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Public Safety Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

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Deputy Chief Commissioner	
Secretary General	
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Appropriate Action

Investigation and Report

✓ Secretary General
 Administrative Section
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 Foreign Control & M.G. Section
 Political Section
 Interior Sub-Commission
 Public Safety Sub-Commission ✓
 Public Health Sub-Commission
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REMARKS:

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This is presumably being
 dealt with locally by
 Public Safety

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 Major G.L.

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Held at Region I Headquarters ACC
1000 Hours 3 March 1944

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Appointment of New Chairman.
4. Re-designation of Board as Island Liaison Committee.
5. Salvaged Cans for fishing industry.
6. Tax exemption for Government purchases.
7. Reception and distribution of refugees from Mainland.
8. Location of Italian Corps HQ and further Division if sent to Sicily.
9. Fixing of Civilian wages with particular reference to rates laid down by C-in-C Mediterranean for Civilian Naval employees.
10. Regulations for lighting on civilian vehicles.
11. Marking of vehicles on W.L. of ACC.
12. Application of Flambo Admin. Inst. No. 26 to Sicily.
13. Rehabilitation of Civilian Telegraph Service.
14. O.R.'s in streets of Palermo after 6 PM.
15. Next meeting
16. Other business.

Officers in attendance:

(a) ACC Region I HQ

1. Major J. Chayton, T & S Division, Vice Chairman
2. Lt. Col. C.P. Bolick, TCU&PW Division
3. Major E.W. Gilbertson, Finance Division
4. Capt. R.S. Trevelyan (Communications)
5. Capt. W.H. Savin, (Welfare)
6. Lt. W.L. McCullough (Transportation)
7. Lt. Clarke (Displaced persons)
8. Lt. F.C.V. Hayward, Secretary.

(b) No. I District

1. Col. A.A. Gurry, DDST
2. Col. V.A. Lindsay, CRE

(c) Island Base Section:

1. Lt. Col. R.W. Reuter

(d) Naval Operating Base:

1. Lt. H.A. Dudley

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In the absence of Lt. Col. Poletti the chair was taken by Major Chayton, Vice Chairman at 1000 hours.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

In connection with question of salaries paid to Civil Engineers Col. Lindsay stated that he still awaited the scheduled of Labour rates from Lt. Moffett. The Chairman replied that Lt. Moffett was unavoidably absent but he understood that Lt. Moffett was awaiting details from Col. Lindsay of the specific cases discussed at the --

previous meeting so that the facts could be presented to the Labour Sub-Committee. The chairman advised that Lt. Moffett would be acquainted with Col. Lindsay's request. (Action Col. Lindsay & Lt. Moffett)

3. Appointment of new chairmen. Col. Hancock be and interest
It was unanimously agreed that Lt. Col. Pollock and the
Chairman of the Committee in succession to Lt. Col. Pollock
be transferred to Lt. Col. III.

The question was raised as to the possibility of No. 1 District salvaging food cans to the fish canning industry for conversion into fish containers. It was pointed out that Island case collection had, through the medium of IOC, already sold a large number of cans to the cannery industry on the West side of the Island and the fish canner would be a valuable addition to the cannery food supply. Col. Query replied that the British Army did not use canned food to the same extent as the American Army and those who used it not so suitable for the purpose as American cans. For health reasons No. 1 District incinerated all used food cans and buried

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It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Col. Hancock be appointed Chairman of the Committee in succession to it. Col. Poletti was then referred to the 1st Division.

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6. Re-designation of Board as Island Liaison Committee:

It was agreed that the Board should be called the Island Liaison Committee in future to avoid confusion with the Allied Local Resources (Sicily) Board.

7. Reception and Distribution of Refugees from Mainland:

Col. Curry stated that No. 1 District had not been kept informed or consulted with regard to the proposals for being refugees from the mainland. He pointed out that it involved many questions affecting the Army and it was essential that advance notice be given of any such project. He stated that assistance would, if possible, be given provided the request was made through channels. He said that refugees should have contact with the local population and that after disinfection and that there should be no billeting or roads, particularly the Palermo-Messina and Syracuse-Messina roads.

