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MEETINGS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
NOV. 1944 – MAR. 1946

MINUTE SHEET No. 1.

DATE		PAGE
Nov 11	(1) Ltr reqst is awaited for ✗ on defn of a list	
Feb 5	(2) Advt. Give me 10 minutes warning hour a neat list ready for me & in duplicate of Allied officers. after 5/6.	21.
	(3) 5. Director. Noted. List herewith &	22.
1945. June 3.	(4) D/Director: Please note para 2 (d) of # 44 in relation to 9/15-1/CA file. page 43 ✗. Has Director seen SCOCCIMARRO yet? With what result? Advise. matter referred to CAS by Col Cuppe HRT	
July 10.	(5) ORs B.F. for me at 15.30 hrs. Friday. 13 JUL. 45. Noted thro' R.T. Capt. B Ca.	
8 Oct 45	3933 Sgt Stiles, Please see para (j) folio 65 and show Cpl. Carey. R.S/10.	

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(2)

Feb. 5 Adjt.

Give me 10 minutes warning before 21.
a seat list ready for me & in duplicate
of Allied officers. of this S./C.

(3)

5. Director. 22.

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CONFIDENTIAL

VICE PRESIDENT's MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION. 18 MAR 1946
No. 137

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 12 Mar 46.

I. POINTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER's MEETING.

(a) Re-organisation of A.C. No information has yet been received on the re-organisation or reduction of A.C.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19 March 46.

The meeting closed at 1633 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT's MEETING
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HEADS OF SUB COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

No. 136.

Meeting opened at 1512 hrs on Thursday, 7 Mar 46.

I. POINTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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(c) Lt Col FOTHERGILL, DP & R S/C stated that the draft Agreement with UNRRA had been approved and agreed to at AFHQ.

The next meeting will be notified to Sub Commissions.

The meeting closed at 1550 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 135.

Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Tuesday, 5 Feb 46.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Re-organisation of AC. No information has as yet been received on the re-organisation or reduction of Allied Commission.

(b) Use of Civilian Restaurants. The ruling that Allied personnel may NOT use civilian restaurants is still in force and, owing to the acute food shortage in Italy, will be more strictly enforced.

(c) Vacating of Rooms. All Sub-Commissions vacating rooms should notify Headquarters Commandant so that steps may be taken to prevent the loss of office equipment. It was emphasised that instructions exist that typewriters, etc., should be locked up when not in use.

(d) Addressing of Correspondence. It was reported that certain routine circulars, e.g. Italian Official Gazette, sent out by Central Registry were being addressed to Regions. All Sub-Commissions concerned with this type of issue were asked to ensure that the new, correct addresses were being used.

(e) Promotion of American Officers. New instructions on this subject have been received. It is expected that American Officers will be informed of relevant details by G-1 (A).

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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Elections to be held on 10 Mar 46	-	413 Communes
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Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.
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18 JAN 1946

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

NO. 134

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 15 Jan 46.

1 Re-organisation of AC. The VP stated that nothing further has come in on the re-organisation of AC on a reduced scale, and that no decision had been taken on the tentative proposals for carrying on the work after the Sub-Commissions of the Civil Affairs Section were abolished.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Col. WEBER - Legal - stated that AFHQ, after rejecting our amnesty proposals, had again referred the matter to AC. They suggested that the Italian Government should take action in minor cases and that AC should prepare and submit a plan for dealing with major cases.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22 Jan 46, at 1600 hrs.

Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

X JAN 1946

10 Jan 46.

Ref: 4/6.1/CA.

SUBJECT: VP's Meeting.

TO: See Distribution Below.

1 There will be no VP's meeting this afternoon, Thursday, 10 Jan 46.

2 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15 Jan 46 at 1600 hrs.

M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP CA Section.

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~~VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING~~ CONFIDENTIAL 77

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION 7 JAN 1946

No .133

Meeting opened at 16.00 hours on Thursday 3 January 1946.

1. POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(a) ARCHIVES. Any files, documents etc. not now required should be passed to Archives after prior consultation with that Branch. Any files passed to approved outside agencies such as UNRRA and the Embassies, must be on a temporary loan basis for ultimate return to this HQ.

(b) TENTATIVE PROPOSALS AS TO OFFICER PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY SUB COMMISSIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(i) Public Safety. Six Officers agreed to. This number to include Liaison Officer RAAC. Colonel Chapman explained that Public Safety had an immense amount of clerical work to deal with, covering crashed Aircraft, queries in connection with PWs and Military Travel Permits and movement to and from this country. He required two Security Officers and counting the Liaison Officer at RAAC this left only three Officers including the Director which was not enough.

(ii) D.P & R. Eight Officers agreed to. Colonel Fothergill stated in reply to Vice President that UNRRA was unwilling at present to take over certain dissident refugees among whom there were 6000 Poles and a staff was necessary to deal with these people.

(iii) M.F.A & A. One Officer for Monuments and Fine Arts until 1 Feb and one Archives Officer until 31 March.

(iv) Legal. Five Officers agreed to as well as Judge Thomas.

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(vi) Public Health. Nil

(vii) Education. Nil.

Civil Affairs Section will disappear and the duties will be taken over by the Staff of the Executive Commissioner. The Vice President explained that these proposals were tentative. The present set up will remain until further instructions are received from higher authority or until 31st January. Major Temple explained that Venezia Giulia had sent down an Officer to work with the Local Government Sub Commission on the question of Electoral Lists in Venezia Giulia but he had only seen this Officer once and was informed that he was being posted to Caserta. He would take the matter up with Colonel WEBER.

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(c) DISPOSAL OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. Sub Commissions were instructed to take steps to reduce their civilian personnel as far as possible. They should try to help them to secure other positions and not wait until the last minute.

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(d) HANDOVER OF ITALIAN TERRITORY. This took place at midnight on 31st December 1945. A reply is still awaited from the Prime Minister as regards the not sending of Italian Troops, other than CC.RR to the French Frontier pending diplomatic negotiations.

(e) CORRESPONDENCE. Sub Commissions were informed that in future all correspondence to the field except to Udine and Venezie Giulia, should be addressed to the Chief Liaison Officer of the district for which he is responsible. If the matter is of a specialist nature it should be marked "For the attention of the Specialist Officer" if one exists in that Liaison Group. As far as Bolzano isconcerned correspondence will take place direct as this province is not covered by CLO Venezie.

(f) HONOURS AND AWARDS TO ITALIAN PERSONNEL. The instructions received from the Dep Asst Mil Sec AC/594/MS of 29 December 45 were discussed. Mention was made that there had been a previous call for recommendations and recommendations had been submitted. Sub Commissions desired to know whether they should ignore previous recommendations and send in fresh ones. Major Anson was directed to discuss the matter with the Dep Asst Mil Sec and Sub Commissionswill be informed at a later date. In submitting recommendations Sub Commissions should be very sparing and should ensure that the citations show "exceptional service, or more than normal duty calls for".

2. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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(b) Local Govt S/C - MAJOR TEMPLE. He thought it would be of general interest to know that the Decree which deals with the Administrative elections was submitted to the Council of Ministers and was approved. All the suggestions put forward by AC had been agreed to and incorporated in the Decree.

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3. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10 Jan 46 at 16.00 hours.

Meeting closed at 16.54 hours.

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18 DEC 1945

VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 131

Meeting opened at 16.05 on Friday 14th ~~November~~ Dec. 45.

1. POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Handover of Northern Italy. The handover of Northern Italy will probably take place at midnight on 31 December 45.

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(j) LOCAL GOVERNMENT. Regional Commissioners have approved Local Government Sub Commission's suggestion that Inspectors General be appointed in AMG territory by the Italian Government to watch and advise on the progress in the compilation of the Electoral lists.

2. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt Col S.H. WHITE. Brigadier Carr will be returning from LIAP on some date after the 16th and he himself will be going on LIAP on Tuesday 18 December 45.

(b) Legal - COL WEBER. The last two weeks have seen a definite rise in the Crime Wave in the Livorno-Via Reggio - Pisa District, probably caused by the decrease in the numbers of troops due to redeployment and to the fact that AMG Courts have been discontinued. One Officer and one E.M. have been killed. General Oxx is very disturbed about it and has loaned Officers so that AMG Courts can be resumed. They will continue until handover. Apparently only peace time sentences are given to offenders by the Italian Courts and not 'deterrent' sentences.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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NO 130

Meeting opened at 1610 hrs on Tuesday 4 Dec 45.

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(a) AFHQ have objected to the formation of the Economic HQ for Northern Italy under Colonel HANCOCK at Milan. The matter is still under discussion.

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

(a) Public Safety S/C - Col CHAPMAN. - Public Safety Sub-Commission has nothing to do with the release of prisoners.

(b) Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C - Major WOODCOCK. - The hand-over to UNRRA by DP & R S/C is now being discussed.

(c) Local Government S/C - Major TEMPLE. - The new Government Bulletin on the subject of foreign democratic constitutions (US and France) was shown. It has been distributed by Italian Government for Educational purposes.

(d) Education S/C - Lt Colonel WASHBURNE. - Education - Lombardia was turned over to the Italian Government on 26 Nov.

(e) CA Section - Lt Colonel WHITE. - A meeting will be held on Thursday 6 Dec at 1030 to discuss Bolzano and other problems. Polad (A) and (B), Education S/C, Legal S/C and Local Government S/C to be represented.

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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NO 129

29 NOV 1945

Meeting opened at 1605 hours on Tuesday 27 Nov 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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(j) Recommendations for Awards to Italians. - Individuals who distinguished themselves in the field may be submitted for awards. S/Cs were requested to make their recommendations in two groups: (a) members of the Italian Government service, and (b) those persons who have been employed by AC in the field. Recommendation to reach CA by 30th. Women cannot be recommended as Italian custom does not permit the award of decorations to women.

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

(a) Education S/C. - Capt VELLA. - The law permitting elementary schools in Bolzano to teach in German is expected to become law shortly. It is not known whether the Italian Government will approve secondary schools teaching in German.

(b) Displaced Person S/C - Col. FINDLAY. - There is some concern over the large-scale illegal movement of Jews out of Austria. Recently some 282 appeared outside of the Cremona camp and on another occasion some 300 outside of the Padova camp. There is no clue as to how they arrived there. The Austrian authorities have promised all possible help in this matter. A new camp is being started at Como. All camps in the South have been put out of bounds to Polish troops.

(c) Public Health S/C - Col. FRIZELLE. - A scheme is being worked out to provide hospitalization for Italian wives of American soldiers. This is being handled on a basis of the individual soldier contributing a certain amount and the Italian Government contributing the balance.

(d) Local Government S/C - Major TEMPLE. - The Decree which was submitted dealing with nationality of the people of Bolzano has been approved in principle by the Council of Ministers. It is understood that the Minist[r] of Foreign Affairs had been directed to make certain amendments, after which the revised Decree will be sent to the Chief Commissioner, copy to Local Government. General progress on preparation of electoral registers continues to be slow in Italian Government territory. Approximately 18 of the lists have been approved. The first step of initial compilation has gone along fairly well but the stumbling block of the Criminal Regist[r] Offices is still holding up progress. In AMG territory, progress is abo[ut] five times as good as in Italian Government territory. Only a very small portion of the lists will be ready for local elections in December. The[re] is a fairly good chance that the electoral registers will be ready for th[e] costituent elections in April of next year.

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23 NOV 1945

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A similar scheme for NE Italy will shortly be considered.

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(d) Incorrect Statements. Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to call the attention of P.R.O. to any allegation made by Italians which require contradiction. AC P.R.O. will have a weekly meeting with other Public Relations officers.

(e) Economic Councils. Negotiations are being carried on to secure observer representation for Italy on various Economic Councils which are being formed in Europe.

(f) Clothing for CC RR. MMIA denied the allegation that stocks of clothing suitable for use as uniforms for CC RR are frozen in Northern Italy. There is a new priority for distribution of supplies in which CC RR comes first. MMIA will inform Regional Commissioners of this fact.
Suits are being issued to returned Italian POW from Russia which includes Boots, it has been suggested from stocks which should have gone to the CC RR. IPW Division denied that this was true.

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(a) Lt.Col. FERRIS - IPW S/C. Questura Road Blocks in North Italy are not marked and no lights are shown when cars are challenged. Col. CHAPMAN states that not all road-blocks are authorised ones and that a number of unauthorised persons now have police identity cards.
IPW have been informed by G-1 AFHQ that they are responsible for neo-fascist internees.

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(b) Public Health - Col. FRIZELLE. One case of typhus has been reported from TALMINO. All precautions have been taken and the responsible authorities notified.

(c) Lt.Col. WASHBURNE - Education. Handing over of Education in Lombardia has been delayed, it will probably take place next week.

(d) Lt.Col. HALLAFORD - Legal. Yugoslav Occupying Forces have no further rights than are given them by International Law. They are not occupying VENEZZIA GIULIA under the Armistice Terms.

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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NO. 127

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20 NOV 1945 JR

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 13 Nov 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Employment of ex-enemy nationals. In North Italy, No. 2 District has ruled that no ex-enemy nationals will be employed. There are several such persons employed in this HQ. There is no objection to such persons being employed in exceptional cases but in addition to local screening Public Safety S/C should keep a list of all such personnel.

(b) Yugoslav Camp. There are 15,000 Yugoslavs in San Giovanni Camp near Eboli. They are surrendered enemy personnel and are an AFHQ responsibility.

(c) Civilians entering Italy. AFHQ still wish to keep some control over civilians (especially those connected with Commerce) entering Italy. This HQ has no interest in such persons and Public Safety S/C has no responsibilities with regard to screening them.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. WASBURN E, Education. Educational matters in all VENEZIE Provinces except the three Italy to remain under AMG have been handed over to the local Italian education authorities. LOMBARDY has agreed to the transfer of responsibilities in that Region also.

(b) Displaced Persons - Lt. Col. BROWNE. Col. FINDLAY is expected back today.

The whole of Displaced Persons Record Bureau is being handed over to UNRRA w.e.f. Thursday, 15 Nov 45.

During the absence of the VP on LIAT, Lt. Col. S.H. MIPPT will serve as Acting Vice President.

Meeting closed at 1630 hrs.

