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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 112

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 31 Aug 45.

1 Reduction in Personnel. (Ref. Minutes 111 para 1 (b).) Schemes have been submitted by all Sub-Commissions.

2 The following points, which were raised at the Executive Commissioner's meeting, were discussed:

(a) Possible increase in strength of Carabinieri;

(b) Pay of Public Security Police Agencies, etc., supernumerary to establishment.

(c) Camp for the reception of neo-fascists at present held in civil jails.

3 Reports on Disturbances (Ref. Minutes 110 of 24 Aug 45, para 2 (d).) Public Safety Reports on Disturbances will no longer be rendered.

4 Points from Individual Officers:

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(b) Public Safety - Col. CHAPMAN. Reduction in Staff - difficulty arises with British officers going on L.L.P. The VP stated that in the case of several officers being due to go from one Section at the same time their leaves may have to be staggered.

(c) Local Government - Col. CRIPPS. The question of payment of unemployed Italian Officials in Venezia Giulia - and also of those NOT in AMG territory - has been raised. It was suggested that officials in AMG territory could, whenever possible, be moved to another part of Italy where vacancies exist. The question of Italian officials in Yugoslav territory is an international problem and outside the competence of this Section. Col. CRIPPS undertook to pursue the question as regards those in Venezia Giulia.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEAD OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 111

Meeting opened at 1607 hrs on Tuesday 28 Aug 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING held on Friday 24 Aug 45.

(a) Office Hours (1(a)). In future the whole of Sunday and Wednesday a/d Saturday afternoons will be holidays for all Military and Allied Civilian personnel except for a skeleton staff. Italian civilians may be required to work by their own Sub-Commissions.

Col. FARTLEY will raise with HQ. Commandant the question of recreational transport for officers for the two half-holidays.

The PM Training Periods will be on Thursday mornings instead of Wednesday.

(b) Reduction of Personnel (2(b)). Schemes for Phase 1 should be handed in as quickly as possible as they are required by C-1 (S). Schemes for Phase 2 are not so urgent.

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(b) Local Government - Maj. TEMPLE. Compilation of Electoral Lists is likely to be held up by the difficulty in obtaining records of criminal convictions from the Central Files.

(c) Displaced Persons - Col. FENDLAY. Refugees arriving from Yugoslav Camps are in a bad state.

Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 110

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 24 Aug 45.

Brig. CAFF, VP CA Section was in the chair.

1 POINTS FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING, Held on Friday

(a) Office Hours. - Pending further instructions, Sunday will normally be a whole holiday and the 2nd day's holiday will be taken as arranged by Sub-Commission. It was considered that if the Headquarters is to close for a second day - it should close on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.
The question of the Training periods on Wednesday for American EM will be raised.

2 GENERAL

(a) Honours and Awards. - With reference to previous Minute on this subject, it was decided that no further action should be taken.

(b) Reduction of Personnel. - The question of the scheme for reduction in strength of Sub-Commissions of this Headquarters was discussed. It was pointed out that these reduction schemes did not affect personnel in the field but referred only to HQ AC.

(c) It was decided that in future there would be two VP's meetings per week, i.e. at 1600 hrs on Tuesdays and Fridays, and that the individual appointments with the VP during the week would be abolished, it being understood that Directors of Sub-Commissions were always free to come and see the VP whenever any matter of sufficient importance arose.

(d) Disturbances - Reports. - The Director, Public Safety S/C was directed to prepare weekly a Sheet with brief details of disturbances reported during the week, to reach the VP's Office by 1600 hrs on Tuesday so that the information was available for the Chief Commissioner's meeting on Wednesdays.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS

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(i) Committee to investigate the legal aspect of the elections. (The fact that the work of this Committee has just started may account for the delay in replying to enquiries regarding the Government's policy in elections).
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This Committee only affects the Constituents.

(ii) Committee to consider reform of Agricultural law.

(iii) Committee to consider reform of Industrial law.

The Ministry also wishes to issue a periodical giving details or program of the work of this Ministry and to incite discussion by the general public. Its publication would be free and on a wide scale. Mr. MENZI had written to Chief Commissioner asking that the necessary paper be made available.

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(c) Col CHAPMAN - Public Safety S/C. - Lt Col [illegible] was introduced as Deputy Director P.S. S/C in replacement of Col DOHERTY.
There has been a revision of policy with regard to priority of equipping and clothing Carabinieri who now have first priority. - P.S. will have a conference with Land Forces S/C on this matter.
Inventories of stocks of captured enemy materials have been completed and are now on file in War Material Disposal S/C.

(d) Lt Col BROWN - Displaced Persons S/C. - A report on treatment of citizens of the USSR has been submitted to the C.C.

(d) Maj. PALUMBO. - In reply to an enquiry by Maj. PALUMBO, Col BERPENS explained that the appointment of Sig. GRIVA as 1st President of the Court of Appeals of Brescia was purely a technicallity to enable him to hold a higher rank.

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY J/Cdr,
CA Section.

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It was also agreed that BOLZANO should have a Liaison Group and that the present Liaison Officer PAS should be made the AC Liaison Officer at LIVORNO.

Executive Commissioner ruled that for the purposes of discipline and administration the Central Economic Liaison Group should be under Lombardia Liaison Group in MILAN.

Local Government Officers. There was considerable discussion on the functions of local government officers and Local Government Sub-Commission did not want any in the field. The Regional Commissioners were in agreement with this, stating that it would be impossible for the local government officers to perform any useful function. Brigadier UPJOHN said that the general consensus of opinion of the meeting was that special local government officers were not necessary.

DP & Medical Officers. It was agreed that medical officers were not necessary in the Liaison Groups and it was stressed that the Public Health Officers in the DP & R teams were only to be used for DP & R work. Civil Affairs Section were told to put up a recommendation to Establishment Section at an early date for an increase in Displaced Persons staff.

Vehicles. Establishment Section had put in for a number of WD vehicles, and had allowed for soldier drivers for these in their summary. There was discussion on the supply and maintenance of vehicles. Executive Commissioner said that the question of the maintenance of WD and US vehicles for the North should be taken up with AFHQ at a high level.

3. AMG Team for UDINE.

The list prepared by Establishment Section was studied and some alterations were made. Executive Commissioner stressed that the officers chosen must be good experienced men, and the team must be large enough to provide a pool for reimposition of AMG in other areas.

Brigadier DUNLOP wanted 40 officers for this Province as against 31 suggested by Establishment Section, the extra nine officers to be all Provincial Officers. After discussion this was agreed. Executive Commissioner stressed the importance of not duplicating officers as between UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA.

4. Ration Scales.

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From a political and administrative point of view it was desirable that uniformity be achieved at the earliest possible date. A meeting with the Italian Government at which all interests were represented took place recently. AC put forward recommendations, together with

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The ration scale provided that the workers of the North received the same treatment as the workers in the South for a comparable job.

Regional Commissioners were in complete agreement with the proposed new ration scale. Executive Commissioner said it should be got through as quickly as possible. Col. Legg stated that he had still to clear it with Labour.

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5. Archives.

Executive Commissioner emphasized the responsibility of Allied Commission to see that its Archives were handed over in good order, and this responsibility began with Regional Commissioners in the field. One officer was to be appointed at each Region to deal with Archives, and this officer would spend two or three days at Headquarters, Allied Commission with Capt. Collins. Uniformity was essential and the instructions issued by Archives must be followed.

A paper prepared by Capt. Collins was distributed to members of the meeting. Capt. Collins said the object in view was to prepare all files so that they would mean something to people looking at them for the first time, perhaps twenty years hence.

Executive Commissioner stressed the importance of this subject, which he said had not always had the attention it deserved.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 511/EC. 14 August 1945.

MINUTES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - 13 AUGUST 1945.

1. Hand Over of the Northern Provinces to the Italian Government.

Executive Commissioner reminded the meeting that at the Regional Commissioners' meeting held approximately two months ago Chief Commissioner proposed 1 September 1945 as a possible date for the hand over of Northern ITALY to the Italian Government. This date had since been given a considerable amount of publicity. It was not a firm date, but a target fixed by the Chief Commissioner.

All the Provinces of the four Regions would be handed back, with the exception of the Province of UDINE. In this case the recommendations of the Commander XIII Corps and the Regional Commissioner had been followed and the Chief Commissioner had recommended to AFHQ, for submission to CCS, that AMG should continue in this Province until 1 December 1945.
The future of NAPLES was still uncertain, but AMG would be kept there for the time being. BOLZANO would be handed back with the other Provinces of Northern ITALY subject to approval of CCS.

From the economic and local government point of view there was everything to be said for a speedy handback. There was one disturbing question - that of public safety. Although there was a period of tranquility at present, public safety was far from satisfactory, and Executive Commissioner said that we could not recommend to AFHQ that the North, from a public safety point of view, was administratively in a fit state to be handed back.

Executive Commissioner said he understood that the general consensus of opinion of Regional Commissioners was that either the handback should take place quickly in spite of the unsatisfactory state of public safety or that AMG should be retained for at least six months. Regional Commissioners were asked for their views and all stressed the amount of publicity that had been given to the date of 1 September. Regional Commissioners PIEMONTE and LIGURIA considered that we should either hand over on that date or remain until after the elections.

Regional Commissioner VENEZIE said he was in favour of handing over in September and of keeping strong teams of Liaison Officers who, he believed, could do very useful work. Deputy Regional Commissioner LOMBARDIA was also in favour of handing back in September.

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AC Liaison Officer BARI said that in the MINERVINO and MATERA incidents the Italian Government had handled the situations very feebly. They had "suggested" that arms should be handed in but few results had been obtained and the ringleaders still had their arms. Troops had not been used.

Brigadier UPJOHN stated that all our experience was that the Italian Government had not tackled and were not tackling the public safety problem energetically. Reorganisation of the Carabinieri was desirable but this was not a short term policy, and would take months. As regards the date of the handover, he pointed out that unless approval could be obtained from AFHQ by 16 August 45 it would be administratively impossible to effect the handover on 1 September 45.

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Poland (B) agreed that unless sufficient troops were made available, it was useless trying to run AMG, and stressed that we should state the position very bluntly to the American and British Governments. Executive Commissioner concurred and said we must also have clearly laid down the exact responsibility of the Allied troops who would remain in regard to quelling of civil disturbances.
Col. Hamilton said COC No. 2 District required a directive from AFHQ to define his responsibility, and Executive Commissioner promised to take this up at AFHQ.

Col. Fiske said if it was not practicable to remain until after the elections we should hand over in September. He made the point that the transfer of the Italian Army should be concurrent with the transfer of Italian territory, and if it was not possible to hand over control of the Italian Army until 30 September it was desirable to postpone the hand back of territory until that date. Executive Commissioner stated that the date of 30 September had already gone forward as the date for the Italian Army to be handed over to the Italian Government and in the event of approval for the transfer being obtained he felt sure that Sacmed could be persuaded to give the Italian Government control of their army before that date.

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Executive Commissioner stated we must also obtain a ruling from AFHQ on the French and Swiss frontier problems, and the powers of CIC and FSS must be defined.

With the Chief Commissioner's approval Executive Commissioner suggested 10 September as the hand over date and Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners for their views on this. They said they could be ready by this date.

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Establishment Section had prepared a draft summary of personnel and vehicles, which was distributed to members of the meeting. Executive Commissioner read a note put up to the Chief Commissioner, which formed a basis for discussion.

The Establishment Section summary was discussed group by group. Several amendments were requested by Regional Commissioners, and these were noted by Establishment Section, who would make the necessary adjustments.

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Col. Fiske stated that GOC No. 2 District said that he was short of Security Officers and would welcome the presence of Public Safety Officers in his area. Executive Commissioner mentioned an important suggestion that the Chief Commissioner had made, namely, that Public Safety Officers should be moved from their present location to another area when the hand over took place, so as to avoid changing their hats in the place they were now working.

Location of Liaison Groups. It was agreed that Liaison Groups should be stationed in the following towns.

MILAN,
TURIN (to include representation at AOSTA)
GENOA,
VENICE,
BOLOGNA, and perhaps ANCONA.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 198

MEETING opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 10 Aug 45.

1. The VP introduced Col. Bartley, the new Chief Staff Officer of Civil Affairs Section.

The VP announced that Colonel Page, the new Director Public Health Sub-Commission would arrive on 12 Aug 45.

Col. Doherty, Deputy Director Public Safety Sub-Commission, who is due to leave on 15 Aug 45 will be succeeded by Lt. Col. Dye.

Brig. Carr, who will replace the Admiral, is due to arrive in Rome on 12 Aug 45.

2. POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MEETING.

(a) Office Hours. One officer and one EM/CR will be on duty every Sunday and no duty for the whole Section. The CSO will produce a roster. The duty officer will be in Civil Affairs Section Office (Room 60, 5th Floor, Tel. Ext. 525) and the clerk in Civil Affairs Section Chief Clerk's office (Room 58, 5th Floor, Tel. Ext. 497).

All ranks will in future have two complete days off each week. This does not apply to non-Allied civilian personnel.

(b) Instructions - British. The Board will meet early next week. Any last minute recommendations must be submitted to the CSO by 1000 hrs on the 14th Aug. 45.

(c) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. A Regional Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Monday, 13 Aug 45 at 10 am. The main subjects to be discussed are the restoration of territory to the Italian Government and the detail of Liaison officers to be left after such restoration.

(d) Economic Section announced that after Brig. Anderson's return from the U.S. that certain cuts could allow of 50% normal production in Italy during the coming months.

It is not suggested that AFHQ will be able to take over before the 1 Jan 46.

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3 ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Safety. The Executive Commissioner has ruled that enquiries to Regions regarding any incidents which affect Public Safety in any form will henceforth be solely from the Public Safety Sub-Commissio .

(b) M.T.O. have not been abolished. This raises the query as to the issue of movement orders which are still necessary and also the necessity of abolishing the 25 km Security Line or alternatively, of making some special provision for covering it in the orders of troops crossing the northern frontier.

(c) Israel report a strike of Minor Judicial Officials in Venezia and evidence of direct communication between the Ministry and Provinces.

The VC closed the meeting, the last ever which he personally would preside, with an expression of thanks to all officers for their co-operation during the last 12 months.

J.C. HARVEY, A/Cdr.,
Civil Affairs Section.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSION OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 106

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 3 Aug 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday 27 Jul 45.

(a) Transfer of Territory AFHQ approved of the transfer of the Commune of Ancona to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. The Chief Commissioner decided that this would take place at the same time as the transfer of EMILIA, APUANIA and LUCCA - at 2359 hrs on 4 Aug 45.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Bank Holiday. Monday, 6 Aug 45, will be observed as a holiday by all British officers and ORS. U.S. Officers and EM will carry on the work for the day in the same way as the British had done on the 4 Jul 45.

(b) D/Executive Commissioner Col. Fiske's Office in Milan is now open at 16 Via Bonaparte.

(c) Commerce, with small reservations, has now been handed back to the Italian Government.

(d) Italian Army. An important meeting was held at AFHQ to discuss the future of the Italian Army and to make preparations for handing over the administrative and operational control of this army to the Italian Government. This Section is interested in that the Carabinieri was included. It is likely that this control will pass over in about 2 months.

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(e) Transfer of Territory AFHQ approved of the transfer of the Commune of Ancona to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. The Chief Commissioner decided that this would take place at the same time as the transfer of EMILIA, APUANIA and LUCCA - at 2359 hrs on 4 Aug 45.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Bank Holiday. Monday, 6 Aug 45, will be observed as a holiday by all British officers and ORS. U.S. Officers and EM will carry on the work for the day in the same way as the British had done on the 4 Jul 45.

(b) D/Executive Commissioner Col. Fiske's Office in Milan is now open at 16 Via Bonaparte.

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

(a) Public Safety announced the holding of a meeting by the Federation of Labour in Piazza del Popolo on Sunday 5 Aug 45.

(b) Displaced Persons reported unauthorised movement into Italy, mainly be Yugo. Such persons are being returned whence they came.

(c) M.F.A.A. announced the arrival of a U.S. Archivist to inspect Italian Archives.

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 27 July 45.

1 POINTS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 20 July 45.

(a) Transfer of Territory. - Approval has been received to transfer of Venezia Giulia, Fiume and Zara but NOT Pescara as of 31 July subject to prior information being given to the Advisory Council. This Commission rules out 31 July and asks for earliest possible date. AFHQ have approved verbally.

2 POINTS FROM EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMISSIONS MEETINGS

(a) Executive Commissioner reported good progress generally in Venezia Giulia. The Special Police Force had been approved and meantime police work was being performed by the Military. The Military and AMG Police were working together as a combined force.

(b) 5 Army relinquished any control in Italy as of 25 July.

(c) It is now possible to telephone to Trieste.

3 CSO drew attention to the CO's report on the first two or three days of his tour and asked for quick action on the points raised. They affected Local Government, Legal, Public Safety and Public Health.

4 GENERAL

(a) Public Health stated that final plans for the reception of sick and wounded Italians from Germany were well forward at Verona. First train due about 5 Aug.

(b) Displaced Persons are still having trouble with non-Italian Jews coming to Italy. Action has been taken with AFHQ. The last lot were returned.

The Meeting closed at 1630 hours.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
NO 106

Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Friday, 20 July 45.

1 GENERAL

(a) Mine Clearance. - The VP said he had seen Brig Henn and raised with him the question of the 10,000 German POWs for Mine Clearance. Brig Henn was sceptical about the possibility of getting them but would press for their release Col. Cripps to write a letter following up previous correspondence.

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Meeting closed at 1735 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 105

Meeting opened at 1697 hrs on Friday, 19 Jul 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 6 Jul 45.

(a) Transfer of Territory (2(c)). The VP said that it had been decided to ask AFHQ to restore Emilia, Apuania and Lucca on 31 Jul 45 notwithstanding the objections of Sub-Commissions. A final review of the Public Safety situation would be made before the Government were approached.

(b) Question of Swiss Frontier. (2(d)). AFHQ are permitting Swiss citizens into Italy on business but so far no Italians have been permitted to go into Switzerland.

2 POINTS FROM THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Brig. Robinson has received an enquiry from Emilia Region as to whether UNRRA should be allowed to operate in AMG Territory or not. The VP replied that there was no objection now, though previously they had been discouraged.

(b) The VP reported that arrangements were going forward for the repatriation of 10,000 sick Italians to Northern Italy. These patients were to be concentrated in a collection of hospitals in Merano, near Bolzano.

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(c) Col. Quinn reported that Lumsden is anxious to raise the prestige of genuine Patriots and to take measures against bogus Partisan organisations now springing up.

(d) Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter - reported for information that Phase II starts on the 15 Jul 45 and after that date there is no need to send matters relating to Regions to V and VIII Armies whose Military Government responsibilities in Italy have ceased.

(e) It was noted from the Education Monthly Report that Education Archives were being brought to Rome. This was to be taken up with the responsible Ministers concerned by Lt. Col. Washburne as it had been decided that no Archives were to be moved independently. (See Minutes No. 100 dated 1 Jun 45, para 2(d)).

Meeting closed at 1440 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING OF HEADS
OF
SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 104

Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Friday, 6 July 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 22 Jun 45.

(a) Wages of Guardia di Finanza (1(a)). The VP said he understood a decree was being implemented regarding the wages of the GG.FF. in Northern Italy which was to be retrospective to 4 May 45.

(b) Circulation of Documents. (1(c)). Lt. Col. De Wald reported that Documents were now going round the S/Cs faster - average 3 or 4 days. Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C is now the last on the list of S/Cs to be circulated.

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(c) Transfer of Territory. The Chief Commissioner is most anxious that more territory should be handed back to the Italian Government and it is proposed to recommend that the whole of Emilia and the Provinces of Apuania and Lucca should be transferred on 31 July 45.

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Col. Doherty objected on grounds of the serious Public Safety position.

Col. Findlay thought that it would not make much difference in the handling of refugees except so far as supplies were concerned.

Col. Behrens suggested that it would be much better to hand back the whole of North Italy on 31 Aug. rather than bits on 31 Jul and the rest later. Meeting generally agreed. The VP will take up the matter with Col. Hicks.

(d) Opening of Swiss Frontier. The question of relaxing restrictions on crossing the Italian-Swiss frontier was raised as the Political Advisers feel that it is desirable to resume normal business relations as soon as possible. The matter will be taken up with AFHQ. M.T.A. will still be required though it was mentioned that the 25 Km. Frontier Band and the 10 Km. Travel Restrictions were largely un-enforcible.

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(g) Col. Doherty - New Questura for the North are to be approved by the Council of Ministers.

(h) Col. Behrens - Today's issue of the Gazette Ufficiale contains two important measures, one providing for the compilation of electoral lists starting on the 15 Jul 45 and the implementation of certain decrees bringing the payment of State employees in the North up to the same level as those in the South.

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(i) Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter - AMIQ Permits are required by everybody going to Austria, with the exception of military personnel travelling on orders.

(j) Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter - The Security Control Line has now been moved to the western boundary of Venezia Giulia. Civilians may now travel anywhere in Italy without passes except for the 25 Km. Frontier Band and west of Venezia Giulia.

(k) Promotions - Officers (British) - The monthly return is not at present required. It will be called for when needed.

(l) Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter - A memorandum on the availability of fixed assets in real estate, shortly to be de-requisitioned is available.

Col. Findlay said he would like to see it.

(m) Col. Findlay. - The S.A.C. is taking great interest in the movements of Polish refugees. At a meeting held Friday morning, plans had been discussed for the accommodation of 12,000 Poles in camps in Barletta and Trani. These cases will be run by the Poles themselves but there will be one Liaison Officer in the area. He will act as Camp Commandant.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY, J/Cdr.,
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MINUTES

Regional Commissioners' Meeting.

27 JUNE, 1945.

In the Chair: Chief Commissioner

Present: Executive Commissioner
Deputy Executive Commissioner
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SCAO IV Corps
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PIEMONTE Region
LOMBARDIA Region
VENEZIE Region
EMILIA Region
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Various Staff Officers.

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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that in his opinion too little emphasis was given in the paper to the importance of the early return of ITALY to normal relations with other countries which was so desirable for the rehabilitation of ITALY. He was also opposed to leaving skeleton A.C. teams in territory that had been handed back to the Italian Government. He thought that the retention of Allied officers in the field, once their authority had been taken away from them, was a mistake. Considerable discussion took place on this point, Regional Commissioners LIGURIA and VENEZIE Regions, 879 being opposed to Colonel POLETTI's views. Both the Chief Commissioner and the Executive Commissioner were of the opinion that the A.C. Liaison Officers had proved useful in the past and that their presence in ITALY during the election period would be beneficial.

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ACTION

The Chief Commissioner stated that 1 September 1945 had been fixed as the probable date for the withdrawal of A.M.G. in ITALY except for VENEZIA GIULIA and possibly the BOLZANO area. Regional Commissioners agreed that it was a satisfactory date.

2. Italian Elections.

All Regional Commissioners

Civil Affairs Section

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section and Director, Local Government Sub-Commission outlined the preparations necessary for the holding of local government elections, following which Chief Commissioner took the views of the Regional Commissioners on the date on which the preparation of electoral lists could be started. Chief Commissioner announced later in the meeting that he had decided that the work should be started on 15 July.

It was calculated that preparations for elections could not be completed until December. Owing to the winter (snow), this meant that the actual election might not take place until the Spring of 1946. This applied to both local and national elections.

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section told the meeting the Allied Commission had been trying to persuade the Italian Government to alter the present electoral law which had been passed in 1915 and which was considered by both the British and American Governments to be undemocratic. So far no success had been achieved. A further approach would be made.

There was discussion on the measures that might be taken by Allied forces to ensure a free election. Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, thought that a statement should be issued by the U.S. and U.K. Governments which would state definitely that the Governments were prepared to do all in their power to see that the elections were free. This statement should be made public. He believed that with the backing of this statement, even a relatively small number of mobile troops would go a long way to raise the morale of the Italian police agencies and would help the Italians to follow true democratic procedure at the polling booths. If the two Governments were not willing to make such a statement the Regional Commissioner was of the opinion that the Italian people should be told that it was entirely their responsibility and the Allies would make no attempt to supervise the election in any way.

Executive Commissioner

Chief Commissioner said that this opinion of Regional Commissioner LOMBARDIA Region would be given careful consideration.

3. Removal of Government Offices and Records to ROME and amalgamation of Ministries.

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Civil Affairs Section

Commissioner took the views of the Regional Commissioners on the date on which the preparation of electoral lists could be started. Chief Commissioner announced later in the meeting that he had decided that the work should be started on 15 July.

It was calculated that preparations for elections could not be completed until December. Owing to the winter (snow), this meant that the actual election might not take place until the Spring of 1946. This applied to both local and national elections.

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section told the meeting the Allied Commission had been trying to persuade the Italian Government to alter the present electoral law which had been passed in 1915 and which was considered by both the British and American Governments to be undemocratic. So far no success had been achieved. A further approach would be made.

There was discussion on the measures that might be taken by Allied forces to ensure a free election. Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, thought that a statement should be issued by the U.S. and U.K. Governments which would state definitely that the Governments were prepared to do all in their power to see that the elections were free. This statement should be made public. He believed that with the backing of this statement, even a relatively small number of mobile troops would go a long way to raise the morale of the Italian police agencies and would help the Italians to follow true democratic procedure at the polling booths. If the two Governments were not willing to make such a statement the Regional Commissioner was of the opinion that the Italian people should be told that it was entirely their responsibility and the Allies would make no attempt to supervise the election in any way.

Executive Commissioner

Chief Commissioner said that this opinion of Regional Commissioner LOMBARDIA Region would be given careful consideration.

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All Regional Commissioners

The Italian Government held a meeting on 26 June, at which it was agreed that it was impossible to move these offices down at once, through lack of transport and space.

Civil Affairs Sec.

It was agreed that the archives would have to stay in the North until space became available in ROME.

The Chief Commissioner ruled that there should be no independent action by Ministries and that the move of offices and archives must be a planned operation.

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4. Italian Decrees.

Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region, drew the attention of the meeting to the publication of a decree authorising the establishment of the National Association of Patriots, to be supported by voluntary contributions.

He maintained that contributions would probably be made at the point of a gun. The Chief Commissioner directed that a memorandum be submitted to him on the subject.

Civil Affairs Sec.

A discussion took place on the implementation of decrees which had affected Northern Regions and it was agreed to give Regional Commissioners notice of intention to implement them so that they would have an opportunity of objecting.

5. Visits by Northern Prefects to ROME.

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section said it would be appreciated if Regional Commissioners would give notice of the arrival of Prefects from the North to the Local Government Sub-Commission.

All Regional Commissioners

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Discussion followed on the Coal Allocation Board set up in MILAN as a temporary measure. Executive Commissioner said that there seemed to be some divergence of opinion as to recent decisions of the Board and he instructed Colonel EVANS to see that a thorough overhaul was made of its composition.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDY Region, outlined a scheme which he thought should be adopted as an interim measure until the Industrial Coordination Board was set up. He said that in the North there were twenty-three committees which represented each of the main industries in the five Northern Regions. A commissioner should be appointed as head of each of these committees and one official nominated to coordinate the work of the committees. The committees were composed of the best men available in the Northern industries and their functions were much the same as those of the proposed sub-boards of the Industrial Coordination Board. Regional Commissioner emphasized that they would work under the direction of AMG/AC.

It was decided that the matter be further discussed in committee on the following day in the presence of Minister CRONCHI.

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All Regional Commissioners

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Economic

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Economic Section was ascertaining what other forms of employment were available in commerce, agriculture and relief schemes.

The present unemployment insurance scheme was insufficient and the Italian Government had been pressed to make some improvement. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, gave in detail the improved rates of unemployment pay and family allowances. Unemployment pay would be 50 lire per day instead of 9 lire. Once surplus labour had been drained off industry it must not be allowed to return.

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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDY Region, said that it had been wrongly reported in the [illegible] press that wage increases had been granted. Increases were excessive, 150 lire per day or more on a basic wage of 95 lire and some were retrospective to 1 January 1945.

All Regional Commissioners

Executive Commissioner said that there must be no unilateral action and no notice of wage adjustments should be allowed to appear in the press without AMG sanction. The question would be discussed in committee the following day.

Chief Financial Adviser asked how it was proposed to dispose of surplus workers with firms which had swollen pay rolls. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, said that the specialist officers concerned with alternative sources of employment should endeavour to get workers transferred.

All Regional Commissioners

Executive Commissioner directed Regional Commissioner, VENEZIE Region, to submit a memorandum on his proposal that the limit of the amount to be approved by the Regional Commissioner for public works should be increased from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 lire.

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Executive Commissioner ruled that adjustments must be made to produce an equitable result and he hoped that SCAOs would cooperate. Some trained officers would be assigned to VENEZIA GIULIA from other Regions, but an endeavour would be made to replace them with others who would however of necessity be untrained or semi-trained.

12. Release of British Officers.

All Regional Commissioners

The Executive Commissioner said that Regional Commissioners should not commit themselves to releasing British officers under the Release Scheme without consulting the appropriate Sub-Commissions.

13. Requisitioned Cars.

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15. Local Leave.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, asked if leave could be granted to officers and EM/OR's in the Regions.

All Regional Commissioners
Estab Sec

The Executive Commissioner said he was prepared to leave it to the discretion of Regional Commissioners. The entitlement was 30 days per annum for American personnel and seven days every six months for British personnel.

16. Promotions/...

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16. Promotions.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDY Region, raised the question of promotion.. Executive Officer (A) replied that all promotions on the American side were frozen by AFHQ USA.

17. Entertainment of members of CLN in Allied Messes.

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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDY Region, raised the problem of the entertainment of members of the CLN in Allied Provincial Messes and urged that an allowance be made. The Executive Commissioner said he would discuss this with the CFA.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 103

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 22 Jun 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on 19 Jun 45.

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(c) VP's visit to Trieste. The VP said he felt the position in Trieste was far from satisfactory and that there was going to be more trouble, as AMG becomes more forceful, and the complete resistance movement would very probably go underground.

(d) Bolzano Conference. The Bolzano Conference to discuss refugees coming from SHAEF territory to Italy and German personnel leaving Italy for SHAEF had been held on Thursday and Friday, 14/15 June. It was agreed that 5,000 refugees per day in aggregate would be received through the Brenner pass from SHAEF.

3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. De Wald said that he had found some stolen goods being sold in Florence. They had been taken from the Greek Church in Livorno.

(b) Office Accommodation. It now appeared that M.F.A. & A. Sub-Commission is to be accommodated on the 4th Floor, underneath the Legal S/C.

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(c) Col. Cripps, enquired whether he was correct in assuming that all people in Northern Regions should write reports direct to Headquarters with copies to Army and Corps. The VP understood there was a directive published to this effect and stated that Col. Cripps could certainly ask for reports direct.

(d) Col. Behrens asked when the new promotions would be published as these might affect officers staying on. Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter reported that promotions were likely to be through any day.

(e) Col. Chapman enquired about the releasing of the police school in Caserta and also a certain number of prisons. The VP said that also a number of hospitals and schools were involved and he would take the matter up again.

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(h) Col. Findlay enquired the position with regard to the new Ministers. The VP said he would see Lascia and enquire if the Assistant to the High Commissioner for Refugees could be retained in view of the very pressing need for close liaison with AC at the present time.

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AGENDA.

Wednesday, 27 June.

On this day the meeting will be devoted to discussion of matters of general interest applicable to all Regions with the Chief Commissioner in the chair.

The meeting opens at 0845 hours.

0845 hrs.

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4. Economic Section.

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5. Establishment Section - Regional Personnel.

Thursday, 28 June.

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0845 hrs.

Local Government Committee.

Electoral lists.

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0945 hrs.

Food Committee.

Allocation of rationed foodstuffs.
Blocking of rationed foodstuffs by Provincial Commissioners.
Rationing policy.
Policy in respect of existing food distributing organisations, i.e. Cereals (U.C.E.P.A.P.) Rice Industry Service, Cheese Control, Meat Census Office, etc.

1045 hrs.

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Amalgamation of North and South - banks, insurance companies etc.
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POL for Northern Regions. Difficulties in providing full quota.
Foreign trade policy.
Control of materials and necessity of setting up U.P.I.C. (Uffici Provinciali Industria Commercio) as soon as possible.
Interchange of goods between North and South.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

22 Jun 45

SUBJECT: VP's Meeting.

TO: See Distribution below.

As informed by telephone, the Vice President's meeting of Heads of Sub-Commissions of the Civil Affairs Section, usually held on Friday, is postponed this week to Saturday, 23 Jun 45 at 1600 hrs. It will be held in the VP's old office, Room 60.

J.C. HARVEY, Jr/Cdr.,
PA to VP CA Section.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 102 MP.

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs. on Friday 15 Jun 45.

Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter was in the chair during the absence of the VP on duty.

1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 8 Jun 45.

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(d) Tyres. (2(a)). 4,000 tyres have been received for Public Health.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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(c) Local Government pointed out that there is no means of sending Italian Officials to LIGURIA.

(d) The CSO announced that as from Monday, 18 Jun 45, a private telephone wire will be available from this Headquarters to Milan. This will operate during normal office hours only.

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Note on discussion on 11 June 45 between Lt Col Ingleder (MMA), J/Cand Army (Patriots Branch), and Capt Alm, (Regional Patriot Affairs Venezia) re possibility of enlisting Patriots into U.S. Army into Italian Army.

1. Capt Alm referred to signals MXII/OP-12 and MXII/034 from the Regional Commissioner Venezia Region to MG A/G. — N7 — F1 of 49/PAT

2. Lt Col Ingleder pointed out that in view of the policy laid down by AFHQ, Patriots could only be enlisted into the Italian Army as individuals, and complete bands could not be absorbed.

3. Capt Alm stated that he thought that if definite number of individual volunteer enlistments in Venezia could be mentioned, it would meet the case. He estimated that as many 5000 Patriots wished to enlist, but that these men would usually according own in the 18 - 26 age groups, a considerable number of them would be ruled out. He undertook to draw up and forward to Patriots Branch, on his return to Venezia, a more accurate estimate of the number of vacancies required. MMA would then consider what number of individual enlistments they were able to sanction.

4. Lt Col Ingleder stated that no new Alpini units could be formed, but that Patriots enlisting as Alpini would go be sent to existing Alpini units as reinforcements.

R. Proby
for Lt Col.
H. Ingleder,
J/Cand,
Executive Officer,
Patriots Branch.

Lt A. Perkins
Executive Commissioner } for L Formation.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 101

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 8 Jun 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Restoration of Teritory to the Italian Government. AFHQ have agreed to the handing over of the Provinces of FLORENCE, PISA, PISTOIA and LIVORNO to the Italian Government on the 19 Jun 45, except for the communes of LIVORNO, COLLE SALVETTI and PISA which will be held under A.M.G. Control. TOSCANA Regional Headquarters will be closed down on the same day. APUANIA and LUCCA Provinces are to be handed over for administration to LIGURIA Region.
On this occasion the Advisory Council for Italy is being informed but its consent is not being sought.

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(c) The Prefect of BOLZANO. The Prefect of BOLZANO had a decree which he told the Political Advisers the Italian Government had approved, stating that all Germans who arrived in BOLZANO after 3 Sept 1930 would leave within 3 weeks. The VP pointed out how inappropriate it was to publish a decree such as that at the moment, and said that the Chief Commissioner was writing a letter to that effect to the Prime Minister.

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(d) Education Officers. The VP had been directed to apply to AFHQ to see if they could find, among combatant units, any Education Officers who could be attached to AC.

(e) Tyres for Malaria Control Vehicles. The VP said he understood that Lt. Col. MacSweeney had gone to Naples to look over some tyres.

(f) Mr. Antolini. Mr. Antolini leaves for America on Monday. His successor has not yet been nominated.

3 GENERAL

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5 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 2 Jun 45.

(a) Requisitioning of Cars by Lombardia Region. The VP reported that authority had been given to Lombardia Regional Headquarters in Milan to requisition 20 - 25 cars for the use of officers visiting Milan. This will probably take some time to arrange and the Establishment Section will be putting out a memo.

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(b) Crown Jewels of Abyssinia. (3(d)). This question is still under discussion. The Legal Sub-Commission have been asked to give their views.

The meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 534
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Paris

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17 June 45

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SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference

TO : All CA Sub-Commissions

Will you kindly let me have by 1600 hrs today any points which you wish to be placed on the agenda of the Regional Commissioners Meeting.

As I may have to speak briefly on each item at tomorrows Executive Commissioners meeting, I would be grateful for a very short note (three or four lines) on each heading.

A D Bonham Carter

A.D. BONHAM-CARTER Lt Col
CAO CA Section.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 100

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 1 Jun 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 25 May 45.

(a) Transfer of Territory. 15 Army Group have withdrawn their objectio but no reply has yet been received from AFHQ. The VP said he hoped it would be possible to hand over FLORENCE, PISA, PISTOIA and LIVORNO except for the Commune of LIVORNO to the Italian Government on 15 Jun 45. The Province of APUANIA will be handed over to LIGURIA Region and LUCCA to LIGURIA or EMILIA Region, so enabling TOSCANY Headquarters to close down.

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2 GENERAL

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(d) Archives in the North. It is understood that some Ministries have sent up people from the South to look about their archives in the North. In some cases difficulties have been encountered with the CLNAI who do not wish to release the archives. This matter, the VP said, is being taken up with higher authority. The real question at point seems to be who should look after these archives - people from the south or a committee appointed by the CLNAI in the North.

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3 POINTS FROM PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

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(f) Office Accommodation. Lt. Col. White said Civil Affairs Section had been allotted a block of offices and that all adjustments would have to be made internally as no more space would be given. All moves will probably be completed by the end of next week.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY, J/Cdr.,
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NOTES FOR MEETING WITH V.P. - 8 June

1. Rations for Patriots.
   Military rations cease on 10 June.

2. Clothing.

   MTOUSA has asked if we can assist with supplies for 5 Army
   Replied NO

3. Liguria

   IV Corps have not been fulfilling their responsibilities.

4. Payment to Patriots.

   See report from IV Corps.

5. Enlistment.

   Immediate enlistment of 4.000 approved by AMIA . They have now instructed Ministry of War to bring all units up to establishment which should result in enlistment of more than 400.

6. Venezia Giulia.

   a) Policy for treatment of Patriots = ? these who have fought with Tito.

   b) Supply of funds etc. at provided by Ministry of Occupied Italy in Italy.

   c) Enlistment into Italian Army.

   d) Recommen-dations for awards, and recognition of ranks.

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Part 1. Addressees will each send rep to 15 ARMY Gp for conference 0930 hours Monday 4 June with AFHQ/MTOUSA subject captured enemy material. Date to be confirmed to all addressees by 15 ARMY Gp as to time and place.

Agenda:

1. Policy and methods collection into main dumps.
2. Treatment of ammunition.
3. Policy on material now in hands of partisans.
4. Use and registration captured tpt.
5. Finished material in war factories.
6. Availability of captured supplies for maintenance POW.
7. Units / personnel required when districts take over from armies;
8. Arrangements for tranfer responsibilities from armies to districts.

Part 2. Problem should be studied on assumption that PBS existing boundaries will be not changed and that so-called PBS corridor may be taken over by DISTONE.

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SUBJECT: Note of interview - Local Government S/C offices.

DATE : 28 May 1945

PRESENT: H. E. Alan, Prefect of Pistoia
(Col. N. E. Cripps, Director)
Major Ralph E. Temple } Local Government S/C
Capt. J. V. H. Lewis }
Lt. D. MORGANO, interpreting

1. The Prefect called to pay his respects to Col. Cripps and inquired if there was any possibility of him being appointed to the position of Prefect of Venice. The reason for his application was that he knew those parts, and desired also to live in that area to obtain certain treatment for his physical condition.

2. Col. Cripps stated that he was not in a position to make any intimation to H. E. as he knew of no vacancy and further that the question of such an appointment involved AMG for that area, together with the CLN and the Italian Government.

3. H. E. stated that he had not yet approached the Ministry of the Interior as Pistoia was still under AMG administration, and was advised by Col. Cripps to mention the matter to the Ministry.

4. In answer to Col. Cripps' question, H. E. expressed the view that the provincial administration of Pistoia was in a fit condition for restoration to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. He agreed that large numbers of Allied troops (he estimated 20,000) were expected in Montecatini, but he did not feel that this would present any substantial difficulties to his administration. He agreed that the presence of AMG in an area where troops were quartered was often a help in dealing with the matters and difficulties which such circumstances caused, e.g. requisitioning of property, etc., but was not at all worried as to the ability of the Italian administration in the province to deal with such affairs satisfactorily.

5. Only one ecomune in the northern area of the province had been fought in prior to the eventual German retreat.

6. Mine clearance was being satisfactorily dealt with.

7. Patriots presented no difficulty.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 99

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 25 May 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, Held Friday, 18 May 45.

(a) Transfer of Territory (2(e)). Owing to objections from 15 Army Group, the proposal has not yet gone forward to AFHQ. At the last moment, the RC of TOSCANA Region has withdrawn his recommendation to hand over LUCCA. A revised draft signal is now before the Chief Commissioner proposing the handover of FLORENCE, PISTOIA, LIVORNO, and PISA on 15 Jun 45.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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(b) Regional Control. Both 5 Army and IV Corps are anxious to go over to Phase II and are agreeable for Sub-Commissions to communicate direct with Regions on technical matters. Questions of policy will still go through 5 Army.

(c) Forward Headquarters. Strong pressure was brought on the Executive Commissioner to create a forward Headquarters of this Commission. There will be no change in the policy already agreed and although frequent visits forward would be made, particularly by officers from the Economic Section, a definite Forward Headquarters will not be established.

Officers going forward at this stage should advise Army and the Regions. It is particularly essential to do so when visiting TURIN owing to difficulties of accommodation.

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(a) The CSO read two letters from the VP, reporting on his impressions of HILAM.

(b) The Executive Commissioner has issued an order to the effect that officers holding discussions with Italian Government Officials will make a record of the discussion for the VP. This need not apply to purely technical and minor points but must cover all meetings where policy is discussed in any form.

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(c) The Restricted Line will be removed as from 2? May 45, together with the Economic Line. Civilian movement will be free throughout Italy including SARDINIA, ELBA and SICILY, except across the Security Control Line and the Prohibited Frontier Zone Line.

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Safety Sub-Commission reported the promotion of Col. DOHERTY and the arrival of Maj. HOELSCHER as Administrative Officer vice Maj. LUCKMAN.

(b) Public Health Sub-Commission announced the offer of medical assistance made by the International Red Cross.

Meeting closed at 1/37 hrs.

A.D. BOWHAY-CARTER,
Lt. Colonel,
CSO CA Section.

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CONFIDENTIAL

VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 98

The meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 18 May 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 11 May 45.

(a) CC.RR. Inspection. (1) The VP said that the Carabinieri inspection by Field Marshal Alexander had been a great success.

(b) Army Control Line. (2(c)). 5 & 8 Armies have been signalled for their views and it is hoped that by Sunday or Monday at the latest the new instructions can be published. Passes are required by Italians from the Questure only, except for the 25 Km restricted belt along the Frontier, and the territory north of the line along the Piave River. In the case of merchandise crossing the Economic Line, an Economic Pass is required.

(c) Visit to the North of Italian Ministers. (2(d)). The Prime Minister has gone North to Mantova and other members of the Government left on Thursday morning for Milan and Turin.

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(e) Army Control in the North. All reports from the North seem to point to the fact that continuation of Army control is not satisfactory, as it is difficult for one Army to control the whole area. Every effort is being made to turn over to Phase II as soon as possible.

3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING. 1980

(a) Army Release Scheme - British Officers. Many officers in this Commission are in the early Groups of the release scheme. AFHQ will be approached for permission to retain the majority from the first three Groups until 31 July 45. A Board of Senior Officers will be formed to consider release of certain people for hardship or compassionate reasons.

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(b) Shortage of coal in the North. Brig. Anderson (Est. Section) reported that unless large quantities of coal can be imported by Christmas there will be at least 2½ million unemployed. This has been calculated on the ratio that 1 ton will keep one man employed for six months.

(c) American Army German POWs. American Army German POWs will be stationed at Chedi, south east of Brescia. They will be gradually evacuated in labour gangs.

(d) Venezia Giulia. No further information has been received with regard to the position in Venezia Giulia.

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(d) Liaison. Lt. Col. White, has just returned from being Liaison Officer with the German C.-in-C.. He reported that there was little history as everything was so well conducted and disciplined.

(e) Art Dumps. Lt. Col. De Wald, said that he had had a report from Lt. Col Ward Perkins, stating that most deposits were in very good condition. From one, 9 pictures were missing but in a deposit of sculpture, everything seemed to be in order. Two German Professors were in charge. 40 trucks would be required to take these treasures to Florence and Army is very keen to do it as soon as possible.

The King of Italy's coin collection has been found, also another deposit which was not listed. It contains jewelry and precious stones from France and Holland.

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY J/CdF.
PR TO VP CA Secy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
No. 47.

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Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday 11 May 45

1. Carabinieri Parade.

The VP said that 13 tickets had been allocated to CA Section for the Carabinieri Parade which was to be inspected by Field Marshal Alexander tomorrow, 12 May 45. Tickets were distributed proportionately to Heads of Sub-Commissions.

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday 4 May 45.

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(c) Perugia University. (1(e)). Lt. Col. Washburne reported that the meeting he had had in Perugia was satisfactory and that the authorities had promised to leave the Scientific Institutes and three class rooms. Provided the Allies and Italians can work on a co-operative basis for the lending of instruments, etc., the problem should be solved.

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Venezia Giulia. The situation was unsatisfactory and the problem had not yet been solved. Discussions are now going on at a very high level.

The French situation seems also to be satisfactory though not yet solved.

The principal problem all over the north is the refugee problem. It appears that approximately 10,000 POWs are walking along the roads towards Florence. Col. Findley and Lt. Col. Fothergill are now in the North gathering information on refugees.

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(c) Army Control Line. The Army Control Line has been set back, leaving the whole of North Italy free, except north from the line of the Piave river and a belt of 25 kms from the frontier. At the present time the setback of the Army Line has been kept secret as there is a certain amount of organisation to be done in co-ordinating the Economic Line, etc. The VP thought that within 2 or 3 days a Questura pass could be obtained to take anybody to Northern Italy without merchandise. If merchandise was involved, an Economic pass would be required.

(d) The VP reported that probably the Prime Minister and 8 other Ministers of the Government would be going north in the near future to meet some of their friends up there and also to test the feeling in the North as the Prime Minister felt that the CLNAI was not fully representative of all political feeling in Northern Italy. As a result of the discussions which took place early this week it has been shown that the cleavage is more a party cleavage than one of the North versus the South..

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3 GENERAL

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Art deposits in the North Lt. Col. De Wald reported that two important dumps in Bologne were now in our hands. In them were most of the art treasures lost from Florence.

(b) Situation in Universities and Schools. Lt. Col. Washburne reported that Capt. Pratt was in Bologne and said that the Universities of Bologne Modena and Ferrara would be opening on the 15 May 45. Also, that all schools would be opening on that date. New rectors have been provisionally installed at the Universities.

(c) Appointment of Prefects. Col. Grimes said he would like to say that it was rather interesting that most of the PRefects appointed in the North seemed to be CLNAI appointees.

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(d) Special Courts. Col. Behrens said that the special courts of Assize in Forlì, Ravenna and Bologna are soon to be set up. Maj. Beldam said that the special decree effecting these three provinces should be passed within the next day or two.

(e) Finding of Gold. Col. Behrens said that an interesting problem had been set the Legal Sub-Commission - i.e. that gold had been found in a salt mine, which had been taken from the Bank d'Italia in Milan and the question arose as to whether the Allies were entitled to seize it as State property.