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It was agreed that a signal be sent to ACC stating No. 1 District's points and requesting that they should be consulted prior to action.

8. Location of Italian Corps HQ:

Col. Curry stated that the British Commander would like to put a new Italian Division at Lampedusa and withdraw the Gebenna Division to the Eastern side of the Island. ACC raised no objection and Col. Curry stated that the American Army would be consulted on the matter.

9. Fixing of Civilian Wages:

Col. Curry referred to Ad. Inst. No. 24 dealing with civilian wages and suggested that it referred only to Italy and not Sicily. Although C. III.C. Modiglianese was already talking on it and saying higher wages than those in force on this Island. He stated that a signal had been sent to C. III.C. suggesting that the present rates in Sicily were working satisfactorily and should remain in force. It was agreed with this action.

Mr. Dudley stated that the U.S. Navy had now received a copy of the Instructions but would not alter the present Sicilian rates which they consider satisfactory. Col. Curry added that he realised that it was a matter for the Labour and Wages Control Committee of the APRIL (Sicily) Board, but he had mentioned it as a matter of interest at a meeting where all the Services were represented.

10. Regulations for lighting on Civilian Vehicles:

Col. Curry stated that No. 1 District are issuing new regulations dealing with lighting restrictions on British Army vehicles in Sicily. He called attention to the fact that Civilian vehicles were travelling at night without any lighting restrictions and suggested that regulations be issued to put a stop to this practice.

The chairman replied that this was now a matter for the Italian Government. The Public Safety Division of ACC would be informed and requested to take suitable action. (~~Attention called to the fact that~~)

11. Marking of vehicles on J.E. of ACC:

Col. Curry raised the question of motor vehicles being marked with numbers which were being used by other than ACC personnel. He stated that now CID were distributing TOL to civilians. It was suggested that ACC vehicles should be supplied from Army stocks but this could not be done until the ACC were given a definite Warrant. He urged that this should be done as soon as possible.

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The chairman replied that this was now a matter for the Italian Government. The Public Safety Division of AGI would be informed and requested to take suitable action. (~~Attention must be given to~~)

11. Marking of Vehicles on M.R. of AGI:

Col. Curry raised the question of motor vehicles bearing AGI numbers which were being used by other than AGI personnel. He stated that now CIP were distributing POL to civilians. It was suggested that AGI vehicles should be supplied from Army stocks but this could not be done until the AGI were given a definite W.M. He urged that this should be done as soon as possible.

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(Lt. McCullough replied that no definite W.M. of AGI vehicles had yet been fixed and there was little likelihood of one in the near future. The chairman agreed that representations should be made to AGI HQ with a view to expediting the issue of the W.M. of vehicles for the Region. (~~Attention must be given to~~)

12. Application of Klambo Admin. Inst. No. 26 to Sicily:

The chairman reported that no reply on the subject had yet been received from AGI HQ.

13. Rehabilitation of Civilian Telephone Service:

Col. Curry stated that the GSC, No. 1 District had received a message informing him that it is proposed to rehabilitate the

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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16. Other Business:

There was no other business and the meeting terminated at 1200 hours.

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Lieutenant,
Secretary.

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offerimative. The USO had been consulted and agreed.

After some discussion it was agreed that ACC HQ be informed that the military commanders for security reasons view with some concern the General proposal to re-open the civilian telegraph service. No. 1 District and ILS consider that policy on this connection should be laid down by the C in C. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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F.C. V. HAYWARD,
Lieutenant,
Secretary.

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Col. Snork. in conference
March 9, 1944 states that
organization of auxil-
iary MP's by District
No. 1 in Sicily - no
longer presents any
problem.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

ACC/14069/PS

24 February, 1944.

SUBJECT: Unauthorised Permits given by Junior AMG Officials.