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Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 13 Nov 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Employment of ex-enemy nationals. In North Italy, No. 2 District has ruled that no ex-enemy nationals will be employed. There are several such persons employed in this HQ. There is no objection to such persons being employed in exceptional cases but in addition to local screening Public Safety S/C should keep a list of all such personnel.

(b) Yugoslav Camp. There are 15,000 Yugoslavs in San Giovanni Camp near Isoli. They are surrendered enemy personnel and are an AFHQ responsibility.

(c) Civilians entering Italy. AFHQ still wish to keep some control over civilians (especially those connected with Commerce) entering Italy. This HQ has no interest in such persons and Public Safety S/C has no responsibilities with regard to screening them.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. WESTERN E. Education. Educational matters in all VENEZIE Provinces except the three likely to remain under AMG have been handed over to the local Italian education authorities. LOMBARDIA has agreed to the transfer of responsibilities in that Region also.

(b) Displaced Persons - Lt. Col. BROWNE Col. FINDLAY is expected back today.

The whole of Displaced Persons Record Bureau is being handed over to UNRRA w.e.f. Thursday, 15 Nov 45.

During the absence of the VP on LIAP, Lt. Col. S.F. WHITE will serve as Acting Vice President.

Meeting closed at 1620 hrs.

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Displaced Persons S/C,
Education S/C,
Legal S/C,
Local Government S/C,
MFAA S/C,
Public Health S/C,
Public Safety S/C.
Capt. BRAYBROOKE,
Public Relations Branch
Officers (2),
VP (2)
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 126

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Local Government
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Public Safety
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Officers (2)
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 125

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

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on 23 Oct 45.

(a) Handover of territory. No further information has yet been received on this. Port Areas. AC had informed AFHQ that it agreed to the handover of NAPLES, PISA and LIVORNO without waiting for the general handover. Legal to have the necessary documents ready. The date is not yet fixed.

(b) Italian Government Communications. A circular has been sent from CA Section to all Regional Commissioners stating that no action will be taken to prevent Italian Ministries communicating by telegraph directly with local Italian authorities but that all Prefects will be asked to report to Provincial Commissioners any instances in which contradictory orders are received.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Clothing for Public Safety Forces. Cloth for uniforms for Public Safety Forces, excluding Carabinieri, has been available for over two months but arrangements to pay for the cloth have not yet been made by Italian authorities.

3 GENERAL

(a) LIAP - British Officers. The VP enquired how the instruction that all officers due for LIAP should proceed before the end of November wou affect Sub-Commissions. Displaced Persons had only 2 officers due and they were fixed up. Public Safety could manage if the 2 officers in their Sub-Commission who were due could go in the last shipment. MFAA were also applying for the last shipment for the 1 officer in their Sub-Commission who was affected as was Local Government S/C.

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Legal - Col. WEBER enquired if any replacements could be expected before the handover of the Northern Regions. It was stated that Americ replacements had been applied for but that the position was uncertain.
Orders and counter-orders had been sent to Regions regarding the release of certain officers ordered to report to VENEZIA GIULIA.
Col. WEBER to discuss with G-1 before further instructions were issued. A Legal Officer had been sent to LIGURIA and if Maj. GLERUM could now proceed to VENEZIA GIULIA he should be so informed to avoid any misunderstanding.

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(b) MFAA - Maj. NEWTON reported that Sub-Commission responsibilities had been handed over to the Italian Government in the Regions of LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, and LOMBARDIA. The MFAA Officer in VENEZIA would also look after VENEZIA GIULIA.

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(c) Education - Lt. Col. WASHBURNE reported that the text-books in German for the use of schools in BOLZANO had been held up for lack of Swiss francs to pay for them. Franc credit was now available as a result of food shipments to Switzerland and it was expected that the books would be available shortly.

(d) Public Safety - Col. CHAPMAN requested that the position with regard to half-holidays be re-considered with a view to making Saturd and Sunday two whole holidays instead of the present arrangements for Saturday and Wednesday afternoons and Sundays. He stated that corres pondence did not begin to arrive in the office on the mornings follow a holiday until nearly noon. Maj. WILLIAMS, Local Government, report a similar experience. Col. FOTHERGILL, Displaced Persons, was against the idea of two full days holiday. The VP will enquire what views of the Economic Section are on this and if desirable will raise the matter again.

(e) Local Government - Maj. WILLIAMS reported that the Ministry is now in a position to reply to Admiral Stone's letter regarding the questi of nationality in BOLZANO. No mention was made of the proposed Gover ment statement on the ALTO ADIGE.

Further reports have been received on the progress of the Electoral Lists. No increase in rate of progress has been effected and arrears are still mounting.

The next meeting will be held at 1600 hrs on Tuesday, 6 Nov 45.

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION
Displaced Persons, S/C
Education S/C
Legal S/C
Local Government S/C
Monuments & Fine Arts S/C
Public Health S/C
Public Safety S/C
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Public Relations Branch,
VP (2)
Officers (2)
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 124.

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Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday, 23 Oct 45.

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

(a) It has been decided to attempt the method suggested last week for collecting remaining arms in Patriot hands. (See Minutes No. 123, para 2(e)). A letter has been sent to all Regional Commissioners.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Reports. It was suggested that Sub-Commission and Regional Reports should be sent to the Italian Government. The VP was not in favour of this and other Sections raised queries. The matter is still under consideration.

(b) UNRRA Personnel. Mr. KEMP, local Head of UNRRA has been given authority to enable personnel on UNRRA pay-rolls to work in AC NG wherever appropriate in order to facilitate handing over to UNRRA where this is to take place. This will affect DP SP in particular.

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(d) Italian Government Communications. (Ref. Minutes No. 123, Para 2(c)). No action will be taken to prevent the Italian Government from sending telegraphic communications direct to Prefects although a letter will be sent to all RO's informing them that such communications are liable to take place and that they should request all Prefects to report any cases in which he receives instructions contrary to AMG practice to this Headquarters.

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(f) Police Forces. The question of arming and clothing of police forces other than the Carabinieri was raised. Public Safety Sub-Commission to raise with appropriate Italian Government departments.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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(b) Col. FRIZELLE - PUBLIC HEALTH - There have been no further cases of plague reported from TARANTO. 4422

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Arrangements are being made for Italian local authorities to take over in Provinces where there is no Public Health Officer.

(c) Lt. Col. REGIS - Law S/C. Italian Prisoners of War S/C is expected to come under PWB very shortly.

(d) Lt. Col. [redacted] - Education. Text-books are being printed for sale at reasonable prices.
Two Swiss trainers for Girl Guide and Scout movements have arrived in ROME.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 Oct 45.

Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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Education S/C,
Law S/C,
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives S/C,
Legal S/C,
Local Government S/C,
Patriots Branch
Public Health S/C,
Public Safety S/C,
Public Relations Branch,
Capt. BRATHROM, (Office of the Executive Comm.)
VI (2),
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 123

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday, 16 Oct 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held 9 Oct 45.

(a) Hospital Trains. No answer has yet been received by AFHQ to their cable requesting information on the number of sick and wounded Italians remaining in Germany.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

(a) Maj. HAMILTON - IRT S/C. The port of TARANTO is again in use. Two more cases have occured of ships arriving at the wrong ports without any notification.

(b) Col. FRILEUX - Public Health. No further cases of plague have been reported this month in TARANTO.

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(d) Maj. PEACE - Patriots Branch. On the withdrawal of Allied Officers from Regions, Italian Patriot Officers are serving as liaison between Italian authorities and Regions. This arrangement seems to be working well.

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It is thought that the small percentage of arms handed in by ex-partisans was due to the feeling of insecurity which prevailed. This feeling has now lessened and it is felt that if AMG stated that no prosecutions would follow a further handing in of arms, the people would co-operate. This view to be borne out by the experiences in Piemonte Region and Novara where 9 and 36 truckloads of arms respectively were handed in recently.

This question will be taken up.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 122

Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Tuesday, 9 Oct 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 5 Oct 45.

(a) Use of Ports. 1 Ship carrying IPOWs has been diverted from TARANTO to NAPLES.

(b) Plague. The military and civilian authorities are doing everything possible to keep this from spreading.

Col. FRIZELLE to check whether report has gone to AFHQ and if not, to send one.

1 case of Typhus was reported at TARANTO and one at PARMA. (Ref. Minutes No. 121, para 1 (c) where both cases were erroneously reported as in TARANTO.)

(c) Personnel for Missions. A report from DMR is required as to the number of persons estimated to be necessary to be accredited to Yugoslav and Russian Missions dealing with Displaced Persons in this country. (Ref. Minutes 121, para 3 (c).)

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER's MEETING.

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Maj. TEMPLE - Local Government - The Italian Government has issued a decree creating an autonomous area for Val d'Aosta by turning over 62 Communes of Aosta Province to TURIN and forming the Autonomous Area from the remaining 46 Communes.
The decree on this has already been passed and will be implemented in AMG Territory in the normal way but will not take full effect until the Council of 25 is appointed to administer the Area.
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(b) Col. FRIZELLE - Public Health - There was a conference about MERANO, of which PH will submit the Minutes. It is hoped that by the end of this month the Ministry of Public Health will have appointed a Commissioner who will take over by degrees the care of patients in the hospitals. It is hoped that it will be possible to hand over completely by the end of November.
Clarification on numbers of patients to be expected there is being sought from AFHQ. 2,000 have already been evacuated from MERANO to their homes. It is hoped that a sanatorium will be set up to care for patients who will be ill a long time.

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(c) Maj. HAMILTON - IRT - The Italian Government have asked if the hospital trains which have been used to bring sick and wounded from Germany to MURANO may now be used to transport patients from Czechoslovakia. It is not known whether the trains are yet available.

(d) Col. FINDLAY - Displaced Persons - With reference to the trouble at the Jewish Camp at Santa Cesarea, apparently the first reports were exaggerated. Five pistol shots were fired; 2 people were wounded, neither seriously; none killed. Lt. Col. FORBERGILL is investigating. It had been recommended to UNRRA (but not accepted) that Yugoslav Police should be retained for a time to keep order in the camp. This seems still to be advisable.

UNRRA is responsible for this Camp although Displaced Persons have still one or two personnel. There are about 1,500 persons in the Camp.

(e) Lt. Col. WHITE. Returns on retention of key American Officers must be in today, 9 Oct 45, as the Section's return was required by Wednesday morning, 10 Oct 45. These returns should include personnel in the field as well as at HQ.

The next meeting will be held at 1600 hrs on Tuesday, 16 Oct 45.

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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Education S/C,
Italian Prisoners of War S/C,
Monuments & Fine Arts S/C,
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Local Government S/C,
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Public Health S/C,
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Capt. BRAYBROOK (Office of the Executive Commissioner.)
Public Relations Branch,
WAC (2)
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 121

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Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 5 Oct 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Tuesday, 2 Oct 45.

(a) Use of Ports. LST ships are arriving without notice at ports in Italy or are going to the wrong ports. Protests have been made.
Ships are still using the port of TARANTO. Control of the port is divided between Allied Military and Italian Civil authorities and there is not enough co-ordination of policy.

(b) Outbreak of Plague. Two more cases with 2 deaths have been reported at TARANTO. Dusting has been widely carried out and troops are still large numbers of rats.
Col. [illegible]E to check if report on this has been sent to AFHQ and if not to send one.
2 cases of Typhus have been reported from TARANTO.

2 GENERAL.

(a) Civil Affairs Section Staff. The VP introduced Maj. ANSON to the meeting, who has joined Civil Affairs Section as an SCII.
The CSO explained the system of division of work which will be re-instituted in CA Sec. All Grade B matters will be dealt with by an SC II and only Grade A matters will pass through the CSO to the VP. Matters connected with Legal and Local Government will continue to go direct to the CSC. Maj. REAMS (Tel. No. 358) will continue to be responsible for Mine Clearance and Patriots and in addition will staff Displaced Persons and PW. Maj. ANSON (Tel. No. 321) will be responsible for Public Health, Public Safety, Education and RFW.
The VP stated that this did not effect direct access of Directors of Sub-Commissions to him and that this new arrangement affected only the routing of correspondence and work of the Sub-Commission.

3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) In future, only one Executive Commissioner's Meeting will be held per week. This will take place on Tuesday mornings.
In view of this and the present reduction in matters for consideration there will only be one VP's meeting per week. This will be held each Tuesday at 1600 hrs. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9 Oct 45.

(b) Carabinieri. A conference will be held shortly with AFHQ on the subject of [illegible] assuming more responsibility for the Carabinieri. Col. [illegible] stated that he would like a representative from his Sub-Commission to sit in on the conference as it affected the work of his Section. The VP stated that details had not yet been received and it might be that RS had been included.

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Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 5 Oct 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Tuesday, 2 Oct 45.

(a) Use of Ports. MT ships are arriving without notice at ports in Italy or are going to the wrong ports. Protests have been made.
Ships are still using the port of TARANTO. Control of the port is divided between Allied Military and Italian Civil authorities and there is not enough co-ordination of policy.

(b) Outbreak of Plague. Two more cases with 2 deaths have been reported at TARANTO. Dusting has been widely carried out and troops are killing large numbers of rats.
Col. PMCE to check if report on this has been sent to AFHQ and if not to send one.
2 cases of Typhus have been reported from TARANTO.

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(a) Civil Affairs Section Staff. The VP introduced Maj. AMSO to the meeting, who has joined Civil Affairs Section as an SCAO.
The CSO explained the system of division of work which will be re-instituted in CA Sec. All Grade B matters will be dealt with by an SO II and only Grade A matters will pass through the CSO to the VP. Matters connected with Legal and Local Government will continue to go direct to the CSO. Maj. REEVES (Tel. No. 358) will continue to be responsible for Mine Clearance and Patriots and in addition will staff Displaced Persons and PWE. Maj. AMSO (Tel. No. 321) will be responsible for Public Health, Public Safety, Education and IRW.
The VP stated that this did not affect direct access of Directors of Sub-Commissions to him and that this new arrangement affected only the routing of correspondence and work of the Sub-Commission.

3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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(c) Military Missions. Displaced Persons S/C has been asked to submit an estimate of the numbers of persons who should be accredited to Russian and Yugoslav Missions dealing with Displaced Persons in Italy.

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DHR stated that Missions were of two kinds. There were 7 Missions of different nationalities working with his Sub-Commission, accredited to them by AFHQ, while some major powers had representatives accredited to the Advisory Council.

