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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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hrs 1215
4 JAN 1947
FISCAL DIVISION

Ref. : 2622/23/50

4 January 1947

SUBJECT: Liquidation of A.C.

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TO : Executive Commissioner
Director, Economic Division
Financial Advisor
Director, Legal Division
Executive Officer (A)
Executive Officer (B)
C.S.O. to Executive Commissioner

Reference is made to Executive Order no.39 dated 13 Dec.46

There will be a meeting of the Committee in the Executive Commissioner's Office on Monday 6 January 1947 at ~~1500~~ hrs. 1600 hrs.

It is requested that all members will be present.

BY ORDER OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Chief of Branch CONFIDENTIAL

7 February 1947

Ref.: LACAB/210/GB

MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING
11 FEBRUARY 1947

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2. Travel Orders. Ex.O. (A) confirmed that the Adjutant no longer had authority to issue travel orders and stated that for the time being applications would have to be made to RAAC who would issue orders as required. Lt. Col. Ross said that he had raised this question with Col. Hamblen who would examine the matter. He thought that AFHQ would probably issue a directive shortly.

3. Visit of Hoover Committee. Chief of Branch said that a signal had been received regarding the forthcoming visit of Mr. Hoover and asking for this Branch to prepare certain data and statistics on the food situation in ITALY for the information of Mr. Hoover. Chief of Branch did not consider that this was a matter for LACAB but for UNRRA, and he was taking the question up with CASERTA.

4. Economic Situation. Col. Walbach reported that there were sufficient stocks of wheat on hand for 23 days. Ships signalled to arrive up to 22 March 47 would give a further 3 days supply. Venezia Giulia would be supplied up to 24 March. This was allowing for the loans which had to be repaid.

5. Public Safety. Director P. Safety Div. said that there were no casualties reported as a result of the demonstrations which took place on 10 Feb.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
20 January 1947

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning 22 January 1947, at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room.

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Major Air Corps
Staff Officer toCC.

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LEGAL DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
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16 January 1947

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 15 JANUARY 1947

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1. Liquidation of A.C. EC stated that with regard to the preliminary plan for the run down of A.C. upon which recommendations had been submitted to AFHQ on 23 December 1946, a reply had now been received to the effect that approval was given to the termination or handover to the permanent civil authorities of certain functions presently being performed by A.C. Directors of Divisions concerned with the termination of these functions had already been informed. EC then gave a brief summary of the functions concerned and an explanation on how these should be terminated or handed over.

EC stated that as certain functions were terminated attention must be given to further reductions in the number of civilian personnel employed within A.C. He noted that the figures for the month of December had decreased from 710 to 677 but there was still room for further reductions. He instructed all present to keep this question to the fore.

EC informed the meeting that three documents had been received from the Council of Foreign Ministers all dealing with the Free Territory of Trieste. These documents would first be passed to Legal Division and Financial Advisor after which they would be available on loan from the Executive Commissioner's Office.

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4. Repatriation of Italian Army Personnel. Col. Pidsley stated that there were still about 1,000 Italian Army personnel awaiting repatriation to their homes in the Balkans and ex-Italian Colonies. These men were unable to be discharged for this

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reason and the Italian War Ministry were requesting advice on how these men should be treated as they were now too old for further useful military service. EC stated that in his opinion this was primarily a matter for the Italian Government.

J. H. Hunt Smith

Lt. Colonel.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Ref: 210/EC

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11 January 1947

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EC announced the extent of progress which had been made so far on plans for the run down of AC. He said that the Coordinating Committee which had been formed had met frequently over the past weeks to make recommendations to the CC. The first recommendations had been sent to AFHQ, G-5, on 23 December 1946 and their approval or otherwise was now awaited.

2. Monthly Reports. EC stated that although it had been recommended that the AC Monthly Report for November should be the last no approval of this recommendation had been received from AFHQ and that Directors and Heads of Divisions should be prepared to submit a monthly report for December if this was required by AFHQ. Directors of Divisions would be informed when the matter had been further discussed with CC.

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Lt.Colonel, RA.
Chief Staff Officer.

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

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EDWARD D.S.SULLIVAN
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Staff Officer to CC.

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23 December 1946

SUBJECT: Executive Commissioner Meeting.

TO : See Distribution below.

The next Executive Commissioner's Meeting will be held at 0930 hrs on Monday 30 Dec.46 instead of Tuesday 31 Dec.46.

L. D. Mead-Wright
Lt-Col.
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. 210/250/30 21 December 1946

SUBJECT: Executive Commissioner Meeting

TO : See distribution

The usual weekly meeting held by the Executive Commissioner on Tuesdays will not take place next week.

F. McMaster Gf/cmd 4/5

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

13 December 1946.

MINUTES of a Meeting held at 1600 hours, 10 December 1946, in the Chief Commissioners Conference Room, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome, to discuss the subject of Identification of Welfare Agency Personnel and Vehicles.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brig Carr, Lieut Col Hind-Smith, Col Purdy, Maj Martin, Lieut Col Hammaford, Capt Ellis, all from the Allied Commission; Maj Osmond and Major Wyatt from UNRRA; Mr. Trobe from AJDC; Dr Varino, Dr Pignattaro and Prince Colonna from the Italian Government; Mr Hankey from the British Embassy; and Mr. Greene from the U.S. Embassy.

The Chief Commissioner opened the meeting by referring to the letter of 3 December 1946 from the Supreme Allied Commander directing that the Chief Commissioner convene a conference between representatives of UNRRA and AJDC, of the United States and British Embassies in Rome, and the Italian Government to determine the most feasible method of assuring that personnel and vehicles of the two principal Welfare organisations concerned should not be mistaken for military personnel and vehicles.

The Chief Commissioner asked if anyone present had any objection to the propriety or even desirability of having a clear indentification of vehicles used by UNRRA and the American Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC) and of their personnel who wear uniforms similar in appearance to Allied military uniforms. There was no objection.

The Chief Commissioner stated that the suggestion had been made that identification of the staffs and vehicles of welfare agencies be such that the Italian authorities would not feel that they were doing something improper in stopping an UNRRA or AJDC vehicle to satisfy themselves that the movement of that vehicle was a legal one. He added that the Supreme Allied Commander felt that there was a tendency for the Italians, whose cooperation with the Military was well known, to hesitate in the stopping of such non-military vehicles in the mistaken assumption that the vehicles were military vehicles. Dr. Pignattaro added that the question of identification and movement of DP's and vehicles was connected with the general problem of the control of foreigners in Italy at present under consideration. On the other hand, he stated, the Italians were anxious to cooperate. 1 2

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The Chief Commissioner asked Mr. Trobe if AJDC would have any objection if the Italian Government took the same action as above with regard to the illegal movement of AJDC DP's. Mr. Trobe replied that he would be glad to accept such action on the part of the Italian authorities.

The Chief Commissioner asked who was responsible for the movement of DP's outside the camps. Maj Wyatt replied that UNRRA DP's were allowed to leave the camps but they should have leave passes in their possession. All UNRRA DP's have DP indetity cards. In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Maj Wyatt said that generally speaking UNRRA DP's were not furnished with clothing which could resemble military uniforms.

Mr. Trobe stated that all Jewish DP's in Italy received UNRRA services. They were either located in UNRRA camps, where they receive AJDC supplementary assistance, or in collective groups where they pooled the individual assistance, or they lived separately in town. The two groups outside the camps were allowed a good deal of liberty.

INDENTIFICATION OF WELFARE AGENCY STAFF PERSONNEL.

The Chief Commissioner stated that a suggestion had been made that staff personnel of the welfare agencies should wear an "UNRRA" or "AJDC" shoulder patch to enable Italian authorities to determine quickly that such personnel were not Allied military personnel. Neither UNRRA nor AJDC had any objection to this proposal but DR. Pignattaro stated that conditions by which the Italians could assert control were such that the mere wearing of a patch would not be sufficient to enable the Italians to determine whether personnel were UNRRA, AJDC or military personnel. Dr. Pignattaro suggested that welfare agency personnel should wear a uniform of a different colour and cut.

In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Mr. Trobe stated that many DP's on the AJDC staff wore quasi-military uniforms that had been issued to them. However, Mr. Trobe stated that if the wearing of the uniforms was an obstacle to proper identification he would study the problem with a view to doing away with the wearing of uniforms by AJDC personnel.

Major Wyatt stated that UNRRA non-Italian staff personnel were divided into the following groups: (a) Allied civilians, who did not wear military uniforms, (b) U.S. Public Health Service personnel who were military personnel and subject to military law: (c) British service personnel seconded to UNRRA who had the right to wear military uniform but when so doing were subject to military law; and (d) personnel of various voluntary organisations attached to UNRRA, such as Jewish Relief, Catholic Charities, etc., who were military type uniforms with a shoulder patch identifying their organisation. In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Major Wyatt stated that there was no order prohibiting the wearing of uniforms, as such an order would be a hardship on Italian employees such as drivers who were furnished with military uniforms.

Major Wyatt stated that UNRRA would be prepared to dye these uniforms a distinctive colour, and Mr. Trobe stated that AJDC could likewise dye the uniforms. Dr. Pignattaro suggested that the uniforms be dyed a dark blue, in order to make ready identification, and also recommended the use of a shoulder patch. Major Wyatt agreed to notify the AC within two days as to the time necessary to complete the dyeing, but he stated, however, that UNRRA

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Major Wyatt stated that UNRRA non-Italian staff personnel were divided into the following groups: (a) Allied civilians, who did not wear military uniforms, (b) U.S. Public Health Service personnel who were military personnel and subject to military law: (c) British service personnel seconded to UNRRA who had the right to wear military uniform but when so doing were subject to military law; and (d) personnel of various voluntary organizations attached to UNRRA, such as Jewish Relief, Catholic Charities, etc., who wore military type uniforms with a shoulder patch identifying their organization. In reply to the Chief Commissioner's question, Major Wyatt stated that there was no order prohibiting the wearing of uniforms, as such an order would be a hardship on Italian employees such as drivers who were furnished with military uniforms.

Major Wyatt stated that UNRRA would be prepared to dye these uniforms a distinctive colour, and Mr. Trobe stated that AJDC could likewise dye the uniforms. Dr. Pignattaro suggested that the uniforms be dyed a dark blue, in order to make ready identification, and also recommended the use of a shoulder patch. Major Wyatt agreed to notify the AC within two days as to the time necessary to complete the dyeing, but he stated, however, that UNRRA could not give orders to the attached voluntary organizations with regard to a change of uniform. At the Chief Commissioner's suggestion, Major Wyatt agreed to see if it would be possible for such personnel to wear UNRRA patches on their sleeves as well as the organization patches. The Chief Commissioner also suggested that photographs of the uniforms worn by these attached organizations be furnished to the Questura for circulation.

Dr. Pignattaro also recommended that all welfare agency staff personnel carry identity cards, with the photograph of the bearer appearing thereon. He further requested that UNRRA and AJDC furnish the Questura with specimens of the identity cards used.

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IDENTIFICATION OF WELFARE AGENCY VEHICLES.

At the suggestion of Dr. Pignattaro, it was agreed that all welfare agency vehicles would be identified by a yellow diagonal stripe across the grill and across the back of each vehicle, and that both front and rear bumpers would be painted solid yellow, the yellow to be deep orange-yellow. The Chief Commissioner asked the UNRRA representative if there was any objection to stencilling the UNRRA silver globe emblem on UNRRA vehicles, to which Major Wyatt replied that there was no objection. The whole scheme would depend on the availability of paint.

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Concluding the meeting the Chief Commissioner thanked all those present for their co-operation and for coming to an agreement so readily on the various points raised.

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7 December 1946

SUBJECT: Identification of Welfare Agency Vehicles.

TO : UNRRA - Italy
American Joint Distribution Committee
U.S. Political Adviser A.C.
British Political Adviser A.C.
Director Public Safety Division
Director Legal Division
Director Diaper Division

With reference to attached copy of letter from AMG dated 3 Dec. 46 you are requested to send a representative to attend a Conference which will be held on Tuesday 10 Dec.46 at 1600 hrs in the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, 3rd Floor, AC Building.

The Chief Commissioner will preside and representatives of the Italian Government have also been invited to attend.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

L.B. Hind-Smith
Lt. Col
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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3 December 1946.

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TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 794

1. Confusion and embarassment has resulted because representatives and vehicles of agencies engaged in the movement of displaced persons and refugees in Italy have been mistaken for military representatives and vehicles. The situation has reached a stage where the United States Department of State and the British Foreign Office have expressed their concern that because of this mistaken identity the Italians are unable to control their borders and movement within their territory. It is thought probable that the illicit movement of contraband and immigrants, as well as the infringement of Italian traffic regulations, has been facilitated because of the tendency of Italian officials to mistake the uniforms worn by welfare organizations, and vehicles used by these organizations as being those of the military authorities. This situation needs prompt correction.

2. The two principal welfare organizations engaged in the movement of displaced persons and refugees in Italy are UNRRA and the American Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC). It is understood that members of both organizations often wear uniforms which are easily mistaken for military uniforms and that they use vehicles easily mistaken for military vehicles. It is believed that if the present condition of confusion and embarrassment were brought to the attention of responsible officials of these organizations, prompt steps would be taken to correct it.

3. As the State Department and the Foreign Office are interested in the matter and as the Italian Government is faced with the practical identification of all persons and vehicles engaged in the movement within Italy of displaced persons and refugees, it appears desirable that there be a conference among representatives of the two welfare organizations, of the United States and British Embassies in Rome, and the Italian Government to determine the most feasible method of assuring that personnel and vehicles of the two organizations not be mistaken for military personnel and vehicles. The Supreme Allied Commander desires that you convene such a conference.

4. While it may not be necessary or desirable to do so, it is considered entirely proper for the Italian Government to forbid any agency not a part of, or sponsored by, the authorized military authorities to wear uniforms or use vehicles which may easily be mistaken as those of the military authorities. 118

5. In due course you will report the results of your discussions.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

/s/ L.C. JAYNES
Major General, US Army
Deputy Chief of Staff

cc: UNRRA Italy
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British Embassy, Rome
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30 November 1946

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Fuel Oil	60 "

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4. Communications. Lt Col Humbert said that what was known as the "white strike" of telephone workers had now ended after intervention by the Italian Ministry of Communications and agreement had been reached on the increase of wages. The threatened strike of telephone operators was still under discussion and negotiations were now taking place between the workers and the Ministry of Communications in an effort to avert such a strike.

Director, Communications Div announced that information had been received from AFHQ regarding two further cases of the removal of telephone cable in the Caserta area. Special precautionary measures were being introduced by AFHQ in conjunction with the Italian telephone companies in an effort to end this pilfering and the matter had also been taken up with the Italian Government.

Lt Col Humbert said that since the announcement made two months ago by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Byrnes, that the U.S. Government would commence the payment of occupation costs to the Italian Government, the telephone concessionary companies in Italy had been making claims for the payment of all telephone charges against the Allied Forces for services used during the war and the subsequent occupation. He stated that he had written to AFHQ regarding this matter and was awaiting a reply. Polad (A) asked to whom the claims were being made. Director, Communications Div said that the claims were being made to the Italian Ministry of War against the occupation charges. Polad (A) asked if he could have a digest of the information which Lt Col Humbert had given to the meeting and be kept informed of all future developments in this matter.

