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19 November 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT SIENA ON
FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1944.

The following were present:

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DCCS, CA Section

A/Head, Economic Section.

SCAO, AMG 5 Army.

SCAO, AMG 8 Army.

RO's, LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA,

PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and VENEZIA Regions.

Representatives from Econ and CA Secs.

Representatives from HQ No.2 District and GSI(b), HQ ALI.

The Acting Chief of Staff was in the chair.

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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. Henry Hopkinson reported that his predecessor, Mr. Harold M. Caccio, 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.

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CCS.

Brig. Upjohn asked whether patriot representatives from ROME were required. Except for 8 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it was decided that 2 representatives should be sent to each Regional HQ and that other representatives should be withdrawn.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 emphasized that Army interests were in conflict with AO interests. The difficulty at present was the town of FLORENCE. 5 Army wished free movement in the town of FLORENCE. Col. Gibson, OSI(b), HQ A.I., 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.

6. Posting of General Order No. 35 (Defascist). Brig. Upjohn said that it was most important that Regions should only carry out execution either in the manner laid down by the Executive Memorandum, or leave it to be carried out by the Italians under D.L. 159 of 27 July 1944. With regard to Executive Memorandum No. 67 he reminded RC's that Lists "A" and "B" had to be married together and were not to be used separately, i.e., only an official appearing on List "A" who was also had a Fascist character mentioned in List "B" would be suspended. Persons were not to be removed merely because they were holding positions in List "A" without reference to their Fascist character, or, on the other hand, who were Fascists in List "B" without reference to their official position in List "A".

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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 Leon Sec would issue a control directive on the subject.

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ABRUZZI-
MARCHE,
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Regions.

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Est Sec
RC's LOM-
BARDIA,
PIEMONTE
& LIGURIA.

Leon Sec.

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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. RGS 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. RGS 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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Econ Sec.

11. AME Eighth Army.

(a) SAN MARINO. W/Comd. Beer said that 8 Army had written to HQ on the questions of the ration scale, provision of petrol and 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.

Econ Sec.

8 Army had asked whether the Government of SAN MARINO could get permission to go to BIRI to collect some wine which it had purchased. Pol Sec and Econ Sec would look into the matter.

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Econ Sec.

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ACTION EL. 11. AMC Eighth Army (Cont'd)

- (b) Distribution of Grain in ANOCRA and PESARO Provinces. 8 Army had authorized 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. Antelini 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 Pool 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 Ecom 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 SOAC 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. Ecom Sec agreed and undertook to examine the position for other Provinces.

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- (c) Italians injured by mines. 8 Army asked whether there was any possibility of giving compensation to Italian civilians injured in mine clearance. C. Sec would let 8 Army know the Italian Govt provisions on this subject.

C. Sec.

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13. EMILLIA 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) Deployment 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.

Est Sec

ACTION BY. 14. ABRUZZI-MARONE Region.

(a) Clothing and Boots for CG. AR. Lt. Col. Scholtz said that he was very short of clothing and footwear for CG. AR. Colonel Young said that these items were available in NAPLES and BARI and Transportation Sub-Com undertook to deliver to AQUILA.

Ca. Sec
Tptn S/C.

(B) Disturbance at MOCERATI. Lt. Col. Scholtz reported that there had been a disturbance in MOCERATI and that the Prefect had fled to ROMA.

15. LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

(c) Salt. EC enquired what was the position in regard to salt. EC said that eight schooners were ready loaded with salt from Sicily for discharge at CASTELLANET and CIVITAVECCHIA but were at present in the ground.

EC

16. TOSCANA Region.

(a) Labour Officer - LIVORNO. EC wished Eoon Sec to clarify the position of the Labour Officer in LIVORNO. Was he under his command or directly under Labour Sub-Com? Eoon Sec said that he was under command of the EC and promised to confirm in writing.

Eoon Sec.

(b) Hospitals. EC stated that the Italian civilian hospitals were being overcrowded by military patients. Ca. Sec undertook to take this up with Land Forces Sub-Com.

Ca. Sec

(c) Ex-soldiers - ELBA. EC asked what was the position with regard to the 2000 ex-soldiers in ELBA. Ca. Sec would investigate and reply.

