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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACMED'S CONFERENCE
(9th Meeting) held at AFHQ on 22 November 1945.

MINUTE No.2.

"2. ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

(Previous reference SAC (45) 8th Meeting, Minute 2).

BRIGADIER YATES reported that the San Marco Regiment and 25 out of the 27 Italian Guard Battalions had now been handed over to Italian control. One of the remaining guard battalions was in the NAPLES area and would be relieved shortly. The other battalion was employed in 13 Corps area under Allied control and would continue to be so required for some time.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Take note of the above."

Ex.Commissioner's Distbn: 29.Nov.

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YOUR 291028 CAPTAIN RUTLER U.S.N. AND LT.(S) H.A.V.HALL R.N.V.R.
WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE.

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HEAD OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION

CINC MED
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request your representative may attend meeting at
A.P.H.Q. at 1/30 Thursday 2nd August to discuss future
administration of Italian Navy particularly with regard
to supplies of provisions, clothing and other stores.

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OFFICE OF FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY, ROME.
(Naval Sub Commission)

STAFF MINUTE SHEET.

Subject Captain Baslini.
Tuesday, 17th. April.

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Referred to

AGENDA.

Secretary

Lt. W.W.W. *www*

Lt. Cdr. Bradley *CB*

Lt. Cdr. *Davies*

Captain Butler *B*

Rear Admiral. *R*

NAVAL DIVERS FOR MNB DU GENOA.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief of Staff

3 Jan 45.

Ref: 4820/COS.

I am directed by the Chief of Staff to forward you copy of the attached paper on the amassing of olive oil which will be the subject of discussion at the Chief Commissioner's Vice Presidents' Meeting on 4 Jan 45.

P. Russell

PA to Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 4820/13/008.

3rd January 1944.

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Amassing.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. The Italian Government, in the person of the Minister of Agriculture and Forests, has addressed a letter to you stating that it is feared that the amassing of olive oil will be a complete failure unless further action is taken by the Italian Government with the help of the Allied authorities, which is considered indispensable, to arrange for more vigorous police control.

2. The Italian Government propose to form a group of inspectors to exercise a stimulant on the provincial authorities and they have asked that the Commission should put at the disposal of the Italian Government 100 Allied officers, 100 M.C.O's, 40 cars and 40 lorries, with the necessary fuel and oil, for a period of 4 months ending 30th April.

3. The Italian Government conclude their letter by describing further measures which they intend to take such as propaganda, appeals to the political parties, direction to the Prefects, speeding up of a judicial procedure, financial measures and extra police.

4. This letter was discussed at your Chief of Staff's meeting this morning. The Economic Section are naturally most anxious that we should give every assistance possible and made a very good case for overcoming political, administrative and establishment objections in order to save shipping. The amount required in order to provide an adequate olive oil ration for the whole of Italy is 69,000 tons, which is divided into 18,000 tons for Italian Government territory, 27,000 tons for presently occupied territory, and 24,000 tons for Resettling's Italy. Unless this can be provided, either the population will go without oil, producing a disease and unrest problem, or extra shipping will have to be provided to bring fats and oils in substitution. Colonel Beaumont would not commit himself to say that the provision of these officers would effect 100 per cent success but he thought that it would go far to prevent a complete failure which the Italian Government predict.

5. The consensus of the rest of your Vice Presidents was against such assistance being provided. It was pointed out that it would be contrary to the policy of the Allied Nations which is to remove Allied officers from Italian Government territory and place full responsibility on the Italian Government, and that it would be ridiculous to remove 100 officers with one hand and implant 100 officers with the other. It was argued that unless

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Allied officers could employ force the value of their presence would be much discounted and in fact their bluff would be called. Officers also felt that unless a very large measure of success was absolutely ensured it would be unwise for the Allied Commission to be involved. For the odium of failure would then undoubtedly rest upon the Commission. It was pointed out that the presence of special Allied amassing officers in Sicily, which is also involved in the olive oil amassing, has not achieved full success.

6. This is a very difficult problem. On the one hand we have the absolute necessity of producing the oil if it is humanly possible to do so. Not merely for the Italian Government but in order to feed the Italians who will be under our administrative control for many months. The Italian Government has asked for help. We want the oil. Your economic advisers think that this proposal will produce at any rate a part of the amount required. There are precedents, as Mr. Hopkinson pointed out, for Allied help in this matter, not only in this country but in Persia, an independent state and Syria. We have an example of the efficacy of organised Allied control in Foggia and Matera where the wheat amassing has been surprisingly good.

7. Are we to place the economic necessity of getting every litre of oil into our hands against the very grave difficulty of violating the accepted policy of the Allied Nations?

8. If the Economic Section and the Italian Government can convince you that the provision of a number of Allied officers, with vehicles (I will put the figure at near 50 than 100), will materially increase the olive oil to be amassed, and if they can submit a reasonable proposal for the organisation of this amassing assistance, then I think we should be wise to give favourable consideration to the proposal.

9. You may wish to discuss this matter with the Acting President and at your Vice Presidents' meeting tomorrow and if you agree I will circulate copies of this memorandum to Vice Presidents.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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NOTICE

The Vice Presidents' Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 11 January 1945, is postponed. Subject to confirmation the meeting will take place at 1000 hours on Saturday, 13 January 1945.

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Lt. Col. Brown (Liaison)

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NOTICE

The next Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held in the Office of the Chief Commissioner at 1000 hours on Thursday, 7 December 1944.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

25 May 1944

S-E-C-R-E-T

From: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Conference with Italian Government.

Enclosure: (A) CINC MED ltr MED 829/4/18 of 24 March 1944.
(B) Industry & Commerce Sub-Com. ltr ACC/5111/16 of 31 March 1944. (Subject: Oxygen - Grotens Plant).

1. A copy of a letter dated 13 April 1944 from Marshal Badoglio, enclosing a summary of problems which the Italian Government desires to discuss with the Allied Control Commission, was forwarded to the Naval Sub-Commission, ACC by DE. ACC., letter 80000.1 of 9 May 1944 for comment. The primary matter raised for consideration by the Naval Sub-Commission relates to the operation and use of shipbuilding and repair facilities formerly employed by the Italian Navy, as outlined under the heading "Industrial Recovery" on page 6 of the summary.
2. From a review of the arguments made that industrial plants should be returned to Italian control, it is quite apparent that the primary concern is to rehabilitate Italian industries, rather than to further the immediate war effort. This matter was previously raised by a report submitted by an Italian Committee of Experts which was referred to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, for instructions. A copy of the policy established and directive issued by Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, for the utilization of Italian shipbuilding and repair facilities is attached hereto.
3. A specific request is made on page 6, paragraph 2 of the summary that at least one half of the repair facilities in the Taranto area be used for the repair of Italian Naval vessels. The present policy for the Naval Dockyard and Tosi Shipyard at Taranto is to employ 70% of the personnel on Allied ships and the remaining 30% on Italian ships. The Naval Dockyard is used wholly for ship repairs. The Tosi Shipyard is fully employed for repair and new construction work. It is operated under contracts between the Allies and the Italian owners. In this manner both yards are provided with employment and maintained in excellent operating condition. Under the policy established by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, Allied resources and facilities for the repair, overhaul and maintenance of combatant ships are to be devoted only to ships which will contribute immediately and profitably to the war effort. It is unfortunate that many Italian Naval vessels at the time of the Armistice were in such a condition that repairs are not warranted in the interest of the war effort or that the same status now obtains for these vessels, either due to the lack of modern armament or subsequent material failures. At the present time every available ship repair facility is being used for the

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25 May 1944.

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Subject: Conference with Italian Government.

best interests of the Allied war effort. The proposal that 50% of the repair facilities in the Taranto area be reserved for Italian Naval vessels is not worthy of serious consideration.

