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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARDMISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE - MINUTES

1. The third meeting of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee was held at 14.45 hours, 8 March 44, in the Conference Room, HQ ACMF (ADM Ech).

Present:- Colonel C. Wickersham, BPA, PBS. - Chairman

Representatives of:- RM (FOWIT)

QM, PBS.

ORD (BR)

ST (BR)

214 GP. RAF

EPI

ACC

In Attendance:-

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

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting, held 8 FEB 44, were approved.
3. No matters arose from the meeting of the Board held 21 FEB 44.
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Map:- See Appendix "C"

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S & T
E P I

1,800,000 Boxes
1,200,000 "

Leather:

Availability:

Sole leather cured
Upper leather cured
Hides, light for gloves
Misc. skins, hides & leather
Lambskins with wool

20 Tons
32 "
9 "
344.5 "
6 "

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Allocations:

Sole Leather Upper Leather Hides Light Miscellaneous

E P I
QM, FSC.
RM (FOWIT)
ORD (BR)

1/2 Ton	3 1/4 Ton	5 Tons	5 Tons
1/2 "		1 Ton	2 Cwts
13 "	5 Tons	2-3/4 Tons	1 Ton

TOTALS 20 Tons 5-3/4 Tons 9 Tons 6 Tons 2 Cwts

Horse Shoes: Ordnance (Pr), being the only Service interested in horseshoes on the east coast, reported that they were in process of starting a factory there for the manufacture of this item. The Committee decided no allocation nor control was necessary.

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5. A report was received from the Sub-Committee established to arrange the details of the purchase, delivery, prices and payment of wines from Sicily and is attached at Appendix "A." It was emphasized that individual Services must make their own arrangements for transportation and ACC reported that for a twelve degree wine, the price would be approximately Lire 12 ex merchant's warehouse in cask, cask for account of buyer.

6. The Committee considered the advisability of controlling the alcoholic beverage output of the Alberti Plant at Benevento and made the following recommendations to the Board:-

(a) That the present contract between the Allied Officers' Club, Naples, and the Alberti Distillery, Benevento, be cancelled and that a new contract be entered into by an agency of HQ ACMF (Adm Ech) for the entire output.

(b) That the Agency will be responsible for:

(i) The production of the plant.

(ii) Issuing alcoholic beverages only on release orders from APLR(I)B.

(c) That the Agency will advise Local Resources Section on the fourth of each month availabilities for the following month of Gin, Brandy and Liqueurs.

(d) That the following Agencies will report requirements of the Allied Forces to the Local Resources Section on the fourth of each month covering the following month:

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(ii) Special Service Section PBS	American
	French
(iii) Intendance Service	Polish

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Item	Unit	Price on 30 SEP 43	Now Price
Sole leather (Calf or Heifer)	Kg.	L 20.00	L 90.00
Upper (mineral tanning) (Calf or Heifer)	sq.ft.	11.70	35.10
Upper (vegetable tanning)	sq.ft.	10.10	31.20
Inner sole	Kg.	19.00	57.00
Upper (goat or leather)	sq.ft.	12.00	36.00
Leather lining (goat or sheep)	sq.ft.	8.40	25.20

8. The following amendments to the list of controlled items were recommended to the Board:—

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

(b)/

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(b) At the present time this Committee controls leather and leather articles, other than belting, belting being controlled by the Engineering Materials Committee. The Committee recommends that leather and all leather products (including leather belting) of importance to the Allied Armed Forces are placed on the controlled list and within the scope of this Committee, thereby centralising the control of the production potentialities within the occupied mainland of Italy.

(c) In view of the non-availability of soap and the control exercised by the Engineering Materials Committee on caustic soda, it was recommended that soap be deleted from the controlled list.

9. It was recommended that ACC be requested to freeze all tanning materials in view of the critical situation regarding control of leather production.

10. The following allocations were made from stocks and materials held at Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali, 174 Corso Umberto:-

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Allocated to</u>
Soda	600 Kcs.	ORD (Br)
Nafolina (Disinfectant)	1 Barrel	RM
Formaldehyde	1 Demijohn	V & RS
	1 "	ACC
Acetic Acid	1 Drum	ACC
Soap, brown.	6 Cases	CE, FBS.
Soap, powder.	17 Barrels	ACC

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Allocated to</u>
Petroleum Jelly, yellow.	100 Kilos	ORD (Br)
	100 "	V & RS
	340 "	Medical (Br)
Mineral Oil, white.	100 Kilos	V & RS

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13. The Chairman pointed out that Services have not been abiding by the ruling of the Committee which states that Services will submit their requirements to reach the Local Resources Section 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Failure to comply results in delays and confusion. The Joint Secretaries were instructed to close the lists of Service requirements 72 hours in advance of the meeting and omit any requirements not submitted on time.