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

J.E. HARVEY, J/Cdr.,
PA to VT CA Section.

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F.C. HARVEY, F/Cdr.,
DA to VC CA Section.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 96

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 4 May 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING held on Friday, 27 Apl 45.

(a) Handing back of Territory. (2(c)). The Chief Commissioner has decided, subject to the approval of the Allied Advisory Council and AFHQ that the whole of Umbria Marche Region less Ancona Province and the Provinces of Grosseto, Siena and Arezzo (Toscane Region) will be handed back to the Italian Government on the 10 May 45 and not as originally proposed on the 20 May 45.

Col. Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner, Toscane Region, attended the Executive Commissioner's Conference and pointed out that the personnel strength has been very reduced and that it was impossible for him to carry on with his present staff. It had been suggested that Florence Pisa and Livorno, (less Livorno Commune) should be handed back to the Italian Government on the 1 Jun 45, attaching Pistoia to Emilia Region and Apuania to Liguria. The consequent winding up of Toscane Regional Headquarters would release the Regional Headquarter staff for employment further North. It had been suggested also that Forli and Ravenna should be handed back at an early date. Maj. Temple said that one of the Local Government Officers - Maj. Williams - had just returned from a tour in that area and from his report it seems that Forli and Ravenna could be handed back tomorrow if it was necessary. Public Health and Public Safety agreed with that statement. The real difficulty in these areas is if the Army continues to have troops there. It was also suggested that Pistoia and Lucca might also be handed back. There were several difficulties with regard to Livorno and Pisa owing to the dumps in that area; also in Forli and Ravenna as there might be large concentrations of German POWs.

Col. Chapman pointed out that the Rear Army Control Line would have to be moved forward and the VP replied that he hoped 15 Army Group would abolish the Army Control Line in a very short time.

(b) Office Space (4(c)). The Executive Commissioner has approved the plan proposed by the Office Space Committee. Displaced Persons & Repatriation will be on the 4th Floor and the rest of the Sub-Commissions of the C.A. Section on the 5th Floor.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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(b) Office Space (4(c)). The Executive Commissioner has approved the plan proposed by the Office Space Committee. Displaced Persons & Repatriation will be on the 4th Floor and the rest of the Sub-Commissions of the C.A. Section on the 5th Floor.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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(a) CC.PR. AFHQ have given authority for the ceiling of the CC.PR to be raised by 10,000 but not to supply increased rations or clothing.

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(c) Imperia. The French are occupying Imperia. They have assured the authorities that it is simply a military operation and they will take no part in the civil administration.

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Lt. Col. De Feld said that the Prime Minister had sent him a letter, asking permission to send 6 or 7 archivists to the North at this critical time for monuments, etc. He said he was suggesting that permission should be obtained for the Head Archivist to go North to join the M.F.A.A. Officer there. It appears that the Minister of Interior has also asked to send up

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a representative to Verona where reports say the fascists stored all important documents. Maj. Temple said that they had telegraphed 5 Army asking them to try and locate these records and guard them. Educational documents are also at Padua. Lt. Col. Washburne enquired if there was any means of guarding them.

The VP said that this matter affected all Sub-Commissions and he was sure that all Ministries would make enquiries to send people North, so he would take the matter up at the next Executive Commissioner's meeting.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 95

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 27 Apl 45.

The VP read two Sitreps showing the very satisfactory progress in forward areas.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 21 Apl 45.

(a) Leave for Civilian Employees. (2(a)). Education Sub-Commission's list giving names and occupation of essential civilians who they wanted to take north had been received but no list has been received from P.W.B. & R. Col. Findley said he would see that it was sent in forthwith.

(b) Pools of Officials for the North (2(b)). The VP said that he felt that owing to the very rapid occupation of the North it would not be necessary to use many people from the pools in the south.

(c) Revision of implementation of certain decrees in the North. (2(c)). Col. Behrens said that he had received the necessary information from all Sub-Commissions.

(d) G.O. 39 (2(d)). The VP said that he had consulted AFHQ by telephone and there was no objection to implementing GO 39 in N.W. Italy. Legal and Civil Affairs to take action.

(e) Restriction of Movement. (3(b)). Lt.Col.Doherty said there was still restriction of movement in Ancona, Livorno and Naples.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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Executive Memorandum No. 77 deals with the procedure with regard to the issue of passes, etc., for civilians going north.

(c) Handing back of territory. The two Regional Commissioners have been circulated to ask their opinions as to the handing over to the Italian Government of the whole of Umbria Marche Region less Ancona Province, and the Provinces of Grosseto, Siena and Arezzo (Toscana Region). The date suggested is 1 Jun 45. This will release valuable personnel for northern areas.

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(a) Local Government Directive on the appointment of officials in the north. The VP reported that at the request of the Government, Admiral Stone and the VP went to see the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister requested Admiral Stone to allow only people appointed by the Government to be given the position of Prefect or Questore in the North. Eventually a compromise was reached, and the Prime Minister promised so far as Prefects and Questore were concerned, to submit a list of candidates names, which AC in turn would give to AMG officers. The AMG Officers in the North will try and persuade the CLN to accept the Government nominee in place of the CLN nominee. The VP said that Admiral Stone had made it quite clear to the Prime Minister that AC would not permit the Government to force their nominees on the CLN. Also, AC felt the Questore should not be political appointees.

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(c) Decree 196 The VP asked Brig. Parkinson if the Italians had consulted Public Health with regard to the Sanitary Commission which was to be set up as stated in Decree 196. Brig. Parkinson said they had not consulted him, but that he had had a translation made and he approved the steps taken.

(d) Lt. Fehr's visit to Switzerland. The VP said that Lt. Fehr had just returned from Switzerland and had given an excellent report on conditions there. Lt. Fehr had found the Swiss extremely co-operative, and very efficient. Special reports have been prepared for Displaced Persons, Public Safety and Public Health. These will be circulated to Sub-Commissions concerned.

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(c) Office Space. Lt. Col. White, said he had attended the Committee whose duty it was to re-allocate the accommodation in Headquarters. A plan had been adopted and would be put before the Chief Commissioner at his next meeting. As far as Civil Affairs Section was concerned, all offices for CA will remain on the 5th Floor with the addition of the annex on that floor and half the annex on the 4th Floor beneath Public Safety. Public Security should move up to the annex next to Public Health. The VC asked Public Health and Public Safety to arrange the space allotted to them so that Public Safety and Public Security could be together. Col. Findlay enquired whether any space had been allocated to I.G.R.C. Lt. Col. White said that as far as he knew, it had been recommended that they should move to another building.

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(d) Civilian specialists going North. Lt. Col. Washburne said that the situation was critical with regard to the movement of civilian specialists going north. He enquired whether he had to get permission from AFHQ or only from the Regional Commissioner. The VP said that the permission of AFHQ was not required.

(e) Sitreps. Lt. Col. Washburne enquired whether the following two weekly returns were needed - the discussions with the Italian Government (required on a Wednesday) and the Sitrep (required on Tuesdays) - or was only one return required on a Tuesday? The VP said he would consider the matter and circulate his decision to Heads of Sub-Commissions.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 94

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday 20 April 45.

1. POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING.

(a) Visit by Mr. Eric Biddle. (2(b)). Mr. Eric Biddle visited the VP in his office last Monday but he regretted he had no time to see all the Heads of Sub-Commissions.

(b) Staff Duties. (2(c)). The departure of Lt. Col. White has been delayed so he will continue to carry out his staff duties as at present. The arrangements, however, for Jun. Cdr. Hervey and Maj. Hankes will stand.

(c) Italian Government:- Communications direct to AMG (3(c)). The VP pointed out that except by an order there was no way of stopping the Italian Government from communicating direct by telegram or by mail (as postal services have been opened up in most provinces) to AMG territory. After a long discussion it was felt that the number of cases where the Government had improperly communicated direct to AMG territory was insufficient to warrant a command to the Government in the matter at this time.

(d) Releasing of Schools in Rome. (3(g)). The VP reported that RAAC were not willing to release the Cadiolo School for, at any rate, one or two months. The VP pointed out, however, that RAAC had been very helpful in releasing one or two other institutions lately.

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Lt. Col. Fothergill said that he also had a good number of essential Allied civilian specialists (30 to 32) in Displaced Persons who will be affected by this order and would let the VP have a list giving their names and occupations.

Both Lt. Col. Washburne and Lt. Col. Fothergill thought these essential civilians would not go north if it meant curtailing their pay.

The VP promised to take this point up with Economic Section as the suggestion of the Economic Section was really to prevent ordinary office workers, typists, etc., being taken North and credited in the South.

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2 GENERAL

(a) The VP reported that two interesting weekly Sitreps had been received from 5 and 8 Armies stating that the situation was satisfactory. They would be circulated. He asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to pass them on as quickly as possible.

(b) Pools of Officials for the North. The VP said that Local Government had complained that they were having trouble with their pools of officials ready to go north, such as Prefects, Vice Prefects, etc., who were always pleading sick at the last moment. The VP then asked the opinion of other Sub-Commissions.

(i) Legal: Col. Behrens said that they had 12 judges for the N.E. (who originally held seats there and were willing to go back) and some 50 legal personnel for the N.W. The VP suggested that a member of the Legal Sub-Commission should interview most of the personnel to ascertain if they were really ready and willing to go if required at a moment's notice.

(ii) Public Health: Lt. Col. Frizelle stated that they had a lot of difficulty with regard to Doctors. The VP suggested that several of the Medici Provinciali should be similarly interviewed.

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Lt. Col. Frizelle reported that the medical supply stockpiles were arranged for N.E. Italy, 8 Army were taking in a good supply and the Venezia supply stockpile was being held in Florence.

Col. Behrens stated that he was not certain where the Official Gazettes for Venezia were being held but he would ascertain and inform the VP.

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2 POINTS OF INTEREST FROM OFFICERS.

(a) CC.RR. Lt. Col. Doherty read several reports showing that the CC.RR. and police were showing some activity in Liberated Italy. The VP asked Lt. Col. Doherty to consolidate and send him these reports which he would take to the Chief Commissioner.

(b) Restriction of Movement. Lt. Col. Doherty enquired whether movement was still restricted in Genoa, Livorno, and Naples. The VP said that he did not know and asked Public Safety to check with AFHQ.

(c) Relations with the CLN. Col. Cripps reported that the Chief Commissioner was issuing a directive pointing out the necessity for a much closer liaison with CLNs in the North and the desirability of employing, wherever possible in the State administration, nominees of the CLNs.

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Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY, Jun. Cdr.,
PI to VP CA Section.

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CI to VP CA Section.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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No. 99

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 19 Apl 45.

Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter presided in the absence of the VP on duty.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Female Civilian Employees. It has not yet been decided whether female civilian employees will have to remain at the Reservoir or whether some of them can be accommodated at the Flora. The matter will be re-investigated.

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(d) Weekly Sitrep. A letter was received from the Executive Commissioner's office stating that "the information received from the Civil Affairs Section had been of the greatest assistance in the compilation of the weekly sitrep". Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to confer to this Section their weekly Sitrep to reach this office by 1600 hrs each Tuesday. The Sitrep does not exclude the short, interesting light precis, of the result of any discussions Heads of Sub-Commissions may have had with the Italian Government during the preceding week, or any other points of interest arising in their work. This will be submitted in duplicate on Wednesdays and used for the U.S. letter to Regional Commissioners and Armies and for information in the Public Relations Bulletin.

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. Fothergill - Official Memorial Services for the President. Lt. Col. Fothergill enquired whether there would be an official memorial service held for British and American officers in AC.

(b) In event of the signing of an Armistice. Lt. Col. Doherty enquired how far the CP was informed of the general principles to be adopted with regard to the policing of Rome etc., in the event of Armistice being signed. Lt. Col. Bonsom-Carter said this was Lt. Col. Milhouse's problem and suggested that Lt. Col. Doherty should liaise with him.

(c) Change in implementation of decrees. Lt. Col. Hannaford said he would like to draw to the attention of Heads of Sub-Commissions to the new Economic Line, of :- the northern boundary of Toscana Region, taking in the provinces of Forli and Ravenna. This new line will affect to a very large extent, the implementation of decrees in N. Italy. Ordinary implementation would come into effect up to that line but over that line decrees effecting economic matters, would all be based on from the 3 Apl 45.

(d) The Italian Government communicating direct to AMG by Telegram. Maj. Temple said Local Government had received a letter from the Deputy Regional Commissioner of Umbria Marche Region, stating that the Prefect of Ancona was complaining that telegrams direct from the Italian Government to Prefects were taking anything up to 8 days, and letter from AMG sources were only taking 4 - 5 days. The Prefect said it would be appreciated if something could be done to speed up official telegrams. Maj. Temple pointed out that letters had to go through AC channels for control, whereas cables can go through the Italian channels and are only exposed to postal censorship. Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter said he would take the matter up at the Executive Commissioner's meeting as it affected all Sub-Commissions. He suggested the best policy might be to prevent Italian Ministries from communicating direct with AMG Territory.

(e) Maj. Washburne Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter reported that the Chief Commissioner was taking up the matter with regard to releasing more schools in Rome.

(f) Moving of CC.RR. Lt. Col. Doherty reported that the last spearhead of the CC.RR. was due to leave Rome on the 29 Apl 45 for the North. With regard to Army taking over transport, Lt. Col. Doherty hoped that the new arrangements would not affect Army's agreements to take the CC.RR from the railhead to their destination.

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Meeting closed at 1615 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY, J/Cdr.,
PA to VP.CA Section

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Meetings with Vice President

TO: Directors of Sub-Commissions,
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Meetings between VP CA Section and Heads of Sub-Commissions will take place each week as follows :

Monday	0900 Education Sub-Commission 1000 Public Safety Sub-Commission
Tuesday	1100 Legal Sub-Commission
Wednesday	0900 Monument and Fine Arts S/C.
Thursday	0900 Public Health Sub-Commission 1000 Displaced Persons & Repat. S/C
Friday	1100 Local Government Sub-Commission
Saturday	0900 Patriots Branch

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 92

Meeting opened at 1615 hrs on Friday, 30 Mar 45.

Col. Cripps presided in the absence of the VP on duty.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Tuesday, 27 Mar 45.

(a) Fascist text-books. (1(b)). Lt. Col. Washburne said that initial reports indicated that there were no fascist text-books being used in Arezzo.

(b) Pay of Italian Drivers. (3(e)). Col. Behrens said that he had produced particulars showing that at least one Italian Driver was only getting 50 lire per day when on tour. Lt. Col. White to take up this question.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Planning for N.W.Italy. It was explained that RCs, Heads of Sub-Commissions, etc., were welcome at IV Corps, who are planning at Lucca. If any members of the Sub-Commissions were in Lucca they were advised to call upon Col. Walker, SCAO, IV Corps. Economic Section are having a representative on IV Corps Staff.

(b) Headquarters Cars. A Committee is being set up to go into the question of the number of cars which report daily to pick up officers, and will hold its first meeting on 31 Mar 45.

(c) AC Monthly Reports. Monthly reports should not be distributed by Sub-Commissions except through the normal channels. Representatives of powers who do not sit on the Advisory Council would not normally get copies.

(d) Consuls. A number of consuls are waiting in Rome prior to going into the Forth. These men may require information on specific subjects and Sub-Commissions will give them every assistance and all the information they require.

(e) Italian Call-up. Call-up in Calabria is being postponed because of the satisfactory man-power situation of the Italian Army.

(f) Postal Services. It was reported that postal services have been resumed to Lucca and Pistoia.

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Displaced Persons. Lt. Col. Fothergill asked for a list of consuls or consul delegates. Public Safety said they could obtain the information for him and Lt. Col. Fothergill will take the matter up with them direct.

(b) Public Health reported that they had attended a meeting on VD at which were present representatives from Public Safety, Italian Government and Public Health and others. Public Health made recommendations that a drive should be organised in Rome against this disease.

(c) Public Safety reported that Sicily Region closed on the 27 Mar 45 but a liaison officer has been left there.

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 91.

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 27 Mar 45.

1 POINTS FROM LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 23 Mar 45.

(a) Change over - Withdrawal from the South. (1(b)). Maj. Temple reported that Finance Sub-Commission had arranged that Liaison Officers should have impress accounts out of which to pay civilian employees.

(b) Fascist text-books. (1(d)). Lt. Col. Washburne said that he had been to Arezzo and saw practically no fascist text-books but did notice that three of the children had last year's primer. The Regional Commissioner was investigating the matter but Lt. Col. Washburne did not think he would find many such text-books.

(c) Executive Commissioner's Meetings. (2(e)). It had been decided that the Executive Commissioner would continue to hold two meetings per week as usual. So far as this section was concerned it was agreed, after discussion, that only one meeting would be held per week - namely every Friday at 1600 hrs. The VP would continue to meet Heads of Sub-Commission by arrangement during the week to discuse with them their various problems.

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(e) Accommodation of AC personnel. (Minute No. 87 - 1 (c)). The VP reported that the Flora Hotel had been vacated by all UNRRA representatives. The next step was to turn the Esperia Hotel into a civilian hotel for the use of AC civilian employees.

(f) Sub-Commission Cers. (1(c)). It was stated that the form of receipt was being revised to meet the objections raised by this Section.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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(b) Working hours of staff. (3(d)). The VP stated that the hours of working for civilians at this Headquarters were from 0830 hrs to 1230 and from 1400 to 1800 hrs. Individual cases for relaxation of the office hours should be examined on their own merits and Sub-Commissions should make their own decisions.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Displaced Persons. Col. Findlay drew the attention of the meeting to a new ACI which indicated that new officers now entering AC might probably not be released for discharge when their particular group was being discharged. He considered that this would make if difficult for AC to recruit officers who were urgently required.

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(b) Patriots. Maj. Snee asked if there was any further information on the increase in ceiling of the Italian Army and was informed that no further information was available.

(c) M F A A. Lt. Col. De Wald stated:

(i) The Borghese Gallery is now open to the public and
(ii) That 1,600,000 lire had been handed over to the Italian Government, being the net proceeds of the exhibition held in the Palazzo Venezia. This sum is to be used for rebuilding and repairing damaged monuments.

(d) Public Safety. Lt. Col. Doherty reported:
(i) Blankets. 42,000 blankets had been allocated to Italian police Agencies, excluding the CC.RR.
(ii) Graves. Further desecrations of graves was taking place in the Anzio Area and local civilian police had been called in to put a stop to this.
(iii) Movement Control. A new directive on movements was at present with AFHQ.

(e) Legal Sub-Commission. Col. Behrens stated that Italian drivers were only getting 50 lire per day and he will produce evidence of this.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

Edward Reaves Maj

Major,
C A Section.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 90

Meeting opened at 1400 hrs on Friday, 23 Mar 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Tuesday 20, Mar 45.

(a) Correction (2(b)). For "2 VPs" read "2 Deputy VPs".

(b) Change over - Withdrawal from the South (2(h)). Maj. Temple reported that he had arranged with the Minister of the Interior to advise Prefects of the change over and was arranging for the payment of civilian employees of Liaison Officers.

(c) Sub-Commission Cars (3(a)). Col. Cripps to take up with HQ Commandant the question of Directors of Sub-Commissions accepting responsibility for cars which were only under their control when they were being used by them.

(d) Fascist Text-books. (7(b)). Capt. V.H.A. reported that the Director was going to AREZZO to investigate.

(e) Disorders in Bari. (3(c)). Lt. Col. Doherty said that a report had come in and would be presented to the VP.

(f) Guardia de Finanza (1(e)). Lt. Col. Doherty said that a report has been prepared re Gen. Oxilia and had been handed to CA Section.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) AFHQ Meeting. Col. Fiske attended a meeting at AFHQ on 22 Feb 45 at which all Staff Officers were present. The question of what officers should be left in the South was raised and the scheme proposed by AC was, after discussion, accepted. The VP said that AC will prepare a memorandum clarifying the withdrawal procedure so that Military Commanders would be informed. AFHQ had asked for a memorandum on Local Government for the benefit of military commanders dealing with the Italian Government and this matter would be taken up with Sub-Commissions.

(b) Headquarter Cars. Establishment Section were investigating the number of cars which reported daily to pick up officers (especially junior officers) with a view to cutting down the daily dispatch.

(c) UNRRA. A plan had been approved whereby UNRRA would make payments to displaced persons in Rome to start [illegible]

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(e) Disorders in Bari. (3(c)). Lt. Col. Doherty said that a report had come in and would be presented to the VP.

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2 POINTS FROM THE EXECTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) AFHQ Meeting. Col. Fiske attended a meeting at AFHQ on 22 Feb 45 at which all Staff Officers were present. The question of what officers should be left in the South was raised and the scheme proposed by AC was, after discussion, accepted. The VP said that AC will prepare a memorandum clarifying the withdrawal procedure so that Military Commanders would be informed. AFHQ had asked for a memorandum on Local Government for the benefit of military commanders dealing with the Italian Government and this matter would be taken up with Sub-Commissions.

(b) Headquarter Cars. Establishment Section were investigating the number of cars which reported daily to pick up officers (especially junior officers) with a view to cutting down the daily dispatch.

(c) UNRRA. A plan had been approved whereby UNRRA would make payments to displaced persons in Rome to start on 1 Apl 45. This does not cover food supplies. UNRRA wish to extend their activities to other areas and Displaced Persons will take this matter up with UNRRA (through Maj. POE).

(d) Olive Oil Amassing. Up to date 44,000 tons had been amassed, approximately one half the total aimed at. It was decided that officers engaged on Oil amassing will be withdrawn on 15 Apl 45.

(e) The Executive Commissioners Meetings. At present the Ex. Com. holds two meetings per week. It had been suggested that one meeting per week would be sufficient. If this was so, then it might be considered whether the VP's meetings should also be held only once a week. Sub-Commissions are asked to consider this point which will be discussed at the next VP's meeting to be held on Tuesday, 27 Mar 45.

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Liquidation of Yugoslav Missions. The VP explained that if AFHQ have approved of the plan for liquidating Yugoslav military missions, in this country, then the application to retain the military mission in Rome was probably too late.

(b) Expenditure of AC Funds and Accounting for Stores Purchased. Lt Col Fothergill stated that G-1 (B) had asked him to produce a list of property purchased with AC funds. He stated that most of the articles purchased by him were for expendable stores. Lt Col White suggested that the G-1 (B) was not interested in expendible stores but in those articles which, once having been purchased, should be taken on charge. Lt Col Fothergill agreed to produce the communication from G-1 (B) to the VP for his perusal.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

26 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Meetings with Vice President.

TO: Directors of Sub-Commissions,
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

1. VP CA Section has decided to have a weekly interview with each Sub-Commission Head at which he desires to discuss the general problems concerning the work of each Sub-Commission.

2. It is not intended that these interviews will take the place of the normal day to day contacts concerning immediate business, but will give Directors of Sub-Commissions an opportunity to discuss matters of general policy and those matters which require discussion or decision not of an immediate nature.

3. The programme for the week ending March 31st is as follows:

Tuesday	27 Mar	1100	Public Safety Sub-Commission
		1200	Public Health Sub-Commission
Wednesday		0915	Legal Sub-Commission
		1130	Monuments and Fine Arts S/C.
Thursday		0915	Local Government Sub-Commission
		1015	Displaced Persons & Repat. S/C
Saturday		0915	Patriots Branch
		1015	Education Sub-Commission.

If it is impossible for any director to be present at the time stated above, please advise the undersigned immediately in order that a change of time can be made.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 89

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 20 Mar 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 16 Mar 45.

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(d) Prison Rations. This matter has been shelved in the meantime but should be brought up again in 2 month's time.

(e) Italian Army Ceiling. The ceiling of the Italian Army - 313,000 officers and men - will be reached by the end of April. If the CC.RR. ceiling is increased, then the ceiling of the Italian Army will go up by the amount of the increase.

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(f) Withdrawal from Italian Government Territory. Officers engaged in Olive Oil Amassing and Liaison Officers will remain in the Italian Government territory, but all other officers will be withdrawn on 1 April 1945.

(g) Liaison Officers in Italian Government Territory. Liaison Officers will function at Bari, Catenia and Palermo, after 1 Apl 45 and will be available to assist AC in matters in their area. This section is particularly interested in requisitionings at Bari and Liaison Officer, Bari, should be used in the matter.

(h) Change Over. Maj. Temple to take up with the Italian Ministry of the Interior the question of employment and payment of civilian employees remaining in the South and to ask the Minister to advise Prefects of change over.

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9 Civilian Staff to Rome L.O. Col. Chapman to take the matter up with Establishment Section.

10 Monuments and Fine Arts. Col. de Wald stated that nothing had been done about the appointment of the Director General of Antiquities by the Italian Government. No action can be taken by this Commission.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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No 87

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday, 13 March 45.

1 GENERAL

(a) Mr DOWLING has been named to take the place of Mr SCHOFF in Political Section.

(b) New Deal - A directive on the New Deal is being proposed.

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(j) A document from Bitonto on pilfering etc has been circulated to Sub-Commissions. The Regiment is calling for report by the 23rd of March. Education, Public Health and Displaced Persons, the only Sub-Commissions which had stores did not believe that they would have anything to report within the requirement of this order.

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

(a) Col De Wald asked if UNRRA were subject to Army regulations. Col Fothergill replied that they were and that he had the reference of

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the General Order to whatever value.

(b) Col Chapman has heard unofficially that a new General of Finance Guards has been appointed without reference to AC. Definite information and clarification are to be sought. He also reported.

i) that a new Questore has been appointed, which the Italian Government had submitted to do without AC consent;

ii) the report of the Committee on Roatta's escape is being translated;

iii) through the discovery of forged travel orders Public Safety have tracked down stolen quantities of Penicillin, taken from American use. The VP ruled that an AMG court would be set up to deal with the crime.

(c) Maj. Washburne asked if extracts of the report of the Regional Commissioner's meeting might be sent to Education officers. Since that report is secret the VP instructed that Education should write the Education officers and tell them to ask the Regional Commissioners to let them see their copies of the report.

(d) Maj. Reakes commented on the summaries of the Monthly Reports from Sub-Commissions. While he agreed that the length may vary from Sub-Commission to Sub-Commission it was his opinion that they were rather longer than need be. Normally a foolscap page summary would suffice though in some cases 2 foolscap pages are necessary.

(e) Legal Sub-Commission have received a very favourable report from the Court from Piedmont Area which was sent to them by H S Tupini. It would appear that a large majority of the judges are present and doing good work.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 86

Meeting opened at 1607 hrs on Wednesday, 7 Mar 45.

1. Amendment to Minutes No. 85

"Points from the last meeting, held Tuesday, 27 Feb 45" to be changed to read "Points from the last meeting, held Friday, 23 Feb 45".

2. POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 2 Mar 45.

(a) Civilian Personnel for N.W. Italy. (1(b)). Col. Chapman reported that 2 lists were received from Political Section with 2 names on each; they have been sent to Security Division. The VP said he thought the matter could be dropped.

(b) Civilian Personnel to be Released. (2(a)) Maj. Pollard reported that he attended the Civilian Committee meeting at which Col. Uhler had asked him to bring to the attention of the VP, who in turn might bring it to the attention of the Executive Commissioner, that the present moment was very inopportune to make any cut in civilian staff. Would it not be wiser to postpone this cut in personnel until after the American Enlisted Men have been withdrawn. It is understood that 1 in 3 is to leave HQ for Austria. The VP said he would raise the point at the next Ex. Com's. Meeting.

3. GENERAL

(a) The VP's visit to Emilia Region and 5 Army. The VP said that he had inspected or visited 3 hospitals, 2 jails, 9 schools, 2 patriot centres, 3 refugee camps, 1 autotransport garage, 3 Provincial Commissioners and 1 Prefect and that he proposed to take up individual matters with the Sub-Commissions concerned, principally Public Health and Public Safety. In general the situation was satisfactory. The VP said he would like all Directors of Sub-Commissions to visit AMG areas as soon as possible.

(b) Acting President's Conference. The A/President's Conference is being held on 8 Mar 45. The VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to bring with them to the meeting.

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4. POINTS FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING:

Col. Cripps reported:

(a) Office space. It is understood that the adjustments necessary have been made so as to accommodate everybody required in AC buildings.

(b) Decree of Ministry of Occupied Italy. This Decree has been approved by SACMED and the Prime Minister has been informed.

(c) Decree Implementation. A mis-understanding had occurred with regard to implementation of the rate-rate decree. It appears that the general policy on increase in wage rates is fixed.

(d) G-5, 5 Army. Gen. Hume's staff have now assumed the title of G-5, 5 Army, but in matters concerning issue of passes, decrees, etc., they will still come under the rulings of AC.

(e) Olive Oil Campaign. Fairly satisfactory progress is being maintained. 2,500 tons were exported last week. Col. Penmore pointed out that the Olive Oil cases were not being punished severely by the Italian law courts.

(f) Inspection of the CC.RR. Inspection of the Carabinieri by Field Marshal Alexander. The parade has again been postponed.

(g) Displaced Persons Transport. Col. Cripps said he did not agree with Minute No. 6 and would like to discuss the matter with the VP and Col. Findley.

5. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS:

(a) Maj. Temple - Transport for Electoral Forms. Maj. Temple stated that Local Government had prepared a statement and memorandum on the transport required for the moving of electoral forms for the Italian Government. The memorandum was sent to Transportation Sub-Commission on the 20 Feb 45 but up till 2 days ago nobody had communicated with the Ministry. Local Government raised the matter personally with Transportation Sub-Commission who gave them a tentative promise that some transport might be available after 5 Mar 45. The VP asked Maj. Temple to inform Col. Cripps if nothing materialised after that date.

(b) Lt. Col. Brizolla - Feeding of Public Health Italian Civilian Personnel in Southern Region. - Lt. Col. Brizolla said that he would like to raise the matter as to who would ration Public Health civilian personnel in Southern Region when they go out on Typhus or Malaria investigations for a period of a week or more.
The VP advised him to discuss the matter with Brig. Dunlop and Economic Section tomorrow.

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(e) Olive Oil Agreement. Fairly satisfactory progress is being maintained. 2,700 tons were released last week. Col. Beaumont pointed out that the Olive Oil cases were not being punished severely by the Italian law courts.

(f) Inspection of the CC.RR. Inspection of the Carabinieri by Field Marshal Alexander. The parade has again been postponed.

(g) Displaced Persons Transport. Col. Cripps said he did not agree with Minute No. 6 and would like to discuss the matter with the VP and Col. Hadley.

I POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

(a) Maj. Temple - Transport for Electoral Forms. Maj. Temple stated that Local Government had prepared a statement and memorandum on the transport required for the moving of electoral forms for the Italian Government. The memorandum was sent to Transportation Sub-Commission on the 20 Feb 45 but up till 2 days ago nobody had communicated with the Ministry. Local Government raised the matter personally with Transportation Sub-Commission who gave them a tentative promise that some transport might be available after 6 Mar 45. The VP asked Maj. Temple to inform Col. Cripps if nothing materialised after that date.

(b) Lt. Col. Priolli - Feeding of Public Health Italian Civilian Personnel in Southern Region - Lt. Col. Priolli said that he would like to raise the matter as to who would ration Public Health civilian personnel in Southern Region when they go out on Typhus or Malaria investigations for a period of a week or more. The VP advised him to discuss the matter with Brig. Dunlop and Economic Section tomorrow.

(c) Col. Cheema - Rostv. Moscow Radio reports that he has been recaptured. No confirmation has been received in Italy.

Capt. Ellis, one of Public Safety's Officers, reported that up to 1800 hrs today, no more disturbances had taken place in Rome.

Rumours were circulating that crowds intended to give trouble where the Rostv trial was going on. In the Regina Coeli Prison, the ordinary prisoners decided to raid the political prisoners. The C.C.RR. took the matter in hand and order was restored.

Col. Chapman reported that Executive Memorandum 77 and Memorandum on passes had been cleared with Sub-Commissions in AC concerned, and they were now waiting for approval of AFHQ and 15 Army Group.

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The question of the issue of passes in Headquarters, AC - Col. Chapman asked the VP if he could take the matter up with the Ex. Com., suggesting that only one officer was responsible for the issuing of passes in each Sub-Commission and also that the army officer or a soldier should see to the actual delivery of the pass to the civilian or military personnel. Very large number of forged passes are still being handed in. The VP said he assumed that all these instructions would be in Public Safety's Memorandum.

(c) A trial was held at Lucca of 2 civilians and 1 soldier who were convicted of the theft and sale of Allied property. The soldier was tried by Court Martial and given 30 years imprisonment. The 2 civilians were tried by AMG Court and given 3 months imprisonment. The VP suggested that the matter should be reported to the Legal Sub-Commission.

(d) Maj. Tenburne - lift out in regard of female employees. The VP asked Col. Cripps to ascertain if the A.F.L.N.A. had met on Saturday, and if so, what was the decision with regard to civilian pay.

(e) Col. Behrens - New Deal. H.E. Tupini has enquired what the "New Deal" means. The VP said he understood it was contained in the Aide Memoire sent to the Prime Minister but probably more instructions would be given by the A/President tomorrow.

(f) Lt. Col. White - Flora Hotel. Lt. Col. White stated that UNRRA was still at the Flora Hotel and the hotel seemed to be becoming more and more civilianised. Col. Cripps said this matter was discussed at the Ex. Comm. meeting and it was left to the Establishment Section to consider the matter. The VP said he would raise this point at the next Ex. Com's meeting.

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The Belgrade Government are also trying to take over the Yugoslav Welfare Society which is not supported by Allied Funds. Col. Findley said he would like to keep this Welfare Society or some unofficial body to deal with all the non-partisan Yugoslavs in Italy.

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J.H. HAVEN, J/Cdr.,
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO 35

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 2 Mar 45.

Col. CRIPPS was in the chair, owing to the absence of the VP.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Tuesday, 27 Feb 45.

(a) N.W. Italy Planning. (1(c)). The meeting has been postponed until 3 Mar 45 and will be held at 1000 hrs in the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor. Only Patriots and Public Safety will be required to attend.
Maj. Temple asked Col. Cripps if he had received the revised list of the pools of Prefects for the North, and if this list could be brought to the attention of the Secretary of the N.W. Italy Co-ordinating Planning Committee.

(b) Civilian Personnel for N.W. Italy. (1(d)). Col. Fiske told Col. Cripps that he had sent to Public Safety two lists of Italian civilian personnel for N.W. Italy who required screening. Col. Sherman stated that as far as he knew, his Sub-Commission had not received these lists. Lt. Col. White to take the matter up further.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Office Accommodation. Owing to lack of office space the Executive Commissioner stated that it will be necessary to accommodate elsewhere Northern Regions and N.W. Italy Planning Committee personnel. Civil Affairs may, at a later date, have to give up some of their offices. The Executive Commissioner has ruled that all Sections must cut down their officers to their ceiling and only accommodate such officers as are accounted for in the ceiling. Also, there will be a 25% or over cut in Italian civilian personnel in AC. At the present moment 574 Italian civilian clerks are employed in the building. Col. Cripps asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to look into the question of their Italian staff and who could be released and suggested that Heads of Sub-Commissions should be prepared to give an outline of who they could release at the next meeting. This does not include Italian civilian experts.

(b) Price of Bread. The price of bread in Rome has been raised to 18 lire - 2 lire above the fixed price which was to be 16 lire.

(c) The Executive Commissioner's Recent Visit to Emilia Region and 8 Army
The Ex. Com. reported that Emilia Region was working increased

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(c) The Executive Commissioner's Recent Visit to Emilia Region and 5 Army. The Ex. Com. reported that Emilia Region was working in very good co-ordination with 5 Army. He is circulating a memorandum at a later date on one or two points which need revision such as:

(i) Some difficulties seem to occur in the lapse of time of implementation of decrees in Emilia Region.
Col. Behrens said he did not understand this as the moment territory was placed under Regional Control, Decrees become implemented automatically.
In the case of Armies, it was up to the SCAOs to decide whether decrees should be implemented or not.

(ii) Medical Supplies - UNRRA is a complete failure in Emilia Region. Also, the Public Health Officer has not yet received the price of basic drugs.

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(d) Booklet on History of AC. The Public Relations Officer has enquired if he should prepare a booklet on the history of AC rather on the same lines as the Fielden Survey. The Ex. Com 's meeting thought this was a good idea.

(e) Olive Oil Pressing. Olive Oil pressing is going satisfactorily, and an average of 3,000 tons per week is pressed.

(f) Lack of Co-ordination in Ministerial Offices. Col. Henderson stated at the meeting that there seems to be very little co-ordination on matters concerning pay and promotion in AMG territory in regard to civil servants. Ministerial bulletins which come out from the different ministries seem to be delayed before arriving in AMG territory. Col. Henderson is sending a memorandum to Col. Cripps who will issue in turn a memorandum on the matter.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Col. Chapmen - Black Market. Col. Chapman wondered what action could be taken if any, against EM/OR personnel having goods sent from home which they sold on the black market. This seems to be a very profitable enterprise. Col. Cripps suggested that it should be brought to the attention of the Establishment Section.

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 84

Meeting opened at 1406 hrs on Friday, 23 Feb 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Tuesday, 20 Feb 45.

(a) Office Space. The VP said he understood that M F A A Sub-Commission were to move their offices up one floor. He thought this would be to their advantage. Col. Findlay enquired whether IGCC could retain their offices. The VP said he understood that ICCP, UNRRA and all other attached bodies who were not part of AC would have to move out of the building owing to lack of space.

(b) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. (3(b)). Only Local Government had handed in a subject to be put on the agenda for the RC's meeting on 8 Mar 45. The VP asked if there were any other points. Nobody had any points to bring up.

The Acting President will preside over the meeting and explain the new deal for Italy.

The VP said that he was bringing up the question of the transfer of more territory to the Italian Government.

(c) North West Italy Planning. (3(c)). Owing to the meeting convened by AFHQ at 15 Army Group on Monday, AC's North West Italy co-ordinating planning committee meeting has been postponed until 1 Mar 45.

Brig. Lush is to preside over the meeting. Public Safety, Displaced Persons, Patriots, and possibly Public Health should have representatives present.

(d) Civilian Personnel for N.W. Italy. (3(b)). Col. Chapman said he had not seen the list of names of Italian staff (civilian) which the Regional Commissioners wished to take north. He said he would go into the matter with the Security Division.

(e) Civilian Pare Rates. (3(g)). Labour Sub-Commission have sent out a memorandum which will be circulated to all Heads of Sub-Commissions, stating that the rates of pay of the black-coated (or white collared) workers and civil servants is actively under consideration by the Italian Government.

(f) Capture of Royalist Yugoslavs. (3(h)). The VP said that AFHQ had telephoned saying that a clash might be expected between Royalist and Tito Yugoslavs in Rome. He asked Col. Findlay what was being done about it. Col. Findlay said he thought the best method would be

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(g) Closing down of Lazio-Umbria Region. (4( )) All Liaison Officers including Public Safety will be accommodated in RAIC building when Lazio-Umbria Region closes down.

(h) Delivery of Official Correspondence through AMG Channels. (4( )) All circulars and gazettes can in future be sent by ordinary post. The perusal of one printed copy will be sufficient.

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(i) Irregularities in Issuing of Passes. (4(e)). The VP said that he is sending a Minute to Public Safety, asking them to revise Executive Memorandum No. 77 in which Public Safety would undertake the issue of all passes and the clearing of them with Armies.

Col. Chapman is to send in his request for increase in staff for submission to Man Power Committee.

(j) Director General of P.W.B.A.A. (4(h)). Col. De Teld stated that the appointment of the Italian Director of P.W.B.A.A. was still under discussion.

(k) Y-1 and Y-2 (4(f)). The VP asked Col. Chapman to check and see if this draft directive was being circulated to the Sub-Commissions concerned.

2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Chief of Navy Sub-Commission. Admiral Morgan has been Flag Officer at Taranto and also Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission, AC. The dual appointment was not very satisfactory and Rear Admiral Warren (E) has now been appointed Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission AC.

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3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Col. Yee reported that up to the present, 15,000 lire had been collected and 66,000 pairs or pieces of clothing in AC and Messes.
The VP asked him to submit an up-to-date list by Wednesday so that he could report at the Chief Commissioner's Meeting on Thursday.

(b) Maj. Temple - The VP asked Local Government to prepare a reminder for the Chief Commissioner's signature on the letter to the Italian Prime Minister on local elections which was sent out three weeks ago.

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(c) Col. Tinsley reported that 900 Zionists were being repatriated next month. There was still some trouble over currency and the CMS had not replied on the question.

(d) Lt. Col. White stated that there was an officer under arrest and a Major had to be supplied as escort. He felt that it was unfair that only Economic and Civil Affairs Sections were now asked to supply a Major. The VP agreed that this was very unfair and asked Col. Cripps to take this matter up.

(e) Lt. Col. White - Files. Lt. Col. White stated that Economic Section kept files for a very long time. They had had an Education file on the 27 Jan 45 which now could not be found. The VP asked Lt. Col. White to prepare a letter to Economic Section for his signature.

(f) Col. Behrens. Searches by MPs - A complaint had been received from the Prime Minister about the searches by MPs in Italian Government territory and asking that it should be brought to the notice of the CMPs that they should take a member of the Italian Police or CC.RR. with them.

The VP asked Col. Behrens to obtain information on specific cases and then suggested that a letter should be written to AFHQ asking them to draw the attention of the CMPs to the existing Memorandum issued by AFHQ.

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(i) Jewish Property. A Jewish Committee have sent in a letter asking that Italian Jewish property in Allied Nations territory should be immediately de-sequestrated. Col. Behrens is preparing a letter on the subject.

Meeting closed 1650 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY, J/Cdr.,
PA to VP CA Section.

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The usual meeting of Heads of Sub-Commissions of the Civil Affairs Section to be held on Tuesday, 27 Feb 46 is cancelled.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

M. 63

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 20 Feb 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 16 Feb 45.

(a) Olive Oil Ammesion 26,000 tons.

(b) 300 Gramm Ration. (2(b)). Consent has been received to grant the 300 gramm ration or its equivelent throughout liberated Italy to grant on 1 Mar 45.

(c) Rations for the Italian Armed Forces. (2(c)). Col. Chapman said he had not received a reply as to whether the increase affected C.C.A.F.

(d) Freezing of Educational Buildings. (2(d)). Maj. Tollard said that the report had been sent down to the Chief Commissioner. The VP asked him to obtain the report so that he could state the situation on Thursday at the Chief Commissioner's meeting.

(e) OVRA. (2(e)). Col. Chapman said that he had already contacted Stewart on the question of giving publicity to OVRA.

(f) Newsprint (2(f)). An Italian Press Commission meeting was held last night to discuss the shortage of newsprint in Naples. After a tempestuous meeting a vote was taken. It was voted by 7 to 4 to cut down the newspapers in Rome by 6 papers. It appears that political papers are to be kept and information papers withdrawn.

(g) Female civilian Wages. (2(g)). The last reduction in female civilian wages was placed before the A.F.L.H.Q. Wages Sub-Committee who recommended that the reduction in wages should be continued. The question is to be brought before the full A.F.L.H.Q. when they next meet.

2 GENERAL

(a) Archives. Capt. Collins, AC Archivist came to explain the situation and answer any questions. He said that on instructions from London and Washington on how archives had to be maintained, it was decided that nothing was to be destroyed. The VP said he thought it was better for Heads of all Sub-Commissions (with the [illegible] to come in from Regions

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(c) Olive Oil Amending 26,000 tons.

(b) 300 ration ration. (2(b)). Consent has been received to grant the 300 ration ration or its equivalent throughout liberated Italy to start on 1 May 45.

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2 CENTRAL

(a) Archives. Capt. Collins, AF Archivist came to explain the situation and answer any questions. He said that on instructions from London and Washington on how archives had to be maintained, it was decided that nothing was to be destroyed. The VP said he thought it was better for Heads of all Sub-Commissions (with the exception of Legal) to send all their files coming in from Regions to be sorted and stored in Archives. The VP thought that Col. Lawrence's plan that Legal should sort out Appeal Court Records from live ones (people still serving sentences) and send the dead ones to Archives and keep the rest in Legal Sub-Commission was a good idea. It would be an almost impossible task for the Archivist to undertake.

3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Office Space. The Headquarters Commandant has been instructed by the Executive Commissioner to make a new survey of offices occupied

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by officers in the hopes of being able to find if rooms for Land Forces Sub-Commission. The VP did not think that G Section would be included in this or be asked to give up an office. Col. De Wald said that Capt. Sinclair had looked round the M.F.A.O. Offices this morning. The VP asked Lt. Col. White to find out the position.

(b) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. There will be a Regional Commissioners' meeting on the 5 Mar 45. No reports are to be made but Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to send in points they wish to put on to the agenda by 0900 hrs on Thursday, 22 Feb 45. No detailed matters will be discussed - only general points and policies.

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(h) Call-up in Sardinia. Phase II of the call-up in Sardinia has been postponed from early March until early April; the reason being that the call-ups are now coming in so well (in fact they have attained 95% of the AMGOT estimated total).

4. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Closing down of Lazio-Umbria Region. Col. Chapman enquired where his one Public Safety Officer (Liaison) would be accommodated when the officers in Via Lucullo are closed down and Col. Poletti takes over for his Lombardia planning. The VP thought AFHQ would be the place for all Liaison Officers but he will take the matter up at the next Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

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...that if one Gazette or one printed paper was censored, it would do for all printed matter on the same subject. The VT agreed that this would be a helpful course and he would raise it at the next Executive Commissioners meeting.

(c) Irregularities in Issue of Passes. Col. Chapman reported that Col. Young and Lt. Col. Wilcox were just back from a tour of Venice. Everywhere they had stopped, the complaint of Public Safety Officers was the irregular use of passes and the fact that the chief offenders were officers in AFHQ. Executive Memorandum No. 17 deals with the whole system of issuing passes. Col. Chapman said that Public Safety was now trying to revise the Executive Memorandum and that the whole system should be changed. Col. Findlay enquired whether a type written pass was valid. He was informed that passes had to be made out on a special form which had to be sent up to the Armies for their approval and signature and returned.

(d) Report on Scrubbing and Strength. Col. Chapman reported that an incorrect figure was given by Maj. Fielden in his bulletin for CC.FR. strength. The VT suggested that Public Safety should send an amendment to be published in the next issue.

(e) Recommend for Misconduct of French Troops. Col. Chapman reported that AFHQ had ruled that all complaints should be sent to G-5 AFHQ who will channel all communications through the French Liaison Officer attached to AFHQ to the appropriate French Military authorities.

(f) Y-1 and Y-2. Col. Chapman reported that a draft post-raid activities directive is being circulated to all Sub-Commissions concerned for their comments.

(g) Use of Public Safety Officers for other duties. Col. Chapman said that Public Safety Officers who were on their strength were being used for other duties but police and quoted the case of Capt. Limbert in Florence. The VT asked Col. Chapman to speak to him afterwards.

(h) Appointment of Director. Col. De Wald reported that the new Italian Director of U.N.R.R.A. is to be appointed tomorrow, Wednesday.

(i) Brig. Parkinson - Basic News. Brig. Parkinson enquired whether Basic News or a parallel could be published again. The VT said he would ask the new Public Relations Officer. He thought it would be impossible as all the news now had to be purchased on the market.

F.C. HARVEY, T/Capt.
PA to VT CC Section.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 82

Meeting opened at 1601 hrs on Friday, 16 Feb 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Tuesday, 13 Feb 45.

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(f) Trucks. (Minutes No. 80, para 1 (c)). Col. Cripps said that he had enquired from Transportation Sub-Commission who said that all the trucks would be absorbed by Truck Companies. It is hoped that the extra trucks will facilitate the execution of demands of Sub-Commissions when they indent on Transportation Sub-Commission.