6. Additional points raised in the summary are discussed briefly below:

(a) All requests by company officials for access to documents needed for the settlement of legal and tax matters will receive every consideration when submitted through proper channels.

(b) The salvage of sunken ships is a responsibility of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, in accordance with COMINT Ltr No. 223 of 3 May 1944 to the Chief Commissioner ADC. Considerable progress has been made, however, in turning over Maritime services, particularly in Sicily, to Italian control. In this area the Italian Navy is performing essential services such as harbour clearance and mine sweeping.

(c) The Minister of Marine in January 1944 requested authority to obtain materials such as lime, cement and brick and complete the Dry Dock in Mar Grande at Taranto. The Minister was advised on 16 January 1944 that on account of the acute shortage of skilled labour and material the work was not justified. Moreover, there is no immediate need for such a large drydock, especially without elaborate repair facilities, including buildings and machine tools, which it would be practically impossible to procure in time to serve any use in the immediate future.

(d) There appears to be no objection to the establishment of collection centers for scrap material.

(e) The supply of fuel and power for the production of metal products can only be considered based on specific requests.

(f) The Minister of Marine on 27 November 1943, requested that transport be furnished for lumber from Calabria. The matter was the subject of lengthy correspondence terminating in a letter from the Italian Commander-in-Chief, Ionian on 13 March 1944, stating that the transport was no longer necessary because the timber had been requisitioned by Allied authorities.

(g) The increase in production of bituminous material and the transport of manufactured goods are general subjects. It is recommended that the Italian Government submit details for consideration.

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Subject: Conference with Italian Government.

(h) Every effort is being made to obtain clothing for the Italian Navy. The Army Sub-Commission ACC., has been designated by HQ. AAI letter 5 May 1944 to the Chief Commissioner ACC., as responsible for the supervision and control of the supply of clothing for the Italian Armed Forces, including the Navy. Allied Force Headquarters recently made recommendations to the Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding the supply of clothes for the Navy. Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has been advised by Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic, Liaison Italy, that this procedure will result in considerable delay in the supply of clothing. For this reason it was recommended that the Army Sub-Commission continue to supply clothing to the Italian Navy for the present.

(i) The Minister of Marine on 15 January 1944, requested that material and equipment be provided for the manufacture of 40,000 pairs of shoes. This matter has been referred to the Admiralty, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, and Flag Officer Western Italy. Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, was advised by Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic Liaison, Italy on 21 March 1944, that no arrangements could be made for the repair of shoes due to lack of materials.

(j) The return of the Cotoniere Meridionali plant at Naples to the Italian Navy is governed by the same principles enumerated in Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean letter MHD 829/4/18 of 24/3 attached, which establishes the policy that Italian ship repair facilities are reserved for Allied use until such times as a surplus exists. Attached hereto is a copy of Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, letter reference ACC/5111/10 of 31 March 1944, in which it is proposed that this plant be used for the manufacture of oxygen.

5. The subject of Italian Naval deserters to Jugo-Slav forces has been referred by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, to higher authorities for a statement of policy. In the interim, every effort is being made to discourage such practices. Individual reports of desertion are being investigated. If the deserters are found to be under Allied control, they will be returned to Italian authorities.

6. In conclusion, it is observed that practically all questions raised are of long standing and have either been acted upon or are of a continuing nature, involving supply and repair facilities.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters,
ALGIERS.

24th March, 1944.

Med.829/4/18.

THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, ITALY.

(Copies to:- The Flag Officer, Taranto and Adriatic,
(Ref. 1042/8 of 8th March, 1944).
The Flag Officer, Western Italy.
(Ref. 437 dated 17th February, 1944).
The Commodore Superintendent, Taranto.
The Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest
African Waters.
The Ministry of War Transport Representative,
Mediterranean.
The Chief Administrative Officer, Allied Force
Headquarters.
U.S.A.)

REPORT ON SHIPBUILDING YARDS IN ITALY.

The reports of the sub-commission of Italian experts on the ship building and repairing facilities in occupied and unoccupied Italy (excluding Sicily) deal primarily with the private shipyards. With the exception of Franco Tosi Yard at Taranto, and Navale Meccanica at Castellanza, all the large ship building yards are situated in Northern Italy. There are no facilities for the manufacture of main machinery installations, large forgings and castings in Southern Italy.

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- (c) New construction orders already placed have generally been confined to barges, floating docks, and other craft of simple construction which are urgently needed, and which can be produced with the minimum of equipment.
- (d) It is considered that surplus skilled labour in ship building yards should be transferred to large ship repairing centres, e.g. Naples, Taranto and Brindisi. This additional labour would assist in the introduction of regular day and night shifts, which is necessary to speed repairs, and get the maximum value out of the available docks.

NOTE:- Towards the end of March all the dry docks at Naples will probably be in operation. A new caisson for No. 3 dock has been expeditiously constructed at Castellammare.

3. It will be seen that the above stated policy is chiefly concerned with the immediate war effort, and not the general rehabilitation of the Italian ship-building industry.

4. Arrangements are made with the British Admiralty for the supply of repair materials to meet this programme. Italian stocks of ship repair materials should continue to be reserved for this work.

5. It is requested that any orders which the Allied Control Commission propose to place with Italian Shipyards should be referred to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean for consideration. Copies of such proposals to be sent to the Flag Officer, Taranto and Adriatic and the Flag Officer, Western Italy. Any proposals for construction or repair of shipbuilding facilities such as shipyards, docks, slips etc. should be treated similarly.

6. The following technical officers on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean have an office in Naples addressed c/o The Flag Officer, Western Italy, Navy House, Naples :-

Principal Base Engineer Officer:- Captain (R) C.H. Morrell O.E.E.,
(P.B.E.O.)
Royal Navy.

Principal Base Constructor Officer:- Constructor Commander J.A. Mavor,
(P.B.C.O.) (Italy)
Royal Navy.

Officer in Charge of Works (West Italy):- Commander (Sp), D.L.Bell,
(O.C.W.)
R.N.V.R.

7. The Commodore Superintendent, Taranto (Comodore J. Powell, D.S.O. Royal Navy) is responsible for all ship repair and shipbuilding activities in the "Heel" ports viz. Taranto, Brindisi, and Bari.

8. British Admiralty technical officers are stationed in all ports where there are ship repair or building facilities.

9. It is considered that the above policy should continue in operation until the termination of European hostilities.

10. In view of the considerable work outstanding in the construction of the new Graving docks at Taranto, Naples and Brindisi, Labour should not be employed on completing these projects.

/s/

J. H. D. Cunningham

ADMIRAL.

Chilum, Western Italy, Navy House, Naples 1-

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

APPENDIX "A"

HEB/eje

31 March 1944.

Ref. ACC/5111/1C

SUBJECT: Oxygen - Crotone Plant

TO : H. G. A. A. I. (Adm. Echelon) (Attn.: Brig. Ritchie).

1. Oxygen gas can be manufactured at Crotone. With the 1,300,000 KWH per month of electric power already allocated to oxygen production at this plant, about 3,500,000 cu.ft. per month could be produced on a continuous operating basis.

2. There is some question as to whether the oxygen produced electrolytically at this plant is suitable or can be made suitable for breathing purposes. At present the oxygen purity runs between the limit of 96-98%, and the manager of the plant states that very small amounts of caustic potash spray exist in this gas, thus rendering it unsuitable for breathing purposes. The plant manager is now undertaking some tests proposed by Capt. Mydans to ascertain whether this oxygen can be purified to meet breathing oxygen requirements. This procedure is to involve two operations: a) passage of the gas over hot copper to remove the 2% impurity of hydrogen, b) passage of the gas up a packed tower in contact with concentrated sulphuric acid to remove both caustic potash spray and water vapor. The results of these tests are to be communicated to HQ/ACC/Mining representative in the Crotone area.