TO : C.P.S.

1. This is a common form of complaint whenever the circulation of persons, vehicles or goods are restricted and:-

- (a) communications between "the field" and H.Q. are poor, and
- (b) the administrative machinery set up to deal with these matters does not function as planned.

And it may be said that it is not only Junior Officers who give cause for complaint.

2. Complaints of this nature might be dealt with as follows:-

- (a) by improving the facilities referred to in 1(a) and 1(b), and
- (b) warning all officers:
 - (i) that no departure from established practice is permitted except in cases which are manifestly vital and urgent, and
 - (ii) that disciplinary action will be taken if the warning is disregarded.

3. These steps are no longer necessary in Regions 1 and 11, as the matters referred to are now the concern of the Italian Government.

4. The time is not yet ripe to issue a warning as in paragraph 2(b) in the areas still under AMG control.

5. The instructions issued to the CC.RR and the Questori in Region 1 relating to the requisitioning of unlicensed vehicles is dealt with in a Regional Order (Correspondence AMG/14402/3/PS).

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(The permits furnished by A.P.H. do not show the "permitted use" of the vehicle, but R.C.'s have been instructed to show this in manuscript).

W.C. Ballance *Capt.*
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Registration & Licensing.

ISLAND CC ORIENTATION BOARD

FIRST MEETING

HELD AT REGION I HEADQUARTERS A...C.

1000 HOURS 4 FEBRUARY 1944

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Allocation of potato crop.
4. Wheat Offals, Hay and Straw.
5. Food processing.
6. Sulphuric Acid supplies.
7. Functions of Italian ex prisoners of war attached to and working with British Corps of Military Police.
8. Unauthorized permits etc. given by junior AMG Officials.
9. Enforcement of price regulations.
10. C.I.P.'s functions in new procedure of petrol distribution.
11. Salaries paid to Civil Engineers.
12. Next Meeting.
13. Other Business.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

(a) A.M.G. Region I HQ

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2. Lt. Col. Jordan, Legal Division.
3. Lt. Col. R. Snook, Public Safety Division.
4. Lt. J.E. Moffitt, Labor Division.
5. Lt. F.C.V. Hayward, E & S Division, Secretary.

(b) AFHQ, W.G.S.

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2. Col. V.A. Lindsay, C.E.
3. Col. S.P. Garrat, A.
4. Lt. Col. G.R.G. Hart, Provost Services.

(d) Island Base Section

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2. Major D.A. Dryer, Base Purchase
3. Capt. R.R. Eaton, Base Purchase.

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(e) Naval Operating Base

1. Lieut. Dudley, Legal Officer.

In the absence of Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, the chair was taken by Major Chayton, Vice Chairman, at 1000 hours.

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ACC-DIST

ECON-SEC - (8)

LEGAL - (1)

PUBLIC SAFETY - (1)

C A B - (1)

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

2. Matters Arising.

In connection with the unauthorized wearing of Allied uniforms the Chairman explained that the necessary announcements had been made in the three Sicilian newspapers indicating that it was not only an offence against the Proclamations to wear items of Military equipment but, in fact, to be in prosecution of them.

3. Allocation of Potato Crop.

The chairman pointed out that the question of the allocation of the potato crop was included in the next agenda of the Allied Forces Local Resources (Sicily) Board, Food Committee.

4. Wheat Offals, Hay and Straw.

Captain Eaton stated that I.D.S. were not interested in these commodities. Col. Curry reported that No I District had 1200 mules to feed and it was the Army practice to receive tenders for the supply of these foods except in the case of barley and that this practice must be followed. If the sample of wheat offals is good No I District are prepared to take all that is available at 200 lire per quintal. A sample was produced at the conclusion of the meeting.

5. Food Processing.

The chairman referred to 15,000 tins of sardines already manufactured at Trapani. Col. Curry stated that he considered it was a matter for the A.F.L.R. (S) Board to decide upon. The Army could not accept the sardines until their experts were satisfied with the pack and with the conditions under which they had been manufactured.