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2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Executive Order No. 14 appoints Brig. Gen. McKinley as Acting Vice President, Economic Section and Col. Densmore is re-instated as Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section.

(b) 300 Gramm Ration. Owing to the delay in the arrival of the shipping figures for the end of March, it is unlikely that AC will be able to grant a 300 gramm ration over all Italian Government occupied territory, on 1 Mar 45.

(c) Italians to Study Sicilian Problems The Italian Government are going to appoint a Commission to go over to Sicily to study the Sicilian problem.
At the request of the Prime Minister the Sicilian call-up has been postponed from the 1st till the 15th March 1945.

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(c) The Italian Film Industry. A meeting is to be held tomorrow, Saturday, to consider re-constituting the Italian Film Board to put the Italian Film industry on its feet again. The VP had suggested that a Legal Adviser should be present at the meeting.

(d) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. It is thought that a Regional Commissioners Meeting will be held in the near future in Rome on the lines of the Siena Conference and a definite agenda would be followed.

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(c) Ambulances. Public Health is to receive 8 tyres for ambulances in the Naples area.

4 GENERAL

(a) Austria Planning. Col. Fiske has been successful in arranging with MMOUSA that everybody in the Sub-Commissions earmarked for Austria should be un-earmarked. The system will now be that MMOUSA will demand numbers but not names so long as they are given an all-round cross section of officers according to ability.

The VP said he would like to remind Heads of Sub-Commissions that all demands for officers for Austria or any other designation will be done through the normal channels, that is, through C A Section and Establishment Section.

As far as is known the ultimate number of American officers for Austria is 106.

(b) Change in designation. Executive Order No. 12 changes the designation of the CCS and eliminates the title of DCOS in establishment. CA and Economic Sections. Apart from the change in designation and in the addressing of letters, there is no other change. VP's will continue to carry on executive functions as formerly.

5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

NOTE: Archives. (2(a) Minutes No. 80) The question of the disposal of archives to be discussed at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20 Feb 45.

J.C. HARVEY, Jun/Cdr.
PA to VP CA Section.

All Sub-Commissions, CA Section.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
ON
BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
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Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 9 Feb 46.

1 POINTS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 2 Feb 46.

(a) Meals for AC civilian employees (2(f)). The Headquarters Commandant had made more or less the same arrangements for drivers at the Super Cercle as for civilians in AC HQ but the food is very little appreciated by the Drivers as they prefer to go home.

Col. Spicer asked whether it would be possible for drivers to be fed at Headquarters, at the same place as civilians, as this would mean a saving in petrol.

Maj. Tasburgh suggested that the Garage was better as there was a danger of the cars being stolen if they were left un-attended outside AC.

Civilians were told authoritatively that they would be charged 10 lire per meal, whereas they are paying 10 lire - 2 lire on their pay sheet and 10 lire for the ticket. A book of tickets was supplied which they had to pay for, for 15 days in advance. No bread, no wine was supplied (as promised) and on the ticket was marked "This is a privilege, not a right". The first meal was very mean; the second meal had all duly improved.

Col. Spicer says that the Local Government civilians said that if they could be supplied with bread, thick soup and a glass of wine they would be very content.

The VP stated that it was only fair to give the matter a week's trial to enable the HQ Commandant to get the whole idea in working order. If, after a week, the situation was still bad, she VP said he would take it up with higher authority.

(b) Friends Ambulance Unit. (2(d)). Mr. Kenny is entirely in agreement with the Friends Ambulance Unit's undertaking to restore the village of TOLLO as stated in the last minutes. Maj. Dollard thought that when their transport had arrived from France, then would be the time to ask Mr. Kenny for permission to attach Friends Ambulance Unit to UNRRA.

(c) Trucks. (4(d)). Col. Cripps to ascertain whether sections can put up new bids for a certain number of trucks as mentioned in the last minutes.

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2 GENERAL

(a) Withdrawal of Officers from Southern Region, Sardinia and Sicily

The COS has submitted a draft to the GC on the withdrawal of all officers from Southern Region, Sardinia and Sicily. In the case of Sicily and Sardinia, all officers (except for officers in charge of export of citrus fruits, etc.) will be withdrawn, leaving only the liaison officers at Palermo (U.S. and Navy) and Catania (20th Army). In Southern Region all officers will be withdrawn except for provincial staff for Naples Commune who would also act as Liaison Officer with 3 District and a liaison staff at Bari.

The VP asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to consider very carefully what they would like done with the files and documents to be handed in to HQ on the closing down of Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region; whether they would like to keep certain files or send the complete set into Archives. A particular difficulty arose in the case of Legal, with Court Records. The VP asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to give their views on the subject next week.

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(b) Technical Directives. The VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to go through or to have gone through all their old technical directives that were still operative to see if they had had the correct distribution in Northern Regions. This does not include Executive Memorandums.

(c) Escaped Prisoners of War. A certain number of Italian prisoners of War escaped from North Africa and landed in Italy from an Italian carrier.

Col. Campbell (POW Section) will be consulting Legal on the matter, as it appears that the authorities wish to return these prisoners to N. Africa.

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(f) Olive Oil Assessing. Target: 90,000 tons.
Collected up to date : 20,000 tons.
This is considered a fairly good result and there has certainly been an increase in volume during the last two weeks.

(g) Military Call-up The second phase of the military call-up has been agreed with Public Safety for 1 Mar 45.

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(h) Increase in CC.RR. A signal has been sent by AFHQ to COS asking for the Carabinieri ceiling to be raised to 65,000.

(i) Reliable officials in the North. The VP asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to obtain a list from their respective Italian Ministers of all anti-Fascist or reliable officers whom we might reasonably expect to find in the north.

These lists might help considerably, Regional and Provincial Commissioners and their staffs.

(j) Leaving of offices too early. The VP said that he was not complaining of CA Section but he asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to see that their officers did not leave the office too early in the evening. Office hours finished at 1900 hrs and not before.

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(c) Emilia Region. Col. Fiske has just returned from Emilia Region and he states that excellent progress has been made by the representatives of CA Section in that area. Legal had opened courts right up to Corps Boundaries and Education had opened schools even inside Corps Boundaries.

The RC had expressed his gratitude for assistance that had been given him with regard to mine clearance. The uniforms for Public Safety Officials had still not

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(c) Emilia Region. Col. Fiske has just returned from Emilia Region and he states that excellent progress has been made by the representatives of CA Section in that area. Legal had opened courts right up to Corps Boundaries and Education had opened schools even inside Corps Boundaries.

The RC had expressed his gratitude for assistance that had been given him with regard to mine clearance. The uniforms for Public Safety Officials had still not arrived. The RC stated he would be willing to supply transport if he could be told where to collect the uniforms. He also stated he would be very grateful for visits from members of the AC Headquarters.

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Col. Findley stated that he had a number of camp kettles and mess tins that were full of holes but that if he could find some way of repairing them, he would have a surplus. Patrols and Public Safety said they would like to put in a bid if Displaced Persons had a surplus.

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(b) Col. Spicer said that when discussing with Col. Pennyquik, they both thought it was deplorable to pull out of Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region before the elections had been held. The VP said that other considerations must prevail.

(c) Maj. Washburne said he would like to formally report the handing over of education in Naples.

(d) Lt. Col. Doherty asked what indication he would be likely to receive from Armies with regard to their advance. It was specially important to know this in the case of Carabinieri. He wondered whether it would be possible for the Civil Affairs representative in 15 Army Group to inform Civil Affairs Section by code word on the telephone or by signal. The VP said he would take this up at the next COS meeting.

Meeting closed at 1707 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY, J/Cdr.,
PA to VP CA Section.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

M. 91.

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 13 Feb 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 9 Feb 45.

(a) Olive Oil Amassing (2(f)). The situation is considered to be satisfactory. Last week there were 2,700 tons collected, making a total of 23,000 tons amassed.

(b) Priorities Board. (2(i)). Col. Cripps drew attention to AC Priorities Board Bulletin No. 1, dated 31 Jan 45 and the Amendment thereto issued on the 10 Feb 45.

He pointed out the procedure laid down, which is in short, that any department or Branch of the Allied Commission or the Italian Government is entitled to make bids for the allotment of all types of commodities. These are to be placed with the allocating Sub-Commissions, all of which are laid down in para 5 of the Priorities Board Bulletin No. 1. There is, however, one exception to this procedure and that concerns the bids made for reconditioned salvaged clothing and equipment. Within CA Section all bids for material of this category will be made to the CA Section which has been nominated the allocating authority for salvaged material for this Section. (Vide para 4 B, AC Priorities Board Bulletin No. 2, page 2.)

Col. Spicer enquired what the position was with regard to tyres. Col. Cripps said he was not sure and would let him know on Friday. He understood they were an EMB product and so are the responsibility of the Commerce Sub-Commission. Certain tyres had been put aside for Ministerial cars but in Regions, Prefects and Sindacos., etc., must apply to their Regional Commissioners.

(c) Indication from Armies. (4(e)). The VP reported that he had brought up the matter at the COS meeting and it was felt that if, after discussion, Col. Chapman and Col. Doherty would like any further action taken the VP would write a D.O. letter to the 15 Army Group on the subject.

2 POINTS FROM THE COS MEETING.

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(b) Civilianisation. The recruitment of American civilians is proceeding as slowly as British civilians. The VP thought there would be very little change in AC for some time.

(c) Patriot Parade. The Patriot Parade will be held on Sunday, if the Italians still wish to hold it but no help will be given by the Allies.

(d) New Public Relations Officer. Mr. Stuart Brown (American Civilian) is replacing Maj. Fielden as P.R.O. The VP stated that he might be asked to the next Heads of Sub-Commissions meeting.

Mr. Stuart Brown had asked the VP to ask Heads of Sub-Commissions if they would lend him back reports on interviews with the Italian Ministers or any documents of interest which would help him to get a picture of the background of Civil Affairs Section generally.

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(e) Loss of Documents. Claudio Serni is an Italian who was arrested by the French and put into prison. Would all Heads of Sub-Commissions please check in their offices to see if the papers by accident had got attached to an incorrect file. The papers have been lost for approximately 10 days.

(f) Gabelli Institute. The VP stated that Col. Jackling reported that the authorities were very insistent in their requests not to give up that part of the institute they are now occupying but apparently they were not immediately asking to take over the remainder.

(g) Civilian Mess Committee. Three representatives have been asked for from the Civil Affairs Section. The VP felt that it would be better to get the views of the civilians as to who should be appointed to serve on this Committee. All Heads of Sub-Commissions please get their civilian employees to elect one member who will report to Col. Cripps' office on Thursday next at 1000 hrs. From these 9 elected civilians, 3 members will be chosen for the mess meeting.

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(i) Draft Directive. The Draft Directive on the withdrawal of officers from Southern Region, Sicily and Sardinia and the Directive of the CCS is temporarily held up. Until they are published, Sub-Commissions will make no change in their attitude towards the Italian Government although it is understood that all arrangements have been made for pulling out the officers in Southern Region, Sicily and Sardinia as on 1 Mar 45.

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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4 AMENDMENT TO MINUTES.

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PA to VP CA Section.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 79

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 2 Feb 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Tuesday, 30 Jan 45.

(a) Civilian Drivers. (2(b) Land Forces Sub-Commission have provided 40 Italian Army drivers but only one of them can drive a car. The rest will have to be trained as soon as possible by AC.

2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Change of Command. Maj. Gen. Susleparov, Russian Representative on the Allied Commission, is being replaced by Maj. Gen. A.P. Kislenko who speaks a little English. Maj. Gen. Susloparov will remain a member of the Advisory Council.

(b) Patriots. Land Forces Sub-Commission have now directed that patriots may be absorbed directly into the Italian Army. They are willing to recruit 500 per month.

(c) Italian Politics. It is reported that Allied officers **not** belonging to AC have been interfering in Italian politics. In fact, an Allied Officer took part in a Separatist movement in Sicily. The VP said he would like to bring to the attention of the Heads of Sub-Commissions who in their turn, would remind officers in their Sub-Commissions, that Allied officers must, in no circumstances interfere in Italian politics.

(d) Increase in Price of Bread and Pasta. The Italian Government are considering increasing the price of bread as the budget cannot stand the present subsidy.

(e) Total Amassi. The total amassi figures are 90% of the over-all target - in Sicily, 65%.

(f) Meals for AC Civilian Employees. The HQ Commandent hopes to start next week a three course meal each day for civilian personnel in AC building. The meal will cost 10 lire, including a glass of wine. Maj. Washburne enquired whether this included civilian drivers. Col. Cripps to find out from HQ Commandent.

(g) Reception Personnel. The method of receiving people in the hall is to be changed. The Usherettes will be accommodated in a room off the hall. When Sub-Commissions hold any special or large meetings the VP asked them to notify the information desk beforehand of the location and time of the meeting so as to facilitate the direction of

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(h) Motor Pool. The new motor pool has reduced the total consumption of petrol by 2,000 gallons in one month.

(i) Local Elections. The Chief Commissioner has directed CA Section to draft a letter for him to write and ask the Italian Government what their plans are with regard to local elections.

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(j) Liaison with 15th Army Group. A small G-5 Section will be set up with 15th Army Group Headquarters to advise them on CA matters. Col. Montford will be appointed Assistant Chief of Steff, G-5 and will amalgamate those duties with those of DCCAO.

3 U.N.R.R.A.

The Chief of Staff presided over a meeting at which were present Brig. Perkinson, the V.P., Mr. Cleveland, Col. Legg and Mr. Keeny. Mr. Keeny reported that they have 37 nurses and clerical staff working in Displaced Persons Camps. Col. Findley said they had some spare nurses who were lent to the American Army. UNRRA will probably start by distributing extra rations to mothers and children in Devestated Areas as soon as they get supplies.

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(c) Interviews with Intelligence Agencies. The VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to clear with Public Relations Office before giving interviews to Intelligence Agencies. The PRO will then be able to arrange to see the record of the interviews and to check on the distribution of reports, etc.

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(g) Sicilian Riots. Land Forces Sub-Commission have written an exceptionally good report on the happenings in Sicily.
A meeting is to be convened between Land Forces Sub-Commission, 3 District, Regional Commissioner Sicily, and Col. Chapman on 7 Feb. 45. In the meantime, the VP said there was no objection to showing the conclusions of the report to Gen. Orlando or any other member of the Italian Government. The report should now be re-classified "Confidential".

(h) Evacuation of Cesena Barracks. D.P. & R. Sub-Commission are to vacate Cesena Barracks on the 9th Feb 45. 42 trucks are being lent to the Sub-Commission for the move by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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(i) Trucks. 65 of the 1700 promised trucks have arrived as chassis without bodies. The remainder will arrive in various parts as deck cargo. Col. Cripps to ascertain if all 1700 are to be supplied to M.T. Companies or whether other Sections can put in a bid for a certain number of trucks.

(j) Mr. Antolini will be returning in about 10 day's time. He reports that Gen. O'Dwyer is now a civilian and Executive Director of the War Refugees Board.

(k) Repatriation of P.O.W. Specialists or Experts. G-5 has complained of a multiplicity of channels from AC in connection with requests for repatriation to this country and a draft directive on the above subject will be circulated to Sub-Commissions concerned. The VP reminded Sub-Commissions that it is the responsibility of the Directors of Sub-Commissions to check that the experts asked for are really what they pretend to be.

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The VP asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to consider this matter as urgent and to send to CA Section before Monday morning a revised list by numbers of personnel for the 3 Northern Regions. If anyone is already earmarked for Austria and they are now required for Northern Italy, the officer should be mentioned by name.. The VP required these lists for a meeting of the Man-Power Committee on Monday next.

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(e) D.P. & R. S/C. - Col. Findlay reported they are already under strength and that he must also apply for more officers.

(f) M.F.A.A. - Col. De Wald reported that they were rather short of officers and he would submit a revised allocation of officers.

(g) The VP repeated what he said at the last meeting about the British increase in ceiling. The Americans have demanded 220 officers as their ceiling and the Chief Commissioner will not permit more than 106 to be earmarked for Austria. The VP said that the people earmarked for Austria can be employed where required until they are wanted and the whole system of earmarking must be revised.

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(h) Col. Cripps said he was putting out a circular to Heads of Sub-Commissions, telling them at what time and where they will be required to attend Wednesday's meeting.

(i) The VP said he hoped Heads of Sub-Commissions were pressing the Italian Government to prepare suitable pools of officers for the North.

5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Brig. Parkinson enquired whether the COS's request that Heads of Sub-Commissions and their officers should visit every Regional Headquarters in the south within the next two months still held priority. Brig. Parkinson thought that with the snow-bound roads and the political and geographic situation having changed this should now be given second place. The VP agreed and said that the COS direction must be elastic.

(b) Col. Spicer said he had just returned from Sicily and felt that in comparison with the Palestine Revolt the use of the word "rebellion" in connection with Sicily was unfortunate.

(c) Maj. Washburne stated that Maj. Murphy reports that the Education in Naples is ready to be handed over. Should he inform the Ministry of Public Instruction before checking with Brig. Dunlop. The VP said he would discuss the matter with Brig. Dunlop when he came to Rome this weekend.

Meeting closed at 1710 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY, Jun. Cdr.,
PA to VP CA Section.

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CONFIDENTIAL

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFFS MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 78

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 30 Jan 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE COS MEETING

(a) Planning for North West Italy. A meeting on Planning for N.W. Italy was held at AFHQ yesterday at which were present the COS and Lt. Col. Craig. Maj. Drage reported that it has been tentatively agreed that one patriot officer shall be supplied to each Provincial Headquarters, and Regional Headquarters, involving 46 officers, who, it is understood will be supplied by AFHQ. Maj. Drage is submitting an appreciation to the VP for onward transmission to the COS.

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Col. Cripps will inform Sub-Commissions of the place and if there is any change of programme.

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Cleaners usherettes and other female employees will have to suffer the 15% cut in wages.

(e) New Liaison Officer. Brig. Gen. McKinny has been appointed Liaison Officer between AFHQ and AC Headquarters.

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 26 Jan 45.

(a) Air Travel. (4(j)). The VP said that Col. Findlay had had to pay 3,600 lire for an accredited member of one of his Missions to go by Air to Bari. A RAAC order has been published and it is understood that AC will also publish a directive as soon as clarification on several

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(a) Air Travel. (2(j)). The VP said that Col. Findley had had to pay 3,600 lire for an accredited member of one of his Missions to go by Air to Bari. A G4C order has been published and it is understood that AC will also publish a directive as soon as clarification on several points has been obtained. It is understood that a debit to the account of the Government (if on lease-lend privileges) will be made by all personnel except in the case of Italians. They will have to pay. Finance Sub-Commission is considering the question of setting up a fund for the Italian personnel which would ultimately be paid by the Italian Government. The VP said he would obtain a copy of the list of all countries on lease-lend privileges from Col. Dishon, AFHQ.

(b) Civilian Drivers. (2(g)). The Headquarters Commandant hopes to arrange for 40 Italian Army Drivers to be put at the disposal of AC Headquarters by Land Forces Sub-Commission. They would take all officers on trips outside Roma. This will facilitate the problem of civilian drivers, as Italian Army drivers will be supplied with their

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Czechoslovakian Red Cross. Public Health are submitting a Memorandum on the question of how the Czechoslovakian Red Cross Personnel are rationed, clothed, lodged, etc.

(e) CC.RR. Accommodation in Livorno. It appears that Brig. Gen. Oxx had agreed amicably with the Carabinieri with regard to the accommodation and it was a Public Safety Officer who did not approve. Col. Chapman to discuss with the VC.

(f) Administrative Memorandum No. 54. Administrative Memo. No. 54 is being amended.

(g) Austria Planning. The British Officer ceiling in AC has been raised to 250 on the understanding that AC will provide 100 officers for Austria. No British officers will be replaced from outside the Commission. If the ceiling is not up to the strength of 250, Austria will abate and not AC. With regard to the American officers, the subject is under consideration. Col. Findley said he could not carry on if he has no replacements. The VC will discuss the matter with Col. Jones on his return.

(h) Museum at Sorrento. Brig. Dunlop received a letter from the Zone Commissioner saying that he did not advise the de-requisitioning of the Museum at Sorrento. Brig. Dunlop is investigating the situation further.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Education. The VC asked Maj. Washburne if Education had been handed over in Naples and also if he was keeping the Italian Ministry informed of progress. Maj. Washburne said that he was.

(b) UNRRA. Brig. Perkinson said that he thought it was necessary for the Chief Commissioner to publish a directive as to how and where and when UNRRA was to take over. They have recently received 19 trucks from N. Africa (7 being road-worthy). They have started the feeding of children and the Brig. feels sure they will be overlapping with Mr. Myron Taylor or the Displaced Persons S/C before long. The VC said he would take the matter up with the C.C.

(c) Weekly Reports. Maj. Washburne enquired whether the weekly reports had to be merely interviews with the Italian Government or whether a more general report was required. The VC stated that during the time of Lord Stansgate only interviews with the Italian Government were required. The report had been expanding lately and now matters of interest for AFHQ and Public Relations Branch and Regional Commissioners should be included as the reports were used as a basis for the weekly Sitrep to AFHQ and also for the DO letters to Regional Commissioners.

Meeting closed at 1600 hrs.

J.C. Harvey

J.C. HARVEY, Lt/Cdr.,
CA to VC CA Section.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 77

The meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 26 Jan 45.

1 The VP introduced Lt. Col. VOR who has been assigned to Devastated Areas Branch.

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, Held Tuesday, 23 Jan 45.

(a) Regina Coeli Prison (1(e)) Col. Behrens reported that orders had been issued to the Italian Government to requisition two topolino but as yet no action had been taken.

(b) Manpower. (3(b)). The Chief of Staff has directed Establishment Section to prepare a memorandum on this matter.

(c) Patriots Camp at Florence. (3(d)). Col. Fothergill stated that it was very inconvenient for Capt. Nash to go to the Patriots Camp at Florence at the present time. The matter was left in abeyance. Lt. Col. Craig said that there were two officers at the Camp and the VP thought that two officers should be sufficient to get the Camp on a better footing.

(d) Correspondence with Government Officials in AMG Territory. (3(j)) This matter was discussed at this morning's COS meeting and the views of this Section put before the COS. As a result the policy of this Section will remain as at present. Communications Sub-Commission may send certain communications direct but Col. Henderson is to get the views of all Regional Commissioners on this.

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(f) Interpreters. (4(d)). Col. Cripps said that as a result of an interview with Headquarters Commandant it appears that it is unnecessary for clerks to leave their offices before 1730 hrs as no car to take them home leaves before 1745 hrs.
If it is necessary for Sub-Commissions to keep interpreters or clerks late, transport to take them home can be arranged with the Dispatch Office who will leave instructions with the Night Duty Officer that the Duty Car may be used for this purpose.

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(h) Requisitioning of Schools. (4(c)). Maj. Washburne reported that he had investigated the article in the "Daily Digest of Rome Press" and it appeared that it was an Italian Unit which was proposing to requisition a school in Laterano. This building is not being used and is in a very dirty condition but it is proposed that the Allies requisition this building in place of one of those to be de-requisitioned.

3 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(a) Medical Supplies. There is no improvement in the distribution of medical supplies. The VP and Brig. Parkinson had seen H E Solimano and insisted that there be an improvement immediately but so far nothing had happened. There have been 93 tons of supplies in Toscana awaiting distribution since before Christmas and the reason for the non-distribution was said to be because Prefects have not paid for them. Orders have been issued for them to be distributed. Rome promised to start distribution today.

(b) UNRRA 37 personnel of UNRRA, including doctors, nurses, and administrative staff are now working in Southern Camps. It is hoped to withdraw all AC officers from these camps by 1 Apr 45. Public Health and Displaced Persons to keep in close touch in order that Medical Officers can gradually be withdrawn.

(c) Pisa University. The Veterinary and Medical School buildings of Pisa University have now been de-requisitioned.

(d) Protected Monuments. The VP stated that AMG Memorandum No. 54 is now being amended as requested.

(e) Riot in Serdinia. During a minor riot in Cagoiari on the 17 and 18 of January 1945 against the call-up, one carabinieri was killed and 11 injured.

(f) Recruitment of Patriots. Gen. Browning had reported increased recruitment in the north. The VP thought that the new provisions as regards clothing, rations and hospitalisation might have contributed to this.

(g) Lazio-Umbria Region Lt. Col. Amos, Acting Regional Commissioner for Lazio-Umbria Region and Lt. Col. Rhodes, Dep. Director, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, are both leaving the Commission to take up other appointments.

(h) Tyres for Italian Agencies. There are now 2,000 tyres available for distribution for Italian Agencies and for which we can bid. Transportation Sub-Commission have received bids for 70,000 tyres but the VP thought that if bids were made by Sub-Commission

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(i) Carabinieri Strength. A cable has been sent by AFHQ to this Headquarters limiting the ceiling of Carabinieri to 55,000. This is an interim decision while the matter is being considered by AFHQ.

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4 POINTS FROM THE COS MEETING.

(a) Food Situation. Imports for the month of February will be 106,000 tons of food and it is being recommended that the basic ration be increased to 300 grams, made up by 200 grams of bread and 80 grams paste - the probable date of this ration going into force being 15 Feb 45. The continuance of this ration will depend on future shipments but in any case it is hoped that the minimum ration will be 200 grams bread and 40 grams paste - the ration of paste will fluctuate between 40 and 80 grams.

(b) Enlistments of Patriots in the Italian Army. Two officers are going to France to investigate how the French Maquis were absorbed into the French Army to assist in formulating policy to be adopted in recruiting patriot bands into the Italian Army.

(c) Collection of money and old clothes. Col. Andrews had suggested and it was approved, that an appeal should be sent out by the Chief Commissioner for donations for devastated areas, to be sent to Prince Doria's Committee in Rome.

(d) Archives of AC. It has been reported that the work of the Archives Section has come to a standstill as materiel is not being sent in from Sub-Commissions. The VP pointed out the necessity for documents being sent to the Archives Section as shortly the History of AC will be written. It has been suggested that files up to 30 Jun 44 can be handed over to the Archives Section.

(e) Signals Communications. Col. Henderson raised the point about the difficulty of sending signals to Provincial Commissioners. There are too many signals going out and as the majority of them are to AFHQ the VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to exercise their discretion in sending routine signals "SIS". These would go by the Daily Courier Service and reach their destination at the latest by next day.

(f) Caserta Barracks. Land Forces Sub-Commission have ordered that the Caserta Barracks be cleared of refugees by 1 Feb 45. Col. Fothergill stated that no warning had been given. He had seen the accommodation offered in lieu and it was quite hopeless.

(g) War Office. The General Staff of SHAEF is now under one of the Secretaries of State for War.

(h) Staff Duties. Col. Cripps asked all Sub-Commissions to pay particular attention to the date, addressees, address and distribution of all communications, as several items had got into the wrong hands just recently. The VP added that where any communication was addressed to a military HQ relative to a particular matter it should be automatic to send a copy of the letter to the Regional Commissioner concerned.

(i) VP's visit. The VP stated that he was going to Caserta tomorrow and amongst other things would raise the questions of Carabinieri strength, Austria Planning, War Crimes, Livorno requisitioning, photographic materials, Administrative Memorandum No. 54, Regina Coeli Prison and asked if Sub-Commissions had any points they wished discussed.

(j) Air Passages for Accredited Military Missions. As a result of a conference at AFHQ it appears that members of accredited Military Missions have to pay for air passages. No orders have yet been issued to this effect. The A/Adj. had attended this conference. This matter will also be raised by the VP during his visit to Caserta.

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5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) M.T. Vehicles. Col. Behrens reported that Transportation Sub-Commission had sent Legal Sub-Commission contracts to be prepared for the sale or hiring of MT vehicles.

(b) Paris Green. 100 tons of Paris Green have been provided for the coming malarial season.

(c) Communal and Provincial Employees. Maj. Temple brought attention to the comment in Regional Report to the effect that the Royal Decree increasing salaries of communal and provincial employees was not carried out in ANG Territory and suggested that it be brought to the attention of Labour and Finance Sub-Commissions. The VF asked him to prepare a memorandum on the matter.

L. BEADOCK, Lt., R.A.,
CA Section.

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MEMORY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 76

Meeting opened at 1606 hrs on Tuesday 23 Jan 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Tuesday 16 Jan 45

(a) Regina Coeli Prison 1(c) Col. PERRENo reported that the question of requisitioning two Topolino by the Italian Govt is still under discussion.

(b) Accommodation 1 (d) The HQ Commandant is looking for another Hotel. There may be changes in the administration of the Flora and one or two senior officers may be billetted there to give weight to the Mess Committee and general running of the Hotel.

(c) Appreciation of Situation in N.W. Italy 3. The appreciation of the situation has now been distributed and the V.P. would like all Sub-Commissions to get on with their plans as quickly as possible. The V.P. understood that a Committee composed of Col. M.PERRIL and Col. PERSEY is sending out a questionnaire based on headings from Col. GRIFFS appreciation.

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2 POINTS FROM A.C. MEETING :

(a) Naval S/C - Cmdr. Warner has replaced Cmdr. I.A. Palmer as Deputy Chief of Naval Sub-Commission.

(b) Austria Planning. - A document dated 18th Jan has been received from AFHQ giving lists of Officers earmarked for Austria. The V.P. thought there were one or two inaccuracies in this document e.g. as to Legal Officers; also Officers of Public Safety will require alteration. Although there is no immediate hurry the V.P. thought it advisable to present an amendment as soon as possible and asked Sub-Commissions to ponder any amendments they may have by the end of the week. Amended lists will be issued by G-5 AFHQ once a month.
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3 POINTS FROM COS MEETING :

(a) UNRRA.
The COS have laid down that UNRRA will not go into ENEMY Territory. All questions of transport etc will be referred to the Liaison Officer, Maj. ROE c/o Economic Sec.

(b) Manpower.
Displaced Persons S/C are now down to establishment in Officers but they are looking round for replacements for those booked for Austria.
After discussion as to whether Officers who go to Austria will be replaced the V.P. said that Officers will go presumably subject to the requirements of this theatre.
As regards American officers no replacements will be made.
The V.P. will make further enquiries on this matter.

(c) Transport
AFHQ have said that AC cannot requisition civilian cars. The C.C. has written a letter to the Supreme Allied Commander pointing out that AC must have

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authority to requisition more especially in the forward areas.

(a) COS visit to Tripoli Region. - The COS said that on the whole things are going well in Tripoli Region. He was not too pleased with progress at the refugee camp at Florence and thought that Brig. [illegible] might be sent there for a time to improve matters.

(b) Food situation in Livorno. - The food problem in Livorno is acute and the people are very hungry. To add to the difficulties the place is full of troops and purchasing officers are buying up all local resources. Attempts are being made to set up soup kitchens etc.

(c) Female Employees.- The question of the 15% cut in wages for female employees was raised at COS meeting this morning and Economic Section are making enquiries as to on what basis the decision the cut was made.

(d) Showing of secret signals to the Italian Govt. - With regard to para 2(a) of Minutes of Meeting held 12 Jan 45 the V.P. said that "CONFIDENTIAL" and "RESTRICTED" messages will be left to the discretion of Heads of Sub-Commissions, but "SECRET" ones should be shown to F.A. for approval before being shown to Italian Govt officials.

(e) .../President's Tour. - The .../President is going to Greece for 4 or 5 days. He will continue his interviews with Heads of Sub-Commissions on his return.

(f) Italian Press Conferences. - ...s a result of the invitation to the Italian Press to attend press conferences a long list of pertinent questions had been received by Economic Section. The V... said that Sub-Commissions were not bound to answer any questionnaire and stated that if interviews are held with the Press it is to be on condition that Heads of Sub-Commissions see a draft of the proposed articles and that it be approved by PRO. Major [illegible] pointed out that Allied Region make a point of only giving accomplished facts to the Press and say nothing as to plans etc. It might be a good policy to adopt. The V... agreed.

(g) Correspondence with Govt Officials in the Territory. - Col. ROBINSON had suggested that as there was a postal service to all Provinces certain communications of a routine character might go direct thus saving time and trouble in passing them through AC. The matter was discussed at some length and with the exception of Public Safety all Sub-Commns thought the present procedure more desirable. The V.P. will inform the COS of the views of the meeting. Major Temple said that many communications were passed to Interior which did not concern them in the slightest and that in the future they proposed passing them on to the Sub-Commission concerned.

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4 POINTS FROM FINANCIAL OFFICER

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

(a) Coal for Hospitals. - Brig. ..ERSON reported that he had taken up with Economic Section the question of coal for hospitals. It appeared that there was supplies available - the difficulty is transportation.

(b) Diet Trucks for 5 Army - As regards the 3 diet trucks for 5 Army Brig. ..ERSON said that arrangements to complete the 5 Army are awaiting delivery.

(c) Requisition of Schools. - Maj. ..SHBOURNE is to investigate the statement in Daily Digest of News that another school in Pa.. has been requisitioned.

(d) Interpreters. - Major TEMPLE asked if arrangements could be made for an early [illegible] service of interpreters. Col CRITTS will take this matter up with the HQ Commander.

(e) Disturbances. - Col. CHAPMAN reported a number of disturbances during the week including one in Cerdinia.

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During the week [illegible] Carabinieri rounded up the [illegible]beck (Goebbs) gang in Rome.

(f) Girl Guides in Italy -
Major. WARBURTON reported that the Girl Scouts of America had appropriated $ 1000 to assist the starting up of the Girl Guide Movement in Italy.

(g) Italian Drivers Rations -
Brig. HARRISON produced two 12 oz. tins of spam and a packet of biscuits which cost the driver 44 lire and were his rations for 4 days.
Col. CRIPPS to investigate with HQ Commandant.

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

L. PEACOCK Lt RA
for VP CA Section

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 75

Meeting opned at 1607 hrs on Tuesday 16 Jan 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held Friday, 12 Jan 45.

(a) Work of Italian Courts. (2(a)). An amended reply on the lines desired by C.C.S. has been prepared by the Legal Sub-Commission.

(b) Situation in Sicily (2(c)). The situation in Sicily now appears to be quiet and normal. No further Sitreps have been received.

(c) Regina Coeli Prison (2(d)). The VP reported that Mr. Osbourne, Col. Chapman and the VP visited the prison today. Capt. Freeman stated that two topolino for the process servers would ease the situation and enable the cases to be dealt with expeditiously. The VP asked Col. Campbell to check with Col. Behrens, as he had already informed the latter that it was up to the Italian authorities to requisition these vehicles.

(d) Accommodation (3(e)). The VP said that the situation at the Flora was under consideration.

(e) Office Accommodation. (3(e)). The VP has been directed by the COS to visit all offices with the Headquarters Commandant tomorrow, Wednesday. The VP hopes to start his visit with Local Government at 0900 hrs.

(f) Olive Oil Amassing. (3(h)) Through an oversight no real co-ordination has been achieved between Economic Section, Legal and Public Safety Sub-Commissions as to the duties of Allied Officers. Lt. Col. Grossman is at the moment working on a Memorandum stating that Allied Officers are only to help the Italian Government in an advisory capacity.
R.C., Southern Region has issued an order saying that Allied Officers will be in command of train searching and road block searching. This order is incorrect and will have to be cancelled.

(g) Dye for Patriot Clothing. (5(a)). A dye has been found for patriot clothing and it will now be a dark brown.

(h) Text-Books. (5(d)). Education is working on the completion of lists of text-books.

2 POINTS FROM COS MEETING.

(a) Seditious Article in " I'Partigiani". An article appeared in " I'Partigiani" stating that patriots were not prepared to join the Italian Army or even assist the Allied Armies. The Chief Commissioner

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(b) Situation in Sicily (2(c)). The situation in Sicily now appears to be quiet and normal. No further Sitreps have been received.

(c) Regina Coeli Prison (2(d)). The VP reported that Mr. Osbourne, Col. Chapman and the VP visited the prison today. Capt. Freeman stated that two topolino for the process servers would ease the situation and enable the cases to be dealt with expeditiously. The VP asked Col. Campbell to check with Col. Behrens, as he had already informed the latter that it was up to the Italian authorities to requisition these vehicles.

(d) Accommodation (3(a)). The VP said that the situation at the Flora was under consideration.

(e) Office Accommodation. (3(a)). The VP has been directed by the COS to visit all offices with the Headquarters Commandant tomorrow, Wednesday. The VP hopes to start his visit with Local Government at 0900 hrs.

(f) Olive Oil Amassing. (3(h)) Through an oversight no real co-ordination has been achieved between Economic Section, Legal and Public Safety Sub-Commissions as to the duties of Allied Officers. Lt. Col. Crossman is at the moment working on a Memorandum stating that Allied Officers are only to help the Italian Government in an advisory capacity.
R.C., Southern Region has issued an order saying that Allied Officers will be in command of train searching and road block searching. This order is incorrect and will have to be cancelled.

(g) Dye for Patriot Clothing. (5(a)). A dye has been found for patriot clothing and it will now be a dark brown.

(h) Text-Books. (5(d)). Education is working on the completion of lists of text-books.

2 POINTS FROM COS MEETING.

(a) Seditious Article in " L'Partidani". An article appeared in " L'Partidani" stating that patriots were not prepared to join the Italian Army or even assist the Allied Armies. The Chief Commissioner is considering whether any action should be taken to suppress the paper.

(b) COS's Tour
(i) The COS is going on tour tomorrow, chiefly visiting 5 Army and Toscana Region. The VP asked the meeting to give him let once any points they would like the COS to take up while he is away.
(ii) Owing to the absence of the COS on Friday there will be no COS meeting, so the Sub-Commissions' meeting scheduled for Friday, 19 Jan 45 will be postponed until Tuesday 23 Jan 45 unless Heads of Sub-Commissions are notified otherwise.

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(iii) The COS would like all Directors and Deputy Directors (preferably not together) to visit, within the next two months, every Regional Headquarters in Italy. This need not necessarily include Sicily and Sardinia.

(c) Basic News. The VP has put in a very strong plea that Basic News or a similar paper should be continued. PWB no longer distributes the news; it is left to agencies who are not permitted to operate in Italy to sell news to the newspapers. This gives rise to obvious difficulties in continuing the Basic News but the P.W.B. has been instructed to see what can be done.

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3 GENERAL

Appreciation of Situation in N.W. Italy. The appreciation is now ready and will be sent to Sub-Commissions.

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL BRIEFS.

(a) Col. Chapman said that he had seen Maj. Crawford today in regard to the Olive Oil Amassing and they had decided that Public Safety had no place in the organisation of the amassing except in the control of the police.

(b) Newspaper articles. An article has recently appeared in "Republicana" (a very representative newspaper) attacking the Air Ministry. It is, Col. Chapman understands, under investigation.

(c) Col. Findley reported that the Bishop of Cortona has offered a very large, clean house for accommodating 1,000 refugees.

The meeting closed at 1631 hrs.

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DAILY DIARY OF STAFFS MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 74

Meeting opened at 1602 hrs on Friday, 12 Jan 45.

1 The VP introduced Lord Gonester who is planning for Austria and has come to AC to study its methods and the improvements made since Tizi-Ouzou days.

2 Points from the last Meeting, held Tuesday 9 Jan 45.

(a) Work of Italian Courts. Col. Behrens stated that the Legal Sub-Commission has had no reply from Southern Region with regard to the working of Italian Courts in that area.

(b) Priorities Board. The Priorities Board is holding its first meeting on Saturday, 13 Jan 45 and they hope to consider some of the bids as well as their own office procedure. Col. Crippa asked all Sub-Commissions to put in their claims to Priorities Board, sending him a copy of their demands. The chief Sub-Commissions involved are Public Health, Displaced Persons and Public Safety.

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3 Points from the COS Meeting.

(a) Equality between Provinces. A memorandum is being prepared by the Chief Commissioner on the question of equality between Provinces. It appears that certain officers have the idea that when they are moved from Allied Military Government territory to Italian Government territory that they have been demoted. There is no question of demotion.

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(b) Sharing of Secret Signals to the Italian Government. The COS have ruled that there is no objection to the appropriate Italian Government and Embassy officials being informed of the contents of Secret signals in proper cases. Discretion must be used by the Heads of Sub-Commissions as to which signals should be read. No copies should be given.

The question as to whether Allied censorship (for our own information in finding the underlying reason for the Reggio revolt) should be re-introduced in Sicily had been suggested. No decision had been made.

(c) The Ministry of Occupied Italy. The Chief Commissioner has not approved the draft decree and is writing to the Supreme Allied Commander, pointing out his objections. It is to be suggested to the Italian Government that it be more of a planning Ministry for the time being.

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(c) Relationships with the Vatican. Col. Te Wate said that his Sub-Commission were constantly trying to improve their relationships with the Vatican and enlist their co-operation.

(d) 1st Reduction for Women Employees. Maj. Trehburn said that Col. Ammerman cannot find anything in Italian law about the 1st reduction for women's pay. Labour C/C. t Spheere, can give no answer to information. W is submitting a memorandum.

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The Meeting closed at 1550 hrs.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 73

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 9 Jan 45.

1 Points from the COS Meeting.

(a) Col. Cripps reported that all the special reports asked for for the Acting President had been received.

(b) Military Zones. A scheme had been drawn up and submitted to AFHQ for approval together with a draft Order so that if an emergency should arise, the necessary orders and instructions for declaring a Military Zone should be immediately available.

(c) HQ, Southern Region were being reorganised on lines parallel to this Headquarters, with Civil Affairs and Economic sides.

(d) Arising out of the inability of civil servants to live on their present salaries there was a fear of a general strike of the civil servants occurring in Bari. A deputation from Bari was coming to Rome to discuss the position with the Italian Government and with AC. Col. Cripps to circulate Brig. Dunlop's Memorandum on the subject.

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(f) It was reported from MTOUSA that American promotions are being unfrozen. Some promotions of those already recommended might be expected within two days and the remainder within 10 days.

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(l) Olive Oil Amassing. The Italian Government was proposing to stop and search trains but it was understood that AC Officers would not be used for this purpose. The Executive side will be carried out by Italians. AC officers would organise, stimulate and control.

(m) UNRRA Directive and draft GRO had been approved and was being despatched to AFHQ.

(n) The Italian Government has renewed relations with China.

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(c) There is a distinctly greve situation in Sicily near Reguse - 200 rioters had blown up bridges, cut communications and attacked the CC.RR. General Ronce was in command and had at his disposal 9,000 CC.RR. and 10,000 Troops. There was no reason to suppose that he could not deal with the situation.

(d) Land Forces Sub-Commission had asked for the repatriation of 31,000 technicen POWs to complete requirements for the reorganised Italian Army.

2. GENERAL

(a) A special film of Devestated Areas, which had been taken by the Italian Government, was to be shown at the PTB building at 1800 hrs. on 10 Jan 45. The film was good and S/Cs were advised to see it.

(b) It was undesirable for S/Cs to arrange conferences away from Headquarters. Doing so necessitated leaving their offices without sufficient steff and removal of papers necessary at Headquarters.

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(h) There was no truth in the allegation in regard to the use of burial blankets for Devastated Areas. The VP would mention the matter to Prince Doria who had been informed that the matter had been proposed and then apparently had, quite unjustifiably, assumed that it was authorised, whereas that was not the case.

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 72

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday 6 Jan 45.

1. Points from the Chief Commissioner's Meeting.

(a) Press Conference. At a Press Conference held by the President it was the general complaint that it was impossible to get elementary medical supplies such as aspirin or cotton-wool. They were unprocurable in chemists shops and very little was reaching clinics. The VP asked Brig. Parkinson to write a report on the following two questions:
(i) if these commodities have been brought to Italy, and if so
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Col. Fothergill said he would like to suggest that the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission should remain on the second floor or as low as possible owing to the number of visitors they have during the day.

(b) CLN in 8th Army Area. Wing Commander Beer stated that the attitude of the CLN had changed on the formation of the new Bonomi Government, possibly owing to Bonomi's announcement that the CLN was to be recognised.

Communists were now holding meetings but their premises were raided. This had not seemed to matter much as they simply changed their place of meeting. They were contesting wage rates in army areas and in fact, there was a general feeling of an underground political movement and a general stiffening of resistance of all left elements to AMG.

Collection of arms and shotguns was a farce and had become even more difficult recently.

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(e) Olive Oil Amassing. The Chief Commissioner had directed that AC should help the Italian Government with the amassing of oil, rather on the same lines as AC helped the harvesting. It was felt that 60 Officers and 60 EM/ORs would be sufficient. They were being lent from Venezia Region and there was to be no publicity or press. A plan would have to be drawn up whereby the position of the Allied officer was safeguarded, also to ensure the fullest co-operation was forthcoming from the Italians. Legal and Public Safety would be consulted in the formation of the plan.

3 Points from the last meeting, held on Wednesday, 3 Jan 45.

(a) Planning for North West Italy. Col. Cripps said he was proposing to prepare an appreciation of the situation. Sub-Commissions would then put forward their plans which would be included in the form of an Appendix.

(b) The VP then asked the meeting what were their views on the three alternatives set out in para 4 (e) of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

(i) Brig. Parkinson said that in his opinion one Region would be too large; it would mean that his officers were out all the time, though from a co-ordination point of view and from the administrative side, one Headquarters might be better.

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(vi) Displaced Persons and Repatriation - Lt. Col. Fothergill thought it would probably be better and would facilitate the movement of refugees if there were two large Regions in the North instead of four.

(vii) Education - Simplification of Administration if it was one Region. It would generally mean a saving of personnel but travelling inspectors would be necessary.

(viii) Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives - Simplification of Administration if one Region. Lt. Col. De Wald said MFAA always worked

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(vi) Displaced Persons and Repatriation - Lt. Col. Fothergill thought it would probably be better and would facilitate the movement of refugees if there were two large Regions in the North instead of four.

(vii) Education - Simplification of Administration if it was one Region. It would generally mean a saving of personnel but travelling inspectors would be necessary.

(viii) Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives - Simplification of Administration if one Region. Lt. Col. De Wald said MFAA always worked in small units whatever the size of the Region. One Region would facilitate the obtaining of supplies and materials.

(ix) Col. Cripps said that as there would be one military district - No. 2 District - it would be easier for them to deal with one Headquarters instead of 3.

Lt. Col. White said that if one Region was to be adopted then it would only be workable if there were travelling inspectors with special powers, to travel on behalf of the different sections. Capt. Temple said it would be dangerous to allocate sections to the different travelling officers as it would get back to the three Regions again.

Maj. Dollard said that one Region might mean a loss of individuality in treatmt of Italians and therefore it was not, perhaps, advisable.

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Lt. Col. Crossman said it presented a series of personality questions such as the need for a very good man as Regional Commissioner. Also Provincial Commissioners, as much more responsibility would be on their shoulders.

The VP said that the feeling of the meeting had swung from one side to the other; that there were certain advantages in both ideas but he felt that really, all Sub-Commissions could work under either suggestion. The Economic Section's views were very much more important.

5 Points from Individual Officers.

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Meeting opened at 1615 hrs on Thursday, 3 Jan 46.

1 The following matters were discussed:

a) Lt Colonel [illegible] Lt Colonel [illegible] Section, [illegible] Italian section, [illegible] Italian section, [illegible] Italian

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b) Addressing of Envelopes. - Instructions with regard to the addressing of envelopes to ... [illegible] ... were to all Sub-Commissions.

c) Liaison with Naval Unit. - The Vice Consul will remain at Sub-Commissions to inform him 3 days before when they intended to go out, so that he will have time for ... [illegible] ... duty.

d) Records with Unit. - The Vice Consul, Assistant, to get a list from Lt. Col. Brown-Sims of the records which have to be destroyed when the Unit moves to its permanent work at Rome. The Unit should have a 24 hours supply of electricity.