3. Assuming that a satisfactory result is obtained from the tests referred to in par. 2 above, equipment to carry out these operations on plant scale will have to be designed and constructed. Further, the installation of high pressure piping, valves, cylinder filling racks, oxygen compressors, and auxiliary equipment is still to be done. It is estimated that given all assistance to secure necessary materials, this phase of the work may well consume three to four months.

4. Suitable oxygen compressors are lacking. For the proper compression of 3,500,000 cu.ft. of oxygen per month three 100 cu. meter/hour compressors are required. Such equipment would provide sufficient excess capacity to ensure continuous operations.

Signals have been sent by HQ/ACC to all regions of liberated Italy, Sicily and Sardinia in an effort to locate oxygen compressors. No adequate equipment has yet been discovered. Accordingly, stops must be taken without delay to secure such compressors by importation. Suitable electric motors to drive these compressors are already available in Italy and need not be imported.

5. To produce oxygen at Crotone, certain other essential materials must be made available and include:

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3. Assuming that a satisfactory result is obtained from the tests referred to in par. 2 above, equipment to carry out these operations on plant scale will have to be designed and constructed. Further, the installation of high pressure piping, valves, cylinder filling racks, oxygen compressors, and auxiliary equipment is still to be done. It is estimated that given all assistance to secure necessary materials, this phase of the work may well consume three to four months.

4. Suitable oxygen compressors are lacking. For the proper compression of 3,500,000 cu.ft. of oxygen per month three 100 cu.-meter/hour compressors are required. Such equipment would provide sufficient excess capacity to ensure continuous operations.

Signals have been sent by HQ/ACC to all regions of liberated Italy, Sicily and Sardinia in an effort to locate oxygen compressors. No adequate equipment has yet been discovered. Accordingly, stops must be taken without delay to secure such compressors by importation. Suitable electric motors to drive these compressors are already available in Italy and need not be imported.

5. To produce oxygen at Crotone, certain other essential materials must be made available and include:

- a) 500 m. tons of coal per month for the production of distilled water necessary to the electrolytic cells.
- b) A considerable stock of rubber tubing for the gas exit tubes of the cells.
- c) 3 tons of calcium carbide.
- d) A long list of small but important miscellaneous materials including wire, insulating varnish, etc.

6. Pending a final decision by technical experts on the possibility of employing the IMAD plant, Naples for the production of oxygen, further work on the Crotone plant has been held in abeyance. The tests mentioned in para. 2, however, are to be undertaken without delay.

For Lieutenant General MASON MACPARKLAND:

W. P. EVANS,
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission.

5 APRIL 1944.

(ENCLOSURE (B)).

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
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23 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Naval Sub-Commission Activities.

TO : F.O.T.A.L.I., Navy House, Taranto.

1. Naval Sub-Commission consisting of myself and Commander Butler USN, is now established in office in ACC building in Rome. I have called on Area Commander General Johnson, Civil Governor Colonel Fiske and Brigadier Mathews, Area Commander. In order to contact Ministry of Marine I have also an office in the Ministry of Marine building where Admiral Laia is acting as Liaison Officer. I am dealing direct with Admiral Ferreri who I understand is representing the Minister of Marine. Would be glad to have this confirmed.

2. Owing to the amount of requisitioning by the various administrative bodies, the Italian Navy had to vacate their barracks and after considerable trouble chiefly caused by various officials dealing direct with the Italian Ministry, I had a meeting with General Johnson and arranged another building to be allocated for the Italian Navy to accommodate some 700. In order to avoid this I have issued orders to Vice Admiral Ferreri that all matters dealing with the Italian Navy are to be sent to me for forwarding to the proper authority.

3. I would be glad of your views as to whether it is the intention to retain an Italian Naval Base in Rome and for the official approval.

4. I am of the opinion that one would be invaluable as a drafting centre and 700 should be the maximum number to be catered for. Various officers and men are becoming available now for drafting to the Italian Fleet and Ports. I would therefore be grateful for your instructions so as to get this underway. Until the new N. Victualling scheme comes into force as soon as Italian officers and men become screened and approved by you as a unit, I have arranged with the military MMIA to draw rations and victual them until they leave for their approved destination.

5. Commander Butler representing Commodore Zirolli has now been working with me for three (3) months and I would particularly request that he should remain in Rome.

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23 June 1944, to: FOTALI, Navy House, Taranto, (Cont'd).

6. C of S Signal has somewhat confused us and the Army Sub-Commission. Presume you will send me a copy of your reply. To carry this out it would appear that a large accountant staff will be necessary, and now that the MMIA organisation has got going, it would seem a great mistake to alter the existing organisation.

7. I am retaining the C. in Cs. villa at 4 days notice and should you visit Rome and give me due notice I can arrange a suite for you in the Grand Hotel.

I. M. PALMER
Commodore, R.N.
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION.

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MINUTES OF FIFTH MEETING OF THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE, 1944.

Present:-

Rear-Admiral C.E. MORGAN, D.S.O.
Comodore H.W. ZIROLI, United States Navy.
Commander H.St.J. BUVALIER, United States Navy.
Paymaster Lieutenant Commander G.H.L. KITSON, Royal Navy.

With reference to paragraph 1 (a) and (b) of the Deputy Chief's statement of activities, these matters have now been settled by the Chief Commissioner. No-one will be allowed to proceed to Rome for at least three weeks and Admiral Biancheri's Mission is to be reduced to a maximum of 50 officers and men.

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C. J. K. Brown

PAYMASTER LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, ROYAL NAVY.

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WEEKLY MEETING OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF A.C.C.

Present:- Rear-Admiral C.E.Morgan, D.S.O.
 Commodore H.W.Zirolì, U.S.N.
 Commander H.St.J.Butler, U.S.N.
 Paymaster Lieutenant Commander G.H.L.Kitson, R.N.

Commodore Zirolì's statement of activities for week ending 24th April, 1944 (attached) was discussed. The references in these minutes are to the paragraphs of his report.

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3. With reference to paragraph 2 it was agreed that a separate office for the Naval Sub-Commission is essential. Rear-Admiral Morgan said he would go into this with the Maintenance Commander.

4. With reference to paragraph 3 the question of Commander Butler's duties was discussed. It was agreed that he should spend most of his time in Taranto proceeding to Salerno as necessary to keep Commodore Palmer informed.

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6. With reference to paragraph 6 it was agreed that the correct solution to the problem is for machinery to be set up, whereby formal application is made by the Yugo-Slav authorities to the Minister of Marine for the release of certain Italian personnel by name, who have volunteered to serve with the Yugo-Slavs. F.O.T.A.L.I. would give all possible assistance in setting up this organisation. Commodore Zirolì stated that the Minister would have no objection to releasing such men provided application for their services was formally made. Rear Admiral Morgan said he would mention this to General Mason-Macfarlane during his visit to Naples on Thursday 27th April.

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7. The meeting was in agreement that the Naval Sub Commission should act on its own initiative within the terms of the Armistice, consulting the Chief Commissioner Allied Control Commission only in cases of doubt. Rear Admiral Morgan will also mention this to General Mason-Macfarlane.

8. It was agreed that detailed statements to show the essential ration strength of the Italian Navy now and in the future when Italy is completely occupied, should be prepared. An officer on the staff of F.O.T.A.L.I. will be detailed for this purpose.

(Sgd.) G. H. L. KIFSON

ADMIRAL'S SECRETARY

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All present.

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MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY THE 2ND MAY, 1944.

Present:-

Rear-Admiral C. E. Morgan, D.S.O.,
Comodore H. W. Zirolli, United States Navy.
Commander H. St. J. Butler, United States Navy.
Paymaster Lieutenant Commander G. H. L. Kitson, Royal Navy.