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(d) Universities. EC reported that the universities had been opened but the students were reluctant to attend because of the difficulty in obtaining ration. Eoon Sec would investigate and suggest a solution.

Eoon Sec
Ca. Sec

17. PIEMONTE Region.

(a) Employment of Officers. EC asked whether if an officer was unavailable in the position in which he was employed there would be any objection to him being tried out in another capacity. Est Sec would give a ruling on this point.

Est Sec.

(b) Supply Officers. EC would like a definition of the responsibilities of Supply Officers. Eoon Sec undertook to take up this matter.

Eoon Sec

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Est Sec

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- (d) Lifting of Restrictions. RC wished in the event of his region being isolated for permission to experiment on the lifting of restrictions. Eoon Sec said that the Italian Govt. were thinking in terms of free movement of goods. Col. Mayne said that the experiment of "no control" had been tried out in April a year ago and had resulted in precisely no change. Eoon Sec would consider the matter and reply to PITOMONE Region.

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ACTION BY. 18. LOMBARDIA Region.

Est Sec.

(a) Officers. RC reported that he was still 20 officers short.

Econ Sec.

(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.

19. Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI.

(a) Permits. Colonel Menfort asked that only requests for permits to enter army areas should be submitted to him. Permits to go to places outside the army areas were not his concern.

(b) Matters to take up with AAI. He also asked that any question submitted to him to take up with AAI should have been thoroughly explored with the local District, area, etc. before being put up to him.

20. Next Meeting. Alternative sites for the next meeting were suggested as ROME or PAVOGIA. This matter would be considered and no meeting would be held for at least three weeks.

Mr. G. J. ...

Lt. Col,
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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19. Civil Affairs Section, FA 311.

(c) Permits. Colonel Monfort asked that only requests for permits to enter Army areas should be submitted to him. Permits to go to places outside the Army areas were not his concern.

(b) Matters to take up with AAI. He also asked that any question submitted to him to take up with AAI should have been thoroughly explored with the local District, Area, etc. before being put up to him.

20. Next Meeting. Alternative sites for the next meeting were suggested as HOME or PHUCCI. This matter would be considered and no meeting would be held for at least three weeks.

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Ref: 511/COS.

14 October 1944.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT
SIENA ON 12 OCTOBER 1944.

The following were present :

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- DCCAO, HQ ALI.
- A/Head Economic Section.
- SCAO, AMG FIFTH ARMY.
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The question of patriots had come under discussion since the last meeting. Briefly the decision reached at a meeting with AMI (ECS(Ops)) and FWE (Mr. Reyner) was that FWE would gradually reduce publicity for patriots on this side of the line and that the Italian Combatte 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.

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R.C.'s
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7. Accommodation for Northern Regions.

DOCAO ALI 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 DOCAO who would get a decision from ALI.

DOCAO.
LOMBARDIA
Reg.

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8. THE EIGHTH ARMY.

(a) Transport for ANCONA. SCLO EIGHTH ARMY asked about transport for ANCONA. Col. Densmore, Economic Section, reported that 1 ST Coy had been made available and would report about 16 October.

9. PIEMONTE Region.

(a) Italian Patriot Officers. R.C. said that there were now 16 Italian Patriot Officers at CHIACCIANO for whom no duty could be found at present and asked that they be recalled.

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(b) Officers. R.C. asked for names of all officers assigned to him in order to make up Provincial Teams. DCOE Establishment Section undertook to provide.

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Abruzzi-
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Econ. Sec.

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(4) Grain for ROME. Trucks, total capacity of 180 tons, had been sent to MICERATA to transport grain to railroad at IESI for shipment to ROME. The trucks were not good enough for the condition of the roads and help was needed. SCLO EIGHTH Army agreed to give assistance when his new ST Coy arrived.

13. LOMBARDIA Region.

(a) Personnel and Transport. The Region was still incomplete in personnel. They were short of 20 Provincial Officers and deficient of 12 jeeps.

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Wages of employees of the Allied Forces had been increased from L.65 to L.85 per day and the Italian Government was issuing a decree giving an overall rise in wages.

(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.O.'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 AFHQ transport must not be allowed to run empty. Truck runs must be coordinated to provide loads on outward and inward journey wherever possible.

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16. Directives.

Dep Chiefs
of Staff.