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION & DECISION.

a) Col. Silver implied at the 1200,000 Gen. Alexander's certificates to attack should be corrected from Field Marshal Alexander's to G.O.C., as should Field Marshal Alexander's name be blacked out entirely and the Commander's name substituted. The C.C. said he would like to have the matter after the meeting.

b) Maj. Richmond stated that he would like to report that all Requesting Officers were to view Wednesday, Thursday, for the Evacuation Conference in Florence. Only names to be put on Monday. The C.C. said that he would not agree with this and that one officer must remain in the Sub-Commissions Office.

c) Col. Graham said that he would like to inform the meeting that all Military Travel Authorities (T.A.) for all personnel moving in Italy to go through Public Safety Officers in the 8-2, AFHQ, had agreed to this and are putting out an amendment to their previous order.

d) Col. Chapman said that he would like to report that a number of vehicle checks had been instituted in Rome and that all drivers should be instructed to stop when ordered to do so by uniformed police or M.P. Sinclair. The C.C. asked Col. Chapman to check that Rome are putting this order out in their Orders as that it can be referred in A.G. Orders.

e) Col. Cripps said that Col. Ingleson had just telephoned to say that the Sitrep in Florence will be taking place in Secondary - Dr.000 in Sec. and 11,000 in Merch. An official letter will be sent later. Col. Chapman to warn Public Safety Officer in Florence of this.

The meeting closed at 1710 hours.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 70

The meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday 29 Dec 44.

1 Points from last meeting, held Tuesday, 26 Dec 44.

(a) Prison Rations. (1(b)). The Chief Commissioner has decided that Regina Coeli Prison and other prisons in Rome only are to stay on the 500 gram ration. (Number of prisons in Rome to be checked by Public Safety. The VP thought there were only 2.)

(b) Naval Deserters. (1(c)). Col. Behrens reported that it was decided at a meeting held today, that the naval deserters in question are not to be tried by AMG courts.

(c) Cars. (4(c)). 1 car for Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Sub-Commission will be allocated when all other cars are allocated.

2 Points from the Chief Commissioner's Meeting.

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3 Points from the Chief of Staff's Meeting.

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(c) Regional Commissioners. There will probably be a Regional Commissioners meeting early in January.

(d) Group Capt. Benson reported that he had found 6 Ambulances for 8 Army and he hopes to get 24. An Italian Committee has offered 5 Ambulances with staff and drivers which the VC felt should be offered to 5 Army.

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(e) Establishment. Section reported that Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission have had four cars stolen and have had several accidents. Col. Findlay said he would like to contest this statement.

(f) Establishment Section reported that in conjunction with RAAC they have secret military police in Rome stopping taxis doing journeys with civilians. This is to try and alleviate AC taxis taking fares from civilians.

(g) Brig. Dunlop thought he might be asked to interview the King at Sorento but both political advisers thought this undesirable.

4 General.

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(e) Complaints about Staff Work. The COS has complained about the general staff work of AC. The VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to impress on the staff responsible the necessity of keeping up a good and correct standard of staff duties.

5 Points from Officers.

(a) Col. Craig said the Devastated Area problem seemed to be going satisfactorily.

(b) Col. Spicer reported that the Patriots recruiting Agencies had been much more successful lately since the patriots had been having better food, clothing and treatment. Where before they got 6 - 7 they are now averaging up to 200 recruits.

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(c) Col. Spicer said he also had many enquiries why he did not collect clothing from among civilians for patriots. The VP said he felt that patriots should not rely on the generosity of the inhabitants; that this should be the work of the Italian Red Cross for Devastated Areas and refugees. The Army should be responsible for clothing patriots. The VP said Patriots Branch should take up the question with Land Forces Sub-Commission now that a new telegram had arrived from AFHQ giving authority for clothing for patriots.

(d) Brig. Perkinson said that Mr. Myron Taylor had been asked to clothe dock labourers but really his Committee was only for the relief and welfare of the poor and not dock labourers. The VP agreed.

(e) Col. Findlay enquired when the priorities of the allocation of dumped clothing would be decided. The VP said that at the moment War Materials Disposal and Commerce Sub-Commission both thought they ought to control salvaged clothing. When the issue has been decided, a Salvage Priorities Committee under the presidency of the VP will be appointed with representatives from CA Section, Land Forces Sub-Commission, etc., to determine priorities. This Committee should be appointed in a day or so.

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The meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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J.C. HARVEY, J/Cdr.,
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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 48

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Meeting opened at 1405 hrs on Tuesday, 26 Dec 44.

The A/VP, Brig. Perkinson, was in the Chair.

1 Points from last meeting, held Tuesday, 19 Dec 44.

(a) Signing of Documents "By Command of the Chief Commissioner". The A/VP reported that this matter was again discussed at this morning's COS Meeting. All matters of policy are matters of importance. Which go up to Superior Authority must be signed "By Command of the Chief Commissioner". After discussion as to the meaning of "matters of policy" and "matters of importance" Col. Cripps said he would take the Section's own instructions down to the COS Officer to be checked.

2 Points from CC's Meeting.

(a) It is proposed to give more freedom to the Press with regard to getting its news from PWB but this will not come into effect until after 15 Jan 45. There is some opposition to this. Gen. Alexander had stated that he wanted more freedom of the Press and everything should be done to enable this as soon as possible.

Interviews to be granted to Italian Press will be carried out in Sections. They are to be referred to the VP of the Section concerned and he will decide whether any Sub-Commission should be interviewed or not - his decision to be final. Public Relations are drawing up a directive for the guidance of Heads of Sections as to what information can be disclosed.

Col. Spicer stated that he had considerable experience in these matters and he thought it dangerous - words are hopelessly misconstrued. The question of the Press submitting drafts of articles to the Section concerned was discussed and the A/VP said he would ask the VP to raise same at the next COS meeting.

(b) Prison Rations. The A/VP reported that the CC was very adverse to the putting of the prison ration in Rome.

Col. Chapman reported that instructions had gone out for the cutting of the ration, but it would not be effective until 1 Jan 45. He thought that if we cut the ration we should have one disturbance in Rome - if we do not cut the ration we shall have disturbances in many other prisons.

3 Points from COS Meeting.

(a) Radio Telephones are coming into effect at an early date but at

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(e) Radio Telephone. Two combat line officers in Army Area Headquarters will duty be used by CA., CCS and DCOSs.

(f) Unclassified mockups. Unclassified mockups in Room are available for [illegible]. No drafts have been made [illegible].

(g) Secret Documents. Three row of Secret Importance [illegible] brought to [illegible]. CSA. Secretaries stated that could be carried by certain Army Courts and could [illegible] for months. But we could not [illegible].

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Subject from CCS [illegible].

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Col. Other people than in Vietnam [illegible] [illegible] in those matters and [illegible] Joint Staff [illegible] of [illegible] to the Civilian Information and [illegible] can the A/Ms also be [illegible] [illegible] appropriate [illegible] to [illegible] DOS [illegible].

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(f) Black Market. It was announced that the Black Market Control Section in Lecce Region will not now come under the control of Public Safety Sub-Commission.

(g) Riot in Sicily. The COS was apprised of the riot in Sicily. It was pointed out that the cause of the riot appeared to be the short notice of the call-up.

(h) Casualties from Allied Army in Rome. There is now an average of 15 casualties a day in Rome caused by Allied Armies. This might be due to firing too fast or possibly to the carelessness and jaywalking of pedestrians.

Lt. Col. Dollard thought that the black out lights used by some trucks might contribute to the number of accidents.

A letter is to be sent to Rome Area on the subject.

4 Calabria. Col. Charnock said he had received a report on the Calabria disturbances. The Carabinieri had locked themselves in the stations and refused to come out. The Fire Service had refused to turn out as they were afraid of bombs.

Col. Crisps has been asked by the COS to prepare a telegram for AFHQ with a forecast to this disturbance.

5 Lt. Col. Fairfield said he was much concerned as to what should be done with communications in Italian which had to be forwarded. Col. Spicer reported that approx. 20 such documents per day passed through his Section. It was agreed that this matter be taken up at the next SCS meeting.

6 Requisitioned Commerce. Lt. Col. Crisp reported that matters have been increased in requisitioned areas. U.S. commercial have delivered goods and distribution will be completed by Christmas.

7 Patriots. Col. Spicer reported that there are now 1,300 Patriots on our hands from the 5th Army Front. There are no Patriots from 8th Army Front as they are still operating in the Revenue Area.

8 Syndico of Naples. Col. Spicer reported that the position of Syndico of Naples is not a complete deadlock. Col. Dollard stated he is "in the hands of his party" and will make no move in writing or otherwise to withdraw his candidacy for the post.

9 Japan. Col. Crisp reported it is proposed to make a suggestion that a public statement be made to the effect that Italy is not expected to take part in the Japanese War. This might help recruitment.

Meeting closed at 1630 hrs.

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DEPT. CHIEF OF STATE'S MEETING
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No. 63

Meeting opened at 1610 hrs on Tuesday, 19 Dec 46.

Pres A/Ys, Brit, Switzerland, Mex in the Chair.

Points from last meeting, Italy, Trieste, Ll.

(a) Lt. Col. Mitre said he would like to point out that having read the memorandum on Yugoslavia he had changed his strongly opposed attitude. He said that the Chief of Military Intelligence and those who knew what the Italian Government wanted to see in Italy would like to point out that Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania were not democratic countries and that the Hungarian Government was trying to establish a one party dictatorship.

Public Communications
Disputed Territories
Trieste Provincial Administrative
Those counsils of the Corporate State are satisfactory but they have failed to function properly in many areas. The most important of these is the Italian Press.

(b) Regulations. All regulations of Government should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner for reference to the Italian Press.

It was suggested at the COS meeting that Interviews might be given to the Italian Press with Heads of Departments of Sub-Commissions. It was felt that the position of AC should be clarified on the Neutrality Bureau Italian Chiefs should refer questions on the Neutrality Bureau to the Chief Commissioner for reference to the Italian Press.

(c) Press The A/Ys felt that the Press criticisms seemed out of proportion in Italy. Clarents's decline today - "Hands off Greece" seemed unnecessary. He said that Public Relations had pointed out that the Press was probably due to two things:

(1) Italian Press not knowing much about AC - i.e. the changeover from AMG to ACC and that to AC and the different powers following these changes.

(2) Part of the Press was the opposition of the Government.

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Giunte Comunale
Deputazione Provinciale
Giunte Provinciale Amministrative

These councils at the present time are advisory but they have certain Executive powers in minor matters. The real question at point, Lt. Col. White said, is whether members of these various councils should be elected by popular vote or by the high ones. Pre-Fascist set-up of 1915. Col. Behrens stated that Italy was a country with 2,000 years of civilisation behind it and it seemed rather inappropriate to hold experimental elections if we wished the Italians to cooperate and regain their sense of proportion.

The A/VP said that he wished to get the feeling of the meeting but this matter had to be very fully considered and the Regions had been circulated for their views.

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(b) Requisitioning. All requisitioning of Government buildings is to come through AC. The question in point was Palazzo Venezia. The Roma Press demanded to know whether it was for "necessity" or "convenience".

(c) Military Aid to the Civil Power. Clarification is needed and Col. Chapman, Public Safety, is preparing a Memorandum on the matter and is taking it up with No. 3 District.

(d) Signing of documents "By Command of the Chief Commissioner". The Chief Commissioner felt that some check should be made on documents leaving this Headquarters signed "By Command of the Chief Commissioner". He felt that the delegation of power to sign in that manner should be left to COSs, DCOSs, Heads of Sections and Heads of Independent Sub-Commissions. As all letters going to senior formations are signed in that way the principle might be difficult to follow. Col. Shipp is amending Office Memorandum No. 17.

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Col. Shipp's suggestions were that all "Category 'C'" in the last Staff Duties Memorandum would omit "By Command of the Chief Commissioner" and the letter would be signed by the Senior Officer of the Section. Col. Shipp is to clarify layout of letters and communications with the Italian Government. No immediate action to be taken.

(a) Threats to Workers when Leaving the Allied Employment. This was brought up at the last meeting. It is exceptionally difficult to get any evidence and each case should be taken on its merits.

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Maj. Hanks enquired whether the same was to apply for New Year's Day.

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Col. Spicer said that communications from the Italian Government to Prefects, etc., in Italian were sent through his Sub-Commission to the Regional Commissioners for whatever action they thought fit to take. (These letters are not censored or translated.) It was suggested that it should be taken up at the next SCS meeting whether this correspondence should be allowed to continue.

(j) Distribution of Letters and Memorandums. Col. Fiske said that he thought that this had been carried to an excess. The A/VC stated that he thought it was difficult to lay down any hard and fast rule.

(k) Promotions of American Officers. Everything possible was being done in AC and it appears that the difficulties are with AFHQ.

3 Col. Craig reported that coal has been refused for the manufacture of glass in the devastated areas. Another interesting point was that although this building was Italian Government property it came under P/C and their

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authority must be obtained before the glass could be removed from all offices in A.C. The Prime Minister's consent has already been given but that is not enough.

The G.O. Company had not arrived in Aquila but was expected any time. The food was coming in satisfactorily.

4 Col. Spicer said that Capt. Temple had been called to the Ministry on Saturday at 1220 hrs. He had rung for a taxi which he had to wait twenty minutes for. On arrival at the Ministry he had dismissed the taxi as instructed and could not get another one.

Col. Spicer also wished to know whether any particular use was obtained from the Censorship Reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions, inasmuch as it was forbidden to make any practicable use of the information received, which was always old.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Meeting opened at 1400 hrs on Friday, 13 Dec 44.

A/V. Brig. Parkinson was in the Chair.

The A/V outlined points raised at this morning's Chief of Staff's meeting:

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(f) Repatriation of Italians from Eritrea A/VC reported that this matter has now gone a step further in that the Italian Government is to make a request that the Italians be transferred to Italy, but that thing will happen for the next 5 or 6 months.

(g) Municipal Election. A report is now in the hands of the Political Section. After discussion it appeared that the opinion of the majority of members was that Elections should be held, although several members had not seen the Memorandum of Local Government Sub-Commission. Col. Spicer agreed to circulate copies of the Memorandum.

(h) UNRRA A/VC reported that UNRRA is applying for shipping from the Pool although there is to be a 40% cut in the Pool. To provide the 300 gram ration throughout the country needs 8 ships per month.

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(i) Personnel. A/VP reported that an experiment is being tried out by replacing non-technical officers by others. Col. Sayers has been replaced by Col. Pegg (a Public Health officer) re R.T.V.D.

(j) AMG. The Chief of Staff suggested that in any application for assistance, a good case must be made out, then it would be less likely to be cut about by G.F. AMG are always ready to help if a good case is made. Lists will be examined in future.

(k) Press. An article in "L'Avanti" hitting out at the Prime Minister was discussed. It was pointed out that there is no political censorship of the press, and that it would be difficult to do so. The question of intimidation of the military situation was also raised.
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As regards civilians travelling in cars it was suggested that it might be Black Market by drivers picking up small change. It was suggested that officers stop cars carrying civilians and check on them.

It was agreed that the matter be taken up with Col. Robertson.

3 Future Policy for Restored Italy. Col. Spicer reported that from an interview he had had with the Prime Minister he gained the impression xxxxxxxxxxxxxx that the Italian Government wanted to take over Local Government. The A/VM pointed out this was one of the matters Mr. Macmillan is putting before London and Washington.

5 Patriots. Col. Spicer reported that a High Commissioner for Patrioti ~~[illegible]~~ Comitato Liberato Nazionale. is now under consideration vice

6 Promotions. After a question by Col. Spicer, Col. Chapman outlined the system of promotions in the American Army.

7 Duty Officers. Lt. Col. White reported that in the CCS's section there was only one Duty Officer and a skeleton staff on Sundays. The question was raised whether the same arrangements could be put into effect in G/ Section and Col. Cripps thought that it would be done by Sub-Commissions but suggested that a decision be left until Brig. Upjohn's return.

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CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 65

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 12 Dec 44.

The A/VP, Brig. Perkinson, was in the chair. P.D.

1 Points from last meeting, held 8 Dec 44.

Errata: Para 4, line 5. Delete from "This" to end of para and insert: "This situation might encourage recruits to volunteer for Carabinieri service, but it is responsible for many desertions from the classes called up for army service".

Para 20 (e) line 1. Delete: "P"G" and insert "PAG". After "Military" insert "Police".

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Another point is that it might raise the question from the Italian Government that they have prisoners and people from other quarters to be returned.

It was stated that there are large numbers of industrial workers from N. Italy in Eritrea. Also, 1,200 were motor drivers who might prove useful.

(c) Radio Telephone. The A/VP stated that this means of communication was coming into use for transmitting messages across the Atlantic but there are so many restrictions as to its use that it hardly applies to anyone. At present it appears that only the COS and VPs can use it.

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2 Military Assistance to C.C.R. Col. Chapman reported that 5,000 troops had now reported for duty with C.C.R. and are stationed at Legion Headquarters.

3 Light in Police Stations. Col. Chapman reported that enquiry had been made of Electricity Control Board for light and they had promised that light will be given as fast as possible.

4 Paper by Political Section - Municipal Elections. Col. Spicer reported on the progress of this paper which was nearing completion and subject to the A/VP's approval, he intended sending it to Mr. Hopkinson for comments before circulating to Legal and Public Safety. The A/VP agreed to this course.

5 Transport. Col. Spicer raised the question of the taxi service. He stated that 5 o'clock was the usual time for appointments and interviews to be fixed by the various Italian Ministries. At that time the cars were being used to take the female staff home and it was impossible for either he or his officers to get transport and he had only one car to serve 2 Sub-Commissions. Col. Cripps said that he would take the matter up with HQ Commandant.

6 Southern Regional Commission. The report of S.R.C. is now to hand and there are several matters requiring the attention of Sub-Commissions. All Commissioners please note.

7 Use of Troops to aid Civil Powers. This question was discussed but it transpired that a new order is in existence which has not been seen by Col. Chapman. The matter was left in abeyance.

The meeting closed at 1642 hrs.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference - Southern Region

TO : All CA Sub-Comms

Attached for your information is a copy of Lt Col White's notes on the recent Southern Region Conference.

You will note that in some cases Action is required.

H.E. WHITE Lt Col,
for CSO CA Section

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NOTES
ON
CONFERENCE OF EIGHTH ARMY
HELD AT NAPLES
8 Dec 44

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(a) Brig. Dunlop outlined his plans for the reorganisation of the Region when it becomes necessary to release officers for North Italy.

(i) Salerno will disappear as a seperate zone and will become part of Naples. The Zone boundaries will be coincident with those of the Campagnia Compartimento. The Zone would be run by the Zone Commissioner and two executive officers, one for the city of Naples and one for the rest of the zone.

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As the number of officers goes down so the necessity for touring increases. As AC establishments close it will be necessary to arrange our own transit accommodation so that AC officers will remain mobile. The existing accommodation at Naples and Bari would continue and is good. Accommodation existed at Lucera and Catanzaro which was adequate though not so good. Similar accommodation would be arranged for Cosenza and Reggio.

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The reorganization of industry in Southern Italy was of prime importance. Railways must be got going and small local lines restored. It had been impossible for the Germans (or our armies) to remove rolling stock on these railways which was narrow gauge, and where lines could be restored they should be of material assistance. Local banks and insurance companies should be encouraged to help local industries by loans. Many Local Development schemes were possible. The maxim should be "The minimum of restrictive legislation and the maximum of reconstruction.".

4 FOOD.

(a) There was hope that the food situation would be better. It was important to see that there was a sufficiency of seed for next year's crop.

(b) Unless the Italian Government will actively back up the Olive Oil scheme it would be best to abandon the proposal. Fifty officers would be

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11 PUBLIC HEALTH

The income of hospitals had remained stationary but their expenditure had gone up. They could not now even pay for the medicines they required. It was essential that they should have financial assistance.

12 The Regional Commissioner then indicated that his Divisional officers would be available in their offices and the meeting closed.

Report of visit to "CA" Divisional Officers is appended. (see reverse sheet)

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 44

Meeting opened at 1000 hrs on Friday, 8 Dec 44.

The Acting Vice President, Brig. Perkinson, was in the chair.

1 Points from last meeting, held 6 Dec 44.

(a) Epuration of Education. The A/VP assumed that the epuration of Head Teachers is being held in abeyance until Brig. Upjohn returns.

2 Infiltration of Civilians. Infiltration of civilians into Economic Section and Labour Sub-Commission will take place steadily but as far as is known this infiltration will not affect the Civil Affairs Section.

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9 Transport Pool. It is hoped that the car pool will be functioning by the 15 Dec 44. The A/V said that the Chief Commissioner was very pleased with the cooperation of everybody in the handing in of their cars. He also stated that the CC thought too many taxis were standing by in the side road, which caused dissatisfaction among the Italian population. Col. Spicer stated he wished to contact this as whenever one of his officers telephoned for a taxi he had to wait twenty minutes or half an hour before they could leave.

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10 Municipal Elections. The A/VP reported that the question of Municipal elections had been taken up at the Chief of Staff's meeting and the general feeling of the meeting was slightly against holding elections. Heads of Sub-Commissions were asked to give their opinion. The general feeling was that elections were desirable but this was not the correct moment to hold them. Col. Chapman suggested that elections should be started in Sicily and a report given on the effect before elections were tried in Liberated Italy. Col. Spicer said he was writing a thesis for the Political Section recommending that elections should be held in cities only as he felt that at Communs level it was impossible owing to transport. Lt. Col. White suggested that elections should be taken gradually, first in the south, with the threat that areas further north would not be able to hold their elections if the ones in the south were not held in an orderly manner. Col. Chapman stated again that he was against elections in the cities only as most of the basic trouble came from Communs. The A/VP reported that a letter had been circulated to all Commissioners asking for their views on the subject.

11 Police for Sardinia. US Naval and Merchant Marine personnel were landing in Sardinia, where there was no control over them. The Navy had their own pickets, but the question of the Merchant Marine was not clear. An Italian policeman arresting any member of the Allied forces must hand him over to the Garrison. As there are no Allied Troops stationed in Sardinia this is possible in theory but not in fact. Col. Chapman believes there should be some Allied policemen stationed there to help the Italian police.

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17 Reorganisation of Sicily. Col. Cornwall recommends a reduction of staff. Col. Cripps enquired what Legal and Public Safety felt about their officers being moved. Col. Chapman stated that one Public Safety officer, he felt, should remain in Sicily. Col. Behrens reported that if there was to be any close cooperation with Military organisation in Sicily a Legal officer must remain there. The general feeling of the meeting was that as long as there was an Army HQ in Sicily, Legal and Public Safety officers should remain.

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18 Col. Spicer reported there was a minor crisis on the 5th Army front, caused by the patriots. Gen. Alexander's broadcast to the patriots, requesting them to stand down for the winter had caused a certain number of patriots to come across the line and crowd 5th Army centres. It has been left to 5th Army to deal with the problem.

19 Maj. Washburne reported that Education Sub-Commission were finding it impossible to get Italian authorities out of schools, especially in Rome. The military had now evacuated 9 of the 19 they had occupied. The Italian civilians, refugees, etc. still occupied the same number as in October. Everyone in the Italian Government has promised action but nothing has been done. Maj. Washburne feels that if Education is responsible they should be permitted to take some action.

Col. Cripps to prepare a letter with figures being collected for the Prime Minister and the Chief Commissioner, Education to furnish necessary data.

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(a) PWB or some authority has issued an order to the military to impound all unserviceable and unsound vehicles and to imprison the drivers. The matter is being looked into.
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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 69

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 5 Dec 44.

1 Points from last meeting, held on 1 Dec 44:

(a) The VP reported that no tyres of the proper size for Italian Ambulances were available. None could be obtained from salvage. A report is being prepared on the matter. It appears that a large number of tyres are being sent to the US to be retreaded and it has been suggested that some should be retained and retread here. The VP will take this up on his return.

(b) Reference Para 9. The 200,000 Italians who are to be returned to Italy from France have gone down in number as now only certain categories are to be returned.

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2 Monthly Reports. The VP asked the Heads of Sub-Commissions to submit their reports in an easily readable form and that the summary should be in narrative form.

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6 Office Accommodation. A meeting to look into the question of the reorganisation of office accommodation is to be held at 1600 hrs on Wednesday, 13 Dec 44.

Col. Spicer and Col. Chapman to submit their requirements with regard to Patriots and Public Security respectively. Lt. Col. White to prepare a memorandum.

7 Suspension of General Piccio. The VP reported that the question had been raised with regard to the spuration of General Piccio who is Prefect of Ancona. It appears it is not desirable that he should be spurated for reasons of military necessity. Local Government to inform the Ministry for the Interior of that fact.

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8 Education Officer for Piemonte Region. Col. Marshal has reported there is no Education Officer for Piemonte Region. Maj. Washburn stated that Maj. Bird was both Welfare and Education Officer, and that he felt confident that Maj. Bird could carry on this dual duty, also that it was necessary to combine posts owing to a shortage of personnel.

9 Patriots. Patriots Branch plan for reorganisation has been approved in principle. It will be necessary to put up a case for a new establishment in Regions at the Manpower Conference on Wednesday.

10 CC.RR. in Switzerland. It has been reported that there are 1,500 Carabinieri in Switzerland and the Italian Government, backed by Public Safety, would like them released for use in Northern Italy. The Political Section are dealing with it and the VP is to take the matter up with regard to getting them out of Switzerland.

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14 Col. Chapman reported that they had made several security "spot checks" in the building and that he could report that the situation was reasonably satisfactory. He felt that too many documents were over-classified. The VP asked Col. Cripps to raise this at the next COS meeting.

Col. Chapman also reported that an open document giving the location of 5th Army had been circulated by a civilian clerk the other day. This he considered a very large breach of security.

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The question of the checking of civilians in and out of the building was also brought up. Col. Chapman and Lt. Col. White both stated they had known of several cases where civilians had left the building without their ticket or without their ticket being signed and no report of this fact had been sent up by the police. Col. Chapman said that for his own office security he was making it imperative that every civilian called at his clerks office to be interrogated before seeing the officer he wished to see.

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16 Lt. Col. White is to attend Southern Region's Zone Commissioners and Special Commissioners meeting to be held on Friday 8 Oct 44 in Naples. Any Sub-Commissions having any queries for Southern Region should give them to Lt. Col. White before he leaves.

The meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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16 Lt. Col. White is to attend Southern Region's Zone Commissioners and Special Commissioners meeting to be held on Friday 8 Oct 44 in Naples. Any Sub-Commissions having any queries for Southern Region should give them to Lt. Col. White before he leaves.

The meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 62

The Meeting opened at 1603 hrs. on 1st December, 1944.

1. The VP reported that after discussion at the COS Meeting the file concerning the Veterinary College in Eritrea had been passed to the Political Section for their recommendations.

2. The VP reported that it had been decided to implement the decree relating to the preparation of electoral rules in AMG territory. This decree was merely ancilliary to the main decree establishing a Constituent Assembly, which had already been implemented. Seven Italian jurists were of opinion that the latter decree precluded the holding of a referendum on the constitutional question, but Col. Behrens pointed out that much depended on the rules, which had not yet been published, which would carry the decree into effect.

The VP asked Col. Behrens to prepare a letter, for the signature of the Chief Commissioner, to the Prime Minister asking to see a draft of all rules to carry out the decree before publication.

3. The VP reported that the Economic Section had been ordered by the COS to consider the provision of retreaded tyres for Italian Red Cross ambulances, and to report thereon at the next COS meeting. The VP was hopeful that some tyres would be forthcoming.

4. The VP reported that Brig. Parkinson had brought up the question of the use of evidence obtained through military censorship which indicated some crime such as black market dealings in medical supplies. The procedure - which was already laid down - is that the information contained in such letters is passed to the appropriate police authority, but the source of the information is not given and the letter may not be used in evidence. The VP asked Brig. Parkinson to check with Col. Henderson as to whether the procedure was being followed in the present instance.

5. The VP reported that the question of the distribution of clothing was under active consideration. The Commerce Sub-Commission had produced a useful memorandum which showed that the distribution had been somewhat haphazard in the past. The COS will preside over a meeting with the heads of the Civil Affairs and Economic Sections and the Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange and carry out the distribution of all second-hand clothing.

6. The VP asked Col. Behrens to let him know exactly what was the position with regard to the implementation of the wage rate decree in AMG territory.

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7. The Chief Commissioner has informed Mr. Keeney, head of UNRRA in Italy, quite plainly that AC will not loan to UNRRA any supplies until Mr. Keeney can let him know what supplies are coming forward from the U.S.A., on what ship, and the estimated date of arrival. When this information is forthcoming AC will be prepared to loan supplies to UNRRA one month before the E.T.A. of the ship on the terms that if the ship is sunk in transit UNRRA will return all undistributed supplies.

8. The Italian Government has expressed grave concern at excessive purchases by the French and Yugoslavs of food and war materials. In AMG territory AC would not hesitate to continue to arrest and try in AMG Courts such personnel illegally purchasing goods. With regard to Italian Government territory the Chief Commissioner was raising the matter with the Advisory Council and asking the members to put their demands for supplies through the Local Resources Board.

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9. Political Section has received from AFHQ a letter stating that 200,000 Italians are to be returned to Italy from France. AC is entirely opposed to this policy and will resist it.

10. The VP stated that a Sub-Commission in the Economic Section had written direct to the Prime Minister asking to retain their Minister in any Cabinet reshuffle. The VP reminded the Directors of Sub-Commissions that this was entirely improper and that the Sub-Commissions must confine their dealings with Ministries to technical matters. If they desired to press for the retention or dismissal of an official in their Ministry they must refer the matter to the VP who would, in a proper case, take it up with the Chief Commissioner.

11. AFHQ has declared that north west Italy will be considered primarily an AMG territory and not an operational territory, i.e. civilian needs will be considered as having priority over military needs, but equally the military will not be prepared to undertake rehabilitation such as the opening of ports and repair of the railways, which will be entirely an AC responsibility.

12. Brig. Lush had reported that there was some disturbance today during the inspection by the Luogo Tenente of the Italian soldiers on their way to the front. The mounted Carabinieri had behaved magnificently but there were too few of them to deal with the crowd. University students were also demonstrating for shorter hours of work.

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15. Col. Chapman pointed out that the Black Market Control Division in Lazio Region had no counterpart at HQ, and no Sub-Commission was presently responsible for its activities. VP said that he would take this matter up.

16. Col. Chapman reported that the Public Safety Sub-Commission was being asked to deal with a large number of enquiries connected with grave registration, welfare and health of prisoners of war, and enquiries from the U.S.A. and Great Britain on the whereabouts and health of relatives. Col. Fothergill said that the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission handled a large number of such enquiries through the Italian Red Cross. Major Reakes reported that AC were also asked to make enquiries as to the character of Italians marrying members of the Allied Forces.

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The VP stated that it was not the function of AC to act as an enquiry bureau and asked Col. White to investigate the matter and prepare a memorandum on the subject so that he could take the matter up in the appropriate quarter.

17. Col. Chapman reported that American promotions were still confused. This month seven promotions had been authorised and all other papers returned. Now there is a new circular and a new form to be filled up. Officers in AC responsible for American promotions are holding a meeting on Saturday.

18. Col. Crimps produced a draft of a proposed letter in reply to the Minister of Foreign Affairs asking for as much care as possible to be taken of monuments on our approach to Bologna.

19. The VP asked Major Magnus to find out who was responsible for the propaganda for patriots which came over the BBC the other evening.

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20. Col. Behrens reported that the Minister of Justice is proposing to make 38 changes in the judicial appointments originally made by ANG in Sicily. The VP said that where wholesale changes of this type were proposed AC should refuse to agree until the return of the Acting President, who would no doubt bring with him a clarification of the policy of AC in this respect.

21. The Deputy SACMED has decided that no more grain will be sent to Sicily except possibly for soup kitchens. The situation was extremely serious and the Regional Commissioner was coming to Rome to discuss the matter.

The Meeting closed at 1655 hrs.

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SECURITY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 4

Meeting opened at 1410 hrs on 28 Nov 44.
Col. Crippa was in the Chair owing to the CO's absence.

1 Col. Crippa reported that Lord Halifax has sent a telegram suggesting that steps might be taken to counter against the poor press received by AC/AMG. It has been suggested that part of Maj. Bladen's History of AC should be employed for this purpose.

2 Brig. Hunt has ordered Col. Crippa to send a telegram to England asking for an expert to come out to AC to advise on the policy and work for Devastated Areas.

3 The situation with regard to UNRRA is still under review. Col. Crippa will circulate their second Memorandum which deals with the Italian Government.

4 The matter of removing the officers from Chianciano is still under consideration. It appears it is required by the army as a rest camp for the troops.

5 All vehicles have to be given in to a transport pool created by order of AFHQ. As from vehicles are to be assigned to Sub-Commissions and individuals. All transport will be controlled by HQ transport office under the direction of Col. Robertson. A Memorandum will be coming out very shortly which will be circulated, giving full instructions with regard to the working of the transport pool. This is to start operating on 1 Dec 44, and be in full operation by 7 Dec 44.

6 Lt. Woolbourne reported that, as recently stated, an officer in Education Sub-Commission had a car which he had found and ten thieves have been put into jail. Col. Behrens stated that he wished to have the facts of the case before he could consider their trial by military court. Lt. Col. White to get this information from Col. Perkin.

7 Col. Rothwell reported that 1,500 Yugoslav agriculturalists have left for Yugoslav Islands and 1,500 more have been asked for. The Yugoslav National Committee of Liberation have now asked permission to move all their Yugoslavs held in Displaced Persons Camps to Yugoslavia, with perhaps the exception of orphans. AFHQ have agreed to this in principle.

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8 Capt. Fiala stated that the female civilian clerks in Local Government had to leave by 1700 hrs for transport home; this was very inconvenient. Also that during the hours of 5 - 6 when Local Government are busy with the Italian Government, taxis are not available.

9 Lt. Col. White asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to check when drafting telegrams as the CCG Section have complained several times lately of telegrams either being sent to people who cannot be reached by cable or mentioning the Sub-Commission by name in the address.

If a reply cannot be received by telegram, information should be sent by EEC. The onus of Sub-Commissions, if it is essential to give that information, should be given in the body of the telegram.

Meeting closed at 1700 hrs.

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MEETING ON SUBJECT OF PATRIOTS

held in C... Section 21 Nov 44

Those present were :

1.	Brigadier	UPJOHN
2.	Gr. Capt.	BENSON
3.	Colonel	SPICER
4.	Colonel	GREENE
5.	Colonel	MAYNE
6.	Colonel	MORSHEAD
7.	Major	DRAGE
8.	Major	MAGNUS
9.	Major	DODGSON

The meeting was presided over by Brig Upjohn who in discussion with Group Captain Benson, Col Spicer and Col Mayne announced the general policy of paras 1-3 :

1. Only certificates signed by Gen. Alexander may be given in AMG territory .

2. Compensation, however, may be given by Italians even in AMG territory .

3. It is possible that patriots may be given status as part of Italian Army for food, clothing, hospitalisation.

4. As Director of Patriots Branch Col Spicer declared that :

a) The sole purpose of dealing with patriots coming through the line is for welfare, employment or dispersal ;

b) Advance Intelligence work is not a function of Patriots Branch ;

c) Included in Welfare (to which Col Mayne agreed) are :

i) Proper reception, hot baths, decent food, clothing, hospitalisation, & all Red Cross Centres ;

ii) Centres with " rep " talks at Lucca , Pistoia, Firenze ;

iii) From those points absorption and dispersal

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should take place, i.e. all concomitant detail at one centre (to which Col Monfort agreed) .

d) Col Monfort suggested Local Patriot representatives nominated on the spot instead of persons from one, with representatives for corps and Regions .

5. Group Captain Benson remarked that schemes on paper do not always work out practically :

a) Who will provide Camps ?

b) In 5 Army there are big towns .

c) 8 Army has had to dispossess civilians .

d) All Camps must be on L. of C's not 3 miles off where trucks will not go .

e) That we meet many who wear bands and claim to be Patriots and that :

i) The Armies enroll some Patriots ;

ii) Rest complain that they get no work, food etc .

6. After further discussion, it was agreed that :

a) There must be Camps ;

b) In 8 Army area these camps would be tent d ;

c) Authority to put wounded Patriots in Italian and/or Allied Military Hospitals was needed . (We are waiting for the answer of A.A.I. to our request for this .)

d) Camps must be ready to follow the Armies forward ;

e) Camps must be supervised by

i) 1 " overall " officer ;
ii) a Camp commandant ;
iii) 1 NCO/OR per Camp.

f) Col Spicer will ask Italian Patriot Authorities to investigate possibility of :

i) Screening Patriots ;
ii) Having only Military Italian Patriot Re=

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presentatives .

7. A few general problems were discussed :

a) Group Captain Benson pointed out the political problems arising when Communist Patriot Representatives went forward with large funds to spend and others had little or no funds .

b) Transportation of Italian Patriot Representatives should be their own conc rn . They should hire their own cars in Rome .

c) The Radio programs directed to Patriots by F. .B., which have sometimes given Patriots undue hopes, have been toned down in accordance with a directive .

d) The problem of the surrender of arms by Patriots was represented as a major one by Col Spicer . Group Captain Benson said that he thought we should get some of their arms but never all. Col Wayne believed that n general plan could be made for securing arms, but that the problem must be treated ad hoc in each area .

That concluded the meeting .

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WILLIAM A.S. DORLAND
Major

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VP's MEETING OF HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS
of
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No 66

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Meeting opened at 1200 hrs on 22 Nov 44.

1 The VP reported that a very important conference had been held with Acting President R. Harold MacMillan with regard to the clarifying of the policy of AC and the future of AC.

a) It was strongly felt that the infiltration of civilians into AC should only take place at HQ, and this was recommended to take place only gradually while hostilities continue.

b) The question of approval of appointments: it is recommended that appointments should be confined, for approval to senior officials recommended by the Italian Government with one or two additions suggested by Sub-Commns.

c) The approval of decrees: it was felt that it was for the Italian Government to bring to the notice of AC decrees in which the latter might be interested.

d) Relationship to Italian Government territory with regard to Education, PW, L & A and Local Government Sub-Commns. They would not be abolished at HQ as the administration is necessary for the north, but these Sub-Commns would only act in an advisory capacity when asked to do so by the Italian Government in the Southern Regions.

e) The VP reported that UNRRA should not take over until they can bring their own supplies except in the case of the Displaced Persons camps.

2. The above were recommendations ONLY which the Acting President would make in London and Washington and they were NOT to be taken as decisions to come into force at once.

3 British Secretaries: Education, Legal, Displaced Persons and Local Government Sub-Commns would all like British Secretaries. Col Gripps to invest.

4 The Chief of Staff thought that during the lull it was a very good time for Heads of Sub-Commns to visit Zone Commissioners and specialist officers in the South, Sicily and Sardinia. This applies mostly to Legal and Public Safety Sub-Commns who have some officers there.

5 San Marino is out of bounds to all Persons.

6 Thanksgiving Day, 23 Nov 44, is to be celebrated by a Half-Holiday. A nucleus staff consisting entirely of British officers and ORs would remain on duty.

7 The Political Section is to be abolished but Mr. Schott and Mr. Hopkinson will be carrying on as political advisory in this present office in the buildings.

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7 The Political Section is to be established but Mr. Schott and Mr. Hopkinson will be carrying on as Political Advisers in their present office in the building.

8 Six cars are required for VIPs at Caserta. The VP suggested that Heads of Sub-Comsens should park their cars away from the front door.

9 The Transport Pool is still under consideration. Col Fiske is preparing a memorandum.

10 The COS had decided that there should be a coordinated plan with regard to priority for clothing, boots, etc, for patriots, displaced persons, hospitals and devastated areas. A meeting will be held on Thursday, at 1700 hrs in WH 96

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...Office (Brig. Parkinson, Col Craig, Air Findlay, Col Spicer, Col Crippa). Request for cement and building materials are to be dealt with directly with the Economic Section.

11 Patriots: A meeting was held on 21 Nov 44 between the VP, Group Captain Benson, Col Coyne, Col Crawford and several other people when it was decided that 3 and 5 Armies should be prepared to receive bands of patriots and for this purpose they were starting up camps under a Patriots liaison officer who would be responsible to 3 and 5 Army respectively for this purpose. 3 Army would supply all their own operating officers but 5 Army required 2 from Commando. It is hoped that a ruling may be obtained from AFHQ stating that patriots may be considered as Italian soldiers for mess facilities, feeding and clothing.

12 The VP asked heads of Sub-Commands to be sure to clear things with Col Montford, AMF before writing to AFHQ, if the matter dealt with sup-...thing in ...I area.

13 Garrison in Caserta. Col Young wanted to know if the Garrison had been reduced below 5000 soldiers or not. Col Crippa to take the matter up.

14 Brig. Parkinson enquired if Siena conferences could not be held alternately at Siena and Rome. VP stated the matter was already under consideration.

15 Col Findlay reported that a second party of 500 Yugoslavs had been returned to Yugoslavia to help with agricultural problems.

16 Col Findlay also reported that he was having great difficulty in getting Displaced Areas in the north. He did not want to send people south to be transported at a later date north, and might have to raise the matter with VP.

17 Col Young asked if there had been any reply to the letter on the press attacks on the police. Col Crippa to follow the letter up.

18 Col Young said he would like to bring about the change of AFHQ in 5 Army but had not agreed with the letter.

19 PW.C did not want any extra MPs in Rome, so the people from the north will not be used for that purpose.

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14 Maj. Scribner enquired if Block conferences could not be held alternately at Siena and Rome. VP stated the matter was already under consideration.

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21 Maj Washburne also enquired about epuration at Naples. The VP said that all cases should be referred to the Italian Committee set up under PLL 159 and it is up to the Minister to hurry the Committee up.

22 Maj Washburne also enquired what information can be given to men in the field with regard to infiltration of civilians into ...C. The VP stated that they can be told that only a few civilians are to be infiltrated and then only into Fd ...C.

Meeting closed at 1905 hrs.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1944.

The following were present:

Acting Chief of Staff.
DCCAC, HQ AAI.
DCOS, CA Section
A/Head, Economic Section.
SCAO, AMG 5 Army.
SCAO, AMG 8 Army.
RC's, LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA, LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA Regions.
Representatives from Econ and CA Secs.
Representatives from HQ No.2 District and GSI(b), HQ AAI.

The Acting Chief of Staff was in the chair.

ACTION BY. 1. Opening Remarks. A/COS told the meeting that the Chief Commissioner had hoped to attend but had been prevented from doing so at the last moment. Brig.Lush had returned from England the previous day and was also unable to be present. The Right Honourable Mr. Harold Macmillan had been appointed Acting President of the Allied Commission and General Wilson had delegated his powers as President to him. Commodore Stone had been appointed Chief Commissioner. The Acting President had prepared a message to all ranks of the Commission which would be sent out today from ROME; he wished to stress that his appointment did not affect the military character of the Commission. Acting President expected shortly to visit LONDON and WASHINGTON. A/COS wished to contradict certain rumours which had been circulated to the effect that all American military personnel would be withdrawn from the Commission by the end of the year. There was a plan in prospect to replace certain military appointments in Italian Government territory by civilians.

A/COS mentioned that approval had been given on the discretion of SCAO AMG 8 Army, if the situation became static, to set up an administrative HQ under his control staffed by personnel from Region EMILIA and 8 Army to administer the Provinces in Army area.

A/COS read out a letter sent by the CC to the Prime Minister regarding the restriction of visits of Ministers to Army areas.

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The following were present:

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DCCAO, HQ AAI.
DCCA, CA Section
A/Head, Economic Section.
SCAO, AMG 5 Army.
SCAO, AMG 8 Army.
RO's, LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA, LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA Regions.
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Representatives from HQ No.2 District and GSI(b), HQ AAI.

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ACTION BY. 1. Opening Remarks. A/COS told the meeting that the Chief Commissioner had hoped to attend but had been prevented from doing so at the last moment. Brig.Lush had returned from England the previous day and was also unable to be present. The Right Honourable Mr. Harold Macmillan had been appointed Acting President of the Allied Commission and General Wilson had delegated his powers as President to him. Commodore Stone had been appointed Chief Commissioner. The Acting President had prepared a message to all ranks of the Commission which would be sent out today from ROME; he wished to stress that his appointment did not affect the military character of the Commission. Acting President expected shortly to visit LONDON and WASHINGTON. A/COS wished to contradict certain rumours which had been circulated to the effect that all American military personnel would be withdrawn from the Commission by the end of the year. There was a plan in prospect to replace certain military appointments in Italian Government territory by civilians.

A/COS mentioned that approval had been given on the discretion of SCAO AMG 8 Army, if the situation became static, to set up an Administrative HQ under his control staffed by personnel from Region EMILIA and 8 Army to administer the Provinces in Army area.

A/COS read out a letter sent by the CC to the Prime Minister regarding the restriction of visits of Ministers to Army areas. He also read a telegram received from HQ AAI saying that no political meetings might be held in the Army areas. Col.Kirkwood asked whether a political meeting which had been requested for SIENA should be permitted, as SIENA was just outside the Army area. A/COS said that it was in his discretion to refuse permission for military reasons if he so wished.

A/COS referred to an Italian Government decree regarding the return of land to the peasants and stated that this decree would not be implemented in the Army areas.

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ACTION BY.

2. Political. Mr. Harry Hopkinson reported that his predecessor, Mr. Harold Caccia, had recently left the Commission for employment in a special post in GREECE which it is hoped will be but temporary.

As regards foreign relations, the most important development since the last meeting was the announcement on 25 October of the assumption of direct relations between the Italian Government and the American and British Governments. The position was that Mr.Kirk would be Ambassador with full powers but that Sir Noel Charles, while holding the rank of Ambassador, did not at present have full powers. In the last analysis, however, their position would amount to the same thing.

Mr.Eden's visit was construed by the Italian Press as indicating a desire to resume more friendly relations. Mr. Hopkinson reported that negotiations were proceeding for an exchange of representatives with the French and that Franch-Italian relations were showing a decided improvement.

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Brig.Upjohn asked whether patriot representatives from ROME were required. Except for 5 Army who said that they would like 6 representatives, it was decided that 2 representatives should be sent to each Regional HQ and that other representatives should be withdrawn. Regions would take their chance on finding further representatives in the North. 5 Army found patriot representatives from ROME were not persona grata with their patriots.

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ACTION BY.

5. Civilian Movement. Colonel Young briefly outlined the present position and emphasised that Army interests were in conflict with AC interests. The difficulty at present was the town of FLORENCE. 5 Army wished free movement in the town of FLORENCE. Col.Gibson, GSI(b), HQ AAI, stated the case from the point of view of the Army and after discussion agreed to recommend to HQ AAI that free movement be allowed in the Province of FLORENCE South of the ARNO. This would also include free movement in the town of FLORENCE North of the ARNO. The Army Control Line would not be moved.

Brig.Upjohn asked whether it would be possible to do away with the restricted line or at any rate move it further North. After discussion Colonel Gibson agreed to recommend to AAI that the line be moved North so as to include the Province of VITERBO in the free zone.

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Est Sec RC's LOMBARDIA, PIEMONTE & LIGURIA.

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9. Hiring of Transport. Reference was made to a proposal some two months ago that transport should be hired instead of requisitioned. A scheme had been prepared for hiring transport in BOLOGNA by 5 Army and Region EMILIA. After discussion it was decided that the experiment of hiring should be carried out in BOLOGNA and that Econ Sec would issue a control directive on the subject.

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ACTION BY. 9. Food Situation. Mr.Antolini referred to the President's statement that 300 grams would be made available throughout all liberated Italy. He said that 300 grams could be given if the northern stockpiles were used and if a shipping programme to replenish these stockpiles could be arranged. He also stated that supplementary rations were practically exhausted. This was a point in favour of increasing the ration to 300 grams but he pointed out the danger in depleting the northern stockpiles to enable this increase to be made, if, when we got to the North, we found less grain than we counted on. RCs were asked whether they were in favour of increasing the ration to 300 grams or leaving it at the present figure of an equivalent of 225 grams and not touching the Northern stockpiles. RCs were generally of the opinion that it was essential to increase the ration to 300 grams since the public announcement of the President, coupled with the failure to give the extra ration, was producing much dissatisfaction.

