitably increase.

15. It must be added that a scheme exists to feed electric power to ROME by the East Coast Route via BARI, FOGGIA and PESCARA, and that if and when that is put into operation, further reductions in the existing consumption will be made to the extent of some 15 or 20,000 kilowatts perhaps.

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TO:- Deputy Director of Works, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon, CMF,
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The draft is concurred in with the exception that it is desired that the last two sub-paragraphs of paragraph 2 be omitted as not appropriate. The military area commander would necessarily take such action without instructions to do so.

DONALD S. BURNS,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
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LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
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17 Jan 44

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

1. The fifth meeting of the Board was held in the Conference Room, AFHQ. Adv. Adm. Ech. at 1100 hrs 17 Jan 44.

Present:- Brig. Gen. A.L. HABELIN (In the chair in the absence of the D/CAO)

Vice Chairman (American)
Vice Chairman (Br)
G.O.C., No. 2 District
D.Q.M.G.

Representatives of:-

C.G., P.B.S.
Flag Officer, Western Italy.
A.A.A.A.
A.M.G., 15 Army Gp.
A.C.C.
A.G.S. (Adv)
H.Q., A.M.G., C.M.F.
F.A. (Br)

in attendance:-

Chairman, Food Supply Committee.
Chairman, Control of Wages Committee.
Chairman, Electric Power Committee.
Chairman, Engineering Materials Committee.
Chairman, Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.
and five others.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting of the 28 Dec 43 were approved. A report being prepared by the Chief Engineer 15 Army Gp. on the establishment of an Electric Power Service was to be presented to the next meeting.

M.A.A.F.
A.M.G., 15 Army Gp.
A.C.C.
M.G.S. (Adv)
R.Q., A.M.C., C.M.F.
T.A. (Br)

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2. The minutes of the previous meeting of the 28 Dec 43 were approved. A report being prepared by the Chief Engineer 15 Army Gp. on the establishment of an Electric Power Service was to be presented to the next meeting.

3. (a) No. 3 District was elected to membership of the Local Resources (Italian) Board.
(b) It was decided to replace the membership of M.A.A.F. on the Board by the substitution of a representative from each of the R.A.F. and the A.A.F.S.C./MTO. These organizations are to be represented on the Engineering Materials and the Miscellaneous Purposes Committees.
(c) D (Tn) Br. was elected to membership of the Engineering Materials Committee.

4. AFHQ. Adv. Adm. Memo No.95 of 27 Dec 43 was received and discussed. It was decided that, until such times as AMG/ACC had established the necessary machinery to implement the instructions of the Memorandum, the Services would continue obtaining their requirements as previously, paying only what was essential, but would not engage in any long term contracts. AMG/ACC were instructed to notify the Board when they were in a position to assume the responsibilities under Adm. Memo No.95, and were urged to expedite action to this end. The necessary instructions will be issued by AFHQ. Adv. Adm. Echelon to inform all concerned.
AMG/ACC stated that at present they were unable to give technically qualified advice to the Services in the preparation of contracts and that they had not the machinery to seek out goods hidden by civilians.
It was recommended that Services make their own arrangements in coordination with the civil police to seek out hidden goods.

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5. AFHQ, Adv. Adm. Echelon Order No. 2 was received. The Food Supply Committee were instructed to submit to the Board a proposed method of complying with Para 2 (b) which, if approved by the Board would be published through Command channels. It was the opinion of a majority of the members that the publication of surpluses and shortages of perishable commodities as published was not satisfactory as local information in sufficient detail is not available to the Secretariat. Some scheme of greater decentralization of control is desired. The Food Supply Committee were instructed to give further study to this condition.
6. Reports were received from the following Committees:-
 - (a) Food Supply Committee.
It was considered that this Committee was now making good progress and the report was accepted.
 - (b) Control of Wages Committee.
The report was approved and it was decided by the Board that the Conditions of Employment and Wage Scale for civilians employed by the Allied Armed Forces in Italy be published through Command channels with the effective date of 1st Feb 1944.
 - (c) Engineering Materials Committee.
The report was accepted. The lists of controlled items were approved and it was instructed that these together with future lists issued by this or any other Committee(s) when approved be issued through Command channels.
 - (d) Electric Power Committee.
The report was accepted and the supply of power to ROME by the west coast was approved.
7. The following items were placed within the scope of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee:-
Soap, Hemp, Wine and Liqueurs, Welfare articles, Paper.
8. The Minutes of the meeting of the Central Economic Committee (12 Jan 44) were received.
9. It was notified that Local Resources Boards were now operating in SICILY and SARDINIA.
10. The setting up of a Labour Sub-Committee by the G.O.C., No. 2 District was approved.
11. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 1100 hours 7 Feb 44.

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16 Jan 44.

ANALYSIS OF AFHQ., ADM. MEMORANDUM No. 95.

PAYMENTS IN ITALIAN TERRITORY.

SOURCE OF SUPPLY	SERVICE OR COMMODITY	METHOD OF PAYMENT.
1. Italian Government.	<u>BASIC PRINCIPLE.</u> Naval, Military and Air Installations. Power Stations. Oil Refineries. Public Utility Services. Ports and Harbours. Transportation Facilities and Equipment. Intercommunication. Facilities and Equipment. And other local resources and services that are required.	To be obtained through AMG/ACC and/or Italian Government. Payment to be effected by Italian Government. No payment to be made from military funds without authority of AFHQ unless operationally essential and temporary financing cannot be arranged through AMG/ACC (Para 5 a of Mem. No. 95).

Wherever the above procedure cannot be implemented action will be taken as follows, subject to the supply of the commodity or service normally being chargeable to public funds.

2. Private Persons.	<u>Known surpluses of Consumable Goods.</u> (i.e., foodstuffs and small purchases of spare parts), to be determined by Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board. <u>Durable Goods - Stocks.</u> Motor and other transport vehicles. Heavy plant and machinery Constructional materials	May be requisitioned and paid for or purchased under approved requisitioning or purchasing arrangements. (para 4 (b) of Mem. No. 95) Requisitioned or seized by authorized Officers under approved agreement - No payments, but records to be kept. (para 4 c of
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May be requisitioned and paid for or purchased under approved requisitioning or purchasing arrangements. (para 4 (b) of Mem.No. 95)

Requisitioned or seized by authorized Officers under approved agreement - No payments, but records to be kept. (para 4 c of Mem.No. 95)

Durable Goods in continuous production. (Allied Forces taking large percentage of total output)

Requisitioned - No payment. Plants financed by agreement of Italian Government, AMG/ACC and military financial representative. (paras 4(d) and 6 (d) of Mem. No. 95)

Real Estate. Land. Buildings. Accommodation. Furnishings.