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5. The Deputy Chief's statement of activities for the past week was discussed. Admiral Morgan regretted that it was necessary to make any increase in the number of officers working for the Naval Sub-Commission but agreed with the appointment of Lieutenant Womerspoon as a special case. He asked Commodore Ziroli to ensure that no further increases in staff are made.

6. It was agreed that Paymaster Lieutenant Harvey in his capacity as Assistant Secretary for Liaison with the Italians is already an ex officio assistant to the Naval Sub-Commission.

7. It was decided that a hastener should be sent to the Minister of Marine on the subject of the apprehension of the Italian prisoner of war, Ciro Provenzano.

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8. ^{Below} Admiral Morgan did not approve of the letter to the ~~Naval~~ Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission referred to in paragraph 4 (e) of the Deputy Chief's statement. He thought it better for the Deputy Chief to represent the matter verbally as stated in paragraph 1 above.

9. The question of how far the Minister of Marine should deal with the Naval Sub-Commission and how far with F.O.T.A.L.I. was raised. It was decided that it is most desirable that the Minister should have only one authority to deal with on all liaison questions and that this authority should be F.O.T.A.L.I.

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PALMER LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, ROYAL NAVY.

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MINUTES OF FOURTH MEETING OF THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HELD ON SUNDAY 2ND MAY, 1944.

PRESENT:-

Rear-Admiral C.N. MORGAN, D.S.O.,
Commodore H.W. MITCHELL, United States Navy,
Commander H.St.J. NEVILL, United States Navy,
Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander G.H.L. KIRKMAN, Royal Navy.

With reference to para. 2 of the Minutes of the third meeting of the Naval Sub-Commission, Admiral Morgan said that it had been agreed between the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and the Minister of Marine that a statement showing the differentiation between the duties of F.O.F.A.L.I. and the Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission should be prepared for information only. The rule that all correspondence, no matter what the subject, should be addressed to F.O.F.A.L.I. is to hold good.

2. Commodore Siroli asked that the Naval Sub-Commission might be provided with copies of letters required to keep their records up to date. It was agreed that a notation should be made on the staff minute sheet if copies of incoming and outgoing letters are required for the Naval Sub-Commission, when the necessary action will be taken by the Admiral's office.

3. With reference to para. 3 (a) of the third meeting, Admiral Morgan said that the workers have refused to accept the new scale "A" ration, since, as a result of a visit by the workers' representatives, they have been given to understand that an increased scale is under consideration and will be brought into force shortly. So far as is known by the Naval Sub-Commission, there is no truth in this rumour and the workers appear to be cutting off their noses to spite their faces.

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5. Commodore Airolì stated that a request has been received from a Lieutenant-Commander of the Russian Navy for detailed information regarding the disposition and condition of ships of the Italian Navy. Admiral Morgan was adverse to providing information of this nature on such a low level and stated that no action was to be taken without direction from higher authority. Commodore Airolì stated that he would take the matter up with the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission.

6. The question of censorship of Italian press news was discussed, and it was agreed that this must be done in the operational area. Admiral Morgan said that the Minister of Marine should be informed that any Naval Operational Information should not be published in the press without the approval of P.O.T.A.A.I.

7. The question of the speech to be made by the representative

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE
ALLIED GENERAL COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd May, 1944.

of the Naval Sub-Commission at the next Meeting of the Allied General Commission was discussed. The Commodore Superintendent, Taranto, is preparing a short summary of the work done by the dockyard during the past month. This should make clear to the Allied General Commission the operational necessity for urgent action regarding food, clothing and transport. Admiral Morgan said that he would like the tactical table, which has been started at Taranto for the training of Italian Officers, to be mentioned in the speech. It was agreed that Commander Butler should go to Salerno shortly to assist Commodore Palmer in the preparation of the speech.

8. Commodore Mirali raised the question of Italian Merchant Seamen sent to the United States to man merchant ships. Out of the last 47 sent, 12 refused to sign the agreement on arrival in America. It has therefore been decided that in future they will be asked to sign the agreement before leaving Italy.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

Serial: ()

23 May 1944.

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To : Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for period 9 May - 23 May 1944.

1. The following matters are outstanding:

(a) Data on Italian Navy for U.S.S.R.

(b) Censorship Italian press news by Field Press Censorship, Naples instead of Allied Control Commission.

(c) Data for monthly conference A.C.C. May 30, 31 and June 1. Commodore Palmer has requested that Commodore Superintendent of the Dockyard furnish information ^{on cooperation} asked by Italian facilities and Dockyards in Taranto area as return for food and supplies furnished by Allies.

(d) Report to A.C.C. for conference with Marshal Badoglio. Draft has been prepared.

(e) Return of 12 Italian volunteer merchant seamen from U. S. to Italy for refusal to sign shipping agreement. Draft letter to Minister of Marine prepared.

(f) Liquidation Independent Port Authority Naples. Draft letter to Minister of Marine prepared.

(g) Advise Minister of Marine that F.O.T.A.I.I. is the only authority with whom he should communicate and that correspondence relating to matters pertaining to the Naval Sub-Commission should not be addressed to the Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C. as indicated in letter to Minister of Marine of 28 April 1944. Draft prepared.

(h) Request for release of Naval Officer P.O.W.'s held in concentration camp in Syracuse. Under study.

2. Action has been taken on the following matters:

(a) F.O.T.A.I.I. requested to investigate subversive activities in the Italian Navy.

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Subject: Activities for period 9 - 23 May, 1944.

(b) Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the P.M.B. Bari Outpost to use an Italian Morse Radio Interceptor Unit at Bari.

(c) Question of status of Italian Motor Schooner "GEL FREDO" referred to Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.G.

(d) B.M.C. Catania requested to furnish information on possibility of returning barracks of Guardia di Finanza to Italian Control.

(e) Naval Representative, A.C.G., Salerno advised that General Carlo Matteini has relieved Admiral Barone and that instructions have been issued relative to signing of checks for CO.CE.NA.

(f) Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, A.C.G. requested to endeavor to transfer 4 Yugoslav Wrens to Middle East.

(g) C.G. No. 2 District requested to determine present whereabouts and status of 7 Italian Navy ratings reported to have been at Slav Refugee Camp, Lecce.

(h) Release of 1/2 quintal of leather obtained from Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, A.C.G. for Italian Navy.

H. W. SIROGLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.G.

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Commodore Ziroli

MINUTES OF THIRD MEETING OF THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY, 27TH MAY 1944.

Present :-

Rear-Admiral C.E. MORGAN, D.S.O.
Commodore H.W. ZIROLI, United States Navy.
Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander G.H.L. KINSON, Royal Navy.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the minutes of the second meeting of the Naval Sub-Commission, the question of what action was required regarding Italian naval ratings who have already deserted to the Hugo-Slavs was raised. The Allied Control Commission policy is that the Hugo-Slavs are on no account to recruit from the Italian forces. In view of this, Commodore Ziroli was asked to try to find out who is responsible for the camps where such Italian deserters are at present housed and to investigate the possibility of their being withdrawn from the Hugo-Slav forces and returned to the Italians to be dealt with.

2. With reference to paragraph 9 of the minutes of the second meeting, Rear-Admiral Morgan stated that Captain Baslini had a letter which attempted to create a division of responsibility between the Naval Sub-Commission and F.O.T.A.L.I. Commodore Ziroli did not know who had written or signed this letter, but stated he would have the letter cancelled and inform the Minister of Marine officially that the only authority with whom he should communicate is F.O.T.A.L.I.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Deputy Chief's statement of activities for the past week :-

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- (c) General Mason-MacFarlane has written to the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission regarding supply of trucks, tyres and tubes to the Italian Navy, and it is hoped that, as a result, early action will be taken. Commodore Ziroli is obtaining a copy of this letter. Commodore Ziroli stated that he had heard of an Italian Army warehouse which is reputed to be full of spare tyres for Italian vehicles. He will endeavour to locate this warehouse and investigate the possibility of its being turned over to the Italian Navy.