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Col. Garrat explained that No I District are short of Military Police and they have been using ex Prisoners of War as Police to work with the British C.M.F. It was anticipated that occasions might arise when it would become necessary for these additional police to arrest civilians. Prosecutions would however be conducted by the C.M.F. No I District had received a letter from A.M.G. Catania suggesting that the ex Prisoners of War were usurping the functions of the Carabinieri but Col. Garratt emphasized that this was not the intention. Col. Hart stated that they had been distributed as an addition to the strength of the Military Police and had been sworn in merely to give them power of arrest.

Lt. Col. Snook replied that there was no objection to this course providing they were no insignia suggesting that they were members of the Carabinieri and that their activities were military in character. He pointed out that when the anticipated change in administration took place it was probable that a new aspect would arise and the question of the status of these police would have to be considered.

3. Unauthorized Permits by Junior AMG Officials.

Col. Garratt referred to a number of cases where motor cars without licences had been stopped by the Military and the driver had produced a written permit by a junior AMG official authorizing the use of the vehicle. The chairman replied that this might have been done in cases of emergency but it was not the usual practice. Lt. Col. Snook informed the Board that instructions had been issued to the Carabinieri and the Gendarmes for all vehicles without licences to be requisitioned irrespective of the owner. This would provide a number of vehicles urgently needed by the police and would, it was hoped, considerably reduce the number of persons using motor fuel. Cars refused licences would be similarly taken, irrespective of condition and it was considered that this procedure would check the black market in motor car spare parts.

Col. Garratt stated that the old licences allowed too wide a scope for use and Lt. Col. Snook assured the Board that this defect had been remedied in the new licences.

9. Enforcement of Price Regulations.

Col. Garratt raised the question of what was being done to check rising prices. Col. Snook replied that A.M.G. had been active in the matter by instituting many prosecutions but this had only partially checked it.

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Col. Garratt referred to a number of cases where motor cars without licences had been stopped by the Military and the driver had produced a written permit by a junior A.G. official authorizing the use of the vehicle. The chairman replied that this might have been done in cases of emergency but it was not the usual practice. Lt. Col. Snook informed the Board that instructions had been issued to the Carabinieri and the Questre for all vehicles without licences to be requisitioned irrespective of the owner. This would provide a number of vehicles urgently needed by the police and would, it was hoped, considerably reduce the number of persons using motor fuel. Cars refused licences would be similarly taken, irrespective of condition and it was considered that this procedure would check the black market in motor car spare parts.

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10. Functions of C.I.F.

Col. Curry referred to the newly formed Comitato Italiano Petrolo which was now dealing with the whole of the distribution of petroleum products for civilian requirements in Sicily. He suggested that a certain amount of help would be necessary in the first instance from A.M.G., I.F.S. and the I District and the Board agreed that this would be given but confined to an advisory nature.

11. Salaries paid to Civil Engineers.

Col. Lindsay referred to the small salaries paid to Civil Engineers and the fact that in many instances they were getting little more than laborers working on the roads. He suggested that this state of affairs was detrimental to efficiency and should be remedied.

Lt. Moffitt replied that no rates had been fixed for the types of cases mentioned. Senior Officials of A.F.I.S. were also affected.

If more information could be given it could be referred to the Labor Sub-Commission of A.C.C.

The chairman suggested that it was a case for reference to AMHQ as wages were frozen by proclamation except in those specifically covered by subsequent general orders. No such order had been issued providing for increase in the specific cases referred to.

12. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 3rd March, 1944 at 1000 hours at Region I Headquarters, Palermo.

13. Other Business.

Col. Gurry asked whether the Sports Club on Via Stabile could be made available for use of British Troops in the Area as a place of recreation. It was at present being used as a billet for American personnel of A.W.G. The chairman promised to investigate this matter and to assist as far as he was able.

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