Payment by Italian Authorities. (Para 5 **3616** Mem.No. 95)

Machinery. Equipment. Plant installed in W/Shops. Factories.

Payment by Italian authorities if operated by military personnel. (Para 5 of Mem.No. 95)

Labour.

To be paid fair wages by Allied Forces. (Para 6 a of Mem.No. 95)

16 Jan 44.

ANALYSIS OF A.F.H.Q. ADM. MEMORANDUM No. 95.

PAYMENTS IN ITALIAN TERRITORY.

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SOURCE OF SUPPLY	SERVICE OR COMMODITY	METHOD OF PAYMENT.
	<u>Short-term Contract.</u> Repair of Clothing, Equipment, Vehicles, Laundry Bread making Small manufacturing services Minor works services.	Competitive tenders should be obtained, where possible To be paid by Allied Forces (Para 6 (b) of Mem. No. 95)
	<u>Long-term Contracts.</u> i.e., Petrol Storage and Cold Storage Plants	Not to be entered into without special authority from AFHQ. (Para 6 (b) of Mem. No. 95)
	Repair of Bridges and Roads etc.	Payment by Italian Govern- ment or local authorities except in cases of operat- ional necessity when work is performed by military. (Para 6(c) of Mem. No. 95)
3. <u>Municipal Author- ities and Public Utilities.</u>	Removal of refuse. Supply of Water, Gas Electricity. Use of Port facilities Non-State owned Telephones, Telegraphs and Railways.	No payment by Allied author- ities financing if necessary will be arranged by agreement of Italian Government, AMG/AC and military financial rep- resentative. (Para 7 of Mem. No. 95)
4. <u>Goods and Services provided by State-</u>	railway traffic, production and Services etc.	Temporary financing through AMG/ACC. No payment to

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4. Goods and Services
provided by State-
Owned and Parastat-
al Concerns.

Railway traffic, production
and Services etc.

Temporary financing through
AMG/ACC. No payment to
be made by Allied Forces.
(Para 8 of Mem.No. 95)

5. All Sources.

Claims.

Damage.
Traffic Accidents
Workmans Compensation.

No payment by Allied Forces.
Separate instructions being
issued for workman's
compensation. (Para 9 of
Mem.No. 95)

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Local Resources Section,
AFHQ., Adv. Adm. Echelon.
C.K.F.

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LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION,
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Reference :- 3/2/LR.

9 January 1944.

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

A meeting of the Board will be held in the Conference Room, ELABRO at 11.00 hours on Monday 17 January 1944 to consider the following

AGENDA :-

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. To consider
 - (a) the election of No. 3 District.
 - (b) the replacement of MAAF by
 - (a) A.A.F. and
 - (b) U.S., A.A.F.as members of the Board.
3. To receive ATHQ., Adm. Memo No. 95 of 27 Dec 43, copy attached, to consider its implications and to receive a report from AMG/ACC, as how they propose to implement this instruction as far as their responsibility is engaged.
4. To receive ATHQ., Adv. Adm. Echelon Adm. Order No. 2 and to take such steps as may be considered necessary.
5. To receive reports from
 - (a) Food Supply Committee.
 - (b) Control of Wages Committee.
 - (c) Engineering Materials Committee.
 - (d) Electric Power Committee.
6. To consider the advisability of placing
 - (a) Soap
 - (b) Hemp
 - (c) Wines and Liqueurs for E.F.I.
 - (d) Welfare articles.
 - (e) Paper.

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 - (e) Paper.
 - (f) Certain other products and materials,
 within the scope of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.
7. To receive and consider the Minutes of the meetings of the Central Economic Committee held to date.
8. Any other business.

Th. R. Gibson

Thomas R. GIBSON,
Lt. Col., A.U.S.,
Vice Chairman (Am)

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27 December 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM
NUMBER (95)

PAYMENTS IN ITALIAN TERRITORY

1. The following instructions regarding payment by the military forces for goods and services in Italian territory will be observed.

2. It is important that the U.S. and British forces should, where possible, act in unison. Coordination of executive action, based on policies prescribed from time to time by this headquarters will be effected. Commanding officers will insure that competitive buying between the forces does not occur and that there is adequate coordination over the prices to be paid. Appropriate methods of financial control and economy in expending Allied Military line and other currencies in Italian Territory must be observed for military purposes.

3. (a) Wherever practicable, arrangements are to be made in conjunction with Allied Military Government or Allied Control Commission local representatives for the Italian government to make available for Allied use naval, military and air installations, power stations, oil refineries, public utility services, ports and harbors, transport and inter-communication facilities and equipment, and other local resources and services that are required.

(b) Where any goods or services are provided under arrangements with the Italian Government no payment from military funds will be made without authority from this headquarters unless the need for some immediate payment is operationally essential and temporary financing cannot be arranged through the Allied Military Government or Allied Control Commission representative on behalf of the Italian Government.

(c) Wherever the policy in paragraph 3 a. above cannot be implemented, action will be taken as follows.

4. Privately-owned Goods.

(a) Goods should not be seized or requisitioned without payment unless strictly required for military purposes, the test being whether, if payment had to be made, the charge would be admissible against public funds. Requisitioning will be confined to authorized officers of the procuring services. In all cases where payments is not made, accurate records must be maintained of the articles requisitioned, including the date, place, identification of article, and name of owner.

(b) Consumable goods, of which continuous and regular supply is required by the Allied Forces and can only be maintained in return for payment, may be requisitioned

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(b) Consumable goods, of which continuous and regular supply is required by the Allied Forces and can only be maintained in return for payment, may be requisitioned and paid for under properly approved requisitioning arrangements or purchased under local purchase arrangements. However, it is the policy of this headquarters that only known surpluses, as determined by the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board, will be purchased locally. Under present circumstances, the only articles falling under this category are perishable fruits and vegetables known to be in surplus. Small day to day requirements of spare parts may also be purchased. Where local purchases are made, it is essential to insure that excessive prices are not paid, in order to reduce the tendency towards inflation and to curb profiteering. Where excessive prices are demanded under local purchase arrangements, goods authorities to be purchased will be requisitioned and fair prices paid, these being fixed in cooperation with the local Allied Military Government or Allied Control Commission representative. If such goods are concealed because the individual owners hope to secure blackmarket prices, they will be sought out. The local authorities are instructed to cooperate to the fullest extent in finding them, as it is essential to do everything possible to prevent soaring prices.

(c) Durable goods which are unlikely to be in continuous, rapid, production in the occupied territory, or which the owners will be unable to replace locally or will not need to replace at present, will be requisitioned or seized by authorized officers, without payment under properly approved arrangements pending further instructions. Such goods as motor and other transport vehicles, heavy plant and machinery, construction materials, structural steel, railway plant and war material would be treated in this way. In requisitioning motor vehicles (particularly passenger), the injunction in paragraph 4 a. above should be strictly observed. Unnecessary requisitioning of motor transport seriously disorients essential civilian communication.

