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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.

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(d) Capt SAMPSON, Public Health S/C stated that the situation was very good and that the rate of disease was dropping rapidly all over Italy. Smallpox in Naples had dropped from 87 to 1.

(e) Col CHAPMAN, Public Safety S/C stated that the situation had considerably improved even in Emilia region where there was a noteworthy decrease in the crime rate. Municipal elections were carried out in orderly fashion. Police were stationed at all polling stations and there had only been one very minor disturbance. Col Chapman then brought up a special case where the French CC in Florence had arrested an Italian named Ventura on the allegation that he had in his possession printings looted from France and that they intended to take him to [illegible]

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(d) Maj AMSON, 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 1693 hrs.

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

No. 136.

14010.

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.G. 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 these 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.

2. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Col WEBER, Legal S/C stated that the review of 100 major cases had been completed and that there remained 450 major cases still to be dealt with.

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(c) Lt Col TOMKINSON, DP & R S/C stated that the draft Agreement with UNRRA had been approved and agreed to at AFHQ. 4638

The next meeting will be notified to Sub Commissions.

The meeting closed at 1550 hrs.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

5 Mar 46

SUBJECT : VP's Meeting

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. CANEA, Brig.
VP CA Section

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VICE [illegible]'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-[illegible]S OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 134

14010

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) Mr. 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 35% of the Communal lists have been approved. In AMG territory 3.6% 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.

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

NO. 135.

Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Tuesday, 5 Feb 44.

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.

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(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.

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" " " " 17 Mar 46	-	736 "
" " " " 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.
Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED OCCUPATION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/6.1/CA. 14010 10 Jan 46.

SUBJECT: VP's Meeting.

TO: See Distribution Below.

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

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

Edward Keating, Maj
E. CASH, Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No .133

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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.

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(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) Educations 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 AG/594/MB 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".

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

Meeting closed at 16.54 hours.

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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 includes the whole of territory under AMG except Venezie 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.

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.

Meeting closed at 16.30 hours.

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(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.

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.

Meeting closed at 16.30 hours.

* Later confirmed that this Directive had been issued to all Regions in September. A new Directive is being drafted by Exec. Comm Sec. and the previous one may be cancelled.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 131

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

1. POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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

(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.

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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. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

(b) Legal - COL WEBER. The last two weeks have seen a definite rise in the Crime Wave in the Livorno-Via Reggio - Pisa District, probably caused by the decrease in the numbers of troops due to redeployment and to the fact that AMG Courts have been discontinued. One Officer and one E.M. have been killed. General 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.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO 130

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1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

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(c) A Regional Commissioner's Conference may be held in Milan on 11 Dec 45, principally to discuss size and personnel of Liaison groups. Heads of Sub-Commissions will let the AVP know of any matter which should be discussed at this meeting.

(d) DE GASPERI is charged with forming a Government and it is rumoured that the Socialists are to get the Ministry of the Interior.

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(f) Public Safety Sub-Commission has been asked for figures of Public Safety Personnel on French frontier. This personnel has been furnished for the entire frontier so the total figures only can be given as it is not known how they are split up.

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(h) AC have suggested to AFHQ that an act of clemency should be made at the time of the handover. The proposal has been turned down. It is being considered whether the matter shall be taken further.

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(j) The Italian Government has just issued 2 decrees. One creates for 60 days the right to retire "for the good of the service" civil servants down to grade 5 inclusive. No appeal is possible but pensions are allowed. The other is a general law of amnesty for persons convicted for resisting the Fascist regime.

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

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

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

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

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

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

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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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 Constituent 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.

(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. - 16 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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(i) Province of Belluno. - This Province has been taken under the Military Command of XIII Corps. This will not affect AMG and it will remain under Venezie Region.

(j) Recommendations for Awards to Italians. - Individuals who distinguish 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 hospitalisation for Italian wives of American soldiers. This is being handled on a basis of the individual soldier contributing a certain amount and the Italian Government contributing the balance.

(d) Local Government S/C - Major TEMPLE. - The Decree which was submitted dealing with nationality of the people of Bolzano has been approved in principle by the Council of Ministers. It is understood that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had been directed to make certain amendments, after which the revised Decree will be sent to the Chief Commissioner, copy to Local Government. General progress on preparation of electoral registers continues to be slow in Italian Government territory. Approximately 16% of the lists have been approved. The first step of initial compilation has gone along fairly well but the stumbling block of the Criminal Regist Offices is still holding up progress. In AMG territory, progress is abo five times as good as in Italian Government territory. Only a very small portion of the lists will be ready for local elections in December. Th is a fairly good chance that the electoral registers will be ready for the constituent elections in April of next year.

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

NO 128

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Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Tuesday 20 Nov 45.

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

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

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

(c) Lt.Col. WARBURTON - 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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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING OF HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 126

Correction to Minute No. 125 Delete Para 4 (e) and substitute:

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

(a) Handbook 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.

(b) Civilians in Italy. MTOUSA has issued a circular setting forth arrangements which have been made whereby approved Allied civilians can obtain military transport, food and accommodation on repayment. A similar scheme for British areas is under discussion.

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

NO. 125

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

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

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

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Clothing for Public Safety Forces. Cloth for uniforms for Public Safety Forces, excluding Carabinieri, has been available for over two months but arrangements to pay for the cloth have not yet been made by Italian authorities. G&FF and Agents of P.S. now have a representative from Rome in MILAN working on this subject. 6/11/45. JN.

3 GENERAL

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

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Legal - Col. WEBER enquired if any replacements could be expected before the handover of the Northern Regions. It was stated that Americ replacements had been applied for but that the position was uncertain. Orders and counter-orders had been sent to Regions regarding the release of certain officers ordered to report to VENEZIA GIULIA.

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Col. WEBER to discuss with G-1 before further instructions were issued. A Legal Officer had been sent to LIGURIA and if Maj. GLERUM could now proceed to VENEZIA GIULIA he should be so informed to avoid any misunderstanding.

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

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

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

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Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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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.

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

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

(d) Lt. Col. PASQUINE - Education Text-books are being printed for sale at reasonable prices.

Two Swing trailers 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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A meeting will be held in 'A' Branch conference room GHQ Thursday October 25 at 1430 hrs to finalise papers on handover of Italian Army and carabinieri to the Italian Government. Addressees are requested to attend. Chairman bgs (3D).

