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The following explanatory notes may be of assistance.

1. The top part of the proforma, "Unit Affected" etc, has not been completed since the proposed increase was occasioned by a "drift" of labour to Civilian firms. Paragraphs of the minutes of the first meeting of the Sub-Committee gives the reason for the increase in Eastern Sicily. It may be added that subsequent agitation in Eastern Sicily confirmed the Committee's views.

2. Under "Italian Industry Rates" the column "Basic Max." has been used to show the minimum payable rates in Catania and Messina provinces including everything except Family Allowances. This is because Civilian Firms are following directives issued by the Associazione degli Industriali della Provincia, which give minimum rates for all categories as a round sum including all indemnities except Family Allowances. The intention of the Committee therefore was to bring up the Allied maximum rates to a figure somewhere near the minimum being paid in private industry.

3. "Qualified" Tradesmen and "Skilled" Tradesmen are shown separately for private industry but together for Allied rates since there is no Allied equivalent to "Qualified" Tradesman. For the purpose of assessing the increase, the average of the two in private industry (approximately 270 lire) was placed against the Allied maximum (approx: 200) giving a difference of 70 lire per day.

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| SPECIAL COMPARISON TABLE : CIVILIAN LABOR RATES : |                |             |      |                                                                                                                                                                 | MAY, 1945.    | In |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----|
| Unit Affected                                     | Location       | Class Grade | Max. | Notes. - When calculating the Take-Home rate as paid by Italian Industry the "National Family" will be used, consisting of Man, wife and two dependent children | Unit Affected |    |
|                                                   | Not applicable |             |      |                                                                                                                                                                 |               |    |

| Grade                 | N or P | BUTT BOOK Rates |        |          |           |           |             |      |         |           |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------|---------|-----------|
|                       |        | Basic Max       | Plus   |          | TAKE HOME | Basic Max | Plus        |      |         |           |
|                       |        |                 | S of L | Care-pro |           |           | "Inde-emps" | Wife | 2 child | Care-vita |
| SKILLED TRADESMEN     | N      | 135             | 67     | -        | 202       | 325       | -           | 10   | 18      | -         |
| "QUALIFIED" TRADESMEN | N      | NO EQUIVALENT   |        |          |           | 235       | -           | 10   | 18      | -         |
| Semi-Skilled JOURNERS | N      | 85              | 75     | -        | 160       | 210       | -           | 10   | 18      | -         |
| UNSKILLED LABOURERS   | N      | 75              | 75     | -        | 150       | 205       | -           | 10   | 18      | -         |

NOTES. \* \* In place of the Basic Maximum is shown the total pay in and indemnities, (these being now inseparable in Sicily) Family Allowances.

TABLE : CIVILIAN LABORER RATES : MAY, 1949. in Eastern SICILY.

| TABLE : CIVILIAN LABORER RATES : |                                                                                                                                                               | MAY, 1943. |                |      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|------|
| Pos.                             | Unit affected                                                                                                                                                 | Location   | Loss           |      |
|                                  |                                                                                                                                                               |            | Grade          | Nos. |
|                                  | Note. When calculating the Take-Home rate as paid by Italian Industry the "National Family" will be used, consisting of man, wife and two dependents children |            | Not applicable |      |

| ITALIAN INDUSTRY Rates |           |           |                 |      |            |              |     |                              |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|------|------------|--------------|-----|------------------------------|-----------|
| Pos.                   | TAKE HOME | Basic Max | "Indo-<br>ence" | Wife | 2<br>child | Caro<br>vita | Tax | S.I.<br>and<br>sick-<br>ness | TAKE HOME |
|                        |           |           |                 |      |            |              |     |                              |           |
|                        | 202       | 325       | -               | 10   | 18         | -            | 353 | 23                           | 310       |
|                        |           | 235       |                 | 10   | 18         | -            | 263 | 16                           | 235       |
|                        | 160       | 210       | -               | 10   | 18         | -            | 238 | 15                           | 213       |
|                        | 150       | 205       | -               | 10   | 18         | -            | 233 | 14                           | 210       |

In place of the Basic Maximum is shown the total pay including all Bonus and indemnities, (these being now inoperable in Sicily), but excluding Family Allowance.