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(d) In instances where durable goods are in continuous production, they will normally be requisitioned without payment and the question of financing the firm's further operations will be handled as prescribed in paragraph 6 d. below.

(e) It is impossible to define with exactness which privately-owned goods, should or should not, be paid for from military funds. The method of treatment will have to be resolved on commonsense lines for each class of goods, bearing in mind the principle set out in paragraph 4 b, c, and d above and the following considerations:

(1) The forces should not use manpower unnecessarily in negotiating prices, contracts and agreements for goods which can be secured in adequate quantities without immediate payment.

(2) Excess unnecessary payment for goods leads to inflation. However, it is recognized that there will be cases where cash payments for small day to day requirements will be the most effective method of getting access to available local supplies.

(3) Important, or long-term contractual commitments for goods should not be entered into by the forces without reference of the case with recommendations to this headquarters.

5. Privately-Owned Real Estate (Land and Buildings).

This class of property, including accommodation and furnishings thereof, required for military purposes will be occupied without payment of rent or other recompense. The owner should be advised that both the determination of the rate to be paid and the payment thereof are the responsibility of the Italian authorities. Military authorities will not pay for machinery, equipment and plant installed in workshops, factories etc., which it is essential to take over and operate. The operation of workshops and factories by the military should be avoided wherever reasonably possible in order to conserve military manpower.

6. Services Performed by Private Persons and Firms.

(a) Labor employed by the Allied Forces will be paid fair wages, the same rates and same conditions of employment being observed by each force in the same localities. The rates of wages will be determined in consultation with appropriate Allied Military Government or Allied Control Commission Officials and the local military financial representatives. Inflated wages will not be paid.

(b) Contracts may be made where necessary (by competitive tender, wherever possible) for ordinary military services such as repairs to clothing, equipment and vehicles, laundry, bread-making, small manufacturing services, and minor works services. Important, or long-term contracts or agreements should not, at present, be entered into without authority from this headquarters. Examples are storage of petrol and use of cold storage plants.

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(c) Contracts should not be made, or expenditure incurred from military funds, for services, e.g., repairs to roads and bridges, which the State or local authorities should arrange and pay for. Such work will, of course, have to be undertaken under military arrangements when it is operationally essential and it is impracticable to arrange for the Italian Authorities to undertake it, but in all such cases Allied Military Government or Allied Control Commission officials should be consulted when possible.

(d) Where private firms are required to turn over their whole output, or the greater part of it, regularly to the military forces but the factories are not taken over and run by the military, reference will be made to the Italian Authorities and to representatives of the Allied Military Government or Allied Control Commission and the local military financial representatives as to arrangements for financing the continued operation of such firms. At present contracts should not be made for buying the products of such firms.

7. Services Performed by Municipal Authorities and Public Utility Concerns.

At present no payments should be made by the military forces for such services as removal of refuse, supply of gas, water and electricity, use of port facilities, non-State-owned telephones, telegraphs, or railways. The method of dealing with the financing of such services should be explored with the Allied Control Commission or Allied Military Government and the local military financial representatives, bearing in mind paragraph 3 above.

9. Goods and

8. Goods and Services Provided by State-Owned and Parastatal Concerns.

Payment may not be made from military funds for any goods taken over which are owned by the State or parastatal concerns or for any services provided by State-owned organizations, e.g., railway traffic. The methods of financing these State Services which the Allied Forces must utilize, is being considered by the Allied Control Commission, and they will arrange any temporary financing which may be necessary until a final decision is taken. Where it is necessary for parastatal concerns to produce goods or perform services for Allied military purposes, the method by which the cost of production shall be recovered may vary with the particular case or class of case and the arrangements under which the concern continues to operate. In particular cases proposals for financing the continued operation of such firms should be worked in conjunction with Allied Control Commission or the Allied Military Government and the local military financial representatives.

9. Claims for Damage, Traffic Accidents, etc.

Payments will not be made in respect of these claims. Separate instructions are being issued about Workmen's Compensation for Industrial Accidents.

10. General.

These instructions are intended as a guide to what may be paid from military funds in the interim period until the policy outlined in paragraph 3 can be fully implemented. It is impossible to make provisions now for every type of case and it is recognized that many individual cases will have to be considered on their individual merits.
(AG 386.2-5 GDS-AGM)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

/s/T.J. Davis
T.J. DAVIS
Brigadier General, United States Army
Adjutant General

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AFHQ, ADV. ADM. SECTION,
LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION,
C.M.F.

Reference:- 3/2/LR.

28 December 1943.

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

1. The fourth meeting of the Board was held in the Conference Room, AFHQ., Adv. Adm. Section at 1100 hours 28 Dec 43.

Present :- D/CAO (Chairman)
Vice Chairman (Am)
Vice Chairman (Br)
DT/CAO
C.G., PBS.
GCC., No. 2 District
DMG.

representatives of:-

Flag Officer, Western Italy
M.A.A.F.
ANG., 15 Army Group
MCS. (Adv).

in attendance :-

Chairman, Engineering Materials Committee
Chairman, Food Supply Committee
Chairman, Electric Power Committee
Chairman, Control of Wages Committee

and four others.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 11 Dec 43 were approved. In clarification of para 5, it was stated that the establishment of an Electric Power Service was under consideration and the responsibility for the rehabilitation of electric power installations for military purposes would rest with that service if established. The rehabilitation of other public utilities would remain the responsibility of District and Base Section Commanders.

3. Administrative Memorandum No. 92 establishing a Central Economic Committee and a Civil Food Controller was received. It was considered that as the Chairman and

In attendance :-

- Chairman, Engineering Materials Committee
- Chairman, Food Supply Committee
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The report was accepted.

6. An amended draft, "Conditions of Employment and Wage Scale for Civilians employed by the Allied Armed Forces in Italy" was received.
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"When civilian organisations such as railroad, public utilities, etc., are taken over by the military, wage rates shall remain unchanged until further notice".

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8. A report dated 16 Dec 43 was received regarding swap production and after reading the Chairman instructed that it be passed to the enquiring service.
The general hemp situation was discussed earlier in the meeting (see para 5 (c) above).

9. It was decided to establish a Miscellaneous Purposes Committee which will deal with those subjects passed to it by the Board which do not fall within the scope of existing Committees.

Chairman:- Col. C. WICKERFIELD, R.F.A., PES.

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10. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 1400 hours, 17 January 1944 in the Conference Room, ELABO.

Thomas R. GIBSON.