5. Civilian Personnel. EC asked Ex. O (A) to ensure that the monthly statement showing the present numbers of civilian employees in the Commission was published as early as possible for the month of November. Ex. O (A) replied that this would be done.

6. Finance - A.L. Col. Pidsley stated that the Financial Adviser, CMC had visited A.L. on 2 Dec and had requested certain information as to the amount of equipment etc handed over to the Italian Army. He said that he was visiting CMC next week with a view to getting a ruling regarding the financial basis on which this equipment was to be transferred.

Col. Pidsley stated that there were one or two points on which he would be glad to have the advice and assistance of the Financial Adviser to AC.

J B Hunt-Smith

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 1946

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(c) Power. In Central and Southern Italy there had been a slight improvement in the power situation during the week due to the recent rainfall but the situation on the whole remained serious. A meeting had been held at HQ. RAAC at which were present representatives of RAAC and Alcom and the Power Companies to discuss the means of providing a preferential supply of power for Allied establishments. The result of this meeting was that the power companies agreed and a list was being issued to them of the establishments concerned.

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newspapers. He said that MMLA were proposing to bring all the new PROs to ROME and give them a short course on their work assisted by the PRO of AC.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 12 NOVEMBER 1946

1. Financial Adviser, AC. EC introduced and welcomed to the meeting Col. L.R. Battensby, Director of the AFL, who has recently been appointed Financial Adviser to the Commission in addition to his other duties.

2. Economic Situation.

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Motor gasoline stocks were now down to 21 days supply. Stocks of kerosene were at 55 days supply and diesel oil down to 24 days supply. Fuel oil stocks remained at the 60 day target level.

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Lt.Col. Humbert asked if the rationing of power would be amended so as not to include telephone companies. He stated that if power was so rationed

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it would mean the cutting of all residential calls as there would not be sufficient power to charge the batteries used by the companies. He stated that he had submitted a memorandum on this subject to Director, Econ Div. Col. Walbach replied that he would examine this matter.

3. Maintenance of Displaced Persons. Col. Findlay stated that the Italian Government had now verbally advised Displaced Persons Div that they agreed in principle to continue the present arrangements regarding food and finance for Displaced Persons until 31 Dec 46.

He was still awaiting written confirmation of this.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 5 NOVEMBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. I.P.W. Division. Col. Pidsley stated that there was still no definite news regarding repatriation after the middle of November, but he believed that certain ships had been earmarked and details of these were being obtained. EC asked that any information received on this subject should be passed to him so that he could inform the CC.

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Col. Walker stated that stocks of motor gasoline were now down to 30 days supply and that the next tanker was expected on 17 November. Loans from military stocks had been arranged for areas in short supply. Kerosene stocks were still at the normal 60 day level. Diesel oil stocks were down to 30 days supply and fuel oil stocks fully covered the normal 60 day target level.

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5. Armistice Day. Ex. O (.) stated that he had been informed by AMG that Armistice Day, 11 November 1946, would be a holiday for all military personnel in the Rome Area. Col. Pidsley enquired whether any information had been received regarding Thanksgiving Day. Ex.O (.) replied that this had been tentatively fixed for 28 November and it was proposed that duties normally carried out by American personnel in the Commission on that day would be taken over by British personnel and that the same arrangements as last year would apply for the exchange of duties on Boxing Day.

6. Incidents in VENEZIA GIULIA. Director, Public Safety Div stated that the incident reported in the Rome Daily American when it was alleged that 5,000 people had demonstrated was grossly exaggerated, and that this was only a demonstration by students which had been dispersed quietly by the police forces. A report had been received of a further incident when passengers in a train had been concerned in a clash with civilians on the line. This commenced when hand grenades were thrown from the train at workers by the side of the line and the workers had opened fire on the train. Venezia Giulia police guards on the train had returned the fire. Casualties were 5 persons injured, none fatally. EC asked Director, Public Safety Div for a written report on this incident.

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authorities. Col. Hammford replied that to date there was no Italian legislation permitting this, but that the provisions of C... Agreement would no doubt be the subject matter of a new Italian decree in which its provisions would be embodied and these requisitions would become legal. No decree had been issued embodying the Armistice Terms.

9. Italian Prisoners in Ex-Colonies. Col. Hammford stated that he had been informed by the Minister of Grace and Justice that a category of persons sentenced to imprisonment for offences against Italian laws had been freed under the Amnesty but others who had committed identical offences in Eritrea and Somaliland were still in prison. A letter had been sent to Civil Affairs MELF asking for information on this subject.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 29 OCTOBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

1(c) - 4. Payment of Telephone Rates. Lt Col Lambert said that the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs were pressing for an answer to their request that the Allies approve the telephone rates for all military calls which they had submitted. EC stated that the situation was a little complicated and that it was at present under discussion with the Political Advisers. A new draft letter was being considered.

2. Economic Situation.

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 29 OCTOBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

1(c) - 4. Payment of Telephone Rates. Lt Col Hubert said that the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs were pressing for an answer to their request that the Allies approve the telephone rates for all military calls which they had submitted. He stated that the situation was a little complicated and that it was at present under discussion with the Political Advisers. A new draft letter was being considered.

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coal in the country at the beginning of October were 714,000 tons. Estimated arrivals for October were now 321,000 tons, making a total of 1,035 tons. 500,000 tons of this would have been consumed during the month of October, leaving a balance of 535,000 tons on hand at the 1st November. Estimated arrivals from sources other than the U.S. were 180,000 tons. November allocations would now be based upon 450,000 tons leaving a balance of 265,000 tons stock on hand at the beginning of December, to which would be added the quantity which would arrive from the U.S.

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(c) Electricity Situation. Director, Econ Div announced that there had been a further very slight improvement in the power supply for Central and Southern Italy due to the recent rainfall. In Northern Italy the electric power availability was good, but due to the considerable post-war increase in consumption, rationing had been imposed. Only by the constructions of new hydroelectric and thermal plants could the power situation in Italy be permanently improved.

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was not entirely satisfactory. Polad (B) stated that the shipping situation was critical at the moment but that the Foreign Office had been requested to provide transport for this repatriation to continue after November. EC asked Polad (B) if he thought that AC should take any further action on this matter and in reply Polad (B) said he felt that additional pressure from AC would be helpful. EC directed Col. Pidsley to submit a memorandum on this subject and he would discuss with CC.

5. Future administration of PLUs'. Col. Pidsley stated that 3 District had submitted proposals to GHQ and it was anticipated that a General Routine Order would be published shortly laying down the future policy for the maintenance of isolated detachments. He said that MAIA would like to be informed regarding the position after the signing of the Peace Treaty as regards payment for services etc. EC replied that this was not known at the present time but that existing arrangements would continue until new instructions were issued.

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29 October 1946.

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

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24 October 1946

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 22 OCTOBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a) Future of the Commission. EC stated that there had been no further developments.

(b) - 1 (c) Civilian Employees. EC drew attention to the statement which had been prepared showing the numbers of civilians employed by the Commission, and again emphasized the necessity for constant review of the situation. EC stated that seven employees in his own office had been given notice and Comp Comdt stated that a reduction had been made in one of the departments under his jurisdiction.

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(c) POL Situation. The shipping strike was also having an effect on the POL situation. Due to the non-arrival of gasoline, stocks had fallen far below the normal 60 days supply.

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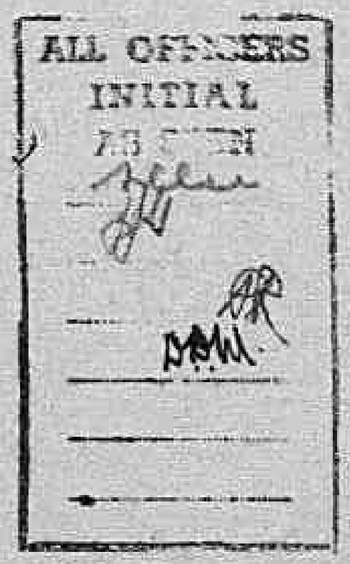
(d) Power Situation. Director, Econ Div stated that power rationing had been put into effect in Northern Italy on 21 October 1945. This rationing was to be carried out by disconnecting all customers for one day per week. The rationing scheme was necessitated by the exceedingly high consumption. In Central and Southern Italy the situation was practically unchanged.

3. Italian Army Stores. Col. Pidsley announced that the agreement reached between representatives of AFAR and the War Ministry and the Allied Commission at a conference on this subject several weeks ago was now being put into effect and working very satisfactorily. A visit had been paid to the Ordnance Dump at Naples which had been handed over to the Italian Government and it was found that work there was progressing very smoothly. In the MT and mechanical dumps and also in the clothing and general dumps a large amount of pilfering had taken place but this had been dealt with effectively.

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held Wednesday morning, 23 October 1946 at 1000 hrs at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room :

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The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning, 16 October 1946, at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room.

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

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1 October 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning, 2 October 1946, at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room.

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26 September 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 SEPTEMBER 1946

1. Economics

(a) Food. A/VP Econ. Sec. stated that there was a further slight decline in the wheat situation. Sufficient wheat was now held for 104 days.

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3. Future of the Commission A/EC stated that Col. Hamblon would be visiting the Commission on Thursday and Friday of this week. A conference was to be held at 1200 hours, Thursday, 26 September to discuss the physical set up and terms of reference for the proposed Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch, AFHQ (LACAB) which was the agency to take over in AOIC after the abolishment of Allied Commission. A second conference was to be held on Friday, 27 September at 0930 hours in connection with AMG loans in Venezia Giulia, at which would be present the SEO AMG XIII Corps, AFHQ and if possible the financial advisers of the Embassies. Polad (A) stated that the

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4. Arms Production. Col. Pidgley raised the question of Italian arms production in the light of the letter received by the C.C. from the Prime Minister stating that the War Ministry had under its control their own arsenals and the Beretta Factory, all other armament firms were under the control of the Ministry of Interior. The A/EC. Comm.

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said he had this matter under consideration.

5. Accommodation. Col. Ross stated that there were still several offices located in the annex and that they were trying to arrange for these to move into the main building as early as possible. The question of additional accommodation for the American Joint Distribution Committee was discussed.

6. AC Liaison Officers. Col. Pidsley asked if the agreement whereby BLUs had looked after separate AC officers in the field after the closing down of Liaison Groups could now be terminated. A/EC stated that there were still isolated cases where officers required maintenance. The matter would be considered again later.

Lt. Colonel,
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24 Sept 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

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DP & RSC had been ordered to feed all DP Camps on British

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rations which would be replaced by Italian Government in bulk. Italian Government had been asked to supply the rations direct from Post-Bellica sources. Col. Findlay asked that Economic Section should discuss the whole feeding problem with D.P. & R.S.C. A meeting would be arranged mutually between Col. Findlay and Brigadier Carr.

E.C. announced that pressure was being brought to bear on AC for the handover of the Refugee Camp at BOLOGNA to the Italian Government. Col. Findlay stated that this camp was used for the reception of refugees from ISTRIA. EC said that a strong case would have to be put forward by DP & RSC if this camp was to continue under AC control.

7. Fuel. EX O. (A) stated that we had enough fuel to heat the AC building less the Annex throughout the coming winter. He said that all AC offices at present situated in the Annex should be moved into the main building where office space was available. After discussion EC asked Ex. O(A) to consult with Camp Commandant and prepare an overall plan for the move of offices from the annex to the main building.

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HEADQUARTERS
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Minutes of the Meeting held at H.Q., A.M.G. 13 Corps at 0945 hrs, 25 March 46.

PRESENT (see Appendix 'A')

GUESTS: - Major [illegible] McKITTERICK, G-5, A.F.H.Q.
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Mr. [illegible], Representative US POLAD

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4. AREA COMMISSIONERS.

Lt. Col. SMITH, Area Commissioner for TRIESTE Area:

The activities during the past fortnight are all on the political side - 79 two day political strike at the beginning of it then a quiet period - and then yesterday's demonstrations. As regards the strike, everybody knows the facts

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and I would like to point out the extremely good organisation of the pro-Yugoslav parties. They very quickly hear and seem to get to the trouble in the smallest space of time. The pro-Yugoslav party has taken up an anti-A.M.G. attitude and the attack on the police is more an attack on the A.M.G. organisation.

During the strike period and before yesterday's demonstration the Italian morale was at rock bottom. They began to lose ground, but the young and more hot-headed people in the Italian parties took over and their morale became quite high as was found in the demonstrations yesterday, both here and at Trieste. Yesterday's activities started off with the pro-Yugoslav demonstration, which was well organised with 10,000 people and some 1,000 cyclists and trucks. In the afternoon there was a small demonstration of 200 Italians in the Piazza Unita and some of the pro-Yugoslavs got in amongst them and everything became a shambles. Later on in the morning 7,000 Yugoslavs went to Piazza Unita with their flags. Except for one or two instances no mention was made of A.M.G. or the V.G. Police. In the afternoon the Italian demonstration started with about 10,000 people moving around the town singing 'VIVA ITALIA' and Italian songs. The two demonstrations were going at the same time, each trying to get at the other, and the police rushing around trying to keep them apart did a very good job. The Italian morale will go up a very great deal now that they have made a good demonstration and we can expect increased demonstrations. On the other hand the Yugoslavs after yesterday's performance will give even better demonstrations in the future.

There will be a permanent Duty Officer at the Prefettura on Telephone No. 6516.

A/S.G.A.O. It is noticeable that in certain streets in the City there are outstandingly more Italian flags flying now, and we feel that the Italians are adopting a new policy.

Major LO[illegible], Area Commissioner for GORIZIA area:-

The UDI is taking an active interest in the present time small demonstrations. A report of one death has not yet been confirmed. The Italian flag without the stars is making its appearance. The Yugoslavs maintain that the people arriving in GORIZIA come of their own free will and not on orders. We have a building in the Piazza where they are flying the British and American flags below the Yugoslav flag. Is this permitted ?

Col. [illegible] MOSS. I do not think we can stop them flying an Allied flag. They put them up to express their feelings and we cannot stop it.

A/S.G.A.O. Yugoslavs are on record as saying that they will protect our flag.

Lt. Col. O'[illegible]COD, Area Commissioner for POLA area:-

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We had our main demonstrations only when the Yugoslavs arrived. The first action was on Sunday when the Slavonic section came on Friday the main body came. On Sunday very little happened, though there was a pro-Yugoslav demonstration. On Monday there were considerable demonstrations by both sides in the square where the Commission was holding a conference. There were 9 arrests during the whole day. On Friday there was an Italian procession with Italian flags during most of the day which was not interfered with by the Yugoslavs. I would like to enlarge on what the A/S.G.A.O. has said about the police. During the whole week and particularly on Friday the police were first class in carrying on with no military police except one or two to keep soldiers away. The V.G. Police ensured that there was no trouble of any sort for a matter of 12 hours or more and during that period only 9 arrests were made and no serious incidents took place. The police were really on their toes and doing a good job.

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Lt. Col. O'F[illegible]. They were kept apart by the police.

Major [illegible] C.I.T.O. Did you hold up or put the President of the Italian Partisans has been arrested at POLA.