QUESTIONNAIRE (Addendum to Second Meeting  
of the Sicily Sub-Committee held at Messina, 5th May, 1945.

1. Reason for Meeting.

1. (a) In order to raise wages in Eastern Sicily proportionally to the increase given in PALERMO by 1st Meeting of the Sicily Sub-Committee.

(b) To bring up Allied wages in Eastern Sicily to a figure somewhere near the minimum being paid in Private Industry.

2. Source of Info for the Italian Industry Rates as on the attached form.

2A. Associazione degli Industriali della Provincia di Catania  
Camera del Lavoro.

Ufficio Provinciale del Lavoro.

Civilian Firms.

3. Steps taken to verify the info referred to in para 2 above.

3A. Civilian Firms and Individual workers were questioned to  
cooperate information received as per para 2 above.

4. Increase/Decrease agreed, with explanation of any variations  
in proportions of the award as between occupations;

4A.- "For all Skilled and Classified Labour including Marine Grades and Domestic Employees (excluding Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys) Laundry hands - 70 Lire per day.

"For Unskilled Labour and the following grades as excluded in the above, Caretaker, Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys, and Washers Hand, Female - 50 Lire per day.

"For Juveniles, no further Bonus.

"This Bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily."

5. Is the award in the form of a Bonus or of an augmentation of

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- "For Unskilled Labour and the following grades as excluded in the above, Caretaker, Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys, and Washers Hand, Female - 50 Lire per day.
- "For Juveniles, no further Bonus.
- "This Bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily."
5. Is the award in the form of a Bonus or of an augmentation of the Basic Pay?
- 5A. In the form of a Bonus.
6. Effective date and area of the award.
- 6A. 1st May, 1945, for MESSINA, CATANIA, SYRACUSE, and AUGUSTA and environs.

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SICILIAN SUB-COMMITTEE of the LABOUR AND WAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

AMENDMENT No. 1 to the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Sub-Committee held at PALERMO, 5th May, 1945.

In Para. 6., "AREAS OUTSIDE PALERMO", Delete from "For all Skilled and Classified Labour" to "the same to apply in these districts", and insert :-

" For all Skilled and Classified Labour including Marine Grades, and Domestic Employees (excluding Head Porters, Ass. Head Porters, Porters and Bell Boys) Laundry Hands, 70 Lire per day.

For Unskilled Labour and the following grades as excluded in the above, Caretaker Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Ass. Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys and Washers Hand, Female, 50 Lire per day.

For Juveniles no further bonus.

This Bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily."

21st June, 1945.

7th C. (C. 7th) Capt.  
(O.O. No. 1 Detachment  
2903 Civil Labour Unit)  
Secretary, for the Chairman,  
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For Unskilled Labour and the following grades as excluded in the above, Caretaker Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Ass. Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys and Washers Hand, Zomelo, 50 Lire per day.

For juveniles no further bonus.

This Bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily.

21st June, 1945.

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE LOCAL SUB COMMITTEE  
OF LABOUR AND WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE HELD ON BOARD R.M.S.  
"HAMILCAR" AT 1000 ON 12TH JULY, 1945.

Present :- CHAIRMAN - Captain H.E. Banks, D.S.O., D.S.D., R.N.  
(Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily)

VICE CHAIRMAN - Commander (S) A.A. Chappell, R.N.V.R.  
Base Supply Officer, Messina.

MEMBERS - Lieutenant Colonel S.R. Corkhill, R.A.  
(Officer Commanding British Troops Sicily)  
Lieutenant L. Canare, U.S.N.C.S.  
Flying Officer P.S. Pickersley, R.A.F.

SECRETARY - Lieutenant E. Rosenstein, No. 1 Det. 2903 C.L.F.

The Chairman in opening the meeting asked the Secretary to read the Minutes of the previous Sub Committee meeting which dealt mainly with the higher rate bonus, he also read out the agenda of the current meeting.

The Minutes were passed by the Committee.

1. Ratification of the terms of Amendment No. 1 to the minutes of the first meeting, as required by 3 District letter 529/50 dated 3rd July, 1945.