4. With reference to paragraph 4(c) of the Deputy Chief's statement, the arrangements for discharge of cargo at Crotone were discussed. The port is run entirely by Italians on behalf of the Allied Control Commission and there is at present no Allied authority there to act as the liaison

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Minutes of Third Meeting of the Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied
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on questions of supply of essential stores, etc., for running the port. It was agreed that Comandore Ziboli's Port Officer should go to Orotone to investigate the position and make recommendations regarding any action required.

5. With reference to paragraph 4(f) of the Deputy Chief's statement, Commodore Zirotti stated that there is in existence a large amount of material which is in the hands of the Italian Army. After many vicissitudes it has been approved for this material to be turned over to the Italian Navy.

6. With reference to paragraph 4(g) of the Deputy Chief's statement, it was elucidated that the Italians would be grateful for the return of certain barracks in Catania from the British. Commodore Ziroli was asked to draft a letter to the Resident Naval Officer, Catania on this subject.

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Deputy Chief's statement, it was agreed that all requests for material for the Italian Navy should be sent to F.O.2.A.I.I. Commodore Girolli said he would inform the Italian Naval Authorities accordingly.

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Deputy Chief's statement, it was agreed that Commodore Zivoli should visit Lecce to confer with the Army Sub-Commission. It was thought that the present arrangement whereby all supplies for the Italian Navy are made through the Army Sub-Commission is working satisfactorily and no reason was seen for altering it.

2. Commodore Zivoli stated that the next meeting of the Allied Central Commission would be held on the 30th May, and that he would attend.

Al. Kikson

PAUL SMITH, LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER,
ROYAL NAVY

statement, it was indicated that the Italians would be grateful for the return of certain barracks in Catania from the British. Commodore Ziroli was asked to draft a letter to the Resident Naval Officer, Catania on this subject.

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Deputy Chief's statement, it was agreed that all requests for material for the Italian Navy should be sent to F.O.F.I.I. Commodore Ziroli said he would inform the Italian Naval authorities accordingly.

8. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Deputy Chief's statement, it was agreed that Commodore Ziroli should visit Lecco to confer with the Army Sub-Commission. It was thought that the present arrangement whereby all supplies for the Italian Navy are made through the Army Sub-Commission is working satisfactorily and no reason was seen for altering it.

9. Commodore Ziroli stated that the next meeting of the Allied Control Commission would be held on the 30th May, and that he would attend.

P. Palmer

PAUL PALMER LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER,
ROYAL NAVY.

DISSEMINATION :-

ALL PRESENT.

(Copy to Commodore I.M. PALMER, D.S.O.).

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION

Decisions - I.M.A.R. Conference 8 July

1. Army Sub Commission will interest themselves in the request made by I.M.A.R. to R.M.S. Region, that Italian transport should be permitted to go out into the area round R.M.S. for the purpose of bringing in fresh vegetables as a complement to the civilian rations issued to Italian military personnel in hospitals.
2. Army Sub Commission will look into question of getting transport to tow in for repair Italian Army vehicles now outside R.M.S.
3. Army Sub Commission will enquire into question of forage for I.M.A.R. quadrupeds (about 150). A possible solution would be to approach the Carabinieri who have come up from the South.
4. A conference will be held on Wednesday, 12 July, at 1700 hours, between Army Sub Commission (Adv) and representatives of the Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. Representatives of I.M.A.R. are requested to attend for continuity.

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Colonel
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
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ARMY SUB COMMISSION

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Army Sub Comm (Adv)

Decisions - I.M.A.R. Conference 5 July

1. I.M.A.R. will choose a suitable site for a ration depot capable of holding rations for 15,000 men for 20 days, and will inform Army Sub Commission before 8 July.
2. Army Sub Commission will examine the question of rations in hospitals.
3. I.M.A.R. will investigate if suitable alternative accommodation can be found for the Canadian nurses now at the Vigilio School.

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Colonel
Army Sub Commission A.C.O.
(MIA)

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ARMY CFE - COMMISSION

Navy (A-8V)

Decisions - I.M.A.R. Conference 1 July

Present :	Col	FINDLAY	- Army Sub Commission
	Gen	THOMASIA	- Italian Garrison of Rome
	Col	PEDINOTTI	- I.M.A.R.
	Col	DE BONO	"
	Col	BALZANI	- Ministry of War
	Gen	MONTESINGOLO	- Italian Navy L.O. to I.M.A.R.
	Col	TANI	- Italian Air Force L.O. to I.M.A.R.
	Maj	FINDLEY	- Army Sub Commission
	Maj	DOBS	" " "
	Signora GIUSTOLIANI		- Interpreter

1. Accommodation

(a) Agreed with ROSE Area Command :-

- (1) All property of Italian Service Ministries is primarily reserved for the Italians.
- (11) If A.S.C. want any of those premises for Allied troops they apply to Col. PLAGIOLINI.
- (111) If Col. PLAGIOLINI or his HQ consider the premises essential to the Italians the matter is referred to Army Sub Commission.

(b) A.S.C. will enquire again regarding space taken up by Canadian nurses at the VILLAGE school.

(c) A.S.C. will see if workshop of S Centro Automobilistico can be given back to the Centro, instead of being used for civilian purposes; also what stores should be given to C.I.L.

(d) A.S.C. will inquire into situation at Remount Depot, 2850 CORRESE, MONT MACHION.

2. Rations

(a) The 5,000 rations sent by Comando Supremo for patriots are not to be issued to non-effective members of the Italian Army, but are to count against military rations now being drawn from Allied sources.

(b) A.S.C. will take up with Air Forces Sub Commission the question of continuing issue of civilian rations as before to members of the Italian Air Force awaiting screening.

1. Accommodation

(a) Agreed with HQS Area Command :-

- (1) All property of Italian Service Ministries is primarily reserved for the Italians.
- (11) If A.S.C. want any of these premises for Allied troops they apply to Col MACMILLAN.
- (111) If Col MACMILLAN or his HQ consider the premises essential to the Italians the matter is referred to Army Sub Commission.
- (b) A.S.C. will enquire again regarding space taken up by Canadian nurses at the VIMBILLO school.
- (c) A.S.C. will see if workshop of 3 Centro Automobiles can be given back to the Centro, instead of being used for civilian purposes; also what stores should be given to C.I.L.
- (d) A.S.C. will inquire into situation at Remount Depot, PASSE CORRESE, MOYNE LADITION.

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3. P.O.L. (CONSUMIBLES)

A.S.C. will inquire into method of supplying I.M.A.A.'s needs of petrol, oil and lubricants.

4. Explosives

A.S.C. will let I.M.A.A. know how question of explosives in HQS area should be treated.

5. Screening

Whole question of officers who took the oath to the Republic to be examined.

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Colonel

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Decisions - I.M.A.R. Conference 29 June

Present :	Col	PILBURY	- Army Sub Commission
	Gen	THAMASSIA	- Italian Garrison of Rome
	Col	PAOLINOTTI	- I.M.A.R.
	Col	DE FERRI	- "
	Col	BALZANI	- Ministry of War
	Comdr	MONTEZEMOLO	- Italian Navy L.O. to I.M.A.R.
	Col	TAMM	- Italian Air Force L.O. to IMAR
	Comdr	BULLER	- Navy Sub Commission
	Capt	FOX - S.A.G.C.	- A.F.H.Q.
	Maj	PINKLEY	- Army Sub Commission
	Maj	LOESS	- "
	Signore	GIUBINIANI	- Interpreter

1. Unions Militaire

Arrangements will be made between Capt FOX, AFHQ and a representative of I.M.A.R. for the Allies to take over temporarily 40 out of 60 power driven machines in the Salerno Militaire, ROME, for installation in NADES.