14. The next meeting to be held at 14.45 hours, 8 APRIL 44, in the Conference Room, HQ ACIF (Adm Ech).

J. G. Ramsden

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Major

Joint Secretary (Adm)

Joint Secretary (Gr)

Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board

S. J. D. LOUDEN

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APPENDIX "A"

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Appendix "A" to Minutes of
Miscellaneous Purposes Committee
Meeting - 8 March 44

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WINE SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1. The first meeting of the Wine Sub-Committee was held in Provincia Building at 10.00 hours, 6 March 1944.

2. Present:- Col. John S.E. Todd, ACC - Chairman
Representatives of: QM PBS, DDST, EFI, ACC.

3. The monthly requirements for wine were tabulated as hereunder:-

(i) QM, PBS.

(a) For French Forces: red wine	4,500 hectolitres, 12°.
(b) For Italian Forces:	13,500 hectolitres, 12°.

(ii) DDST.	Red wine:	60 hectolitres, 12°.
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(iii) EFI.	Vermouth:	80 hectolitres, 50% white 50% red
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5. EPI stated they had 10,000 hectolitres of wine of 12° to 13° available at Brindisi and no longer required by them. It was agreed that EPI should arrange direct with QM, PBS, for this supply to be available, partially to supply QM, PBS, needs. 4209

6. DDST stated that they required 1,400 hectolitres a month of vinegar, which would necessitate having made available to them 14,000 hectolitres of wine. ACC undertook to let DDST know location, prices and quality of the necessary stocks.

7. It was agreed that ACC would permit and facilitate the journey of Signor Scala as EPI representative to Trapani in order to determine the quality of the wine purchased.

8. It was agreed that the Services interested would be responsible for insuring the necessary transport arrangements for their own purchases.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTROLLING LEATHER TANNING INDUSTRY

1. That all hides, skins and tanning materials of whatever kind and wherever situated shall be blocked immediately where this has not already been done.
2. That a rigid control of the purchase, sale and supply of tanning materials be instituted forthwith, as the inability to obtain these will inhibit the activities of clandestine slaughterers and "bootleg" tanneries and encourage the delivery of hides to official processors, who alone will be able to tan them.
3. That only the best administrated and the best equipped tanneries be authorized to carry out the tanning process, and that to these only should the necessary materials be issued, and that no sub-contracting be permitted. ACC to select the tanneries which will operate.
4. That all Services should make their requirements known to the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee of AFIR (I) Board who alone shall be responsible for the release of leather. Italian Army will have to comply, and will be told through what channels to put in its demands.
5. That all stocks of hides, tanning materials, etc. be pooled and re-allocated to authorized tanneries.
6. That official maximum price lists be compiled and published at the earliest possible moment, but that as an interim measure a 200% increase of the pre-armistice prices be adopted with a proviso that these are subject to retrospective adjustment on publication of the revised price list.
7. That ACC investigate the tanning material resources available within liberated Italy, with a view to the importation by them of any materials which are essential and which are unobtainable locally.

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HEMP DEMANDS

UNIT	Raw Hemp Tons	Tow for mattresses etc. Tons	Canvas Light Sq. Metres	Canvas Medium Sq. Metres	Canvas Heavy Sq. Metres	Rope 3 mm. and under Kilos
214 GP. RAF ORD (BR)		12	97,000	65,000	85,000	500
15 AFSC 12 AFSC						
TN (BR):						560
Hemp undressed (In lieu of oakum)	2					
Hemp undressed, tarred.	1					
ACC For fishing nets DDW	21					
QM, PBS.					1,250	
CE, PBS.		15	14,000	30,000		2,500
RN			1,000	21,000	1,350	2,200
FRENCH S & T						
TOTALS	24	27	112,000	116,000	87,600	5,760
ALLOCATIONS MADE	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>100%</u>