Motion was proposed that the terms of amendment No. 1 to the minutes of the first meeting, namely -

- " For all Skilled and Classified labour including Marine grades and Domestic Employees (excluding Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys)
- " Laundry Hands - 70 lire per day.

- " For Unskilled Labour and the following grades as excluded in the above, Canteen Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys and Washers, Hand, Female - 50 lire per day.
- " For Juveniles, no further bonus.

" This bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily. " be ratified for immediate authorisation and payment. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Dismissal of the advisability of introducing a 48 hour week with the object of paying overtime rates for all hours worked in excess of 48 in any given week (3 District letter 529/19 dated 11th June, 1945 refers.).

The motion was proposed that it be recorded as the opinion of the

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The Minutes were passed by the Committee.

1. Ratification of the terms of Amendment No. 1 to the minutes of the first meeting, as required by 3 District letter 529/X dated 3rd July, 1945.

Motion was proposed that the terms of Amendment No. 1 to the minutes of the first meeting, namely -

- " For All Skilled and Classified labour including Marine Cooks and Hostesses
- " Employees (excluding Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys)
- " Laundry Hands - 70 lire per day.

- " For Unskilled Labour and the following grades as excluded in the above, Cooks, Porters, Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys and Waiters, Hand, Female - 50 lire per day.

" For Juveniles, no further bonus.

" This bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily. "

be ratified for immediate authorization and payment. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of the advisability of introducing a 43 hour week with the object of paying overtime rates for all hours worked in excess of 43 in any given week (3 District letter 529/10 dated 11th June, 1945 referred.).

The motion was proposed that it be recorded as the opinion of the Committee that in view of the fact in Sicily War Department employees are already working a 43 hour week, spread over 6 days, it is considered that no useful purpose would be served in altering the existing system of payment of overtime.

3. Payment of overtime rate to Hotel employees.

The question of overtime rates for Hotel employees was discussed and was unanimously decided that no overtime rates are to be paid for Hotel employees in Sicily.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

CAPTAIN, R.N.  
CHAIRMAN, SICILY SUB COMMITTEE OF C.O.R.  
AND WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE.

Distribution attached.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE LOCAL SUB COMMITTEE OF LABOUR AND  
WAGES CONTROL HELD ON BOARD H.M.S. "HAMILCAR" AT 1000 ON 12TH JULY, 1945.

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MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF THE LOCAL SUB-COMMITTEE  
OF LABOUR AND WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE HILDON H.M.S.  
"HAMILTON" AT 1000 ON 12TH JULY, 1945.

Present :- CHAIRMAN - Captain W.E. Davis, D.S.O., C.B.E., R.N.  
(Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily)

VICE CHAIRMAN - Commander (S) A.A. Chappell, R.N.  
Base Supply Officer, Messina.

MEMBERS - Lieutenant Colonel S.R. Corkhill, R.A.  
(Officer Commanding British Troops Sicily)  
Lieutenant L. Cammra, V.S.N.O.B.  
Flying Officer R.S. Ekersley, R.A.F.

SECRETARY - Lieutenant E. Rosenstein, No. 1 Det. 2903 O.L.N.

The Chairman in opening the meeting asked the Secretary to read the Minutes of the previous Sub-Committee meeting which dealt mainly with the higher rate bonus, he also read out the Agenda of the current meeting.

The Minutes were passed by the Committee.

1. Ratification of the terms of Amendment No. 1 to the minutes of the first meeting, as required by 3 District letter 529/51 dated 3rd July, 1945.

Motion was proposed that the terms of amendment No. 1 to the notes of the first meeting, namely -

- "For all Skilled and Classified labour including Marine grades and domestic
- "Employees (excluding Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys, Laundry Hands - 70 lire per day.
- "For Unskilled Labour and the following grades as excluded in the above, Caretakers
- "Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters,
- "Bell Boys and Washers, Hand, Female - 50 lire per day.

"For Juveniles, no further bonus.