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11. AAG Eighth Army.

(a) SAN MARINO. W/Comm.Beer said that 8 Army had written to HQ on the questions of the ration scale, provision of petrol and
Econ Sec. transport for SAN MARINO but had not received an answer. Pol Sec had passed the papers to Econ Sec who undertook to give an early reply.

8 Army had asked whether the Government of SAN MARINO
Pol Sec & could get permission to go to RIMINI to collect some wine which
Econ Sec. it had purchased. Pol Sec and Econ Sec would look into the matter.

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ACTION BY. 11. AAI Eighth Army (Cont'd)

(b) Distribution of Grain in ANCONA and PESARO Provinces. 8 Army had authorised the issue of one quintal of grain per head in these two Provinces in order to save the grain from going bad. There was no storage available and the grain was in such condition that the only means of saving it was by issue to individuals. They had received a strong letter from HQ and complained that the censure contained in the last paragraph was not justified. Mr.Antolini contended that if large quantities such as this were issued by 8 Army without clearance from HQ he could not possibly make proper plans. W/C.Beer said that he had written to the Food Sub-Com early in October reporting what was being done but he had had no reply either condemning or approving his action until the letter he had referred to from Econ Sec was received at the beginning of November. Major Hough of Agriculture Sub-Com confirmed that no other action was possible than that taken by SCLO 8 Army if any grain at all was to be saved. 8 Army wished to know whether they might have permission to pursue the same policy in FORLI. Econ Sec agreed and undertook to examine the position for other Provinces.

Econ Sec

(c) Italians injured by Mines. 8 Army asked whether there was any possibility of giving compensation to Italian civilians injured in mine clearance. CA Sec would let 8 Army know the Italian Govt provisions ~~in this respect~~.

CA Sec.

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13. PCALI Region.

(a) Provincial Teams. RC asked whether officers in his Provincial teams loaned to Armies and other Regions still remained under him for administration and discipline. Est Sec undertook to give a reply on this point.

Est Sec

(b) Employment and Assignment of Officers. RC emphasised that he wished his officers used as a team and not as individuals. He complained that his officers were still being assigned away from his Region without prior consultation with him and asked Est Sec that he should be consulted first.

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ACTION BY. 14. ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

(a) Clothing and Boots for CC.RR. Lt.Col.Scholes said that he was very short of clothing and footwear for CC.RR. Colonel Young said that these items were available in NAPLES and RAMI and Transportation Sub-Com undertook to deliver to ANCONA.

CA Sec
Tptn S/C.

(B) Disturbance at MACERATA. Lt.Col.Scholtz reported that there had been a disturbance in MACERATA and that the Prefect had fled to ROME.

15. LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

(a) Salt. RC enquired what was the position in regard to salt. Econ Sec said that eight schooners were ready loaded with salt from Sicily for discharge at CASTELLAMARE and CIVITAVECCHIA but were at present westbound.

16. TOSCANA Region.

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Econ Sec.

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Econ Sec
CA Sec

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Est Sec

(d) Lifting of Restrictions. RC wished in the event of his Region being isolated for permission to experiment on the lifting of restrictions. Econ Sec said that the Italian Govt. were thinking in terms of free movement of goods. Col.Layne said that the experiment of "no control" had been tried out in APULIA a year ago and had resulted in precisely no change. Econ Sec would consider the matter and reply to PIEDMONTE Region.

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ACTION BY. 18. LOMBARDIA Region.

Est Sec. (a) Officers. RC reported that he was still 20 officers short.

(b) Industry. RC said that he had not yet received any directive as to what industries should be continued. It was most important in an industrial Region such as LOMBARDIA that a most precise directive be issued. Econ Sec said that this would be taken care of by the Industrial Coordination Committee as mentioned in para 9. The question of industries in the North was at present under discussion with the Italian Government and Econ Sec would issue the coordinated instructions.

Econ Sec.

19. Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI.

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HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL ...

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HAS BEEN SEEN	INITIALS.	DATE.
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Maj. MAG		
~~Maj. DAAG~~		
Capt. S [illegible]		
Col. FAV		
C. C.		

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on 14 Nov 44.

Points from last meeting, held on 10 Nov 44:

(a) The V P reported that a meeting was held between the Red Cross, Commerce Sub-Commission, Patriots, and others interested to try and find by what method military salvage clothing could be obtained in Italy.

(b) The Chief Commissioner is asking the Prime Minister next time he sees him, what reception he gave to Tuscany CMC and generally what his views are on the matter.

(c) Transport for civilian employees at night is under discussion. It is suggested to heads of Sub-Commissions that they should use their Sub-Commission cars as a temporary measure for this purpose.

(d) Transport pool: the whole matter has been referred to a committee. In the meantime, all Sub-Commissions will retain their cars.

1. The V P read a telegram addressed to V and VIII Armies stating that the C in C ordered that no political meetings were to be held in Army areas.

2. The V P asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to overhaul their office security and to check on the following points:

(a) Destruction of Secret waste.
(b) Leaving offices vacant during lunch hours without locking up files.
(c) Top Secret documents - all documents to be numbered and destination put on the document.
(d) Don't overclassify.

The V P asked Col. Chapman to get the security section to make spot checks in offices after office hours.

3. The Manpower Committee will meet on Saturday at 1000 hrs. The only two Sub-Commissions affected are Legal and Displaced Persons.

4. AFHQ will have their own establishment for the Central Civilian Medical Depot. AC is only to supply some personnel.

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5. The Italian Government decree relating to the distribution of uncultivated land to the peasants is not to be implemented in AMG territory.

6. Col. Charman reported that a cable had been received stating that a time bomb had exploded in a restaurant at Aquila opposite to AFHQ on 11 Nov 44. No casualties.

7. Maj. Dollard stated that Col. Hanford would like the matter of Italian Patriots being put on the same rations as Allied Soldiers to be put on the Agenda for Rioma.

8. Lt. Col. White asked if Education Sub-Commission would take over Religious questions. Education Sub-Commission agreed to take over all queries.

Meeting closed at 1630 hrs.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AIO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 4/6.1/CA 16 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Bi-weekly Meeting of CA Section.

TO : All CA Sub-Commissions.

Owing to the Conference at SIENA being held on Friday 17th inst, the usual bi-weekly Conference will not be held.

R.R. GRIFFIS Col,
CSO CA Section.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

NO 58

Meeting opened 1600 hrs on 10 Nov 44.

1. Points from last meeting, held on 7 Nov 44.

(a) Devastated areas - it is understood that Col. Bonham Carter is to be replaced.

(b) With regard to the Russian observer; owing to the anniversary celebrations it was impossible for him to keep to his last programme. A new programme has been arrenged and Sub-Commissions will be informed.

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8 Maj. Magnus is trying to get more clothing for patriots from Commerce Sub-Commissio.. He also suggestsithat a letter might be sent to AFHQ. Maj. Magnus hopes to interest some of the influential ladies of Rome and Florence to form a League to help with patriot clothing. Col. White to convene a meeting with the VP to go into the matter.

9 Col. Young will attend the meeting at Siena on Friday, 17 Nov 44.

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10 ..rmistice Day Two Minutes' Silence will be held as usual.

11 The ../CC has agreed to the change round of Colonels Pickering, Doherty, and Pollock. Col. Chapman to arrange the change-over with Col. Polatti and Maj ..ray.

Maj. Hore will be free to sit on courts in Bari.

12 There is to be a re-organisation of transport and a committee has been formed to deal with this matter. The VP read a paragraph out of the report and stated that there was to be a pool and all cars had to be handed in.

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Maj. DRAGE	
Capt. SILVERSON	
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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
of
Heads of Sub-Commissions of the Civil Affairs Section

No. 57

Meeting opened 1605 hrs on 7 Nov 44.

1 The V.P. reported that the Acting Chief Commissioner has been unable at the moment to make any further precise detailed proposals for civilianisation of AC and had stated to AFHQ that 20 civilians have arrived at AC, making 25 American Officers available for reassignment. The V.P. then read his letter on the subject to the A/CC.

2 Lt Colonel Gordon Carter has undertaken his duties as co-ordinating Officer for Invested Areas. Lt Col Gordon Carter stated that he has a Warrant Officer coming as his Clerk.

3 With regard to the Article in the "Unita'" by Togliatti, referred to at the last meeting, the Political Section have seen the Foreign Minister who agreed that the behaviour was improper and he is raising the matter at the Council of Ministers.

4 The V.P. reported that Colonel Perkin, is consolidating a report on vehicles in which he states that the position with regard to maintainence and care of vehicles is far from satisfactory. The V.P. stated that all Heads of Sub-Commissions should warn their officers to take great care of any cars which may be at their disposal. Reduction Sub-Commission lost a car on the 6 Nov 44.

5 General Alexander has sent a very charming telegram on the Anniversary of AC.

6 The disaster at Grosseto on 2 Nov 44; the river burst its banks caused 11 deaths and 400 people homeless.

7 Four provincial Fascs from the north are returning to home and it is suggested that they should assist in military police duties. Lt Colonel Gordon Carter, after considering whether he requires more personnel, is to submit a memorandum to that effect.

8 Colonel Chapman stated that part in American Officers in Economic Section have been promoted Lt Col. Colonel Cripps to ascertain whether Colonel Chapman is on the American Promotion Board or not.

9 Capt. Temple enquired to what extent the Local Government should interest itself with the consideration of Election Lists. The V.P. felt that it was entirely a matter for the It Italian Government and to await a translation of the decree.

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10 Capt Temple also enquired what the position was with regard to the Russian "observers". Major de Wet said that he had been informed by the Russian Secretary that they were coming to see him from the 9th to 16th. Colonel Crippe to see Colonel Brown Liaison Officer, and ask him channelise their applications through AC see and not approach sub-Comms individually.

11 Colonel Draper reported that the position with regard to unauthorised firearms in Rome was serious. Trouble has recently occured in Terni. It is understood that the Communists are training an army.

12 Colonel Draper also reported that AMG had said that no troops can be held in the CC RI after the 31 Dec 44. In that case, he said, it would not be worth while taking them at all; he is writing a memorandum suggesting the withdrawal of the CC RI from the North for the South.

13 Overcoats, boots and trousers have been delivered to the CC RI school at Florence.

14 Major Tollard enquired how it was possible for civilians to get permits to be in possession of firearms.

15 Colonel Finchy reported that King Peter has issued an order that all Yugoslavs have to join the Partisans or go into a Collection Camp. He is reporting further to the V.I.

16 Major de Wet reported that Monuments and Fine Arts had not been asked to supply a planner in the team for Austria.

Meeting closed 1610 hrs.

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To Patriots Branch

One copy for your retention
The second copy Brig. Upjohn
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Major Drage.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Col. Mc. [illegible]HY	
Maj. MAC	P.O.
Maj. DRAGE	
Capt. SALVADORI	
Col. RAVE	
C. C.	4 Nov 44

MEMORANDUM

Ref : 4/3/Cn

SUBJECT : Patriots.

TO : Regional Commissioners Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, Venezia, Emilia
CCAO : V & VIII Army.

1 The functions of the Patriots Branch of this HQ are now under review and this memorandum is addressed to you with a view to discussion at the Siena Conference on the 8th November.

2 The disarming and dispersal of Patriots is essentially a matter for Regional Commissioners and their provincial commissioners this Headquarters assists by providing:-
a) Information
b) Patriot representatives.

3 As to information: at the present time, the forward staff officer of the Patriots Branch of Florence compiles information collected from various military sources on the distribution and activities of Patriots, the names of their leaders, etc.

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a) Whether they desire the information to continue to be supplied on the present lines, or
b) whether they would be interested to receive reports in greater detail comprising a larger variety of subjects such as economic conditions, the destruction of factories, bridges and the like which may be of economic importance. Such technical information could without difficulty be added to the reports, or
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A further question arises as to whether in view of the existing situation Patriot representatives should be withdrawn to Rome and sent up later if required, as against this it must be remembered that there is bound to be some delay in getting patriots transported up to the front at the time when they are most required if they are now withdrawn.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

C.R. UPJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section,
Deputy CCS.

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(Attention Mr Antolini)

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 56

Visit to Florence.

Maj. Palmieri to check with H E Secolamaero as regards the nominee for the Pisa Committee.

Col. White to arrange for Col. Hale and R.C's of Lucca and Pistoia to receive a translation of the Epuration Decree.

The question of patients being admitted to military hospitals is under discussion.

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The payment of Sinarchi is under discussion.

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6. Public Safety to send Col. Young to the next Siena Conference re CC RR.

7. Brig. Lush has gone to England to take up the matter of infiltration of British civilians in this commission to balance the American side.

8. Permission has been given to prosecute some Representatives of Yugo-Slav Mission to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission who were caught in Florence without permission.

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9. Col. Fordham Carter is to co-ordinate in the work of Devastated Areas.

10. The Italian Government is taking over the feeding of the Italian population on the 4 Nov 44, with the exception of rationed goods, grain, oil, milk and milk products. The control will be lifted on all other commodities, and the Italian Government will purchase in the open market. To subsidise this, the price of bread will go up from 5 to 8 lire and pasta will go up from 7 or 10 to 15 lire.

11. A directive has been prepared by the Chief Commissioner on the unsatisfactory state of vehicles. Heads of Sub-Commissions must impress on officers the necessity for care in this respect.

12. The boundary between France and Italy was changed in 1940. It is the policy of the British and American Governments not to recognise any change of boundaries since the beginning of the war with Britain.

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19. No letters should be held up during the V.P.'s absence. Anything of a very high level could always be signed by the COS.

20. Col. Cripps referred to the D.C. Letter from Commodore Stone to the Italian Government which has been circulated, saying that Italian Ministers will not pay visits to the North without special authority from the A/CC or COS. V.P. said he would ask COS to issue a directive on the machinery for obtaining authority.

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21. Brig. Wigmore reported that the RTO were arranging for employment agencies in Regina and Provinces, also that they were not required to accept General Alexander's certificates any longer.

22. Mr. Silcock made that Displaced Persons and Repatriation Separation Division were handicapped from every side by civilians requesting permits to go to army areas. The W.P. must be told the minimum number of civilians should be allowed to go to army areas rather than only under very exceptional circumstances.

J.C. Haines, J/Cdr.,
pp to VP CA Sec.,

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CONTROL COMMISSION

No. 53.

SEEN.	INITIALS.
Col. Mc. HY	
Maj. MAC	P.D.
Maj. BRAIS	
Capt. SMY	
Col. FAV.	
C. C.	

Meeting opened 1600 hrs on 31 Oct, '44.

1. Col. Cripps mentioned the following points for information:-

a) Sienna Conference has been postponed until Nov.8.

b) Personnel
Mr.Caccia, Political Section, has left at short notice for Greece. Mr.Hopkinson has taken over, assisted by Mr. Halford.
Col.Jordan from Sicily Region is to become liaison officer on Gen.Neres' staff.
Brig.Dunlop will take over Southern Region on Monday next, as a temporary measure to replace Col. Temperley who has been recalled to England.
Col.Severs will be in command of the Venezia Region.

c) Toscana Region HQ has moved to Lucca.

2. Public Safety is to mark up various boundary lines on map in COS' office.

3. The staff at Chianciano is to be broken up and made available to assist in work in the devastated areas. They will help in building up stockpiles for areas liable to be cut off during the coming winter, the organisation of animal transport, etc. A preliminary survey is being made.

4. Col. Cripps asked Displaced Persons what the position was regarding the suggestion by SHAEF that 200,000 Italians and other nationals should be evacuated from France to Southern Italy. File to be submitted to CA Sec.

5. There is to be a British Red Cross liaison officer at HQ AAI. Mr. Selby Bigge selected.

6. Public Health to investigate position with regard to steps taken against typhus in Army Areas.

7. Col. Chapman mentioned that petrol was going to be very scarce and the greatest care should be exercised in issuing permits.

8. The tentative movement order given by AC for the movement of 5,000 troops to be auxilliary to CC.RR awaits assent from AFHQ. The desirability of moving CC.RR. from the North to Rome during the coming winter was discussed.

9. Education S/C requested the attachment of the Librarian of Congress, Mr.Conches, to that sub-commission. Agreed.

10. Legal S/C stated that there had been no decision regarding the salary of local experts.

11. Displaced Persons S/C stated that no Italian troops from Greece have arrived up to date. Neither had there been any answer from AFHQ as to whose responsibility they are
5,000 refugees per week are scheduled to arrive in Rome from Arezzo

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3. The staff at Chianciano is to be broken up and made available to assist in work in the devastated areas. They will help in building up stockpiles for areas liable to be cut off during the coming winter, the organisation of animal transport, etc. A preliminary survey is being made.

4. Col. Crimps asked Displaced Persons what the position was regarding the suggestion by SHAEF that 200,000 Italians and other nationals should be evacuated from France to Southern Italy. File to be submitted to CA Sec.

5. There is to be a British Red Cross liaison officer at HQ AAI. Mr. Selby Bigge selected.

6. Public Health to investigate position with regard to steps taken against typhus in Army areas.

7. Col. Chapman mentioned that petrol was going to be very scarce and the greatest care should be exercised in issuing permits.

8. The tentative movement order given by AC for the movement of 5,000 troops to be auxilliary to CC.PR awaits assent from AFHQ. The desirability of moving CC.PR. from the North to Rome during the coming winter was discussed.

9. Education S/C requested the attachment of the librarian of Congress, Mr. Boncher, to that sub-commission. Agreed.

10. Legal S/C stated that there had been no decision regarding the salary of local experts.

11. Displaced Persons S/C stated that no Italian troops from Greece have arrived up to date. Neither had there been any answer from AFHQ as to whose responsibility they are.
5,000 refugees per week are scheduled to arrive in Rome from Ancona.
AAI have ordered the clearing of the housing estate attached to the Lignite Mine at Prata, in preparation of its occupation by the 6th S.A. Armoured Div. This Mine is the largest mine of its type in Italy and this will be out of action.

12. There is to be an UNRRA meeting on Thursday, 2 Oct, at which Brig. Spofford is presiding. CA Sec is to send a representative.

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13. Patriot Branch reported great activity by the Patriot Committee recently. Instructions have been issued prior to setting up employment and welfare agencies.

14. Major Temple wished to make a correction in last week's minutes. He stated that the proposed reorganisation of provincial boundaries, Gaeta and Frosinone, was still in the planning stage and might go no further.

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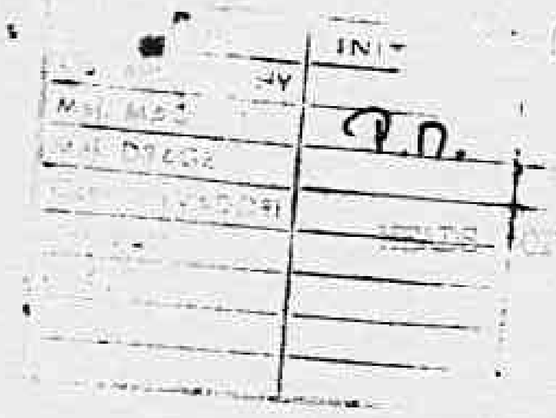

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 34

Meeting opened 1600 hrs on 27 Oct 44.

1. Points from last meeting, held on 24 Oct 44:-

(a) Russian "observers" have not yet commenced work in the Legal Sub-Commission.

(b) Public Safety will endeavour to submit their directive for Northern Regions by Saturday, 28 Oct. 44, but certain matters concerning the crossing of frontiers have to be discussed with the Political Section which may delay the submission of the report.

(c) Colonel Fothergill thought that Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission intended to send their directive more as instructions to Welfare Officers than as a directive and which they hope to have prepared for submission by Saturday, 28 Oct. 44.

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(l) Colonel Cripps is checking on the details in regard to the delay in the telegram sent from Palermo to ACC.

(m) General Order No. 35 is now before Brigadier Lush.

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2. Devastated Areas - Sub-C/SS has agreed to the withdrawal of two Italians & Swiss from Northern Region and to put them under one senior officer, held Asc/A Cable for co-ordinating with the towns and with the Italian Government for supplementing the work of the Sub-Commissions in providing glass, cement, and other materials. Twenty Swedish Red Cross workers (women) may be able to be made available when they arrive, until needed for the north.

3. A.F.H.Q. has authorised a fortnightly leave station where there is a 200 km radius.

4. By the end of next month civilians may be able to send private telegrams.

5. The Infant Mortality rate fell very considerably last month. When asked, Colonel Griffin replied that it was difficult to ascertain the accuracy of the Italian figures.

6. A.F.H.Q. has ordered a battalion of soldiers back to Sicily. It may take two or three weeks to put into operation.

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(b) AMGIA to be called "Army Sub-Commission".

13. Colonel Pomeroy, Regional Commissioner of Sardinia, states that he can reduce his staff by the end of the year to 9. Civil Affairs Section is involved as he wishes to retain one Legal Officer and one Police Officer.

Colonel Behrens thought a Legal Officer was very necessary but it was not a whole time job. As the Legal Officer who will remain is also C.O. Coy., the position will be satisfactory.

Colonel Chapman thinks one Police Officer will be sufficient by the end of the year.

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Public Health agree with this as they do not need an officer there.

Major Washburne agrees that an officer is superfluous if he can delegate his powers to someone else.

14. Civil Affairs - no representatives are required from Sub-Commissions, for the meeting, which is to be held 4 Nov 44. Any points for the meeting, coming later than Saturday evening, can be sent on by Colonel Slack.

15. Major Myers has observed that the Provincial Commissioners were complaining that they have to send 56 - 57 reports every month to the Regional Commissioner. Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to review their returns apart from the Monthly Bulletin.

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22. Colonel Fothergill reported that they are still having a great deal of difficulty because AG officers still issue Italians with permits to travel. A certain officer has given a permit to people to go from Frosinone to Sicily to fetch their families. The people in question find themselves at the present moment in Messina. Owing to the tension at the moment Colonel Fothergill thought it might be better to let these people through. He has taken the matter up very strongly with Lirio Region.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CONTROL STAFF
NO. 57

SEEN.	INITIALS.	DATE.
Col. Mc. CARTHY		
Maj. MAG[illegible]	P.J	
Maj. BRAGE		
Capt. SALVADORI		
Col. FAVA		
C. C.		

Meeting opened 1600 hrs on 24 Oct. 44.

1. Points from last meeting, held over for Sub-

(a) The Russian "observers" [illegible] work on the Legal Sub-Commission job.
(b) Major de Wald is preparing an Absorbtion report for A.F.H.Q.
(c) Dealing with the Enemy Act - Great Britain is now issuing certificates, etc. Instructions following later.
(d) Colonel Chapman explains that Operation on Oil will be very slow. (Breach of Patents may be involved.)
(e) Public Safety and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions are preparing their directives for northern regions.
(f) Colonel Chapman reports that the police, at the moment, will have to pay for their extra rations. Brig. Taylor directed that a directive should be sent to all Regions drawing attention to this procedure in regard to police, and also asked that an enquiry should be made as to how much police have to pay for the increase of rations over and above their former rations. Regions to be informed of the new scale of charges.

2. Soldiers in Libya. Col. Pinley suggested that AMGOT should ask the Italian Government to send a representative there to deal with the demobilisation and disposal of 2,000 soldiers there. Brig. Taylor said he would raise up it in CCS.

3. No official directive from A.F.H.Q. to drop the word "Control" from ACC received yet, though it was authorised and had been received at A.F.H.Q.

4. Screening of all Deputees by Legal Sub-Commission approved by A/CC. Letter sent to P.R. asking them to put this into effect.

5. Colonel Murphy (Econ. Sec.) to be appointed co-ordinating officer with UNRRA, but Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Comm. will continue to deal direct with UNRRA on all matters.

6. List of surplus officers in Northern Regions who could be employed, if required, on temporary duties in existing regions in Liberated Italy has not been received yet.

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Major Shelburne inquired whether this new instruction would [illegible] possible for the Italian Minister for Education to accompany Mr Bevan [illegible] as he wished to see the University.
Brig Upjohn suggested that a letter should be submitted on that matter; he could only go if his technical services were required and on certain conditions. [illegible]

11. [illegible] to deal with [illegible] in Sicily.

12. Pellegrini has been court-martialled by the Italian Military Court for violation of the Italian Military code. Execution [illegible] have been ordered against him.

13. A translation of Decree No. 249 abrogating laws of the Fascist Republic has been sent to sub-Comms, and Upjohn stated it was well worth studying. Col. Behrens to see that a copy is sent to A/CC and C.o.S.

14. Col. Chapman reported that the C.C.S. and Police Agencies are still short of boots and shoes.

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20. Brig. Upjohn enquired whether any reply had been received on the question of Chierenti's salary. Suggested that Col.Behrens should send a reminder.

21. Major Washburne enquired when General Order 35 on Defascism was likely to be published. Col.Behrens said that it would probably leave his office next day.

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22. Major Dollard enquired whether the G-2 (US) directive on personnel employment in Germany and other countries after the war applied to American officers. Refd. Division officer Major Dollard be asked to write to G-2 (A) to enquire whether similar arrangements have been made for U.S. officers.

23. Major de Wolf reported that the negotiations around the theme centre at Hosen in Belgium, armoured. It is hoped that the ~~rule~~ will be completed within a week.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
NO. 52

Meeting opened 16 00 hrs 20 Oct 44.

1. Brig. Robertson represented Gen Ryan the Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Commissioner who are away here, Mr. Murray and Mr. Mitchell. It is thought likely that 300 more staff will be supplied on an hoc basis. The Depot personnel to be increased in Florence.

2. The Marchese of Justice has made a full apology about the unauthorized visit to Ancona. Much has been accomplished to U.S.A.A.A.I.

3. A.F.H.Q. are proposing to put civilian restaurants out of bounds immediately for all military personnel.

4. The Technical section of M.G. Italy do not at all clear; this makes the planning very difficult as Regions adjacent to Thiscione. Unemployed Officers are to be put at the disposal of Sub-Commission one. Col. Phipps to find out about the present position regarding return from Northern Regions of officers affected, who were due on 15 Oct.

5. The C.P.'s meeting in future will be held once a week on Thursdays and the Chief of Staff's meeting twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. The meeting of heads of Sub-Commissions of the Civil Affairs Section will be held every Tuesday and Friday at 1600 hrs.

6. The Russian "observer" officers will start their visits for a week to the Legal Dept. Saturday 21 Oct 44. It is pointed out that they have their own officers. Col. Phipps to see that everyone has received the Directive.

7. The Italians have put in a long list of atrocities in the North by the Germans. This matter was discussed at the Allied Advisory Council. It has been suggested that the British and American Governments should cite in public actual incidents to show Germany that we are, at any rate, aware of their behaviour and this might stop some people as the phase of the war is turning. Maj. de Wala asked if he should sort out the atrocities sent into him, as reports by his officers going forward with the troops. Brig. Upjohn thought it would be a good idea to send them on to A.F.H.Q.

8. No official news of U.S.A. repeal of Trading with the Enemy Act.

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2. The Headquarters of Justice and Police [illegible] about this week-end, when [illegible] A.I.

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9. A riot took place on Thursday in Palermo where 16 were killed and 105 injured. Public directed against the Italian troops, not police. Brig. Upjohn said that the P.R.O. said when these riots occurred wildest statements were made in the press; he asked P.S. Sub-Commission to send a Memo to all Regional Commissioners pointing out the necessity of their sending in brief, exact reports immediately so that P.R.O. could make a quick release and counter the propaganda.

10. Major Fielden (PRO) has reported that he has heard that Epuration is very slow in the U.S.A. Col. Chapman to check on this.

11. Planning for M. Regions directives should be consolidated and prepared. Col. Finley said Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commissions each have a general one to send out. Col. Chapman said Public Safety had one about the movement of subjects across the frontiers.

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DAILY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
No.51

Meeting opened 10.02 hrs 16 Oct '44. Col.Cripps in the Chair.

1. A draft copy of the new office memo was handed to each Sub-Commission responsible. Col.Findlay brought up the point of telephone being held up sometimes in the message centre, case might be worse if all action ones for him were sent through Civil Affairs Section. It was also brought up by Col. Cripps that to urgent or possibly fairly urgent memos should be sent by the message centre, but by means of a runner.

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14 October 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON 12 OCTOBER 1944.

The following were present :

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A/Head Economic Section.
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The question of patriots had come under discussion since the last meeting. Briefly the decision reached at a meeting with AAI (HQS(Ops)) and PWB (Mr.Rayner) was that PWB would gradually reduce publicity for patriots on this side of the line and that the Italian Combatto programme for patriots on the enemy side of the line would, as far as possible, be of a purely military character.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

No comments.

4. Relations between Prefects and Comitati di Liberazione.

The Chief of Staff read a HQ directive dealing with the relationship between Prefects and the Comitato di Liberazione. It had been approved by AAI. Col. Spicer elaborated, stressing that the Comitato had no executive powers whatsoever and that the Prefect must be upheld at all times. It was reported that Ministers were visiting forward areas not so much for administrative reasons as to canvass for personal support. They spent more time with the Comitato than with the Prefect. Chief of Staff stressed that the Italian Government must comply with our policy in forward areas. The Prefect was the executive authority and must have the backing of both AMG and the Italian Government. SCAO's and R.C's were in agreement with the directive.

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7. Accommodation for Northern Regions.

DCCAO. LOMBARDIA Reg. DCCAO AAI was instructed to take up with HQ 71 Garrison (FLORENCE City Command) the move of TOSCANA Region to FLORENCE. LOMBARDIA Region was faced with a move at short notice and had great difficulty in finding an alternative location. R.C. was instructed to take the matter up with DCCAO who would get a decision from AAI.

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8. ADG EIGHTH Army.

(a) Transport for ANCONA. SCAO EIGHTH Army asked about transport for ANCONA. Col. Densmore, Economic Section, reported that 1 GT Coy had been made available and would report about 16 October.

9. PIEMONTE Region.

C.A.Sec. (a) Italian Patriot Officers. R.C. said that there were now 16 Italian Patriot Officers at CHIAVCIANO for whom no duty could be found at present and asked that they be recalled. ##

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(b) Grain for ROME. Trucks, total capacity of 180 tons, had been sent to MACERATA to transport grain to railhead at IESI for shipment to ROME. The trucks were not good enough for the condition of the roads and help was needed. SCAO EIGHTH Army agreed to give assistance when his new GT Coy arrived.

13. LOMBARDIA Region.

Estab.Sec. (a) Personnel and Transport. The Region was still incomplete in personnel. They were short of 20 Provincial Officers and deficient of 12 jeeps.

14. Civil Affairs Section.

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(c) Transport. Col. Densmore quoted from an AFHQ letter regarding the economical use of transport. This provided for the use of military transport in convoys which were running empty. Such transport would be made available to ACC, and R.C's would liaise with Area and Sub-Area Commanders as to where loads could be collected. A directive would be issued down to Provincial Commissioners. The transport situation was critical and AFHQ was doing everything possible to help. It was stressed that all transport must not be allowed to run empty. Truck runs must be coordinated to provide loads on outward and inward journeys wherever possible.

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16. Directives.

Dep Chiefs of Staff. DCOS's were asked to ensure that when directives were issued sufficient copies were sent to allow of distribution down to Provincial Commissioners.

17. Disarming of Patriots.

All R.C's & SCAO's Armies. Chief of Staff stated that the Acting Chief Commissioner had asked him to raise the question of disarming patriots. Large numbers of patriots were known to be still in possession of arms and it was a matter which was causing great concern. He was aware of the difficulties but from the point of view of law and order it was a matter which must be pursued with the greatest vigour.

18. Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in three weeks time, probably at PERUGIA.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AF[illegible]E SECTION

No.50

Meeting opened 16.05 hrs 15 Oct.'44.

1. Letter re Russian Liaison officers seen by everyone. No copies of documents to be made and no files removed. Civil Affairs Section has two officers attached. The officers will be lent to a sub-commission for a week at a time starting with Legal sub-commission. CA Section will issue at a later date a roster of where and when the Russian officers will be attached to the different sub-commissions.

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12. Brig. Parkinson reported on his meeting re devastated areas. The Italians are to call a meeting on Monday of all Prefects of the areas involved to get them to set up committees in the provinces and districts. Mine problem very bad. Brig. Upjohn suggested that an officer from the Food sub-commission and Displaced Persons should sit on the Central committee, also Col. Cripps for mine clearance problems.

13. Maj. de Wald brought up the subject of feeding of civilian staff in ACC building. The MFAA staff say general discontent, they would

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Maj. DRAGE		
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rather pay more than the 2 lire and get more attention and better food. Lazio Region ACC staff pay 10 lire and are very much better off in food and service. VP to raise at next CCS meeting.

14. Brigadier Upjohn thought the question of ACC helping with a Hostel for Ministers called forward or to Rome would be impossible. It is a matter entirely for the Italian Government.

15. Col. Cripps reported that Col. Marshall (Piedmonte Region) had said he had 10 Italian Patriot officers doing nothing. Col.McCarthy said that Regions were only sent the officers they asked for. 2 For Region HQ and 2 for each province. He presumed these were officers being held to go forward. Patriot sub-commission to investigate.

16. Col. Fothergill said that the Italian government are giving trouble in regard to paying ex-internees when ACC leave control of the territory. VP directed that as soon as payments are one month in arrears the matter is to be brought to his attention. He will press the TRUCE.

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18. In future sub-commissions will render in duplicate their returns on Tuesdays on discussions with the Italian Government and other matters of interest for the Citrop and D.O. letter.

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18. In future sub-commissions will render in duplicate their returns on Tuesdays on discussions with the Italian Government and other matters of interest for the Sitrep and D.O. letter.

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All Sub-Commissions.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
WITH
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

No. 49.

Meeting opened 16,03 hrs 9 Oct.'44. Colonel Chipps was in the chair.

1. Feeding of staff in the building (they pay 2 or 7 lire per day for soup). Hav eany sub-commissions had any remarks from civilian staff?

2. Extra rations for Police agencies approved - Pubblica Sicurezza and Guardie di Finanza. Italian Government and Police to be informed (if not already informed). Col. Chatman to discuss with Col.Chipps.

3. The assigning of the various Russian Officers to sub-commissions to be done by Col. Bisk. Understood civil affairs section not involved. Col. McCarthy would like a directive on security matters involved.

4. The Allied Labour Delegation held meetings in working hours. This has been stopped. The Russian Delegation have been asked to inform Regional Commissions concerned beforehand and to arrange meetings in the lunch hour or off duty tige.

5. The position of ACC in the light of the joint declaration of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr.Churchill not yet determined. No directive received to drop word controll.

6. Certain decrees yet passed without the sanction of the H.C., Col. Wilmar said it was necessary to have a liaison officer to check on old decrees and to liaise with H.E. Bonomi. Major de Wald stated that the Minister of public instruction had put in a decree appointing 2 people in Florence (A.M.G.,V Army Territory) without consulting anyone. To investigate and make a further report.

7. Medical supply situation. AFHQ to be sent certain reccommendations.

8. Col.Wilmar stated that American officers' promotion was unfrosen. Any heads of sub-commissions wishing to promote American officers (old or new) if they would send the particulars forward to him he would follow up the forms. Col. Wilmar thought it advisable to send names of C,Rs as they would be held as a reserve.

9. Major Washburn stated that it was difficult to know what to arrang for Italian officials who were called to Rome in conjunction with their work with the Ministry and ACC. He wondered if it would not be possible to ask the Italian Government to open a transit mess for these people. Col. Spicer concurred and stated that he had the same trouble with Prefects called forward who cannot possibly afford the high prices in Rome.

10. Col. Spicer reported that he had tried to see the Prime Minister about the National Committee of Liberation and had had an unsatisfactory

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9. Major Wesham stated that it was difficult to know what to arrang for Italian officials who were called to Rome in conjunction with their work with the Ministry and ACC. He wondered if it would not be possible to ask the Italian Government to open a transit mess for these people. Col. Spicer concurred and stated that he had the same trouble with Prefects called forward who cannot possibly afford the high prices in Rome.

10. Col. Spicer reported that he had tried to see the Prime Minister about the National Committee of Liberation and had had an unsatisfactory reply. He will report further later.

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12. Col. McCarthy submitted a memorandum recommending that MMIA should be

Meeting closed at 10,50 hrs.

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Deputy Chief of Staff's Meeting

of

Heads of Sub-Commissions of the Civil Affairs Section

No 49.

Meeting opened 16-05 hrs 9 Oct. '43. Colonel Gripps was in the chair.

1. Feeding of staff in the building (they pay 2 or ? lire per day for same). Have any sub-commissions had any records from civilian staff?

2. Future rations for allied agencies approved - Publics Assistance and Comando di Piazza. Italian Government and Police to be informed (if not already informed). Col. Chatham to liaison with Col. Gripps.

3. The assigning of the various Russian officers to sub-commissions to be done by Col. Fink. Underground civil affairs section not involved. Col. Moriarty would like a directive on security matters involved.

4. The Allied Labour Delegation held meetings in working hours. This has been stopped. The Russian Delegation have been asked to inform Highest considerations concerned beforehand and to arrange meetings in the lunch hour or off duty time.

5. The position of AMG in the light of the joint declaration of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill not yet determined. No directive received to date re "controll"

6. Certain decrees put passed without the sanction of the C. . Col. Filmer said it was necessary to have a liaison officer to check on all decrees and to liaise with H.Q. Forces . Major de Wild stated that the Minister of public instruction had put in a decree appointing 2 people in Florence (i.e. No. 7 AMG Territory) without consulting anyone. To investigate and make a further report.

7. Medical supply situation. AMG to be sent certain recommendations.

8. Col. Filmer stated that Russian officers' promotion was unfounded. Any heads of sub-commissions wishing to promote Russian officers (old or new) if they would send the particulars forward to him he would follow up the forms. Col. Filmer thought it advisable to send names of Italians as they would be held as a reserve.

9. Major Washborne stated that it was very difficult to know what to arrange for Italian officials who were called to Rome in connection with their work with the Ministry and AMG. He wondered if it would not be possible to ask the Italian Government to open a transit mess for

2. Press invitations for allied agencies approved - Publication Chronicle and Chronicle di Firenze. Italian Government and Police to be informed (if not already informed). Col. Graham to discuss with Col. Holgate.

3. The assigning of the various Russian officers to sub-commissions to be done by Col. Tate. Understood civil affairs section not involved. Col. McCarthy would like a directive on security matters involved.

4. The Allied Labour Delegation holds meetings in working hours. This has been changed. The Russian Delegation have been asked to [illegible] National commissions concerned beforehand not to arrange meetings in the lunch hour or at any time.

5. The position of AMG in the light of the joint declaration of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill not yet determined. No directive received to stop rent control.

6. Certain decrees not passed without the sanction of the C. . Col. Oliver said it was necessary to have a liaison officer to work on all decrees and to liaise with S.A. Forces . Major de Wolf stated that the Minister of public instruction had set up a Service appointing 2 people in Florence (A. M.G. V Army Territory) without consulting anyone. To investigate and make a further report.

7. National supply situation. AMG to be sent certain recommendations.

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12. Col. Holgate reported [illegible] meeting [illegible]

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ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

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Ref: G/G.3/CA

SUBJECT : Vice President's meeting.

TO : All Sub-Commissions.

The Vice President's usual meeting scheduled for 16.00 hrs Thursday 12 October is postponed until Friday 13 October 1944 at 16.00 hrs.

J.D.HARVEY J/Cdr
RA to VP CA Section.

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Precis of remarks to Prefects by Lt. Col. PICKERING Public Safety Sub-Commission Region V, at Conference of Prefects held at Regional HQ 20 August 1944.

COLONEL R.B. MACDONALD REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PRESIDING

The Prefect being the highest authority of the State in the Provinces is directly responsible to the Minister of the Interior for the maintenance of law and order. He wields much administrative and police power he controls Carabinieri, Questura and Agenti besides having an "Inspection Service" at his disposal.

Prefects were warned of their full responsibility for maintaining law and order in their area.
A.C.C. whilst not interested in Politics as such would demand Right representation from any political party which is represented in the Italian Government.
All parties would receive equal treatment, there would be no favour extended to any particular section.
Prefects should be well aware of Gen. Order 85 re Public Meetings.
Regional Policy for time being is that no open meetings will be permitted.
We wish to restore the prestige and morale of the Carabinieri to their former status
The strength of the Carabinieri will be reduced in some Provinces, as redistribution is necessary within the Region, no further calls can be made on replacement centre Tendency is to gradually reduce strength to peace time ceiling. Many provinces in this Region are much above ordinary strength.

Patriots

Two representatives are now in each province for the purpose of organizing and recognizing genuine patriots. Prefects will be expected to give them every assistance co-operating with Provincial Commissioners. They will be fed, housed and be supplied with P.O.L. by A.M.G..
We hope with their assistance to find employment for true patriots, who will also be issued with a certificate.
Several gangs of armed thieves are moving about in the guise of patriots, these people should be suppressed and relentless action taken against them, we expect the genuine patriots to assist in this clearing up process.
In addition two senior Italian Army Officers have been allotted to Region, one for ABRUZZI and the other for MARCHE, with instructions to enlist patriots into the Italian Army.
Generally speaking the behaviour of the population in Region V has been good, with a recent exception of threats of attack upon Allied soldiers and welfare workers in a single community. This behaviour will not be tolerated.

Police Officers in the Region are all experienced, they have not been harsh in their treatment, but it would be a great mistake if such treatment was looked upon as a sign of weakness.

With the possibility of more territory being handed back to Italian control in the near future, Prefects should prepare for the maintenance of law and order. They will receive any assistance from Public Safety Officers that we may be able to give in carrying out the policy of Allied Control.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Meeting opened 1605 hrs, 3rd October, 1944.

1. AFHQ has directed that the Russians may have eight more staff officers to help and assist the various sub-commissions in ACC.

2. A Public Safety Officer is to go to AFHQ to discuss Carabinieri ceiling. Colonel Chapman said Lt.Col. Wilcox would go.

3. The Italian Government has requested that Italian liaison officers should be appointed to the various sub-commissions. The general view of the meeting was that this move would be very inadvisable.

4. The Italian Government would like the agreement whereby AMG approve the appointment of senior officials in Italian Government territory to be revised and are writing a formal letter to that effect.

5. The Chief Commissioner has approved in principle the providing of rations on the Italian Army scale to the Guardiani Finanza and Pubblica Sicurezza.

6. Colonel Spicer to inquire into the very poor accommodation given to General Pinckè in Amalfi.

7. Brigadier Upjohn stated that there had been trouble between the local Committee of Liberation in Florence and the prefect and between the Committee of Liberation and proposed Minister in Naples. It was our duty to support the Government representatives and Colonel Spicer suggested he should discuss the matter with Bonomi and put up a draft directive. (Agreed). Colonel McCarthy said he would find out if a Central Committee was still operating in Rome.

8. More publicity is needed for the Civil Affairs Section. It was suggested that one article a week on either mine clearance, Carabinieri, Fascist laws, etc, should be sent for inclusion in Major Fielden's Weekly Bulletin and many such articles would also be suitable for publication in the Press (through P.W.B. and P.A.B).

9. Colonel Griffen is taking over all medical supplies in the Mediterranean Theatre.

10. An Italian Red Cross week is to start on 15 October '44 to collect everything possible for refugees.

11. Colonel Nethergill stated that the repatriation of Italians from the south of France, Spain, Switzerland etc, is to be covered by AFHQ and SHAEF. They are to be concentrated at Naples, Marseilles, etc and dispersed.

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5. The Italian Government has requested that [illegible] should be appointed to the various sub-committees. The general view of the meeting was that this move would be very undesirable.

6. The Italian Government would like the agreement whereby full approval for appointment of senior officials in Italian Government territory is to be revised and are writing a formal letter to that effect.

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14. MFAI reported that the Germans are taking a large number of deposits from North of Florence. This population needs to be brought before the public, as cases are more frequent as the Germans go North.

15. Civil Affairs Section's meetings will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 1600 hrs.

Meeting closed at 1630 hrs.

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R.C. & M.G. Section
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1 October 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD
AT SIENA ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1944.

The following were present :

Executive Commissioner
A/Head Economic Section
SCAO, AMG 5 Army
SCAO, AMG 8 Army
R.C's Regions IV, V, VIII, IX
Liguria, Piemonte, XI and XII.
Representatives from Admin. Section
Representatives from Econ. Section
Heads of Sub-Commissions etc, HQ ACC.

The Executive Commissioner was in the chair.

ACTION

1. Opening Remarks.

The Executive Commissioner informed the meeting that the BBC had just announced that the future title of the Allied Control Commission would be Allied Commission for Italy. He left it to the meeting to imagine what that portended, but expressed as his personal view that it implied a continuation of the policy to the Allied Nations to give more responsibility to the Italian Government.

Brig. Lush then explained some of the salient points of the reorganisation of the HQ of the Allied Control Commission which had now been approved by AFHQ. The principle change was the establishment of an Office of the Chief of Staff in the line of command between the Chief Commissioner and the Sections and the Regions. He also explained the functions of the Deputy Chief of Staff (Forward), who would act as the representative of the Chief Commissioner at HQ AAI and would also administer to the immediate operational needs of the Army AMGs and Forward Regions.

R.Cs. Regional Commissioners and SCAOs Armies were warned that in order to make it possible for the Allied Control Commission to carry out its policy of organising Regional staffs for the Northern Regions, they must comply with orders for the movement of personnel assigned to new Regions. All concerned had been warned that reduction to Appendix "C" was necessary. Army AMGs would not suffer total reduction to Appendix "C" until all Italy had been liberated but gradual reduction would be necessary as the

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Brig. Lush stated that the nomenclature of the Regions would be territorial and not numerical.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting.

No comments.

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ACTION

3. Political.

Mr. H. Caccia said that Caretta's lynching was significant in two ways as a reflection on the Italian Government. The arrangements for the trial were bad and it showed that the Carabinieri were unreliable in a crisis. The six parties which made up the Government were united on one score, that of frustration which they felt against the firm control maintained by the ACC. The change of name from Allied Control Commission to Allied Commission should convince them that it was intended they were to assume more responsibility.

They were no further developments in the North. The Milan Committee did not regard themselves in conflict with the Rome Government and sent messages of goodwill to General Alexander and the Government. In both replies it was made clear that General Alexander was in supreme command.

4. Planning - Forward Regions.

Col. Fiske stated that LAZIO, ABRUZZI-MARCHE and TOSCANA Regions would have to be stripped to Appendix "C". Provincial teams from Northern Regions would be loaned to TOSCANA Region as soon as they had been formed.

The general concensus of the meeting was that it would be unnecessary in future to remove from their existing appointments officers assigned to Northern Regions until they were required to be moved forward. Considerable difficulty had been caused by removing officers engaged in operational duties. SCAO FIFTH Army asked that it should be put on record that he was not in agreement that officers assigned to him should be withdrawn from FIFTH Army. It was agreed to place this on record but it was explained that it was impracticable and not in accordance with the policy of the Allied Control Commission. It was agreed that where officers were at present engaged in operational duties they would in future be assigned to the new Region but remain at their duties until they had to be moved forward. This did not apply to Provincial Commissioners and Heads of specialist divisions, who would be required to report in person to their new Regional Commissioner. It was impressed on the meeting that this arrangement would only succeed if SCAO FIFTH Army AMG and R.Cs. complied immediately with orders to release officers assigned to new Regions.