Yugoslav and Polish delegations were part of the repatriation section of the office of the representatives to the Advisory Council. The USSR still had a military mission.

An ordinance will be submitted.

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. WADBURN - Education. Education in VENEZIA Region is being turned over to the Italian Ministry before the region as a whole is handed back to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

Nothing has been heard from LIGURIA Region on the subject.

(b) Major REEVES - G A Section. Mine Clearance has been more or less turned over to the Ministry of War.

Patriots - DERs have now come under the Prefect. The arrangement seems to be working satisfactorily.

(c) Lt. Col. WEBB-BOWEN - MFA&A - stated that he would like to investigate the possibilities of handing over Monuments in some Regions in the same way that Education had done. To discuss with VI.

(d) Mr. TEMPLE - Local Government. The last paragraph of the Instructions for Liaison Groups is incorrect. The VI will take the matter up.

(e) Major TEMPLE reported that attempts were being made by A Section in this Headquarters to obtain civilian staff from other Sub-Commissions. It was confirmed that civilian staff were not allowed to arrange transfers for themselves from one Section or Sub-Commission to another.

(f) Col. CLARKE - Public Safety. The same trouble has arisen at LIVORNO as occurred at NAPLES over the question of employment of German POWs.

The situation there is complicated by the fact that some dis-location of the civilian population has been caused by billetting German POWs in the town.

Agreement has now been reached that the Prisoners will be moved out of the city and placed in a Camp, and that a programme of increasing the facilities of the port will be instituted and that Italian labour will be used on this project.

(g) Col. PAGE - Public Health. The situation with regard to Public Health personnel is critical and Public Health would also like to investigate the possibilities of handing over as Education is doing.

(h) Lt. Col. WEBB. reported that key officers (American) may now be temporarily retained if it is impossible to replace them, on the direct order of General McNarney. A letter has been sent to all Sub-Commissions on the subject.

(i) Lt. Col. MARSHALL - Legal. The question of personnel is still a pressing one. Two more officers are leaving VENEZIA GIULIA and more will go shortly. War Office is still pressing for officers to be released for MIDDLE EAST, but Legal can do nothing in the matter.

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An estimate will be submitted.

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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Patriots - BIRs have now come under the Prefects. The arrangement seems to be working satisfactorily.

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(j) Lt. Col. [redacted]: Travel orders will in future be made out for the signature of Major J.S. REEVES, Civil Affairs Section. Sufficient space for his signature should be left when the forms are being typed.

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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

5 OCT 1945

NO. 120

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 2 Oct 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Handover of Territory. Another reminder has been sent to COS by AFHQ. The latest information is that the U.S. Government is not in favour of handing back SOLZANO with the rest of Northern Italy, but representations opposing this view have been addressed to AFHQ.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. BANKFORD. - Legal - A request has been received from NAPLES for 2 courts to be set up.
17 Yugoslavs have been arrested on various charges.

(b) Col. FINLAY - DP&R Displaced Persons have received several reports of both Yugoslavs and Russians travelling without proper authorization especially to BOLZANO.

(c) Col. CHAPLIN - Public Safety On the question of unauthorized movement of Russians and Yugoslavs - it was necessary to deal severely with offenders as persons of both nationalities were definitely engaged in subversive activities among Italians. He suggested that anyone caught travelling without proper authorisation should be held until their Governments could be notified and they could be removed from this country and not merely stopped and left to carry on their activities elsewhere after other undetected, unauthorized journeys.

(d) Lt. Col. REGIS - IPW - stated that the use of the port of TARANTO may have to be discontinued temporarily because of the outbreak of plague. He will discuss with DIR S/C the possibility of using temporarily, some of their camps located near alternative ports for the reception of POWs. AFHQ are willing to assist with transport if necessary. A shipment of 12,000 POWs from the U.S. is expected to arrive shortly.
Nothing further has yet been heard about the transfer of IPW S/C to Land Forces Sub-Commission. The VP will raise this point at the next Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

(e) Col. PAGE - Public Health - had heard no further reports on the plague at TARANTO. The latest figures were 16 cases with 9 deaths. UNRRA was dealing with the matter and a meeting had been held between the Ministry of Health and Public Health S/C. Recommendations had been made by the PH S/C, some of which had been reversed by UNRRA. It was entirely a matter for the Italian Government.

(f) Col. PAGE - Public Health - enquired if the date of Dec 1 was to stand as the date on which Public Health S/C would cease or if the date should be prolonged as 60 days from the handover of Northern Italy. The VP stated

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(g) It is desirable that Ministers should have passes enabling them to go in and out of this building without waiting at the Information Desks. Lt. Col. WHITE to investigate the position and the VP will then raise the matter at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

(h) Lt. Col. WASS, USAF - Education - reported that cultural relations were progressing satisfactorily. Exchanges of students between the US and Italy and also, to a lesser extent, between Britain and Italy, were arranged and some had already taken place.

(i) Maj. REEKIE - Patriots Branch was rapidly closing down. Regional IMPRs were soon to be discharged though the IMPRs working under Prefects would remain.

Mine Clearance. Equipment is now being made available to mine clearance squads as are German maps of mine fields. Vehicles are still a problem.

(j) Lt. Col. WHITE. With reference to the Office Instructions issued by this Section, Heads of Sub-Commissions were asked to ensure that Staff Officers placed their Tel. Ext. No. on the bottom left hand corner of Minutes, underneath the date, to facilitate communications as the telephone book was so out of date.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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Displaced Persons S/C,
Education S/C
IPW S/C,
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives S/C
Legal S/C
Local Government S/C,
Patriots Branch,
Public Health S/C,
Public Safety S/C
Capt. BRAYBROOK (Office of the Executive Commissioner)
Public Relations Branch,
VP (2)
Officers (2)
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 119

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 28 Sep 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Tuesday, 25 Sep 45.

(a) Office Hours. The wording of the last paragraph of the instructions issued by Establishment Section regarding half-holidays, gives a wrong impression. The VP stated that half-days for military personnel would be staggered and it must be ensured that as far as possible military staff was working on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons to keep the civilian staff occupied.

(b) Circulation of Documents. Documents are taking too long to circulate through Sub-Commissions of this Section - in some instances as long as 8 to 10 days. Documents should be passed quickly and if the Director of a Sub-Commission is away they should be passed on and sent back to him after other Sub-Commissions have seen them.

(c) Personnel. The VP would like to see personnel - particularly British ORs - who are leaving Sub-Commissions of C A Section for release, before they go.

(d) Handover of Territory. It is probable that the date of the handover will be about ten days from the date on which notification is received by this Commission.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Col. CRIPPS - Local Government - emphasised that it was not the fault of the Allied Commission that the preparations for the elections were proceeding so slowly. He gave figures of the number of communes (about 6%) whose electoral lists had been completed and approved by the Italian authorities.

(b) Col. FOTHERGILL - D P A R - asked if more notice might be given when officers are required to attend the Chief Commissioner's Decoration Parades and if some arrangement could be made to allot space inside the hall to these officer spectators.

(c) Col. PAGE - Public Health - announced that Lt. Col. McSWEENEY has left the Commission and that Lt. Col. KERR has replaced him as Chief Welfare Officer.

(d) Lt. Col. BERNSTEIN - Legal - The mimeographed copies for the first

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(d) Lt. Col. LANGFORD - Legal - The mimeographed copies for the first notification of the handover of territory are ready.
War Office is still pressing for the release of Legal officers for Middle East. It is impossible to do this without leaving VENEZIA GIULIA short.

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(c) Public Safety, Legal & Education mentioned difficulties with regard to personnel. The situation should improve greatly with the release of personnel when the North is handed back. Sub-Commissions should take up directly with G-1 (A) and (B) the immediate questions of replacement of personnel.

(d) Brig. CARR mentioned that Col. GRIFFIS was leaving and that Maj. TEMPLE would replace him as Director, Local Government.

The Departments of Mine Clearance and Patriots would come directly under the CSO with Maj. PEARCE dealing with them. Maj. MACY was shortly joining Civil Affairs Section as SO II.

Meeting closed at 16.5 hrs.

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Patriots Branch
Italian POW S/C
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives S/C
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Public Safety S/C
Security Division.

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

NO. 118

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 25 Sep 45.

In the absence of the VP, Lt. Col. WHITE, CSO, presided.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Office Hours. Instructions have been issued and circulated to all Heads of Sub-Commissions.

(b) Report on Civil Affairs Capt. DUFF is coming out from War Office to collect data for a report on civil affairs. Sub-Commissions are requested to give all assistance possible.

(c) Handover of territory As no information has yet been received on this a wire was sent yesterday to AFHQ asking if the matter could be expedited. The draft Press Release has been submitted to P.R.O.

(d) Release - American Personnel. It was announced that all American personnel with a score of 75 points and over were due for immediate release except those who volunteered to stay on for the duration and 6 months. Col. CHADLAN said he understood that these points were to be reduced to 60.

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 21 Sep 45.

(a) Security Measures in NAPLES. The anticipated disturbances did not occur and the labour leaders were interviewed by Gen. McNARNEY. Public Safety is remaining alert in case of disturbances over next weekend.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Legal - Lt. Col. HUMFORD. A difficulty in supplying personnel for Middle East, etc., is arising due to the release of a large number of American personnel in the near future.

(b) Lt. Col. WHITE Requests for de-requisitioning of buildings should be taken up directly with the Town Major or G-4 concerned and not with AFHQ.

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Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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

NO. 117

24 SEP 1945

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 21 Sep 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Transfer of Territory. Although no further news has been received regarding the transfer of territory to the Italian Government, the feeling in higher circles of this HQ is that the transfer should still take place on Sept. 30th. The procedure for effecting this was discussed.

(b) Lists of Pending Activities. As so many changes are taking place in Sub-Commissions, detailed lists should be maintained of all actions pending or matters which should be followed up so that new officers taking over or a new body being responsible after the original Sub-Commission has closed down, may supervise the following up of all pending matters.

(c) Security Measures, NAPLES. Public Safety S/C will arrange to have an officer on duty over the weekend, and will submit a note of the special security measures made to CA Section for transmission to the Executive Commissioner.

(d) MILAN Headquarters. AC HQ Representatives in MILAN are now located in the Montecatini Building.

(e) Strength of CA Section as of 1 Dec 45. The figures submitted to AFHQ are:

CA Section	2
IPW	4
Legal	2
Local Government	4
MFAA	-
Public Health	-
Public Safety	6
DP & R	50

(Col. Findley to discuss with Col. Jones.)

An analysis of these figures will be circulated to Sub-Commissions.

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Tuesday, 18 Sep 45.

(a) Office Hours. In the absence of further instructions, CA Sec will carry on in accordance with the last order received, subject to work permitting.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Safety - Col. CHARMAN. Prof. PARRI is going to NAPLES to discuss the labour dispute in the hope of averting threatened disturbances on Sunday.

(b) IPW - Lt. Col. REGIS. The Ministry of War has requested IPW to make

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Safety - Col. CHARLIN. Prof. PARRI is going to NAPLES to discuss the labour dispute in the hope of averting threatened disturbances on Sunday.

(b) IPW - Lt. Col. REGIS. The Ministry of War has requested IPW to make arrangements for the return of Italian POW in Japan and China. There are approximately 400 there.

Meeting closed at 1634 hrs.

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

NO. 116

Meeting opened at 1608 hrs on Tuesday, 18 Sep 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Hand-back of Territory. No further official information has been received. The question of putting through the necessary procedure for the withdrawal of AMG in less than 21 days was discussed. 14 days was the absolute minimum time and even then it would not be possible to reach remote communes in time.

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 15 Sep 45.

(a) Float Telegrams. These telegrams will now be split up into about 8 categories so that they can be circulated as required to individuals interested.

(b) Repatriation of Italians. It is proposed to send 5,000 Italians of Slovene origin from France for demobilisation in TRIESTE. UNRRA is dealing with the matter but Displaced Persons S/C will refer the matter to CA Section so that it can also be taken up with the Executive Commissioner.

(c) Establishments The following strengths for CA Sub-Commissions are to be recommended to AFHQ.-

CA Section	2	
Education	-	
IPW	2	
Legal	2	
Local Govt.	4	
MFAA	-	The question of an Archivist is to be raised again.
Public Health	-	P.H. Officers attached to DP&R will have to be carried on DP strength.
Public Safety	6	
Displaced Persons	50	Col. Fothergill to take up with Col. Jones.

(d) Signing of letters. All letters addressed to Prof. PARRI in his capacity of Prime Minister or President of the Council of Ministers must be prepared for the Chief Commissioner's signature. Letters addressed to Prof. PARRI in his capacity as Minister of the Interior may be signed by the VP CA Section.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Legal - Col. BERRENS. The Minister of Grace and Justice has complained to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, about the delay in getting confirmation of death sentences. Legal Sub-Commission acts only as a Post Office in passing these cases on to the Italian authorities and probably speeds the whole matter up by so doing.

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POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Hand-back of Territory. No further official information has been received. The question of putting through the necessary procedure for the withdrawal of AMG in less than 21 days was discussed. 14 days was the absolute minimum time and even then it would not be possible to reach remote communes in time.

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 15 Sep 45.

(a) Float Telegrams. These telegrams will now be split up into about 8 categories so that they can be circulated as required to individuals interested.

(b) Repatriation of Italians. It is proposed to send 5,000 Italians of Slovene origin from France for demobilisation in TRIESTE. MFAA is dealing with the matter but Displaced Persons S/C will refer the matter to CA Section so that it can also be taken up with the Executive Commissioner.

(c) Establishments The following strengths for CA Sub-Commissions are to be recommended to AFHQ:-

CA Section	2	
Education	-	
IPW	2	
Legal	2	
Local Govt.	4	
MFAA	-	The question of an Archivist is to be raised again.
Public Health	-	P.H. Officers attached to DP&R will have to be carried on DP strength.
Public Safety	6	
Displaced Persons	50	Col. Fothergill to take up with Col. Jones.

(d) Signing of letters. All letters addressed to Prof. PARRI in his capacity of Prime Minister or President of the Council of Ministers must be prepared for the Chief Commissioner's signature. Letters addressed to Prof. PARRI in his capacity as Minister of the Interior may be signed by the VP CA Section.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Legal - Col. BERRENS. The Minister of Grace and Justice has complained to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, about the delay in getting confirmation of death sentences. Legal Sub-Commission acts only as a Post Office in passing these cases on to the Italian authorities and probably speeds the whole matter up by so doing.

