

ACC

10000/136/474

STATUS OF A  
OCT., NOV. 194

10000/136/474

STATUS OF ARMY SUB-COMMISSION, AC  
OCT., NOV. 1944

8252/CC

## LIST OF PAPERS

File under No. 8252 STATUS OF ARMY EUB-COMMISSION, AC

Office of the  
Chief Commissioner  
ALLIED COMMISSION

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM--	DATE	TO--	SYNOPSIS
1	Memo Lush	10 Oct 44	GOC Army Sub-Com	AFHQ lays down that Army SC is responsible to ACC for civilian
2	Ltr A/CC 921-1 Stone	12 Oct 44	Lush	Title of Army Sub*Comm. Pls advise staff to use "Army SC"
3	Ltr G/6 Browning Army SC	12 Oct 44	COS ACC	Responsibility of MMIA. Status
4	Memo Lush	14 Oct 44	Stone	Matter being dealt with.
5	Ltr COS 8251/19	1 Nov 44	Adjutant AC	Army S/C hereafter known as "Land Forces Subcomm (MMIA)"
6	S/G/10, Browning	30 Nov 44	Quayle	Suggest GOC Land Forces SC would talk on position of MMIA/Land S/C.

602?

Admiral

Shall we allow to die  
602? this suggestion of

General Browning's?

..... or rather, being  
dead, shall we bury it?

Bury it - Q.  
with honours in

Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.  
(M.N.I.A.)

S/G/10  
30 Nov 44

Dear *Tony*

Ref our talk to-day -

1. Herewith some points which I think it would be useful for A.C. Sub Commissions to know about.
2. I believe that many, if not most, people do NOT realise the position of myself and Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (M.N.I.A.) in the general set - up - nor what we do.
3. If I could give a general talk on attached points and answer any questions at a special private meeting where I could speak freely, I believe it would clear the air considerably.

Yours

*Langley Browning*

(Major General)

P.A. to  
Chief Commissioner, A.C.

6023

*B.U. 7/7arch*

*6*

~~14/3~~

8254

AGENDA

1. Position of Director Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C./  
CCC MBIA.
2. Charter for command and administration of the Italian  
Army.
3. Regional - District - Depot organisation.
4. Patriots
5. Carabinieri - mobile units - loan of troops from PICENO  
Combat Group - I.S. SICILY.
6. Army strength at the moment - Call-up and equipment  
difficulties.
7. ER-ITIS, US-ITIS, IPI-ITIS.
8. Clothing and boots problem.
9. Combat Groups - Developments.
10. Troops in SARDINIA.
11. Return of ex-Soldiers from GREECE and the BALKANS.
12. Italian Army M.T. situation - repair organization -  
census.
13. Disarmament of munitions industry - stocks available and  
required - census as at 1 Jan 1945 - future and interim policy?
14. Italian Army co-operation - recognition of valuable  
assistance to war effort.

602

(6)

Q

A'

LWS/el

Office of the Chief of Staff

Redesignation of Army Subcommittee

8251/19/COS

The Adjutant, Hq, AGO

1 November 44

The following notice is for publication in the Daily Bulletin:

"Pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 4 of AFHQ letter AG 091.112/079 OCT-0, dated 25 October 44, the Army Subcommittee will hereafter be known and referred to as LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION (WNIA). Accordingly, paragraph 4, Daily Bulletin #274, dated 26 October 44, is rescinded."

Chief Staff Officer  
To the Chief of Staff

60"

See 8251/CC

5

8252/CC

Acting Chief Commissioner.

6-----

(2) (1)

I refer to your minute A/CC 321-1 of 12 October 44 at Page 7.

2. You will notice from my minute of 10 Oct. above that I was thinking on the same lines and you will see the reactions of Goc Army Sub-Commission on Pages 8 and 9.

3. I will take up the matter of the address with the staff.

(3)

/s/ M.S.L.  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

14 October 44.  
MEL/JG.

Pen note. C of Staff.  
20/10

Noted.  
E.W.S.