Lt. Col. O'F[illegible]. No, but I will investigate the matter and let you know.

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5. V[illegible] GIULIA POLICE FORCE. (Col. [illegible])

A new force of students will pass out of school on Friday. By next week-end the Police Force will be very nearly up to strength. It has reached its present ceiling of 3,500 all ranks, but the establishment has now been increased to 3,950 including prison guards. By next week-end we will have over 3,700 and then we will only want about 200 more to complete the establishment. One new Police Station has been opened at [illegible] in the GIULIA area. On 1st April the V.G.P. comes under the A.M.G. That means that a new war establishment has to be made out. The proposed new war establishment has gone to A.F.H.Q. and C.M.F. today and they will let us know if it is passed or not.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY (Lt. Col. RIDLEY)

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Legal. (Major GOLD)

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During the two weeks 6 Orders were signed, most of these being of a financi nature requested by Finance Division. One is rather an important order, the contributions for family allowances. This Order sets up distribution not only for family allowances but other indemnities and for compensation.

In the last Conference we had a discussion about prisoners. A request was made to the Italian Government to permit the transfer of long terms prisoners from this area, since it has never been a place where long term prisoners are kept. I have received word from the Legal Sub-Commission that the Italian Ministry has granted the request and has allowed a certain number of prisoners - 200 in all to be transferred. Arrangements are going ahead in this matter. The old prison which is being repaired will be ready for prisoners in about 2 weeks. As a matter of fa 19 prisoners have been transferred there already. This will greatly alleviate the present situation here.

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7. SPECIAL DIVISION (Cont'd).

A/S.C.A.C. The case of the 'Il Lavoratore' is now going on and is taking up the full time of two Legal Officers.

Electoral Rolls. (Capt. PENT)

Provisionally, I have opened an Office in the Soprintendenza di Porto. The Electoral Rolls Order is based on the Italian Order and is very complicated. I am going down to Rome to get further information and will report further on my return.

Economics. (Lt. Col. BLUMENSTEIN)

The food situation continues to give much anxiety. We have been able to borrow enough food to keep us going from day to day, and this week a ship with a cargo of wheat and flour is coming into TRIESTE or VENICE. This will take us up to about 23 April (including UNRRA). We have heard a great deal about the food shortage all over the world so really we must not complain.

The plan which we have established for the distribution of textiles manufactured under our supervision is now working well. We are now applying direct sale of this cloth to the people. Retail [illegible] are to be used in the beginning and if this does not take effect we will use [illegible] of sale. In consequence of this we are going to allow normal [illegible] and at the same time will use direct sale. As far as COMIZA and POLA are concerned direct sale is the same in both cases.

Major KING. If we adopt direct sale, merchants will take the cloth. It is not my idea of running things in a democratic manner.

Lt. Col. BLUMENSTEIN. It is entirely up to Amgot to do as they wish regarding distribution. There is a general falling off in processing retail articles and also in tenders put out by contractors.

The gas situation has given us a lot of anxiety as we have not had any of the proper coal and the gas has been stopped. Restrictions on electricity have almost entirely been removed. We have had instructions not to re-open the question of Arsa Coal by the Joint Economic Committee as it is now being operated on Government level.

I want to say something about the employment situation in general. 44% of the workers in TRIESTE are unemployed. When you add to this figure workers on the payroll of the Cantieri Riuniti and other organisations who are not employed in any work, the quantity of unemployed is well over 50%.

I am afraid this situation has now reached a very serious proportion. In consequence, we in the Economic Section are considering measures of re-employing and are considering the matter at great length this week.

There are about 2,000 men employed on the re-forestation work in 60 Lots.

I am expecting a visit from the ship repair experts of the Ministry of Transport of TRIESTE and hope to get more work from them.

Public works who employ no less than 7,000 people as the result of the scheme, are arranging to post up on all villages the following:

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Economics. (Lt. Col. BICKERSETH)

The food situation continues to give much anxiety. We have been able to borrow enough food to keep us going from day to day, and this week a ship with a cargo of wheat and flour is coming into TRIESTE or VENICE. This will take us up to about 23 April (inclusive, UNRRA). We have heard a great deal about the food shortage all over the world so really we must not complain.

The plan which we have established for the distribution of textiles manufactured under our supervision is not going at all well. We are not happy in the direct sale of this cloth to the people. Actual cash transactions are very much in the beginning and if this does not take effect we will use [illegible] of sale. In consequence of this we are going to allow normal trade channels and at the same time will use direct sale. As far as MONZA and POLA are concerned direct sale is the same in both cases.

Major ICING. If we adopt direct sale, merchants will take the cloth. It is not my idea of running things in a democratic manner.

Lt. Col. BICKERSETH. It is entirely up to Zones to do as they wish regarding distribution. There is a general falling off in processing retail articles and also in tenders put out by contractors.

The gas situation has given us a lot of anxiety as we have not had any of the proper coal and the gas has been stopped. Restrictions on electricity have almost entirely been removed. We have had instructions not to re-open the question of Arsa Coal by the Joint Economic Committee as it is now being operated on Government level.

I want to say something about the employment situation in general. 44% of the workers in TRIESTE are unemployed. When you add to this figure workers on the payroll of the Cantieri Riuniti and other organisations who are not employed in any week, the quantity of unemployed is well over 50%.

I am afraid this situation has now reached a very serious proportion. In consequence, we in the Economic Section are considering measures of re-employment and are considering the matter at great length this week.

There are about 2,000 men employed on the re-forestation work in GO [illegible].

I am expecting a visit from the ship repair experts of the Ministry of Transport of TRIESTE and hope to get more work from them.

Public Works who employ no less than 7,000 people in the rebuilding scheme, are arranging to post up on all villages the following:

'BEING REBUILT IN APPRECIATION OF ITS [illegible]
CONTRIBUTION MADE BY
[illegible], A.M.G.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Major ICKERSON. The number 7,000 employed in Public Works does not include the number of industry workers supplying Public Works.

Col. [illegible]. What are the total unemployment figures in TRIESTE.

Lt. Col. BICKERSETH. 23,000. 28,000 in the whole of Zone 'A'.

Public Health. (Lt. Col. DALZIEL).

The general health situation is good and there are no epidemics.

The Supply Programme has arrived from A.F.H.Q.

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7. SPECIAL DIVISIONS (Cont'd).

General Order No. 20 in so far as it affects the medical profession is being implemented and a necessary petition is being sent to the Tribunal Court.

A deputation of qualified and unqualified dentists in TRIESTE has presented a petition which has been sent to Legal Dept. for a decision.

Major Cain. There is one difficulty concerning the Order goes back to old Austrian laws.

Lt. Col. DAWES. A strike of doctors has threatened again and the Civil Division is investigating their terms.

A scheme for first aid in case of a lot of civilian casualties in TRIESTE is being run by Italian Red Cross and Civil Defence. We hope that we will not have to call on police.

Lt. Col. TAYLOR. Could we call the Venezia Giulian police?

Lt. Col. DAWES. I can give the figures if you want them.

Displaced Persons (Miss HAINES).

During the past two weeks 402 civilians entered the Displaced Persons Camp and 496 were sent home. This number included 45 POWs and all of these were sent home.

A/S.C.A.O. Lt. Col. [illegible] has been made responsible for the camp and welfare. Displaced Persons remains under Major [illegible]. Lt. Col. [illegible] will be assisted by Miss HAINES.

Communications. (Major [illegible]).

There are two more telephone circuits in existence, one to VIENNA and one to CMTO. A telegraph circuit has been opened to VIENNA.

Two people were apprehended by V.G. Police near OPPICINA for theft of telephone wire. They were caught with 170 kgs.

A/S.C.A.O. Have the Military Authorities freed more telephones.

Major [illegible]. Yes.

A/S.C.A.O. Has the new telephone directory been issued yet. 90

G.II No, but I will look into the matter. In the meantime we have issued a temporary one for our own offices.

Education. (Capt. SHORT).

Immediately after the strike in the schools on 13th, 14th and 15th, I visited Slovene schools in TRIESTE City and found the schools were very dirty and the walls covered with typical street signs.

Three professors were dismissed, because on the 14th, the second day of the strike, they opened their schools without our consent, and did not recognise A.M.G. authority in closing the school.

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Lt. Col. [illegible] Could you tell us the present position of rabies in POLA.

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An A.M.G. Primer which has been distributed this last week to 3 JOs in Aurisina has been discarded by the people. Last Friday the Journal of Liberation ordered Parents Committees to have their children in the school not to accept the text books. They returned the books that were issued to them, at first they decided to throw them away but later decided to return them on the basis that they were fascist. Now they have neither their books nor ours.

In Aurisina district the PNOO instructed its members to persuade the teachers if they accepted the books issued by A.M.G. This week one very good book will come off the press, which we hope will not be discarded. In any case they will have to pay for this book. 99D

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7. [redacted] (Cont'd.

During the past week three of the teachers who were dismissed on security grounds have been reinstated after investigation by P.W.B.

On the 1st April will begin a course for training Slovene teachers which will run for 3 months and during this time they will be paid at the regular teachers' salary.

Patriots (Major [redacted])

A funeral took place yesterday of one Giovanni [redacted], the [redacted] partisan after whom a local Italian Brigade was named. A meeting was held [redacted] last effort to combine the local Partisans Associations into a single society. The meeting failed as we had feared would be the case.

Public Relations (Major [redacted])

Since the last Conference 29 news items and notices have been passed to the News Division of A.M.G. for inclusion in the local press. These included:

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(b) Statement on Lt. Col. [redacted] meeting with strike leaders.
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(d) Statement by General [redacted] on Venezia Giulia Police.
(e) Statement on school closing.
(f) Statement on re-forestation from the Economics Section.
(g) Notice on suspension of [redacted] supply.

The number of press correspondents in the area has decreased. At one time during the strike there were over thirty in [redacted].

The world press is at present represented in TRIESTE by:

Mr. Redfield	Times
Mr. Wadsworth	Sunday Times
Mr. Sedge	Daily Herald
Miss Lepper	News Review
Mr. Cheth	Mutual Broadcasting and Soldiers.
Mr. Scopion	Action
Mr. Luzzatto	Reynolds News
Mr. Vishnevsky	Tass Agency
4 Czechoslovak Journalists	

It is suggested by the Director of Radio that one half hour each week should be available for broadcasting the activities of the various sections of A.M.G. and UNRRA.

Publication has been made in the Press and Radio and is again being repeated on the subject of the implementation of the Control of Movement over the Morgan Line. We want to make certain that people both in Zone 'A' and 'B' know all about it.

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A/S.C.A.C. Major [redacted] is taking over from Major [redacted], who unfortunately is leaving us. We welcome Major [redacted].

TALK ON PARTICULAR EVENTS OF THE LAST FORTNIGHT given by Major [redacted].

A/S.C.A.C. We have Major [redacted], Legal Officer, G-5, here this morning and I would like to say how very pleased we are to see him. I also wish to ask him to send us some more Legal Officers as the position in that Division is serious through lack of Officers.

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TALK ON PARTICULAR EVENTS OF THE PAST FORTNIGHT given by Major BANKS.

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Col. FIORA THOMAS. As the Italian Naval Police Wireless Link will be working parallel to Military Police. Before we are on that subject I have something to ask the Communications Officer. I cannot put Wireless on the boats of the Harbour Police because they are suppressed. Can you help on this.

Major BROOKHILLS. It is rather technical but I will do my best.

The next Conference will be held at 0945 hrs on MONDAY 1st April 46.

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P.P.R. MORRISON
Colonel,
Acting S.C.A.O.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 Corps

APPENDIX 'A'

PRESENT: -

GUESTS: - Major F.L.. McCITTERICK, G-5, ..A.H. .
Mr. W.J. SULLIVAN, Representative GD POLAND
Mr. J.N. GREEN, Representative US POLAND.

Colonel	P.R.I. ADDISON THOMAS THOMAS	A/D. J. ..O. Chief of P. . Police
Lt. Colonel	M.V. ..UKIER J.G. SMUTS G. ..UTLIDGE L.S. ..RWOOD D.S. ..CKERSTEIN M.T. BLAND R. ..RRY E.G. DALZIEL	../D. S. J. ..O. ..O. for P ..ISH ..rea Public Safety ..O. for POL. ..rea Economics Finance Welfare Public Health
Major	J.D. ..OLEN H.I.J. ..LATT J.A. LOUW P.F. ..OLVAT ..RTHUR H.A. ..AZZARD D.A.H. ..AMES SAMON ..ILLS J.A. SIMMEN H. St G. ..ERRICH F.J. MAHONEY A. GOLD E.M. ..CTAVISCH	Industry & Utilities Food A.C. for GOdaLA ..rea. Patriots Officer. Telecommunications Public Relations Officer Public Relations Officer Joint Economic Committee Joint Economic Committee Executive Officer. Legal Public Works.
Captain	D.L.C. PATON A. S..L..Y W.G. ..OARD J.S. SLOVI G.H. ..MPER H.T. COKER T. PERT D.L. COLEMAN W. DRUMOND YOUNG L.H. ..RIL	56 Div (GSI) LO ..., 13 Corps Property Control Education Camp Commandant D.A.C. Trieste ..rea. C.A.O. i/c Electoral Rolls Transportation G.III. Agriculture.
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Mr. W.J. SULLIVAN, Representative GS FOR...D
Mr. J.M. GREEN, Representative US FOR...D.

Colonel	H.P.I. ...LTON	A/...G.
	THOMAS THORP	Chief of U.S. Police
Lt. Colonel	H.S. ...ITER	A/D. S.D. ...C.
	J.C. SEARS	...C. for ...I...S Area
	G. RICHARDSON	Public Safety
	E.S. CRAFOOD	A.C. for FCLA Area
	E.S. BIONENSTEIN	Economics
	W.T. REAM	Finance
	R. KEIGH	Welfare
	E.G. PALSTIL	Public Health
Major	J.E. ...GAN	Industry & Utilities
	A.E.J. ...LAT	Food
	J.A. LONG	A.D. for GOA...A Area.
	P.T. POWAR WHITE.	Patriots Officer.
	H.A. HAGGARD	Telecommunications
	A.A.E. BANKS	Public Relations Officer
	SHAON MILLS	Public Relations Officer
	J. ... SNOWDEN	Joint Economic Committee
	H. St G. FRENCH	Joint Economic Committee
	E.J. MAHONEY	Executive Officer.
	A. GOLD	Legal
	E.H. ...DAMSON	Public Works.
Captain	D.M.O. ...NES	56 Div (GSI)
	A. S...AY	HQ R. ED Corps
	W.C. BOARD	Property Control
	J.F. SLAGHT	Allocation
	G.H. RIPER	Camp Commandant
	H.T. COKER	G.A.C. Trieste Area.
	E. HERT	T.A.G. i/c Electoral Rolls
	D.L. GOLDMAN	Transportation
	W. DRUMMOND YOUNG	G.III.
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Minutes of Economics Section Meeting held on 22nd March 46 at 1600 hours.