4 GENERAL

(a) Office Hours. This question was discussed. A definite ruling is hoped for on Friday next.

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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

8 SEP 1945

NO. 115

Meeting opened at 1602 hrs on Friday, 15 Sep 45.

In the absence of the VP on duty, Lt. Col. WHITE presided.

1 In preparation for the closing down of some Sub-Commissions and the departure of many officers from others, complete memorandums should be made by all Sub-Commissions of any actions to be followed up.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Hand Back of Territory Nothing further has yet been heard except that it has been agreed that LIVORNO and NAPLES will be handed back at the same time as the rest of North Italy.

(b) Personnel Over 500 American Officers and EM will leave the Commission before the end of September. It is unlikely that it will be possible to obtain replacements although the T/O has not been amended.

(c) Circulation of Flost Telegrams. It is no longer possible to sort telegrams into categories of general interest owing to shortage of staff. It was suggested that they might be divided into Sectional categories - Economic, Civil Affairs, Personnel, etc., and only the ones affecting the relevant Section circulated to that Section.

3 GENERAL

(a) Reduction of Personnel A new T/O -TE is now in course of preparation for Civil Affairs Section. This will come into effect 2 months after the hand-over of Northern Italy to the Italian Government:

	Officer strength suggested by G-1(B)	Officer Strength Estimated necessary by Sub-Comsns.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	2	3
EDUCATION S/C	-	- (1 Advisor)
IPW	- (2)	3
LEGAL	2	3
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	2 (?)	4
MFAA	2	1 and 1 Archivist.
PUBLIC HEALTH	- (?)	-
PUBLIC SAFETY	4	6
DPR	62 (40) (?)	118

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Health - Col. PAGE. The situation at MERAMC has much improved. An urgent request for supplies was received from 52 Area. These were sent. Press accounts of Public Health activities had not been issued officially by the Sub-Commission and an amending statement was being sent to the

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EDUCATION S/C	-	- (1 Advisor)
IFW	- (2)	3
LEGAL	2	3
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	2 (?)	4
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(b) Local Government - Maj. WILLIAMS Electoral lists in the South were not progressing rapidly and it was doubtful if elections could take place this year.

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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

NO. 114

Meeting opened at 1607 hrs on Tuesday, 11 Sep 45.

In the absence of the VP on duty, Lt. Col. WHITE, CSO, presided.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) VENEZIA GIULIA AFHQ has requested a general report on conditions in VENEZIA GIULIA. As Col. CRIPPS is at present up there, it is proposed that he should be in charge of the preparation of the C.A. side of the report and that Maj. TEMPLE should go up to assist. No action to be taken until further instructions are received.

(b) Office Hours. It has been decided that Italian civilians cannot be given a 40 hour week. In future, Italian civilians working in military offices will only have Saturday afternoons and Sundays off.
Allied Military and Civilian personnel will have the whole of Sunday, a half holiday on Saturday and another afternoon off during the week which will be staggered.
There is an exception in the case of Senior Officers - Directors and Deputy Directors will, if work allows the extra half-holiday, take it on Wednesday afternoon.
Routine work of the Commission will proceed on Wednesday afternoons.

(c) Italian Troops. A reply is desired from IDW S/C, DP & R S/C and Local Government S/C on the question of surplus Italian Military personnel within the ceiling of 6,000 already allotted. These replies should reach CA Section by Thursday afternoon.

(d) Liaison Groups AFHQ considers the proposed Liaison strengths in North Italy excessive and has asked for proposals for substantial reductions.

(e) Transport. Allied Commission transport is being reduced by 25%. HQ Commandant has stated that it is hoped that this reduction will not be noticeable. Further reductions are likely.
All Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to keep a close lookout for instances of mis-use of vehicles.

(f) Reports of Civil Disturbances. The Public Relations Branch will act as a "press cutting agency" for reports of disturbances. Public Safety will make necessary arrangements.

(g) Economic Situation in the North. The economic situation has improved even over that of last week. Fiat works are beginning to turn out vehicles and it is hoped that tire production will commence shortly. Other industries are similarly progressing and the problem of raw materials for factories is being tackled.

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(h) Clothing Scale for CC.RR. If the present scale of CC.RR. clothing is not satisfactory, Public Safety will draft letter to AFHQ making recommendations for a new scale.

(i) Deputy Director, Public Safety Col. CHAPMAN to arrange with G-1(B) for a temporary replacement for Lt. Col. BYE.

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(j) Release of Officers. It must be clearly understood by all officers that releases according to plans can only proceed if efficiency is not thereby impaired. The British scheme is unlikely to be further held up but the American side is less certain. No proposals for delay have as yet been made but officers should understand the position.

(k) Press Release Items. All items should be submitted to Civil Affairs Section by Thursday, 13 Sep 45.

(l) Submission of Reports. All Special reports asked for by offices outside CA with the exception of routine returns such as weekly strength returns, will be submitted through Civil Affairs Section.

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Tuesday 4 Sep 45.

(a) List of Proposed Liaison Groups in the North. This list is now in circulation and will be returned to Public Safety when circulation is completed.

Sub-Commissions reported that it was incomplete, particularly with regard to VENEZIA GIULIA.

(b) Camps for Neo-Fascist Personnel. The position of these camps has not improved and the situation remains as reported last week.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Health - Col. PAGE Bubonic Plague has broken out in TARANTO. There have been 12 cases with 4 deaths.

An outbreak of disease (so far unidentified) has also been reported at REGGIO CALABRIA.

The position at MERANO is much improved with the receipt of AFHQ authority to take over needed medical supplies. The transportation situation is also under review.

There has been an extremely adverse report in the Italian Press about ENDIME. Copy of the translation will be forwarded to C A Sec as soon as possible.

(b) Displaced Persons - Col. FINLAY. Orders were received from AFHQ that Capt. PERVANJA, a Yugoslav who was stated to be in MILAN, would be brought back to ROME by force, if necessary. This had been communicated to Dr. SMODLAKA who seemed unwilling to comply.

(c) Public Safety - Col. CHAPMAN Reports have been received of the infiltration into Italy of agents of Yugoslav organisations.

(d) Lt. Col. WHITE. AFHQ has approved the admission of a Yugoslav War Crimes Mission on condition that only specified cases are investigated and subject to conditions imposed by AC.

(e) Public Health - Col. PAGE. Reports have been received of the requisitioning of civilian hospitals by military units. It is necessary to know the names of the units concerned before any action can be taken.

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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Legal S/C,
Local Government S/C
Patriots Branch,
IPT S/C,
Monuments Fine Arts & Archives S/C
Public Health S/C
Public Safety S/C
Maj. KEESLEY (Ex. Com's Of..
VP (2)
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File.

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

NO. 119

Meeting opened at 1602 hrs on Tuesday, 4 Sep 45.

Lt. Col. S.H. WHITE presided in the absence of the VP on duty.

Lt. Col. REGIS, of I.P.W. S/C was introduced to the meeting.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Handover of Territory. The meeting was informed of the proposed date for the handover of North Italy (excluding BOLZANO and UDINE).

(b) VENEZIA GIULIA. Instructions had been received that VENEZIA GIULIA should be administered under the Italian system. This was already being done. Where Yugoslavian Committees had been set up they should be abolished except in Yugoslav speaking areas where they could be retained, but purely as advisory bodies.

(c) Italian Prisoners of War S/C. It had been recommended that this Sub-Commission, recently incorporated as part of Civil Affairs Section, should, on 30 Sep 45, come under Land Forces Sub-Commission.

(d) Mine Clearance. It was considered that on the hand-over of Italian Army that body would have to take over responsibility for Mine Clearance. Land Forces Sub-Commission would be the natural channel of communication with the Army. Representations are being made that they should be responsible for Mine Clearance as from that date.

(e) Office Hours. This question, in so far as it affects paying and feeding of civilian employees, is being considered. AFHQ may reduce hours for civilians employed in military offices to 40 per week.

(f) Release of Italian Troops. Land Forces Sub-Commission have requested the release of surplus Italian Troops earmarked for employment under Displaced Persons, but who have never been called for. DP & R reported that some are being used but that many are unsuitable. IPW are using others. Local Government S/C said they desired Engineer personnel for Mine Clearance. The three Sub-Commissions would consult and DP& R submit a report for all.

4 Corps asked for 13/9.

(g) EMILIA Region. It was reported that, though EMILIA Region closed down some weeks ago, correspondence is still being addressed to that Hq. The Liaison Group now working in EMILIA is not able to deal with enquiries involving the files of EMILIA Region which have already been disbanded to Archives.

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HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 113

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(h) Recreational Cars. In future there will be 2 recreational cars allotted to Civil Affairs Section for the use of officers on Wednesday afternoons.

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Col. CRIPPS stated that a recommendation that BOLZANO might be handed over at the same time as the rest of Northern Italy was going forward.

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(f) Lt. Col. REGIS reported that there is a considerable amount of unravelling to be done to separate IPW from WMD. The handover of IPW is to be completed between 10th and 14th September.

(g) Lt. Col. WASHBURNE reported that it was necessary to have a Liaison Officer assigned to BOLZANO when AMG left in view of the problem created by German-speaking schools. This job could be handled by the Liaison Officer assigned to UDINE.

(h) Col. CHAPMAN referred again (see Minutes 112, para 4 (b)), to the situation where a number of officers in the same Sub-Commission were due to go on LLP at the same time. To be taken up with G-1 (S) immediately.

Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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

NO. 112

4 SEP 1945

Meeting opened at 1603 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:

(a) Legal - Col. BERRINS. In one case it has proved impossible to supply an officer of the rank requested for Venezia Giulia. This situation may arise frequently in the future in the case of senior officers.

(b) Public Safety - Col. CRAIGIE. Reduction in Staff - difficulty arises with British Officers going on LIF. 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.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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Education S/C,
Legal S/C,
Local Government S/C,
Public Relations Branch
Maj. KEELEY 3910
VP (2)
Officers (4)

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Meeting opened at 1609 hrs on Friday, 31 Aug 45.

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CONFIDENTIAL

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

NO. 111

31 AUG 1945

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

The EM 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 G-1 (B). Schemes for Phase 2 are not so urgent.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NO. 110

24 AUG 1945

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

Brig. CARR, 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 is 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.

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(d) Disturbances - Reports. - The Director, Public Safety S/C was directed to prepare weekly a list 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 OFFICERS

(a) Col. GRIFFS. - Local Government S/C. - The Ministry of the Costituente is working in three Branches or Committees as follows:

(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).
This Committee only affects the Costituente.

(ii) Committee to consider reform of Agriculture law.

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(b) Col CHAPMAN - Public Safety S/C. - Lt Col DYE 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 Materials Disposal S/C.

(c) 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. PALMIERI. - In reply to an enquiry by Maj. PALMIERI, Col BERENS explained that the appointment of Sig. CRIVA 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.

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

No. 108

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MEETING opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 10 Aug 45.

1 The VP introduced Col. Hartley, 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 VP himself, is due to arrive in Rome on 12 Aug 45.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Office Hours. One officer and one EM/CR will be on duty every Sunday and do 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 33, 5th Floor, Tel. Ext. 437).

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

(b) Promotions - British. The Board will meet early next week. Any last minute recommendations must be submitted to the CSO by 1000 hrs on the 12th Aug. 45.

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

(d) Economic Section announced that after Brig. Anderson's return from the U.K. that coal imports would allow of 50% normal production in Italy during the coming months.

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

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3 POINTS 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 originate solely from the Public Safety Sub-Commission.

(b) M.T.A. have now 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 people crossing the norther frontier.

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

The VF closed the meeting, the last over which he personally would preside, with an expression of thanks to all officers for their co-operation during the last 14 months.

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

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

NO. 186

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 administration 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.

(e) Restoration of Territory The target date for the handover of remaining territory to the Italian Government is 1 Sept 45 though it is unlikely that AMG will cease on that exact date. It is being considered whether AMG should be retained in certain special areas.

(f) Folgore Division Negotiations are in progress with 5 Army for the moving of the Folgore Division from Bolzano.

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

29 JUL 1945

NO 107

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 27 July 45.

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

(a) Transfer of Territory. - AFHQ approval has been received to transfer of Emilia Region, Ancona and Lucca but NOT Ancona as of 31 July subject to prior information being given to the Advisory Council. This Condition ruled out 31 July and made 1 Aug the earliest possible date. AFHQ have approved verbally.

2 POINTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S 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) 8 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 VP'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 Merano. First train due about 3 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

24 JUL 1945

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

1 GENERAL

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4 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION 16 1945

NO. 105

Meeting opened at 1607 hrs on Friday, 13 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) Opening 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 CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Appointments, Officers. (i) Brig. General SPOFFORD (G-5 AFHQ) has been relieved by Brig. General HAMLEN. (ii) Mr. DOWLING formerly U.S. Political Adviser to the Chief Commissioner has been replaced by Mr. JONES.

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3 GENERAL

(a) SHAEF. The VP reported that, according to press reports, SHAEF was to be disbanded tonight. Lt. Col. Fothergill said Displaced Persons would co-ordinate their activities through the Joint Committee which had been set up.

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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(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. Grimes reported that Lussu 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 1640 hrs.

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

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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 CG.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.

(c) Crown Jewels of Abyssinia (1(d)). The VP reported that this matter has been raised with AFHQ but no answer has yet been received.

(d) Withdrawal of British Officers. (2(b)). The VP reported that he had written to everyone in Groups up to 14 whom the Heads of Sub-Commissions wanted retained, asking them to stay on for limited periods.

(e) U.S. Army School of Education in Florence. (3(c)). The original order of MTOUSA that 22 Officers from this Commission should be posted to the Florence School was taken up by the Chief Commissioner with AFHQ and finally reduced to a demand for 4 Officers from this Commission, only two of which were to come from C.A. Section.

(f) Italian Government Ministers. The VP reported that he had seen Lussu who had asked Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C to continue to deal with the High Commissioner for Refugees until his new office was functioning. Col. Findlay stated that the new undersecretary Ferrara had been to see him that afternoon.

2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Grain situation The drought in Southern Italy has reduced the gain production in Italy from the average of about 6,000,000 tons yearly to a total of 4,000,000 tons this year, thus creating a very serious situation.