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

NO. 123

Meeting opened at 1000 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 - HQ S/C. The port of TARANTO is again in use. Two more cases have occurred of ships arriving at the wrong ports without any notification.

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

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

(c) Maj. [illegible] - 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 VI will raise this matter at the next Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

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

(e) Lt. Col. [illegible] - SHQ With the return of Italian POWs from Russia a change in the political temper of the North seems to be taking place. Partisans' red scarves 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 Piedmonte Region and Novara where 9 and 36 truckloads of arms respectively were handed in recently.

This question will be taken up.

The next VI's Meeting will take place at 1000 hrs on Tuesday, 23 Oct 45.

Meeting closed at 1145 hrs.

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Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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NO. 122

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Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Tuesday, 9 Oct [illegible]

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Personnel for Missions. A report from DIAR 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.

(a) Fine Arts and Medical matters in Regions which have no representatives of the Sub-Commission in the field may be handed over to the Italian Government authorities. Education has already been handed over in PIEMONTE Region and is now handing over in LIGURIA.

Regional Commissioners must be informed beforehand of what is planned. AMG channels for correspondence will still be used.

3 NOTES FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt.Col. TEMPLE - Local Government - The Italian Government has issued a decree creating an autonomous area for Val d'Aosta by turning over 62 Communes of Aosta Province to TURIN and forming the Autonomous Area from the remaining 46 Communes.

The decree on this has already been passed and will be implemented in AMG Territory in the normal way but will not take full effect until the Council of 25 is appointed to administer the Area.

The implementing order is being prepared by Local Government and will be submitted to Legal S/O for approval this afternoon. This will

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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 - UNRRA - 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. ROTHERGILL is investigating. It had been recommended to UNRRA (but not accepted) that Yugoslav Police should be retained for a time to keep order in the camp. This seems still to be advisable.

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION: Displaced Persons S/C,
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Local Government S/C,
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Public Health S/C,
Public Safety S/C.
Capt. BRANSOM (Office of the Executive Commissioner.)
Public Relations Branch,
WS (2)
Officers (2),
File.

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

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 Taranto. Another reminder has been sent to OCS by AFHQ. The latest information is that the U.S. Government is not in favour of handing back SOUTHAD with the rest of Northern Italy, but representations opposing this view have been addressed to AFHQ.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

(b) Col. FINLAY - DPWR Displaced Persons have received several reports of both Yugoslavs and Russians travelling without proper authorisation especially to SOUTHAD.

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

(d) Lt. Col. RAGG - LRT - 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 LRB S/C the possibility of using temporarily, some of their camps located near alternative ports for the reception of PCWs. AFHQ are willing to assist with transport if necessary. A shipment of 12,000 PCWs from the U.S. is expected to arrive shortly.
Nothing further has yet been heard about the transfer of LRT 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 18 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 rejected by UNRRA. It was entirely a

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1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

2 POINTS FROM DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

(a) Lt. Col. LAM.FORD. - Israel - A request has been received from HAIFA for 2 courts to be set up.
17 Yugoslavs have been arrested on various charges.

(b) Col. FINLAY - DISP Displaced Persons have received several reports of both Yugoslavs and Russians travelling without proper authorisation, especially to BOLZANO.

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

(d) Lt. Col. ROSS - IMT - 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 DEP S/C the possibility of using temporarily, some of their camps located near alternative ports for the reception of POWs. AFHQ are willing to assist with transport if necessary. A shipment of 12,000 POWs from the U.S. is expected to arrive shortly.
Nothing further has yet been heard about the transfer of IMT S/C to Land Forces Sub-Commission. The IP will raise this point at the next Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

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

(f) Col. PAGE - Public Health - enquired if the date of Dec 1 was to stand as the date on which Public Health S/C could cease or if the date should be reckoned as 60 days from the handover of Northern Italy. The IP 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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(e) 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 VT will then raise the matter at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

(f) Lt. Col. WASHBURNE - 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.

(g) Maj. REYES - Patriots Branch was rapidly closing down. Regional DNPRs were soon to be discharged though the DNPRs 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.

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

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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

NO. 121

16010 Rm

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. [illegible] ships are arriving without notice at ports in Italy or are [illegible] 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 [illegible]. Dusting has been widely carried out and troops are [illegible] 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] to the meeting, who has joined Civil Affairs Section as an SCOI.
The CSO explained the system of division of work which will be adopted in C. Sec. All Grade B matters will be dealt with by an SC II and only Grade A matters will pass through the CSO to the VP. Matters connected with Legal and Local Government will continue to go direct to the CSO. 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] (Tel. No. 321) will be responsible for Public Health, Public Safety, Education and Int.
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.

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

(b) Conference. A conference will be held shortly with [illegible] on the [illegible] for the Commission.

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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 Disease. Two more cases with 2 deaths have been reported at TARANTO. Dusting has been widely carried out and troops are visiting large numbers of cafes.
Col. TODD 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. MOSS to the meeting, who has joined Civil Affairs Section as an SCII.
The CSO explained the system of division of work which will be reinstituted in G. Sec. All Grade B matters will be dealt with by an SC II and only Grade A matters will pass through the CSO to the VP. Matters connected with Legal and Local Government will continue to go direct to the CSO. Maj. REEVES (Tel. No. 358) will continue to be responsible for Mine Clearance, and Patriots and in addition will study Displaced Persons and [illegible]. Maj. ANSON (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 not [illegible] of the Sub-Commission.

3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) In future, only one Executive Commissioner's meeting will be held per week. This will take place on Tuesday mornings.
In view of this and the present reduction in matters for consideration there will only be one "A" meeting per week. This will be held each Tuesday at 1630 hrs. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9 Oct 45.

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

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

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

An note will be submitted.

4. POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

Nothing has been heard from LIGURIA Region on the subject.

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

Patriots - These 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 VI.

(d) Lt. Col. [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 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 [redacted] over the question of employment of German POW's.

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

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

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4. REPORTS FROM REGIONAL GROUPS.

(a) Lt. Col. R.J. BIRD - Education. Education in the GENOA Region is being turned over to the Italian Military 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 REAVES - C.A. Section. Mine Clearance has been more or less turned over to the Ministry of War.
Patriots - These have not come under the Prefects. The arrangements seem to be working satisfactorily.