321-1

6019

(4)

20 Oct



SUBJECT: Responsibility of M.M.I.A.

Military Mission Italian Army  
ROME.

G/5

12 October 1944.

Chief of staff, A.C.C.

Ref your minute on page 7 dated 10 Oct: -

1. (a) From an analysis, it has been found that 97% of the work of MMIA is purely military, with little or no repercussion or effect on the civil control of Italy by A.C.C. proper. On this basis, MMIA should logically be direct under A.F.H.Q. now (A.A.I. hitherto).

(b) Nevertheless, as you say, the A.F.H.Q. Directive of 28 Sep retains MMIA under the authority of the Chief Commissioner A.C.C. This, I understand, is necessary as MMIA owes its legal existence to the setting up of A.C.C. at the MOSCOW conference - despite the fact that MMIA was an independent military mission to the Italian Army previously.

2. (a) In order to: -

- (i) overcomes the above anomaly.
- (ii) implement practically the functions and work of MMIA.
- (iii) prevent burdening A.C.C. proper with matters which are not its real concern and which in most cases it knows nothing about.
- (iv) avoid unnecessary paper and delays.

it was ruled earlier this year by Generals ALEXANDER and MACFARLANE that MMIA would deal direct with A.A.I. on military matters, consulting with A.C.C. on subjects where civil consideration were involved.

(b) This arrangement has worked very well and must continue, except that in purely military matters MMIA now has to deal direct with A.F.H.Q. and A.A.I.

3. Another complication exists in the fact that part of the work MMIA does direct under MATCOUSA through A.A.I. I refer to the aspect of the American supply organisation.

4. As regards MMIA being "responsible for the civil aspect".-

I agree that MMIA must take civil considerations into account, but I do not feel that MMIA is "responsible for the civil aspect". It is the duty of MMIA to carry out the military orders of A.A.I. or A.F.H.Q., and to represent to them the military pros and cons of any subject which has a civil as well as a military aspect. The decision then rests with A.A.I. or A.F.H.Q.

321-1

60 1/3

321-1

Ref your minute on page 7 dated 10 Oct: -

1. (a) From an analysis, it has been found that 97% of the work of MIA is purely military, with little or no repercussion or effect on the civil control of Italy by A.C.C. proper. On this basis, MIA should logically be direct under A.F.H.Q. now (A.A.I. hitherto).

(b) Nevertheless, as you say, the A.F.H.Q. Directive of 28 Sep retains MIA under the authority of the Chief Commissioner A.C.C. This, I understand, is necessary as MIA owes its legal existence to the setting up of A.C.C. at the MCCOW conference - despite the fact that MIA was an independent military mission to the Italian Army previously.

2. (a) In order to: -

- (i) overcome the above anomaly.
- (ii) implement practically the functions and work of MIA
- (iii) prevent burdening A.C.C. proper with matters which are not its real concern and which in most cases it knows nothing about.
- (iv) avoid unnecessary paper and delays.

it was ruled earlier this year by Generals ALEXANDER and MACFARLANE that MIA would deal direct with A.A.I. on military matters, consulting with A.C.C. on subjects where civil consideration were involved.

(b) This arrangement has worked very well and just continue, except that in purely military matters MIA now has to deal direct with A.F.H.Q. and A.A.I.

60 1/2 of MIA comes direct under NATOUSA through A.A.I. I refer to the aspect of the the American supply organisation.

4. As regards MIA being "responsible for the civil aspect".-

I agree that MIA must take civil considerations into account, but I do not feel that MIA is "responsible for the civil aspect". It is the duty of MIA to carry out the military orders of A.A.I. or A.F.H.Q., and to represent to them the military pros and cons of any subject which has a civil as well as a military aspect. The decision then rests with A.A.I. or A.F.H.Q.

In my opinion, no other arrangement is possible, as, on occasions, the civil aspect and wishes of A.C.C. run directly counter to the military aspect and even to the MIA charter or the orders issued to MIA by A.A.I. or A.F.H.Q. direct.