(b) Transport in Milan. Complaints have been received that, although authority has been given th Lombardia Region to requisition 20 extra cars for the use of officers from this Headquarters when visiting the North, the position is still unsatisfactory. Col. Cripps and Maj. Temple reported that on their recent trips to the North, the Transport position had been excellent.

(c) Transfer of Territory. The Chief Commissioner is most anxious that

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(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.

(c) Crown Jewels of Abyssinia (1(d)). The VP reported that this matter has been raised with AFHQ but no answer has yet been received.

(d) Withdrawal of British Officers. (2(b)). The VP reported that he had written to everyone in Groups up to 14 whom the Heads of Sub-Commissions wanted retained, asking them to stay on for limited periods.

(e) U.S. Army School of Education in Florence. (3(c)). The original order of MTOUSA that 22 Officers from this Commission should be posted to the Florence School was taken up by the Chief Commissioner with AFHQ and finally reduced to a demand for 4 Officers from this Commission, only two of which were to come from C.A. Section.

(f) Italian Government Ministers. The VP reported that he had seen Lussu who had asked Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C to continue to deal with the High Commissioner for Refugees until his new office was functioning. Col. Findlay stated that the new undersecretary Ferrara had been to see him that afternoon.

2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Grain situation. The drought in Southern Italy has reduced the gain production in Italy from the average of about 6,000,000 tons yearly to a total of 4,000,000 tons this year, thus creating a very serious situation.

(b) Transport in Milan. Complaints have been received that, although authority has been given to Lombardia Region to requisition 20 extra cars for the use of officers from this Headquarters when visiting the North, the position is still unsatisfactory. Col. Cripps and Maj. Temple reported that on their recent trips to the North, the Transport position had been excellent.

(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. 3902

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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. Fiske.

(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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Lt. Col. White to discuss with Col. Findlay.

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(i) Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter - AFHQ 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 not act as Camp Commandant.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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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 13 Jun 45.

(a) Wages of Guardi di Finanze in Northern Italy. (3(a)). The matter is under consideration by the Finance Sub-Commission.

(b) Italian Officials going to Liguria. (3(c)). At present there is no means of sending Italian Local Government Personnel straight to Liguria. It is hoped that perhaps at a later date a seeplane may be used.

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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 Jun 45. It was agreed that 5,000 refugees per day in aggregate would be received through the Brenner pass from SHAEF.

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(d) Situation in Gerdinia. A report from the Land Forces Liaison Officer in Sardinia reports a bad situation on the island. There is a shortage of imported coal and only enough food to last until the end of August and then increased shipments will have to be made.

Brig. Perkinson asked who was the official Liaison Officer in Sardinia. The VP said it was the Land Forces (MTOA) Liaison Officer and that he would ask the Executive Commissioner to circulate names and locations of all Liaison Officers.

(e) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. The RC's meeting will be held on 27 and 28 June. The Agenda will be circulated in due course. The Executive Commissioner is very keen to keep the meeting on a very high level. If Heads of Sub-Commissions have any matters of policy, etc, they wish put on the Agenda, the VP asked them to raise the point with him when he sees them early next week.

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(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.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

23 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: VP's Meeting.

22 Jun 45

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

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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17 JUN 1945

No. 102

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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.

(a) VENEZIA GIULIA (1(c)). AMG entered TRIESTE on 12 Jun 45. Colonel Montford, as SCAO, XIII Corps, is in command. The VP is now in TRIESTE taking part in a conference over detail.

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2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Civilian Accommodation. Civilian employees in the Colonna Hotel will not receive British rations any more. R.A.A.C. have ordered that the hotel be de-requisitioned as accommodation for civilians is illegal. Establishment Section has been instructed to request the Italian Government to requisition it.

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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 hending 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 seme 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.

(b) Germen Prisoners. The Italian Government have stated that they only require 16,000 German prisoners - 10,000 for mine clearance and 6,000 to be employed in the coal-mines. They do not want any Germans for helping with the harvesting.

(c) VENEZIA GIULIA. No change. The British and American notes for Tito are ready to be handed to him.

Col. Montford has been made Regional Commissioner for VENEZIA GIULIA which is to be a separate Region. No date has been fixed for the taking over of the Region.

(d) Co-ordination of the Three Regions. Col. Fiske has been appointed representative of the Chief Commissioner in the North to co-ordinate the 3 Northwestern Regions and to interpret Allied Commission policy. He will have no staff and there will be no Advanced AC Headquarters.

(e) LIGURIA Region. 14 Communes in IMPERIA are still under French administration.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. An RCs' meeting will very probably be held in Rome within the next 10 days.

(b) BOLZANO Meeting. A very high level meeting is being held, presided over by Gen. Robertson, with representatives from SHAEF, AFHQ, AC, etc., to discuss the repatriation of German surrendered troops to Germany and the repatriation of Italians from Austria and Germany. The meeting will be held on 13, 14 and 15 June. Col. Findley, Lt. Col. Campbell, Lt. Col. Pidsley and the VP will attend from AC.

(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

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(d) Co-ordination of the Three Regions. Col. Fiske has been appointed representative of the Chief Commissioner in the North to co-ordinate the 3 Northwestern Regions and to interpret Allied Commission policy. He will have no staff and there will be no Advanced AC Headquarters.

(e) LIGURIA Region. 14 Communes in IMPERIA are still under French administration.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. An RCs' meeting will very probably be held in Rome within the next 10 days.

(b) BOLZANO Meeting. A very high level meeting is being held, presided over by Gen. Robertson, with representatives from SHAEF, AFHQ, AC, etc., to discuss the repatriation of German surrendered troops to Germany and the repatriation of Italians from Austria and Germany. The meeting will be held on 13, 14 and 15 June. Col. Findley, Lt. Col. Campbell, Lt. Col. Pidsley and the VP will attend from AC.

(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.

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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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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VICE PRESIDENT'S 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.

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2 GENERAL

(a) Weekly interviews. The VP pointed out to Heads of Sub-Commissions that the weekly interviews arranged in the VP's letter, A/6.1/CA dated 6 Apl 45 stand automatically unless the Heads of Sub-Commissions are informed to the contrary.

(b) American Red Cross. The American Red Cross is hoping to collect a pool of speakers for their "Town Hall". They have written, asking for a list of speakers willing to give stimulating talks on any subject. Forms can be obtained from Civil Affairs Section.

(c) British Officers' Release Scheme. A careful analysis has been made of all British Officers who are due to leave under the release scheme. The two Sub-Commissions who will be most affected are Legal and Public Health. The Executive Commissioner has written to AFHQ, asking for permission to defer Classes 1 - 3 until 31 Jul 45. No reply has yet been received. The VP thought that it was unlikely that AC would be able to keep back a block of people and it would probably be necessary to apply for the retention of officers individually. The best plan was

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(d) Archives in the North. It is understood that some Ministries have sent up people from the South to see 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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(a) Italian Drivers. Brig. Perkinson reported that he had experienced some difficulty in obtaining food and lodging for his Italian driver in MILAN. The VP said he was hoping to arrange for LOMBARDIA Region to requisition six extra cars for the sole use of Headquarters personnel and thus avoid large mileage as the officers could then fly from ROME to MILAN.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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26 MAY 1945

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(a)). 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

(a) Disarming of Partisans. The Executive Commissioner reported on a conference at 15 Army Group which he had attended yesterday (Thurs. 24 May 45). Very considerable difficulty is still being experienced with the disarming of partisans. The Commanding General, IV Corps is prepared to use force and has set the 7 Jun 45 as the final date for handing in arms. This date will also mark the change from Phase I to Phase II, subject to no complications from the disarmament and a satisfactory settlement of the problems on the French Frontier.

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(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.

(d) VENEZIA GIULIA A draft directive for Deputy Regional Commissioner of VENEZIA GIULIA was agreed. No Carabinieri will be introduced from outside nor any local government officials. It may be found necessary to introduce judges.

3 GENERAL

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(c) The Restricted Line will be removed as from 29 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 1635 hrs.

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

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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21 MAY 1945

NO. 98

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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.

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

2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Handover of Territory. The Chief Commissioner has recommended to 15 Army Group that Florence, Pistoia, Livorno, Lucca and Pisa should be handed back to the Italian Government on the 4 Jun 45 or thereabouts.

(b) British Army German POW's. British Army German POW's are to be concentrated in the triangle Rimini-Cesena-Cevia. No Italians will be evicted except for their safety and then only with the consent of the Regional Commissioner.

(c) Mr. Halford's Report. Mr. Halford stated that when the CLNAI returned to Milan on Monday they seemed to be somewhat disappointed and ashamed as they had accomplished nothing, and they had not even impressed the Central CLN in Rome. Although it appears that they wish to change the Prime Minister, nobody can agree on Bonomi's successor.
Other reports from Milan and elsewhere are fairly satisfactory, except that there are still a number of murders.

(d) Olive Oil Ammassi. 48,000 tons have been collected, which will not only provide for military needs but also a small ration for the population.

(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.

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3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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(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 Ghedi, 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.

4 GENERAL

(a) Strength of the Carabinieri. AFHQ telephoned to say that the increase of Carabinieri was permitted up to 65,000 but that AFHQ does not agree to the 10,000 ration increase.

(b) Tyres for Malaria Control. The VP said that he was sending in a new application for tyres for malaria control personnel.

(c) Officers Leaving Headquarters. The VP said that a number of Officers were going to be away during the next week. Col. Behrens and Lt. Col. Doherty were going to Milan. The VP and Col. Cripps were going for a tour in the North, probably returning for work on Saturday, 26 May 45. Brig. Perkinson was also away.

5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Located Records. Col. Chapman, reported that a Public Safety Officer had located stores and records at Vicenza, cases and firearms and documents at Valdagno and more cases at Venice.

(b) Regina Coeli Prison. Col. Chapman said that the prisoners are operating Regina Coeli Prison and a cordon of CC.RR. have been put round the prison. It is probable that there will be trouble within the near future, mostly owing to over-crowding. Another problem seems to be that the prisoners are mixed (military and civilian). The VP stated that this was a matter for the Minister of War and the Minister of Justice to argue between themselves. In AMG territory Public Safety could take action.

Col. Chapman said he had also received reports that the Military Tribunal in Florence was not functioning and that 63 prisoners had escaped.

(c) ENDIMEA Lt. Col. Frizelle, reported that the Ministry for War is trying to evict ENDIMEA from their premises. It was felt that this was a matter for the Ministry of War and the Ministry of the Interior to fight out between themselves.

(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, 8 pictures were missing but in a deposit of sculpture, everything [illegible]

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5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Located Records. Col. Chapman, reported that a Public Safety Officer had located stores and records at Vicenza, cases and firearms and documents at Valdegno and more cases at Venice.

(b) Regina Coeli Prison. Col. Chapman said that the prisoners are operating Regina Coeli Prison and a cordon of CC.RR. have been put round the prison. It is probable that there will be trouble within the near future, mostly owing to over-crowding. Another problem seems to be that the prisoners are mixed (military and civilian). The VP stated that this was a matter for the Minister of War and the Minister of Justice to argue between themselves. In AMG territory Public Safety could take action.

Col. Chapman said he had also received reports that the Military Tribunal in Florence was not functioning and that 63 prisoners had escaped.

(c) ENDIMEA Lt. Col. Frizelle, reported that the Ministry for War is trying to evict ENDIMEA from their premises. It was felt that this was a matter for the Ministry of War and the Ministry of the Interior to fight out between themselves.

(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, 8 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 1625 hrs.

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No.97

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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 gatherin 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 Questure pass could be obtained to take anybody to Northern Italy without merchandise. If merchandise was involved, an Economic pass would be required.

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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 (Toscana Region) will be handed back to the Italian Government on the 10 May 45 and not as originally proposed on the 24 May 45.

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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.

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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) Wages for Civilian Employees. (2(e)). 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 D.P. & 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 now 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. 29 (2(d)). The VP said that he had consulted AFHQ by telephone and there was no objection to implementing GO 29 in N.F. Italy. Legal and Civil Affairs to take action.

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2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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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) Passes 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 D.P. & R. Col. Findlay 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 now 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. 99 (2(d)). The VP said that he had consulted AFHQ by telephone and there was no objection to implementing GO 99 in N.W. Italy. Legal and Civil Affairs to take action.

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3 GENERAL

(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 Questure in the North. Eventually a compromise was reached, and the Prime Minister promised as far as Prefects and Questure 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 Questure should not be a political appointee.

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(d) Civilian specialists going North. Lt. Col. Washburne said that the situation was critical with regard to the payment 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
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 94

28 APR 1945

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday 20 April 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING.

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(c) Italian Government:- Communications direct to AMG (2(d)). 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.

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(e) Wages for Civilian Employees. (3(h)). The VP reported that in the northern section of Italy, i.e. above the Northern boundaries of Ravenna, Forli, Firenze, Pistoia, and Lucca, it was proposed to peg wages and prices as on 9 Apl 45. In the case of state employees taken to the North from the South, they will be paid in the North at the Northern rate and credited with the difference between the Northern and Southern rates in the South. The only exception will be the CC.RR. who will be paid in cash at the Southern rate.

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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.

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3 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.

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CONFIDENTIAL

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

NO. 93

Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Friday, 13 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 Esserior or whether some of them can be accommodated at the Flore. The matter will be re-investigated.

(b) Transport. The present position is that all AC transport is to be taken over by Army. This only affects heavy transporters and trucks.

2 GENERAL

(a) Plan for N.W.Italy. The plan for N.W. Italy has been circulated. Economic Section has put out a new decree for implementation, by which wages and prices are to be fixed in the north at 3 Apl 45 level. This effects Mine Clearing Squads and also may effect other Sub-Commissions. It is impossible to set a wage scale or prices for North Italy. In the case of Prefects, etc., they will be paid in the north on the same scale as anyone else. The difference between the 3 Apl 45 level and their Rome pay will be credited to them in Rome.

(b) Visit from Mr. Eric Biddle. Mr. Eric Biddle (a representative of the U.S. Bureau of the Budget) is visiting this Headquarters on Monday, 16th Apl 45. He may require to see Heads of Sub-Commissions, but no plans should be altered. Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to submit to Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter, not later than 1200 hrs on Saturday, a brief resume (not longer than half a page) of the work of their Sub-Commissions. These interviews are to take place at the request of the Chief Commissioner and the A/Executive Commissioner.