PRESENT:

GUESTS - Mr. J.J. SULLIVAN, Representative G.B. POLAD
T.J. [illegible], Representative U.S. POLAD

Lieut. Colonel	D.S.BIGGART N.T.HEAD	Economics Finance
Major	J.A.FOOT E.N.RICHARDSON H.F.J. [illegible] R.C. COX J. SALMON HILLS J.R. SWORDEN ST.G. TRENCH W.J.TAWCOCK	Industry Public Works Food Price Control Public Relations Joint Economic Committee Joint Economic Committee Pol. Area Supply Officer
Captain	L.H.TEIL L.J. [illegible]R D.L.COLLIN J.J.CENTELL S.H.CONDICT	Agriculture Supply Transportation Labour Gorizia Food/Supply Officer
Flying Offr.	E.H.LLOYD	Commerce
Lieutenant	N.J.LEE J.C. [illegible]N	Economics Supply

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The Industry Programme for Jan/June 46 has not gone forward from AC as yet. The essential part of this Programme will be included in our July/Dec 46 demand.

(b) Textiles from the Gorizia Mill. - Our programme for the sale of these products has failed owing to the fact that local merchants had large stocks of more expensive cloth on hand and therefore did not wish to buy our cotton cloth. Direct sale to the public by AMG would be arranged for immediately, Commerce to liaise with Finance and area supply officers in order /Commerce

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Mr. J. [illegible], Representative U.S. POLAD

Lieut. Colonel	D.S.BICKERSTETH	Economics
	N.T.LAND	Finance
Major	J.A.WOOD	Industry
	E.T.NICHOLSON	Public Works
	H.F.J.[illegible]	Food
	R.C. COX	Price Control
	J. SAXON MILLS	Public Relations
	J.A. SHOTTON	Joint Economic Committee
	ST.G. FRANCK	Joint Economic Committee
	[illegible].TAYLOCK	Zone Area Supply Officer
Captain	L.H.VAIL	Agriculture
	L. [illegible]R	Supply
	D.L.COLLETON	Transportation
	J.J.CANTELLI	Labour
	S.H.CONDICT	Gorizia Food/Supply Officer
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(c) Re-afforestation Project. - This work is now going ahead, hundreds of men are at work digging holes in which to plant the young trees from the nurseries at Basovizza.

(d) Reabsorption of Unemployed in Trieste. - A plan is being worked out for submission to Col. Robertson to employ all possible workers in Trieste. When details have been completed a plan will be drawn up. This will be included in the minutes of the next conference. /Economics

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2. Major NUTH. D.A.I (Public Works). Action by:

(a) Projects - Finance and Public Works are in agreement over certain Projects and work is going ahead on these.
A number of the projects under consideration as part of the plan mentioned by Lt.Col.Bickersteth for the re-absorption of unemployed in Trieste were prepared some years ago and need revision in the light of present day cost of materials etc.
Projects are being worked out to employ up to 25,000 people. /Public Works
/ P R O

(b) Distressed Villages. - Signs are being put up by Public Works on the sites of the reconstruction work going on.
Lt.Col.Bickersteth ruled that these signs should be approved by Public Relations before erection.

(c) Re-Afforestation Project. - Labour difficulties experienced by the contractors in the first day or two's work have now been overcome, and work is proceeding smoothly and rapidly.

(d) Repair of Private Houses under P.W.O.14. - A great number of house owners were now showing interest in this scheme.

3. Major FODEN (Industry and Utilities). /Industry

(a) H.V. Gas Supply.- The gas supply to Trieste had to be cut off last evening owing to the poor quality and small quantity of the coal available for production. Lt.Col. Bickersteth asked if Industry Division was in a position to take over the Gas Works if necessary. Major FODEN replied in the negative but stated that experiments were being made under his supervision and he was in touch with the Gas Company in Venice. Everything that could be done to start production again was being done.

(b) Salvage of Ships in Muggia Bay - Lieut.Col.Bickersteth asked if any progress had been made. Major Foden replied that a good deal of work had been done under supervision of Fleet Salvage Officer. The Lapero had now been floated and will go to Muggia Bay under instruction of N.O.I.C. Work on large ships was difficult without the use of the floating dock at present in Taranto.

4. Captain COLLARD (Transportation). 86

(a) Truck pool for AMG.- Six vehicles had now been delivered in Rome for truck pool work in Public Works schemes etc.

(b) AMG and CCG HQ. - Repair and arrangements are being worked out for Trieste and Venice area, though owners in the south of Italy are not keen on allowing their ships to come to Trieste in view of unsettled condition. Lt.Col. Bickersteth saw that AMG rates for transport of coal to Pola were much too high and wished that the

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4. Captain COLTMAN (Transportation).

(a) Truck Pool for Pola. - Six vehicles had now been delivered in Pola for truck pool work in Public Works schemes etc.

(b) Coal and Coke Pola. - Regular coal arrangements are being worked out for Trieste and Venice Area, though owners in the south of Italy are not keen on allowing their ships to come to Trieste in view of unsettled condition.
Lt.Col. Bickerstaeth saw that UCLA rates for transport of coal to Pola were much too high and wished that the matter be investigated. Rail transport was much cheaper and there would seem to be no good reason for this.

/Transportation

(c) Sale of Surplus Army Vehicles to the Public. - A 15 Corps had asked Transportation Division to work out a plan. This work in Italian Territory was done by the Italian Government Surplus Army Equipment Agency, but in Venezia Giulia should be done by AMG.
Lt.Col. Bickerstaeth promised to investigate the matter in conjunction with G and Transportation Division.

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5. Captain WILL (Agriculture). Action by:

(a) New agricultural machinery - The Italian Government had asked for a list of our urgent requirements in this territory.

(b) Census of animals in Zone A - A census was now being carried out of all animals in the territory.

(c) Seed Potatoes - We had not received as many seed potatoes as we had asked for, but it was now too late to plant any more.

6. Major WYATT (Food).

Present Food Position (see statement attached to Minutes). Our wheat/grain supply was sufficient until 22 April 46. We have had an advice of the call-forward of sugar from Great Britain (it will be remembered that the S/S A.P.HILL brought two months supply of miscellaneous food excluding sugar) though we do not know the actual date of arrival as yet.

7. Captain CANTELLI (Labour).

Unblocking of Dismissals.- It was proposed to put the Order into effect on 1 April 46 but we must provide workers dismissed with ways and means of livelihood. N.B. This will be incorporated in the Plan referred to in 1 (d) above.

8. Major COX (Price Control).

(a) Rents Order - is now approved by Labour and Finance and is in the hands of the Legal Department. Rents are increased in this order to bring them into line with North Italy figures.

(b) Price of Coal - has now been set at 3600 Lire per metric ton.

(c) Horse Transport Rates - have now been approved.

(d) Increase in Tram Fares - for both ACEGAT and the ORIGINA Company is under study by Price Control.

(e) ILVA Gas Works - Price Fixing Committee are making an investigation but are encountering difficulty in obtaining information from the ILVA Company.
Lt.Col.Bickerstaff directed that Finance Division set up a Committee to investigate the Company's activities and suggest measures to be taken to improve the present organisation. 85 /Finance

9. Major TAYLOR (Pola Area Supply Officer).

Seizure of Vessels by the Jugoslavs.- Owners of vessels in Pola were becoming most chary in using sea transport between Pola and Trieste in view of the acts of what appeared to be piracy committed by the Jugoslavs in the Istrian Coast area. Sea transport was the main lifeline

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The regularly scheduled weekly Vice-Presidents' Meeting to be held Wednesday, 31 July 1946, has now been postponed for Thursday, 1 August 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room.

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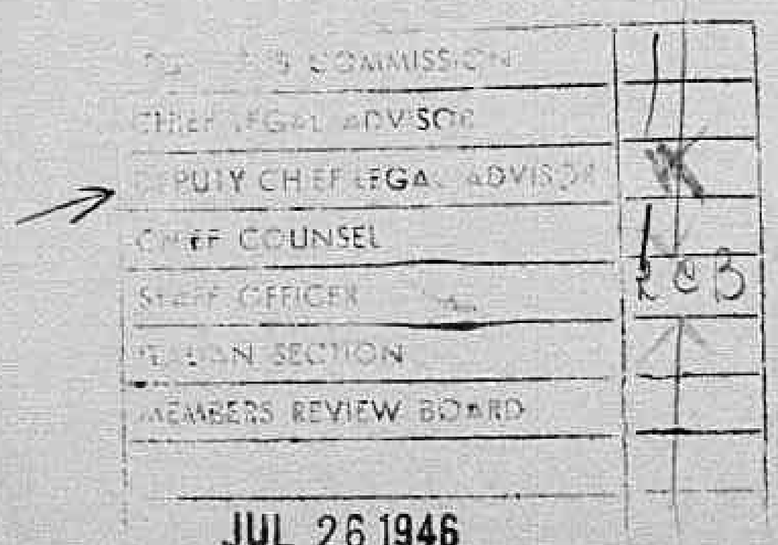
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17 July 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 JULY 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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2. Liaison Groups. EC said that orders had been received from AFHQ that Liais Groups would be closed. By the end of the month there would be no AC perso in the field except at TENDA and possibly BOLZANO, and a small liaison team with 86 Area VENICE. Major RONNIE would remain at TENDA.

3. Accommodation. Ex.O(A) reported that all EM had been moved from the Nord Nuova Roma Hotel to the American Rest Centre. The accommodation was good a recreational facilities excellent. EC said that he had discussed with Brig Low a similar move of British personnel to 56 Rest Camp but it was not considered advisable as the camp was 6 miles out of the city.

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4. Coal. Col.Walton reported that the possibility of getting coal from the Ruhr was not hopeful, as nearly all the coal being produced was required in the Ruhr district itself.

5. Displaced Persons. Col.Fothergill reported that the agreement between SACMED and UNRRA was signed on 15 July and would take effect as from 1 August. There were still 14 Disper camps remaining with a commitment of 18000-20000 persons still to be dealt with.

6. Evacuation of Polcorps. In reply to a query by the EC, Col.Fothergill said that the move of Polcorps personnel and dependents was going according to plan. Movement was being made by rail over the MEDLOC route.

7. Printers Strike. P-G reported that the meeting of the CCTO began yesterday and it was probable that they would declare a general strike.

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(d) - 7. Administration of BLU's etc. Col.Pidsley stated that the meeting called by EC on this subject had not yet been held. Land Forces S/C were trying to obtain further information from HQ 3 District. EC directed that the meeting be held as soon as possible in order to clarify the position.

(e) - 8. Medical Officers. Ex.C(A) said that application had been made to MTOUSA for a medical officer and he was hopeful of success.

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4. IPW Section. EC raised the question of the future of IPW Section MTOUSA had ruled that no American officers would be provided for this Section. He had discussed the matter with Brig.Drew and Col.Parsons who had stated that it

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was not a residual function of the AC and was work which could quite easily be taken over by AFHQ or the Embassies. Col.Parsons had suggested that the British officers of IPW Section be transferred either to "A" Branch, GHQ CMF, or seconded to the British Embassy. With regard to PW in the hands of other nations such as France and Russia, AFHQ took the view that the Italian Govt. should take up the matter of their repatriation with the respective Embassies. A letter to AFHQ had been drafted previous to the discussion with Col.Parsons. This was now with the CC and if he decided to send it on, EC suggested that Col.Pidsley take up the matter on his forthcoming visit to AFHQ.

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6. Demilitarisation of Islands. Col.Pidsley drew attention to the recent letter from AFHQ regarding the demilitarisation of PANTELLERIA, LAMPEDUSA, LINOSA. Col.Fiske had been appointed chairman of the Committee and the Italian Govt. had been asked to appoint an Engineer to be a member of the Committee.

7. Police Mission. EC said that there was a divergence of opinion within the Commission on this subject and suggested an early discussion with Polads, Land Forces and CA Sec.

Col.Walton asked whether it was the intention for the proposed Police Mission to reorganise the whole of the Italian civil police force. He mentioned particularly the Port Guards, who under Fascism had been an efficient organisation but were now composed of partigard and odds and ends.

8. Control of Arms Production. Col.Pidsley asked whether under the proposed new organisation for Service S/Cs, the new Service Sub-Sections would be asked to take on duties such as control of arms production, or whether these would be carried out by a separate section. EC replied that this was to have been decided by the Chief of the new Section, but in view of recent developments in Paris it was to be presumed that until the Peace Treaty was signed, arms production would be controlled as at present by the Service S/Cs. After the signing of the Peace Treaty it would presumably be controlled by the Council of Four Ambassadors.

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11. Civilian Wage Scale. Ex.O(B) stated that a new wage scale had been issued for civilian employees by AFHQ. The old wage scale would remain in force for present civilian employees, but any new employees would be paid at a considerably lower rate.

12. Civilian Employees. EC stated that there were at present 898 civilian employees in AC and during the last 6 weeks a reduction of only 200 had been effected. He directed Heads of Sections and S/Cs to give this matter careful and urgent attention and to submit their proposals for further reductions by Monday 15 July.

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12. Correspondence. CSO to EC said that a great deal of time was being wasted owing to files and letters for signature being submitted in the wrong form. He read a list of the main irregularities and EC directed that a memorandum should be prepared and circulated to S/Cs.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 25 JUNE 1946.

The Executive Commissioner introduced and welcomed to the Meeting Mr. DAVITT, Political Adviser (B), who had replaced Mr. Halford at the British Embassy.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

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EC raised the question of supplies to UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA and asked whether the non-fulfilment of requisitions was in any way due to the fault of AC. Col.Walton replied in the negative and stated that only 55% of the requisitions had been filled. EC directed that Econ Sec should follow up continually with AFHQ with a view to requisitions being filled on time.

Col.Walton reported that stocks of wheat as at 1 July would be better than previously reported. Due to additional arrivals and improvement in the amassi, the expected stock-pile at 1 July was 141,000 tons.

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Prices seemed to be rather steady with a tendency to drop in a few cities.

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The coal situation was unchanged and allocations for July were 390,000 tons.

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CA Agreements. EC said that the CA Agreements were now being considered by the Italian Govt and it was understood that they had raised several queries. The matter would presumably now be handed over to the new Government.

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1(e) - 7. Mid-Shift Meal. Col.Walton reported that he had made a spot-check with the HQ Comdt and found that there was no cause for complaint. The meal was good and the kitchen in no way insanitary.

1(f) - 8. Duty Officers. Ex.O(A) said that he had drafted orders for one officer only to be on duty in the CC's office on half-days and Sundays, and one officer for night duty. All Sub-Commissions were included in the scheme. The orders would be submitted to the EC for approval today.

2. Approval of Appointments in new Government. There was discussion regarding the desirability of Allied approval being obtained for the appointment of certain Ministers and Government officials in the new Government. EC asked Polads to discuss the matter with him further at a later date.

3. Signal Section. EC reported that the AC Signal Section was being abolished and all signals would in future be handled by RAAC.

4. Venezia Giulia. EC stated that a categorical denial had been put out by SACMED with regard to the rumours alleging that Allied troops had moved the Morgan Line 9 kilometres to the East. This denial had been released to all newspapers.

5. Diplomatic Relations. Polad(B) reported that direct diplomatic relations had now been established between Italy and Greece.