2. Rations

- (a) Since the military ration cannot be issued to Italian military in hospital who are not on the effective strength of the Italian Army, Army Sub Commission will investigate if an improvement in the civilian rations issued to such personnel can be effected on the basis of local purchase.
- (b) A.S.C. will examine the question of rations for Red Cross workers in Italian hospitals.

3. Identity Cards

Receipt form issued after screening will suffice as identity card for Italian officers not in service with I.M.A.R. or accepted into effective strength of Italian Army.

4. Equipment and Material

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- (b) IMAR will submit to S.S.C. a list of items of clothing necessary to

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(a) IMAR will make proposals for the better safeguarding of war materials in depots.

(b) IMAR will submit to A.S.G. a list of items of clothing necessary to complete uniforms for men actively on duty under their command.

(c) A.S.G. will take steps to reimburse Italian stores in depots so that the arrangement may continue whereby clean sheets for hospitals are issued on the receipt of dirty sheets for washing.

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Colonel
Army Sub Commission (Adv)

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION.

Decisions - I.M.A.R. Conference 27 June.

<u>Present:</u>	Col. FIDELTY.	Army Sub Commission.
	General TAMASCIA	Italian Garrison of Rome.
	Col. DE PIETRO	IMAR
	Col. BALSANI	Ministry of War.
	Col. MONTANARO	Italian Liaison Officer to IMAR.
	Col. S. MEO	SMR.
	Col. TANI	Italian Air Force Liaison Officer to IMAR.
	Col. BUTLER	Navy Sub Commission.
	Squad-Ldr. DE HAIN	Air Sub Commission.
	Major. FIDELTY	Army Sub Commission.
	Capt. SHEARING	"
	Lt-Col. HOWARD	"
	Major FIDELTY	"
	Major JONES	"
	Signor GIUSTINIANI	Interpreter.

1. Organization.

Family tree for I.M.A.R. will be sent to A.S.C., 28 June, copies for Navy and Air Sub Commissions.

2. Accommodation.

(a) Col. FIDELTY has been appointed to supervise all questions of accommodation for Italian Military in Rome.

(b) ASC will give IMAR a model of a notice in Italian and English to be attached to buildings belonging to the Italian Military which should not be requisitioned by Allied Authorities. IMAR will send ASC a list of such buildings.

(c) ASC will investigate the whole question of ensuring that Italian barracks, property, material etc. are not requisitioned unlawfully.

3. Personnel.

(a) IMAR will prepare a draft of a manifesto to be published in Rome calling on all ex-soldiers, particularly of engineer units, to present themselves. This to be done by 28 June.

Capt. SREARING " "
Lt. Col. HOWARD " "
Major FLEMING " "
Major TORRES " "
Signor GIUSTINIANI Interpreter.

1. Organization.

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2. Accommodation.

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(b) Representative of SMAR will send each Saturday to ASG a statement of the numbers of officers and men examined by the screening boards and the numbers accepted for inclusion in Navy, Army and Air Force.

(c) ASG will try to arrange with ROM Region for the transport of 200 disabled ex-servicemen from the Italian Transit Camp, GME, to NALES.

(d) Representative of Ministry of War will provide ASG with further information regarding the Civil Pioneer Battalions under Col. SALMINI (2 copies).

Rations.

(a) ASG will examine the question of rations of Italian Military in hospital, who are not on the strength of the Italian Army.

(b) Rations drawn by IMAR in excess of ration strength may be used to form a reserve.

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(e) The 'B' ration is meant to be supplemented by local purchases of vegetables etc., at present not available. ASD will investigate the possibility of getting the necessary transport and permits to send Italian procurement officers into the surrounding district to make the necessary purchases. IMAR will select suitable officers for this task.

5. Identity Cards.

- (a) IMAR identity cards will be issued to officers of IMAR.
- (b) Officers accepted in Italian Army after screening will receive the Ministry of War identity card.
- (c) Soldiers accepted after screening receive regular 'libretto personale'.
- (d) Other officers and soldiers receive their demobilization papers.

6. Stores.

ASO will advise that Allied officers who wish to visit depots, stores, etc. of the Italian Armed Forces in ROME District should first contact:-

Direzione Commissariato	-	for clothing and equipment.
Direzione Artiglieria	-	for arms and ammunition.
Direzione Genio	-	for Engineer Stores.

W. T. Dwyer

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Colonel.
Army Sub Commission.

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W. F. C. C. C.

Colonel.
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ARMY SUB COMMISSION.Decisions - I.M.A.R. Conference 27 June.

<u>Present</u> :	Col. STALEY.	Army Sub Commission.
	General TAMASSIA	Italian Garrison of Rome.
	Col. DI PIETRO	MAI
	Col. BALDANI	Ministry of War.
	Col. MONTENAPOLI	Italian Liaison Officer to IMAR.
	Col. SAMPOL	ENR.
	Col. TANI	Italian Air Force Liaison Officer to IMAR.
	Comdr. BIELER	Navy Sub Commission.
	Secn-Ldr. DE HANN	Air Sub Commission.
	Major. PINKLEY	Army Sub Commission.
	Capt. SERRANO	"
	Lt.Col. SHAW	"
	Major JONES	"
	Major JONES	"
	Sigcor GIUFFRANI	Interpreter.

1. Organisation.

Daily tea for I.M.A.R. will be sent to A.S.C., 28 June, copies for Navy and Air Sub Commissions.

2. Accommodation.

(a) Col. PIASENTINI has been appointed to supervise all questions of accommodation for Italian Military in Rome.

(b) ASG will give IMAR a model of a notice in Italian and English to be attached to buildings belonging to the Italian Military which should not be requisitioned by Allied Authorities. IMAR will send ASG a list of such buildings.

(c) A.G. will investigate the whole question of assuring that Italian barracks, property, material etc. are not requisitioned unlawfully.

3. Personnel.

(e) IMAR will prepare a draft of a manifesto to be published in Rome.

1. Generalities

Family tree for I.M.A.T. will be sent to A.S.C., 20 June, copies for Navy and Air Sub Commissions.

2. Accommodation

(a) Col. SALAMINI has been appointed to supervise all questions of accommodation for Italian Military in Rome.

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3. Personnel

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(b) Representative of CME will send each Saturday to ASC a statement of the numbers of officers and men examined by the screening boards and the numbers accepted for inclusion in Navy, Army and Air Force.

(c) ASC will try to arrange with Rome Region for the transport of 200 disabled ex-servicemen from the Italian Transit Camp, Rome, to M.A.L.D.

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Col. SALAMINI
Lt. Col. HOWARD
Major FLEMING
Major DODD
Signor SALAMINI
Interpreter.

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Colonel.

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Direzione Genio	-	for engineer stores.

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Colonel.
Army Sub Commission.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION

Decisions I.M.A.R. Conference - 24 June.

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1. Organisation. (a) I.M.A.R. will give A.S.C. a 'family tree' showing the chain of command with names and duties of deputies, principal staff officers and liaison officers of I.M.A.R.

(b) A.S.C. will prepare a 'specchio' on which I.M.A.R. will insert locations of certain Italian installations and units in Rome.

2. Definition. The word 'military' as applied to I.M.A.R. constitution will be interpreted in its widest sense to include all 'armed forces' (e.g. army, navy, air, UCR and GGR).