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HEMP DEMANDS

Light Metres	Canvas Medium Sq. Metres	Canvas Heavy Sq. Metres	Rope 3 mm. and under Kilos	Rope over 3 mm. Tons	Sacks Nos. of
1,000	65,000	85,000	500	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{3}{4}$	20,000 for baling of clothing - size about 120 x 70 cms.
			560	30	25,000 sandbags
		1,250		5 5 5 4	100,000 to hold 50 Kilos grain.
1,000	30,000		2,500	150	5,000 2-cwt. light sacks for victuall- ing stores.
1,000	21,000	1,350	2,200	1	83,000 50-kilo sacks for potatoes - total requirements to end September.
2,000	116,000	87,600	5,760	261	233,000

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8 FEBRUARY 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARDMISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE - MINUTES

1. The second meeting of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee was held in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech., at 14.45 hours, 8 February 1944.

Present: Colonel C. Wickersham, BPA, PBS. - Chairman

Representatives of: RN (FOWIT)

CE, PBS.

QM, PBS.

OHD (Br)

DDST

AAFSC/MTO

214 Gp. RAF

MGS (Adv)

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ACC

In Attendance:

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Vice-Chairman (Br) ((Italian) Board

2. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 24 January 1944, were approved.

3. The following matters arising from the meeting of the Board, held 31 January 1944, were considered:

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The draft instruction to the Fifth Army to prevent large scale purchases of welfare articles in Rome.

4. The requirements of tow ropes and canvas from interested Services against the declared availability at the last meeting, 24 January 1944, were received and the following allocations made:

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Unit	Tow Ropes 3 1/2"	White Canvas (Metres)	Waterproof Canvas (Metres)
EPI		3,900	
214 Gp. RAF	85	14,300	920
ORD - Br.	590	7,200	1,150
15 AFSC)			
12 AFSC)		75,000	1,840
RN	75	7,800	770
DDST	50	11,800	500
		<u>120,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	800		

5. Reports were received from ACC on the availability of the following items and allocations for the month of March were made where stated:

(a) 34.71

(a) Hemp:

Allocations were made as follows:-

Unit	Raw Hemp (Tons)	Waste Hemp & Tow (Tons)	Hemp Rope (Tons)	Sacks (Tons)
214 Gp. RAP			$1\frac{1}{2}$	
ORD - Br.	164	52	$8\frac{1}{2}$	
15 AFSC)				
12 AFSC)		10	1	
TN. - Br.	10		30	
ACC	21	500	-	
				Balance of anticipated availability (75 tons)
DDW			5	
QM, PBS.	2		2	
CE, PES.			4	
RN	<u>10</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>207</u>	<u>597</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>90</u>
%age allocation made	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>19%</u>

Services were instructed to forward to the Royal Navy details of their requirements of hemp and hemp products against the allocations made for the month of February.

ACC stated that there would be no manufacturing of hemp or hemp products unless a solution could be found to the present transportation and electric power difficulties.

(b) Matches:

The total production was stated by ACC to be 5,150,000 boxes, of which 2,500,000 boxes could be made available to the Allied Forces. Allocation was made as follows:-

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(c) Leather and Leather Articles:

The Royal Navy was allocated, for engineering purposes, 500 fish oil and oak bark tanned hides.

ACC stated that their information on availability on leather for soles was not complete and they were requested to forward information as obtained to the Local Resources Section.

The Royal Navy and Ordnance (Br), being the only Services interested in obtaining soft leather, it was decided that a representative of each of these two Services meet with a representative of ACC to make a division of the limited availability.

(d) Soap and Soap Production:

ACC stated that the major difficulty in the manufacture of soap in Italy was the total lack of caustic soda; oil and factory facilities being unlimited. Requisitions had been placed by ACC for caustic soda on AFHQ since 20 September 1943, but to date not a single delivery had been/

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been received. The Chairman stated that in this connection he was aware of a surplus of approximately 2,000 tons of caustic soda in the U.K. Services were requested to notify the Local Resources Section of the amount of caustic soda (solid or liquid) under their control which had been obtained from the occupied mainland of Italy. Allocation of these stocks would be made by the Committee at the next meeting. Any Service having an urgent requirement of caustic soda for other than soap manufacture was requested to submit its requirement to the Local Resources Section without delay.

6. ACC stated that there were two million hectolitres of wine available in Sicily which is being offered at a price of 15/20 Lire a litre f.o.b. Sicilian ports. A sub-committee was formed, under the chairmanship of ACC, consisting of representatives from RM, QM PES, "Q" Branch and S & T, to arrange the details of purchase, delivery prices and payment of required wines and at the next meeting to report to the Committee action taken.