6. ECITO. EC said that he had had a visit from General Hewer, Head of ECITO. Gen. Hewer had told him that he was fairly happy about the transportation situation in Italy with the exception of rolling stock. Italy was short of 44,000 wagons. The Italian repair shops were in excellent condition and there was plenty of labour, but raw materials - particularly coal - were short. Gen.Hewer was trying to persuade UNRRA to make a bigger allocation of coal to the Italian railway authorities in order to get the repair shops working at something like normal capacity.

Railway passenger coaches were also short but the position was by no means serious. Efforts were being made to obtain the return of three train sets which were being used for the transportation of British troops in France.

The locomotive situation was much better and Gen. Hewer was doing his best to get back Italian railway stock from other parts of Europe.

7. Administration of BLU's and Liaison Groups. Col.Pidsley, Land Forces S/C, raised the question of the recent instructions received from AFHQ regarding the future administration of scattered detachments such as BLU's and AC Liaison Groups. It was stated in the instructions that certain services would be provided from Italian sources. He was anxious to know what arrangements, if any, had been made to obtain these services from the Italians, whether the Italians were aware of the arrangements, and what provisions had been made for payment. EC directed that the matter be discussed between Land Forces, G-1(B) and Econ Sec.

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T. B. Hirst-Smith

Lt.Col., R.,
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25 JUNE 1946

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning, 26 June 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room.

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20 June 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 18 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

1(a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col.Walton reported that UNRRA on making a revision of wheat stock holdings had found a total of 94,000 tons on 1 June. Amassing, previously estimated at 15,000 tons was now believed to be in the region of 79,000 tons. This, with 130,000 tons June arrivals, would give a stock for the month of 303,000 tons and with consumption estimated at 228,000 tons, left a stock at 1 July of 75,000 tons. The very promising crop now being harvested gave a more optimistic tone to the food situation.

EC asked if it would not be possible, in view of the improved food situation, to redivert some of the ships which were previously diverted to Italy to their original ports of destination. This matter was no doubt being attended to in WASHINGTON but Econ Sec would bring the matter to the attention of UNRRA.

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VP CAS raised the question of the control of production of armaments and suggested that it might be desirable to form a separate sub-section to deal with this matter. EC said the matter would probably be raised at the conference today but

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that the organisation of the Section would most likely be in the hands of the Head of the new Special Section.

Liaison Groups would be retained for the time being but owing to shortage of personnel they may be reduced to 2 officers and in all probability would be withdrawn entirely by the end of the month

Discussions with General HAMBLEN had elucidated the fact that in all probability there will be a successor to the AC in the form of some kind of Liaison Office or CA Section in ROME which will deal with AMG in UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA, displaced persons, and many of the functions that cannot be taken over by the Embassies.

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F. G. Hoad-Smith
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12 June 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 11 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a). Food Situation. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) said there was little alteration. Although the situation was critical the indications were that there was no threat of famine. A very good crop, estimated to be in the region of six million tons, was expected. UNRRA were endeavouring to persuade the Italian Government not to make the amassi retention greater than it was last year.

(b) - 1 (c). Coal Situation. Col. Walton reported no change from last week. 300,000 tons of coal were still expected for arrival in June. Should arrivals exceed the anticipated figure there would be an increase in allocation.

(c) - 1 (e). C.I.P. Col. Walton said the position regarding POL was unchanged. There was an armistice in the CIP strike, it having been agreed that negotiations would not take place until after 15 June.

(d) - 1 (f). Archives. Col. Walton had spoken to Major Harrisson about non-acceptance of files and was satisfied there had been a misunderstanding. The matter was now in order. Ex C said he had arranged a meeting on Archives to-day.

(e) - 3. Allied Seamen. Brig. Carr (CA Sec) stated that a telegram had been sent to AFHQ suggesting that the clause protecting Allied merchant seamen should be omitted from the new armistice terms.

(f) - 4. Derequisitioning of Hotels. Ex C said a letter had been prepared for AFHQ which was based on a letter received from the Italian Hotels Union. The formation of a Central Organization was suggested, consisting of Allied Officers and representatives of the Italian Government and Genio Militare. This organization would lay down the policy for requisitioning and deal with appeals against requisitioning of property. There was some discussion and Brig. Carr considered that it would be difficult for a Central Organization to control this matter and that hotels should be dealt with separately from other requisitioned property.

(g) - 5. Reinstatement of Insurance Company Officials. Ex C stressed the importance of getting this matter settled quickly and directed Col. Walton to take up at once with the Italian Government.

2. Exposition by Brig. Gen. Hamblen. Ex C announced that Brig. Gen. Hamblen was preparing an exposition on the work of G-5 on the occasion of the

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(b) - 1 (c). Coal Situation. Col. Walton reported no change from last week. 300,000 tons of coal were still expected for arrival in June. Should arrivals exceed the anticipated figure there would be an increase in allocation.

(c) - 1 (e). C.I.P. Col. Walton said the position regarding POL was unchanged. There was an armistice in the CIP strike, it having been agreed that negotiations would not take place until after 15 June.

(d) - 1 (f). Archives. Col. Walton had spoken to Major Harrisson about non-acceptance of files and was satisfied there had been a misunderstanding. The matter was now in order. Ex C said he had arranged a meeting on Archives to-day.

(e) - 3. Allied Seamen. Brig. Carr (CA Sec) stated that a telegram had been sent to AFHQ suggesting that the clause protecting Allied merchant seamen should be omitted from the new armistice terms.

(f) - 4. Derequisitioning of Hotels. Ex C said a letter had been prepared for AFHQ which was based on a letter received from the Italian Hotels Union. The formation of a Central Organization was suggested, consisting of Allied Officers and representatives of the Italian Government and Genio Militare. This organization would lay down the policy for requisitioning and deal with appeals against requisitioning of property. There was some discussion and Brig. Carr considered that it would be difficult for a Central Organization to control this matter and that hotels should be dealt with separately from other requisitioned property. 70

(g) - 5. Reinstatement of Insurance Company Officials. Ex C stressed the importance of getting this matter settled quickly and directed Col. Walton to take up at once with the Italian Government.

2. Exposition by Brig. Gen. Hamblen. Ex C announced that Brig. Gen. Hamblen was preparing an exposition on the work of G-5 on the occasion of the visit by Field Marshal Montgomery to AFHQ. He had asked VPs and Heads of Sections for a short memorandum and would like to have this by 15 Jun[illegible] so that he could brief Brig. Gen. Hamblen. 74

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3. Future of AC. Ex C stated that although there had been a full conference yesterday, the actual future of AC was still undecided. A staff study on the subject was being prepared by AFHQ.

4. Transport for Econ Sec Officers. Col. Walton said that two of his officers had to make many trips around ROME and were having great difficulty in obtaining transport. Ex O (B) said these officers could have a car assigned to them on a daily basis provided the vehicle was needed for essential and official business. Ex C stated he would give a ruling later on this matter.

5. Responsibility for Displaced Persons. In answer to Col. Findlay (Disper S/C) Ex C said that the future of displaced persons was covered by the Civil Affairs agreements. There was some discussion on this and the drafts of the Civil Affairs agreements were examined. Ex C said that in fixing future responsibility, the financial commitments of the Italian Government must be taken into account. He would discuss further with Col. Findlay.

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Ex C said the Weekly Bulletin was a most valuable publication and he wished it to continue so long as AC existed.

10. Muster - U.S. Personnel. Ex O (A) stated that a muster had been ordered of all U.S. Army personnel at 1600 hrs, Friday, 14 June.

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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	Communist	112,000.
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	Socialist	74,000.
	Communist	46,000.
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	Socialist.	127,000.
	Communist	138,000.
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	Socialist	139,000.
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	Socialist	6,000.
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CATANIA, MESSINA, RAGUSA.	Christian Democrat	76,000
	Socialist	24,000
	Uomo Qualunque	17,000
	Com unist	15,000
College No. 30, PALERMO	Christian Democrat	38,000
	Unione Democratica Nazionale	17,000
	Communist	9,000
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2. Whitsun Holiday. Ex C said he would obtain a ruling from CC as to what holiday, if any, would be given at Whitsun.

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3. Revised Armistice Terms. Ex C said that as reported in the press he had delivered the draft of the revised armistice terms to the Italian Prime Minister. A summary of the document had appeared in the London "Times." The draft was not being published and would not be circulated until the next step had been reached, i.e. negotiation of the Civil Affairs agreements.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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Ex C would consider Ex O (B)'s recommendation.

(e) - 5. Refugee Centres. Col. Findlay (Disper S/C) stated that skeleton military organizations had been provided for the camps taken over, with the exception of AVERSA, where it was hoped to provide personnel tomorrow.
He stressed the shortage of Allied medical personnel, none being available for the camps. Ex C suggested that UNRRA could help in this matter and directed Disper S/C to draft a signal to AFHQ.

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2. Situation in MILAN. Ex C had received a report from AC CLO LOMBARDIA of a large Monarchist meeting in MILAN on 26 May, which passed off quietly. A report had been received of a plot by neo-fascists to make trouble by assasinating a British Military Policeman. The Military Commander had taken all necessary precautions.

3. Allied Seamen. Polad (A) said he was being pressed by the State Department for a decision on jurisdiction over Allied seamen. Ex C had written a DO letter to Brig. Low, RMC, on Allied nationals not subject to military law, but was uncertain how this affected Allied seamen. His personal opinion, with which Polad (A) concurred, was that all Allied nationals not subject to military law should be subject to Italian jurisdiction.
Ex C directed that a meeting be arranged with Polads on the return of Lt.Col. Hannaford.

4. C.I.P. Col. Walton stated that discussions had been taking place on the reorganization of CIP. AC had persuaded the Embassy's representative to acknowledge that this was an Embassy responsibility but AC were willing to help.

5. Italian Foreign Trade. Col. Walton said that the newly formed committee had held several meetings. As a result of discussions the Italian Government had disclosed the organization for foreign trade and the procedures adopted.
An application to send a mission to sell fruit and vegetables to the American zone in GERMANY had been referred to the American Embassy.

6. Civilian Restaurants. Ex C stated that a General Routine Order had been published placing civilian restaurants out of bounds to All Ranks. This would be repeated in the Daily Bulletin and the COC had ordered strict observance by all concerned.

7. Archives. Col. Walton said the appointment of a Records Officer was presenting difficulty. Ex C ruled that the appointment must be held by an officer who could, however, supervise the Chief Clerk in each Section.

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Ex C directed that a meeting be arranged with Polads on the return of Lt.Col. Hannaford.

4. C.I.P. Col. Walton stated that discussions had been taking place on the reorganization of CIP. AC had persuaded the Embassy's representative to acknowledge that this was an Embassy responsibility but AC were willing to help.

5. Italian Foreign Trade. Col. Walton said that the newly formed committee had held several meetings. As a result of discussions the Italian Government had disclosed the organization for foreign trade and the procedures adopted.
An application to send a mission to sell fruit and vegetables to the American zone in GERMANY had been referred to the American Embassy.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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29 May 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Friday Morning, 31 May 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference room.

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Major, Inf.
Staff Officer to CC

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21 May 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held Wednesday morning, 22 May 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference room.

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14 May 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning, 15 May 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room.

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Public Relations Branch
Chief Financial Advisor
Chief Legal Advisor

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J. C. NIVELY
Major, Inf.
Staff Officer to CC

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7 April 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

Due to the holiday tomorrow, Wednesday, 8 May, the weekly scheduled Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held on Thursday, 9 May 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference room.

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L. W. STEARNS
Lt Col., AGD
Staff Officer to CC.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

30 April 1946.

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The originally scheduled Vice Presidents' Meeting for Wednesday, 1 May 1946, has been postponed for Friday, 3 May 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room.

L. W. STEARNS
Lt Co., AGD
Staff Officer to CC.

Chief Legal Advisor, AC.

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23 April 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning, 24 April 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference room.

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Air Force Subcommission
Liaison Office (NC)
French Representative, AC
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16 April 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning, 17 April 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference room.

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French Representative, AC
Soviet Representative, AC
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March 15, 1946.

Dear Major Nugent:

I have received this morning your letter of March 5, 1946. Within the next few days I will send you some material which I think may be helpful to you in preparing the required report. In preparing this material, I will follow the subdivisions mentioned in the memorandum of February 26.

Do give my kindest regards to Colonel Weber and Colonel Hannaford, from whom I hear occasionally, and any other of my friends whom you may run across in Italy. I imagine that most of them have left by now.

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Wilmer

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Major Anthony P. Nugent,
Legal Subcommission,
Hq., Allied Commission,
APO 394, c/o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

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26 March 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning, 27 March 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference room.

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19 March 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled weekly Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, Wednesday morning, 20 March 1946 at 1000 hours at the Chief Commissioner's Conference room.

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Air Force Subcommission
Liaison Office (ZC)
French Representative, AC
Soviet Representative, AC
Public Relations Branch
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Lt. Col, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

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

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

1. 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.

(b) Summer Time. AFHQ is being asked for approval for introduction of Summer Time as of 0200 hrs Sunday 17 March because of acute shortage of electric power. AFHQ approval not yet received.

(c) Jugoslav Representative on Advisory Council. A letter from AFHQ states that apart from questions relating to War Criminals, Dr. Smodlaka will only refer to A.C. questions pertaining to matters which are within the province of the Advisory Council and if the matter does not concern that Council, he should make his representation through diplomatic channels. The VP wishes that in future all letters from Dr. Smodlaka should be referred to his office first for clearance.

2. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Major WILLIAMS, Local Government S/C stated that so far no official information has been received about the results of last Sunday's elections. Newspapers say they went off in orderly manner. Heavy polling - over 75%. Large turnout of women voters.

(b) Lt.Col. FOTHERGILL, DP & R S/C stated that the situation was unchanged. G-5 discussing handover and which displaced persons come under UNRRA.

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(d) Maj ANSON, Civil Affairs stated that on Wednesday and Saturday the Executive Commissioner, Civil Affairs and Economics will each provide a duty officer as hitherto, but that the Sunday duty officer will take turns with the Executive Commissioner's section and Establishment section.

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

The meeting closed at 1639 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT's MEETING
OF
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.

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

(b) Archives. Action should be taken now on as many files as possible. As regards extraction of duplicate letters etc. from files this would include copies of letters etc. sent for information of which a full record would be available elsewhere. E.C. assignments of personnel. Files which it was considered need not be microfilmed should be marked 'NOT TO BE MICROFILMED'.

(c) Closing Reports. The V.P. explained that all Sub Commissions whether they expect to continue their activities or not should have such reports prepared now. These reports should be up to 28th February 46.

(d) Elections. The VP stated that local elections would be starting in Italy this week end and that a directive had gone out as to how local government etc. and liaison officers should observe those elections. It was pointed out that on no account is an Allied Officer to enter any of the Polling Stations as this was contrary to Italian Law. Copies of the Directive will be sent to all Sub Commissions for information.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SUBJECT : VP's Meeting

5 Mar 46

TO : All CA Sub-Commissions

There will be no VP's meeting to-day. The Vice President will hold his next meeting on Thursday 7th March at 1500 hours.

M. CARR, Brig.
VP CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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5 March 1946.

SUBJECT : Sub-Commission Final Reports.

TO : Col. Richard H. WILMER
Transportation Building, - Washington D.C. -

1. This Sub-Commission has been called upon to prepare a short history of its activities from its inception. Col. John K. WEBER, who holds your former office felt that you should be the one to give the picture up to the end of 1944. The enclosed copy of letter from V.P. C.A. Section will give an idea of what is wanted.