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SCAO was much troubled about the removal of Supply Officers. Mr. Antolini suggested that a civilian expert might be acceptable to take over certain staff work on the supply side and relieve officers for duties in the field. Brig. Gen. Hume thought there might be difficulties although he personally saw no objection.

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Lt.Col. Bowman on behalf of EIGHTH Army said that there were no points to be raised.

7. Points raised by Regional Commissioners.

(a) TOSCANA Region.

R.C. was in difficulties regarding haulage of supplies for other Regions. Exec. Comm. stated that (a) haulage for supplies needed by the Region was a matter for the R.C. (b) haulage for supplies for other Regions should be referred to HQ ACC. (Transportation Sub-Commission) if Regions could not function.

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(b) ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

Transptn S.C. Food S.C.

Storage of Grain: Major Scholtz said their big problem was storage space. 1½ million quintals of grain of this year's crop could not be stored until last year's harvest had been moved out.

Food Demonstrations: Major Scholtz reported there had been demonstrations in the Region because of lack of food. People resented the disparity in the bread ration between their Region and others. There had been a demonstration at TERNI because of lack of olive oil since last March, whereas in South Italy it was alleged to be plentiful. Salt was also badly needed.

Econ Sec

Mr. Antolini said that the entire food situation in this Region needed reviewing quickly. Lt.Col.Stewart said the view on prevalence of olive oil in the South was widely held but was unjustified by the facts. He hoped that if the collection of the new crop of olive oil proved successful, they would be able to distribute a 400 gramme ration. Schooners would shortly be available to transport salt.

It was reported that Lt.Col.French was examining the question of borrowing grain from the producers with a promise to repay in six months. Mr. Antolini said that however practicable a solution this must seem he foresaw that repayment would be difficult, in view of the wheat situation as a whole, and was opposed to the proposal.

(c) EMILIA Region.

Lt.Col.Bowman reported on conditions in SAN MARINO when Major Zervudachi was temporarily L.O. Conditions were not as bad as originally reported. 13 trucks of food were sent in and the trucks were still there. Refugees were well organised and housed in tunnels, but winter conditions would make things difficult. Col. Findlay said he was visiting SAN MARINO shortly to inspect refugee conditions. Lt.Col. Bowman asked that Mr. Caccia should go there as soon as possible. It was reported that the whole of the Principality was now clear of Germans.

(d) LAZIO Region.

Col. Ames asked who would haul wheat from granaries in MACERATA in ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region to railhead at IESI. ABRUZZI Region could not lift.

LAZIO & ABRUZZI Regions.

Decided that LAZIO Region should provide transport but ABRUZZI Region would organise vehicles and drivers to ensure that the work was properly carried out.

A.Cs. were asked to help each other in the

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Lt.Col.Bowman reported on conditions in SAN MARINO when Major Zervudachi was temporarily L.O. Conditions were not as bad as originally reported. 15 trucks of food were sent in and the trucks were still there. Refugees were well organised and housed in tunnels, but winter conditions would make things difficult. Col. Findlay said he was visiting SAN MARINO shortly to inspect refugee conditions. Lt.Col. Bowman asked that Mr. Caccia should go there as soon as possible. It was reported that the whole of the Principality was now clear of Germans.

(d) LAZIO Region.

Col. Ames asked who would haul wheat from granaries in MACERATA in ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region to railhead at IESI. ABRUZZI Region could not lift.

LAZIO & ABRUZZI Regions.

Decided that LAZIO Region should provide transport but ABRUZZI Region would organise vehicles and drivers to ensure that the work was properly carried out.

R.Cs. were asked to help each other in the matter of hauling and collecting wheat in their own Regions for export to other Regions, Executive Memorandum - laid down the procedure.

Fuel wood in RIETI was being diverted to ROME. It was pointed out that contractors in RIETI had always supplied ROME and as usual there should be sufficient both for local use and export.

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(e) VENEZIA Region.

Brig. Dunlop said communicationsto his Region should be addressed to Eight Army AAG, with whom he was in daily contact. It was agreed that the "Follow Up" Regions should stay as close as possible to Armies.

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Estab. Sec.

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Col. Hancock reported that five teams would be ready this week, but that he lacked transport.

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8. Hiring of Civilian Transportation.

All R.Cs. present.

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9. Locations and Personnel.

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(iii) It was stated that the issue of Proclamation No.1 had been delayed by alterations to the Preamble due to political reasons. General Order No.29 was at the printers and should be ready this week.

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11. Patriots.

Col. Mayne registered a strong protest against preferential treatment of Patriots. He said that comparatively few were honest fighters, and that they were a potential source of danger if favoured and treated as a special body. There was no objection to treating individual patriots better if they had deserved well, but this preferential treatment should not automatically be extended to the whole band. The important thing was to disarm, disband and turn them into good citizens. The Exec Comm pointed out that this in fact was the basis of the main directive on Patriots. Col. Mayne suggested the broadcasts and pamphlets promised and publicised them too much. Mr. Caccia pointed out that in the North they were serious fighting units led by Allied Officers. Brig. Upjohn considered AAI should be asked to moderate its publicity in this respect. Col.McCarthy said he had asked AAI to put their views on paper. Lt.Col. Bye raised the point of feeding and caring for the Patriots between their disbandment and future employment. He said that he had arranged to house and feed them until work had been found. If it was refused he was not further concerned. He pointed out the strong political flavour of the patriot bands and said that few wanted to go back into ordinary employment. Several bands wanted to be absorbed into the Italian Army as communist divisions, but this was not acceptable to the Army. Mr. Caccia said there were two distinct views held by the Italian Government. They were anxious because of possible danger in the future from armed communist bands. They were proud of the prestige they had won. Brig. Dunlop stressed the future danger to Allied plans if the Italian Government tried to use the argument that Italian patriots had driven the Germans out of Italy.

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(d) Lt.Col. Stewart gave particulars of new directives on food and two decrees dealing with olive oil which were being issued, together with a directive on the feeding of refugees.

13. Administrative Section.

(a) Brig. Upjohn read out the names of Prefects ready to go forward in the Northern Provinces. Eleven more existed in the pool. He asked R.Cs. to restrict their demands made on the Interior Sub-Commission to Prefects and the like. Demands for other officials should be sent to the relevant Sub-Commission. In view of the shortage of Prefects it was always desirable to select a Prefect from those available rather than to call for one from the Italian Government.

(b) Mine Clearance. There was one Italian mine clearing squad in PISA. Four more were to train local civilians and would be moved later to Forward Regions. Their only equipment would be prodders. Detectors could not be obtained.

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It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 11 Oct 44, at a place to be decided later, according to operational necessity.

G.W.I.SHIPP,
Lieut.Col.
Civil Affairs Branch.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
U.S. [illegible] SECTION
APO 394

25 September 1944.

To:S/704/55 /GH.

AGENDA FOR MEETING OF JOINT HEADS
AND ROYS AGENCIES to be held at the Prefettura,
SIENA, on 27 September 1944, at 1100 hrs.

1. Opening Remarks

2. Roll Call of Members Present.

3. Political Questions.

4. Points to be produced by SCAO and JOs.

5. Points to be raised by U.S. [illegible] Section :-

(a) [illegible]

(b) [illegible]

6. Points to be raised by [illegible] Section.

7. Points to be raised by Administrative Section :-

(a) [illegible]

8. Public announcements :- Visits of [illegible] Journalists to Army areas.

9. Any other business.

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Ref. 46/PAT

25 Sept 44.

Subject: Forward Conference.

To: Civil Affairs.

1. Reference your 78/49/Gh of 21 Sept.

2. The officer attending this Conference will be Col. C.D. McCARTHY, plus one Driver.

3. Brigadier LUKE is to raise the question of directives for Patriots raised by 5th Army IMG.

C.D. McCARTHY,
Colonel,
Patriots Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section.

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21 September 44.

REF : 78/49/CA.

SUBJECT : Forward Conference

TO : SCAC Fifth Army.
" Eighth Army.
R.C.s Regions IV,V,VIII,IX,Piemonte, Liguria,XI,XII.
Political Section.
Economic Section.
Admin. Section.
Establishment Branch.
Refugee Branch.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Patriot Branch.
PA to Brig. Lush.
ACC. L.O. AAI. Adv. and Main.

1. The next meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and A.M.G. Armies will be held at CIMI on Wednesday 27 September at 1100hrs.

2. Items for the Agenda must be forwarded to this Branch by 1200 hrs 25 September, together with names of representatives attending.

3. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accomodation. Those wishing to be accomodated at HQs Region XII will give the Regional Commissioner 48 hours notice, and include the number of Offs/EM /Italian drivers to be billetted. Rations will be carried.

Col. McCarthy
To see
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R.C.N.	INITIALS	DATE
Col. Mc. CARTHY		
Maj. Mac[illegible]		
[illegible] GRACE		
Capt. SALVADORI		
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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
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Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref: 784/42/CA

16 September 1944

SEEN.	INITIALS.	DATE.
Col. Mac [illegible]hY	CMH	
Maj. Mac[illegible]	P.O.	
Maj. Brace		
Capt. SALVADORI		
Col. KAVA		
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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1944

The following were present:

Executive Commissioner
A/Head Economic Section
SCAO, AMG 5 Army
SCAO, AMG 8 Army
R.C's, Regions IV, V, VIII, IX, Liguria, Piedmonte, XI and XII
Representatives from Administrative Section
Representatives from Economic Section
Heads of Sub Coms, etc., HQ. ACC

The Executive Commissioner was in the chair.

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2. Political.

Mr. Caccia said the Italian Government had carried on and were doing good work. An interesting development had been the formulation of party programmes in which early Provincial and Communal elections were advocated. The Italian Government had proposed the official recognition of the Central Committee of Liberation in Milan so that there would be an operating body to maintain law and order if there were a period

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of vacuum. There was a representative here at the moment who was soon to return. In general R.C's were opposed to the recognition of the Milan Central Committee as being the representatives of the Italian Government in Rome since this might prejudice the work of AMG later and it was decided that no official sanction should be given.

Political Section

Colonel Grafftey-Smith said it had been suggested an Italian Minister should go in with first AMG teams to explain policy, personalities, etc., of the Government in Rome. Both SCAOs stated that they saw no objection to the presence of an Italian Minister in newly occupied areas, provided it was clearly explained to him that SCAOs were in complete control.

3. Planning - Personnel and Transport for Northern Regions

Colonel Fiske explained the general plans. In order to provide personnel and transport it had been necessary to strip Hq. and Regions in the south and would probably be necessary to reduce Region VIII to Appendix C. It might be necessary to take personnel from Region IX soon after the Region took over.

Est.Br. RC/MG Sec.

It was decided Regions were to be called by their names instead of numerically. Colonel Furren was instructed to take action.

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6. Promotions

Est. Br.

Colonel Mayne asked that special attention might be given to promotions as delay was causing much discontent. Colonel Fiske explained that NATOUSA had frozen promotions from Field Rank and were awaiting a policy from Washington. He said HQ had done everything possible on American side. It was now in hands of G-5, AFHQ. Colonel Furren said British promotions were coming through slowly. Establishment Branch told to check with 5 Army on its promotion list.

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7. Slaughtering of Cattle

Colonel Kirkwood also raised question of slaughter of work cattle which was being carried on by order of Patriots and orders from Vatican. Patriots were operating old Fascist laws. It was agreed that orders

Econ.Sec. should be issued in Army areas prohibiting, either by General Order or in some other way, the slaughter of work cattle.

8. Appointment of Officials in Forward Areas

Colonel Kirkwood stated that there appeared to be some difference in the manner in which Italian officials are appointed in forward areas. Both Army AMG's, however, pointed out that it was the policy for only Prefects Reggenti to be appointed by the SCAO and that other officials were appointed by Provincial Commissioners and approved by the SCAO.

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13. Food and Supplies for Northern Regions

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Mr. Antolini stated that the food and transport situation was very critical, and that the HQ would keep as close as possible to the forward areas in this matter. He pointed out that the import programme for the area beyond the Rimini-Pisa Line was not phased until November and that we must make do what we had until these imports arrived. Plans for the supply of the forward areas had been made with 5 Army and an Economic Section team would be visiting 8 Army to tie up arrangements in their area.

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Lt. Col. Spencer, S.O., 8 Army asked for the provision of mobile power units to put into mills where the plants had been destroyed, or alternatively a higher priority for electricity in forward areas. It was emphasized that Army AMGs and Regions must submit their demands in detail to ACC, HQ.

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16. Confiscation of Retention Allowances of Grain

Colonel Poletti asked if HQ would let him confiscate retention allowances or whether he could borrow them in an emergency, repaying in kind or cash. Economic Section agreed to give AC's guidance on this.

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17. Transportation

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Lt. Col. Bordass, Transportation Subcommission, gave particulars of an organisation named E.M.A.C. which is in force in Italian Government territory for the control of road haulage transport. He said that it was desirable to get this machinery working in A.C territory and particulars would be handed to R.Cs.

AMG 5 Army

Colonel Mayne, AMG 5 Army, said that it was forbidden in 5 Army area to requisition civilian cars and asked whether it would be possible to hire such vehicles. Colonel Grafftey-Smith, Finance Sub-Commission, said that there would be no objection financially but stated that such procedure appeared to conflict with established army practice. Colonel Mayne undertook to take up with G-4 Fifth Army with a view to finding out whether there would be any objection to hiring from that source.

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21. Local Government

Captain Temple of the Interior Subcommission said that Prefects had already been nominated for towns in the present path of the Armies. The reserve of Prefects was now reduced to a few Vice-Prefects and these, together with a few reliable Prefects from the south, would have to be used for the Northern Regions. The Italian Government had notified the Interior Sub-Commission that there were 28 Prefects thought to be in hiding in German occupied territory. Particulars were known and steps were already being taken so that initial screening could be put in hand. The main difficulty was in getting names from the Ministries and the time taken in screening. Regions would be asked to do the screening on the spot where possible.

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25. Patriots

Colonel McCarthy told the meeting that a new Italian Committee had been formed to deal with the whole of the patriots south of the line. He gave particulars of four publications which had been prepared and passed by AAI, viz. a revision of the existing poster signed by General Alexander, a poster to be used in any vacuum period which may arise, a small memorandum on patriots for use by officers in forward areas, and a pamphlet issued by PWB. These publications would shortly be in the press and available for issue.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION

Ref/784/43/CA 10 September 1944.

AGENDA FOR MEETING AT THE PREFETTURA, SIENA.
to be held on 13 September, 1100 hrs.

1. Opening Remarks.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Political situation.
4. Planning.
5. Points to be raised by SCAOs & RCs.
   (a) Personnel.
   (b) W.D. Transport.
6. Points to be raised by Economic Section.
7. Points to be raised by Administrative Section.
   (a) Tentative arrangements for Prefectorial appointments in Northern Provinces.
   (b) C.C.R.R. for Northern Provinces.
8. Points to be raised by R.C. & M.G. Section.
   (a) Movement of Security personnel in Army Areas.
9. Any other business.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

20th August 1944.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD
AT SIENA ON 16th AUGUST 1944.

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2. Minutes of the last Meeting on 2nd August.

The following were discussed:-

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(b) Atrocities. It had been laid down by AFHQ that the JAG's Dept. AAI was the competent authority to investigate enemy atrocities.

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(c) Communications. Stress was laid on the use of Air Courier Services between the Armies and ROME. Investigation was promised into the cause of continued delays.

(d) Passes. Those should be issued by one authority and one officer in ACC HQ. The promiscuous use of passes was again referred to.

(e) Elba. It was proposed that ELBA should be administered by Region VIII as soon as AFHQ agreed.

It was confirmed that necessary action had been taken with regard to the remainder of the minutes.

3. Political.

Mr. H. Caccia reviewed the present political set up of the Italian Government. SCAO Fifth Army (Brig.Gen.Hume) commented and made a comparison between political conditions in LIVORNO and SIENA. LIVORNO it was found was strongly in support of the present Italian Government; in SIENA there was a more independent and critical point of view. The Leftists wanted to rule in their own way. SCAO Eighth Army (Group Capt.Benson) commented. He raised the question of political appointments on entering a new area and said that the further we went North the more forthright and independent were the views of Committees of Liberations who now wished to make appointments of officials rather than AMG.

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6. Region VIII.

(a) Political matters. Colonel R.C. Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner, asked for a ruling that public meetings should not be used as occasions for political demonstrations. In reply the Executive Commissioner said that if any incidents occurred he should call the various political authorities together and explain that further public meetings would not be permitted if there were further demonstrations. The circumstances should be reported to HQ AC in order that Political Section could take action with the party concerned.

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(b) Rations for Civilians employed by AMG. Economic Section agreed to take up at the highest level the suggestion that British Army rations should be purchased by ACC for civilians sent away from their homes on AMG/ACC work.

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(c) Charcoal. Regional Commissioner asked that an allocation should be made of the charcoal available in GROSSETO Province in order to avoid exploitation by black marketeers. Economic Section said that the matter was in hand.

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AMG 8 Army

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Patriot Br.

A start had been made to repair the damage done to the Pontine Marshes. He warned the meeting that if similar damage occurred in the Po Valley it would mean a very serious situation in that area. Colonel McCarthy, Patriots Branch, undertook to consider the possibility of communicating with Patriots in order to save as much as possible of the machinery from German destruction.

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Region VIII

Mr.Antolini said that it would be necessary for the 300 gm ration scale in ELBA to be brought down to the mainland scale of 200 gms. Col.Kirkwood will take action when the Island is handed over to Region VIII.

Finance Sub-Com.

Mr.Antolini asked R.C's to report if they found any undue delay in payment to the farmers for grain after collection. Lt.Col.Hartman, Agriculture Sub-Commission, explained that one of the reasons for this delay was the shortage of money in the banks. Finance Sub-Commission to take up.

(b) Food Sub-Commission.

Food Sub-Com

Colonel Legg reported that the whole food situation in Region IV and particularly ROME area was being considered with a view to making improvements. The universal ration scale would be reviewed at the end of the month but any increase would be dependent on the result of Granai del Popolo. There was a 30 days supply stockpiled for FLORENCE.

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(a) Defascistization.

Adm Sec. — Colonel Upjohn reported satisfactory progress. In reply to a question by Brig.Parkinson as to whether steps were being taken to purge noted industrial leaders in the north who are not civil officials, Colonel Upjohn explained that a degree is now being drafted to cover that eventuality.

(b) Pools of Italian Officials.

Some difficulty is being experienced in finding medical and agriculture officials but it is hoped to obtain enough to form a small pool.

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(c) Medical Supplies.

RC/MG Sec. Brigadier Parkinson warned SCAO's and RO's that there will be a shortage of medical supplies up to the end of this month, but the situation will probably be eased after that date.

RC/MG Sec. Civil Affairs Branch will take up the question of the reopening of a factory at ANCONA for the manufacture of medical supplies.

(d) Public Safety.

Pub. Safety Sub-Com. (i) GG.FF. Fifth Army asked for replacements for 11 GG.FF who have reached the age limit for retirement. Public Safety Sub-Commission will take up.

RC/MG Sec. (ii) Movement. Civil Affairs Branch to take up again with AAI the question of having the Army Control Line clearly marked by notices.

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(d) Refugees.

Adjt HQ ACC RC/MG Sec. (i) Status of Refugee Officers. Discussion arose due to the issue of Special Order No.194 dated 13th August. It was agreed that this would be cancelled.

Ital. Ref. Br. Tptn Sub-Com. (ii) Movement of Refugee Camps to Army Areas. AVERSA Refugee Camp was to be moved forward to Fifth Army area and the necessary transportation arranged through Transportation Sub-Commission as soon as possible.

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(iii) Movement of Refugees from ANCONA. Eighth Army AMG asked whether arrangements had been made for the movement of refugees from ANCONA. Lt.Col.Brister affirmed that evacuation from that port had already commenced.

(iv) Repatriation of Refugees. The Executive Commissioner again stressed upon RC's the necessity of impressing upon their provincial officers that they must refrain from granting movement certificates to all and sundry to get back to their homes. The matter was reaching serious proportions. It was hoped to get a scheme going in a short time for the repatriation of these people in conjunction with the Italian Government.

Regions IV, V, VIII & IX.
RC/MG Sec.
It.Ref.Branch

Lt.Col.Benham Carter, Region IV, suggested that something should be done to let these people know that such a scheme was contemplated. Italian Refugee Branch and Civil Affairs Branch will take up.

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SUBJECT: Forward Conference 13 Sept 44.

TO : Patriot Branch.

As requested by you accommodation has been reserved as below for nights 12 and 13 Sept 44 at Hq Region XII CHIANCIANO (#20).

All concerned should be warned that CHIANCIANO is without electricity and that rations should be carried:

Two Officers, one OR/EM

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Commissioner.

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Maj. MA[illegible]	
Maj. [illegible]	
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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 22 August 1944

Presiding: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR

The Conference was opened at 0930 by the Acting Chief Commissioner, Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR.

I -- OPENING REMARKS BY ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

1. Almost three months have passed since our last meeting at the end of May in Naples. I know that I express your feelings as well as my own when I say how deeply we regret that General Mason MacFarlane is not in the chair to-day. He has, I am afraid, been very seriously ill and been in great pain after the long operation which he had in July. After a series of relapses, I am happy to say that our latest news is that he is now out of danger and we shall all, I know, wish to send him good wishes for speedy recovery.

2. The reasons why it has not been possible to hold such a meeting before now have, of course, been connected with the rapidity of our advance in May and with the consequent move of the headquarters of the Commission to Rome. Nevertheless several meetings have been held in the field with the Northern Regional Commissioners and Senior Civil Affairs Officers of 5th and 8th Army, as well as with the Southern Commissioners in Naples. I do not, therefore, propose to make any long survey of events.

3. At the same time I think even a brief summary of what has happened since the first arrival of an Allied Military Mission in Brindisi in September of last year may help to fit our work in its true proportions. When we arrived at Brindisi there was virtually no Italian Government and no administrative machine. There was the Italian Prime Minister, Marshal Badoglio, with two service ministers but without any other colleagues or any of the officials, archives, or even typewriters that are the apparatus by which administration can be carried on. It is no secret that all our original communications from the Italian Government in Brindisi came in the form of letters written by the hand of the Prime Minister himself. Things have moved far since then.

4. The first phase of our work was what may be called the constructional period. In October at Moscow our objective was laid down for us by the Allied Governments in a declaration on Italy. Point One of this declaration read as follows: "It is essential that the Italian Government should be made more democratic by inclusion of the representatives of those sections of the Italian people who have always opposed Fascism." It was therefore up to us to do what we could to further the establishment of such an Italian government. Despite the efforts of the Italian Prime Minister and our encouragement, it was at first only possible for the Marshal to gather around him a government which he described as a 'government of technicians'. The reasons for this are well-known to you and I need not dwell on them. But I would say that the period while this state of affairs lasted was by no means time

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5. In April the Italian Prime Minister was able to transform his Government into a political government to include representatives of all the six parties who formed part of the Committees of Liberation in South Italy. This was a great step forward to achieve the goal that had been set for us in the Moscow Declaration. But it was always realised that a further change would be necessary when Rome had been liberated and when many of the national political leaders of the parties might become available. Expectations were not belied and in June, soon after the Allied

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entry into Rome, a new government was formed under Signor Bonomi combining those natural leaders of the parties in Rome and the leaders from the South in a single national administration.

6. I need not remind you that this Italian Government was approved by the Allied Governments and we in Allied Control Commission are committed to do all that we can to support it in carrying out the hard tasks that lie before it. This, to my mind, is the dominant aspect of this second phase into which we have now entered. For this purpose we recommended and the Allied Governments approved that the present Italian Government should be transferred to Rome. It has this had not only additional prestige but a greater measure of those tools of government of which I spoke before, officials, archives, facilities, etc. As a further measure of Allied confidence in the present Italian Government, we have had authority to transfer large provinces to Italian administration and recently, on 15 August, Rome itself was handed over to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

7. But the task of the Italian Government is a hard one. War has passed over all the territories under their administration and in this war the Germans have gone out of their way to attempt to destroy Italy. It is our job to help the Italian Government to overcome these difficulties. It is not inconsistent for this Control Commission to have a policy of support and assistance because this is in line with the principles enshrined in the Four Freedoms. These are not mere idealism. They are practical essentials to the conduct of the war in Italy. During today's discussions we will no doubt hear much of our problems and of the Italians' problems, and how they are to be met. But in these discussions we should not lose sight of the scope and the proportion of our work. The background which I have sketched is one of many months of strenuous endeavor, not without some success, in aiding our war effort in Italy and in achieving the aims of the Allied Governments. The future months will be no less arduous; let us now therefore take stock in detail of where we stand.

II -- REPORTS BY REGIONAL CONTROL AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION.

Region I, Colonel A. H. Hancock

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4. PWB and FRB have been very cooperative and untiring in their efforts. The press is giving front page prominence to the sentences and fines being imposed.

5. The political situation continues nebulous and confused. It will be further complicated by the food problem. The provincial committees of liberation are not well organized. This political uncertainty allows the separatist movement to grow. The government has not shown its hand so far, but there are signs that an attempt will be made to stem separatist activities.

6. The labor position is generally satisfactory.

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7. Some of the achievements during the past year have been: imports valued at 630 million lire, sales of 630 million lire, 20 commodities exported, only ½ of 1% loss on wheat collection. Great efforts are being made to export 1½ million cases of citrus fruits, but packing cases will be needed from Calabria. The amount spent on public works has been 733 million lire, one half of which was spent on bridges, road re-surfacing and maintenance. By the end of this month the entire railway system will be in working condition again, which will bring relief to Messina which has suffered more than any other town in its semi-isolation.

9. The only real anxiety in Sicily is the wheat problem. In all other fields there are signs of revival.

Region II, Lt. Colonel F. H. McCleary

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d. Apart from this grain distribution factor, the food situation in the Region remains satisfactory.

e. The wine surplus in Apulian provinces remains unchanged or in a worse position. Producers are now beginning to empty vats to make room for this new vintage. There is still an excess of 300,000 tons remaining in Region III.

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4. Agriculture

a. Food crops continue to be better than usual.

b. The new crops of grapes, almonds and tobacco are up to normal. Preparations of soil has dropped behind, since many farmers are using animal and manpower for threshing grain and transporting it to the granaries.

5. Labor

a. The labor situation remains unchanged. The proposed decree dissolving the Fascist Labor Syndicates in Apulian Provinces has not been put into effect by the Italian Government.

b. The Allies still employ many thousands of Italian civilians on labor projects. A serious problem in employment will appear as Allies' supplies in vicinity of ports are moved forward.

c. The usual labor unrest prevails in Taranto province. Otherwise, no serious disputes have occurred.

6. Public works and utilities.

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d. Permanent bridge repair continues slowly. This work will be speeded up as, and when, cement is released for this purpose.

e. Plans for reduction in electric power users are complete. Sufficient electric power for immediate needs has been available to date.

7. Public Safety

a. The Carabinieri and Questura have proved fairly effective in providing vigilance for the grain campaign. Road blocks are in operation throughout the Region. Many arrests for grain violations have been made and more than 1,000 quintals of grain has been confiscated by these road block groups.

b. During the latter part of July and the first week in August several small, serious fracases occurred in Brindisi and Taranto Provinces chiefly between Italian soldiers and French Colonial troops. A few casualties occurred. But for prompt action by Allied Military and ACC personnel these disturbances would have been more serious. These encounters have subsided during the past two weeks.

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a. The Carabinieri and Questura have proved fairly effective in providing vigilance for the grain campaign. Road blocks are in operation throughout the Region. Many arrests for grain violations have been made and more than 1,000 quintals of grain has been confiscated by those road block groups.

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c. The civilian population as a whole remains orderly.

d. Allied courts: Three murder cases were tried during the month. Sentences of death in one case and thirteen years and twenty-eight years imprisonment in the others were imposed. One sabotage case was tried and a sentence given of twenty years.

Civilian courts: Civilian courts continue to move in a very slow manner. Procedure in most grain cases is in motion. As a result of habit, it is difficult to impress legal bodies of the importance of their duty in imposing heavy penalties on small grain violators, since these constitute a great majority of black market sources. Some heavy penalties in grain violations have been imposed.

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8. Education

Conditions remain as satisfactory as can be expected under present conditions, except in Bari and Taranto provinces. During the month practically all school buildings in Matera and Potenza provinces were released by the Allied Military. Approximately six each in Brindisi and Lecce were de-requisitioned.

9. Refugees and Displaced Italians

a. The Italian provincial committees now handle practically all the Italian refugee problems in this Region. A large number of Italian families have been surging in, especially into Bari and Barletta, trying to return to their homes in other parts of Italy.

b. Although there has been an inflow of over 2,300 Italian refugees during July, there has also been an outflow into those parts of Italy where travel is allowed. Therefore, the total Refugee population in this Region has probably remained static at around 30,000.

Region III. Colonel J. S. Chapman

1. The Region generally is in very good condition. There have been no serious disturbances, political or otherwise, and no labor trouble since late in June. The food condition in Region III has been in good shape since the first of July. A regular ration of pasta began at that time and still continues. The potato harvest was good, and through the medium of these two items black market in food was substantially broken. Price control service for the month of July shows that at the present time more food is being purchased on open market than from black market. Practically all necessities may be purchased at substantially reduced prices.

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4. The transportation situation continues to be bad. Requisitioned vehicles through lack of replacements are rapidly becoming unroadworthy. When a tire blows out, it means the loss of a vehicle. If we could have some means of replacing tires for these vehicles, the transportation situation would improve considerably.

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7. As in Region II, we are confronted with the refugee problem. Unless a plan is developed quickly to cope with this situation it can become quite serious. Region III was turned over to the Italian Government on the 20th of July and with that turnover started the reduction of personnel in the Region. Fortunately the Region had been together long enough so that the reduction did not cause any serious difficulty in administration. We have been able to carry on in every division and every province. We

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have now withdrawn all personnel in Avellino Province, which is now being opened up-tirely by Italian officials. Evidently everything is operating satisfactorily, and we expect very shortly to do the same in Benevento and let the Italian officials operate their own Government.

2. We have had in this administration practically no difficulty in securing aid from this headquarters. The sub-commissions have been extremely helpful in almost every problem that has been presented. There has been a little difficulty sometimes to secure quick action.

3. The health situation generally is good.

Comments by Acting Chief Commissioner: Captain Stone inquired as to how recent was the last case of requisitioning of cattle. Col. Chapman stated that he did not have that information. Captain Stone stated that he understood that it was reported that those were for units that have been transferred. This matter will be taken up in the meeting tomorrow.

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9. The people of Rome suffered greatly during the period of German occupation. Nor was it because they received a mere 100 grams of bread. Men, women, and children were afraid to leave their homes. The Gestapo was constantly on the scent of thousands

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of good citizens and to hide these citizens thousands more had to risk their lives. The City was in a state of dread. The Allies have given Rome freedom from fear.

10. In this Eternal City newspapers of all political shades, magazines and periodicals are being published and read. No censorship other than military exists. There has never even been an intimation that newspapers should be reluctant to criticize Allied Military Government. Quite the contrary, the Regional Commissioner, in his weekly radio broadcasts, has urged the Italians to present constructive criticism. The Romans, stifled by 22 years of Fascism, have resumed their ancient liberty of expression. In fact, the satirical paper the Canta Chiaro had a wonderful cartoon the other day. It showed a bachelor at the table ready for dinner. Entering is a most attractive maid. The man asks, "What do we have for dinner tonight?" The maid, who is carrying a cute portable radio, on a lovely silver tray, answers, "Poletti on the radio". The Allies have given Rome freedom of the press, freedom of speech.

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16. The groundwork has been laid under AMG. The benefits will accrue in ever increasing amounts. In the coming weeks Rome should get more food. Up to the present, the Allies have not given Rome freedom from want.

17. AMG in Rome and the Vatican have worked very closely. AMG has been greatly aided in many problems by the Vatican. Not only has the Vatican been of tremendous assistance in the handling of refugees and refugee camps, transport, hospitals and other institutions, but also the Vatican has borne the heavy burden of operating scores of soup kitchens which serve 300,000 hot meals each day.

18. The provinces of Littoria, Frosinone, Rome, Terni, Rieti and Viterbo, transferred to our headquarters on August 1st have been running along in a fairly satisfac-

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tory manner. The headaches are the clearance of many mine fields, more food, materials to rebuild bridges and houses, and to carry on other public works to reduce unemployment. We are grateful to Brigadier Dunlop for the splendid job he did in these provinces. We await from Group Captain Benson the transfer of Perugia and knowing his great ability we are confident Perugia will present little difficulty when transferred to our Region.

19. The Italians have demonstrated ability to carry on, to administer and to help solve the many difficult problems of this country. In the administration of our Region, we lean heavily on the Italians and plan to continue to increase and expand their authority daily.

Region V. Colonel R. P. Marshall

1. Part of this Region is under AGC control, part under Regional AMG, part under Army AMG and part is still under the Germans. Overall the situation is generally quiet and well in hand.

2. The political situation has involved seven embryonic movements; none very serious, none closely related. The partisan situation is in hand by the Italians. The only difficulties are presented by the pseudo-partisans. They are being handled by the Carabinieri and the population.

3. Agriculture is progressing well. Lack of fertilizer and insecticides has become overcome by nature's bountifulness.

4. There are no serious problems in labour. There is a slight shortage in Ancona and a slight surplus in Aquila; adjustments are at hand.

5. Public health is exceptionally good. Medical supplies were short for a while, but are now in hand.

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Region VI. Brigadier W. Carr

1. I am no longer the Regional Commissioner, having handed over duties to Colonel Pennycuick on August 12 to proceed to Sicily. During the three months which have elapsed and during my five months in Sardinia I think I can say that there has been improvement and progress, but I must also say that this in my opinion has been largely

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due to ACC initiative.

2. The opening of Sardinian prisons and courts of justice has taken place.

3. The question of food and food prices has been a problem. The method of introducing the increased bread ration did not help matters. The population can never be wholly content when olive oil is unobtainable. The olive oil situation should be remedied when the next harvest comes.

4. Serious damage was done to the grapes due to the late arrival of sulphur. This will affect adversely the wine supply.

5. The food situation is generally satisfactory, except for the crowded cities. The statement that the children of Sardinia are starving is absolutely false.

6. The chief bars to progress are corruption and short working hours of Italian offices. It is difficult to see how corruption can be eliminated. There seems to be some evidence of mental sit down strike on the basis that the Island was little concerned with the war. Regarding the actual working hours of Italian offices, it seems that the motto is "Let sleeping dogs lie lest once roused they disturb our afternoon siesta."

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It will call upon all your resources, abilities, and valor.

2. It seems there are two major problems that face ACC at the moment. One is food and the other is unemployment, and on those two I think very much the re-establishment of the country depends, and I am certain beyond any deliberations where to pay a great deal of attention to produce the solution. There are people who are not up to the subsistence level. I have had information to that effect. It is probably due to the faulty distribution. I am sure that schemes could be produced to rectify, where there is something not quite right.

3. The administration of the country must be regarded in all reports, and I would ask you to keep your eye trained on the administration book and not let off behind the play of politics. The prestige of the two great English speaking nations is bound up in your work. And it is not only the prestige that is involved, but look in the future, there are many eyes on you and how you are doing your job. That will give guidance as to how we will manage the occupation of Germany when it comes. Please remember that your responsibilities are very great, and I am certain that we will all face them in a true Anglo-Saxon manner.

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3. There have been a number of rumors that all ACC officers were being withdrawn. The Prefect of Catanzaro, a career official, was greatly relieved to hear that ACC is not leaving Calabria altogether, because he considers that help will be needed for a very long time. This gave me an opening to impress once again on him and his officials the urgent necessity for them to bestir themselves and improve their administration. Local government throughout Calabria is full of shortcomings.

4. The new Prefect of Cosenza has arrived.

5. Economic Resources and Supply. As far as the Economic & Supply side is concerned the collection, warehousing and movement of grain has proceeded satisfactorily. There were some serious moments in respect of movement from Catanzaro Marely houses to millers on account of shortage of rail wagons. It was, however, always possible to improvise, and the bread supply never broke down. Past statistics indicate that the peak of deliveries to Catanzaro was never reached before 15 August. If imports from Regions II and V continue at present rate supplies will be maintained until the end of September without difficulty by this extra local production.

6. Molasses. 140 tons of molasses have now been shipped from the sugar

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refinery at S.Eufemia to Barletta. This is residue of former years production, now being used for making yeast partly for Army bakeries. The refinery is not in operation now, because no sugar beet is being grown by local farmers owing to the uneconomic price.

7. Olive Oil. 2,360 tons were shipped to Naples from Catanzaro and Reggio. The olive oil drive in Cosenza is by the Italian Army for the Italian Army.

8. With regard to Ration Cards, some 200,000 have already been withdrawn. As cards improperly held were surrendered in the various communes, the increased bread/pasta ration came into force and this system worked very well. Bad communes are still on 350 pasta: good ones on full ration, this was done at request of the Italian authorities.

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Region VIII, Colonel R. G. Markwood.

1. Since early in June when the Allied Advance in Tuscany started, provincial personnel of Region VIII have been attached to AMG of Fifth and Eighth Armies and have worked under them. Specialist divisions of the Region have been available and have been used by the Army AMG also. When the Region became active, its headquarters was at first divided between an advanced headquarters south of Grosseto Province and a main headquarters at Naples; later it was concentrated at Orvieto and is now at Siena. Grosseto Province has been under Region control since the 9th August. It has been announced that Florence Province has been under Region control since 18 August. The greater part of Region VIII is still under Army AMG or under German control.

2. All the immediate problems incident to the occupation of newly liberated territory are Army AMG responsibilities, and are covered in the reports of the

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respective SCAOs. Long term projects pertaining to specialist divisions have been handled by specialists of Fifth Army and to a lesser extent by the Eighth Army. The most active divisions have been Public Health, which has re-opened hospitals, distributed medical supplies, and done extensive welfare work and surveys; Public Works, which has repaired water supply systems, electric light and power plants and transmission lines, removed debris and rebuilt or repaired highways and bridges; Property Control; and Monuments and Fine Arts. All these divisions have reported to Army SCAOs which working in Army territory. The Monuments and Fine Arts Officer, Lieut. Hartt, deserves special mention for his energy, zeal and accomplishments in locating on the ground and securing protection for the Florence Art Collections which have been scattered about the countryside. He and his associates have worked and lived under fire for the preservation of Italian Art; and their work has been most effective.

3. All the other Region specialist divisions, in varying degrees, are functioning, in their own fields with the approval and under the control of Armies in Army territories.

4. Public Health has, in general, been good. There have been epidemics of typhoid in restricted areas.

5. Crime, in general, has been negligible. A small band of renegade Fascists are reported to be hiding in a mountainous district of Grosseto Province and making occasional forays to terrify Anti-Fascists. These are being dealt with.

6. The Grain is coming in. It is being paid for except in Arezzo and Florence provinces, where the banks are not yet functioning. The program is meeting with success in proportion to the territory actually liberated and that which is free of mines.

7. In Grosseto food has not been a serious problem. The registration and organization of transport in Grosseto is proceeding satisfactorily. Fuel has been the bottleneck; but there is promise of improvement. There have been no labor troubles. A labor problem is anticipated in Livorno when that port opens for full scale operations, due primarily to the "black zone" restrictions in part of the city.

8. In general, there is a great feeling of relief in the liberated areas on being freed from German domination. The people of Tuscany do a great deal to help themselves. They are realistic, generally honest, and industrious. However, instances have been noted of where they have not been cooperating wholeheartedly, not so much from hostility toward the Allies as from a lasent fear of German and Fascist reprisals.

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11. Many refugees are being taken care of locally.

12. The news from the City of Florence as of yesterday is as follows: The food situation is good. 200 grams of bread are being distributed to each person daily in that part of the city under Allied control. The British Institute is intact with its furnishing and library. A pre-war secretary is there. 120,000 civilians in no man's land now in that part of Florence under German control are being fed by AMG. The Army permits them to come to fixed distributing points and then go back to their homes. Medical treatment is available to those who need it. Medical supplies are being found or furnished. First aid stations and ambulances for dealing with wounded civilians are available and are able to cope with the problem. The Florentine Medical Association, a very old organization, reorganized on non-Fascist lines has held its first meeting. Water supply is sufficient. Street cleaning has been instituted. The dead, of which there were approximately 200 in one locality, have all been buried. The city, both north and south of the Arno River, has been subject to shelling by German artillery of light caliber. The damage has not been great at any one time.

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15. At the moment, matters are somewhat confused in Re[illegible] VIII, due in part to a situation beyond ACC control and in part to various artificially imposed conditions. The Region staff is working hard rendering as much assistance as possible to Fifth and Eighth Armies AMG; administering the small part of the Region under Region control, and endeavoring to see that the confusion does not spread.

Eighth Army AMG, Lt. Col. G.W.I. Shipp (reporting in the absence of Group-Captain C. E. Benson)

1. The last two months has been marked by the steady advance to the Gothic Line and the unique problem of Florence. Here in face of great difficulty we have succeeded in putting supplies over the river and bringing a semblance of control to the city.

2. The story of the forty tons of supplies daily manhandled across the Ponte Vecchio and their subsequent distribution constitute an epic in AMG history. Aided by the Patriots we saw to it that no one lacked, only those who had not the temerity to come and fetch it. By way of diversion a German armored vehicle would reconnoiter while sniping and mortar fire continued at intervals.

3. To turn to the general position affairs continue satisfactorily. The Adriatic sector with its slower advance and less congested railways was less of a problem while the center was more difficult owing to heavily mined roads and blown bridges. There, however, as in the east, present food problems do not exist.

4. With the opening of the western ports the supply situation eased and stockpiles are now being built in preparation of further advance.

5. Refugees do not constitute a major problem for the moment. The rapid advance left many people unaware that the war had passed them and only on those positions where delaying actions were fought was any movement occasioned. Camps are now being moved forward.

6. Perhaps a warning for the future is the labor situation at Terni. This town possesses a steelworks employing 7000 inhabitants, which is badly damaged. Immediate re-employment is possible for half that number and the directors are unable to say when the balance can be absorbed. This applied to the larger enterprises of Turin and Milan presents a problem which will be a great strain on our administration as well as causing great distress to the people.

7. It was fortunate that Siena was spared intact. The local administration was soon functioning and banks and post offices opened. A hopeful sign was a net inflow of cash into the banks and savings institutions. While mentioning finance, I would add that it is found that owing to the shortage of livestock and machinery the cash disbursements on Ammasi collection is relatively small compared with previous years.

8. A new problem of recent months is that of the Patriots. They have done very useful work in the prevention of wrecking, general intelligence and reorganisation of local administration. Their welfare, I am glad to say, is handled by Patriots Branch.

9. General health continues to be satisfactory, only a few cases of typhoid being reported, while malaria, though nearing its peak season, is causing no concern to the authorities thanks to the efforts made by the malariologists. The hospital situation is fairly satisfactory but that of ambulances and drugs continues to deteriorate.

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10. There has been one trouble mentioned at recent conferences and that is the unauthorized movement of civilians to Army areas. This has caused concern and without exception all are turned back. I hope after recent conferences the matter is fully understood that it is for the Armies to give permission for movement in their Areas.

11. It has been two months of almost continuous advance. I must thank those regions who were always on our heels and ready to relieve us of responsibilities when we wished to be rid of them.

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Fifth Army AMG, Brigadier General E. E. Hume

1. I would like to stress that there is a great difference between the work of the Regions and the AMG's of the Armies in the field. We are an essential part of that Army and do the things that the Army Commander wants done. When the military situation permits, that we do what we want to be AMG officers. Time is the important element. The important time may be the first hour. The work of the officers is hazardous. It is important that themen go in with the first troops. Our men have been killed, wounded, and captured. Two officers were wounded yesterday.

2. We planned for many months the setting up of the government in Rome after our experience in Naples. A report has been written and a few copies are still on hand. The courts and banks were opened within one week.

3. At present in the Fifth Army area are the two provinces, Livorno and Pisa. Livorno is now in fairly good shape, with water, drains and electricity restored, but much of the town is evacuated and it is impossible for the life of the town to return to normal while it is still under German observation. A Prefect has been recently appointed and he is now working on the reorganization of the Provincial Administration.

4. The patriots at Leghorn were found to be cooperative. They aided us greatly in furnishing a map of mined areas. In many places they replaced the warning signs at mined areas after the Germans had torn them down on their retreat. Normally there are 145,000 people, but today there are only about 30,000.

5. We do have one great difficulty. The military and naval commanders want the people evacuated. At the same time they want laborers. This matter is being ironed out, and will help us in taking care of some future cities.

6. Several distinguished visitors, including the British Prime Minister, the American Secretary of the Navy, Under Secretary of War, and Commanding General Army Service Forces have been shown the work of AMG in Livorno.

7. The town of Pisa is half occupied; we have the south side, the enemy has the north side. Not much attempt is being made to take it by force. The Provincial Commissioner is operating from Volterra without a Prefect.

8. We have moved 15,000 refugees from our area recently. The refugee section here is of great assistance.

9. We do not have to transport supplies as far as we used to. We are very much in need of transportation - transport units. We cannot just take a certain number of trucks and a certain number of drivers and put them together. We must have self-contained units. Drivers who do not speak English have great difficulty with our MPs.

10. I would ask one favor. The Army Commander insists that everyone who enters the area come with a proper permit. Within the past fortnight two gentlemen from AGC came to Livorno without proper permits and were turned back. However we do want you to come and see what has been done.

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Refugee Branch (Italians), Colonel L. R. Hulls

1. There is the question of battle area refugees. We attempt not to create refugees and to help people to hang on and stay where they are if they keep out of the way of battle. Fifth and Eighth Army Lines have been most successful in pursuing this policy and have taken out of the area of operations 40,000 people and assisted them locally until the battle moved further forward, then these people were able to reestablish themselves. It was necessary to move back to their transit camps during the same period another 40,000. 80,000 odd people have been taken out of the way of battle which assisted commanders in clearing their lines of communication.

2. The Germans had one main camp in Rome Region. At the time we took over the

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Patriots Branch, Colonel C. D. McCarthy

1. Patriot Bands, many of which are large and highly organized bodies, have been created in various centers of German occupied territory in Italy and have received considerable encouragement and active help and instruction from the Allied Command. It is therefore clearly one of our chief tasks to look after the individual members of these bands when their fighting is over and in this connection it has been laid down by A.M.G. Headquarters that bands must not accompany the Armies forward out of their own areas.

2. The Patriots Branch of A.C.C. was formed early in July as a result of an instruction from A.A.I. and is responsible for all dealings with Resistance Groups as soon as the territory in which they have been operating is liberated.

3. Great care is taken to distinguish between bogus Patriots and genuine patriots who are defined as being those in the ranks of genuine fighting bands who have carried arms, engaged in sabotage, or secured important military information to the benefit of the Allied war effort. It must be remembered that these genuine patriots have in very many cases lived extremely precarious lives, suffered considerable casualties, and been a very great nuisance to the enemy (one band in Florence suffered 40% casualties). Let us not forget that they have been living under the black cloud of torture and death not only for themselves but also for their families. There is no doubt that many patriots have met it with extreme bravery and courage and a note of their activities has been prepared and is available to those who would like to read it.

4. Many questions have been asked of the political tendencies of patriot bands. After speaking to a large number of patriots in various corners of the country I personally feel that in the great majority of cases these men have been fighting first to defeat the Germans, second to destroy Fascism and third, in the case of some of them, to build up a new Italy. Most of them have at this stage of the war very little idea of the aims and ambitions of the six political parties in Italy but they are keenly alive to the fact that something drastic must be done about politics in the very near future and, being mostly young and active men, they are keenly susceptible to influence and require a lead from the Italian Government. Some of them will undoubtedly be of importance in the new Italy and they are a great responsibility for us all.