5. As you well know, the whole position and status of MIA is very difficult and peculiar. We really have 4 masters- A.C.C., A.A.I., A.F.H.Q., and NATOUSA. (through A.A.I.)

(3)

10 Oct

(b) I consider it is quite impossible to state what is the exact position and ~~esse~~ responsibility of MIA in all the multifarious and diverse aspects of its work.

(c) The whole business (like the British Constitution and other illogical British organisations - which do work) must exist and carry on on a basis of common sense, goodwill and cooperation.

6. As I see it, that is the situation - which remains unchanged from what has been in practice for months past, except that MIA now has an additional direct master in A.F.H.Q.!

/s/ I. BROWNING  
Major General  
MIA.

ivs. LB.

6011

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

EWB/afe

12 October 1944

A/CC 321-1

Subject: Title of Army Sub-Commission

To: Brigadier Lush, Chief of Staff

1. I note that your office has fallen into the natural, because convenient, habit of designating the Army Sub-Commission as MMIA. I think this has a tendency to support their attitude that they are not part of the Commission. I find that even G-5 recently returned a letter to the Army Sub-Commission saying that MMIA should have taken it up with ACC.

2. AFHQ letter AG 323/035 OCT-0, 28 Sep 44, subject: Reorganization of Command and Administration in ITALY, para 13a, clearly supported and confirmed my position that MMIA is not a separate entity but is the Army Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission.

"13. a. The Allied Control Commission, including the Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) will be under command of this headquarters. The status of the Army Sub-Commission in the current organization of the Allied Control Commission will remain unchanged."

3. Would you pass this word to your staff.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Commander  
Acting Chief Commissioner

015

cc: "A" file

(2)

321-1

File  
HGP

GOC Army Sub-Commission.  
-----

1. The points raised in my page 1 to which you replied on page 6, will be referred to AFHQ in order that direction may be obtained.
2. I notice in para 6 of your memorandum that you state that MMIA are responsible for the military aspect of the Italian Army, ACC for the civil aspect. This would infer that there is a distinction between MMIA and the Army Sub-Commission. You will notice that para 13 (a) of AFHQ directive A 323/035 GCT-C dated 28 September lays down that the Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) is included in the ACC and that its status in the current organisation of the Commission will remain unchanged. It would therefore seem that while as MMIA your Sub-Commission is responsible for the military aspect, it also is responsible for the civilian aspect as the Army Sub-Commission under the authority of the Chief Commissioner.
3. I feel there may have been some misunderstanding on this point in the past and I should like to have your agreement.

/s/ M.S.L.  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

10. Oct. 44.  
MSL/JG

68015

(1)

10 Oct

321-1

Q. M. C. Form 353 (Old No. 490)  
Revised July 26, 1948

## LIST OF PAPERS

File under No. 000.1

POLITICS

(2)