(c) Lt. Col. MACMILLAN - 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 VP.

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

(e) Major TURNER 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. CHATER - Public Safety. The same trouble has arisen at LIVORNO as occurred at NAPLES over the question of employment of German POWs.
The situation there is complicated by the fact that some dis-location of the civilian population has been caused by billeting German POWs in the town.
Agreement has now been reached that the Prisoners will be moved out of the city and placed in a Camp, and that a programme of increasing the facilities of the port will be instituted and that Italian labour will be used on this project.

(g) Col. PACE - 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. WHITE reported that key officers (American) may not be temporarily retained if it is impossible to replace them, on the direct order of General McNarney. A letter has been sent to all Sub-Commissions on the subject.

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

(j) Lt. Col. WHITE: Travel orders will in future be made out for the signature of Major J.S. REAVES, 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. 119

14010

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 observed and it must be ensured that as far as possible military staff was working on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons to keep the civilian staff occupied.

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

(c) Personnel. The VP would like to see personnel - particularly British ORs - who are leaving Sub-Commissions of G 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 MEMBERS.

(a) Col. GRIFFIS - 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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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS.

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

(b) Col. FOUBERTIE - D 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. KEADY has replaced him as C of Welfare Officer. 4619

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

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

(d) Brig. Gen. mentioned that Col. CHIPPS was leaving and that Maj. TEMPLE would be then on Director Local Government.

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

Meeting closed at 1615 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 117

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To		
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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 APM are:

CA Section	2
IPW	4
Legal	2
Local Government	4
MFA	-
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.

(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.

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1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

(b) IPW - Lt. Col. REGES. The Ministry of War has requested IPW to make arrangements for the return of Italian POW in Japan and China. 4618 are approximately 400 there.

Meeting closed at 1634 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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NO. 118

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Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 25 Sep 45.

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

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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

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

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

(d) Release - American Personnel. It was announced that all American personnel with a score of 75 points and over were due for immediate release except those who volunteered to stay on for the duration and 6 months. Col. 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. H.N.FORD. 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.

(c) Lt. Col. WHITE. Communications regarding Italian Prisoners of War should

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(c) Lt. Col. WHITE. Communications regarding Italian Prisoners of War should be forwarded as follows:

Prisoners of War overseas - IPW Sub-Commission.
" " " in Italy (in Allied Hands) to PWB, AFHQ.
Neo-Fascists and civilians in Italy (in Italian hands) MMIA for Ministry of War
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 116

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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.

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

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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.

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4 GENERAL

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

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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

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3 GENERAL

(a) Reduction of Personnel A new T/O -ZE 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(S)	Officer Strength Estimated necessary by Sub-Comms.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	2	3
EDUCATION S/C	-	- (1 Advisor)
IPW	- (2)	3
LEGAL	2	2
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	2 (?)	4
MFAA	2	1 and 1 Archivist
PUBLIC HEALTH	- (?)	-
PUBLIC SAFETY	4	6
DPR	62 (40) (?)	118

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IFW	2 (?)	3
LEGAL	-	3
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	2 (?)	4
MFAA	-	1 and 1 Archivist.
PUBLIC HEALTH	4 (?)	-
PUBLIC SAFETY	-	5
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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. WILLIS Electoral lists in the South were not progressing rapidly and it was doubtful if elections could take place this year. 7615

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.

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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.

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(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

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

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

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

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

(l) Submission of Reports. All Special reports asked for by offices outside C.A. 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 EDDIE. Copy of the translation will be forwarded to C. Sec as soon as possible.

(b) Displaced Persons - Col. FERRARI. Orders were received from AFHQ that Capt. PERVAN, 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. SCOLARI who seemed unwilling to comply.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

OF

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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.

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NO. 123

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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.

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

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2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

(b) Col. CLIFTON would like a list of personnel comprising Liaison Groups for the North as it affects Officer promotions.

(c) Col. PAGE and Col. BERRES reported that with the release of more British and American Officers it would become increasingly difficult to fill appointments even with the personnel made available by the closing down of Northern Regional Headquarters as territory was handed back.

(d) Col. CHAPMAN reported that the position with regard to camps for neo-fascist personnel was still very unsatisfactory. A number of conflicting instructions and reports have been received regarding Camp 336. It is believed that both this and Camp 337 are being handed over to the Ministry of War via Land Forces S/C, and there still is no Camp in which to put neo-fascists.

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

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Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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

NO. 112

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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.

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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. BERRIS. 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.

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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

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Meeting opened at 1607 hrs on Tuesday 28 Aug 45.

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

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

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

The PW 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 (S). Schemes for Phase 2 are not so urgent.

2 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

(a) Public Health - Col. FREELAND 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. FEUDLAY Refugees arriving from Yugoslav Camps are in a bad state.

Meeting closed at 1625 hrs.

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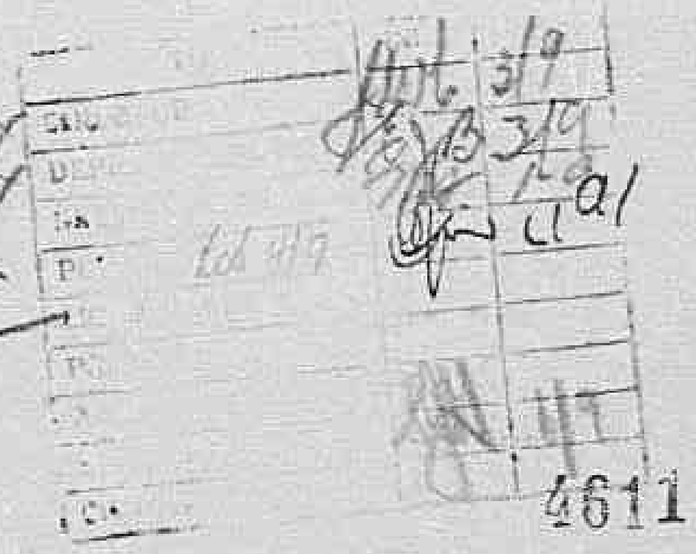
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 110

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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.