3. Screening Agencies. (a) for partisans and others awaiting inclusion in the effective Italian Army will operate in conjunction with S.M.R.E. agencies already set up and in accordance with A.S.C. letter G.109 of 3 June. Similar boards for navy and air force are being established and will operate under the same principles, details will be decided between ministries concerned.

(b) A.S.C. will notify I.M.A.R. the arrangements for examination and assistance of Italian Military personnel in towns north of Rome.

4. Officers re-employment. is a matter for Italian Ministries concerned. Requests from individuals to A.S.C. will not be considered and may be passed to War Ministry.

5. Accommodation. (a) Italian Military Hospital at CELIO will move at once to SCUOLO VIRGILIO. Canadian nurses may remain there for the present but will be asked to concentrate in one part of the building.

(b) A.S.C. will examine with R.A.C. the question of accommodation for

(1) Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. units (about 1000 men).

(15) Partisans who cannot be accommodated in Bianchi

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(1) Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. units (about 1000 men).
(ii) Partisans who cannot be accommodated in Bianchi Barracks Caserma perenne di Savoia noted as suitable.
(c) Italian Air Force H.Q. is moving to Palazzo Caprara. If there is not room there it may spread to 1st and 2nd floors of Palazzo BARBAGLIANI.
(d) I.M.A.R. will appoint an officer to co-ordinate questions of accommodation for military staffs and represent them if necessary to A.S.C.
6. Curfew.
A.S.C. will take up with R.A.C. for all three Services, the question of permits for officers on duty after curfew.
7. Retention Arrangements (military and civil) for armed forces in Rome will be reviewed on Saturday, 15 July.

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8. Conference will in future be held in A.C.C. H.Q. room 39, seventh floor at 1700 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

W. P. Pichay

Colonel,
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Adv. Echelon.

25 June 44.

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The Italian Fleet is doing very fine work to further the war effort of the Allies. Some 50 Warships and a large number of submarines are operating in a various number of ways, - as Escorts, Transports etc... The percentage of the Italian Navy employed operationally is far greater than that of the other two services. The Officers and men are keen to co-operate with the United Nations. Some 12,000 Officers and men are used for Anti-aircraft and coastal defence duties and further, port operating units have been, and are being formed, which will release military dock operating companies.

2. The Dockyards in liberated Italy are considered to be the most important Allied asset and it is essential that everything possible be done to increase output. The authorities are certain that Dockyard workmen would be able to produce more if they were better fed and in some cases an adjustment of pay is necessary. These workmen should be "utilised" in the Yard-yards should have their wages increased by the Italian Government to the scale applied to those workers who receive the scale of wages authorised by the Allied Authorities.

3. There is a great shortage of transport and tyres are urgently needed for those Italian vehicles which are

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3. There is a great shortage of transport and tyres are urgently needed for those Italian vehicles already in use. Tyres for bicycles would ease the traffic problems for Dockyard workers. - (many disappointed of hours in Taranto to make room for the Army and have had to go to country). - These problems are causing concern and greatly affect Dockyard output.

4. The clothing and footwear situation in the Italian Navy is rapidly deteriorating and it is hoped that a considerable amount will be given to allocating to the Navy a ^{80%} of the boots and clothing set aside for the Italian Armed Forces. - Overall suits are also required for Dockyard workers.

5. It will be appreciated that the efforts of the

Italian Navy have enabled the United States to transfer a considerable number of ships and men to other war theaters and it is perhaps unnecessary for us to add that the problem of shipping still remains vital and any assistance and encouragement given to the Italians to increase their contribution will help to bring this war to a successful conclusion in a shorter space of time.

MINUTES OF FIFTE MEETING OF THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ALLIED
COMMISSION ON DISCIPLINE HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE, 1944.

Present:-

Rear-Admiral G. H. MORGAN, R. A. C.
Commodore R. W. TISDALL, United States Navy.
Commodore H. B. J. WYLLIE, United States Navy.
Inspector Lieutenant Commander G. H. L. FERRIS, Royal Navy.

With reference to paragraph 1 (a) and (b) of the Deputy
Chief's statement of activities, those matters have now been settled
by the Chief Commissioner. No one will be allowed to proceed to
Rear for at least three weeks and Admiral Blomfield's mission is to
be reduced to a maximum of 30 officers and men.

2. With reference to paragraph 1 (c), Admiral Morgan stated
that the establishment of a Central Organizing Board, or for that
matter, any other kind of Board, was a matter entirely for the Italian
Government and was not the concern of the Naval Sub-Commission. He
did not consider any action was necessary, and asked Commodore Wyllie
to inform the Chief Commissioner accordingly.

3. With reference to paragraph 1 (d), Admiral Morgan agreed
with the proposal that efforts should only be made to locate Italian
laborers to the Yugoslav forces if they are under Allied jurisdiction.

4. With reference to paragraph 1 (e) Admiral Morgan said that
no action was to be taken pending receipt of Commodore Palmer's letter
of the 10th March. He does not intend to alter his previous decision
that the responsibility for Italian lightness is that of the Ministry
of Marine. He agrees, however, that supplies of material, spares, etc.,
should be referred to P. A. L. I., in the usual way.

5. With reference to paragraph 1 (f), Admiral Morgan decided
that the reports of the Assistant Naval Officer, Catania, was to be
accepted as final, and that the Public Safety Commission, Allied
Control Commission was to be informed accordingly.

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2. With reference to paragraph 1 (c), Admiral Morgan stated that the establishment of a Central Purchasing Board, or for that matter, any other kind of Board, was a matter entirely for the Italian Government and was not the concern of the Naval Air-Commission. He did not consider any action was necessary, and asked Commodore Birrell to inform the Chief Commissioner accordingly.

3. With reference to paragraph 1 (d), Admiral Morgan agreed with the proposal that efforts should only be made to locate Italian deserters to the Tito-Slav forces if they are under Allied jurisdiction.

4. With reference to paragraph 1 (e) Admiral Morgan said that no action was to be taken pending receipt of Commodore Palmer's letter of the 4th March. He does not intend to alter his previous decision that the responsibility for Italian deserters is that of the Ministry of Marine. He agrees, however, that supplies of material, spares, etc., should be referred to F.O.I.L., in the usual way.

5. With reference to paragraph 1 (f), Admiral Morgan decided that the reports of the Resident Naval Officers, Catania, was to be accepted as final, and that the Public Safety Commission, Allied Central Commission was to be informed accordingly.

WILLIAM L. MAMMONE, COMMANDER, ROYAL NAVY.

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All present.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd May, 1944.

PRESENT:-

Rear-Admiral C.E. MORGAN, D.S.O.,
Commodore H.M. ZIROLI, United States Navy.
Commander H. St. J. BUTLER, United States Navy.
Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander G.H.L. KATSON, Royal Navy.

With reference to para. 2 of the Minutes of the third meeting of the Naval Sub-Commission, Admiral Morgan said that it had been agreed between the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and the Minister of Marine that a statement showing the differentiation between the duties of P.O.T.A.L.I. and the Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission should be prepared for information only. The rule that all correspondence, no matter what the subject, should be addressed to P.O.T.A.L.I. is to hold good.

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5. Commodore Girolli stated that a request has been received from a Lieutenant-Commander of the Russian Navy for detailed information regarding the disposition and condition of ships of the Italian Navy. Admiral Morgan was adverse to providing information of this nature on such a low level and stated that no action was to be taken without direction from higher authority. Commodore Girolli stated that he would take the matter up with the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission.

6. The question of censorship of Italian press news was discussed, and it was agreed that this must be done in the operational area. Admiral Morgan said that the Minister of Marine should be informed that any Naval Operational information should not be published in the press without the approval of P.O.T.A.L.I.