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM-	DATE	TO-	SYNOPSIS
24) 383/PROT	BADOLLIO	5 FEB.	GEN. MAC F.	SHALL I PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE ITALIAN ADHERENCE TO ATLANTIC CHARTER?
25) CC/G/38	GEN. MAC F.	5 FEB.	AFHQ	DEPUTATION FM. BAD. - IS IT O.K. TO PUBLICIZE STATEMENTS AGAINST KING + ARMED FORCES.
26)	CAPT. STONE (BY PHONE)	6 FEB (?)	GEN. MAC F.	RESULTS OF PRELIM. INVESTIGATION AS TO GENL. CAUSES OF TARANTO RIOT.
27)	CAPT. STONE (?)	6 FEB.	CH. COMM.	SUGGESTIONS OFFERED BY DEP. CH. COMM. TO DEAL W/TARANTO + OTHER LABOR SITS.
28)	CAPT. STONE	7 FEB.	GEN. MAC F.	REPEATS (27) W/SLIGHT CHANGES.
29)	LT. COL. MAYNE	7 FEB.	CAPT. STONE	MEMO ON TARANTO SITUATION.
29)A)	LORD STANSLATE	7 FEB	CH. COMM	SHOULD WE CIRCULATE LONG + SHORT TERMS TO SUB-COM. HEADS.
30) FARGO 786	GEN. MAC F.	7 FEB.	FREEDOM	POSSIBILITY OF SIT-DOWN STRIKE IN DICKYARDS AT TARANTO TO BE AVOIDGD.
31) FARGO 78X	GEN. MAC F.	7 FEB.	FREEDOM	USEFUL TO FORM LOCAL ARBITRATION COMMITTEES TO DEAL W/LABOR TROUBLE
32)	MAJ. FIELDEN	9 FEB.	GEN. MAC F.	RE STATEMENT MADE BY EXEC. JUNTA AFTER I'VIEW. WITH GEN. MAC F. + NEED FOR C'TROL OF PRESS RELEASES.
33) FREEDOM 49164	CINC	9 FEB.	GEN. MAC F	AM + BR GOVTS HAVE NOT REACHED FULL AGREEMENT UPON ITALIAN POLICY.
34) FREEDOM 50027	CINC	11 FEB.	GEN. MAC F.	REPLIES TO (25) ON EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC OPINION + GAG IN GENERAL
35) FREEDOM 50145	CINC	10 FEB	GEN. MAC F.	PLEASE REPORT ON EFFECT OF KING'S ABDICATION UPON M'NELO OF AT. ARMY NAVY + A.F.
36)	MR. CACCIA	11 FEB	GEN. WILSON	MEMO: PRESENT DECLARED POLICY OF BAD. IS TO CONTINUE UNTIL ROME ONLY.
37) CC/G/44	GEN. MAC F.	11 FEB	CINC	FWDS. SFORZA'S TELS. TO WASH, LOND + MOSCOW + DISCUSSION OF POL. SITN.
38) FARGO 846	COL. FISKE	11 FEB	REGIONS + FREEDOM	REORGANIZATION OF AMG-REGIONS
39) CC/B/41	GEN. MAC F.	12 FEB.	GEN. ALEXANDER	REPORTS AS REQUESTED IN (35)
40) CC/B/54	GEN. MAC F.	13 FEB.	LORD STANSLATE	O.K. TO CIRCULATE LONG + SHORT TERMS TO HEADS OF SUB-COMS.
41) FREEDOM 51059	CINC (REINHARDT + MAKING)	13 FEB	GEN. MAC F. (REBER + CACCIA)	BEAST TO ROMANS THE AUTHORITIES THEY MUST OBEY BEFORE OUR ENTRY.
42) CC/C/51	GEN. MAC F.	13 FEB.	AFHQ	BAD. PUT ON SPOT BY OUR OK'ING CRITICISM OF KING + ETC.
43)	BADOLLIO	14 FEB	GEN. MAC F.	FWDS. LETTER FM. LAWYER ABOUT TARANTO SITN.
44) RADIO COMM. OUT SENT BY HAND.	GEN. MAC F.	15 FEB.	GEN. ALEXANDER	RE (35) REACTION OF IT. FORCES TO ABDICATION OF KING.
45) CC/P/59	GEN. MAC F.	16 FEB.	BADOLLIO	ACKS. RECEIPT OF 43.
46) CC/P/61	GEN. MAC F.	16 FEB.	GEN. WILSON	FWDS COPY OF TARANTO LAWYER'S LTR. + DISCUSSES GAGGING + PRESENT IMPASSE IN RELATION TO KING.
47) CC/G/65	GEN. MAC F.	17 FEB	MAJ. FIELDEN	REPLIES TO (32). PLEASE SEE THAT MY NAME IS NEVER PUBLICLY LINKED TO ITALIAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

INSTRUCTIONS.—When papers on a subject become numerous they will be numbered serially and brief entries made on this form.

0889