2 GENERAL

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

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

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

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

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

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(ii) Committee to consider reform of Agriculture law. 4610

(iii) Committee to consider reformof Industrial law.

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 EYE 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.

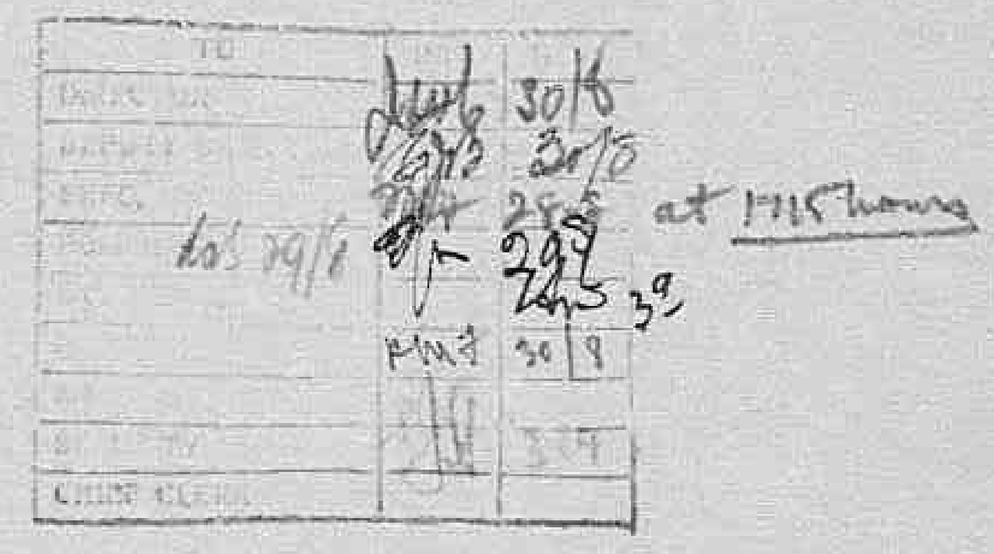
(c) Lt Col BROWN - Displaced Persons S/C. - A report on treatment of citizens of the USSR has been submitted to the C.C.

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

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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

NO. 103

MEETING opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 10 Aug 45

1 The VP introduced Col. Huntley, 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. Eye.

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

(a) Office hours. One officer and one EM/GR 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 Sector Chief Clerk's office (Room 35, 5th Floor, Tel. Ext. 437).

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

(b) Promotions - Bridal. 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 Jun 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 Provinces.

The VC 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.C. HARVEY, T/Cdr.,
Civil Affairs Section.

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

NO. 105

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 3 Aug 45.

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

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

(a) Public Safety announced the holding of a meeting by the Federation of Labour in Piazza del Popolo on Sunday 5 Aug 45. 1695

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

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

Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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

2 POINTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETINGS

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

(b) 8 Army relinquished any control in Italy as of 25 July.

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

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

4 GENERAL

(a) Public Health stated that final plans for the reception of sick and wounded Italians from Germany were well forward at Rimini. First train due about 3 Aug.

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

The meeting closed at 1630 hours.

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

NO 106

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

1 GENERAL

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

2 POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING, held on Friday, 13 July 45.

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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

(a) AMG 5 Army. - AMG 5 Army is coming to an end. 5 Army may have a G-5 Section attached to it, but it will have no territorial powers.

4 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) Telephones. - All personnel of this Commission are asked to use the private line from this Headquarters to MILAN instead of placing calls through the Rome Long Distance Exchange.

5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

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(b) Col Chapman reported on the need for training CC PR to be mobile and on the solution found for maintanence and repair of Carabinieri vehicles.

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(d) Col Findlay reported that 3,000 Jewish Displaced Persons had been sent to Italy without our consent. They were being screened and dispersed.

(e) Col Findlay reported that Col Ruinini, the head of the Russian Mission, had gone North without AC authorisation, was being recalled to Russia.

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Meeting closed at 1735 hrs.

A.D. BOTHAM-CARTER
Lt Colonel,
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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NO. 105

14010

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

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

2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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

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

NO. 104

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Col. Findlay said he would like to see it.

(m) Col. Findlay. - The S.A.C. is taking great interest in the movements of Polish refugees. At a meeting held Friday morning, plans had been discussed for the accommodation of 12,000 Poles in camps in Barletta and Trani. These cases will be run by the Poles themselves but there will be one Liaison Officer in the area. He will not act as Camp Commandant.

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

22 Jun 45

SUBJECT: VP's Meeting.

TO: See Distribution Below.

As informed by telephone, the Vice President's meeting of Heads of Sub-Commissions of the Civil Affairs Section, usually held on Friday of each week, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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VICE [redacted] MEETING

HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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

1 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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On this occasion the Advisory Council for Italy is being informed but its consent is not being sought.

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

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

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

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

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

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(c) The Prefect of BOLZANO. The Prefect of BOLZANO had a decree which he told the Political Advisers the Italian Government had approved, stating that all Germans who arrived in BOLZANO after 3 Sept 1939 would leave within 3 weeks. The VP pointed out how inappropriate it was to publish a decree such as that at the moment, and said that the Chief Commissioner was writing a letter to that effect to the Prime Minister.

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

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

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

3 GENERAL

(a) Release of British Officers. The Executive Commissioner held a meeting this afternnon to discuss the release of British Officers under the Release Group Scheme. Authority has now been received from the Supreme Allied Commander to hold 71 Officers in Release Groups 1 - 9 until 31 July. The Executive Commissioner is asking AFHQ to approve the holding of Groups 4 - 7 until the 31 Aug 45 or until replacements are forthcoming.

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

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

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

The meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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

NO. 100

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

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

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(d) Restricted Line. The Restricted Line was abolished on the 28 May 45 together with the Economic Line. Movement is now unrestricted throughout Italy with the exception of the Security Line and the Prohibited Front Zone of 25 Kms.

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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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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
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NO. 99

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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

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

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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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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. 4596

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(c) The Restricted Line will be removed as from 29 May 45, together with the Economic Line. Civilian movement will be free throughout Italy including SARDINIA, ELBA and SICILY, except across the Security Control Line and the Prohibited Frontier Zone Line.