5. Plans have been drawn up for dealing with patriots. A message in poster form signed by General Alexander has been distributed in forward areas, a form of certificate of merit has been approved and certificates have been sent to Regions and to the Fifth and Eighth Armies for distribution and have been distributed. Although many patriots are used for a short while by the Army in their own area as guides and patrols and for reconnaissance work, the intention generally is to direct nearly all of them into civil life. About 50% return to their own homes and occupations locally. Of the remainder some will be used for police duties or as drivers, others will be employed on engineering work, and on mine clearance; and arrangements have been made for recruiting and passing back volunteers for service in the Italian Army and Air Force. Command committees are being set up to assist Provincial Commissioners in this work, and to help weed out bogus applicants, of which there are an unfortunately number among the genuine patriots. The problem of collecting and disposing of unauthorized arms is in hand.

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7. Liaison is maintained with the Italian Ministry of War through an Italian serving officer who is responsible for co-ordinating the work of the two groups which are responsible - the S.I.M. Group and the Military Center Group.

8. Directives have been issued as required in agreement with A.A.I. and other authorities. It is felt to say that the task of ensuring that these directives are

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Hygienic conditions of this camp were unspeakable. Deaths numbered about 15 a day. The first thing to be done was to send 100 Italian soldiers to clean up the place.

3. We are now faced with another problem - one which is common throughout Europe. There are 1/4 million people in Italy who wish to return to their homes. I understand this will be done by UNRRA immediately after the war. The Italians would like to get their part of the job started. Most of the people are agriculturists, and since there are at present many areas which are not being cultivated, there is an Allied interest in the matter. It is beginning to cause Regional Commissioners a major problem with people crowding the railways attempting to return home. We are trying to postpone this movement until it can be better organized. Regional Commissioners are asked to do all they can to stop the movement and the Italian Government is being pressed to do the same. It is a matter of Allied interest to get agriculturists back to the land. This will mean a reduction of food imports by ourselves, and consequent saving in shipping. One main difficulty is personnel. The Italian Government rightly, in my opinion, ask for 1000 Italian military for transit points throughout the country. Our military authorities have not so far agreed. Since the object is to increase production of food in the country, and accumulate Allied shipping I consider that agreement in the matter of Italian military personnel should be given.

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Colonel C. B. Findlay

1. Our job is to assist and help Allied nationals who are interned in this country or those countries not yet liberated.

2. During July about 1,000 children, ages ranging from a few months to 14 years, arrived by air at Bari from Yugoslavia. These "flying orphans" were organized into groups of 20 under trained teachers. All were housed at the sea side camp of Santa Cesarea. Records of weights and heights were taken so that progress may be observed.

3. After an invitation by the President to send 1,000 refugees to America, about this number, mostly Jewish, called for the United States on 17 July. They are there for the duration of the war only. The problem of repatriation will face us after the war.

4. We are increasing our responsibilities as the Armies go north. We are dealing with UNRRA to take over the southern camps. Unless we can get rid of southern camps, we cannot deal with those in Northern Italy.

5. Since the last meeting we have had a member of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, to work with.

6. Maltese British citizens to the number of 600 or 700 have been sent back to Tripoli. They are a part of the total of 1700 in Italy, the remainder being in enemy occupied territory.

7. We have had personal requests from many Yugoslavs, including Marshal Tito, that orphans be kept in Italy for the duration of the war and that no more be sent to Egypt.

8. There are two new camps, one at Avezzano and one at Civitavecchia

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Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Colonel C. H. Dudley

1. Our job is to assist and help Allied nationals who are interned in this country or these countries not yet liberated.

2. During July about 1,000 children, ages ranging from a few months to 14 years, arrived by air at Bari from Yugoslavia. These "flying orphans" were organised into groups of 20 under trained teachers. All were housed in the sea side camp of Santa Cesarea. Records of weights and heights were taken so that progress may be observed.

3. After an invitation by the President to send 1,000 refugees to America, about this number, mostly Jewish, sailed for the United States on 17 July. They are there for the duration of the war only. The problem of repatriation will face us after the war.

4. We are increasing our responsibilities as the Armies go north. We are dealing with UNRRA to take over the southern camps. Unless we can get rid of southern camps, we cannot deal with those in Northern Italy.

5. Since the last meeting we have had a member of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, to work with.

6. Maltese British citizens to the number of 600 or 700 have been sent back to Tripoli. They are a part of the total of 1700 in Italy, the remainder being in enemy occupied territory.

7. We have had personal requests from many Yugoslavs, including Marshal Tito, that orphans be kept in Italy for the duration of the war and that no more be sent to Egypt.

8. There are two new camps, one at Averza and one at Cine Citta.

9. Control of movement by civilians. One attempt was made to send 28 refugees direct to refugee camp without passing through Transit Camp, Bari; after being duly sent back one lady was detained as suspected person.

10. The present Controller in the Records Bureau is returning to U.K. where the experience he has gained in Italy will be utilized for further similar projects.

11. I came in from Florence at two o'clock this morning. There are very crucial problems there. We are able to give new displaced persons a certain amount of extra food. About 1500 British and American are left in Florence. AMG is treating them most generously. AMG is doing a mighty fine piece of work there.

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acted upon by Allied officers concerned and by the leaders of the patriot bands is well in hand. The broad political aspect of the patriot problem has been borne constantly in mind, and very close liaison is being maintained with those Allied officers and officials who are concerned with the political future in Italy.

9. The patriot question is very much in the news at present and I am bombarded with questions about what we are likely to find on the other side of the line. We have a fairly good idea and I am endeavoring to furnish this information when it is essential to do so, also I am endeavoring to see that those on the other side of the line are properly informed about what is going on on this side of the line. I would like in conclusion to take this opportunity to thank the press, P.R.O. and P.W.B. for the active cooperation given in recent weeks and for the manner in which publicity has been treated. The power of the press is tremendous in this present era of the patriot movement; and we must remember that the Germans are spreading propaganda against us as energetically as they can so that it is necessary for us to encourage our patriots as much as we can. I am trying to help in this firstly by ensuring that proper arrangements are made for their welcome on this side of the line and by then taking care that they shall be informed exactly what that welcome will be.

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2. The exact functions and import of the IGCR. It began in 1938 when President Roosevelt thought that something should be done for the victims of Germans in Germany. This Committee met at Evian, France, in 1938 and some 24 governments joined. Subsequently the war went bad for us and during those years anything to help refugees had to suffer. In 1942 the enemy had their back to the wall and we had more time to think of civilians. We are now holding a session in London. Among the 40 to 50 governments of the world are notably Switzerland and Sweden. The organization is extremely comprehensive. It takes over all refugees, then stands aside where other organizations are willing to take over certain aspects.

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3. We have nothing to do with refugees that have not come across a frontier. We have nothing to do with Italian refugees.

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5. In the case of Italy you have the Allied authorities who are extremely active in the Internees and Displaced Persons. Soon UNRRA may be working here. The War Refugee Board, an American organisation, has already operated in Italy. Its main function is rescue. IGCR will fit in wherever necessary while the others are still doing their work. The staff is small here. Some are from the Quaker organisations, Jewish organisations, Friends Ambulance Unit (a British organisation). Our work has been to get records of what it is like on the other side of the line.

6. The Jews in particular are finding themselves stateless, and we must do

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something about that. The Italian Government has made a generous gesture and is willing to grant its citizenship to stateless refugees in this country. It is hoped it will form an example for others to do something along the same lines.

7. Case work. We have also been engaged in examining individual problems.

8. Regarding the settlement of stateless refugees in other countries, there has been one shipment to Palestine. They can take only a few more there, as Central Europe is expected to send many.

9. This Committee is willing to take on the residual responsibilities.

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4. We are in the process of following up the reduction of Allied staffs in the territory handed over to the Italians. The Southern Regions of Calabria, Apulia, Campania and Foggia, Campobasso and Lucania have now been amalgamated from the AMG point of view into one Region. The Allied officers administering those Regions in the initial steps were something like 300. It has now been cut from 175 last month to 100 and reductions will go on progressively as the progress of the Southern

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Region is shown. That amalgamation should take place on August 20th. It is a very large area which will be under the control of one Regional Commissioner and five provincial teams which will keep up the supplies and transportation and other machinery of that part of the territory.

5. You have heard from Colonels Hills and Findlay about the unhappy people displaced by war. I would like to stress what Colonel Hills said about this vast migration from the temporary homes back to where they want to go. If confusion is to be avoided, it has to be done in a regular manner. I appeal to all officers to do their utmost to prevent that uneasy but vast migration from the south to their homes in the north and also from the north.

6. Finally, again I must warn the meeting that we have to find more men for the northern regions. The Establishments Branch has got one of the most difficult jobs and we have to find enough Allied officers to fulfill what the Supreme Allied Commander told us is our most difficult task. We may get new officers and we shall call on every Region, every Sub-Commission, for experienced officers to govern the new areas that come under us for administration. There is no doubt that there will have to be reductions and in order that we can fill these places in the North, I ask the officers to meet these demands with equanimity.

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III - REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

Interior Sub-Commission, Colonel R.G.B. Spicer

1. Since the move of the Interior Sub-Commission and the almost simultaneous change of Government, the work and operations of the Sub-Commission have increased considerably.

2. The departmental changes within the Ministry of Interior itself, which have now, I hope, been finally settled have not made our tasks easier. We have established co-operative working with the Minister of Interior, who incidentally is the Prime Minister, and also with his staff.

3. Since the regional Commissioners last met, we have completed our Surveys of Southern Italy, which includes the whole of Region III, Campobasso, Foggia, Frosinone, Littoria, Viterbo, and Rieti, and we are now working north as far as our staff permits. We have found that the visits of our officers have been appreciated. The Prefects themselves, particularly those who have been newly appointed and out of office for a considerable period, value the advice of our officers in regard to the operation of R.D.L. No. 111. This legislation is new and many Prefects have no experience of its operational effect since they have been out of office for a considerable period.

4. Great trouble has been taken in selecting Prefects and teams for newly liberated provinces. A team, it may be mentioned, consists of a Prefect, a Vice-Prefect, a Prime Segretario, a Consigliere, and a Capo Ragioniere. We have given a great deal of work to the Security Branch in the screening of these individuals.

5. Further, we have arranged for the appointment of a Secretary General to the High Commissioner of Sardinia, the Members of the Giunta Consultive for Sardinia, three Directors-General in the Ministry of Interior, and nine Prefects in all for Provinces of Italian Government Territory.

6. Two teams are standing by for forward provinces to be called forward as they are required. Our great difficulty is transport to move these officials if and when they are asked for. I submit that adequate transport is an essential for the moving forward of these high-ranking officials. They have to move from their homes and houses sometimes with their wives or children whom they cannot leave behind, and I consider that they should be entitled, both from a financial and an efficiency point of view, to take with them adequate luggage. We have supplied, in co-operation with the Italian Government, Prefects for the liberated provinces of Littoria, Frosinone, Viterbo Rieti, Livorno, Aquila, Macerata, and Grosseto - while it has also been found possible to send forward other officials as have been called for. In regards to these projects, the Italian Officials should be completely backed up by Allied Officers, if they are to gain the respect of the population.

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8. The Italian Government itself seems to be undecided as to whether a Prefect should or should not be a non-career official; but they regard the Prefect, as has been stated in Memorandum No. 39, as the highest Government Official in the Province, and he is directly responsible under their Government of Interior. They feel, therefore, if a career official can be found who is au fait with all the detail of administration, then he should be chosen instead of the local man with no governmental, administrative knowledge to fill the particular positions of Prefect and Vice-Prefect. The Prime Minister is of the opinion that the Prefect should be a career official. I am trying to get the P.M. and his staff to come to some kind of a decision.

9. Our interviews on this subject are many.

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10. The Minister has been sympathetic and helpful in every way, and where ACC/AMG reports in Royal Italy show that a Prefect or a Vice-Prefect is inert and useless I am able to report categorically that the Minister has never yet failed to meet us in this respect, and that official has found himself relegated "alle disposizione" or to his olive trees.

11. With the concurrence of RC, I would like to send a specialized officer to deal with the detail of local government set-up from Chieti to Ancona, in the immediate future.

12. We have received a hearty welcome from the 5th Army AMG and Region VIII, and everything we can do to help to solve the problems of efficient local government in Italy, which I am bound to reiterate the backbone of a reconstitued Italy on democratic lines, will be always our first and foremost endeavour.

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d. Replacements - Despite difficulties in obtaining transport and serviceable uniforms, we have thus far been able to meet the demands of the Armies and the forward regions for additional Carabinieri. If however, there should be a general withdrawal of the enemy from Italy, the limitations of manpower and supply stocks will not permit us to meet the personnel requisitions which may be expected to follow. Reliance initially must therefore be placed mainly upon the local police forces as they may be found to exist in the industrial north.

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3. Guardia di Finanza.

a. The Guardia di Finanza continue under the command of Gen. Moricca. The decision which fixed the ceiling of the Carabinieri likewise prescribed the number of military rations which would be available to police agencies. The inevitable consequence of this decision was that the Guardia di Finanza, which hitherto had received military rations, had to revert on July 31 to the special civilian ration prescribed for Public Safety agencies.

b. Some of the boats which had been used by the Italian Navy have been restored to the Guardia di Finanza for coastal patrol purposes. The training school for G.F. is now in operation.

4. Agents of Public Security - Dr. Luigi Ferrari has been appointed Director General of Public Security. A small pool of senior officials has been screened, and are available for appointment as Questori in forward areas when required. Some dyed uniforms were allotted for distribution during the month of July, but the situation generally so far as uniforms and boots are concerned is far from satisfactory.

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3. There is an epidemic of typhoid in Benevento. It is not due to water or milk but is the fly-season typhoid. The epidemic is now dying down. AAI has put Benevento out of bounds to Allied troops.

4. Venereal diseases. The Italian Government is now responsible for Venereal Disease Control in Italian territory, existing and new legislation has been put into force, more beds have been provided. There is a marked decline of venereal disease among the troops.

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5. Malaria. Owing to sabotage by the Germans, many reclaimed areas are in flood, pumps have been damaged and drains blocked. This will give rise to cases of malaria. Work is difficult on account of mines. Paris Green dusting is carried out by airplane. There is an ample supply of mepacrine for the civil population. A recent news story reported German quinine stocks being found but this has been turned over to 5th Army. We expect to get a small quantity. Incidence in Sardinia and Southern Italy less than last year while incidence among the troops is small - much less than was expected.

6. Typhus continues to smoulder. There have been three cases recently, but this winter, with last year's experience, any outbreak should be even more effectively dealt with. The supply of soap for civilians, i.e. 150 grams per person per month is quite inadequate and typhus is a disease clearly associated with dirt.

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2. In the Commune of Naples, still under Military Government, the bulk of cases is handled successfully by Italian courts. Virtally all the normal cases are tried by the Italians except cases of a serious nature.

3. In Italian Government territory, the policy is unchanged; courts are only held in exceptional circumstances. Since last meeting, four have been held: one in Region I and three in Region II.

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4. In all newly occupied provinces, Italian Courts have been kept open or re-opened. Politically suitable judicial personnel found locally have been put to work and many refugee officials have been restored to their proper posts.

5. First President of Cassation, Ettore CASATI, was officially reinstated on 28 June. High Court of Cassation will reopen its full sessions on 1 November. Long before that date it will have been thoroughly purged of fascists.

6. The Italian courts have cooperated in a remarkable style in cases affecting Allied interests. There has been once exception in this regard in Agulia. At Bari the situation in the civil courts has considerably improved by the creation of a special section of the Tribunale to deal exclusively with cases affecting allied interests and by the removal from contact with allied officers of the uncooperative Procuratore del Regno. The Minister of Justice has been most helpful. The attitude of the military tribunals at Bari have been highly unsatisfactory and uncooperative in cases which they have undertaken affecting allied interests. Strenuous efforts are being made at this time to remedy this situation.

7. Our relations with the Ministry of Justice are cordial and the Minister has been helpful on all occasions. The Minister of Justice has been up North to see how his courts are getting along.

8. The prevailing low salaries of the judiciary is source of anxiety to the Minister and to the Sub-Commission.

9. Substantially all decrees and other enactments passed by the Badoglio government prior to the occupation of Rome have been rendered operative in territory under Regional control. This legislation has been distributed in book form. All Italian decrees are now rendered operative in Regional territory, except those specifically excluded by the Executive Commissioner.

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Education Sub-Commission, Lieutenant Colonel T. V. Smith

1. Allied Italy is divided into three pedagogical parts: the Rear, the Middle, and the Frontal. The Middle Sector has of late matched with intense activity the planning phase of intense inactivity of Italian Italy to the South.

2. In this middle Border of our responsibility, educational work has been threefold: provocative, punitive, and progressive.

A. On the provocative side, it has been ours to prod the Italians, against all precedents, to open schools in the wake of the army and hold them open in spite of devestation and heat -- and against the propensity of all us pedagogues for summer vacations.

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b. Punitively, we have helped the Ministry to purge itself, getting rid of both proud flesh and dead tissue (all the heads of departments have already been dismissed), and we have made with the Minister a stern example of that fascist pretense to learning, the University of Rome. Little short of a hundred professors have already gone to their record. In the provinces of Region IV we have purged above 25% of administrative officers from the schools, and have made executive token payments in kind upon the ranks of the humbler teachers.

c. But the provocation and the punishment are not for their own sake, not until men become sadists. The end is progress: first back to normalcy under us and then forward to their own goals under purified leadership. We have demonstrated to them how a progressive spirit can surmount great obstacles. We have through this lean summer hauled several hundred teachers to the provinces and set them down, amid ruins as likely as not marked "Vincere" to start high thinking under conditions of living painfully plain. In the terribly battered province of Littoria, to take but a single example, we have, since this Parliament last met, opened all elementary schools save those of Aprilia and all secondary schools but two. This means that about 55% of elementary children and 50% of the secondary school population are back at work, and will not through co-belligerency miss a single grade.

3. This progressive aspect of our work appears the sounder, the longer the perspective. In nothing more than in education is it the long run that counts. We have, therefore, steadily treated our Italian opposites as colleagues for the long pull, and have made it our job to work ourselves out of a job as rapidly as possible. As regards we have reaped a spirit truly collaborative: responsive to friendly provocation, consistent in opposition, sensitive to responsibility (the latest: responsibility for the huge textbook printing for the autumn which has increased from 2 million to 5 million textbooks.)

4. Nor is the tempo of our Ministry more painful to ACC standards than is the ACC tempo to the nostalgia of many among you for civilian efficiency. My own Minister of Public Instruction is cautious of approach, philosophic in understanding, energetic in action, and foresighted in strategy. He has isolated the two characteristics that are unmistakably fascistic in education and has, therefore, set himself to budge the schools (1) away from war and (2) away from the barbarism of glory which, psychologically speaking, supports war. He is already preparing a charter to present to the constituent Assembly, to focus the affections of children upon the part of Italian history which offers them the most hope, i.e., upon the future, a prospect of modest cooperation with other nations instead of the late ideal of Achilles autarchy with its present fruits of hunger.

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2. We now have a total of only 21 officers for all the regions and for headquarters. Some regions will have no Property Control officers.

3. The following figures compare the number of properties taken under control in all of Sicily, Serdinia and the Mainland to and including the month of July 1944, also the number we expect to find in Regions VIII to XII, inclusive. Only two classes of property, real estate and commercial concerns, are covered. The property is of Italian nationals including French. 824 real estate and 96 commercial & industrial properties, totalling 920, were taken under control through July 1944. In regions VIII to XII, we expect to take control of over 3,000 real estate properties and nearly 300 commercial and industrial.

4. Prior to the occupation of Rome it has been the policy to assume actual and formal custody of properties. With the occupation of Rome this was changed [illegible]

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only, and formal taking of custody was abandoned. It is believed that there was little difference in legal effect between the two methods, but the paper work greatly reduced.

5. Since about mid-August we have been following a policy of taking only so much control as will prevent removal, destruction or waste, combined with a right to inspect, to advise, and to remove fascist or obviously incompetent managers or sequestrators.

6. Two features prompted these changes;
(a) insufficient personnel to permit of close control and management, and
(b) a desire to make certain the continuing and complete responsibility of the Italian Government.

7. We have advised the Combined Chiefs of Staff that we are ready and willing to furnish reports on properties in answer to requests from Allied owners. It seems likely that inquiries and reports will be channeled through consulates and embassies.

Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission, Major S. T. de Wald:

1. Since our last meeting, a new phase of activity has developed for this Sub-Commission.

2. Previously in Sicily and Southern Italy we had concerned ourselves with two opposite ends of our problem, the administrative and the actual problems of repair and salvage of monuments and objects damaged by the war. Since the Cassino offensive, the taking of Rome, and the operations in Tuscany we have been thrown up against problems of a more operational nature, which take their place between these other two problems. Our officers were with the troops entering Rome to check up on damage, saw that historical monuments were posted off bounds, and wrestled with the problems of attempted requisition of historical buildings. Other officers have been and are with the advancing 5th and 8th Armies giving their advice, making their preliminary inspections and reports of damage and seeing to the proper guarding of buildings or objects exposed to pillage. They also gather advance information.

3. It was only after we had arrived in Rome and again in Siena that we were able to get precise information about the various deposits in Tuscany and Northern Italy in which art objects, painting, sculpture were stored against air raids. As some of you know from the publicity which has been given this matter, there are some 25 deposits of art in the vicinity of Florence. About two thirds of these lie north of the city and in enemy hands. The other third which is now in our hands has to be guarded, inspected, and have its contents inventoried or checked by our officers; and this is done the moment they fall into the hands of our forces. It is often done while the fighting is still going on.

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5. Apart from this active field work, the home office, so to speak, has not exactly been inactive itself. It has established close relations with its counterparts in the Italian Ministry of Popular Education by having weekly meetings with members of the Directorate of Monuments to discuss and put into effect collaborative action and to make it possible for Italian superintendents and experts to visit and initiate repairs to damaged monuments. For the control of the works of art in the above - mentioned deposits, two members of the Ministerial Staff were taken along to the gates of Florence to assist in the work.

6. We also carried out here in Rome in the deposits of the Vatican a check of the famous bronzes and paintings from the Naples Museum which had at one time been stored

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at Montecassino, removed and brought to Rome by the Hermann Goering Division after three months. This check brought to light the fact that fifteen paintings and four bronzes, among other things, were apparently retained by the Germans.

7. On the publications side of our ledger, I would report that all the seven small handbooks of Lists of Protected Monuments are now out and distributed, and that Soldiers' Guides to both Rome and Florence have been issued.

Colonel C. R. Upjohn, Acting Head, Administrative Section

1. The work of the Administrative Section has been well covered by the reports of the Heads of the Sub-Commissions. I would, however, like to comment on three matters:

a. As Colonel Spicer said, we have been for some time sending forward to liberated territory prefects, vice-prefects, etc. In conjunction with the Italian Government, teams of Italian officials are now being sent. This will greatly relieve this headquarters of work in connection with this matter. I would ask forward regions and Army AMGs not to call for these officials until they are actually needed. If you can't find suitable officials in recently liberated areas, then call on us.

b. Defascistization. Except in forward areas, this work is taken over by the Italian Government. At the beginning there were many false starts but I feel satisfied that the problem is now being tackled by the Government with energy. Several commissions have been appointed for this task. They have been told by Sforza to work on the highest officials first. The Italian Government now has working machinery that is gaining momentum and it is up to the Government to increase and maintain this momentum.

c. I refer to the problems of mine clearance. We are examining every possible way of dealing with this problem. There are many difficulties, like having the right detectors built and training operators for them. There are four different types of mines to deal with - British, American, Italian, and German. That is the problem we are now facing with the Italian Government. It is our task to assist them.

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IV -- REPORTS BY ECONOMIC SECTION

Commerce Sub-Commission, Colonel W. S. Evans

1. On July 10 the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission was divided into two separate Sub-Commissions, since an increased rehabilitation of industry is envisaged with a consequent increase in commercial activity.

2. The functions of the Commerce Sub-Commission are to advise and assist the Italian organs and agencies on the following basic functions:

a. determination of needs for non-subsistence consumption goods, producers goods, and raw materials,

b. ascertainment of the local availability of same,

c. determination of necessary imports of non-subsistence goods or materials,

d. setting up of priorities calculated to ensure essential civilian needs,

e. promotion of exports with a view of improving the trade balance.

3. It will be necessary that the Chambers of Commerce be reinstituted to act as economic observers and furnish the Ministry of Industry and Commerce with necessary data to enable it to pursue a coordinated policy of rehabilitation and manufacture.

4. A draft of the proposed Decree and Statutes by the Ministry has been received. As soon as the proposed scheme has been examined by the Economic Section, Regional Commissioners will receive definite instructions.

5. Achievements to date on clothing and shoes have been limited to the repair of salvaged uniforms and salvaged shoes.

6. As regards price control, representations have been made to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce on the need of a Price Section to determine just and equitable prices on all commodities. Nothing definite has been done yet.

7. Exports for the period June-July amount to Lire 138,000,000, making a total of over Lire 500,000,000 from D day to July 31st.

8. The A.P.L.R. (Sardinian) Board has been closed down and its functions are now being done by ACC. Similar steps will soon be taken in Sicily.

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1. The Industry Sub-Commission has only been established since the last conference and is generally responsible for production, whereas the Commerce Sub-Commission is responsible for distribution.

2. Production in Italy depends on the solution of three main problems:

a. The provision of power -- Coal and electricity are needed as motive power.

b. The provision of raw materials -- Supplies, though arriving after some delay, are immediately put to productive use.

c. Transportation -- The solution of this problem is the most import-

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Comments by Acting Chief Commissioner: In commenting on this report I should like to stress that the only way inflation can be really checked is to make an adequate supply of consumer goods available at least for a minimum subsistence level. All the Sub-Commissions of the Economic Section are concerned in this and are cooperating with the Labor Sub-Commission on this problem.

Agriculture Sub-Commission, Lieutenant Colonel V. A. Hentzen

1. Cooperation between Allied and Italian agricultural organizations.

a. The work of the Agriculture Sub-Commission concerns itself with more than half of the human and physical resources of Italy. Its job is to maximize production and to make resources available where they are most needed.

b. We learned very early that the only opportunity we would have to carry out this work would be through Italian agricultural organizations. Progress to get the Ministry of Agriculture to strengthen its control on agriculture has been slow but steady: Many of the senior officials went North with the Republican Fascist Government and some of those remaining are regarded with suspicion and have not as yet been called back into service. Nuclei organization units are gradually being developed for each of the important Bureaus of the Ministry.

c. All Headquarters agricultural officers have met Ministry agricultural officials to discuss mutual problems, and ways and means to solve them. An important agreement at that meeting was that responsibility carried by Allied officers up to the present time would be assumed fully by responsible bureaus in the Ministry at the earliest possible date except for AMG territory.

d. To provide a basis for mutual understanding and full cooperation between the Allies and the Italian Authorities all basic memoranda, decrees, ministerial directives and other official releases concerning agriculture, forestry and fisheries as agreed upon by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and the Agriculture Sub-Commission, were published under one cover in both Italian and English text. This publication will be available for all key Allied and Italian officials throughout Italy.

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Food Sub-Commission, Colonel W. J. Lees

1. The most important activities of the Food Sub-Commission during the past three months have been:

a. Control and movement and allocation of domestic grain from surplus to deficient areas.

b. The feeding of newly liberated territory.

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4. At the moment vegetables and fruit are fairly plentiful - by the middle of November things may be still more difficult.

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6. Again I must express the belief that a sudden turnover of labor administration to the Italian Government will be fatal to the interests of Italian labor.

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d. The preparation of plans for feeding all Italy for the ensuing months.

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b. Such responsibilities are direct and detailed, as opposed to advisory and supervisory functions; the residues left in Southern and certain Central Regions.

2. Functions.

a. In the whole long list of functions of this Sub-Commission the most important at present is electricity. Amongst miscellaneous works, anti-malarial measures ("Bonifiche") loom large.

b. In northeast Italy there will be problems of far greater importance and complexity than any experienced in the Pontine marshes.

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3. Personnel.

a. Against a total "ceiling" of 74 this Sub-Commission now has about 60 officers, of whom 75% are at work in the Regions.

b. All engineer activities, except electrical planning, are now under the Regional Engineer. He is the Advisor of the Regional Commissioner, and the fullest use should be made of him. In some instances recently there has been failure to do this and matters have been referred to Hq ACC that could have been settled better, and certainly more quickly, within the Region itself.

c. On the other hand some Regional Commissioners have protested strongly when the time came to transfer public works officers to places where their services were more urgently needed.

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h. These facts having been communicated it is hoped that Regional Commissioners will, within their respective spheres, keep the matter well in mind... by (a) compelling the civil population to save every possible "unit", whether for light or power, and (b) giving all administrative assistance to our officers, working in this particular field.

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5. Travel (Inspections). (Army Areas) Permission to make journeys into Army areas was cancelled on 13 August. Up to a week may now be taken to get necessary permission, and urgent inspections of damaged areas may be seriously delayed by this ruling. This is especially true concerning electrical plant rehabilitation studies, power-stations, water-supplies, and bridges.

6. War Damage.

a. A recent estimate by us, approximate, and based on various premises coupled with accumulated experience to date, shows that in the first 12 months after the War Italy may have to spend nearly 3 billion dollars, of which nearly 1 billion may be on imported plant, machinery, and structural materials.

This excludes the vast amount of work done in the last 9 months; e.g. hundreds of bridges rebuilt (in many cases allowing portable "Bailey" bridges to be released and taken forward by the Armies), several thousand kilometers of highways under special or routine repairs (on Military priorities), buildings, waterworks, gasworks, and other engineering and utility services wholly or partly rehabilitated.

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2. In line with the general policy of handing responsibility to the Italian Government, the Finance Sub-Commission arranged for the financing of all state, provincial and communal expenditures in newly liberated territory to be carried out by the Banca d'Italia. This may be contrasted with earlier practice in Sicily and Calabria where governmental expenditures had to be financed by advances of AM lire currency. A large amount of metropolitan lire was moved from Naples to Rome and deposited in the Banca d'Italia Rome on the afternoon of 5 June 1944. Rome in turn has supplied funds to the forward branches of the Banca d'Italia as they are opened and the staffs reconstituted. So far, rapid re-opening of the banks, in newly liberated areas has engendered confidence which, in turn, has resulted in a net inflow of currency into the banks and Post Office Savings Departments. This currency is deposited with the Banca d'Italia and meets the latter's needs for physical currency to cover Government expenditures.

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3. As in previous years the financing of the Ente Nazionale del Popolo has been delegated to regional groups of banks. However, previously the difference between the cost of wheat and the proceeds of the sale of flour, which is the subsidy borne by the State, was carried for very long periods by the commercial banks and the Government was charged the exorbitant rate of 7% interest. In some cases the arrears had not been paid since 1940. The Minister of the Treasury has now issued instructions that such arrears are to be paid immediately and in the future monthly statements are to be submitted to the Treasury and paid promptly, thus reducing the effective interest to half of 1%.

4. Instructions issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff at the time of the invasion of Sicily ordered that AMG should block all safe deposit boxes, with access to such boxes permitted only in the presence of an Allied Officer. It has become apparent that a great increase in personnel would be required to carry out the desired supervision. Only a negligible amount of foreign currency, securities and gold has been found in the several thousand safe deposit boxes opened in Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Italy. On the basis of a year's experience, Finance Sub-Commission recommended to CCS that supervised access to safe deposit boxes be required only in the case of persons whose accounts and/or boxes had been blocked by AMG orders. It was recommended that access to all other safe deposit boxes be free. These recommendations were accepted by CCS and the new policy is now in force. It is anticipated that it will increase the confidence of the Italian public in their banking system and result in increased currency in-flow into the banks, as hoarded currency comes out of banks and passes into savings accounts. A further step towards a return to normal conditions has been the opening of the stock-exchanges in Rome and Naples.

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3. Our Sub-Commission representative attends the AAI Movements' weekly meeting at which all services "bid" for wagon space on military rail lines for the ensuing seven day period. He puts forward all civil supply requirements. Such of our traffic that is accepted by the military, is despatched by military trains within the period stipulated.

4. On other or civilian lines we obtain fixed monthly allocation of tonnage movement by rail divisions. All inter-Region civil supply movements come into Trans-

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portation Sub-Commission Headquarters and their movement is allocated from the basic tonnage allotted to ACC. The balance of the tonnage available for Intra-Regional movement is then notified to the local Transportation Officer for his local movements.

5. The growth of our total rail movements is indicated by the figure of 170,000 tons for the month of July, as against 18,000 tons for December last. This is on the Mainland only.

6. To increase rail facilities available to us, we followed a policy of rapid rehabilitation of rail lines in near areas in which we have had the full cooperation of the Italian Government, the Regional Commissioners and other officers concerned.

7. In the forward areas of the Armies, the Military Railway Service rapidly rebuilds the necessary rail lines. However, with the rapid moves of our armed forces in recent months, distances to rail-heads have necessarily been greater with also priority of movement for Army supply. This with increased area occupied and additional harvest requirements, has increased the demands for truck transport. With the general shortage of trucks and the heavy military demands, our requisitions put forward months ago for some 2,000 War Department vehicles, have not been filled. Further the 1,000 War Department vehicles allocated to us in February for early delivery have been slow in reaching us and the last of them are only now arriving.

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14. Coal division. Since the last meeting, the Ministry of Communications has re-organized the former coal organization under the Italian State Railways, in order to assume the task of the handling and distribution of coal. This will be handed over to them at such time as agreed with AFHQ.

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15. Our coal division has arranged for the supply of a substantial quantity of lignite for Rome from the Mines near Grosseto. This Mine has a total capacity of some 600 tons per day and will be in operation in not more than 60 days; however, in the meantime, existing stock piles will permit our moving 450 tons per day to Rome. Fortunately this is a Real back-haul, so that our bid for this Movement by Rail has been accepted.

Shipping Sub-Commission. Mr. J. Gibson Graham

1. Some difficulties have arisen as between the Shipping Authorities and the A.C.C. but it is felt that these arise more from misunderstanding than from any other reason. One of the basic principles which has been accepted in this War is that shipping as a whole shall be operated in an Allied Pool, but where possible the shipping of one nationality shall be used for the needs of that nationality, subject to War needs and considerations.

2. All shipping within the Mediterranean is controlled through C-in-C Med. under directives from Washington and London by the Representatives of the War Shipping Administration and the Ministry of War Transport, who also comprise the Shipping Sub-Commission. These Representatives, of necessity, require knowledge of the requirements of the various Services and the Civil Authorities, otherwise they are completely in the dark as to where shipping will be required. Not unnaturally, the demands of the Services for shipping are extensive and paramount. In fact, these demands have to be most carefully watched by the Shipping Authorities else the total shipping available, including the dock facilities, would be entirely absorbed by these needs without regard to civil requirements. This continual battle between military and civil needs is not impossible of solution provided, and provided only, that requirements are stated at given periods in total in order that the amount of shipping available may be allocated fairly and in co-ordination with the various authorities.

3. It may interest the Conference to know that the estimated monthly lift of Coaster tonnage within the area is some 125,000 tons of which only some 20% is Italian. Bids for the use of this tonnage amount to some 140,000 tons, but it is gratifying to note that as a result of pressure on the Services authorities, they have included in their bid for tonnage certain items of civil requirements, and as a result it is equally gratifying to note that it is expected that in the month of September some 30000 tons of Sardinian coal will be carried to Sicily and Italy, sulphur to Italy from Sicily, etc. This has not been achieved by Italian tonnage, but by the use of the Shipping Pool of Allied tonnage by the shipping authorities mentioned.

4. Where apparently the greatest difference of opinion has arisen, has been in the operation of the Italian schooner fleet. It has been found necessary by pure force of circumstance to make some modification in the originally conceived plan for the operation of this fleet, and steps have been taken which should result in its proper use to the satisfaction of the total needs. It may be of interest to record that this schooner fleet as known at present comprises some 550 vessels with a total of 42,824 tons carrying capacity. Naval and military requirements at the moment have absorbed 28,410 tons of this fleet, leaving 14,414 tons for entirely civil needs. The Shipping Sub-Commission feel that this is an improper balance and are carrying on negotiations with the Services for the release of at least part of the schooners engaged in naval and military services. What the Shipping Sub-Commission recommend however, is that a broad statement of requirements by the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission [illegible] directives may be issued to CO.GE.MA to

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5. The present system whereby each individual area felt it their prescriptive right to allocate a schooner which arrived at that port within that area, to some local service or to some local requirement, does not lend itself to the proper use of this schooner traffic. It is only with the possession of knowledge of the ACC's complete requirements that the Shipping Sub-Commission can act as advocate with the other authorities for the release of tonnage for these civil needs. It is felt that no great difficulty should present itself in the production of such a statement which would, in fact, merely show the requirement of so many tons of vegetables, food, salt, wines, etc. in one area to another on a monthly basis which would result in a statement

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from the Shipping Sub-Commission of how far this program could be implemented, and a monthly statement of what had been achieved. It is felt also that this would prevent a spirit of acrimony arising over one particular ship.

Vice President, Economic Section - Brigadier General William G. O'Dwyer

1. Today is the first opportunity I have been afforded to meet many of my co-workers in the ACC, and from listening to the preceding addresses, I have learned many new features about my own job. From the preceding addresses I have seen that ours is a common job, and that it is only with mutual cooperation that the common job will be done well.

2. It takes 1400 tons of food per day to feed the city of Rome. Colonel Poletti and I have been fighting ceaselessly to get a continual supply of potatoes for the people of Rome. The principal problem in connection with this is the lack of means of transportation or "wheels" to divert necessary commodities from overstocked regions to those regions where there is a complete lack of these essentials. As a sideline, the Apulian region is overstocked with wine, whereas the vicinity of Rome is without wine. With the proper "wheels", this Apulian excess could be shipped to Rome for a proper celebration of the day of the impending Allied victory.

3. From October until July, continental Italy alone has furnished the Allied Armies with 150,000 tons of food and 110,000 sheep.

4. Hoarding of food presents another problem to be overcome. This practice is especially notorious in Sicily, where it has led to many convictions and jail sentences.

5. Work on the reconstruction of the railroad bridge at Grosseto has been proceeding well with three daily shifts of laborers, and when completed, this bridge will insure a constant supply of lignite for the city of Rome.

6. Fishing boats, working the neighboring waters, will help greatly in relieving the omnipresent food problem.

7. Clearing of wreckage in ports and general rehabilitation of transport are other problems receiving attention. The war, however, is not yet ended, and military requirements still have priority over civil needs.

8. Both nations will be judged by the work done here in Italy, and the ACC is playing an important part in this work. In view of this, mutual co-operation should be the keynote for all operations of the ACC.

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b. In the new Government area (i.e. including Rome City and province, Foggia, etc.) matters are very different owing to the wide strip of intervening devastated area. Government telephone and telegraph services from Rome to the South were opened on 1st July; the resumption of civil telegraphs from Rome was commenced on 21st July, but the general resumption of civil long-distance telephone facilities from this area will have to wait some time yet. Even the telegraph facilities are as yet inadequate to deal with the traffic (about 5000 telegrams a day through the Rome office)

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without heavy delay. In Rome, it was necessary to cut down the load on telephone exchanges to make room for the military traffic; this was done by a limitation of number of calls, which has, I think, been generally successful, though it has been the subject of some protests; it has I think been preferable to the alternative system of trying to select essential subscribers. In the new area, other than the city of Rome, services are being restored as quickly as limited transport and stores will permit, but communications are still very scarce.

3. Postal Services. The normal services for foreign as well as internal mail was opened to the city of Rome on 15th July, and have been subsequently extended to the provinces of Rome, Littoria, Frosinone, Campobasso, Aquila, Chieti, Pescara, Teramo, and Foggia.

4. Censorship. The activities and results of censorship are confidential and cannot be reported on. The policy governing the existence of censorship in this country is however a matter of general interest, and not confidential. It is an agreed policy between the Italian Government, the ACC, and the military authorities that civil censorship shall only be retained where considered necessary to military security, and that it shall not be under control of a civil branch of Government. Censorship control therefore, where not directly exercised by Allied officers, as it necessarily is in forward areas or ports, has been removed from control by the Ministry of the Interior; it cannot therefore be used as a method of political information, with the ultimate object of suppressing opposition to the Government. Also, censorship is abolished completely where no longer considered necessary as an instrument of military security, this now being the sole criterion for its continuance. Censorship exists in fact in only 13 out of the 30 provinces now under Italian Administration.

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6. Financial problems re PWs were referred to Finance Sub-Commission and a solution to some of these problems has still to be found.

7. New regulations regarding repatriation of Italian prisoners of war were issued. Prisoners of war over 60 years of age, or over 50 years who have done 2 years internment can be released on compassionate grounds. Prisoners of war who can be employed in specific judicial and administrative positions for the furtherance of the war effort in Italy will be considered for repatriation. Release on any other condition will only be considered on special compassionate grounds, and the grounds must be such that an Allied soldier under similar circumstances would be repatriated to his own country.

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The Conference closed at 1830. Attention is directed to "SECRET" supplement made a part of these Minutes.

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Presiding: Captain Miller H. Stone, USN

Naval Sub-Commission, Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan

1. I understand at the last meeting one of the area commanders appeared with a sheaf of wheat. I am sorry I have not arrived with an Italian battleship, but I assure you that I have the Italian fleet in my pocket.

2. The Italian Navy have done an enormous amount to assist the Allied war effort. We have come to the end of 12 months of co-belligerency.

3. We have five battleships altogether. The three in Malta have had their locations changed. One is now at Syracuse used as a training ship, two are at Taranto—one for gunnery training problems and the other for a gunnery ship. There are eight cruisers altogether; two are out of action. Their principal duty is the transporting of men from Sardinia to Sicily and North Africa to Italy. During the last 12 months those six ships have lifted 130 bodies into Italy. We had motor transport parties and many other occupational groups. One cruiser has transported 30,000 men, steaming over 87,000 miles (1½ times around the earth at the equator), in 9 months. There are eight destroyers and we generally have 5 or 6 available. They are doing a useful work. We have 40 torpedo boats and corvettes, about 20 of which are available. Their principal duties are convoy and escort work. There are 32 submarines; generally about 22 are available. Two are on special operations; the remainder on anti-submarine training. They provide targets and exercises for all Allied destroyers. There are 5 seabee sub-marines. The small sub-marines are used for training and experimental work.

4. Operations in the Adriatic have been carried out by Italian MS boats, MAS boats and small torpedo boats. This included the landing of agents in enemy territory, landing reconnaissance parties, bringing back prisoners of war, etc. It is very dangerous work. We have carried out 151 (3 a week) such missions; out of this number 132 have been successful. The reasons for the failure of the other 19 had nothing to do with the determination or bravery or the drive of the Italian officers and men; rather the weather, pre-arranged signals, or incorrect signals were at fault.

5. The ration strength remains at 75,000. The overall strength is 79,000. That will not be increased. The Minister of Marine has no excuse for increasing it and does not wish it to be increased. The numbers are kept down by discharging reserves and time expired men, whose places are filled by younger men who come in as the line advances northward.

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8. The Naval Sub-Commission has moved to Rome. However my job in Taranto must come first.

9. a. There have been disturbances. The most serious was about mid-June. The excuse was that the Minister of Marine had not sworn allegiance to the King. One officer refused to obey orders and take his ship to sea. He was relieved of his command and put on half pay for six months. This man had a following. Two others were relieved of office and the disturbance died down.

b. There was a disturbance when the French fleet was in. On the second day

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two French were killed, others wounded on both sides. I saw the French Admiral and stopped the shore leaves of the French.

10. The Taranto dock yards in association with the Franco Tosi shipbuilding yards have the following record:

a. Ships repaired: 680 British, 220 Italian

b. Total dockings, Italian and British, during the year has been 565.

c. One ship docked on 11 July for repairs, and after a survey it was thought that it would take at least 40 days to complete the job. The Taranto dock yard completed the job in 30 days. The ship left Taranto on the 14th of August, fully stored and armed, six days ahead of the time when we thought it should have been repaired.

11. I am giving the men more sea time than they ever had before. I'm trying to keep the Navy busy. The Navy will be something solid for the new Italy to build upon.

Comments by Acting Chief Commissioner: Captain Stone reminded all correspondents that all references to numbers, places and operations of the Service Sub-Commissions were off the record and a military secret.

Army Sub-Commission, Major General L. Browning

1. WE/TO. Since the last meeting, our new W.E./T.O. has been authorized. This give us the "tools to do the job", which had been sadly lacking. We have, in consequence, now got a much firmer grip on the situation, particularly on the Supply side--rations, clothing, boots and medical supplies. We now have set in motion and control the largest old clothes and old boots business in the world (nearly 400,000 pairs of old boots, for instance.); and this will grow as repair materials are forthcoming, which these are already starting to do. We are also well-established in the grocery business, feeding all the Italian armed forces (nearly a half-million people) and holding a stock of 28,000,000 lbs. of flour.

2. CEILING.

a. The major factor in all our work is the ceiling figure for the Italian Army laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. No "private Armies" are permitted beyond this ceiling and rations, etc., are supplied for only this number.

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c. By centralization or elimination of various depots, transit camps and other installations, we have made certain economies. But the fact remains that we have not got anywhere like the number of Army troops we want and we must "cut our coat according to our cloth". I want to stress this because I feel that many people think the Italian Army is an inexhaustible reservoir into which they can dip for all manner of purposes, many of them non-military. It just cannot be done; and we have to scrutinize and use every single body to the best advantage; see there is no waste; and that he is doing an officially authorized job. No Italian officer or man is authorized unless he is officially authorized by AAI and it is part of my duty to see that unauthorized Italian soldiers are NOT "attached" all over the place.

3. NEW ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

a. We have an Italian Combat Force (C.I.F.) of some 20,000 actually fight-

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ing. Its size is limited by the ruling that it has to fight with the Italian equipment captured in Italy. No Allied quipment is authorized.

b. A request has been made to C.C.S. to authorize the issue from England of 3 British Divisions worth of equipment to the Italians. This raises big questions of organization and training. We have examined the question in detail and judge that we can form 6 Italian "Combat Groups" each about 9,000 strong with this equipment. For simplicity and speed in preparation of these Groups, the organization (and thus the tactics) will be on Italian lines. We will train instructors at British schools in the technical handling and maintenance of the weapons. This has already started. These instructors will then train their own people, with the aid of a British liaison and training team of officers of all Arms with each Combat Group-a very intriguing and interesting project, which will mean that, for the first time, Italy will have a uniform, standard fighting organization of about Divisional size! All this, of course, within the ceiling--the C.I.L. being reorganized as two of the Combat groups. I hope and believe that we will be able to convert these groups into a really good fighting force.

4. PATRIOTS

a. In conjunction with the Patriot Branch of ACC, we have produced a clear cut policy as regards patriots--a thorny problem.

b. We wish to encourage the patriots, who are doing valuable work in enemy occupied territory. On the other hand, we cannot countenance the existence, as formed fighting units, of patriot bands who are over-passed by us in our advance. We cannot keep within our lines "private armies" of patriots of diverse political color and aspirations. One thinks of the troubles of Yugoslavia and Greece in this connection. This has obviously a post-war as well as a present aspect, particularly as in the North numbers are said to be large.

c. The main point is that we must have only one official Italian Army whose size is fixed. That is our about-anchor. We must uphold its authority, both for now and post-war. We cannot absorb vast numbers of patriots into that Army--particularly in respect of fighting troops, as C.I.L. is only 20,000 strong. As we form the Combat Groups we can absorb more. For every patriot absorbed we have to demobilize a soldier in the Army--and if this turnover or absorption is great and rapid, the Army loses its cohesion and efficiency. Every patriot or ex-soldier we pick up is considered as a civilian (from the Army point of view) till he is actually enlisted again into the new official Army.

d. In view of all this, we have arranged (in conjunction with Patriot Branch ACC) to "screen" and absorb patriot volunteers for actual combat. The numbers who so volunteer come to only 1 in 10. The remainder do not come within the Army orbit until the normal conscriptive law is re-applied in their area.