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Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Friday, 13 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 Esperior or whether some of them can be accommodated at the Flore. The matter will be re-investigated.

(b) Transport. The present position is that all AC transport is to be taken over by Army. This only affects heavy transporters and trucks.

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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 VP 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. Bonham-Carter said this was Lt. Col. Milhouse's problem and suggested that Lt. Col. Doherty should liaise with him.

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(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 23 Apl 45 for the North. With regard to Army taking over transport, Lt. Col. Doherty hoped that the new arrangements would not effect Army's agreements to take the CC.RR from the railhead to their destination.

AFHQ have released, for the use of the CC.RR., 48 Greyhound armoured cars and 48 3-tonners. 29 of these vehicles are ready for movement and the rest are under repair.

(g) Tyres for Public Health Lt. Col. MacSweeney. Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter asked Public Health to let him have the specific number of tyres Public Health required for Malaria control, etc.

(h) Wages for Civilian Employees. Maj. Dollard reported that the Civilian Employment Committee had ruled, that owing to the fact that all wages had been frozen in the north above the scale of 3 Apl 45, all civilians taken north would be held on the Headquarters books, and paid at the Rome rate until such a time as wages were stabilised

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Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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

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

NO. 92

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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 North. 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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C A Section.

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

No. 91.

29 MAR 1945

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 imprest accounts out of which to pay civilian employees.

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(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 discuss with them their various problems.

(d) Liquidation of Royalist Yugo-slav Missions. (3(a)). Col. Findlay reported that the Mission in Rome had now been closed.

(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 Cars. (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

(a) Planning for N.W.Italy. IV Corps have a planning staff at Lucca, planning for the first phase of entry into the north. It was decided that all Directives on planning, prepared by Sub-Commissions should be forwarded to IV Corps for their perusal. Sub-Commissions will therefore forward one copy of their directives to C A Section for onward transmission.

(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 REPORTS

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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(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.

J. Hustead Reader 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.

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(f) Guardia de Finanza (1(e)). Lt. Col. Doherty said that a report has been prepered 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 commenders 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. DOE).

(d) Olive Oil Amassing. Up to date 44,000 tons had been amassed,

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(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 perusel.

(c) M F A A Lt. Col. De Wald stated that the Italian Government had approved of the creation of an Under Secretary of Monuments and one candidate had already been in to see him.

(d) Local Government. Maj. Temple reported that the P C of GROSSETTO has agreed to accept the Italian Government's nominee for Vice Prefect Vicario.

Maj. Temple asked if there was any further development on the election question.

The VP stated that the approval of the CC was being sought before Local Government took the matter up with Legal.

It was agreed that the question of standard working hours of staff personnel should be taken up at the next Ex. Com's. meeting.

(e) Films of AC Activities. Col. Cripps stated that he had received a letter from the P R O who stated that it was desired to take film shots of various AC activities. It was agreed to send copies of the letter to Sub-Commissions. Sub-Commissions will consider what aspects of their activities should be filmed and will at the same time prepare a document in explenation of their activities which could be used in conjunction with the film.

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

Richard Reuben Maj

Major,
C A Section.

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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.

(a) Employment of German POWs (2) The VP stated that he had represented to the Executive Commissioner the views of Patriots Branch and Legal Sub-Commission. The views of Economic Section were quite as strong and it was decided that a signal would be sent to AFHQ opposing the policy in principle.

(b) Theft of Penicillin (3) Investigations are proceeding with regard to the forging of Mr. Piombino's signature. It was considered that the person who did this (an ex-employee) should be tried before a military court.

(c) Personnel for N.Italy and Austria. (4) The meeting held last Monday was considered generally successful and cleared up many points.
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(d) Wage Rates Policy (5) The VP informed the meeting that Mr. Braine had prepared a long document on wage rates which would in due course be sent to Legal Sub-Commission for their remarks.

(e) Guardia de Finanza (7). Public Safety were sending along a letter for signature by the VP concerning Gen. Oxilia.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

(a) The Ex. Commissioner has gone to the U.K. on leave for a month.

(b) Economic Section The VP reported that Economic Section would now have 2 VPs - Gen. McKinley (A) and Brig. Anderson (B).

(c) New Deal A new directive setting out the relationship which will exist between Sub-Commissions and the Italian Government is at present before the Chief Commissioner for signature.

(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 ... 210,000

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

NO. 88

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Civil Affairs Section.

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

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the General Order regulating this.

(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 are permitted 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 sources. 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 north from Piemonte Area which was sent to them by H E Tupini. It would appear that a large majority of the judges are present and doing good work.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

W.A.S. DOLLARD
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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".

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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 same officer or a soldier should see to the actual delivery of the pass to the civilian or military personnel. A 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.

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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.

Meeting closed at 16'5 hrs.

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

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(h) Col. Findlay - Royalist Yugoslavs. The Yugoslav Belgrade Government has ordered the dissolution of the Royalist Yugoslav Mission. AFHQ have ruled that it is up to the Yugoslavs to deal with their own problems. The Royalists refuse to hand over to the partisans but are willing to hand over to the British their archives, etc., making the British liquidators. The Colonel of the Yugoslav Mission has filed a petition to Field Marshal Alexander which has been passed to Col. de Solis, AFHQ Liaison officer.

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

Meeting closed at 16'5 hrs.

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

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

NO 85

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. Chapman stated that as far as he knew, his Sub-Commission had not received these lists. Lt. Col. White to take the matter up further.

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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 - ENDIMEX 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 Amassing. Olive Oil Amassing is going satisfactorily, and an average of 3,000 tons per week is amassed.

(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. Chapman - 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 1695 hrs.

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

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

NO. 84

Meeting opened at 1604 hrs on Friday, 23 Feb 45.

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

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(b) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. (2(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 Wage 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 to hold the head of the Mission personally responsible if anything should happen.

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

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(h) Delivery of Official Correspondence through AMG Channels. (4(b)) All circulers 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(c)). 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 M F A A (4(h)). Col. De Wald stated that the appointment of the Italian Director of M F A A was still under discussion.

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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 about three weeks ago.

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(c) Col. Findley reported that 900 Zionists were being repatriated next month. There was still some trouble over currency and the CCS 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.

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Meeting closed 1650 hrs.

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

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TO: See Distribution below.

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F.C. HARVEY, S/Cdr.,
DA to TT CA Section.

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

NO. 83

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

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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 16 rooms for Land Forces Sub-Commission. The VP did not think that C/ Section would be included in this or be asked to give up an office. Col. De Wale said that Capt. Sinclair had looked round the M F A / 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 8 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.

(c) North West Italy Planning. CAO, AFHQ has called a meeting at 15 Army Group for 26 Feb 45; therefore the North West Italy Planning Committee meeting, fixed for that date by AC will have to be postponed.

(d) Italian Civilian Personnel for N. Italy. Certain Regional Commissioners want to take their Italian staff (civilian) with them to the North. A list of names is being sent to Public Safety (Security Division) for screening. The VP asked Public Safety to send a copy to the Political Section for them to forward it to the Italian authorities to see if they have any comments to make.

(e) UNRRA Visitors to 8 Army. 8 Army had invited UNRRA representatives to visit the Army area. The VP said that it was felt at the meeting that this was wrong, as UNRRA work lay in the South. The Executive Commissioner is writing a memorandum to Armies and Regional Commissioners, asking them not to invit UNRRA representatives into their areas.

(f) Requisitioning of Cars in Sicily by UNRRA. The VP said that he had been informed that UNRRA had tried to obtain cars in Sicily which had been used by AC officers. The VP stated that he felt that these cars (if any) would be taken North, and if not, they would be handed back to the Italian authorities.

(g) Civilian Wage Rates. The Regional Commissioner of Abruzzi-Marche Region has drawn attention in his report to the sorry state of affairs in his Region of the black-coated (or white-collared) workers and civil servants. Labour Sub-Commission and Economic Section are at present studying the problem.

(h) Capture of Royalist Yugoslavs. The VP asked Col. Findlay if in connection with this subject, he received any Civil Censorship reports from the Adriatic Coast. Col. Findlay stated that he did. Brig. Parkinson said that he had not been receiving these reports. After discussion, the VP asked Lt. Col. White to enquire into the matter and see why Heads of Sub-Commissions were not receiving reports.

(i) Repatriation of Italian POW's. AFHQ have agreed to the repatriation of 28,000 POWs.

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(b) Censoring of Mail. A large quantity of mail on behalf of the Italian Government has been sent this week to Public Safety. Col. Chapman said that three clerks in his office had been employed solely to process the mail. He thought that the Italian Ministries accumulated it and then sent it in all at once. The position was getting impossible for Public Safety. They cannot take care of this amount of mail unless they set up a postal service. The VP asked Local Government if they were experiencing the same difficulty. Major Temple said that they still had quite a lot of mail to be processed. Col. Chapman asked if it was possible for the Italian authorities to send all printed material and gazettes through the regular post; also that if one gazette or one printed paper was censored, it would do for all printed matter on the same subject. The VP agreed that this would be a harmless course and he would raise it at the next Executive Commissioner's meeting.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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

NO. 82

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2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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(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.

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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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(a) OVRA. The Executive Commissioner has suggested that Public Safety should contact Ferrari and ask him to give publicity on OVRA, in order to clear up a number of misunderstandings with regard to that body.

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

No. 81.

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(e) Loss of Documents. Claudio Sarni 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.

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(j) The Chief Commissioner's Appeal for Prince Doria's Committee. The CC has signed an appeal asking all in AC to help in any way they can with money or clothes, Prince Doria's Committee for Devastated Areas. The VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to bring this appeal to the attention of their officers.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Maj. Washburne stated that his Minister had asked him to thank the DCOS for all the work he had done in attempting to de-requisition school buildings.

4 AMENDMENT TO MINUTES.

Col. Spicer asked that para 4 (b) of Minutes No 80 should be amended to read: ".....thought it was unwise to pull out of Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region....".

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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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.

(j) The Chief Commissioner's Appeal for Prince Doria's Committee. The CC has signed an appeal asking all in AC to help in any way they can with money or clothes, Prince Doria's Committee for Devastated Areas. The VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to bring this appeal to the attention of their officers.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Maj. Washburne stated that his Minister had asked him to thank the DCOS for all the work he had done in attempting to de-requisition school buildings.

4 AMENDMENT TO MINUTES.

Col. Spicer asked that para 4 (b) of Minutes No 80 should be amended to read: ".....thought it was unwise to pull out of Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region....".

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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PA to VP CA Section.

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

NO 86

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The full list of officers for Italy and Austria will be circulated.

The VP reminded the meeting that the CC had decided there would be no super-Region but 3 Regions as was originally suggested with a small staff and a DCAO at 2 District Headquarters.

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2 GENERAL

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(b) Col. Spicer said that when discussing with Col. Pennybuik, 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.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

LIST OF OFFICERS.

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

NO. 79

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6 FEB 1945

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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 Staff, G-5 and will amalgamate those duties with those of DCCAO.

3 U.N.R.R.A.

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Local Government S/C

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. 525

Ref: A/6.1/CA.

5 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Personnel

TO: All Sub-Commissions and Branches, CA Section.

1 There will be no meeting of Directors of Sub-Commissions tomorrow, (Tuesday, 6 Feb 45) at 1600 hrs.

2 Instead the VP will see directors of Sub-Commissions tomorrow at times mentioned under, to discuss questions of personnel.
(a) Ceiling of Sub-Commissions at Headquarters.
(b) Assignment of officers to Northern Regions.
(c) Remarking of officers for Austria.

As the time of each interview may fluctuate, the PA to the VP will ring each Director in his office when he is required.

Representatives of Establishment Section will be present. Directors will please bring relevant files.

3 Times are as under:

1430 - Displaced Persons and Repatriation S/C.
1500 - Education S/C,
1515 - Legal S/C.
1545 - Local Government S/C.
1600 - Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives S/c.
1615 - Patriots Branch,
1645 - Public Health S/C,
1715 - Public Safety S/C.

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

Copy to: Establishment Section.
(Attn. Col. Jones.)

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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.

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5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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(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.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
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No. 78

18 FEB 1945

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army rations, accommodation, etc., in the field.

(c) Accommodation (1(d) Minutes No. 76.)
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NO. 77

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

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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 devestated 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 material is not being sent in from Sub-Commissions. The VP pointed out the necessity for documents being sent to the Archives Section as someday 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 "ZLS". These would go by the Daily Courier Service and reach their destination at the latest by next day.

(f) Cesano Barracks. Land Forces Sub-Commission have ordered that the Cesano 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 AMG Territory and suggested that it be brought to the attention of Labour and Finance Sub-Commissions. The VP asked him to prepare a memorandum on the matter.

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

25 JAN 1945

NO. 76

Meeting opened at 1606 hrs on Tuesday 23 Jan 45.

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As regards American Officers no replacements will be made. 3855
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 cars especially in the forward areas.

(d) COS visit to Toscana Region. - The COS said that on the whole things were going well in Toscana Region. He was not too pleased with progress at the Patriots Camp at Florence and though that Capt. WASH might be sent there for a time to improve matters.

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

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

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During the week the Carabinieri rounded up the Hunchback (Gobbo) gang in Rome.

(f) Girl Guides in Italy -
Major. WARBOURNE 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. PARKINSON produced two 12 oz. tins of Prem 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.

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CONFIDENTIAL

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

NO. 75

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(i) The COS is going on tour tomorrow, chiefly visiting 5 Army and Toscana Region. The VP asked the meeting to give him at 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.

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

(c) Col. Findlay reported athat the Bishop of Cartona has offered a very large, clean house for accommodating 1,000 refugees.

The meeting closed at 1631 hrs.

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CONFIDENTIAL

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
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NO. 76

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

1 The VP introduced Lord Schuster 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. Cripps 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.

(c) The Situation in Sicily. Col. Chapman said that Lt. Col. Brook had telephoned that afternoon stating that the situation was very much more favourable. It was felt that there might be a new outbreak in the south west of the island.

(d) Overcrowding in the Regina Coeli Prison. The VP said he had discussed the question with Legal and very little could be done with regard to hastening the disposal of cases by altering the rules of procedure. The question of obtaining more judges has been gone into by Legal Sub-Commission. Col. Behrens said the main drawback was lack of transport. The VP asked Col. Behrens to press the matter further and he felt that the Italian Government should be persuaded to supply transport.

