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34.61 - Forge Meetings
November 1943

A.F.R.Q. LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

Minutes of a meeting of the Forage Sub-Committee held
at FIAMBO on 21 Nov 47.

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Present : D.Q.M.G. FIAMBO Chairman
D.D.S.T. " " " " " "
Reps. Eighth Army
No. 2 District
P.E.S.
A.M.G. (All regions and 15 Army Group).
E.M.M. Seventh Italian Army.

1. From figures given for Service requirements it was evident that there was a lack of uniformity in scales on which requirements had been estimated. To overcome this it was agreed that Services concerned would report as follows to "Q" FIAMBO :-

- (e) No. of animals for whom forage is required at present time.
- (h) Similar information for max. build-up of animals, and an estimate of date by which this build-up would be reached.

This information to be supplied by :-

- P.E.S. for U.S. requirements.
- D.D.S.T. for British requirements (Incl 10 Corps).
- S.M.M. for Total Italian Military requirements.

These figures in conjunction with an agreed forage scale to be obtained from A.F.R.Q. would enable FIAMBO to estimate individual service requirements.

2. A.M.G. reps gave details of availabilities within their regions. These availabilities were all in excess of civil requirements. There were available :-

(a) WATER 1,000 tons Oats.

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- (a) No. of animals for whom forage is required at present time.
- (b) Similar information for hay, build-up of animals, and an estimate of date by which this build-up would be reached.

This information to be supplied by :-

P.B.S. for U.S. requirements.

D.B.S.T. for British requirements (incl 10 Corps).

E.M.M. for Total Italian Military requirements.

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These figures in conjunction with an agreed forage scale to be obtained from A.B.E.C. would enable PLADEO to estimate individual service requirements.

2. A.M.G. reps have details of availabilities within their regions. These availabilities were all in excess of civil requirements. There were available :-

(a) MATERA 1,000 tons Oats.

(b) APULIA (BARI only) 800 tons Oats. (offset by a demand from Italian Army.

(c) NAPLES. Stocks available have all been bought up. But at MADISONI there was about 2,800 tons of a patent food, ENERGEN which could be used for animals on a ration of 7-11 lbs/day. The plant had been damaged but there were 5,000 tons of raw materials. All stock had been frozen by Fifth Army.

(d) FOGGIA

Oats.

8,500 tons (5,000 tons earmarked for Army).

Straw.

40,000-50,000 tons (still on farms).

Beans.

2,000 tons (a proportion only suitable).

The rep from FOGGIA stated that the enemy was destroying everything as he withdrew and that we could not expect to find any reserves in front of present line. The rep from Fifth Army A.M.G. corroborated this. A.M.G. reps also gave details of prices in their regions. There appeared to be wide variations and it was agreed that A.G.S. PLADEO should obtain the official rates.

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3. Since FOGGIA was obviously the main source of supply, allotment on a regional basis was not possible. Hence "Q" FLAWBO would have to make bulk allotments as outlined in para (1.) above.
4. Since FOGGIA had to be the main source of supply it was evident that a Central Allied Board would have to be set up for purchasing forage, in that area. Lt-Col J.I. Prescott of the Local Resources (Italian) Board agreed to work out the composition of the board.
5. Rep A.M.S. 15 Army Group asked that consideration should be given to the possibility of moving surpluses from one region to meet deficiencies in another region. It was agreed that M.G.S. FLAWBO would look into this.

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