"This bonus to be made retrospective from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily."

be satisfied for immediate authorization and payment. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of the advisability of introducing a 48 hour week with the object of paying overtime rates for all hours worked in excess of 48 in any given week (3 District letter 529/10 dated 11th June, 1945 refers.).

The motion was proposed that it be recorded as the opinion of the Committee that in view of the fact in Sicily War Department employees are already working a 48 hour week, spread over 6 days, it is considered that no useful result would be achieved in altering the existing system of payment of overtime.

3. Payment of overtime rates to Hotel employees.

The question of overtime rates for Hotel employees was discussed and was unanimously decided that no overtime rates are to be paid for Hotel employees.

1. Ratification of the terms of award by 3 District letter 529/30 meeting, as required by 3 District letter No. 1 to the notes of

Motion was proposed that the terms of award No. 1 to the notes of the first meeting, namely -  
 For all Skilled and Classified labour including Marine guards and domestic  
 Employees (excluding Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters,  
 Laundry Hands - 70 lire per day.

" For Unskilled Labour and the following grades as excluded in the above, Guards,  
 " Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Assistant Head Porters, Porters,  
 " Bell Boys and Washers, Hand, Female - 50 lire per day.

" For Juveniles, no further bonus.

" This bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 to 31st May 1945.

be ratified for immediate authorisation and payment. The motion is carried  
 unanimously.

2. Discussion of the advisability of introducing a 48 hour week with the object  
 of paying overtime rates for all hours worked in excess of 48 in a given  
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The motion was proposed that it be recorded as the opinion of the  
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 in Sicily.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

CAPTAIN, R.N.  
 CHIEFMAN, SICILY SUB COMMITTEE OF THE MR  
 CHIEFMAN, AND WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE.

Dis. Motion attached.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE LOCAL SUB COMMITTEE OF LABOUR AND  
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REMARKS:

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SICILIAN SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR AND WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT No. 1 to the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Sub-Committee held at PALERMO, 5th May, 1945.

In Para. 6., "AREAS OUTSIDE PALERMO", Delete from "For all Skilled and Classified Labour" to "the same to apply in these districts", and insert :-

" For all Skilled and Classified Labour including Marine Grades, and Domestic Employees (excluding Head Porters, Ass. Head Porters, Porters and Bell Boys) Laundry Hands, 70 Lire per day.

For Unskilled Labour and the following Grades as excluded in the above, Carretaken Guards, Cleaners, Dishwashers, Head Porters, Ass. Head Porters, Porters, Bell Boys and Washers Hand, Female, 50 Lire per day.

For Juveniles no further bonus.

This Bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily

21st June, 1945.

*THC* Capt.  
(O.C. No. 1 Detachment  
2903 Civil Labour Unit)  
Secretary, for the Chairman,  
Sicilian Local Wages Sub-Committee.

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| "Q" Branch 3 District    | 2 | Wing. Com. 62 Staging Post, RAF.  | 1 |
| D.D.L. 3 District        | 3 | AFHS Sicilian Area                | 1 |
| A.D.L. "E" Team (Labour) | 1 | DAEL (Civil) 2903 C.L.U.          | 1 |
| SNOESY, SICILY.          | 2 | Spore.                            | 5 |

For all skilled and unskilled labour including Marine Grades, and Domestic Employees (excluding Head Porters, Ass. Head Porters, Porters and Bell Boys) Laundry Hands, 70 Lire per day.

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For Juveniles no further bonus.

This Bonus to be made retroactive from 1st May, 1945 in Eastern Sicily

21st June, 1945.

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(O.C. No. 1 Detachment  
2903 Civil Labour Unit)  
Secretary, for the Chairman,  
Sicilian Local Wages Sub-Committee.

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| "D" LAB. AFHQ.           | 2 | O.C. British Troops, Sicily.      | 1 |
| "Q" Branch 3 District    | 2 | Wing. Com. 62 Staging Post, RAF.  | 1 |
| D.D.L. 3 District        | 3 | AFHS Sicilian Area                | 1 |
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| Mr. SCOTT         | SS       | 2/1  |
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REMARKS:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 334  
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 804  
REF : LSC/916/918  
SUBJECT: Allied Forces bonus, Messina.  
TO : A.E.L.F.S.  
Attention: Col. Sheldon

8 June 1945

1. We are enclosing a translation of a letter received from Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro concerning the wage situation in Messina, Sicily.