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23 December 1943.
ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

A meeting of the Board will be held in the Conference Room, FLINCO at 1100 hours on Tuesday 23 December 43 to consider the following

AGENDA :-

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. To receive A.F.R.O. Adm. Order No. 92 (Annexure A) setting up
 - (a) Central Economic Committee (Italian mainland)
 - (b) Civil Food Controller (Italian mainland)and to consider its implications.
3. To consider the advisability of electing A.D., H.Q. as a member of the Board.
4. To receive reports from the following Committees :-
 - (a) Engineering Materials Committee
 - (b) Food Supply Committee, and to consider
 - (i) the present situation regarding fish and other hospital supplies,
 - (ii) a protest by D.D.S.T., FLINCO against the allocation of crions for the month of January.
 - (c) Electric Power Committee.
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7. To receive reports from A.G./ACC regarding
 - (a) the possibilities of soap production
 - (b) the general camp situation.
8. To consider the advisability of setting up an additional Committee (General) on any other business.

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 Lt. Col. J. H. G.,
 Vice Chairman (Br).

THOMAS A. CURETON,
 Lt. Col., A.G.,
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19 December 1943

Establishment of the Central Economic Committee (Italian) Mainland I
Civil Food Controller (Italian Mainland) II

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (ITALIAN MAINLAND)

1. To insure the necessary coordination and control of civilian supply and economic matters in occupied or controlled territory of the Italian mainland, there will be established in AFES a Central Economic Committee under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer or his Deputy, responsible direct to this headquarters. In addition to the chairman, there will be one senior representative of AMG 15th Army Group and one senior representative to be designated jointly by the Allied Control Commission and AMG Headquarters. The representative of AMG will be the executive vice-chairman. The vice chairman and the representative of AMG 15th Army Group will devote their full time to the work of the committee.

2. Such other personnel as may be required will be made available by the Allied Control Commission, AMG Headquarters and AMG 15th Army Group upon the request of the committee. Necessary vehicles and other equipment will also be provided by these three headquarters as requested by the committee.

3. The functions of the Central Economic Committee will be as follows :

- a. To determine the essential requirements of the civilian population.
- b. To control and allocate local resources of essential civilian supplies in coordination with the Local Resources (Italian) Board, and particularly to control the collection and distribution of wheat and olive oil.
- c. To coordinate the work of the AMG/AMG representatives on committees and sub-committees of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.

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- c. To coordinate the work of the ACC/AMG representatives on committees and sub-committees of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.
- d. To make necessary arrangements for the receipt, warehousing and distribution of supplies imported for the civilian population. **3609**
- e. To establish the prices at which supplies imported for the civilian population will be sold, and to establish uniform or standard prices for such other essential commodities or services as may be considered necessary.
- f. To establish such uniform or standard wage scales for civilian employment as may be considered necessary.
- g. To coordinate requests for transportation of civilian supplies by facilities under the control of the Allied military services. The inter-Allied transportation sub-commission will exercise such functions as may be delegated to it by the Central Economic Committee and shall be subject to its authority insofar as matters outside the jurisdiction of the ACC are concerned.
- h. To coordinate the use of motor and sea transportation under control of ACC/AMG in the transportation of civilian supplies, including the requisitioning and pooling of civilian motor transport if this should be necessary.
- i. To undertake such additional functions as may be recommended by the Committee and approved by this headquarters, or as assigned to it from time to time by this headquarters.

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4. To facilitate the formulation of a comprehensive program for the distribution of essential civilian supplies, copies of all outstanding requisitions for each area or region will be forwarded immediately by the responsible higher headquarters to the committee at FLAMEO. All future requisitions will be forwarded through the committee for concurrence or comment.

5. In the discharge of its responsibilities, the committee will make the maximum use of Italian governmental agencies, the existing machinery of ACC/AMG, and the facilities of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board. At an appropriate date to be determined by this headquarters, the functions of the Central Economic Committee will pass to the Allied Control Commission.

6. The representatives designated by ACC/AMG and AMG 15th Army Group will report to the chairman of the committee in MPEM3 as soon as possible and not later than 20 December 1943. Accommodations for the committee and attached personnel will be given priority over all other ACC/AMG personnel except those of Allied Military Government Region III.

7. Direct communication between the committee and ACC/AMG areas and regions on the mainland is authorized, but arrangements for such direct communication will be coordinated with the appropriate higher headquarters. Within the scope of its assigned functions, the decisions of the committee will be binding upon all ACC/AMG organizations on the mainland and its orders will be enforced by them.

8. Movement matters will be dealt with through local movement channels or coordinated with Movements, FLAMEO, as directed by the Chairman.

III -- CIVIL FOOD CONTROLLER (ITALIAN MAINLAND)

1. The situation in regard to supply and distribution of food for the Italian civil population is grave, and is liable, if unremedied, to have an adverse effect on our ability to conduct operations. It may be desirable in certain cases to accept some diversion of military transport and/or supplies in order to alleviate situations which would result in internal security commitments, rather than to allow such internal security commitments to arise. The primary interest of this headquarters, in meeting the minimum food requirements in Italy is to avoid interference with military operations. It is an over-riding military consideration that the civil population be fed. In emergencies where this consideration involves direct interference with military build-up and maintenance, the decision of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, will govern. Machinery for dealing with such matters is, therefore, being established immediately.

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2. The machinery for the execution of this policy will be that of the Central Economic Committee established by Section I, above, under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, AFM, Advanced Administrative Echelon (FLADCO).

3. Colonel Lt. M. Henderson, ~~AFM~~ United States Army, is hereby appointed additional Vice-Chairman for food control and Civil Food Controller for the mainland of ITALY.

4. The duties of the Civil Food Controller for the mainland of ITALY are :

- (a) To coordinate the requirements for foodstuffs for the civilian population and insure that these requirements are placed upon this Headquarters through the approved channels.
- (b) To keep under constant supervision the food situation in the occupied portions of the mainland of ITALY.
- (c) To keep under constant supervision the status of the distributing agencies available for the distribution of the food stocks to civilian consumers.
- (d) To bring to the notice of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer at the earliest possible moment any situation which is likely to create a civilian food crisis which might be prejudicial to the conduct of military operations.

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5. The Civil Food Controller shall consult with the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and a representative of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, on all cases brought to notice under 4,d, above. If, as a result of this contact, it is considered that the situation brought to notice by the Civil Food Controller is in fact such as may prejudice military operations, then this situation will be brought to the notice of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, and his directions obtained. The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon is hereby authorized to divert, under direction of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, the minimum army resources for the minimum time necessary to correct the situation under discussion. General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, is authorized in his discretion to limit military operations for this period to such an extent as shall be deemed necessary by him to compensate for the diversion of the military resources in question.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T.J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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MEMORANDUM BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX "B"

STANDARD TECHNICAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT
AND THE BASIC WAGE SCALE COVERING CIVILIANS
EMPLOYED BY THE ALLIED ARMED FORCES IN ITALY.