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

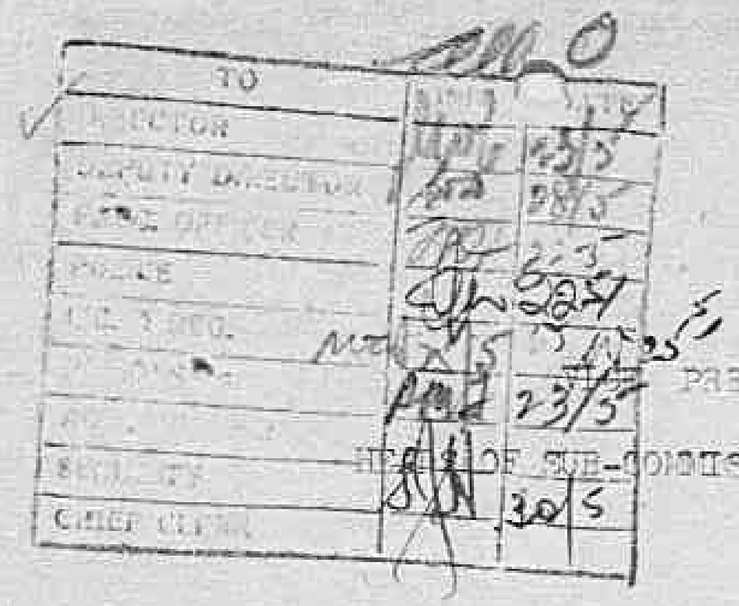
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PRESIDENT'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 98

14010

The meeting opened at 1400 hrs on Friday, 18 May 45.

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

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

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2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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

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3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

(a) Army Release Scheme - British Officers. Many officers in this Commission are in the early Groups of the release scheme. AFHQ will be approached for permission to retain the majority from the first 4 Groups until 31 July 45. A Board of Senior Officers will be formed to consider release of certain people for hardship or compassionate reasons.

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

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

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

4 GENERAL

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

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

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

5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

4 GENERAL

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

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

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

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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 1625 hrs.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 97

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday 11 May 45

1. Carabinieri Parade.

The VP said that 19 tickets had been allocated to CA Section for the Carabinieri Parade which was to be inspected by Field Marshal Alexander tomorrow, 12 May 45. Tickets were distributed proportionately to Heads of Sub-Commissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO. 96

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday 4 May 45.

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

(a) Handing back of Territory. (2(c)). The Chief Commissioner has decided, subject to the approval of the Allied Advisory Council and AFHQ that the whole of Umbria Marche Region less Ancona Province and the Provinces of Grosseto, Siena and Arezzo (Toscana Region) will be handed back to the Italian Government on the 10 May 45 and not as originally proposed on the 24 May 45.

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

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2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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(a) CC.RR. AFHQ have given authority for the ceiling of the CC.RR. to be raised by 10,000 but not to supply increased rations or clothing. 61

(b) CLNAI Representatives. CLNAI Representatives are arriving in Rome to confer with the Italian Government on Saturday or Sunday. The VP said that he felt that this meeting was very important and that our future in the North may well depend upon the understanding and agreements reached between the CLNAI and the Italian Government.

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Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter stated he hoped that if there was disagreement and a new Prime Minister was elected, that Bonomi would not be put out of office before the 11 May 45 as all documents with regard to the handing over of territory had been signed in his name.

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

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3 GENERAL

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

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

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

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

NO. 95

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Personnel The VP asked all Heads of Sub-Commissions to arrange for their officers assigned to forward areas to leave as soon as possible.

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

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In view of military concern at the increase in scabies he had asked Commerce Sub-Commission to press the Italian Government to increase the distribution of soap.

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

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

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

NO. 94

Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday 20 April 45.

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

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

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

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

Legal Sub-Commission will circulate the draft General Order carrying out this policy for the information of all Sub-Commissions.

The VP stated that the Economic Section has recommended that our own civilian employees who are taken north should also be paid at the northern rate and not credited with the difference in Rome as had been formerly suggested. Lt. Col. Peshburne said that his Sub-Commission employs a number of essential civilians who will be affected by this

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

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

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

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2 GENERAL

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

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(e) Planning for N.E.Italy. The VP thought that the planning for N.E. Italy had been rather overlooked and asked the different heads of Sub-Commissions how their planning was progressing. Lt. Col. Doherty reported that 250 CC.RR. were already in the north and the remainder were hoping to move up on the 23rd - some to the N.", and some to N.E.

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

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

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3 POINTS OF INTEREST FROM OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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NO. 93

Meeting opened at 1603 hrs on Friday, 13 Apl 45.

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

1 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

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

2 GENERAL

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

(b) Visit from Mr. Eric Biddle. Mr. Eric Biddle (a representative of the U.S. Bureau of the Budget) is visiting this Headquarters on Monday, 16th Apl 45. He may require to see Heads of Sub-Commissions, but no plans should be altered. Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to submit to Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter, not later than 1230 hrs on Saturday, a brief resume (not longer than half a page) of the work of their Sub-Commissions. These interviews are to take place at the request of the Chief Commissioner and the J/Executive Commissioner.

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(c) Staff Duties Owing to the imminent departure of Lt. Col. White and the loss of Maj. Rukes to Local Government, it is necessary to re-arrange the staff duties of this Section. Epuration will be taken over by Maj. Palmieri. No change for Maj. Dollard. Lt. Col. Bonham Carter to take over Public Safety, Public Health and Legal, for the affairs of which Sub-Commissions it will be necessary to make considerably greater use of Miss Rasmussen. J/Cdr. Harvey to take over personnel (A), Displaced Persons and Civilians.

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(a) Plan for N.W.Italy. The plan for N.W. Italy has been circulated. Economic Section has put out a new decree for implementation, by which wages and prices are to be fixed in the north at 9 Apl 45 level. This effects Mine Clearing Squads and also may effect other Sub-Commissions. It is impossible to set a wage scale or prices for North Italy. In the case of Prefects, etc., they will be paid in the north on the same scale as anyone else. The difference between the 9 Apl 45 level and their Rome pay will be credited to them in Rome.