2. Reference is made to Paragraph 6 of the minutes of the Sicily Local Sub-Committee of 5 May, 1945. It appears from the addendum attached that no action was taken ~~from~~ Messina for the reason that the amount of the increase on the private side had not yet been determined. Undoubtedly this matter is ripe for action at the present time.

3. It is suggested that the communication from the CGIL be forwarded to the Sub-Committee and that the Sub-Committee be requested to invite the local Camera del Lavoro to assist them in making their determinations.

DAVID C. SACHE  
Deputy Director  
Labor Sub-Commission

Attachment (1)

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Translation Letter

OLT/of

CONFEDERAZIONE GENERALE DEL LAVORO

Rome, 31.5.1945

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In order to avoid disorders, we beg you, Mr. Braine, to intervene in favour of the abovementioned workers.

While awaiting an answer, we send  
Best regards.

THE SECRETARIAT  
Lissedri-Grandi

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| Mr. T.H. BRAINE | RETURN         | TO ME |
| Mr. SACHS       | <del>Yes</del> |       |
| Mr. DI FEDE     |                |       |
| Mr. AIREY       |                |       |
| Mr. SCOTT       |                | 4/6   |
| Mr. PROCTOR     |                |       |
| Miss STEVENSON  |                |       |
| Chief Clerk     |                |       |

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Local Sub Committee  
of Labour and Wages Control Committee held at the U.S.  
Naval Operating Base, Palermo, 10,00 hours 5 May 1945.

Present/

Chairman: Captain C.N. Campbell R.N.

SNORBY

Vice Chairman: Commander A.A. Chappell R.N.V.R. B.S.O. (Squadron)

Captain C.L. Nichols U.S.N. Commandant NCB Palermo

Lieut: Col. D. Morton U.S.A. AC Liaison Cdr N. Scy.

Major Barr

Lieut. L. Camarra

F/O R.S. Sckersley

Rep O.O. Dr. Coocpa. Roy.

U.S.N.O.S.

RAF Rep W/Com.

9.L. Hagshaw.

Mc. 1 Det 2803 S.A.U.

AFRS Sicilian Area.

Secretary: Lieut. Z. Boardman

In attendance: Col A.A. C. Major

# 1. OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, welcomed the principal-  
ples governing the Sub Committees and asked the Secretary to  
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The AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 25 "Establishment  
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The Chairman notified the Board that he might find it  
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He recommended that a Vice Chairman be elected. The Chairman  
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Chairman. 338

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It has been found that no definite decision can be reached for Eastern Sicily until the rates of pay for civilian industry in Messina are fixed. Arrangements are in progress there to introduce an allowance known as the "Indennita' di contingenza", the amount of which has not yet been determined.

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The Regional Labour Office of Italian Government, Palermo, had been asked to prepare figures quoting the average daily pay of civilian firms of similar employees in the districts of Palermo, Catania and Messina. (Figures attached as Appendix "A").

#### 4. PROPOSED HIGHER RATE BONUS.

In view of the increased wages in the Palermo area, it was proposed that an immediate increase should be made in the "net take home wage" of employees of the Allied Forces in the form of a bonus to be known as the "Higher Rate Bonus".

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Juveniles 40 Lire a day.

The proposal was put to the meeting and was carried by five votes to three in favour of the increase.

#### 5. BACK DATING EFFECTIVE DATE OF BONUS.

The committee recommends that under the particular conditions prevailing in Palermo for several months past, this bonus be back dated and should be made retroactive from 1 April 1945, to meet moral obligations made by the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, made to ensure full working of that Base from this date.

This request is made in accordance with paragraph 127 of AFRS Labour and Wage Control Committee Memorandum Reference LRS/2144 dated 11 April 1945.

#### 6. AREAS OUTSIDE PALERMO.

A motion was carried that the "Higher Rate Bonus" is paid to employees of the Allied Forces throughout the remainder of the island at a rate proportionate with the relationship of wage increases in civilian firms unless 3 District rules that the increase as laid down in paragraph 4 apply to the whole of Sicily.