ECOS'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.

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& SCAD'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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Regional Control and Military Government Section

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AT SIENA ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1944

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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.

Colonel Graffey-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 SOACs 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 SOACs were in complete control.

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Comm. S/C

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6. Promotions

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 Farren 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 should be issued in Army areas prohibiting, either by General Order or in some other way, the slaughter of work cattle.

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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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11. Devastated Areas

The R.C. said that there was a huge devastated area in Region V which, owing to bad communications, it would be impossible to feed when the bad weather set in. Normally the area was self supporting but owing to war damage, the crops had been ruined and Region V was trying to stockpile food ready for the winter but required assistance from HQ. R.C. was instructed to supply exact particulars of amounts required in specific areas to the Economic Section, who would take the necessary action.

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12. Warehouse space at MACERATA.

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12. Warehouse space at MACERATA

Regional Commissioner, Region V, reported that Macerata Province has stopped the collection of grain owing to shortage of warehouse space for storage. Regional Commissioner was instructed to take the matter up strongly with the Commander, No. 1 District, with a view to release of warehouse space by the Army, sending a copy to HQ in order that Executive Commissioner could take up with AAI. Regional Commissioner was also instructed to explore the possibility of amassing on the farms.

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13.

Food and Supplies for Northern Regions

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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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 as soon as possible. Economic Section agreed to give HQ's guidance on this.

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Transportation

Lt. Col. Bordass, Transportation Subcommittee, gave particulars of an organization named E.N.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 AMG territory and particulars would be handed to R.Cs.

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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 Subcommittee, 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 C-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 Subcommission that there were 26 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. He asked RC's to see that Prefects in AMG territory use AMG channels of communications when asking for officials as these are quicker than Italian Government channels. He also asked that Provincial Commissioners should supply the Interior Subcommission with particulars of the present staffs and that Provincial Commissioners should stress to Prefects that the work must be done on a short staff basis. Captain Temple assured Colonel Marshall that the question of Prefects for PIEDMONT was being dealt with.

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Patriots

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2. Minutes of the last Meeting on 2nd August.

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(b) Atrocities. It had been laid down by AFHQ that the JAG's Dept. AMI 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 Allies and ROCE. 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.

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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 ACC in order that Political action 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 marketers. Economic Section said that the matter was in hand.

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- (d) Forestry Survey. SCIO's Amies agreed to the request for permission to make a forestry survey in areas in Region VIII still under Army administration.

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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 EM 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.

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Sub-Com.

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(b) Food Sub-Commission.

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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Econ Sec.

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RC/AMG Sec.

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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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ACTION.(c) Medical Supplies.

Brigadier Parkinson warned SCIO's and RC'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) CG.FP. Fifth Army asked for replacements for 14 CG.FP 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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(d) Refugees.

(i) Status of Refugee Officers. Discussion arose due to the issue of Special Order No. 194 dated 15th August. It was agreed that this would be cancelled.

(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 UNOCNA. Eighth Army AMG asked whether arrangements had been made for the movement of refugees from UNOCNA. Lt. Col. Brister affirmed that evacuation from that port had already commenced.

(iv) Repatriation of Refugees. The Executive Commissioner again stressed upon RO'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. 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.

Regions IV, V,
VIII & IX.
RC/MC Sec.
It. Ref. Branch

Italian Refugee Branch agreed to supply Regions V and VIII with particulars of G4098 stores required for refugee camps if the RO's concerned would inform them of the size of the camps for which the stores were required.

It. Ref. Branch

G.W.I. SHIPP,
Lieut. Colonel.

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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 Pennycuik 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 AMs.

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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, CAMPORASSO and BOCCIA Provinces, into one Region with Provincial teams in the main ports and towns where military garrisons remained.

AMHQ's suggestion that SICILY should be abandoned entirely had been turned down. The amassal 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.

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(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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(ix) 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. SCMO 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 SCMO 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.

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Est. Br.

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- (iii) Passes. SC40 8 Army was most concerned about the indeterminate issue of passes to enter Army areas. Only in exceptional circumstances should they be issued at the point of destination to enter Army areas without first obtaining permission from the Army. There appears to be either abuse or misunderstanding and Civil Affairs Branch would arrange to clarify existing instructions on the subject. It was agreed that when Armies asked for Italian civilian officials to be sent forward or Sub-Commissions wished to send Italian officials into Army areas, that Armies would send back a pass ready made out to facilitate their movement, at the same time as they conveyed their approval.