(b) Visit from Mr. Eric Biddle. Mr. Eric Biddle (a representative of the U.S. Bureau of the Budget) is visiting this Headquarters on Monday, 16th Apl 45. He may require to see Heads of Sub-Commissions, but no plans should be altered. Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to submit to Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter, not later than 1230 hrs on Saturday, a brief resume (not longer than half a page) of the work of their Sub-Commissions. These interviews are to take place at the request of the Chief Commissioner and the J/Executive Commissioner.

(c) Staff Duties Owing to the imminent departure of Lt. Col. White and the loss of Maj. Rogers to Local Government, it is necessary to re-arrange the staff duties of this Section. Education will be taken over by Maj. Palmieri. No change for Maj. Dollard. Lt. Col. Bonham Carter to take over Public Safety, Public Health and Legal, for the affairs of which Sub-Commissions it will be necessary to make considerably greater use of Miss Rasmussen. J/Cdr. Harvey to take over personnel (B), Displaced Persons and Sitreps.

(d) Weekly Sitreps. A letter was received from the Executive Commissioner's Office stating that "the information received from the Civil Affairs Section had been of the greatest assistance in the compilation of the weekly sitrep". Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to render to this Section their weekly Sitrep to reach this office by 1800 hrs each Tuesday. The Sitrep does not exclude the short, interesting light precis, of the result of any discussions Heads of Sub-Commissions may have had with the Italian Government during the proceeding week, or any other points of interest arising in their work. This will be submitted in duplicate on Wednesdays and used for the D.C. letter to Regional Commissioners and Armies and for information in the Public Relations Bulletin.

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3 POINTS FROM DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6 April 1945.

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SUBJECT: Meetings with Vice President.

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

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

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

D. Bonham Carter, Lt.Col.
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING OF HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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

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

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

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

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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C A Section.

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

No. 91.

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 27 Mar 45.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

(b) Working hours of staff. (2(d)). The VP stated that the hours of

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

Lt Col Beale Maj
Major,
C A Section.

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

No. 90

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 1650 hrs.

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C A Section.

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Col Chatterton

I informed Col Griffis that you were sitting on your butt & could be over to see him at any time suitable for you to attend

He wished that you will bring the A FT

Lee Atkinson

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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26 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Meetings with Vice President.

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

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

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

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

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

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

R. R. CRIFFS, Col.
CSO CA SECTION.

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

NO. 89

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Tuesday 20 Mar 45.

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

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

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

(c) Personnel for N.Italy and Austria. (4) The meeting held last Monday was considered generally successful and cleared up many points.

Lt. Col. De Wald said that he had earmarked Maj. Gardner for Austria and not Capt. Keller whom he wished to retain as his officer with 5th Army.

With the exception of Displaced Persons the Sub-Commissions were on the whole satisfied with the lists.

Lt. Col. Craig said that General Hume insisted on keeping Capt. Limbert as his Patriot Officer. Lt. Col. Docherty said he had no objection to this but Capt. Limbert must come off the Public Safety list.

(d) Wage Rates Policy (5) The VP informed the meeting that Mr. Breine had prepared a long document on wage rates which would in due course be sent to Legal Sub-Commission for their remarks.

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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

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

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

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2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING

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

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

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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the General Order regulating this.

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

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

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

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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NO. 86

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

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4 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

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

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The Question of the issue of passes in Headquarters, AC - Col. Chapman asked the VP if he could take the matter up with the Ex. Com., suggesting that only one officer was responsible for the issuing of passes in each Sub-Commission and also that the same officer or a soldier should see to the actual delivery of the pass to the civilian or military personnel.

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

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

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

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

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

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Meeting closed at 16"5 hrs.

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

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

NO 85

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

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

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

(a) N.W. Italy Planning. (1(c)). The meeting has been postponed until 3 Mar 45 and will be held at 1000 hrs in the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor. Only Patriots and Public Safety will be required to attend.

Maj. Temple asked Col. Cripps if he had received the revised list of the pools of Prefects for the North, and if this list could be brought to the attention of the Secretary of the N.W. Italy Co-ordinating Planning Committee.

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

2 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

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(c) The Executive Commissioner's Recent Visit to Emilia Region and 8 Army

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The Ex. Com. reported that Emilia Region was working in very good co-ordination with 8 Army. He is circulating a memorandum at a later date on one or two points which need revision such as:
(i) Some difficulties seem to occur in the lapse of time of implementation of decrees in Emilia Region.
Col. Behrens said he did not understand this as the moment territory was placed under Regional Control, Decrees become implemented automatically.
In the case of Armies, it was up to the SCAOs to decide whether decrees should be implemented or not.
(ii) Medical Supplies - ETBIMA is a complete failure in Emilia Region. Also, the Public Health Officer has not yet received the price of basic drugs.

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

(e) Olive Oil Amassing. Olive Oil amassing is going satisfactorily, and an average of 3,000 tons per week is amassed.

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

3 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

Meeting closed at 1695 hrs.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. 525

26 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: VP's Meeting.

TO: See Distribution below.

The usual meeting of Heads of Sub-Commissions of the Civil Affairs Section to be held on Tuesday, 27 Feb 45 is cancelled.

J.C. HARVEY, T/Cdr.,
AC to VP CA Section.

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

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

NO. 84

Meeting opened at 1600 hrs on Friday, 23 Feb 45.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now 3/3/45 at 10AM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(j) Director General of M F A A (4(h)). Col. De Wald stated that the appointment of the Italian Director of M F A A was still under discussion.

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

2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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This decree will be implemented in AMG territory when it comes out.

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(e) De-requisitioning of Schools. The VP stated he had reported to the meeting that there was a slight de-requisitioning of schools. The CC had asked Gen. Browning if the Italian Armies could be persuaded to de-requisition more schools in Rome.

(f) Breach of Security Censorship Branch of PWB have been instructed that any attacks on Italian Officers will be treated as a breach of military secrecy.

3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

(a) It appears that girls of the British Red Cross in Italy have been left in Camps when UNRRA has taken over. Col. Findley stated that this was untrue. No Red Cross personnel (women) had been left in any camps taken

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4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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Meeting closed 1650 hrs.

J.C. HARVEY, J/Cdr.,
PI to VP CC Section.