2. May we encroach upon your valuable time by asking you to prepare a short history of this Sub-Commission up to the time of your separation. Col. WEBER and the writer who came down from north in April and June 1945 along with Lt. Col. HANNAFORD can pick up the story after your departure.

3. Col. WEBER, who has just come off a General Court at Naples, Col. HANNAFORD and the writer send greetings and best wishes for the success of your new law firm.

ANTHONY P. NUGENT,
Major,
Chief Counsel,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 2/3.H/CA

26 Feb 46

SUBJECT : Sub-Commissions' Final Reports

TO : All CA Sub-Commissions

Reference is made to Para 1 (f) of the Minutes of the VP's Meeting (No 135) held on 5 Feb 46.

1 Sub-Commissions will put in hand the preparation of these final reports now. These reports are required for record purposes and submission to higher authority and possibly for releases to the press.

2 The reports should be as brief as possible and details should be avoided. Reports should, if possible, be limited to 5 single-spaced pages.

Their main object is to give an outline of the work done from the inception of the Sub-Commission to date, which should cover:-

a) The problems with which the Sub-Commission was faced at its inception.
b) The changing nature of the problems and how difficulties were overcome or solved.
c) How the Italian Government co-operated and their main problems on assuming full responsibility.
d) Any main lessons learnt as regards organisation or the actual operations of the Sub-Commission.

3 Final reports should be submitted to this office at as early a date as possible.

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Chief Counsel
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Office of the Chief Commissioner

11 February 1946

VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING WILL BE HELD, WEDNESDAY MORNING, 13 FEBRUARY 1946 AT 1000 HOURS AT THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM.

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Lt Col, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

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Lt Col, AIG
Staff Officer to CC

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

NO. 155.

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).

(f) Closing Reports. On the closing of Sub-Commissions, Reports on the general work and activities of the Sub-Commissions from their inception should be prepared. These should be suitable for press release or for submission to the Italian Government. Five pages was mentioned as an indication of the length of these reports.

In the case of Sub-Commissions which will continue, either in their present form or as Branches, the information necessary for the compilation of such a report should be kept available and up-to-date.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Maj. TEMPLE - Local Government reported that the rate of the compilation of electoral lists had increased sharply during the past two weeks.

The announced figures of Communes who propose to hold elections during March are as follows:

Elections to be held on 10 Mar 46 - 413 Communes.
" " " " 17 Mar 46 - 736 "
" " " " 24 Mar 46 - Not yet announced.

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(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).

(f) Closing Reports. On the closing of Sub-Commissions, Reports on the general work and activities of the Sub-Commissions from their inception should be prepared. These should be suitable for press release or for submission to the Italian Government. Five pages was mentioned as an indication of the length of these reports.

In the case of Sub-Commissions which will continue, either in their present form or as Branches, the information necessary for the compilation of such a report should be kept available and up-to-date.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Maj. TEMPLE - Local Government- reported that the rate of the compilation of electoral lists had increased sharply during the past two weeks.

The announced figures of Communes who propose to hold elections during March are as follows:

Elections to be held on 10 Mar 46 - 413 Communes.
" " " " 17 Mar 46 - 786 "
" " " " 24 Mar 46 - Not yet announced.

(b) Lt. Col. FOTHERGILL - Displaced Persons.- reported that it is hoped that UNRRA will assume responsibility for administration of D.P. Camps as from 1 Mar 46.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 Feb 46 at 1600 hrs.
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 194

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.

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(d) Maj. TEMPLE - Local Government - reported on the progress of electoral rolls. There has been a slight increase in the rate of progress. In Italian Government territory 55% of the Communal lists have been approved. In AMG territory 3.8% had been approved. The total for the country is about 19%.

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

Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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NO. 154

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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.

(v) Local Government. Three were suggested, cutting the original proposal of four. Vice President said he would press for four.

(vi) Public Health. Nil

(vii) Education. Nil.

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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.

(a) Legal S/C - COL WEBER. Asked if the present titles of Sub Commissions be continued. They will be continued until the new organisation comes into force.

(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.

(c) D.P & R S/C - LT COL FOTHERGILL. Seven of the Emilia Region Camps, the camp outside Rome and the camp at Aversa, are being handed over to UNRRA starting from 1 January 1946 as and when UNRRA have the Camp Commanders for them. There are several other camps to be taken over by UNRRA but they have not got Camp Commanders. Camp Commanders have been nominated but have not yet been released from Military service. It is hoped to have handed over to UNRRA all they are able to take on by 31 January 1946.

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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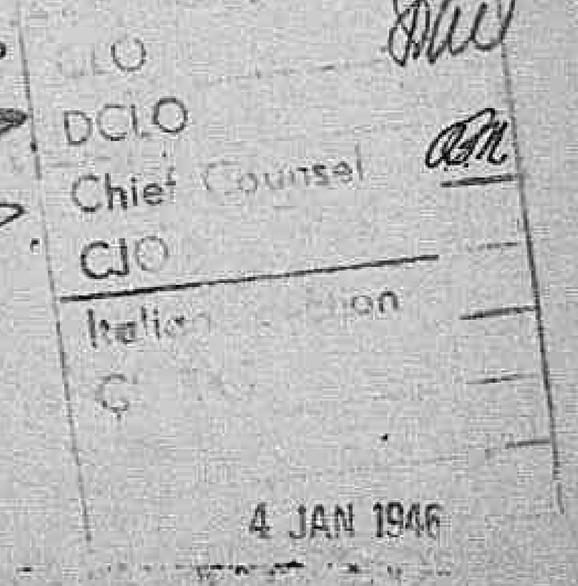
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/6.1/CA. 10 Jan 46.

SUBJECT: 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.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 132

Meeting opened at 16.00 hours 18 December 1945.

1. POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) HANDOVER OF AMG TERRITORY. The handover will take place at 2400 hours 31 December 1945. This included the whole of territory under AMG except Venezia Giulia and Udine, and includes Pantelleria, Lampedusa Naples and Livorno.

(b) LIAISON OFFICERS. Liaison Officers will be left in the North and Livorno and Naples and probably for a time in the Islands. It has not yet been decided at what strength.

(c) REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS. There will be no Regional Headquarters after December 31st. Great care must be exercised to ensure that all action taken and correspondence with Liaison Officers is on the basis that AMG no longer exists except in VENEZIE EIULIA and UDINE.

(d) STATUS OF SCAO VENEZIE GIULIA. On the handover of territory the status of SCAO Venezie Giulia will remain as heretofore. Colonel Bowman is being replaced by Colonel McPhee in a few days.

(e) FUTURE OF C.A. SECTION. Most of it will probably be abolished but final decision not yet made.

(f) ELECTIONS. Unofficial information has been received that the dates for Local Elections will be the four Sundays in March and that the day for the National Elections will be about mid April.

(g) XMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. This HQ will close from 1 o'clock on Saturday 22nd December 1945 until 0830 hours Thursday 27th December 1945, 24th December being an unofficial holiday. New Years day will also be a holiday.

2. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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Local Govt S/C - MAJOR TEMPLE. As regards Directives to be issued in connection with functions of Liaison Officers it is understood that the previous Directive drawn up by this HQ had not been issued. Local Govt. Sub Commission had submitted amendments as regards supervision of preparation of Electoral Lists. So far as is known no Directive has been issued by AFHQ to Area Commanders. As soon as Directive to be issued by this HQ has been agreed, Local Government S/C will draft suggested Directive to be sent by Italian Government to Prefects.

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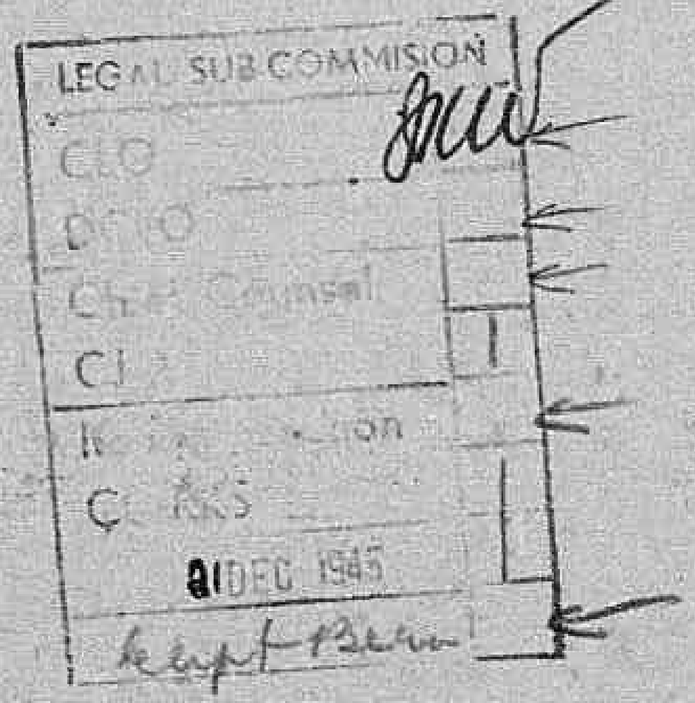
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 131

Meeting opened at 16.05 on Friday 14th Dec- ber 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.

(b) UNRRA. Congress has passed both appropriations and it is presumed that they will pass the Senate in time for the flow of essential supplies to Italy to continue without a break.

(c) SCOPE OF A.C. The scope of AC will be greatly altered, if not its life ended, after 1 Jan 46. Meetings have been held at AFHQ to discuss future functions etc. Decision not yet known.

(d) ELECTRICITY. There is a severe shortage of electricity in Northern Italy. Severe rationing may cause the closing of works and consequent unemployment. The frequent cutting off of electricity in Rome is not due to breakdown but to shortage as electricity is being passed from Rome to Naples to enable works to continue. Switzerland offered to sell spare electricity to N.Italy but is now in the same state owing to drought.

(e) CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. It is rumoured that the Commission will close from 12.30 on Saturday and reopen on 27th December at0830 hours. Probably this holiday will be given to all troops in Italy and the Commission will comply with this arrangement. Not yet approved.

(f) BRIGADIER LUSH'S REPORT ON REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING IN N.ITALY. The Executive Commissioner was informed that it would take 3 weeks to close down offices etc. 12 Liaison Groups will be left for the whole of Italy totalling 30/35 officers, exclusive of Economic personnel who will number somewhat less. If UNRRA take over on 1 Jan 46 they will pass to them immediately except for a small number of transport Officers. Until that time they will remain on AC strength.

(g) SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT. There is trouble in N.Italy over AC supplies due to the fact that the only PBS supply depot is in UDINE which means great strain on transport as even Piemonte is supplied from this source. PBS have been asked to open another Depot at MILAN. 42

(h) CCRR. CCRR situation in N.Italy is much improved. Clothing has arrived in the North, and the arms situation is fairly satisfactory. As the change is rather sudden in regard to clothing, PS SC will ensure that all the clothing for CCRR is not going to the North but that a fair share goes to the South of Italy as well.

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(i) FUTURE CO-ORDINATION IN N. ITALY. AC has issued a directive to its Liaison groups and AFHQ has done the same to Area Commanders. It is desired that the Italian Government should issue a similar directive to Prefects with regard to their contacts with:

(a) Local Commanders' troops
(b) AC Liaison Groups.

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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. REPORTS 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 Cox 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.

(c) Public Safety - COL CHAPMAN. There has been a marked increase in Crime South of the AMG Line. Carabinieri are quite unable to cope as bands of criminals are from 20 to 60 strong and CC.RR are only in parties of 4 or 5. Black Market Vendors in Rome went on strike twice this week because the Police were interfering with their business.

(d) D.P. & R.- MAJOR WOODCOCK. Handover to UNRRA will probably take place on 1 January 46 but it is not yet decided finally.

(e) Education - LT COL WASHBURNE. 52 schools in Rome are still occupied by refugees. Major Woodcock, D.E & R Sub Commission, said that the matter would be taken up with the Italian Government.

(f) Local Government S/C - MAJOR TEMPLE. The original target date for Local Elections was mid December to mid January. The Crisis has given an excuse to put them off and the latest rumour resulting from conversations yesterday was that they would be held at the end of February. Percentage of electoral lists approved is about 14%. De Gasperi claims AC have held up Elections which is untrue. If they had carried on as AC wished them to and got going about 4 to 6 months ago they would have had the election by this time.

(g) Monuments Fine Arts and Archives S/C - MAJOR NEWTON. Many misunderstandings within the Ministry of Public Instruction over the position of the Ufficio Recupero Opere d'Arte have been cleared up at various conferences and it is hoped that this body should now function even better than before.

Meeting closed at 1645 hours.

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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 Ocx 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.

(c) Public Safety - COL CHAPMAN. There has been a marked increase in Crime South of the AMG Line. Carabinieri are quite unable to cope as bands of criminals are from 20 to 60 strong and CC.RR are only in parties of 4 or 5. Black Market Vendors in Rome went on strike twice this week because the Police were interfering with their business.

(d) D.P. & R.- MAJOR WOODCOCK. Handover to UNRRA will probably take place on 1 January 46 but it is not yet decided finally.

(e) Education - LT COL WASHBURNE. 52 schools in Rome are still occupied by refugees. Major Woodcock, D.P & R Sub Commission, said that the matter would be taken up with the Italian Government.

(f) Local Government S/C - MAJOR TEMPLE. The original target date for Local Elections was mid December to mid January. The Crisis has given an excuse to put them off and the latest rumour resulting from conversations yesterday was that they would be held at the end of February. Percentage of electoral lists approved is about 14%. De Gasperi claims AC have held up Elections which is untrue. If they had carried on as AC wished them to and got going about 4 to 6 months ago they would have had the election by this time.

(g) Monuments Fine Arts and Archives S/C - MAJOR NEWTON. Many misunderstandings within the Ministry of Public Instruction over the position of the Ufficio Recupero Opere d'Arte have been cleared up at various conferences and it is hoped that this body should now function even better than before.

Meeting closed at 1645 hours.

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

NO 129

Meeting opened at 1605 hours on Tuesday 27 Nov 45.

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) New Policy about Filling Staff at Venezia Giulia. - The Staff at Venezia Giulia is to be kept full at the expense of any other function.

(b) Regional Headquarters. - The proposal to set up a new Region for North Italy has been abandoned. The Regions will continue but the Economic Group will come directly under Colonel HANCOCK, who will get the title of Economic Commissioner for North Italy, in addition to being Regional Commissioner of Lombardia. The Economic Commissioner will be responsible for the four Northern Regions including Venezie. The office of representative of the Chief Commissioner is abolished.

(c) Minority Question in Bolzano. - The Prefect of Bolzano has submitted a memorial to the Italian Government on this point; Local Government watch and follow up.

(d) Laws on Constituent Assembly and local elections. - Major TEMPLE explained that Local Government Sub-Commission had a visit from a representative of the Ministry. All the observations of the Allied Commission on the Costituent had been agreed and accepted. As to local elections, the Chief of the Electoral Service of the Ministry of the Interior stated by phone to-day that no action was being taken at present because of the crisis in the Government.