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.

(b) Showing of Secret Signals to the Italian Government. The COS has 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 Bagnes 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

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(d) Overcrowding in the Regina Coeli Prison. The VP said he had discussed the question with Legal and very little could be done with regard to hastening the disposal of cases by altering the rules of procedure. The question of obtaining more judges has been gone into by Legal Sub-Commission. Col. Behrens said the main drawback was lack of transport. The VP asked Col. Behrens to press the matter further and he felt that the Italian Government should be persuaded to supply transport.

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.

(b) Showing of Secret Signals to the Italian Government. The COS has 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 Rescue 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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(d) San Marino. The Republic of San Marino have objected to the action of the Regional Commissioner of Emilia Region in withdrawing the liaison officer. This action had been taken as the liaison officer has nothing to do. At the present time he goes to San Marino twice a week. Probably he would be re-instated as we had a surplus of officers.

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(i) The VP had mentioned the dissatisfaction of many officers with regard to their accommodation, especially as regards the Flora Hotel. The COS and the Camp Commendent are taking the matter up to see what improvements can be made.

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(c) Relationships with the Vatican. Col. De Wald said that his Sub-Commission are endeavouring to improve their relationships with the Vatican and enlist their co-operation.

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

NO. 73

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(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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(o) There is a distinctly grave situation in Sicily near Ragusa - 200 rioters had blown up bridges, cut communications and attacked the CC.RR. General Ronca 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.

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NO. 72

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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.

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

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Lt. Col. Grossman 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.

(a) Brig. Parkinson asked if there was any truth in the "Daily Digest of Rome Press", Jan 3, page 5, where it was stated that it had been put over the air that the burial blankets of soldiers were to be used for refugees.

Lt. Col. Craig to follow the matter up and probably a counter statement should be issued.

(b) Lt. Col. Penfield stated that he had had notification that his photographic supplies, materials and cameras had been sent over here by CA Section, Washington.

Meeting closed at 1710 hrs.

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PA to VP CA Section.

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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.

(a) Brig. Parkinson asked if there was any truth in the "Daily Digest of Rome Press", Jan 3, page 5, where it was stated that it had been put over the air that the burial blankets of soldiers were to be used for refugees.

Lt. Col. Craig to follow the matter up and probably a counter statement should be issued.

(b) Lt. Col. De"ald stated that he had had notification that his photographic supplies, materials and cameras had been sent over here by C/ S ction, "eshington.

Meeting closed at 1710 hrs.

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

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ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF G (G-3) SECTIONS UNDER THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No 71

Meeting opened at 1610 hrs on Wednesday, 7 Jun 44.

1 The VC introduced Lt Colonel Robertson who has very kindly come to answer questions with regard to the operation of the transport pool.

a) Col. Spicer enquired whether it was not possible to extend the ½ hour retention of taxis to an hour. Col. Robertson said he was carrying out policy laid down by U.S. dep. Washington. This difficulty could easily be overcome if officers would ring Dispatch and ask for a car instead of a taxi, giving a special reason, such as a visit to a Ministry, etc.

b) The question was then brought up with regard to accommodation for Italian civilian and military drivers outside hours. Col. Robertson said there were the following rulings :

(i) AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No 65, para 9 dated 26 Dec 43 - (allowances).

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c) Col. Robertson said that at Reg HQ, it should be easy to accommodate Italian Army drivers with the Italian Army personnel stationed in the vicinity. Col. Robertson is taking up with the Establishment Section the suggestion that at lower levels than Regions, they should have lists of lodgings and rates fixed for Italian drivers.

d) Drivers have been instructed what to do in emergencies.

e) Visits to AFHQ to attend meetings usually held at 1030 a.m. Col. Robertson said that air passages were available and the previous evening was generally sufficient notice. Also he hoped/arrange again alternative a coach with sleeping accommodation on the night train to Naples.

f) Col. Chapman said that when trying to get a car from the Super Garage he found that apparently 3 good cars were being held there for a Col. Fisher. Col. Robertson said he would take this up.

g) Col. Robertson said he would like to impress on officers that a personal visit to the Dispatch Office is very much better than long letters on the subject of cars. Also, if officers had any queries to do with cars, would they ring up the Dispatch Office and not the Super Garage.

2 Points from last meeting, held on Friday, 29 Dec 44

a) The question of Garbage in Livorno. - No report has yet been received by Public Health.

b) The handover of education in Naples. - The new Minister is to be installed in Naples on the 8 Jun 44 and a letter had been prepared for the signature of the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister stating that when he had been installed education in Naples would be handed over. The VC thought Maj. Whitborne should give Maj. Murphy instructions to start making preparations for the handover.

c) Ambulances for Italy. - Brig. Robinson has written to 5 Army offering them 5 ambulances to be sponsored by an Italian Committee.

d) Tyres for Ambulances. - The VC said that the Secretary General of the Italian [illegible]

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c) Ambulances for Army. - Brig. Parkinson has written to G Army offering those 5 ambulances to be sponsored by an Italian Committee.

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e) Report on Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/Cdr Ayre. - The VI wished Maj. Pearce to get a full and comprehensive report by Thursday evening of the position of the DP's & Women's Transport.

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f) Col. Findlay reported there were still not many refugees coming through on the east side. Numbers were rising slowly on the western side.

g) Priorities for allocation of Clothing. - The VI said a small committee had been formed of the VI, Economic Section, Chief Staff Officer Economic Section and Col. Crippa, Civil Affairs Section, to consider priorities allocation. The first meeting will be held very soon. Sub-Commissions to submit their indents to the Secretariat. An order will be before the Chief Commissioner at the present moment.
It appears that for allocation at the first meeting there are 10,000 outerwear and 85,000 boots (in old repair). Col. Spicer said there were 2,000 pairs of boots to be released immediately on A.F.H.Q. authority for patriots.
Col. Crippa said he had just had a telephone conversation with Col. Butterworth who said that PBS, Leghorn had 1,000 raincoats available for patriots, intending to be done through Land Forces Sub-Commission. The only thing was that these raincoats had to be marked "CAV" in 4" letters on the back. Also that 1,000 raincoats are available for issue from British sources in Naples. The same marking has to be done on the backs of these.

3 Points from the Sub Meeting.

a) Formation of 2665 - The VI raised orig. Resolution to explain the formation of the new 2665 Medical Depot.
AFHQ. have now constituted a new central civilian medical Depot No 2665 which will ignore the Medical Supply Branch of Dept. of Public Health. One officer will be attached at AFHQ headquarters as a "trouble shooter", to advise and supervise the activities of UNRRA (the distributing Agency for the Italian Government) and also to supervise supplies to 5th and 8th Armies Areas.

b) Olive Oil and Soling - The Italian Government has put forward a formal request for 100 officers and 100 E/Os and some transport to assess olive oil in the South. The VI said he was very much against this policy which was now before the Chief Commissioner for decision.

c) Electoral Lists - The SCs have agreed that AC should assist the Italian Government to transport electoral papers and lists in AMG territory for the elections in the Spring.

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4 GENERAL

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(i) to set up a Forward Headquarters.
(ii) to delegate greater powers to the Regional Commissioner, and
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Also to consider, if supporting the 3rd suggestion what powers could be delegated to the Provincial Commissioner.
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3 Points from the SCC Meeting.

a) Formation of SCAL - The VP asked Brig. Parkinson to explain the formation of the new 260% Medical Depot.
AMGOTs have now constituted a new central civilian medical Depot No 260% which will absorb the medical supply branch of Public Health. One officer will be retained at HQ Caserta as a "trouble shooter", to advise and supervise the activities of S.C.I.T.A. (the distributing agency for the Italian Government) and also to supervise supplies to 5th and 8th Armies Areas.

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c) Addressing of Cables. - Instructions with regard to the addressing of cables to ..TO, are being circulated to all Sub-Commissions.

d) Directors leaving this HQ. - The VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to inform him 3 days before hand when they intended to go on a tour or leave Rome for more than a day trip.

e) Electric Induction. - The VP asked Col. Grossman to get a list from Lt. Col. Frankford of the electric interrupters who have to do essential work at home and therefore should have a 24 hours supply of electricity.

5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICES.

a) Col. Spicer inquired if the 100,000 Gen. Alexander's Certificates in stock should be corrected with Field Marshal Alexander's rank, or should Field Marshal Alexander's name be blocked out entirely and his successor's name substituted. The VP said he would like to take the matter after the meeting.

b) Maj. Cheverne stated that he would like to report that all Education Officers were leaving Sorrento, Thursday, for an Education Conference in Florence, they would be back on Monday. The VP said that he could not agree with this and that one officer must remain in the Sub-Commissions Office.

c) Col. Mappin said that he would like to inform the meeting that all Military Travel Authorities (MTA) for all visits to Rome in future to go through Public Safety (at that time to G-2, AFHQ). AFHQ had agreed to this and are putting out instructions to their previous order.

d) Col. Chapman said that he would also like to report that a number of vehicles checks had been instituted in Rome and that all drivers should be instructed to stop when ordered to do so by uniformed police or Carabinieri. The VP asked Col. Chapman to check that AFHQ are putting this order out in their Orders so that it can be repeated in AC Orders.

e) Col. Griggs said that Col. Ingleson, had just telephoned to say that the call-up in Florence will be taking place in February - 10,000 in Dec. then 10,000 in March. An official letter will be sent later. Col. Chapman to warn Public Safety Officer in Florence of this.

The meeting closed at 1710 hours.

T.C. TAVEY Jr Lt Col
for Lt Col P.C. Peckham

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CONFIDENTIAL

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

NO. 70

2 JAN 1945

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

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(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.

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2 Points from the Chief Commissioner's Meeting.

(a) News Agencies. A tentative agreement has been reached to allow outside News Agencies such as Reuter to operate in this country. Final approval by Field Marshal Alexander is awaited.

(b) Reception of Count Carandini. Heads of Sub-Commissions may have seen in the papers that Carandini got a cold reception in London. On the contrary, Mr. Hopkinson said that he was extremely pleased and touched by the reception he got in London and this was confirmed by Gen. Browning who had returned with Carandini. Count Carandini is to be entrusted with the care of Italian POWs and internees in England.

(c) The question of garbage in Livorno. Public Health is asking for a report.

3 Points from the Chief of Staff's Meeting.

(a) Requests for the Handover of Education in Naples. The Italian Government have again asked for Education to be handed over to the Italian authorities. The VP said he was waiting to see how the position of the Sindaco of Naples clarified, as he does not wish to hand over the Education in Naples until the new Sindaco is appointed.

(b) Honours and Awards from Italian Universities. Maj. Washburn's enquiry as to whether, if he accepted the honourary membership of the University, he would be disobeying the instructions in Establishment Memorandum No. 26 was brought up at the Chief of Staff's meeting. The meeting felt Maj. Washburn might properly write and thank the University for their very kind offer if he felt so inclined. The Chief Commissioner, however, is writing a letter to the Prime Minister, asking him to inform all Ministers of the contents of Establishment Memorandum No. 26.

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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 VP 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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(b) The COS is asking Public Relations Officer and the VP to consider the propriety of initiating examinations for officers in Italian and to arrange some certificate if they pass.

(c) Occupation of North West Italy. Communications will be difficult and Col. Shipp had submitted an interesting Memorandum to the COS on the best method of dealing with this. There are two alternatives:
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All Sub-Commissions will please consider the question of delegation of further powers to Regions and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

(d) Economic Section has prepared an extremely good Appreciation and Plan for N.W. Italy. The VP is very keen to co-ordinate the plans of the different Sub-Commissions. He asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to give the question some thought and to have their plans ready for discussion at next Tuesday's meeting. For instance, in the case of Local Government it may be necessary to permit RCs to appoint Prefects and the confirmation to be given afterwards, in fact, the forward Regions to be treated as an Army Area. Legal should consider the appointment of panels for General Courts. The VP will send round a Memorandum on this matter.

(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.

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(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 avereging 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 telegrem had arrived from AFHQ giving authority for clothing for patriots.

(d) Brig. Parkinson 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.

Col. Findlay said his position was very difficult as he had held his hands on collecting clothing and his stocks were very low.

(f) Repatriation of Italian Patriots in France for Enlistment in the Italian Army. It was felt that this is a question for the Land Forces Sub-Commission. It was not proposed to repatriate any other Patriots.

(g) Col. Cripps said that AFHQ have directed that in future AFHQ Local Resources Board will be responsible for deciding requisitioning problems on the spot but that the Board must be provided with clear cut cases on both sides.

He had been asked to supply to AFHQ the reason for the requisitioning of Pisa University Medical School, and had merely been told it was for operational reasons. The VP stated it was not for us to make out the case for the opposition.

6 Transportation Question.

(a) The VP hoped that Col. Robertson would be present to answer these questions; in his absence Col. Cripps said that with regard to:-

(i) Instructions to Drivers. Drivers are given instructions as to how to act in an emergency - e.g. when assaulted by Allied soldiers.

(ii) Length of time for keeping Taxis. The question as to whether taxis should be kept for an hour or for a half-hour was under consideration by Establishment Section.

(b) Civilian and Military Drivers going to Regions. It was stated that instructions had been issued to Regional Commissioners with regard to their responsibility for seeing that accommodation was provided or obtained for civilian drivers. Maj. Reakes is making enquiries to find these instructions. So far, reference has been given to Establishment Memorandum No. 30 and Daily Bulletin No. 218 which concerns civilian employees travelling allowances, and rations but not billeting accommodation.

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(f) Repatriation of Italian Patriots in France for Enlistment in the Italian Army. It was felt that this is a question for the Land Forces Sub-Commission. It was not proposed to repatriate any other Patriots.

(g) Col. Cripps said that AFHQ have directed that in future AFHQ Local Resources Board will be responsible for deciding requisitioning problems on the spot but that the Board must be provided with clear cut cases on both sides.

He had been asked to supply to AFHQ the reason for the requisitioning of Pise University Medical School, and had merely been told it was for operational reasons. The VP stated it was not for us to make out the case for the opposition.

6 Transportation Question.

(a) The VP hoped that Col. Robertson would be present to answer these questions; in his absence Col. Cripps said that with regard to:-

(i) Instructions to Drivers. Drivers are given instructions as to how to act in an emergency - e.g. when assaulted by Allied soldiers.