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- (iv) Wage Scale. SC40 8 Army reported a new wage scale in PERUGIA. Economic Section will investigate.

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- (v) Requisition Forms. SC40 reported that the GEO on this subject has been re-written with Brig. Claims and Harnings and will shortly be published. It removes responsibility from AMG.

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(iii) Region VIII HQ was now located at SIENA.

(d) Region IV.

- (i) Lt. Col. Bonham Carter reported that the Region POL allocation had been cut below 50% and would greatly affect the collection of grain.
- (ii) Assisi Railroad. It was suggested that if 8 Army handed over Assisi railroad it should be taken over by ACC. This would greatly assist Region IV's supply problem. Transportation Co-Com. to take up.

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(e) Region IX.

(1) 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.

(14) Region IX complained that they had only one Industry & Commerce officer for a heavily industrial Region. Col. Todd knew of this and in fact explained that the one officer was to be primarily concerned with the hemp industry which would be more than a full time job. To assist, a second expert on hemp would arrive from England shortly. Col. Todd stated that with the limitations in numbers of his personnel he could not assign other officers to the Region.

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(b) Transportation. Col. Adams reported that all schooners were under MEDSO and that it was practically impossible for ACC to obtain them for civilian supplies. Exec. Commissioner would take the matter up with General Robertson. Orders had been issued for the control of civilian transport in FLORENCE. Bids to be made for transport for Regions IX and "Z".

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(c) Food. Col. Legg asked SCAOs and RCs to supply particulars of surpluses of local resources for presentation to the Local Resources Board.

SCAO's & R.C.'s.

(d) Agriculture. Col. Hartman said that they were now working on the 1944/45 programme. He asked that a booklet which was shortly to be issued should be given as wide a distribution to Italian officials as possible. Agriculture Sub-Commission was instructed to write to Regions regarding the loss of certain locust poisons in the forward areas.

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Local Resources Board.

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this did not interfere with operational duties, it
would be appreciated.

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know when there was a demand for manufactured articles.
The Sub-Commission was now in a position to supply
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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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(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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G.W.I. SHIFF,
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Minutes of conference held at Region 3 Headquarters on 4 August 1944 at 1430

Present were: Brigadier LUSH, Executive Commissioner, ACC. HQ ACC, APO 394
Col. G. J. Adams, Administrative Section, ACC. *169 Sec'y Gen.*
Col. Adams, Transportation Sub-Com, ACC. *Rec'd 2 Aug 10 00*
Col. Temperley, Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Prov. *SPR*

Col. Leach, Food Sub-Com, ACC.

Col. Charman, Regional Commissioner, Region 3.

Col. Bellars, Regional Commissioner, Region 2.

Col. Evans, Commerce Sub-Com, ACC.

Col. Denison, Chief Staff Officer.

Lt. Col. Jenney, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Com, ACC.

Lt. Col. Hartman, Agriculture Sub-Com, ACC.

Lt. Col. White, Executive Officer, Region 3.

Lt. Col. Peasey, Regional Commissioner, Region 7.

Major Stewart, i.i.a. to Executive Commissioner, ACC.

Major Knight, Reg. Supply Officer, Region 2.

Major White, Agriculture Officer, Region 3.

Major Washer, Economic Section, ACC.

Lt. Comr. Schlee, Lamp Control Officer, Region 3.

Mr. Antolini, Ex. Director, Economic Section, ACC.

Mr. Caccia, Political Section, ACC.

Mr. Shott, Political Section, ACC.