(e) Economic Position. - There has been set up a North Italy Industrial Council which has 23 subsidiary bodies and deals with imports of coal, raw materials, etc. The power situation is bad. Electricity will have to be rationed. The Italians are generally ignorant of economic facts; it is proposed to issue weekly economic notes for their information. A scheme is being considered for the re-organisation of foreign trade.

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(f) Transportation. - It is proposed to set up a rail coach service to North Italy. The time is approximately 16 hours to Milan.

(g) War Materials. - 18 dumps are in the process of being taken over by the Italian Government. These are to be policed by 4,000 time-expired Carabinieri recruited into the Guardia Finanza.

(h) Public Health S/C. - Originally this Sub-Commission was to have been abolished as of 1 December, but this has been changed and the Sub-Commission will continue on a minimum scale.

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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.

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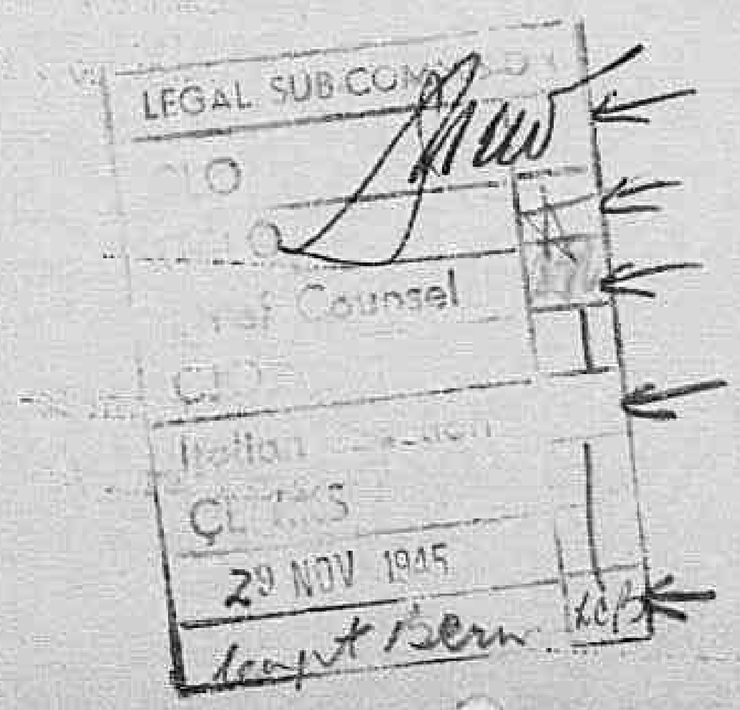
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO 128

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1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Brig. LUSH's Tour. The Executive Commissioner has returned from his tour of North Italy and was extremely favourably impressed by the amount of good work being done by the few officers there.

(b) Regional Headquarters. A proposal is being put forward to abolish the Regional Headquarters of PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA and LIGURIA and to establish a central HQ for the three Regions at MILAN. It is further proposed to have one Regional Commissioner for the whole area with three Sub-Regional Commissioners under him whose duties will be largely inspectional. Recommendations are required from Sub-Commissions as to placing of personnel on a provincial and MILAN HQ basis by 1100 hrs tomorrow, Wednesday, 21 Nov 45.
A similar scheme for NE Italy will shortly be considered.

(c) Frontier Control. Allied troops are shortly to be withdrawn from the Italian-French frontier and are being replaced by Italian troops.

(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 RP 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. 40
Suits are being issued to returned Italian PCW from Russia which includes Boots, it has been suggested from stocks which should have gone to the CC RP. IPW Division denied that this was true.

(g) Demonstration. A demonstration of about 10,000 took place in TARANTO on 19 Nov 45. The occasion alleged to be a protest against the killing of a Communist. The office of the newspaper "L'Uomo Qualunque" was burned down but no casualties or other untoward incidents have been reported.

(h) IPW S/S. Clarification has again been asked for on the question of which Section IPW S/S is attached to.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt.Col. EGGIS - IPW S/C. Questura Road Blocks in North Italy are not marked and no lights are shown when cars are challenged. Col. CHAPMAN stated 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. WHEELER. One case of typhus has been reported from PALERMO. All precautions have been taken and the responsible authorities notified.

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

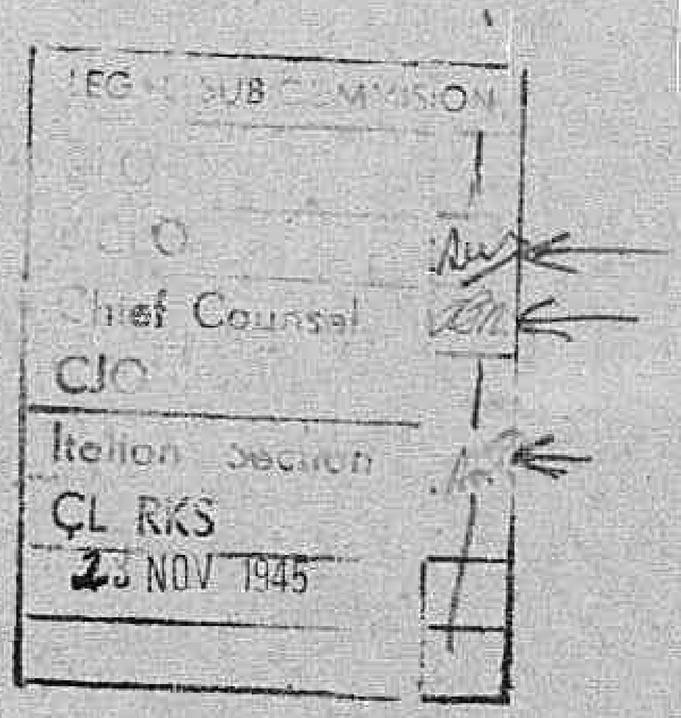
(d) Lt.Col. HAMMOND - Legal. Yugoslav Occupying forces have no further rights than are given them by International Law. They are not occupying VENEZIA GIULIA under the Armistice Terms.

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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Displaced Persons S/C
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 127

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 Forli. 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.

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Meeting closed at 1620 hrs.

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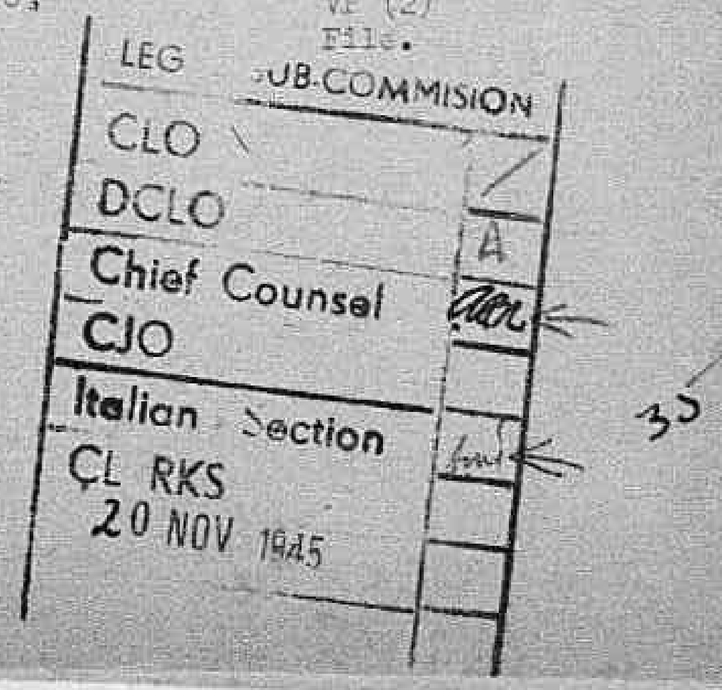
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1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING held on Tuesday, 30 Oct 45.

(a) Handback of territory. No further information has been received on either the handover of the Northern Regions or the return of the Port areas.

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Armistice Terms. The Armistice Terms, together with an agreed commentary by the US and UK Governments will be released by the Italian Government to the press tonight (6 Nov 45) at 1900 hrs.

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(a) Carabinieri Review. Col. CHAPMAN reported that General MORGAN, SAC, is to review the Carabinieri in Rome tomorrow, 7 Nov 45. There are a limited number of tickets for officers of this Section wishing to attend.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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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.

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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.

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Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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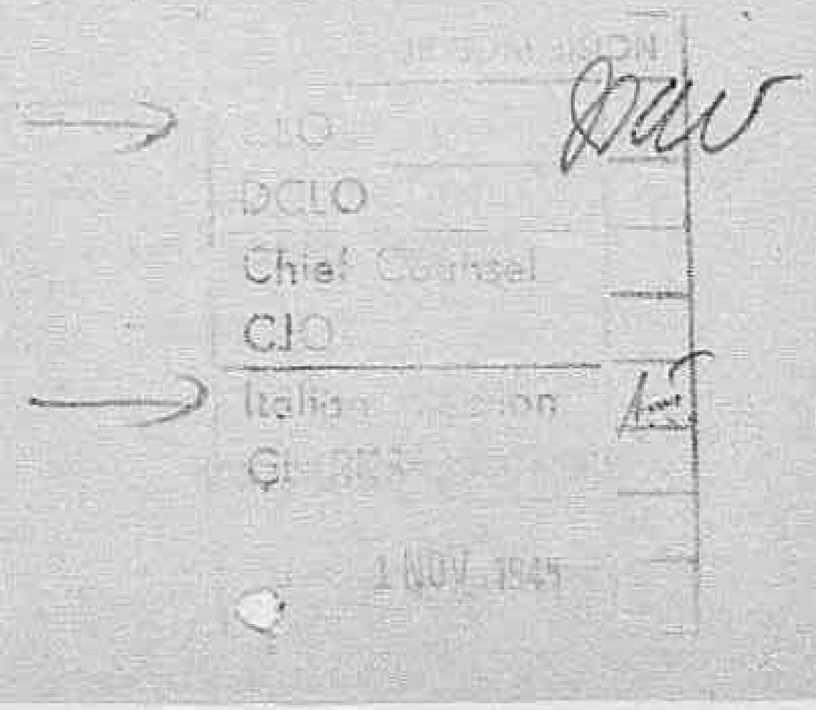
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 124.

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

1 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on 9 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 HQ wherever appropriate in order to facilitate handing over to UNRRA where this is to take place. This will affect DP CR in particular.

(c) Port Areas. AFHQ has suggested that the port areas of NAPLES, LIVORNO, and TRIESTE should be handed back to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government prior to the handover of the remainder of Northern Italy. It had been decided at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting to base the decision on whether any useful saving in personnel would be effected. It was not anticipated that CA Section would benefit to any great extent.

(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 RC'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.

(e) Public Safety. Cases have been reported of casualties among Allied Troops being caused by firing by Italian soldiers or police on guard duty. Col. PENCE will let Public Safety Sub-Commission have a full report on these cases. It was proposed at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting that a letter should then be sent to Regional Commissioners on this question.

(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.

(a) Major PARKER. Mine Clearance equipment is arriving and the position is satisfactory. The question of petrol for mine clearance is entirely an Italian Government responsibility.

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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. REDD - [illegible] S/C. Italian Prisoners of War S/C is expected to come under [illegible] very shortly.

(d) Lt. Col. [illegible]RE - 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,
[illegible] S/C,
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives S/C,
Legal S/C,
Local Government S/C,
Patriots Branch
Public Health S/C,
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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 - IEN 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. FRIED. E - Public Health. No further cases of plague have been reported this month in TARANTO.

Col. FAGE, Director Public Health Sub-Commission, has been recalled to the United States.

(c) Maj. TEMPLE - Local Government. Though all correspondence from Italian Ministries to local government officials in AMG territory should pass through AC, cases have been reported of telegrams being sent direct. The VP will raise this matter at the next Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

(d) Maj. REEVES - 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.

(e) Lt. Col. WHITE - G5O. With the return of Italian POWs from Russia a change in the political temper of the North seems to be taking place. Partisans' and soldiers are rapidly disappearing.

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 is 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.

The next VP's Meeting will take place at 1600 hrs on Tuesday, 23 Oct 45.

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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

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 (b) where both cases were erroneously reported as in TARANTO.)

(c) Personnel for Missions. A report from DMAM 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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Regional Commissioners must be informed beforehand of what is planned. AMG channels for correspondence will still be used.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Maj. TEETER - 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. 34

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.

The implementing order is being prepared by Local Government and will be submitted to Legal S/C for approval this afternoon. This will state that the Decree becomes effective upon approval of the appointed to the Council by AMG.

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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 - IPW - The Italian Government have asked if the hospital trains which have been used to bring sick and wounded from Germany to MERANO 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.

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Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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

No. 121

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. Many ships are arriving without notice in North 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. [illegible] 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. [illegible] ASC to the meeting, who has joined Civil Affairs Section as an SCOII.
The CSC explained the system of division of work which will be re-instituted in CA Sec. All Grade 2 matters will be dealt with by an SC II and only Grade A matters will pass through the CSC to the VP. Matters connected with Legal and Local Government will continue to go direct to the CSC. Maj. [illegible] (Tel. No. 358) will continue to be responsible for Mine Clearance and Patriots and in addition will staff Displaced Persons and [illegible]. Maj. [illegible] ASC (Tel. No. 321) will be responsible for Public Health, Public Safety, Education and [illegible].
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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No. 121

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2 GENERAL

(a) Civil Affairs Sub-Section Staff. The VI introduced Maj. [redacted] to the meeting, who has joined Civil Affairs Section as an SCII.
The CSC 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 CSC to the VI. Matters connected with Legal and Local Government will continue to go direct to the CSC. Maj. REANEY (Tel. No. 358) will continue to be responsible for Mine Clearance and Patriots and in addition will staff Displaced Persons and [redacted]. Maj. [redacted] (Tel. No. 321) will be responsible for Public Health, Public Safety, Education and IPW.
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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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DIR 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 registration section of the office of the representatives to the Advisory Council. The USSR still had a military mission.

An outline will be submitted.

4 POINTS FOR INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. [redacted] - Education. Education in VENEZIA GIULIA 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 VENEZIA GIULIA Region on the subject.

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

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

(c) Lt. Col. [redacted] - [redacted] - 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 VG.

(d) Lt. Col. [redacted] - Local Government. The last paragraph of the Instructions for Liaison Groups is incorrect. The VG will take the matter up.

(e) Major [redacted] 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. [redacted] - Public Safety. The same trouble has arisen at LIVORNO as occurred at NAPLES over the question of employment of German PCMs.

The situation there is complicated by the fact that some dis-location of the civilian population has been caused by billetting German PCMs 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. [redacted] - 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. [redacted] reported that key officers (American) may not be temporarily retained if it is impossible to replace them, on the direct order of General Mellano. A letter has been sent to all Sub-Commissions on the subject.

(i) Lt. Col. [redacted] - Local. The question of personnel is still a pressing one. Two more officers are leaving VENEZIA GIULIA and more will go shortly. The Office is still pressing for officers to be released

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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 Unit still had a military mission.

An estimate will be submitted.

4 REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. W. [redacted] - Education. Education in VENEZIA GIULIA 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 [redacted] - G.5 Section. Mine Clearance has been worked over and turned over to the Ministry of War.