7. The question of the speech to be made by the representative

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd May, 1944.

of the Naval Sub-Commission at the next Meeting of the Allied Control Commission was discussed. The Commodore Superintendent, Taranto, is preparing a short summary of the work done by the dockyard during the past month. This should make clear to the Allied Control Commission the operational necessity for urgent action regarding food, clothing and transport. Admiral Morgan said that he would like the tactical table, which has been started at Taranto for the training of Italian Officers, to be mentioned in the speech. It was agreed that Commander Butler should go to Salerno shortly to assist Commodore Palmer in the preparation of the speech.

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MINUTES OF THIRD MEETING OF THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION HELD ON THURSDAY, 9TH MAY 1944.

Present :- Rear-Admiral C.M. MORGAN, D.S.O.
Commodore R.W. SINGH, United States Navy.
Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander G.H.L. MITCHELL, Royal Navy.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the minutes of the second meeting of the Naval Sub-Commission, the question of what action was required regarding Italian naval ratings who have already deserted to the Hugo-Slavs was raised. The Allied Control Commission policy is that the Hugo-Slavs are no account to recruit from the Italian forces. In view of this, Commodore Singh was asked to try to find out who is responsible for the escape where such Italian deserters are at present housed and to investigate the possibility of their being withdrawn from the Hugo-Slav forces and returned to the Italians to be dealt with.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the minutes of the second meeting, Rear-Admiral Morgan stated that Captain Basilini had a letter which attempted to create a division of responsibility between the Naval Sub-Commission and P.O.W.A.L.I. Commodore Singh did not know who had written or signed this letter, but stated he would have the letter cancelled and inform the Minister of Marine officially that the only authority with whom he should communicate is P.O.W.A.L.I.

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Deputy Chief's statement of activities for the past week :-

- (a) Approval for the new "Scale 'A'" ration for heavy workers has now been received from the Allied Control Commission, and arrangements for distribution are in hand. The scheme is to be effective as from 12th May 1944.
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- d. With reference to paragraph 4(e) of the Deputy Chief's statement, the arrangements for discharge of cargo at Grotone were discussed. The port is run entirely by Italians on behalf of the Allied Control Commission and there is at present no Allied authority there to act as the liaison

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on questions of supply of essential stores, etc., for running the port. It was agreed that Comodoro Ziroli's Port Officer should go to Orotome to investigate the position and make recommendations regarding any action required.

5. With reference to paragraph 4(f) of the Deputy Chief's statement, Comodoro Ziroli stated that there is in existence a large amount of material which is in the hands of the Italian Army. After many consultations it has been approved for this material to be turned over to the Italian Navy.

6. With reference to paragraph 4(g) of the Deputy Chief's statement, it was elucidated that the Italians would be grateful for the return of certain barracks in Catania from the British. Comodoro Ziroli was asked to draft a letter to the Resident Naval Officer, Catania on this subject.

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Deputy Chief's statement, it was agreed that all requests for material for the Italian Navy should be sent to P.O. Z.A.L.I. Comodoro Ziroli said he would inform the Italian Naval Authorities accordingly.

8. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Deputy Chief's statement, it was agreed that Comodoro Ziroli should visit Lecce to confer with the Army Sub-Commission. It was thought that the present arrangement whereby all supplies for the Italian Navy are made through the Army Sub-Commission is working satisfactorily and no reason was seen for altering it.

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MINUTES OF SEVENTH MEETING OF THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION HELD ON THURSDAY THE 2ND MAY, 1944.

Present:--

Rear-Admiral C. R. Morgan, D.S.O.,
Commodore H. E. Zivoli, United States Navy.
Commander H. St. J. Butler, United States Navy.
Paymaster Lieutenant Commander G. H. L. Eitson, Royal Navy.

Rear Admiral Morgan opened the meeting by reporting on his visit to General Mason-MacFarlane in Naples on Thursday 27th April, 1944. The main subjects discussed were the provision of food for backyard workers and tyros for Italian transport. General Mason-MacFarlane stated that the additional ration for heavy manual workers had been approved and that this distribution would be commenced as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made. No action has been taken to date and Commodore Zivoli said he would discuss the question verbally at Allied Control Commission Headquarters during his visit to Naples on Friday 5th May.

2. Admiral Morgan said he had also mentioned the question of Italian deserters to the Jugo-Slavs to General Mason-MacFarlane and informed him that, should he so desire, the necessary arrangements could be made on the east coast for a transit camp to be set up and for the release of Italian ratings wishing to join the Jugo-Slavs to be arranged officially with the Minister of Marine. General Mason-MacFarlane said that the whole question had been taken on a very high level, that there were considerable political implications, and requested that the whole matter should be left in abeyance for the time being.

3. General Mason-MacFarlane was in entire agreement with Admiral Morgan that the Naval Sub-Commission should act on its own initiative within the terms of the Armistice, keeping him informed as necessary. Admiral Morgan also informed him that action is now in hand to assess the present essential ration strength of the Italian Navy and its anticipated ration strength in the future when we advance into the north of Italy.

4. Admiral Morgan stated that, in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief's instructions, he has requested the Minister to take all necessary steps to achieve the removal from office of Admiral Eitson. Since this is

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5. The Deputy Chief's statement of activities for the past week was discussed. Admiral Hargan regretted that it was necessary to make any increase in the number of officers working for the Naval Sub-Commission but agreed with the appointment of Lieutenant Mottershead as a special case. He asked Commodore Miroli to ensure that no further increases in staff are made.

6. It was agreed that Paymaster Lieutenant Harvey in his capacity as Assistant Secretary for Liaison with the Italians is already an ex officio assistant to the Naval Sub-Commission.

7. It was decided that a prisoner should be sent to the Minister of Marine on the subject of the apprehension of the Italian prisoner of war, Carlo Provencenzo.

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8. ^{Labour} Admiral Vargem did not approve of the letter to the Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission referred to in paragraph 4. (e) of the Deputy Chief's statement. He thought it better for the Deputy Chief to rephrase the matter verbally as stated in paragraph 1 above.

9. The question of how far the Minister of Marine should deal with the Naval Sub-Commission and how far with F.O.T.A.L.I. was raised. It was decided that it is most desirable that the Minister should have only one authority to deal with on all Liaison questions and that this authority should be F.O.T.A.L.I.



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4. The clothing situation in the Italian Navy is rapidly deteriorating and it is hoped that due consideration will be given to allocating to the Navy a proportion of the ^{clothes} clothing set aside for the Italian Armed Forces. Overall situation also worsens for ship workers.

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From : Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.C., SALERNO.

To : F.O.T.A.L.I.

Date : # 31 March 1944.

No. 101/44.

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon under the chairmanship of General Robertson and representatives of A.F.H.Q. and Chief of Staff to General Alexander all services were asked to report numbers of effective strength and whether this would be sufficient to man up to the Pisa - Rimini line. I gave the Naval numbers as approximately 74,000 and was asked whether this number was essential to man the fleet, maintain the shore establishments and various ports. I pointed out that the large numbers shown on the Minister's return against A.A. Defences, shore defences and various would probably require investigation. The final result of the meeting was that it was decided to prepare a letter to A.F.H.Q. giving those estimated figures of effective strength of which there is no doubt and to ask for rations for that number. The preliminary estimated for the Navy was agreed at 50,000. Would you therefore please investigate this and advise A.C.C. with copies to General Robertson and C. in C. Med. as to what you think the future effective strength should be. I am sending this by Lieut. L. G. White, U.S.N.R. as they would like the reply as early as possible.

2). General Mason MacFarlane asked if it would be possible to speed up the transshipment of the Italian Army from Sardinia to Naples. There still remain many thousands to be brought over and he would like to know ~~that~~ the maximum number that can be transhipped per month.

3). Could you let me know when you expect to come up to Naples as General Mason MacFarlane is anxious to meet you.

COMMODORE.

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