1. These instructions apply to the employment of civilian labour and will be observed by all Branches of the Allied Forces and by all contractors employed by them.
 2. All labour demands will be engaged by the machinery normal to both the American and British Armies but working in consultation with the AMG/ACC, wherever the latter is operating.
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 4. Provisional rates for trades not listed will be established by Labour Officers in conjunction with AMG/ACC. The Labour officer will confirm in writing to the AMG/ACC the classification and rate of pay fixed. AMG/ACC will then submit such confirmation with comment to the Control of Wages Committee of the ARHQ Adv. Adm. Ech., Local Resources (Italian) Board.
 5. The rates of pay herein established will be Basic for Naples Area. Rates of pay for other areas will be the Basic Naples rate altered by a percentage allowing for increase or decrease in the cost of living. This percentage will be promulgated by ARHQ, Adv. Adm. Ech.
 6. The rates of pay herein established will apply to a day of 8 working hours exclusive of meal times or time required to travel to and from the job. Overtime will be paid for all time over 8 hours worked in one day, at the rate of one and a half times the regular rates.
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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

Reference para 5 of 3/2/LR of 23 Dec 43 (AGENDA for Meeting of the Board to be held on Tuesday 28 Dec 43). A further amended draft of Appendix 'B' is enclosed herewith.

Thomas R. GIBBON, J.L. PRESCOTT.
Lt. Col., AUS. Lt. Col. AMG.,
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Reference: 3/2/LR.

28 December 1943.

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

1. The fourth meeting of the Board was held in the Conference Room, AFHQ., Adv. Adm. Echelon at 1100 hours 28 Dec 43.

Present :- D/CAS (Chairman)
Vice Chairman (Am)
Vice Chairman (Br)
DD/CAS
C.G., PBS.
GCC., No. 2 District
DMG.

representatives of:-

Flag Officer, Western Italy
M.A.A.F.
AMG., 15 Army Group
MGS. (Adv.).

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(ii) The protest submitted by D.D.S.T., ELABO against the allocation of orders made for the month of January was considered. It was decided that no change would be made in the allocation fixed, but it was ruled that the Food Supply Committee were not bound to accept the availability figures submitted by AMG/AGC and could challenge these figures if they were not in agreement, submitting their case with recommendations to the Board for arbitration.

(c) Electric Power Committee.

The report was accepted.

6. An amended draft, "Conditions of Employment and Wage Scale for Civilians employed by the Allied Armed Forces in Italy" was received.
G.C.C. No. 2 District stated that he proposed to establish small sub-committees in sub-areas consisting of representatives of the employing services, and AMG/AGC to recommend to him percentages of variations of the wage scale as authorised by clause 5 of the amended draft.

Clause 8 of the draft was amended to read:-

"When civilian organisations such as railroad, public utilities, etc., are taken over by the military, wage rates shall remain unchanged until further notice".

The Wage Scale was returned to the Control of Wages Committee with instructions to redraft the basic wage scale taking into account that a deduction will be made for any food supplied by the military authorities. It was considered important to establish the principle that whenever food issues have to be made they must not be made free, but on payment.

7. The report concerning the present position in regard to AMG. H.Q. Adm. Order No. 4 (Electric Power Mission) was not presented.

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7. The report concerning the present position in regard to AMG. H.Q. Adm. Order No. 1 (Electric Power Mission) was not presented.

8. A report dated 16 Dec 43 was received regarding soap production and after reading the Chairman instructed that it be passed to the enquiring service.
The general Soap situation was discussed earlier in the meeting (see para 5 (a) above).

9. It was decided to establish a Miscellaneous Purposes Committee which will deal with those subjects passed to it by the Board which do not fall within the scope of existing Committees.

- Chairman:- Col. C. WICKHAM, R.P.A., PBS.
Members:- P.N. (JOINT)
DVA.
C.E. PBS.
Q.M., PBS.
OHD (Dr)
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H.A., MG., GFR.
AMG., 15 Army Group
A.C.C.

10. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 1400 hours, 17 January 1944 in the Conference Room, FLABCO.

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

Ref: 3/2/LR
6 Dec 43

A Meeting of the Board will be held in the Conference Room FLABO at 1100 hours on Saturday 11 Dec 43 to consider the following agenda.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
2. To receive reports from the following Committees :-
 - (a) Control of Wages Committee.
 - (b) Engineering Materials Committee.
 - (c) Food Supply Committee.
3. To receive H.Q., A.M.G. Administrative Order No. 1 dated 21 Nov 43 and to consider its implications and possible repercussions on the work of the Electric Power Committee.
4. Any other business.

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(c) Food Supply Committee.

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4. Any other business.

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11 December 1943.

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

1. The third meeting of the Board was held in the Conference Room, AFHQ., Adv. Adm. Echelon at 1100 hours 11 Dec 43.

Present :- D/C.A.O. (Chairman)

Vice Chairman (Am)

Vice Chairman (Br)

DD/C.A.O.

C.G., P.B.S.

G.O.C., No. 2 District

D.Q.M.G.

representatives of :-

Flag Officer, Western Italy

M.A.A.F.

A.M.G., 15 Army Group

M.G.S. (Adv)

and five others in attendance.

The Chairman ruled that members and/or alternates only plus the Chairman of each of the Committees were to be present at future meetings of the Board.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the 29 Nov 43 were approved,

3. Consideration was given to the following Minutes :-

(a) Control of Wages Committee (5 Dec 43).

It was recorded that many important points were dealt with in the report 5 Dec 43 but that owing to the necessity for further clarification the Board directed the Vice Chairmen to arrange a meeting with the Chairmen of the Control of Wages Committee and such other persons as they deemed necessary to have the final report rewritten and presented to the Chairman of the Board.

(b) Engineering Materials Committee (6 Dec 43).

representatives of :-

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M.A.A.F.

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K.G.S. (Adv)

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(b) Engineering Materials Committee (6 Dec 43).

The Minutes dated 6 Dec 43 were received, it was considered that good progress had been made.

(c) Food Supply Committee (4 Dec 43).

The Minutes dated 4 Dec 43 were received and it was considered that insufficient progress had been made, and that this Committee should strive to increase its tempo.

As the result of a telegram received concerning indiscriminate buying in civilian markets the Chairman stated that he would issue an order regarding the limitation of unit buyins.

4. H.Q. A.M.G. Administrative Order No. 1 dated 21 Nov 43 was considered and the Board requested that A.M.G. issue a document explaining the relations between its Commission and the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board stating specifically that the allocation of Electric Power is the responsibility of the A.F.L.R. (1) Board.

5. A question was asked as to whether or not, the Board accepted any responsibility for the re-habilitation programme and the decision was made that the Board and its Committees are constituted as a means of doing business and do not relieve anyone of any responsibility. The responsibilities of assuring that public utilities are rehabilitated to the extent required for military purposes rests with District and Base Section Commanders within their respective territories.