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

(c) Lt. Col. [redacted] - MFA&T. - 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) Maj. [redacted] - Local Government. The last paragraph of the Instructions for Liaison Groups is incorrect. The VI will take the matter up.

(e) Major [redacted] reported that attempts were being made by G.5 Section AFHQ Headquarters to obtain civilian staff from other Sub-Commissions. It was confirmed that civilian staff were not allowed to arrange transfers amongst themselves from one Section or Sub-Commission to another.

(f) Col. [redacted] - Public Safety. The same trouble has arisen at LIVORNO as occurred at [redacted] over the question of employment of German POW.

The difficulty there is complicated by the fact that some dislocation of the civilian population has been caused by billeting German POW 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. [redacted] - 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.

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(i) Lt. Col. [redacted] - 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 [redacted], but Legal can do nothing in the matter.

(j) Lt. Col. [redacted]: Travel orders will in future be made out for the signature of Major J.S. [redacted], 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

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 SCS by AFHQ. The latest information is that the U.S. Government is not in favour of handing back DODECANESE with the rest of Northern Italy, but representations opposing this view have been addressed to AFHQ.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. LANGFORD. - 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. FINDLAY - DPAR Displaced Persons have received several reports of both Yugoslavs and Russians travelling without proper authorization especially to DODECANESE.

(c) Col. CHAPMAN - 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 authorization 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, unauthorised journeys.

(d) Lt. Col. REGIS - ITT - 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 DPW S/C the possibility of using temporarily, some of their camps located near alternative ports for the reception of PWs. AFHQ are willing to assist with transport if necessary. A shipment of 32,000 POWs from the U.S. is expected to arrive shortly.
Nothing further has yet been heard about the transfer of DPW 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 15 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

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(f) Col. PAGE - Public Health - enquired if the date of Dec 1 was to stand as the date on which Public Health S/C could cease or if the date should be reckoned as 60 days from the handover of Northern Italy. The VP stated that he believed that the Dec 1 date was based on the handover taking place on 30 Sep but that it was probable that the date of Dec 1 would be adhered to as regards reduction of staffs, withdrawal of AMG from UDINE Province, etc.

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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. WEATHERBY - 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. BEAKES - Patriots Branch was rapidly closing down. Regional IMFRs were soon to be discharged though the IMFRs 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 16½ hrs.

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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
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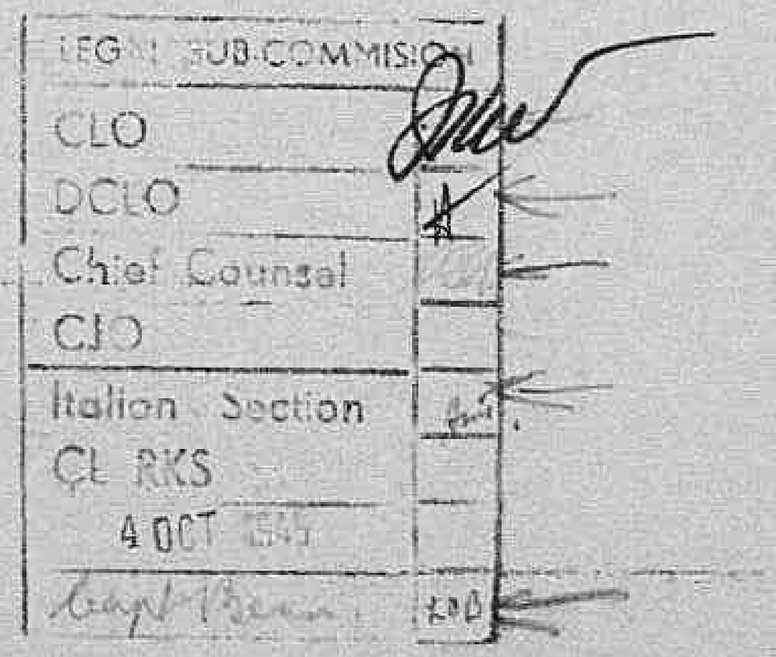
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Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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Legal S/C
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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 whilst 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-Commission 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 ones - 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 SECTIONS.

(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.

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(b) Col. POPHAM - P I & 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. FINCH has replaced him as Chief Welfare Officer.

(d) Lt. Col. [illegible] - Legal - The mimeographed copies for the first

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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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(e) Public Safety, Legal & Education mentioned difficulties with regard to personnel. The situation should improve greatly wit 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 replacemnt of personnel.

(f) Brig. CARR mentioned that Col. CHIRIS was leaving and that Maj. FINLE would replace him as Director Local Government.

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

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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Education S/C
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Local Government S/C
Patriots Branch
Italian POW S/C
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives S/C
Public Health S/C
Public Safety S/C
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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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, CSC, 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. CHAPMAN 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. HANFORD. 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-5 concerned and not with AFHQ.

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Prisoners of War overseas - IPW Sub-Commission.
" " " in Italy (in Allied Hands) to PWG, AFHQ.
Neo-Fascists and civilians in Italy (in Italian hands) MMLA for Ministry of War
Civilian Internees in Allied Hands - G-2, AFHQ.

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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NO. 117

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
TPW	4
Legal	2
Local Government	4
MFAA	-
Public Health	-
Public Safety	6
DP & R	50

(Col. Findlay to discuss with Col. James.)

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

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

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(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. CHALMERS. Prof. PARRI is going to NAPLES to discuss the labour dispute in the hope of averting threatened distur-

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

(b) IPW - Lt. Col. REGER. 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
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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. MMLA 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. BERNS. 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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Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday, 18 Sep 45.

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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

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.

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3 GENERAL

(a) Reduction of Personnel A new T/O -ME 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-Comms.
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	5
DIR	62 (40) (?)	116

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Health - Col. PAGE. The situation at MERANO has much improved. [illegible] was received from 52 Area. These were sent.

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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

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	2	5
EDUCATION S/C	-	- (1 Adviser)
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

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Health - Col. PAGE. The situation at MERANO 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 paper concerned.

(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 IPW S/C, DP & R S/C and Local Government S/C on the question of surplus Italian Military personnel within the ceiling of 5,000 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

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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. CHAPLIN 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 C.. 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.

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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 ENDIMT.. Copy of the translation will be forwarded to C .. Sec as soon as possible.

(b) Displaced Persons - Col. FINDLAY. 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
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 113

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.

(g) EMILIA Region. It was reported that, though EMILIA Region closed down

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(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 dispatched to Archives. Any such enquiries will be dealt with by a staff working on the files in this Headquarters.

(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.

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(e) Col. PAGE reported that the position in MERANO is not as satisfactory as at first supposed. Accommodation there has only just kept pace with demand so far and a sudden influx of patients would be difficult to handle. The buildings are there but equipment is not available.

(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. EASTBURNE 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 LIAP at the same time. To be taken up with G-1 (B) immediately.

Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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Education S/C
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Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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Local Government S/C
Patriots Branch,
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 112

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. BERENS. 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. CHAPMAN. 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.

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Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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

NO. 111

Meeting opened at 1607 hrs on Tuesday 28 Aug 45.

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

(a) Office Hours (1(a)). In future the whole of Sunday and Wednesday 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 ~~HQ~~ 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.

(a) Public Health - Col. FREEMLE The Merano Scheme is doing well. A total of 985 persons have been received already, of which 20% have been evacuated. AFHQ authority for the release of German medical equipment in nearby dumps is being sought.

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

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

Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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Patriots Branch
Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives S/C
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Public Safety S/C
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 110

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.

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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.

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

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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 BERRIES explained that the appointment of Sig. CRIVA as 1st President of the Court of Appeals of Brescia was purely a technicality to enable him to hold a higher rank.

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY J/Cdr,
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSION OR CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 109

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. Bye.

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/WR 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. 457).

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

(b) Promotion - 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, 12 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 northern frontier.

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

The VT 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 12 months.

J.G. [illegible], S/Ldr.,
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSION OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 106

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 3 Aug 45.

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

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2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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, Apuania 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) 5 Army relinquished any control in Italy as of 25 July.

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

3 CSO drew attention to the 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 19

The Meeting closed at 1630 hours.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING TO BE HELD ON 26/JULY 45.

1. Petitions for Pardon. Delay in adjudicating. - Petition of Soffio Sante.

2. Murder of prisoners at Verona and Imola.

3. Transfer of Section of Cassation from Milan to Rome. Substitute for Procuratore Generale Lepore.

4. Lazzi Bros.

5. Three ~~Slovene~~ Judges to be sent to Venezia Giulia in exchange for three Italians.(Rabnicek Alfonso, Tribunale Vercelli, Cink N. and Milan Bogatac, Tribunale Alessandria to go to Venezia Giulia; Petrani Carlo, Delfino Giuseppe and a third judge to take their places. -Judge Tramontana.

6. Vacations of Courts.

7. Visit of Undersecretary Veroni to Milan.

8. Letter of Ministry to ~~Commissario~~ Becca.

9. Pantelleria Court.

10. Reasons for ricorso in cassazione to remain.

11. Comm. Emanuele Montefusco, Assessa Provincial per cui è chiesto (not clear)

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

NO 106

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1 GENERAL

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

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(b) SHAEF - (3-a). The Joint Committee which will handle refugees from former SHAEF Territory is already set up and working.

(c) Repatriation of Sick Italians.- (4-b). - It is hoped that the hospitals in Merano will be ready to receive 1,700 sick Italians by the end of July. Reception will commence in August.

3 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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4 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

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

NO. 105

Meeting opened at 1607 hrs on Friday, 13 Jul 45.

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

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(c) Col. Grimm 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. Bogham-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.

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

NO. 104

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

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

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

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

(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.

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2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 15

(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 Patients. The Chief Commissioner is most anxious that

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

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Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 1945

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The Minister reports that in agreement with the Minister of Treasury the vacations have been provisionally suspended every where; the Primi Presidenti have been authorized to approach individual magistrates whose work is essential with a view to make them give up 30 days of their vacation. As a compensation they will receive an additional month's pay.

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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 Finanza in Northern Italy. (3(e)). 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.

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SUBJECT: VP's Meeting.

TO: See Distribution below.

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

J.C. HARVEY, 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. 102

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

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

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

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(b) Personnel. Establishment Section are to arrange the return of Capt. Lewis from 15 Army Group and to get the release of officers with 5 Army and IV Corps.

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(b) Personnel. Establishment Section are to arrange the return of Capt. Lewis from 15 Army Group and to get the release of officers with 5 Army and IV Corps.

(c) Electoral Lists. Electoral Lists will not be compiled in VENEZIA GIULIA pending a decision by AFHQ.

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Safety raised the question of the wages of Guardia di Finanza in the North. It seems that those sent up by AFHQ are not being credited with the differential in wage scales against Southern scales.

(b) Public Health stated that their officers in PIEMONTE and EMILIA are without transport.

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

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

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

NO. 101

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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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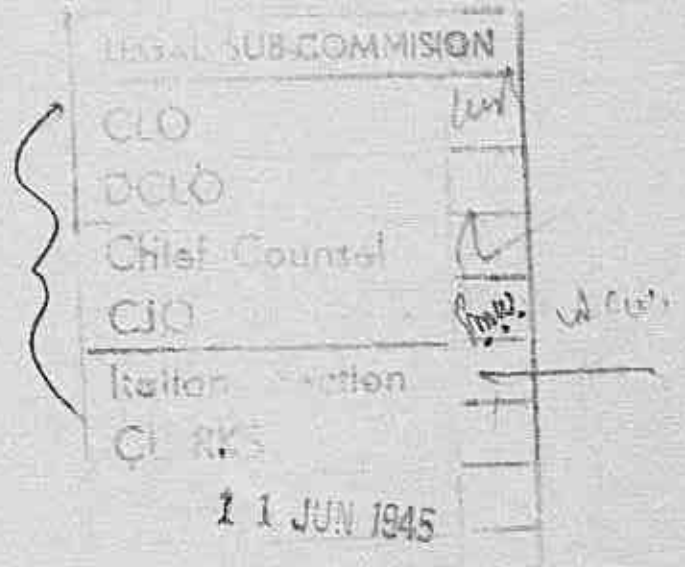
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

IMMEDIATE

14 June 45

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SUBJECT : Regional Commissioner Conference

TO : All CA Sub-Commissions

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

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

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Please indicate whether you have any thing.

Col Bohrens	NIL
Col Hertford	Nil
Wing Wright	Nil
Col Strickland	Nil
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ABRIDGED MONTHLY REPORT OF LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION FOR
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VICE PRESIDENTS MEETING
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NO. 100

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

NO. 99

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 25 May 45.

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

(a) Transfer of Territory (2(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.

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

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

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

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(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

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

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

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(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 considereble 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.

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

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

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

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(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

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

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

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(c) The Restricted Line will be removed as from 28 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.

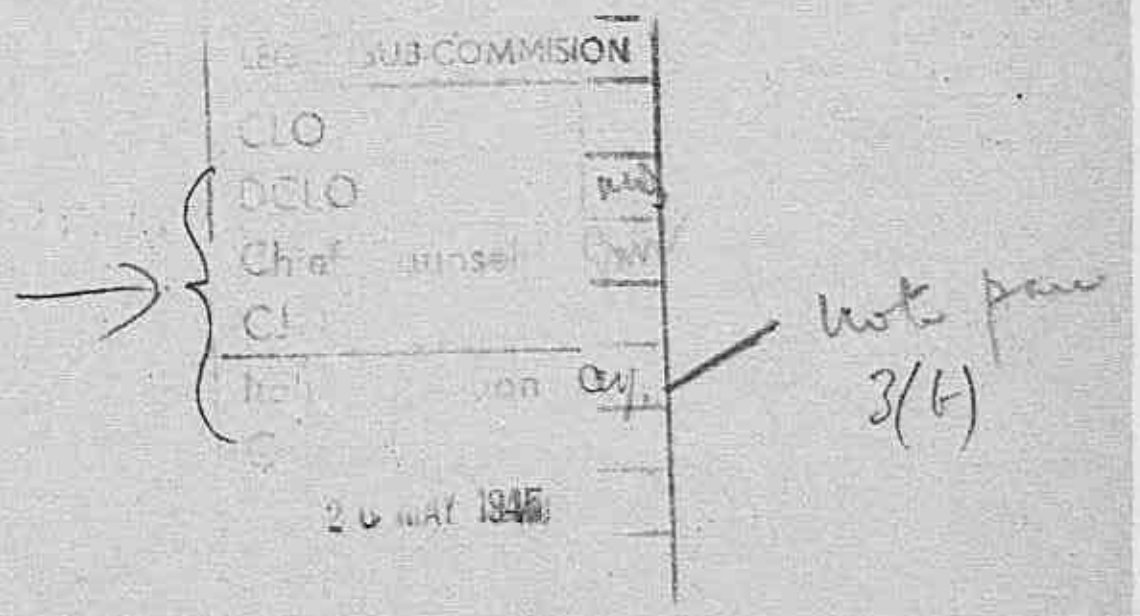
(a) Public Safety Sub-Commission reported the promotion of Col. DOHERTY and the arrival of Maj. HOELSCHER as Administrative Officer vice Maj. LUCKMAN.

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

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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

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

NO. 98

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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.

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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 1605 hrs.

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PA TO VP CA Sect.

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