7. The Committee decided that the control of equipment and furnishings was not thought advisable at this time, provided the prices established were not exceeded. ACC stated that military purchases would not place hardships on civilian economy.

8. It was recommended to the Board that leather and leather articles, other than belting, be removed from the controlled list of this Committee.

9. It was considered important that EFI should be represented on the Committee, due to their intimate knowledge of local procurement problems effecting their Service and it was recommended to the Board to reconsider the request that EFI be granted membership on the Committee.

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE - AGENDA

The second meeting of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee will be held in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech., on TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 1944, at 14.45 hours to consider the following Agenda:-

1. Minutes of the first meeting, 24 January 1944.
2. To consider any matter arising from the meeting of the Board held 31 January 1944.
3. To receive requirements of tow ropes and canvas from interested Services and to make allocations of the following items declared to be available at last meeting, 24 January 1944:-
 - 800 tow ropes $3\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter.
 - 120,000 metres white canvas.
 - 5,000 yards light waterproof canvas.
4. To receive reports from A.C.C. on the availability and prices of the following items and to make allocations against the declared requirements of interested Services:-
 - (a) Raw hemp, hemp tow and hemp rope for the month of March.
 - (b) Matches.
 - (c) Leather and leather articles (other than Belting).

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5. To receive report from A.C.C. on availability and prices of surplus wines and liqueurs in Sicily and decide ways and means of procuring these items for demanding Services.

6. To consider whether it is necessary to add any further items to the list of commodities already issued as "controlled."

7. Any other business.

8. To decide the date of the next meeting.

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE - MINUTES

AMENDMENT

Reference Minutes of Meeting of Miscellaneous Purposes Committee held on 26 January 1944, para 4 (e), WELFARE ARTICLES - delete and substitute:-

" WELFARE ARTICLES

The Committee recommended to the Board that orders be issued to Welfare Officer E.F.I., Special Service, Red Cross and other similar organizations such as Malcom Club and C.V.W.W. prohibiting the purchase of furnishings and equipment until allocation has been made to them by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee.

The Committee recommended to the Board that orders be issued to all Allied Forces and Welfare Organizations including Red Cross, Malcom Clubs and other such organizations prohibiting the purchase of any of the following articles until allocation has been made to them by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee:-

Musical Instruments (including Pianos)

Music

Radio Sets and spare parts

Gramophones and Discs.

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The Committee recommended to the Board that orders be issued to all Allied Forces and Welfare Organizations including Red Cross, Malcom Clubs and other such organizations prohibiting the purchase of any of the following articles until allocation has been made to them by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee:

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26 JANUARY 1944

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE - MINUTES

1. The first meeting of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee was held in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech., at 14.45 hours, 24 January 1944.

PRESENT: Col. C. Wickersham, B.P.A., P.B.S. (Chairman) and

Representatives of: RN (FOKIT)

DIM

CE, PBS.

QM, PBS.

ORD (ER)

AAFSG/MTO

214 Group RAF

MCS (Adv)

AMC, 15 Army Group.

In attendance:

Vice-Chairman (am) (Allied Force Local Resources

Vice-Chairman (Er) (Italian) Board

No representatives were present from ACC or HQ, AMC, CMF.

2. Paragraph 9 of the Minutes of the Board Meeting (28 Dec 43) establishing the Committee were received.

3. Paragraph 7 of the Minutes of the Board meeting (17 Jan 44) placing Susp, Hump, Winea and Liqueurs, Welfare articles and Paper within the scope of the Committee was read and received.

4. Availabilities of the following items and the requirements of interested Services were submitted:-

CE, PBS.
 CM, PBS.
 ORD (ER)
 AAFSC/MTD
 214 Group RAF
 MCS (AG7)
 AMG, 15 Army Group.

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

No representatives were present from ACC or HQ, AMG, CMF.

2. Paragraph 2 of the Minutes of the Board Meeting (28 Dec 43) establishing the Committee were received.
3. Paragraph 7 of the Minutes of the Board meeting (17 Jan 44) placing Soap, Hemp, Wines and Liqueurs, Welfare articles and Paper within the scope of the Committee was read and received.
4. Availabilities of the following items and the requirements of interested Services were submitted:-

(a) HEMP:

AMG/ACC stated that there was sufficient hemp from the 1943 crop to **4202** keep all the factories operating for 30 days, at the end of which period they hoped to have collected an adequate quantity of the new crop.