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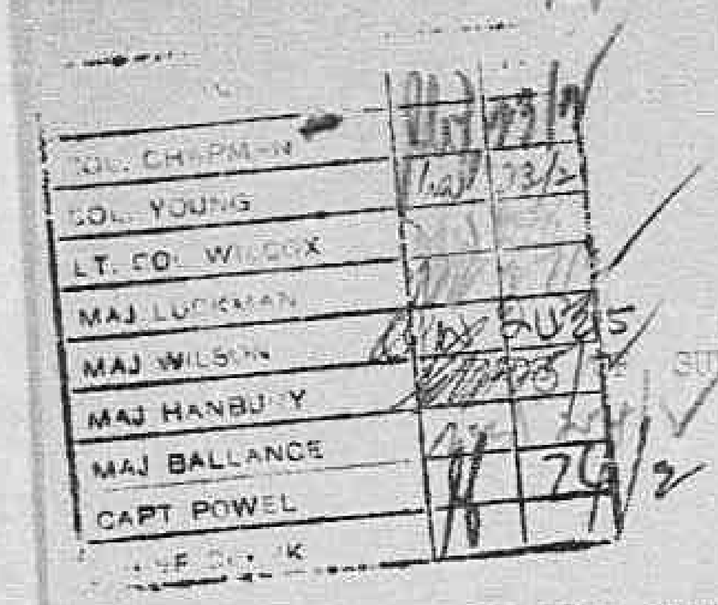
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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

NO. 83

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

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

(a) Olive Oil Amassing 26,000 tons.

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

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

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(e) OVRA. (3(e)). Col. Chapman said that he had already contacted Ferrari on the question of giving publicity to OVRA.

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(g) Female civilian Wages. (5(e)). The 15% reduction in female civilian wages was placed before the A.F.L.R.S. Wages Sub-Committee who recommended that the reduction in wages should be continued. The question is to be brought before the full A.F.L.R.S. when they next meet.

2 GENERAL

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3 POINTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

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by officers in the hopes of being able to find 16 rooms for Land Forces Sub-Commission. The VP did not think that CJ Section would be included in this or be asked to give up an office. Col. De Wald said that Capt. Sinclair had looked round the M F A & I Offices this morning. The VP asked Lt. Col. White to find out the position.

(b) Regional Commissioners' Meeting. There will be a Regional Commissioners' meeting on the 3 Mar 45. No reports are to be made but Heads of Sub-Commissions are asked to send in points they wish to put on to the agenda by 0900 hrs on Thursday, 22 Feb 45. No detailed matters will be discussed - only general points and policies.

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

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

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

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

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

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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

NO. 82

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

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(f) Trucks. (Minutes No. 80, para 1 (c)). Col. Cripps said that he had enquired from Transportation Sub-Commission who said that all the trucks would be absorbed by Truck Companies. It is hoped that the 447 extra trucks will facilitate the execution of demands of Sub-Commissions when they indent on Transportation Sub-Commission.

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2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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

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

(c) Italians to Study Sicilian Problems. The Italian Government are going to appoint a Commission to go over to Sicily to study the Sicilian problem.
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(d) UNRRA. The VP asked Heads of Sub-Commissions to kill the rumour, if they hear it, that AC was holding up the agreement between the Italian Government and UNRRA. The decision rests entirely between the Italian Government and UNRRA.

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

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

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

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

4 GENERAL

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

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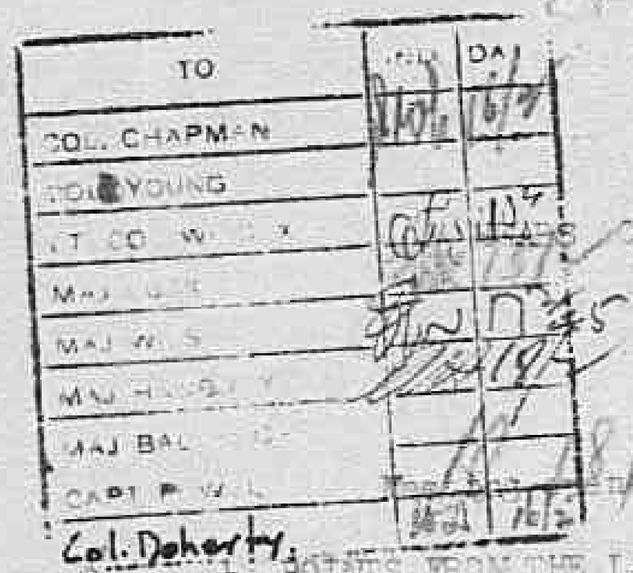
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DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING
OF
HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

No. 81.

Held at 1605 hrs on Tuesday, 13 Feb 45.

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

(a) Olive Oil Amassing (2(f)). The situation is considered to be satisfactory. Last week there were 2,700 tons collected, making a total of 29,000 tons amassed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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4 AMENDMENT TO MINUTES.

Col. Spicer asked that para 4 (b) of Minutes No 30 should be amended to read: ".....thought it was unwise to pull out of Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region....".

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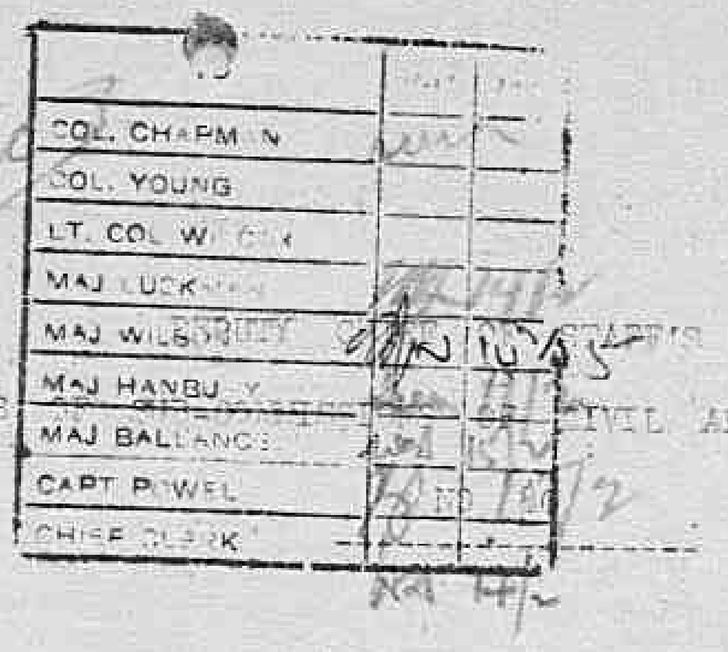
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Meeting closed at 1635 hrs.