(ii) Length of time for keeping Taxis. The question as to whether taxis should be kept for an hour or for a half-hour was under consideration by Establishment Section.

(b) Civilian and Military Drivers going to Regions. It was stated that instructions had been issued to Regional Commissioners with regard to their responsibility for seeing that accommodation was provided or obtained for civilian drivers. Maj. Reakes is making enquiries to find these instructions. So far, reference has been given to Establishment Memorandum No. 30 and Daily Bulletin No. 218 which concerns civilian employees travelling allowances, and rations but not billeting accommodation.

The meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
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NO. 69

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officers to use an interpreter for all professional conversations. This should not affect those who were really bi-lingual (mainly Allied nationals of Italian origin).

(b) Public Relations Officer had not yet issued a directive with regard to press conferences.

3 Points arising from the VP's visit to London.

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Amendment to Minutes No. 67. Col. Spicer asked for the word "appointed" in the second line of para 2 (b) to be replaced by the word "submitted" in the minutes of the meeting held on Friday, the 15 Dec 44.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs. should be 2(g)

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
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NO. 48

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Col. Spicer stated that he had 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 represent this at the next COS meeting.

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Points from COS Meeting.

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Brig. Lowe is holding a conference next week on the question of deserters and brigands. Col. Behrens to attend.

(d) Christmas Day. Those in key positions are to leave instructions as to where they can be found during the day. It was decided that one Duty Officer should be on duty for Public Safety, Public Health and Legal and one Duty Officer for Local Government, Patriots and Civil Affairs. Arrangements as to Clerks to be made later.

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(f) Black Market. It was announced that the Black Market Control Section in Lazio Region will not now come under the control of Public Safety Sub-Commission.

(g) Riot in Sicily. The COS was concerned over 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 Drivers in Rome. There is now an average of 15 casualties a day in Rome caused by Allied drivers. This might be due to driving too fast or possibly to the carelessness and jaywalking of pedestrians.

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A letter is to be sent to Rome Area on the subject.

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NO. 67

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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 latter would be signed by the Senior Officer of the Section. Col. Shipp is also to clarify layout of letters and communications with the Italian Government. No immediate action to be taken.

(e) Threats to Workers when leaving the Allies 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.

(f) Christmas Holidays. Christmas Day is to be treated like a Sunday. Brig. Perkinson asked Heads of Sub-Commissions how they arranged the one day a week off. He felt that before any change was made, CA Section should await the VP's return. The A/VP felt personally that it was best to leave it to the Heads of Sub-Commissions to decide.

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With regard to Christmas Day it was decided to have one duty officer on duty all day for CA Section, Brig. Perkinson volunteering for the afternoon. The question of clerks will be decided later - whether there should be one clerk for the Section or one clerk per Sub-Commission.

Maj. Reakes enquired whether the same was to apply for New Year's Day.

(g) Statement by Nenni in London Press. Local Government is checking and making a report on Nenni's statement that of the 57 Prefects ~~appointed~~ submitted only 3 have been approved by AC. Col. Spicer stated that he wished to make it quite clear that no inquiries were made or records kept as to the politics of Prefects.

(h) Complaint from G-5. G-5 complained that four or five different approaches were being made to them on return of Prisoners of War. They are prepared to accept correspondence on that subject through 2 channels - Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions.

(i) Security in 8th Army. Complaints have been received that the Italian Government were sending documents in Italian to Prefects through Public Safety without translations.

Lt. Col. White to investigate this matter.

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 COS meeting whether this correspondence should be allowed to continue.

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With regard to Christmas Day it was decided to have one duty officer on duty all day for G/ Section, Brig. Parkinson volunteering for the afternoon. The question of clerks will be decided later - whether there should be one clerk for the Section or one clerk per Sub-Commission.

Maj. Rooks enquired whether the same was to apply for New Year's Day.

(g) Statement by Nenni in London Press. Local Government is checking and making a report on Nenni's statement that of the 57 Prefects ~~appointed~~ submitted only 9 have been approved by AC. Col. Spicer stated that he wished to make it quite clear that no inquiries were made or records kept as to the politics of Prefects.

(h) Complaint from G-5. G-5 complained that four or five different approaches were being made to them on return of Prisoners of War. They are prepared to accept correspondence on that subject through 2 channels - Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions.

(i) Security in 8th Army. Complaints have been received that the Italian Government were sending documents in Italian to Prefects through Public Safety without translations.

Lt. Col. White to investigate this matter.

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 COS 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/VP 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 MTOUSA.

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 R/C and their

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authority must be obtained before the glass could be removed from all offices in AC. The Prime Minister's consent has already been given but that is not enough.

The G.T. Company had not arrived in Aquila but was expected any time. The food was coming in satisfactorily.

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Col. Spicer also wished to know whether any particular use was obtained from the Censorship Reports by Hords 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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On three occasions he had had to pay 200 lire a night after looking for a long time for accommodation. Several other officers agreed with this view and felt that some provision should be made immediately for Italian drivers so that when they arrived at their destination they could go straight to their billets.

The A/VP asked Col. Cripps to take this matter up.

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Meeting closed at 1710.hrs.

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

NO. 66

17 DEC 1944

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 15 Dec 44.

A/VP, Brig. Parkinson was in the Chair.

The A/VP outlined points raised at this morning's Chief of Staff's meeting:

(a) Status of Italian POWs & WD. It has been recommended that Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission be transferred to Land Forces Sub-Commission. The transfer of the War Materials Disposal half of the Sub-Commission is still under consideration. The CC said that he was opposed to attaching War Materials Disposal to the Economic Section and that it should remain independent.
This question is being looked into.

(b) UNRRA are being asked to sign the usual agreement with the Italian Government before they start to operate.

(c) Prison Ration. This question was again brought up. The CC felt strongly that before a cut was made in the Rome ration a full report should be put in.
The question was also discussed as to whether the ration should be cut at once or gradually.
Col. Chapman and Lt. Col. White expressed the opinion that the ration should be brought down to 350 grams in one cut and not gradually. It was better to get any disturbance there may be over once and for all than having a disturbance at every cut.
1 Jan 45 was mentioned as being the probable date for cutting the ration, but the A/VP pointed out that the actual order had not yet been given.

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(e) Security in Rome. This question was also discussed. Lt. Col. White reported that a letter to AFHQ was already in draft and would be forwarded to Public Safety that day.
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(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/VP reported that UNRRA is applying for shipping from the Pool although there is to be a 10% cut in the Pool. To provide the 300 gram ration throughout the country needs 8 ships per month. (4448)

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(i) Personnel A/VP reported that an experiment is being tried out by replacing non-technical officers by others. Col. Gevers has been replaced by Col. Pace (a Public Health Officer) as R.T.H.O.

(j) AFHQ 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-5. AFHQ are always ready to help if a good case is made. Letters will be so framed 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 interfering with the military situation was also raised.
The A/VP pointed out that if this condition was allowed to go on it would get out of hand. The question was asked whether the Italian Government should be asked to take action. Lt. Col. White suggested that freedom of the Press at the present time meant "Freedom to Lie, Freedom to Distort, and Freedom to Exaggerate". The question of suppressing Avanti for a time was discussed. Lt. Col. White stated that he had referred to this matter in his report on Security in Rome.

(l) Newsprint. The A/VP reported that there was now a surplus of 400 tons a month, and he pointed out that they are better off here than at home. Before cutting import of newsprint down, A/VP asked Education Sub-Commission if they had sufficient supplies and Maj. Washburne replied that they had plenty.

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2 Transport. The question of taxis was raised by Col. Chapman. He stated that one of his officers, walking back from lunch, had seen 12 taxis filled with civilians. This matter should be gone into as it was impossible for his officers to get taxis. In his opinion, Pooling was bad. Since the commencement of the Pool, Col. Robertson had reported that many tyres, mirrors, wheels, etc., had been stolen. At that rate we shouldn't have 50% of the cars left within 30 days.

Col. Spicer suggested that there should be one car, one driver, to one Sub-Commission.

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.

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3 Future Policy for Restored Italy. Col. Spicer reported that from an interview he had had with the Prime Minister he gained the impression that the Italian Government wanted to take over Local Government. The A/VP pointed out this was one of the matters Mr. MacMillan is putting before London and Washington.

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4 Patriots. Col. Spicer reported that a High Commissioner for Patriots ~~[illegible]~~ is now under consideration vice Comitato Liberato Nazionale.

5 Promotions. After a question by Col. Spicer, Col. Chapman outlined the system of promotions in the American Army.

6 Duty Officers. Lt. Col. White reported that in the COS'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 CA 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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8 Communications with Florence. Maj. Washburne reported that communications either to or from Florence were taking a long time and something should be done. Upon enquiry it appeared that communications took between 4 and 9 days.

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The meeting closed at 1734 hours.

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

NO. 65

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Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday, 12 Dec 44.

The A/VP, Brig. Parkinson, was in the chair.

1 Points from last meeting, held 5 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".

Amended. 13/12. HW. Para 20 (a) line 1. Delete: "PWB" and insert "PBS". After "Military" insert "Police".

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Several buildings were discussed including schools on which a report is being prepared.

Col. Spicer mentioned that many museums, etc., of the Ministry of Interior which have records, etc., stored therein have been requisitioned. Application for the Ministry of Interior to take over these buildings again has met with no success and the only answer received is to the effect that they are required for military purposes and that the Ministry of Interior should collect their records, etc.

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(b) Repatriation of Italians from Eritrea. There are 80,000 Italians in Eritrea and of these, employment can only be found for 10,000. There are 5,600 on relief. It is considered by the BMA that the 30,000 surplus should be transferred to the mainland. This question effects all Civil Affairs Sub-Commissions. It has been agreed that requests for their transfer should come either from the Italian Government or the British Government.

Eritrea seems anxious to get rid of these surplus Italians and lists have been prepared giving names, addresses, occupations, etc., which have been left with the Commission so that when the time comes and the Italian Government asks, priorities can be selected.

It was pointed out that if these people knew the food situation they might not want to move.

There might be undesirables amongst them - Eritrea has been out of the war for a long time and there might be Fascists whom the Commission might not want back. Also there must be some place for them to go. They would aggravate the food problem.

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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.

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(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 CC.RR. Col. Chapman reported that 5,000 troops had now reported for duty with CC.RR. 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. Will 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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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 64

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The Acting Vice President, Brig. Perkinson, was in the chair.

1 Points from last meeting, held 6 Dec 44.

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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 Commune 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 Communes. The A/VP reported that a letter had been circulated to all Commissioners asking for their views on the subject.

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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.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
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NO. 63

17 - DEC 1944

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 5 Dec 44.

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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.

3 North West Italy. The first conference for planning for North-West Italy will be held on Friday, 8 Dec 44. The VP enquired whether there had been any reply to Public Safety's enquiry on frontier control. Col. Cripps to check.

4 Giving of Reports to Unauthorised Persons. The VP stated that he wished to draw the attention of all Heads of Sub-Commissions to the fact that it had been reported that monthly reports and other reports have been getting into unofficial hands. Care should be taken that this does not occur.

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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.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
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NO. 62

14 - DEC 1944

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8. The Italian Government has expressed grave concern at excessive purchases by the French and Yugoslaves of food and war materials. In AMG territory AC would not hestitate 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.

13. The VP stated that he had read in Major Fielden's bulletin that all but two of the Sicilian Prefects appointed by AMG had been removed. Capt. Temple said that he thought that the statement was correct but pointed out that many of the Prefects had been transferred to other appointments and no removal had been made except with the consent of AC.

14. The VP reported that Major Driffield White had discussed with him the return of Italian soldiers from Greece. Subject to the concurrence of the Land Forces Sub-Commission it had been agreed that all such returning soldiers would be dealt with on the lines laid down in the AFHQ order of the 1st November, 1944, i.e. they would be the responsibility of the Land Forces Sub-Commission with the assistance of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, and FII District.

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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.

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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.

13. The VP stated that he had read in Major Fielden's bulletin that all but two of the Sicilian Prefects appointed by AMG had been removed. Capt. Temple said that he thought that the statement was correct but pointed out that many of the Prefects had been transferred to other appointments and no removal had been made except with the consent of AC.

14. The VP reported that Major Driffield White had discussed with him the return of Italian soldiers from Greece. Subject to the concurrence of the Land Forces Sub-Commission it had been agreed that all such returning soldiers would be dealt with on the lines laid down in the AFHQ order of the 1st November, 1944, i.e. they would be the responsibility of the Land Forces Sub-Commission with the assistance of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, and FII District.

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18. Col. Cripps 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 patri[illegible] 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 AMG 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.

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

NO. 61

28 NOV 1944

Meeting opened at 1610 hrs on 28 Nov 44.
Col. Cripps was in the Chair owing to the DP's absence.

1 Col. Cripps reported that Lord Halifax has sent a telegram suggesting that steps might be taken to compete against the poor press received by AC/AMG. It has been suggested that part of Maj. Fielden's History of AC should be employed for this purpose.

2 Brig. Lush has ordered Col. Cripps 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. Cripps will circulate their second Memorandum which deals with the Italian Government.

4 The matter of removing the officers from Chiancieno 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. A few 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 workings of the transport pool. This is to start operating on 1 Dec 44, and be in full operation by 7 Dec 44.

6 Maj. Washburne reported that, as recently stated, an officer in Education Sub-Commission lost a car which he has 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. Fothergill 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. Temple 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 can work with the Italian Government, taxis are not available.

9 Lt. Col. White asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to check when drafting telegrams as the COS 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 region cannot be reached by telegram, information should be sent by ELS. The names of Sub-Commissions, if it was essential to give that information, should be given in the body of the telegram.

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VP's MEETING OF HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS
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office (Brig. Perkinson, Col Craig, Col Findlay, Col Spicer, Col Cripps). 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 Wayne, Col Montford and several other people and it was decided that 5 and 8 Armies should be prepared to receive bands of patriots and for this purpose they were starting up camps under a Patriots Branch officer who would be assigned to 5 and 8 Army respectively for that purpose. 5 Army could supply all their own operating officers but 8 Army required a Camp Commandant. It is hoped that a ruling may be obtained from AFHQ stating that patriots may be considered as Italian soldiers for hospitalisation, feeding and clothing.

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