It was stated that lack of electrical power was hampering the operation of the factories at present and AMG/ACC were requested to submit details of their power requirements to the Local Resources Section. It was recommended that these requirements be passed to the Electric Power Committee with a request that the demand be given a high priority. AMG/ACC stated that the manufacturing facilities of rope for the month of February were 150 tons, subject to electric power being made available.

One hundred per cent allocations were recommended by the Committee against all Service requirements of hemp rope as follows:-

R.N.	100 tons of manufactured rope
CE, PBS.	"
AMC, PBS.	"
DDM	"
AAFSC/MTD	"
ORD (ER)	"
TN (ER)	"
	<u>30</u>
	147 Tons

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The following quantities of raw hemp were recommended for allocation:-

AMC, PES.	1 Ton
URST	5 Tons
AMG/ACC	200 "
TN (PR)	10 "

Ord (Br) were requested to submit figures at the next Committee meeting giving details of their tow and hemp requirements.

AMG/ACC stated the following manufactured articles were available:-

500 tow ropes, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter.
120,000 metres white canvas.
5,000 yards light waterproof canvas.

Interested Services were requested to submit their requirements of the above mentioned articles to the Local Resources Section, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech., not later than 72 hours before the date of the next meeting.

The Committee recommended to the Board that all contracts for manufactured hemp products be placed by a single service. It was considered that the R.N., being by far the largest user, would be the most fitted service for this purpose.

The Royal Navy intimated that their requirements for future months would be considerably in excess of those submitted for February.

No prices were submitted by AMG/ACC and they were requested to submit these to the next meeting.

(b) PAPER:

The Paper Disposal Board ordered by the D/CAO, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech., submitted a report on the distribution of Paper made from stocks located at Yoggis. All Services were satisfied with the distribution. AMG/ACC stated that there were no further known stocks.

(c) WINES & LIQUEURS:

In view of the small availability of wines and liqueurs (less than 2% of requirements submitted) the Committee decided that no allocations could be made. AMG/ACC were requested to submit details of the availability of wines and liqueurs in Sicily.

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(d) SOAP:

No information on the availability of soap was submitted owing to the absence of representation from AMG/ACC to cover all of occupied Italy. The Local Resources Section were asked to communicate with AMG/ACC regarding the absence of their representatives from the meeting and to request AMG/ACC to furnish details of the availability of soap and soap production to cover the whole of the occupied mainland of Italy at the next meeting.

(e) WELFARE ARTICLES:

The Committee recommended to the Board that orders be issued to the various welfare (Special Service) organisations prohibiting the purchase by them of any welfare articles until allocation had been made to them by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee.

5. It was recommended to the Board that Matches and Leather and Leather articles (other than belting) be placed within the scope of the Committee.

6. AMG/ACC were requested to submit reports to the next meeting on the availability of items listed in paragraph 5 above.

Interested Services to submit their requirements to the Local Resources Section 72 hours (5 FEB 44) before the date of the next meeting.

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7. The following list of controlled items was submitted for publication through command channels:-

Soap
Hemp
Paper
Leather and Leather articles (excluding belting)
Matches

8. It was recommended to the Board that E.F.I. be elected to membership of the Committee.

9. The next meeting to be held at 14.45 hours, 8 FEBRUARY 1944, in the Conference Room, AFHQ Adv. Adm. Ech.

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Sgt. Collins

FOR:

--- ACTION ---

Coordinate with

& Take ACTION

Info and retain.

Info and return.

Read and see me.

See me, with all info.

File

Circulate to All.

Prepare reply, my signature.

REMARKS:

① ② Who do you
 suggest of other than
 me? ① Lt. Clay is attending for
 me. 15 Army 4 yr. Initials
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Reference :- 10/2/LR.