5. VALUE OF ITALIAN ARMY

a. A final word on the value of the Italian Army to the Allied cause.

b. The patriots have "stolen the picture"--to use film parlance. They are "news". I think few people realise how well the Italian Army has done. They have, with our help, organized out of chaos, an Army of over 300,000 at initio--with scratch [illegible] Generals brought from England, etc. The C.I.L. has fought well and had

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4. PATRIOTS

a. In conjunction with the Patriot Branch of ACC, we have produced a clear cut policy as regards patriots--a thorny problem.

b. We wish to encourage the patriots, who are doing valuable work in enemy occupied territory. On the other hand, we cannot countenance the existence, as formed fighting units, of patriot bands who are over-passed by us in our advance. We cannot keep within our lines "private armies" of patriots of diverse political color and aspirations. One thinks of the troubles of Jugoslavia and Greece in this connection. This has obviously a post-war as well as a present aspect, particularly as in the North numbers are said to be large.

c. The main point is that we must have only one official Italian Army whose size is fixed. That is our sheet-anchor. We must uphold its authority, both for now and post-war. We cannot absorb vast numbers of patriots into that Army--particularly in respect of fighting troops, as C.I.L. is only 20,000 strong. As we form the Combat Groups we can absorb more. For every patriot absorbed we have to demobilize a soldier in the Army--and if this turnover or absorbtion is great and rapid, the Army loses its cohesion and efficiency. Every patriot or ex-soldier we pick up is considered as a civilian (from the Army point of view) till he is actually enlisted again into the new official Army.

d. In view of all this, we have arranged (in conjunction with Patriot Branch ACC) to "screen" and absorb patriot volunteers for actual combat. The numbers who so volunteer come to only 1 in 10. The remainder do not come within the Army orbit until the normal conscriptive law is re-applied in their area.

5. VALUE OF ITALIAN ARMY

a. A final word on the value of the Italian Army to the Allied cause.

b. The patriots have "stolen the picture"--to use film parlance. They are "news". I think few people realise how well the Italian Army has done. They have, with our help, organized out of chaos, an Army of over 300,000 ex initio--with scratch staffs, ex-POW Generals brought from England, etc. The C.I.L. has fought well and had many casualties. The Minister for War himself (Count Casati) has lost his only son, fighting with C.I.L. The service and labor portion has done an immense task in repairing communications, dock labor, etc., thus saving Allied manpower. They have cooperated loyally as co-belligerents, with practically no fuss or friction. I would like people to realise all this and the Italian Army to get its deserved and just need of praise both in the Press and in the minds of the Allies for its valuable assistance to the Allied cause.

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Air Sub-Commission, Air Vice Marshal, W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet

1. The Italian Air Force continues to support the Allied Air Forces actively. The Fighter Wing has been carrying out fighter sweeps on the Dalmatian Coast and has a good record. The Bomber/Transport Wing continues to drop supplies on Yugoslavia and Albania. Owing to increased air opposition, the supply-dropping operations are now only taking place at night. The Seaplane Wing continues to work as part of the Mediterranean Coastal Air Force.

2. The Operational Control of the Italian Air Force has now passed out of the hands of the Air Forces Sub-Commission. The Fighter Wing and the Bomber Transport Wing are under the control of Balkan Air Force, and the Seaplane Wing is under the operational control of No. 242 Group, Royal Air Force. While this loss of operational control is regretted, there is no doubt that it is a sound move, as it ensures complete co-ordination of the effort of the Air Forces as a whole.

3. Since the last Conference the principal pre-occupation of the Air Forces Sub-Commission has been the re-equipment of three Italian Fighter Squadrons with Airacobra aircraft and two Light Bomber Squadrons with Baltimore aircraft. This problem has provided an almost continuous headache, for while the aircraft were readily available, (although in the case of the Airacobras their condition left a good deal to be desired) and the Italian pilots have taken readily to flying these, the arrangements for the provision of the necessary spares and equipment have worked exceedingly slowly and the whole of the training has, in consequence, been held up. Matters are now better, although not entirely satisfactory. One fighter Squadron is ready to go on operations except for its ground equipment, and one Baltimore Squadron will be ready very shortly; the others should follow at short intervals, but this is entirely dependent on the satisfactory supply of equipment. There are further problems which will have to be solved before these squadrons can be considered as being equal to Allied squadrons; one of these is that of transport. Allied squadrons achieve a high degree of mobility by virtue of a generous establishment of transport. The Italian squadrons are completely lacking in this, and if they are to be made mobile, transport will have to be found from Allied sources. There is also a considerable problem in connection with the factories which are to carry out the major overhaul of the Allied airframes and engines.

4. Under the new Government, General Piacentini has been appointed Air Minister and Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force. When this appointment was agreed to by the Air Forces Sub-Commission it was understood then that the General should only devote a small portion of his time to his work as Air Minister. In actual fact this has not turned out to be the case, and the General has to devote far too much of his time to political matters and Cabinet meetings. He is however carrying out his duties in both respects to our entire satisfaction.

5. Among many other problems there have been two outstanding ones. Firstly the ceiling of manpower in the Italian Air Force, and secondly the question of rations. A somewhat arbitrary decision was made to reduce the ceiling from 32,000 to 22,000. This would have had serious repercussions in respect of Italian Air Force personnel on loan to the Allied Forces in substitution for Allied manpower, and the short time allowed us to carry out the demobilization of 10,000 men would have inevitably resulted in our being left with an inferior force as regards technical ability

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6. In general the Italian Air Force maintains a satisfactory level of morale, but during the month of June this fell off somewhat due to political conditions and to various other causes, but it has now improved again. It is sometimes difficult to explain to Allied formations that they cannot expect the same high level of efficiency from the Italians as they do from their own squadrons, and that the dead hand of the past years of Fascism has killed initiative and to some extent the ability to work hard when the immediate end cannot be seen closely in sight.

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R.C. & M.G. SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

2nd September 1944

Ref. to/19/Pat.

Subject : Forward Conference.

To : Deputy Executive Commissioner
A.C.C.

1. Referenced your AGW/23/CA of 30 August.

2. The following are the names of representatives of the Patriot Branch who will attend the conference on 13 September -

Col. C.D. Mc CARTHY
Lt. Col. JANZEN
Major B.I. DRAKE

C. D. Mc CARTHY
Colonel,
Patriots Branch.
R.C. & M.G. Section.

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I. Mc. THY		
Maj. MAGGS		
Maj. DRAGE		
Capt. SALVADORI		
Col. NAVA		

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Ref/784/23/CA.

30 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : SCAO Fifth Army
" Eighth Army
R.Cs. Regions IV, V, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII.
Political Section.
Economic Section.
Admin. Section.
Establishment Branch
Refugee Branch.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Patriot Branch
PA to Brig. Lush.
ACC L.O. AAI, Adv and Main.

1. The next meeting for forward Regional Commissioners and AMG Armies will be held on Wednesday, 13 September, in the Prefettura, SIENA, at 1100 hrs.

2. Arrangements for billeting will be on previous lines under the coordination of PA to Executive Commissioner.

3. (a) Items for the Agenda should be forwarded to this Branch by 1200 hrs 10 September.

(b) Names of representatives attending the Conference by 8 September.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Ref 107/102/CA

29th August, 1944

SUBJECT: Amendments to Minutes of the Regional Commissioners Conference on the 23rd August

Amdts. to Minutes of RC Conference

1. The following amendments should be made to the minutes of the above mentioned Conference:

a) Para 16 in action column delete Admin. Section and insert Econ. Section.

b) Para 27 in action column add R.C. & M.G. Section.

c) Para 31 in action column add R.C. & M.G. Section.

d) Para 39 delete the first two lines.

G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

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Maj. [illegible]		
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Capt. SELVADORAI		
Col. LAVA		

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MINUTES OF

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

held on 23rd Aug 1944.

0930 hrs.

The Executive Commissioner presided.

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Opening Remarks.

1. The Executive Commissioner, Brig. M. S. Lush, opened the meeting by thanking Regional Commissioners for their good work and warned them of more difficult work ahead in the North of Italy. He outlined the procedure for manning the Northern Regions.

2. So far we had applied the principle that where there were Allied troops and installations we had to have ACC officers, but from the point of view of Sicily, and possibly later on, Southern Italy, there might come a time when we felt that we could hand the country back to the Italian authorities entirely. We must always keep in mind that the presence of Allied Military officers did help to maintain law and order.

3. Col. Hancock, (late Region I), was of the opinion that a gradual and complete withdrawal was feasible, leaving an ACC HQ with HQ 56 Area. Brig. Carr, (Region I), agreed in principle. There were details such as issue and safeguarding of imported food to be considered. Col. Poletti, (Region III), saw no difference between Sicily and Southern Italy, from the point of view of government from Naples. He considered the time was coming when ACC ought to operate the whole area from Rome.

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5. The Executive Commissioner asked R.C's Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region to consider the matter and report in a month's time. The matter would also be re-examined at ACC HQ. Brig. Lush asked Col. Temperley to report as soon as possible on the early handing over of Naples Commune from AMG to Italian Government.

6. Executive Commissioner said he would like to underline General Maitland Wilson's remarks the previous day on discipline among subordinate officers. Provincial Commissioners should be instructed to think deeply on the subject. It was almost inevitable where officers were living alone that they should lose some of the effects of military discipline and that those inexperienced in civil administration should tend to be over-impressed by the local aspect of affairs. Regional Commissioners in the Southern Regions should examine the question of transferring such officers. Brig. Lush congratulated Regional Commissioners on their monthly reports and sitreps. AFHQ had asked to be kept more fully in the picture and he believed that we had been able to do this. Col. Lewin-Harris (G-5 AFHQ) agreed.

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Promotions.

11. Col. Albright said that American promotions to field grade were temporarily held up. He asked Col. Lewin-Harris to take the matter up. Company grade officers were not affected. Col.Farren (Executive Officer) said that British promotions were held up for

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two or three days while AAI were looking into the matter. Col. Albright said Company Commanders and admin. officers must not be changed without approval from this HQ.

Patriots.

12. Col. McCarthy referred to his talk at the previous day's Conference and to a history of the movement which he had prepared. At the meeting in Siena he was asked to produce information about the Po Valley installations. He had a list of places where damage and flooding could be caused and also a list of pumping stations for Patriots to protect.

13. He would like to stress that AMG's with Armies, and Regions should send back a weekly report from their Italian Patriot representatives.

14. On a discussion of present policy, Col. Kirkwood (Region VIII) said it was fundamentally on right lines but there were practical difficulties as the Patriots wanted to remain fighting.

Patriot Br.

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20. He went on to explain that the Branch could not provide equipment

All Regions for camps in Regions. Once the quota had been fixed the Prefects concerned had to take care of the refugees and billet them.

21. The aim was to get the people back to their homes as quickly as possible. Transit Camps would be necessary and personnel to man them. The Italian Government had been asked for 1,000 Italian Officers and men to do it. The Army Sub-Commission said personnel could not be found from the Italian Army and the possibility of

Refugee Br Army S/C. using demobilized soldiers was discussed. The matter was left for further exploration with the suggestion that it might be possible to

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pick men out of the transit camps to which these soldiers were sent prior to discharge and take them on a civilian pay roll on the spot.

22. Reference was made to an unauthorized movement of refugees back to their homes which had already started. AFHQ, AAI and PBS were taking notice of it. Exec. Commissioner asked R.C's to do their utmost with
All Regions the Italian authorities to stop people moving and to issue orders that no ACC officers were to issue passes for this kind of movement.

23. Col. Chapman said that 2,000 refugees had arrived at Naples
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& IV. should be dispersed to Aversa Camp and half to Region IV.

Establishment.

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26. In addition there would be Provincial Commissions to deal with local bodies which depended on the Prefect. The Provincial Commissions would not be set up until the Prefects themselves had been purged. The Ministry of the Interior had been asked to expedite the purging of the Prefects, and Regional Commissioners would be informed as soon as

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this was done. In a letter of Aug. 18th R.C's were asked to send a pro-forma report on the progress of defascistization in the Provinces. Where the decree had been made effective, we ceased to operate defascistization ourselves, but in Military Government territory there was nothing to prevent a R.C. from removing an official on any ground.

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When an area had been turned over to Regional control the R.C. would normally leave it to the Italian Committee or refer a special case to HQ ACC.

Proclamations.

27. Col. Wilmer read the new preamble to Proclamation No.1, which had been approved. To meet criticism of the notice containing curfew restrictions etc there would now be three versions of it to be used according to requirements. With regard to the declaration of cameras and wireless sets AAI had demanded that the restriction be retained. The new version of Proclamations 1, 2 and 4 would be distributed as soon as possible and used in future.

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33. Exec. Commissioner said that if movement was restricted completely food supply, industry, etc., would be hindered. But movement must be restricted for military reasons.

Transport and Appointments of Prefects.

SCAO's 5 & 8 Armies. All RC's

34. Col. Spicer (Interior Sub-Comm) said that the transportation question had been decided the day before at the Chief Commissioner's Conference. He appealed for cooperation by R.C's with Prefects who had difficult journeys to undertake. They were high ranking Italian officials and all the help that R.C's could give them would be appreciated.

35. Two very simple and clear directives had been prepared for the use of officers in the field, one for the Army areas and one for Regions.

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(c) Road Transportation. Lt.Col.Bordass explained that under a new decree civilian road haulage would come under one control, i.e., E.N.A.C. It would operate up to Army area. All movement by road would be allocated by E.N.A.C. Asked what was the plan for providing road haulage for the Northern Regions, Col. Adams said there would be local transport, plus the withdrawal of extra transport loaned to harvest Regions. Alternatively, it would be necessary to apply for additional Transport Coys. E.N.A.C. would be operating in 3 - 4 weeks time.

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POL for Forward Areas.

41. Shortage of POL in certain areas was discussed and Col. Eyles (AFHQ Petroleum Section) said that there had been a physical shortage but the situation was now easier. He undertook to investigate a specific difficulty raised by Region VII and the shortage of Diesel oil in Sicily. CCP representatives could be supplied to assist forward Regions and others also if necessary. Mr. Antolini undertook to coordinate transportation of POL from ports and a plan would be submitted to R.C's by end of week.

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War Material Disposal and Italian POW Sub- Commission.

46. (a) Lt.Col.Campbell, Director, said it should be known that it was now possible to repatriate any Italian POW providing he was required in a specific administrative position. The request for repatriation should be submitted through Italian channels. No requests should be received or forwarded by us.

(b) Attention was drawn to the necessity for collecting Jerry Cans (German or Italian petrol tins). The question of a penalty was under consideration.

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All RC's

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2. Minutes of the last Meeting on 2nd August.

The following were discussed:-

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(b) Atrocities. It had been laid down by AFHQ that the AGS Dept. AAI was the competent authority to investigate enemy atrocities.

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(c) Communications. Stress was laid on the use of Air Courier Services between the Armies and AFHQ. Investigation was promised into the cause of continued delays.

(d) Passes. These should be issued by one authority and one officer in ACC HQ. The promiscuous use of passes was again referred to.

(e) Elba. It was proposed that ELBA should be administered by Region VIII as soon as AFHQ agreed.

It was confirmed that necessary action had been taken with regard to the remainder of the minutes.

3. Political.

Mr. H. Caccia reviewed the present political set up of the Italian Government. SCAO Fifth Army (Brig.Gen.Hume) commented and made a comparison between political conditions in LIVORNO and SIENA. LIVORNO it was found was strongly in support of the present Italian Government; in SIENA there was a more independent and critical point of view. The Leftists wanted to rule in their own way. SCAO Eighth Army (Group Capt.Benson) commented. He raised the question of political appointments on entering a new area and said that the further we went North the more forthright and independent were the views of Committees of Liberations who now wished to make appointments of officials rather than AMG.

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6. Region VIII.

(a) Political matters. Colonel R.C. Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner, asked for a ruling that public meetings should not be used as occasions for political demonstrations. In reply the Executive Commissioner said that if any incidents occurred he should call the various political authorities together and explain that further public meetings would not be permitted if there were further demonstrations. The circumstances should be reported to HQ AOC in order that Political Section could take action with the party concerned.

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Rations for Civilians employed by AMG. Economic Section agreed to take up at the highest level the suggestion that British Army rations should be purchased by ACC for civilians sent away from their homes on AMG/ACC work.

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(c) Charcoal. Regional Commissioner asked that an allocation should be made of the charcoal available in GROSSETO Province in order to avoid exploitation by black marketeers. Economic Section said that the matter was in hand.

(d) Forestry Survey. SCAO's Armies agreed to the request for permission to make a forestry survey in areas in Region VIII still under Army administration.

7. Region V.

Region V.
AMG 8 Army

(a) Handover of MACERATA. Lt.Col.C.French, Executive Officer, asked that MACERATA should be handed over to Region V to obviate the necessity of the Provincial Commissioner working under both AMG Army and the Region. This was agreed subject to certain restrictions proposed by the SCAO.

Econ Sec

(b) Harvest. The shortage of POL for harvest purposes was stressed and it was stated that the harvest could not be threshed unless adequate POL supplies were forthcoming. Other Regions agreed that there was a shortage. Economic Section undertook to take the matter up strongly with AAI, and meanwhile would endeavour to revise allocations. A programme would be announced at the R.C's Conference. The Executive Commissioner stressed the importance of SCAO's and RC's reporting the full facts of their transport and POL requirements so that the Economic Section could be kept fully informed. The possibility of obtaining a GT Coy to distribute POL in some areas was referred to.

8. Region IV.

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(c) Harvest. The shortage of POL for harvest purposes was stressed and it was stated that the harvest could not be threshed unless adequate POL supplies were forthcoming. Other Regions agreed that there was a shortage. Economic Section undertook to take the matter up strongly with AAI, and meanwhile would endevour to revise allocations. A programme would be announced at the R.C's Conference. The Executive Commissioner stressed the importance of SCAO's and RC's reporting the full facts of their transport and POL requirements so that the Economic Section could be kept fully informed. The possibility of obtaining a GT Coy to distribute POL in some areas was referred to.

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Patriot Br.

A start had been made to repair the damage done to the Pontine Marshes. He warned the meeting that if similar damage occurred in the Po Valley it would mean a very serious situation in that area. Colonel McCarthy, Patriots Branch, undertook to consider the possibility of communicating with Patriots in order to save as much as possible of the machinery from German destruction.

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Region VIII

Mr.Antolini said that it would be necessary for the 300 gm ration scale in ELBA to be brought down to the mainland scale of 200 gms. Col.Kirkwood will take action when the Island is handed over to Region VIII.

Finance Sub-Com.

Mr.Antolini asked R.C's to report if they found any undue delay in payment to the farmers for grain after collection. Lt.Col.Hartman, Agriculture Sub-Commission, explained that one of the reasons for this delay was the shortage of money in the banks. Finance Sub-Commission to take up.

(b) Food Sub-Commission.

Food Sub-Com.

Colonel Legg reported that the whole food situation in Region IV and particularly ROME area was being considered with a view to making improvements. The universal ration scale would be reviewed at the end of the month but any increase would be dependent on the result of Grani del Popolo. There was a 30 days supply stockpiled for FLORENCE.

Econ Sec.

Fifth Army AMG asked that a definite price be laid down for the milling of wheat as the millers complain they are operating at a loss. Economic Section will present prices at the next conference.

RC/MG Sec.

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Food Sub-Com

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AMG 5 & 8 Armies. Agric Sub-Com.

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(a) Defascistization.

Adm Sec. Colonel Upjohn reported satisfactory progress. In reply to a question by Brig. Parkinson as to whether steps were being taken to purge noted industrial leaders in the north who are not civil officials, Colonel Upjohn explained that a degree is now being drafted to cover that eventuality.

(b) Pools of Italian Officials.

Some difficulty is being experienced in finding medical and agriculture officials but it is hoped to obtain enough to form a small pool.

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(c) Medical Supplies.

Brigadier Parkinson may [illegible] SCAO's and RO's that there will be a shortage of medical supplies up to the end of this month, but the situation will probably be eased after that date.

RC/MG Sec.

Civil Affairs Branch will take up the question of the reopening of a factory at ANCONA for the manufacture of medical supplies.

Pub.Safety Sub-Com.

(d) Public Safety.

(i) CC.FF. Fifth Army asked for replacements for 11 CC.FF who have reached the age limit for retirement. Public Safety Sub-Commission will take up.

RC/MG Sec.

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Adm Sec.

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AMG 8 Army.

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RC/MG Sec.

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Patriot Br.

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(d) Refugees.

Adjt HQ ACC RC/MG Sec.

(i) Status of Refugee Officers. Discussion arose due to the issue of Special Order No.194 dated 13th August. It was agreed that this would be cancelled.

Ital.Ref.Br. Tpth Sub-Com.

(ii) Movement of Refugee Camps to Army Areas. AVERSA Refugee Camp was to be moved forward to Fifth Army area and the necessary transportation arranged through Transportation Sub-Commission as soon as possible.

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(iii) Movement of Refugees from ANCONA. Eighth Army AMG asked whether arrangements had been made for the movement of refugees from ANCONA. Lt.Col.Brister affirmed that evacuation from that port had already commenced.

(iv) Repatriation of Refugees. The Executive Commissioner again stressed upon RC's the necessity of impressing upon their provincial officers that they must refrain from granting movement certificates to all and sundry to get back to their homes. The matter was reaching serious proportions. It was hoped to get a scheme going in a short time for the repatriation of these people in conjunction with the Italian Government.

Regions IV, V, VIII & IX.
RO/MG Sec.
It.Ref.Branch

Lt.Col.Bonham Carter, Region IV, suggested that something should be done to let these people know that such a scheme was contemplated. Italian Refugee Branch and Civil Affairs Branch will take up.

It.Ref.Branch

Italian Refugee Branch agreed to supply Regions V and VIII with particulars of G1098 stores required for refugee camps if the RC's concerned would inform them of the size of the camps for which the stores were required.

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APO 394.

Ref/46/14/PAT.

22 August 1944.

Speech made by Colonel C.D. Mc CARTHY Patriots Branch

at Regional Commissioner's Conference 22 Aug. 1944.

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There is no doubt that many patriots have acted with extreme bravery and courage and a note of their activities has been prepared and is available to those who would like to read it.

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5. Many questions have been asked of the political tendencies of patriot bands. After speaking to a large number of patriots in various corners of the country I personally feel that in the great majority of cases these men have been fighting first to defeat the Germans, second to destroy Fascism and third in the case of some of them, to build up a new Italy.
Most of them have at this stage of the war very little idea of the aims and ambitions of the six political parties in Italy but they are keenly alive to the fact that something drastic must be done about politics in the very near future and being mostly young and active men they are keenly susceptible to influence and require a lead from the Italian Government. Some of them will undoubtedly be of importance in the new Italy and they are a great responsibility for us all.

4. Plans have been drawn up for dealing with patriots. A message in roster form signed by General Alexander has been distributed in forward areas, a form of certificate of merit has been approved and certificates have been sent to Regional and to the 5 and 8 Armies for distribution. Although many patriots are used for a short while by the Army in their own area as guides and patrols and for reconnaissance work, the intention generally is to direct nearly all of them into civil life. About 90% return to their own homes and occupation locally. Of the remainder some will be used for police duties or as drivers, others will be employed on engineering work, and on mine clearance; and arrangements have been made for recruiting and passing back volunteers for service in the Italian Army and Air Force. Communal committees are being set up to assist Provincial Commissioners in this work, and to help weed out bogus applicants among the genuine patriots. The problems of collecting and disposing of the patriots' arms is in hand. The arms will be used for future operations as directed by A.A.I.

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8. The patriot question is very much in the newest present and I am bombarded with questions about what we are likely to find on the other side of the line. We have a fairly good idea and I am endeavouring to furnish this information when it is essential to do so. At the same time I am endeavouring to see that those on the other side of the line are properly informed about what is going on this side of the line. I would like in conclusion to take this opportunity to thank the press, P.R.O. and P.W.B. for the active cooperation given in recent weeks and for the manner in which publicity has been treated. The power of the press is tremendous in this present era of the patriot movement; and we must remember that the Germans are spreading propaganda against us as energetically as they can so that it is necessary for us to encourage our patriots as much as we can. I am trying to help in this firstly by ensuring that the proper arrangements are made for their welcome on this side of the line and secondly by taking care that they shall be informed immediately what that welcome will be.

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19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.C's Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX & "Z".
SCAO's Fifth & Eighth Armies.

1. Reference 107/65/CA of 5 August 1944, enclosed is the Agenda for the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.

2. Sections, Sub-Commissions or Branches will be responsible for ensuring that a representative is present at the times indicated for opening the discussion on the subjects against which their names appear. Other members of the Staffs concerned will be present as required.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Wednesday 23rd August

AGENDA

Time	Section	Item	
		Morning Session 0930 hrs.	
0930 - 1130	R.C. & M.G. Section.	Planning for Northern Regions and App C.	Estabs. Br.
		Patriots.	Patriots Br.
		Refugees.	Refugee Br.
		Planning Repatriation of Agriculturists.	Refugee Br.
		Establishment: (a) Distribution of Memoranda.	Estabs. Br.
		(b) Vehicle Maintenance.	
		Recess - 15 minutes.	
1145 - 1300	Administrative Section.	Defascistization.	Admin. Section.
		Proclamations.	Legal Sub-Comm.
		Restriction of Movement.	Public Safety Sub-Comm.
		Appointments and transportation of Prefectorial Officials.	Interior Sub-Comm.
		Afternoon Session.	
1430 - 1545	Economic Section.	Civilian Transport.	Transportation Sub-Comm.
		POL for forward areas.	Commerce Sub-Comm.
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		POL for forward areas.	Commerce Sub-Comm.
		Price of wheat in the North.	Food Sub-Comm.
		Ration Scale.	Economic Section.

Recess - 15 minutes.

1600 Other business.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Conference - 22 August 1944

A G E N D A

Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Acting Chief Commissioner.

2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section:

Region I	- Colonel A.N. Hancock
Region II	- Lt. Colonel F.H.McCleary
Region III	- Colonel J.S. Chapman
Region IV	- Colonel C. Poletti
Region V	- Colonel R.P. Marshall
Region VI	- Brigadier H. Carr
Region VII	- Lt. Colonel G.G. Feasey
Region VIII	- Colonel R.G. Kirkwood
Eighth Army AMG	- Group-Captain C.E. Benson
Fifth Army AMG	- Brigadier General E.E. Hume
Refugee Branch (Italians)	- Colonel L.R. Mills
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission	- Colonel C.E. Findlay
Patriots Branch	- Colonel C.D. McCarthy
Executive Commissioner	- Brigadier H.S. Lush

Afternoon Session - 1430

3. Reports by Administrative Section:

Interior Sub-Commission	- Colonel H.C.B. Spicer
Public Safety Sub-Commission	- Colonel P.S. Mick
Public Health Sub-Commission	- Brigadier G.S. Parkinson
Legal Sub-Commission	- Colonel R.H. Wilmer
Education Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith
Property Control Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel C. Carroll
Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission	- Major E.T. de Wald
Acting Head	- Colonel G.R. Upjohn

Recess - 10 Minutes

4. Reports by Economic Section:

Commerce Sub-Commission	- Colonel W.S. Evans
Industry Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.S.E. Todd
Labor Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.R. Bain
Agriculture Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel W.J. Hartman
Food Sub-Commission	- Colonel W.J. Legg
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.	- Lt. Colonel L.A. Jenny
Finance Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.P. Craftey-Smith

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Region V	- Colonel R.E. Marshall
Region VI	- Brigadier M. Carr
Region VII	- Lt. Colonel G.G. Peasey
Region VIII	- Colonel E.G. Kirkwood
Eighth Army AAG	- Capt.-Captain C.F. Denson
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Refugee Branch (Italians)	- Colonel L.R. Hulls
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission	- Colonel C.H. Kindley
Patriots Branch	- Colonel C.T. McCarthy
Executive Commissioner	- Brigadier R.S. Lush

Afternoon Session - 1430

3. Reports by Administrative Section:

Interior Sub-Commission	- Colonel H.A.B. Spicer
Public Safety Sub-Commission	- Colonel E.S. Kirk
Public Health Sub-Commission	- Brigadier G.S. Pearkinson
Legal Sub-Commission	- Colonel R.H. Wilmer
Education Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel T.W. Smith
Property Control Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel C. Carroll
Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission	- Major E.T. de Wald
Acting Head	- Colonel G.R. Undjus

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4. Reports by Economic Section:

Commerce Sub-Commission	- Colonel W.S. Evans
Industry Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.S.F. Todd
Labor Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.R. Bain
Agriculture Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel W.A. Hartman
Food Sub-Commission	- Colonel W.J. Lees
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.	- Lt. Colonel L.A. Jenny
Finance Sub-Commission	- Colonel A.P. Grafftey-Smith
Transportation Sub-Commission	- Colonel D.G. Adams
Shipping Sub-Commission	- Mr. J. Gibson Graham
Vice President	- Brigadier General William O'Dwyer

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5. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

Naval Sub-Commission	- Rear Admiral C.E. Morgan
Army Sub-Commission	- Major General L. Browning
Air Sub-Commission	- Air Vice Marshal W.A.D. Bowen-Buscarlet
Communications Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.L. Henderson
War Materials Disposal & Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission	- Lt. Colonel J.A. Campbell

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APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 7Bg/16/GA.

13th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Conference at Region 8 HQ,
Prefettura, Siena, 1100 hrs, 16 Aug.

TO : Economic Section.
Administrative Section.
Establishment Branch.
Displaced Persons Sub-Com.
Exiting Refugee Branch.
Patriots Branch.

1. Brig. Dunlop of Region "Z" has extended an invitation to members of this HQ to stay with him over the nights of Tuesday and Wednesday.

2. His HQ. is at CHIANCIANO, Route 71 to the junction 7.2 km north of CITTA DELLA PIEVE and then through CHIUSI and QUERCE AL PINO to BAGNI DI CHIANCIANO. It is a practicable road but the area is heavily mined so that travellers are warned to keep to the highway.

3. CHIANCIANO is two hours from SIENA.

4. Dinner is at seven: later meals can be provided if notice is given.

5. Brigadier Dunlop is informed that / members of your Section will avail themselves of his hospitality.

6. Bedding is provided.

7. You should take rations.

8. There is no lighting at CHIANCIANO.

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Lieutenant,
PA to Executive Commissioner.

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Ref/107/77/CA.

15 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Heads of all Sub-Commissions.

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter 107/65/CA of 5 August 1944, para.3.

2. Owing to the fact that there will be more speakers than on former occasions, reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions will, of necessity, be restricted to not more than five minutes instead of ten minutes as stated in the above letter.

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Minutes of Conference "Mine Clearance", Office of A/Head Admin Section 9 Aug 44.

Present:	Col Upjohn (Chair)	Admin Section
	Col Todd	Industry Sub-Commission
	Col Cripps	Admin Section
	Col McCarthy	Partisans Sub-Commission
	Lt Col Dove	HQ AAI
	Lt Col Shipp	RC & MG Section
	Major Maskery	Industry Sub-Commission
	Major Mitchell	HQ AAI
	Major Phillips	Army Sub-Commission
	Major Fletcher	HQ AAI

Meeting opened at 1435 hours.

1 Col Upjohn opened the meeting by explaining that he had called it in order to explore the problems of mine clearance, before taking the matter up with the Italian Government, as he considered that no useful purpose would be served in pressing for action by that Government without being able to state what assistance could be given from Allied sources or having a clear idea of what the problem involved. He felt sure the Government would ask for assistance and he wished to be prepared to state to what extent that could be done.

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(b) organisation and responsibility of mine clearance work.

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(a) how many detectors were likely to be required;
(b) whether he could see a blue print of the design of a detector;
(c) whether the detector was on Secret list and the possibility of its release.

3 In reply, Lt Colonel Dove stated:

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(b) He had a blue print which could be inspected by IndustrySC. It involved certain articles already in short supply and unlikely to arrive for a considerable period, and of such a nature that it was unlikely that they could be manufactured in this country.
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(d) Italian type detectors are useless, they are NOT designed either for this terrain or modern type of mines.

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6 Major Mitchell replied that to train men as instructors capable of dealing with all types of mine (Allied and Enemy) would take 3 to 4 weeks each course. He considered that instructors would require the comprehensive course. Mass squads of workers could be trained in 10 days. He considered it very unlikely that it would be possible to make instructors available for Italian Schools from AAI. He stated that AAI school had just completed a course for Italian Army students but this had been done at the expense of a Course for Allied Troops. The school would be filled for some time to come with Allied students.

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7 Major Phillips (MMIA) stated that some instructors were being trained for internal security bns, and the Coy's of Italian Engineers at present working with AMG were training 2 additional companies.

8 In reply to a question Lt Col Dove stated that AAI had no mine field charts on a national basis, but that AFHQ might be in possession.

9 The Chairman concluded that he now had a basis on which to take up the matter with the Italian Government, whose main need would be instructors for squads, which he would suggest might mainly be drawn from PARTISANS. He would inform them that from an equipment point of view, the likelihood of up-to-date equipment being made available was very remote. Location by "prodding" would be the initial method. (Industry stated that the instruments can be manufactured in this country).

As to instructors he would write :

(a) to HQ AAI asking for assistance in training an initial number of civilians as instructors;

(b) to MMIA asking them to train civilians through the Italian Army.

He would ask the Italian Government to start selecting suitable men for such courses and concluded by asking Col McCarthy to see the CE Major General Coxwell - Rogers and enquire if he could render assistance in this matter.

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5 August 194

Subject : Regional Commissioners Conference.

To : Distribution below.

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2. The Acting Chief Commissioner will preside on Tuesday 22nd August.

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b. Address by Acting Chief Commissioner.
c. Reports by Heads of Sub Commissions and Vice Presidents of Sections.

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4. Vice Presidents are asked to furnish to the Secretary General precis of the proposed remarks by the Directors of Sub-Commissions in their sections not later than Sunday 20th August. These precis are required for furnishing to representatives of the press who are expected to be present at the Conference.

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5 August 1944.

MINUTES OF SECOND CONFERENCE HELD
AT HQ AAI ADVANCE ON 2.August.1944

PRESENT:	Brigadier M.S. Lush	- Executive Commissioner.
	Brig.Gen. E.E. Hume	- SCAO, AMG 5 Army.
	Brigadier J.K. Dunlop	- R.C. Region "Z".
	Group Capt.C.E.Benson	- SCAC, AMG 8 Army.
	Mr. H. Caccia	- Joint V.P. Political Sec.
	Mr. Schott	- " " " "
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	Colonel R.R. Cripps	- Administrative Section.
	Colonel N.E. Fiske	- Dep. Exec. Commissioner.
	Colonel R.G. Kirkwood	- R.C., Region VIII.
	Colonel N. Monfort	- A/Chief Commissioner's Office.
	Colonel C. McCarthy	- Patriots Branch.
	Colonel C. Findlay	- Displaced Persons Sub-Com.
	Colonel J. Todd	- Industry Sub-Commission.
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	Lieut.Col.W.A. Hartman	- Agriculture Sub-Commission.
	Lieut.Col.Bonham-Carter	- Region IV.
	Lieut.Col. Ruck	- Region IX.
	Lieut.Col. Marshall	- Region V.
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1. Opening Remarks.

The Executive Commissioner, Brig. M.S.Lush, opened the meeting at 1115 hrs. He gave a brief outline of future planning. Colonel Pennycuick was taking over Region VI from Brig. Carr; Brigadier Carr was replacing Col. Hancock in Region I; Colonel Hancock was coming North to organise a Northern Region; Rome Region and Region IV were now one Region under Col. Poletti known as Region IV; Brig. Dunlop was at present planning for Region "Z" and would run a short course for officers. It was anticipated that in the latter stages of the formation of the Northern Regions it would be necessary to withdraw officers from Army AMGs.

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A conference would be held ~~at Naples on~~ 4th August to consider a proposal for the amalgamation of Regions II, III, VII, CAMPOBASSO and FOGGIA Provinces, into one Region with Provincial teams in the main ports and towns where military garrisons remained.

AFHQ's suggestion that SICILY should be abandoned entirely had been turned down. The amassi on the whole was going well although a certain amount of difficulty had been experienced in SICILY. The situation here, however, was improving.

The Exec. Commissioner gave news of General Mason MacFarlane, reporting that he had been seriously ill but was now considered to be out of danger.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were examined and it was confirmed that appropriate action was being taken where necessary.

3. Political.

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(ii) Extra Duties. AMG Armies could not take on the various extra duties they were now being requested to perform with their existing staffs. Examples were given, i.e. the enlistment of patriots into the Italian Army and the trading and collection of escaped Allied POW. In these two instances it was pointed out that the responsibility lay respectively with MMLO and AAI and that CAOs should give such assistance as they could.

(iii) Patriots. This problem was becoming more difficult and they objected to being disarmed. A directive had been issued and should be followed.

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(iv) Requests by Economic Section. AMG 5 Army had not the time nor the personnel to deal with these requests. Col. Todd pointed out that such requests were made to give information of the existence of valuable raw materials, plant facilities, machinery etc., and to prevent their waste and misuse. He instanced the use of sulphate rock, which is vital to the economic life of the country, being used as road material. SCAO AMG 5 Army asked that an officer be sent by HQ to investigate such matters and it was agreed that this would be done. The SCAO stated that AMG 5 Army would be of assistance when possible and would pass on to the Armed Forces such information as the Industry Sub-Commission forwarded as being of interest to them.

AMG 5 & 8 Armies. Industry S.C.

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(ii) Channels of Communication. The matter was raised and discussed at length. SCAO's Armies and R.C's present all expressed a strong preference for continuing the existing procedure, i.e., command channels of communication. They were quite satisfied with addressing correspondence to R.C. & M.G. Section on all matters except technical and routine matters, in which it was agreed there was no objection to correspondence with Sub-Commissions direct. The same procedure applied in the reverse direction.

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AMG Armies
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(d) Region IV.

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(ii) Assisi Railhead. It was suggested that if 8 Army handed over Assisi railhead it should be taken over by ACC. This would greatly assist Region IV's supply problem. Transportation Sub-Com. to take up.

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(e) Region IX.

(i) Provincial teams for FORLI, BOLOGNA and MODENA or PARMA have been formed. This used up all available officers but it was decided that this would be sufficient for the present.

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SCAO's Armies

(i) Col. Todd stated that requests for reports from AMG Armies on industrial matters were sent for the information of SCAOs. If they could also let his Sub-Commission have the information asked for, and if this did not interfere with operational duties, it would be appreciated.

SCAO's & R.C's.

(ii) SCAOs and RCs were asked to let the Sub-Commission know when there was a demand for manufactured articles. The Sub-Commission was now in a position to supply certain products. He instanced the question of mine lifting apparatus which he thought there would be no difficulty in supplying. It would, however, take some four months before the article was in production.

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SCAO's Armies

(iii) SCAOs were asked to report promptly the location of all supplies of leather which was in short supply everywhere.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

(a) Review of Sentences. It was approved that the review of all cases in AMG Courts in the Army areas should be done by RLOs of the Regions following up. Papers to be sent direct between Armies and Regions. A proposal was under consideration that Prov. L.Os. should be authorised to review sentences under two months.

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AMG 5 & 8 Armies.
C.A. Br.

(e) Establishment Branch. Shortage of transport officers was acute, and RCs were requested to keep a strict eye on M.T. maintenance. Maintenance has now been placed under the Transportation Sub-Commission.

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8. CLOSING REMARKS.

(a) Exec. Commissioner stated that the next full R.Cs. meeting would be held in ROME on 22/23 August 1944.

(b) The next meeting of AMGs, Armies, and forward Regions would be held in the Prefettura Building, SIENA, on 16 August 1944 at 1100 hrs.

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R.C. & M.G. SECTION

1st August 1944

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AGENDA FOR MEETING AT H.Q., A.A.I. Advance.
to be held on 2nd August 1944

1. Opening Remarks.

2. Minutes of last meeting.

3. Points raised by:-
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   (b) Regional Commissioners.

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5. Points to be raised by Administrative Section.
   (a) Review of sentences of AMG Courts in Army areas.
   (b) Any further points.

6. Points to be raised by R.C. & M.G. SECTION.
   (a) Guarding of dumps in forward areas.

7. Any other business.

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20 July 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ. AAI
19 July 1944.

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2 from each Section - R.C. & M.G., Admin. Economic, & Political.
3 from Fifth & Eighth Armies (each).
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Econ.Sec.

4. Political Section.

They asked for every support to be shown by CAO's in forward areas and Provinces to the present Italian Government. Need was felt for bigger and stronger teams of Italian officials. After discussion it was thought that certain suitable Italians might be found in the towns when they were captured who could be employed and that therefore it would be more suitable to have a pool of officials rather than a team. Admin Section listed the officials required, and would take action.

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5. Patriots.

(a) Col. McCarthy handed out copies of the new memorandum giving a general directive on Patriots and the terms of reference of the Patriots Branch. He explained briefly this document to Armies and Regions, who had no comments. 2,000 of the new Patriot Certificates were also distributed to each Army. This would be enough for immediate needs and further supplies were being printed.

(b) Policy. The policy is laid down in the memorandum which had been agreed by all concerned and was quite clear except for the re-habilitation of those young Patriots who wished to continue fighting as Patriots and not join the Italian Army. The Executive Commissioner said that there was only one Italian Army. The Patriots must be absorbed into civilian life. (It might however be possible to train some of those young men for mine clearance duties, see later para.6 (c)).

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P.A.O.

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(c) Mine Clearance. The Allied Armies will not accept the responsibility for mine clearance in any areas except for operational requirements in the forward areas. This is roughly a 20 ft. strip each side of main roads. This is now becoming a major problem in the liberated areas of Regions IV, V and VIII. It is getting worse and not better. Many Italians are killed every day, and it retards development. Some organisation is required to be set up to deal with this problem but it must be composed of Italians.

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Measures taken at present consist in the employment of two mine lifting Coys of the Italian Army, one in Region IV and one in Region V. There is none to spare at present for Region VIII. These Coys are training two Italian Army Inf Coys who will eventually replace them. It was suggested that a school to train young volunteer Partisans in these duties was started. It was hoped that the Army might loan instructors and equipment. Executive Commissioner said he would talk to General Browning on this point.

R.C.& M.G. Sec.

7. Admin. Section.

(a) Col. Upjohn took up Political Section's point of having a pool of Italian officials ready for the early phases of the occupation of Italian towns.

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Adm. Sec.

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(c) ANCONA. Here POL is the problem. There is not enough transport in this Province. Col. French of Region V asked whether schooners could be made available. POL is chiefly required for the collection of the harvest. No.2 District are prepared to

Econ.Sec. help over this and supply all requirements of Region V in POL if AAI
Col.French approved. Col. French to take up with Col. Adams in ROME.

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ACTION

(d) Misc. Supplies. The need for these was stressed. They were actually required at present more urgently than flour. A fair quantity had arrived at PIOMBINO but there was no transportation for distribution. Food Sub-Commission stated that these supplies were still all arriving at NAPLES and had to be re-shipped or railed up to forward areas.

(e) Eighth Army Bread Price. Lt.Col.Spencer, Supply Officer of Eighth Army, said that he had first put up this problem to Economic Section two or three months ago, and finally three weeks ago asked for an urgent decision which was promised in a few days. He still had no answer and had to use his own discretion in fixing the price of "new-grain bread".

The main point he wants to know is what is the proportion of the subsidy. Lt.Col. Spencer is willing to fix a price on his own if he gets no instructions, but it will be uncorrelated to other prices.

9. Establishment Officer.

(a) Warned Armies and Regions that they might not be filled up to Establishment until the harvest was over in Regions I, II and V. After this there would be some officers combed out and sent forward.

Est.Br.

(b) Col. Albright suggested a Rest Home for overworked ACC officers.

10. Next Meeting.

It was agreed that subject to confirmation in a weeks time the next meeting would be held at HQ. AAI (wherever it might be) at 1100 hrs 2nd August.

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price of "new-grain bread".

The main point he wants to know is what is the proportion of the subsidy. Lt.Col. Spencer is willing to fix a price on his own if he gets no instructions, but it will be uncorrelated to other prices.

9. Establishment Officer.

(a) Warned Armies and Regions that they might not be filled up to Establishment until the harvest was over in Regions I, II and V. After this there would be some officers combed out and sent forward.

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(b) Col. Albright suggested a Rest Home for overworked AGC officers.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/459/ /CA. 5 July [redacted]4.

SUBJECT: Partisans.

TO : Civil Affairs Branch, HQ ACC ADV.
(Attention : Major Talbot)

Efforts have been made to phone you, but with little success, to obtain the following information and for your action :

(a) Copies of Minutes of Conference held last Monday on Partisans, and copies of Manifesto are urgently required here.

(b) Shew to Capt. Stone AS SOON AS POSSIBLE on his arrival in ROME (probably THURSDAY by air).

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD ON 3 JULY 44 IN ROME TO DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATION OF PATRIOTS IN OCCUPIED ITALY

PRESENT :-

Brigadier M.S. Lush (Chairman)	Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
Lt. Col. Ames	Rome Region
Mr. Bauer	Patriot (C.L.N.)
Col. Bernabo	Patriot (Military)
Group Captain Benson	A&D 8 Army
Maj Gen Browning	M.M.I.A.
Capt Buckley	A.C.C.
Mr. Caccia	A.C.C.
Col. Carter	O.S.S.
Brigadier Dunlop	Region IV
Major Fielden	A.C.C.
Lieut Harris	No.1. Special Force
Col. Fiske	A.C.C.
Major Koch	O.S.S.
Lieut Macnamara	A.C.C.
Brigadier Mainwaring	A.A.I.
Col. Mc Carthy	A.C.C.
Col. Monfort	A.C.C.
Col. Pidsley	M.M.I.A.
Mr. Reyner	F.W.B.
Major Talbot	A.C.C.
Mr. Reber	A.C.C.
Major Tennant	No.1. Special Force
Col. Upjohn	A.C.C.
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Col. Carter	C.S.S.
Brigadier Dunlop	Region XV
Major Fielden	A.C.C.
Lieut Harris	No.1. Special Force
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4. Permission to put patriot Reps on the AMG ration strength and to allow them to draw petrol was later obtained from AAI (Q).

5. It was also agreed later that the Michaelis and Bauer Reps should be called Patriot Reps (Mil) and Patriot Reps (C.I.P.) respectively.

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Preliminary action in occupation.

4. The poster prepared by PWB for Gen Alexander's signature was approved subject to an additional clause appealing for the gathering of the harvest. This poster is to be posted in forward areas, and the contents put in Italian newspapers and broadcast by PWB.

(a) P.W.B.
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7. The surrender of arms must be justified by law and not on grounds of military expediency i.e. the statement that arms will be returned to Northern Italy.

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9. Arms must be hauled in to AMG and not to carabinieri though the latter may handle the collection thereof. Receipts for arms should be given and should be signed by C.A.C.'s.

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Draft proposals to be put up by Patriots Branch.

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15. The C.O.C. M.M.I.A. stressed that as Italian conscription law extended into AFT territory, patriots of military age were liable for service. In practice it would take a little time to establish the machinery for registration etc. in forward areas. Pending further notifications patriots of military age should therefore be encouraged to act on a temporary basis in the same way as those of other age groups.

Persons who have assisted Allied P.o.W. to escape.

16. A scheme of aid is in operation for people who have assisted Allied P.o.W. to escape. This was discussed and it was decided that no further action could be taken meantime.

C.D. MC CARTIN,
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Patriot Branch,
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