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6. A request was received by the Board to turn over 50 tons of paper to the Italian Government from the stocks frozen at FOGGIA. As Brig. Gen. A.L. HAMELEN was familiar with the paper situation it was agreed that he would make the decision outside the Board.
7. The Board asked AMG/ACC to make an investigation regarding the possibilities of soap production and to submit this report at the next meeting when it would be decided whether or not it would be necessary to establish a Committee to deal with the miscellaneous items not at present covered by existing Committees.
8. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 1100 hours, 28 Dec 43, in the Conference Room, FLAMBO.

J.C. Ramsden

Major J.C. RAMSDEN. Capt. S.J.B. LOUDEN.
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ITEMS
A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,
C.M.F.

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25 Nov. '43.

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Pursuant to this H.Q. letter 59/1Q of 21 Nov. '43.

A meeting of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board will be held in the Conference Room, this H.Q., on Monday 29 Nov. '43 to consider the following agenda :-

1. To appoint a Secretary of the Board.
2. To receive reports from:-
 - (a) the preliminary meeting of the Board;
 - (b) the Control of Wages Sub-Committee;
 - (c) the Rerage sub-Committee;
 - (d) the Engineering Materials sub-Committee,
 - (e) the Food Supply Sub-Committee,and to take such action as may be considered appropriate.
3. To decide whether the Joint Vice Chairmen shall be :-
 - (a) ex officio members of all Sub-Committees, or
 - (b) merely entitled to be present at their deliveries.
4. To receive recommendation that, to the names of members of the Engineering Materials sub-Committee already appointed, viz:-

1. To appoint a Secretary of the Board.
2. To receive reports from:-
 - (a) the preliminary meeting of the Board;
 - (b) the Control of Wages Sub-Committee;
 - (c) the Forage Sub-Committee;
 - (d) the Engineering Materials Sub-Committee,
 - (e) the Food Supply Sub-Committee,
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D.D.W., Chairman, - and representatives of :-
 P.B.S.
 C.E., No. 2 District.
 M.G.S.
 R.W.

be added the following :-

a representative of I.A.A.F.
 D.G.W.R., incl. Tn(Br).
 Ord (Br), and up to 2
 representatives of:-
 AMG/ACC;

5. Limitation of attendance at Sub-Committee meetings.

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6. To consider memorandum submitted by the Vice-Chairmen on sub-Committee procedure.

7. To consider means for obtaining decisions on matters affecting the Board where time does not admit reference to a meeting of the Board.

8. To receive a report from D.D.S.T. regarding the availability against requirements of mules.

9. To set up an Electric Power Sub-Committee and to determine the terms of reference.

10. To fix the date of the next meeting.

11. Any other business.

By Order of the Chairman.

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

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7 Dec 43.

AMENDMENT.

Reference Minutes of Meeting of Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board held on 29 Nov 43, para 4 (e), line 2 - delete '29 Nov 43' and substitute '27 Nov 43'.

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Joint Secretary Joint Secretary.
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A.F.H.Q. ADM. ADM. SCHEDULE

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

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1. A Meeting of the Board was held in the Conference Room, A.F.H.Q. Adv. ADM. Echelon at 1100 hours on 29 November 1943.

Present J/CAO In the Chair
 Vice-Chairman (American)
 Vice-Chairman (British)
 Rear Admiral F.O.W.I.T.
 G.O.C. No. 2 District
 DD/CAO
 CG PBS
 A/DQM
 L.O. XII A.F.S.C.
 Lt. Col. C.R. MERRALL, rep. AG 15 Army Gp.
 Col. G.D. MURPHY rep. A.C.C.

2. The Chairman, in an opening address, stated that, although the meeting previously held 12 Nov 43 was of an unofficial nature, he recommended that it should be regarded as a meeting of the Board. This was agreed. He emphasized that a Committee is formed to provide speedy and brief solutions to the questions placed before it and that members must attend with a thorough understanding of the agenda. The agenda with any relevant documents must be in the possession of the members at least 48 hours before the meeting. Members will attend the meetings personally, or else appoint a representative; they should not be accompanied by advisers.

3. Joint Secretaries were appointed as under:-

Major J.C. RUSSELL, Inf. (American)
 Captain S.J.E. LOUDEN, R.A.S.C. (British)

They will attend all meetings of the Board, and Committees, and will prepare and issue over their signature, the minutes of such meetings. Agenda for such meetings will be issued by the Vice-Chairman from the Office of the Local Resources Section.

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4. Consideration was given to the following Minutes:

(a) Preliminary meeting of the Board.

Approved.

(b) Control of Wages Sub-Committee.

The interim reports dated 28 Nov 43 were received. The recommendation of the Sub-Committee regarding the procedure for obtaining labor was not approved, and the following was suggested:

"It is agreed that all labor shall be engaged by the machinery normal to both the American and British 4 rules but working in consultation with the AMG/ACC, wherever the latter is operating."

The proposal of Lt. Col. MCQUESTON regarding Workmens Compensation and the draft G.R.O. was received. The Vice-Chairmen were directed to inform the Sub-Committee that the Board cannot approve of Members of the Sub-Committee approaching A.F.H.Q. direct.

The Board decided to await a formal report from the Control of Wages Sub-Committee to be submitted before the next meeting. It was recorded that progress had been made.

...../ (c) Forage Sub-Committee

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(c) Forage Sub-Committee

The Minutes of the previous meeting held 26 Nov 43 were read as also the directive 46/14 of 26 November 1943. The setting-up of a Joint Purchasing Forage Board was approved; it was directed to act as a joint body and A/DWG was instructed to amend the directive.

Each Army would as far as possible, procure its own requirements in the territory and any final adjustments would be made on Lend-Lease terms. The Chairman stated that DOST was responsible for desanding from overseas any grain required to make up deficiencies.

The Forage Sub-Committee will therefore submit a final report to the Board at the next meeting and will then suspend its activities until further notice.

(d) Engineering Materials Sub-Committee.

The report dated 22 Nov 43 of the Engineering Materials Sub-Committee was received. It was considered that good progress had been made. Rear Admiral MORSE stated that he was heavily interested in the work of this Sub-Committee and was at present employing on part time 28 firms, the bulk of whose output was likely to be required by him in the near future. Pending the arrival of Commodore PACKER he desired Lt. Comd. PAUL to represent him on the Sub-Committee.

(e) Food Supply Sub-Committee

The Chairman, Col. PHILIP, reported on the meeting held ²⁷26 Nov 43 no minutes being yet available.

MGS was directed to cause AWG/ACC to prepare and submit up to date price lists.