13 January 1944.

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITILIN) BOARD
MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

1. A first meeting of the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee will be held in the Conference Room, ATHQ., adv. adm. Echelon on Monday 24 January 1944 at 14.45 hours to consider the following

AGENDA :-

1. To receive para 9 of the Minutes of the Board meeting (28 Dec 43) establishing the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee.
2. To receive para 7 of the Minutes of the Board meeting (13 Jan 44) placing Soap, Hemp, Wines and Liquours, Welfare articles and Paper within the scope of the Committee.
3. To receive estimates of availability and maximum prices of the above items from ANG/AOC.
4. To receive requirements of interested Services and to make allocations where necessary.
5. To consider recommending to the Local Resources Board the placing of the following items within the scope of the Committee

MATCHES
LEATHER and LEATHER ARTICLES

and any other items requested by members of the Committee.
6. To prepare a list of items to be considered as controlled, i.e., the allocation of these items must be recommended to the Board by the Committee.
7. To decide whether it is necessary to recommend the addition of other representatives to the Committee.

placing Soap, Hemp, Wines and Liquors, Welfare articles and paper within the scope of the Committee.

3. To receive estimates of availability and maximum prices of the above items from MIG/ACC.
4. To receive requirements of interested Services and to make allocations where necessary.
5. To consider recommending to the Local Resources Board the placing of the following items within the scope of the Committee

MATCHES
LEATHER and LEATHER ARTICLES

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7. To decide whether it is necessary to recommend the addition of other representatives to the Committee.
8. Any other business.
9. To decide the date of the next meeting.

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Thomas R. Giffon

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD.

MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

1. At a Meeting of the Board held on 28 Dec 43 it was resolved 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.

2. The Chairman is COL. C. WICKERSHAM, E.P.A. P.B.S., and the Members, representatives of :-

R.M. (RWIT)
D.D.W.
C.E., P.B.S.
Q.M. P.B.S.
QMD (Br)
D.D.S.T., FLAMEO.
M.A.A. F.
M.G.S. (Adv).
HQ., AMG., C.M.F.
AMG., 15 Army Group
A.C.C.

3. The latter should nominate their representative to Local Resources Section at this H.Q. as soon as possible.

4. Only one representative may attend a meeting without the special permission of the Chairman.

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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. HAMILTON (In the chair in the absence of the D/CIO)

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

Representatives of:-

C.G., F.B.S.
Flag Officer, Western Italy.
M.A.A.F.
A.M.G., 15 Army Gp.
A.C.C.
M.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.

Representatives of:-

C.G., P.B.S.
 Flag Officer, Western Italy.
 M.A.A.F.
 A.M.G., 15 Army Gp.
 A.C.C.
 M.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.

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./MFO. 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.

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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 when 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, Wines 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 in the Conference Room, AFHQ, Adv. Adm. Echelon.

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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/CMO (Chairman)
Vice Chairman (Adm)
Vice Chairman (Br)
DD/CMO
C.G., FBS.
GCG., No. 2 District
D-MG.

representatives of:-

Flag Officer, Western Italy
M.A.A.F.
AMG., 15 Army Group
MGS. (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 It was considered that as the Chairman and several

representatives of:-

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

in attendance :-

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

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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 several members were common to both the Board and the Committee, sufficient liaison would be maintained and it was decided that the Minutes of the two bodies would be integrated, and that those of the Central Economic Committee would be discussed at Board Meetings.
4. H.Q., A.M.G., C.M.F. was elected to membership of the Board.
5. Reports were received from the following Committees :

(a) Engineering Materials Committee.

The report was accepted. The R.M. request to control hemp production in Italy (para 5 of Minutes of Engineering Materials Committee meeting of 20 Dec 43) was discussed. The Vice Chairmen were instructed to present the hemp situation including production, manufacture, military and civilian requirements to M.F.L.R.S. and M.G.S., A.F.H.Q. The Board desires the Central Economic Committee to ensure that MGS/AGC accelerate as far as possible the production of hemp.

(b) Food Supply Committee.

The report was accepted.

- (i). The situation regarding fish and other hospital supplies was considered

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- (a) Prices are rising out of all reason
- (b) Inadequate supplies are available for hospitals.
- (c) These items formed an important part of civilian food supplies, whereas, except for hospital requirements, they only augmented an already adequate military ration scale.

The Chairman requested that members submit to him by 4 Jan 44 their considered view on the control or otherwise of all purchases of foodstuffs in short supply, other than through the recognised services who buy supplies for issue as military rations or hospital supplies.

(ii) The protest submitted by D.D.S.T., FLMEO against the allocation of onions 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/ACC 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.

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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 Hump 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.

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10. The next meeting of the Board is to be held at 1100 hours, 17 January 1944 in the Conference Room, FLAIBO.

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