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

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HEADS MEETING

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Meeting opened at 1605 hrs on Friday, 9 Feb 45.

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Brig. Perkinson asked whether Regional Commissioners could refuse to accept named officers who had been allotted to them by Sub-Commissions. The VP said that if an R.C. refused to accept an officer he could not demand a replacement but would go short.

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

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

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2 GENERAL

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

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

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

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

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

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(f) Olive Oil Amassing. Target: 80,000 tons.
Collected up to date : 20,300 tons.
This is considered a fairly good result and there has certainly been an increase in volume during the last two weeks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 1707 hrs.

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PA to VP CA Section.

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CONFIDENTIAL

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

NO. 79

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

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

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

2 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING.

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

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

3 U.N.R.R.A.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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5 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Personnel

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

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

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

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

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

3 Times are as under:

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

J.C. HARVEY, J/Cmr.,
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Copy to: Establishment Section,
(Attn. Col. Jones.)

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

No. 78

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

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

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

(c) Accommodation (1(d) Minutes No. 76.)
(i) Office Accommodation - Transportation S/C have been allocated 16 rooms in AC HQ. It is hoped that the matter of office accommodation is now closed.
(ii) Flora Accommodation 25 beds have been made available in a Pension to relieve the congestion in the Flora Hotel. On 1 Mar 45 the whole of the Pension will be taken over by AC.

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Meeting closed at 1640 hrs.

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

NO. 77

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

3 POINTS FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

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

(h) Tyres for Italian Agencies. There are now 2,000 tyres available for distribution for Italian Agencies and for which we can bid.
Transportation Sub-Commission have received bids for 70,000 tyres but the VP thought that if bids were made by Sub-Commissions, giving exact details as to the cars for which they are required, bids might be invited favourably. Col. Grimes asked Sub Commissions to render their

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

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

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5 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

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HEADS OF SUB-COMMISSIONS OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

NO. 76

Meeting opened at 1606 Hrs on Tuesday 23 Jan 45.

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

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

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

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2 POINTS FROM J.C. MEETING :

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

(b) Austria Planning. - A document dated 15th Jan has been received from AFHQ giving lists of Officers earmarked for Austria. The V.P. thought there were one or two inaccuracies in this document e.g. as to Legal Officers; also Officers of Public Safety will require alteration. Although there is no immediate hurry the V.P. thought it advisable to present an amendment as soon as possible and asked Sub-Commissions to render any amendments they may have by the end of the week. Amended lists will be issued by G-5 AFHQ once a month.
Col. CHIPPS to enquire into the omission of ME. S., Sub-Commission's Officers names from the list. Lists of American Officers earmarked for Austria will presumably be distributed later.

3 POINTS FROM COS MEETING :

(a) UNRRA.
The COS have laid down that UNRRA will not go into AMG Territory. All questions of transport etc will be referred to the liaison Officer, Mr. J.DOZ

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2 POINTS FROM S.C. MEETING :

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

(b) Austria Planning. - A document dated 18th Jan has been received from AFHQ giving lists of Officers earmarked for Austria. The V.P. thought there were one or two inaccuracies in this document e.g. as to Legal Officers; also Officers of Public Safety will require alteration. Although there is no immediate hurry the V.P. thought it advisable to present an amendment as soon as possible and asked Sub-Commissions to render any amendments they may have by the end of the week. Amended lists will be issued by G-5 AFHQ once a month.
Col. CRIPPS to enquire into the omission of MFA & A Sub-Commission's Officers names from the list. Lists of American Officers earmarked for Austria will presumably be distributed later.

3 POINTS FROM COS MEETING :

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

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

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

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authority to requisition cars especially in the forward areas.

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

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

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

(g) Sharing of Secret Signals to the Italian Govt. - With regard to para 3(m) of Minutes of Meeting held 12 Jan 45 the V.P. said that "CONFIDENTIAL" and "RESTRICTED" messages will be left to the discretion of Heads of Sub-Commissions, but "SECRET" docs should be shown to V.P. for approval before being shown to Italian Govt officials.

(h) ../Presidents Tour. - The ../President is going to Greecefor 4 or 5 days. He will continue his interviews with Heads of Sub-Commissions on his return.

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

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

(k) The V.P. pointed out that Col. [illegible], Chief Secretary of Tripolitania Administration is here for a week and that if Sub-Comms had anything to discuss with him, meetings could be arranged; this applied to Legal and Displaced Persons particularly.

4 POINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS

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

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

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

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(b) Fiat Trucks for 5 Army - As regards the 5 Fiat Trucks for 5 Army Brig. ATKINSON said that arrangements are complete and 5 Army are now awaiting delivery.

(c) Requisition of Schools. - Maj. WASHBOURNE is to investigate the statement in Daily Digest of Rome Press that another School in Rome has been requisitioned.

(d) Interpreters. - Major TEMPLE asked if arrangements could be made for an early and late service of interpreters Col GRIFFIS will take this matter up with the HQ Commandant.

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

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

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

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

Meeting closed at 1645 hrs.

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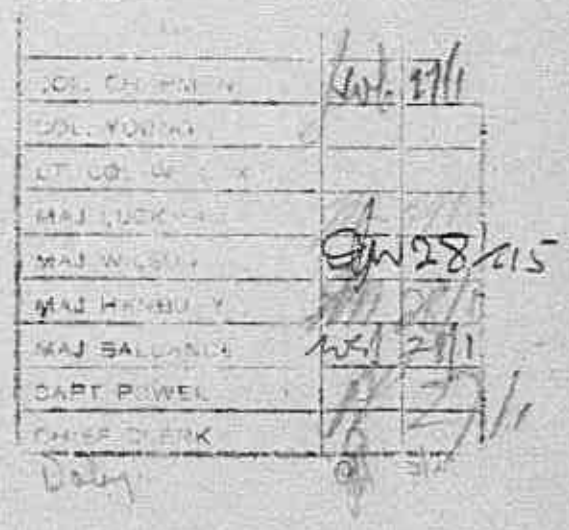
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