It was agreed to add the following members:-

No. 2 District
R.M.
War Shipping administration
A.M.T.B.
A.F.I.
L.A.A.F.I. (Naval)
C.F.A., P.B.S.
AWG 1 additional rep.
A.C.C.

was received. It was considered that even if the Admiral MORSE stated that he was heavily interested in the work of this Sub-Committee and was at present employing on part time 28 firms, the bulk of whose output was likely to be required by him in the near future. Pending the arrival of Commodore PACKER he desired Lt. Comd. PAUL to represent him on the Sub-Committee.

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The powers of the Sub-Committee were extended to cover all occupied territory on the Mainland of Italy.

The AMC representative read a letter addressed to Major General JOYCE from Marshal BADOLLO asking that indiscriminate buying should be checked.

The Chairman stated that purchasing by units were difficult to control. AMG/AOC must ask for prohibition of purchase of any particular commodity if they consider this necessary.

(f) Cold Storage Sub-Committee

The minutes of the previous meeting held 11 Nov 43 were read and approved.

5. It was decided that the Vice Chairmen would not be ex-officio members of the Sub-Committees but that they could and should attend the meetings in order to keep in touch and to assist the chairman where necessary.

6. It was resolved to add the following members to the Engineering Materials Sub-Committee:

...../ Rep of M.A.A.F.

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Rep of W.A.A.S.
 AGM, including In (Br)
 Cranance (Br)
 AG/ACC (2 representatives)

7. The Chairman ruled that only members should attend meetings; a second representative must not be introduced without permission of the Chairman. At meetings of the Board a substitute member may attend in addition to the regular member.
8. Notes on matters of procedure prepared by the Vice Chairman were considered and instructions were given for its re-writing. It was agreed that it would be the responsibility of AG/ACC to prepare estimates of availability and of Civilian requirements.
9. It was agreed to redesignate all existing Sub-Committees as Committees.
10. A paper dated 27 Nov 43 on the availability and requirements of mules, prepared by SI, was received. A V and R Section is being established at FLABO. An Officer from P.E.S. will be attached to this Section.
11. A report dated 26 Nov 43 on the existing Electrical Power situation in Southern Italy prepared by D.B.W. received close consideration: the importance of the points raised was appreciated and it was resolved to set up an Electric Power Committee consisting of the following members:

Reps of D.B.W.
 A.E. (through F.O.W.I.T.)
 C.A. P.E.S.
 C.A. No. 2 District
 D.G.A.A., to include Tn. (Br)
 A.E.A.E. (Br)
 A.A.A. (Through I.O. All AFSC)
 A.G.S. (Adv)
 AG/ACC (2 Reps)

The Chairman stated that Electrical Power is an essential military requirement of the highest order to which Civilian requirements may have to be subordinated.

The Vice Chairman were instructed to issue the terms of reference bearing this fact in mind.

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 A.S.M.E. (Br)
 M.A.A.F. (Through L.O. XII AFSC)
 M.G.S. (Adv)
 A.W./ACC (2 Reps)

The Chairman stated that Electrical Power is an essential military requirement of the highest order to which Civilian requirements may have to be subordinated.

The Vice Chairmen were instructed to issue the terms of reference bearing this fact in mind.

12. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 11 A.M., on 11 December 1943, the day following the next Torrage Meeting.

13. In the case where any interim decisions are required to be taken, the executive power rests with the Chairman who will consult the members if he considers it necessary to do so.

14. In response to a question by G.O.C., No. 2 District, Local Boards will be set up by the Board on a recommendation by G.O., F.S.S., or G.O.C. District.

Major J.C. HANDED, (Am) S.C. S.J.S. LOUDER, (Br)
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17/18	H.W., A.M.G., 15 Army Gp, Naples	
19/19 ⁴	E.W., A.C.C., BRINDISI	
20	E.W., A.F.L.R.S., A.F.H.Q.	
21/30	Local Resources Sec	
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32/42	Spare	
44	B.P.A., F.E.S.	
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48	Chairman, Control of Wages Committee	
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50	Chairman, Electric Power Committee	

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Subject :- Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board.

A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,
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21 Nov. '43.

D.D./C.A.O., FLAMBO.
C.O., P.B.S.
G.C.C., No. 2 District.
D.Q.M.G., FLAMBO.
Flag Officer, Western ITALY.
L.O., XII A.F.S.C.
Major-General Kenyon B. Joyce,
Allied Control Commission.
Major-General Lord Rennell, A.F.G. Forward Area.

1. A copy of A.F.H.Q. Adm. Memo No. 75 of 12 Nov. '43, constituting the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board, is attached for information.

2. An Adv. Adm. Echelon Local Resources Sec. is being set up at this H.Q. (Q - G-4 Branches) to co-ordinate the work of the board and to convey the directions of A.F.H.Q. of this H.Q. and of the Board to the American and British Services interested.

3. The first formal meeting of the Board will be held in the Conference Room, this H.Q., at 1100 hrs. on 23 Nov. '43. An agenda will follow in a few days time.

4. Addressees will forward immediately the name of a permanent officer designated to act as a substitute member as authorised by para. 7 of the Adm. Memo, above referred to. Flag Officer, Western ITALY and L.O., XII A.F.S.C. will please obtain similar information from C.-in-C. Med. and A.O.C., E.A.A.F., respectively.

W. G. R. Col
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Major-General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AF0 512

12 November 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

1. Pursuant to Administrative Memorandum No. 77, this headquarters, as, the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board is hereby set up to carry out the policies of this headquarters in regard to the local procurement and allocation of supplies, facilities and services, except rail and water transport and petroleum, required by the military within the Italian Mainland, now or in the future, occupied by the Armed Forces under the command of this headquarters.
2. The Board will coordinate all Navy, Army and Air Forces requirements from local resources and decide on policies and procedure for the procurement of them. It will allocate to the interested agencies of the Armed Forces the local resources available for each.
3. In giving effect to paragraph 3 of Administrative Memorandum No. 77, this Headquarters, as, the Board will work in liaison with the Allied Control Commission and Allied Military Government.
4. Nothing in this Administrative Memorandum shall abrogate responsibility of the Allied Control Commission, or Allied Military Government to utilize and develop the local resources of ITALY.

5. The Board will be constituted as follows :-

Chairman Major General Sir Brian H. Robertson, Rt. D/C.A.O.

Vice Chairman Lt. Colonel Thomas R. Gibbon, U.S.)

Lt. Colonel J.L. Prescott, Jr.)

Members

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General Officer Commanding, No. 2 District.

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Control Commission

A.A.G. Forward Area.

- together with such other persons as the Chairman of the Board may from time to time designate.