Brigadier Lush opened the meeting and told the assembly that he called this meeting in order to discuss the possibility of consolidating Regions 2 and 7 with Region 3. The Ex. Com. pointed out that it is felt by the Acts. Chief Commissioner, that large parts of the southern parts of Italy should be turned over to the Italians entirely and it should be decided in the meeting if this would be possible and practicable. He said that the decision will not cause any inconvenience. It is planned to have a Regional headquarters in Naples and not more than 6 Provincial Teams. It will be necessary to retain Allied Officers in areas where there are Allied Forces. Another reason for retaining ACC Officers in these areas is a administrative one. The third one is a political one. This step would be an intermediate one, and later on the entire southern part of Italy would be turned over to the Italians. The Brigadier stressed the fact that these teams would have to be mobile and would look after areas, wherever needed. Where Allied Forces are stationed there should be an officer of ACC. This would mean that large areas will not be covered by ACC officers at all and in these parts it will be up to the Italian Local Governments to make decisions alone. Sooner or later, the Brigadier pointed out, it must be up to the Italians to stand on their own feet. To longer we remain resident and the longer we remain in a position of personal control and supervision, the more difficult it will be to go away. Another point is the drastic reduction in personnel, which has to be made in order to supply the north with experienced officers. The main factor however is to give the Italians a chance to see what they can do in areas which are not under our supervision.

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The main reasons for the consolidation are administrative, political and economical. The criterion will always be the Allied Troops and installations. As long as we can get over the economical and food problems, this will work out very well.

Col. UPJOHN pointed out that it is better to make a start at some time, now, and give the Italians a fair chance of a start. Mr. CACCIA, Political Section (D) stressed the same facts. We should build this new government up. The present Italian Government is a very weak one. It is a coalition government, having 6 parties competing with each other. The Allied policy will be to back them up, if they fall down. From the political point of view, we are interested how far they are able to go. We certainly will help them administratively too.

Mr. ANTOLINI, Ec. Director, ACC, pointed out that we have built up an "Industrial Production Program". This will reflect on industry and public works. The main work is carried with the Italian Ministry of Industry, which shows the will and intelligence to cooperate. Mr. Antolini revealed that we have some stocks of materials, which will be distributed. New factories will start production very soon. He also stated that a program on the agricultural side is set up by the end of the month. This pertains to Public Works as well. The consolidation on the economic side will be handled from Reg. Hq. We have some 50 Italian Engineers and we will find out what they can do. Let us find out what the Italians can do and give them a start. Mr. Antolini stressed the fact that the following priorities exist for transportation of goods: 1: Grain, 2: Fruits and vegetables, 3: Olive Oil, 4: Wine.

Brigadier LUSH asked the Reg. Commissioners for their opinion in regards to this new consolidation.

The Provincial Commissioner of Reggio Province, Col. TEMPERLEY, suggested that the new Regional Headquarters should be in Rome, since the Eternal City is the seat of the Italian Government. It would take too long time to get in touch with them through Naples.

Lt. Col. PEARSON, Regional Commissioner, Region 7, pointed out, that there are no troops in Calabria and that the presence of Police Officers will be essential. Besides that there are some Allied Deserters there. Brig. LUSH asked the Regional Commissioner what would happen, if there would be no officers at all in the Region and the answer was: Riots and disorder. There have to be Allied Officers in the Region, in order to back the Italians up.

Col. ZELLARS, Regional Commissioner, Region 2, pointed out that the Army must know what is going on. The Italians must know that the Allied back them up and this is up to ACC. They are very fearful. Then we must give them some means. The motor transportation problem is very serious. He agreed with Naples as Reg. Hq.

Col. CHAFFIN, Regional Commissioner, Region 3 pointed out, that the only way to master this situation is, to have teams of a very mobile character. He said, that he can centralize, but it is long way from being mobile. The Colonel said that he can see the necessity for the Administrative change, but now is not the time. From the political point of view, Naples is the center of political activities and not Rome. Here in Naples is the greatest concentration of organized labor. All movements have their HQ here in Naples. The Italian Government is in Rome and they have left officials here in Naples. They have never announced a program. Everything is in a state of chaos. From the economical point of view: Chaffin has got the factories which are left. Every factory in Region 3 is not in our hands. The agricultural situation is bad. After we turned over the provinces to the Italians, 24 hours later the IEMP industry went out of control. We had enough in Naples province to export. The Italian again: There is no cooperation from the Italian officials. The Italian officials are advising farmers not to bring the grain to granaries. We all have only one half of it. The complaint is that price is too low but we was not prepared to agree with this entirely. Then the farmers have no confidence in the money. The Italian farmer would rather have his grain than money.

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Econ. Sec.

4. Political Section.

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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.

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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 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.

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