6. The Vice Chairmen shall be Officers designated for full time duties with the Board.

7. Members of the Board may designate one permanent officer to act as substitute for them in the event of their absence.

8. The Board shall meet regularly, as directed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairmen.

9. There will be a permanent Joint U.S. and British Secretariat of the Board responsible for maintaining records of all meetings and furnishing the secretarial requirements of the Sub-Committees referred to in paragraph 12 below.

10. The Allied Control Commission will provide the Board with information regarding local resources of all kinds and also state the minimum needs of civilian requirements. The Board will, in coordinating the needs of all

Interested agencies/2.....

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AFHQ Adm Memo No. 78 (cont'd)

Interested agencies of the Armed Forces with the needs of the Central Commission, allocate to the Military agencies concerned the local resources available for each.

11. Any letters for decision by higher authority will be forwarded by the Chairman to this headquarters.

12. To assist it to carry out its functions, the Board may establish Sub-Committees as necessary. The membership and duties of these Sub-Committees will be determined by the Board, which will insure that all interested parties are represented.

13. Additional Boards, where necessary, under the Chairmanship of the Base Section Commander (American) or Commander Base Area (British), as the case may be, may on the advice of the Board, be set up as necessary to deal with local questions. The names of any additional Boards set up will indicate the areas for which they are responsible to the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board set up by this Memorandum. (AG 321(ARLRS)GDS-AGM)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

(Signed) T.J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General USA,
Adjutant General.

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Subject:- A.F.H.Q. Local Resources (ITALIAN) Board.

A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,
C.M.P.

59/1 Q.

7 Nov. 1943.

D.D./C.A.C., FLAMEO.
C.C., Peninsular Base Section.
G.O.C., No. 2 District.
Major J.A. Todd.
A.H.Q., 15 Army Gp.

1. Pending the formation of the Local Resources (ITALY) Board, there will be a preliminary meeting to discuss the following matters, which required to be regularized early :-

- (a) The establishment of a Central Purchasing Board, or similar body, to be charged with the control of the purchase of food and forage supplies, and the control of prices for these commodities.
- (b) The allocation of refrigerator space available in occupied ITALY.
- (c) The control of wages to be paid to skilled and unskilled labour employed by Allied Services.

2. The meeting which you (or a representative) are requested to attend will be held at A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon under the Chairmanship of the D/S.A.C. at 1500 hrs. on 10 Nov. 1943.

RMJO/amb.

(Golden King)
Major-General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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MEMORANDUM OF PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE
LOCAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD AT LONDON.

SECRET.

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12 Nov. 43.

PRESENT: President:

Maj Gen Sir Brian H. Robertson, Bt.

(in the Chair)

DD/CIC

Rep FBC

DAG Adv Gen AMB

Rep 12 AMB (for AMB)

Military Government Section

AG 15 Army Group

1. The Chairman explained that although the AMB Local Resources (Italian) Board had not in fact been set up it had been found necessary to convene a preliminary meeting to consider some of the more urgent problems.

2. The question of setting up a Food Supply Sub-Committee was considered. It was apparent that this would be best dealt with regionally, and that it would not be necessary to set up a Sub-Committee to deal with the whole of occupied Italy. It was accordingly agreed to set up a Sub-Committee as follows to deal with occupied Campania:-

Chairman - to be nominated by CG, FBC

Members - Rep detailed by DEPT, LONDON
Rep from IIC, Region III
Rep from IGS, LONDON

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a) To report on system of purchase in full, in occupied Campania, as to any discrepancies in prices being charged between various purchasing agencies.

(b) Any difficulties in allocation of resources.

(c) Any other difficulties arising, or likely to arise.

5. FOOD SUPPLY COMMITTEE

In view of the fact that most of the local forage for both Armies will come from the Puglia Area, which is now in Eighth Army Area, and soon will be in No. 2 District, and that little is likely to be available in the area, it was decided to form a formal Sub-Committee to

Chairman - to be nominated by CG, PSC

Members - Rep detailed by DDST, ELABO
Rep from MG, Region III
Rep from AGS, ELABO

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a) To report on system of purchase in full, in occupied Campania, as to any discrepancies in prices being charged between various purchasing agencies.

(b) Any difficulties in allocation of resources.

(c) Any other difficulties arising, or likely to arise.

1. FORAGE SUB-COMMITTEE

In view of the fact that most of the local forage for both Armies will come from the Poggio Area, which is now in Eighth Army Area, and soon will be in No. 2 District, and that there is likely to be available in 5th Army or P.D.S. Areas, it was decided to form a Forage Sub-Committee to deal with the resources in all occupied Italy:-

COMPOSITION:-

Chairman - to be detailed by ELABO

Rep PSC

" DDST ELABO

" Eighth Army

" No. 2 District

" Military Government Sec. ELABO

" MG 15 Army Gp

" Adv Hq MG

" Financial Adviser (when available)

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Military Government Section to arrange for Major Kennedy and Major Hartman of Region III to attend.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (a) To investigate requirements, present and future
- (b) To investigate available resources with reference to quantities, location and prices.
- (c) To recommend allotment of resources which might be done on a territorial basis.

Sheet 1.

Sheet 2.

- (d) To recommend the form and composition of the purchasing board (or boards) and whether they be set up on a regional basis or on a centralised Allied basis.

NOTE:- It was decided that this Sub-Committee should meet as early as possible.

4. COLD STORAGE.

An ad hoc committee as under was formed to recommend allocation of cold storage space in Italy:-

Chairman	DD/CAO
	DDCI
	PBS
	LC 12 ASO

to meet 0930 hrs 11 Nov. 43.

5. CONTROL OF RATES.

A Sub-committee to be set up as under:-

Chairman	-	to be appointed by MLABO
		Rep DDC MLABO
	"	IBB
	"	10. 2 District
	"	11th Army
	"	12th Army
	"	DETO
	"	12 ASO
	"	MG, 15 Army Group

Military Government Section to provide suitable reps from Regions affected.

TERMS OF REFERENCE.

To review rates of pay, compensations, etc., for labour in occupied Italy, and to make recommendations as to any regulations considered necessary to control these rates.

6. Engineering Materials Sub-Committee was set up as follows:-

5. CONTROL OF RATES.

A Sub-committee to be set up as under:-

Chairman - to be appointed by ILABO
Rep DDL ILABO
" PBS
" No. 2 District
" Fifth Army
" Eighth Army
" DEFO
" 12 SSC
" MG, 15 Army Group

Military Government Section to provide suitable reps from Regions affected.

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6. Engineering Materials Sub-Committee was set up as follows:-

EDM ILABO
Rep PBS
" CE, No. 2 District.

Military Government Section to provide reps as required.

TERMS OF REFERENCE.

To investigate:-

(a) Requirements
(b) Availabilities
of Engineering Materials especially for building purposes and to recommend method of procurement and allocation.

RJG/AM
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
(S) B.H. ROBERTSON
(T) B.H. ROBERTSON
Major General

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