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This bonus to be payable as at Palermo and if made retroactive in that area the same to apply in these districts.  
It was stressed that this bonus could be paid either in whole or in part, the amounts agreed upon being the maximum amounts.

OVERTIME RATES FOR DOMESTIC EMPLOYEES  
(CLASSIFIED) MESS AND HOSPITAL.

It was the opinion of the Committee that Domestic Employees (Classified) Mess and Hospital under classification in Appendix "P" of AFHQ Regulations for the Employment of Civilian Labour should receive overtime rates.. at the rate of one and half times the usual rate be paid as laid down in part VII, paragraph 35 of these regulations.

It is pointed out that overtime rates had always been paid by some units in Sicily.

6. ANNUAL LEAVE WITH PAY.

It is recommended by the Committee that Paragraph 43a of AFHQ Regulations dealing with annual leave with pay should be applicable to all similar grades (viz. Grades I and II) in Sicily irrespective of such grades being on monthly or daily rates of pay so bringing these grades into line with those assigned grades on the Mainland.

There being no other business before the Committee, the meeting was closed.

*Colm Campbell*

CHAIRMAN, SICILY SUB-COMMITTEE.  
OF LABOUR AND WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE.

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REGULAR PAY REPORT.

MARCH AND APRIL 1945.

AVERAGE DAILY PAY.

PALESTINE.  
(50 L. higher  
than Pe.rato)

CATANIA.  
(HOLE included)

MESSINA.

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*Colin Campbell*

CHALMERS, SICILY Sub-Committee.  
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AVERAGE DAILY PAY.

PALERMO.  
(50 L. higher  
than Po. rate)

CATANIA.  
(HOB included)

MESSINA.

|           |                       |         |                    |                        |
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| 1st Class | From L. 205 to L. 215 | L. 315+ | From L. 130 to 150 | From L. 140. to L. 150 |
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TAKEN HOME WAGE

High cost of Bread Bonus  
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+ Daily rate after agreements of April 17th.

add:

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| Mr. W.H. BRAINE |          |      |
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 894  
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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8 June 1945

TEL : EXT. 204  
REF : LSC/920+203

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 31 May concerning the wages of workers for the Allied Forces in Messina, Sicily.

Determinations of this kind are now in the hands of Local Sub-Committees representing employing services of the Allied Forces. The minutes of the meeting of this Sub-Committee report that the indennita di contingenza had not yet been determined. It is expected that the Committee will give consideration to changes in wage rates in private industry.

It may prove helpful if you ask the Camera del Lavoro in Messina to communicate with Captain C. M. Campbell, Royal Navy, or Commander A. A. Chappell, Royal Navy.

Yours very truly,

W. H. BRAINE  
Director  
Labor Sub-Commission

Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro  
Via Boncompagni, 13  
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 294  
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 204  
REF : LSC/406/929  
SUBJECT: Allied Forces bonus, Messina.  
TO : A.E.L.F.S.  
Attention: Col. Sheldon

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DAVID C. SACHS  
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Labor Sub-Commission

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THE SECRETARIAT  
Lizzadri-Grandi

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Minutes of the First Meeting of the Local Sub Committee of Labour and Wages Control Committee held at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, 10,00 hours 5 May 1945.

Present/

Chairman: Captain C.E. Campbell R.N. SMOESY

Vice Chairman Commander A.A. Chappell R.N.V.R. E.S.O. Messina

Members: Captain C.L. Nichols U.S.N. Commandant MCB Palermo

Lieut: Col. E. Morton U.S.A. AC Liaison Off E.Scy.

Major Barr

Lieut. L. Camarra

H/C.R.S. Dockersley

Rep C.S. Dr. Troops, Scy.

U.S.N.O.S.

RAF Rep W/Com.

C.L. Bagshaw.

No.1 Det 2903 C.L.U.

AFRS Sicilian Area.

Secretary Lieut. E. Boardman

In attendance Lieut: Col A.W.D. Major

1. OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman in opening the meeting explained the principles governing the Sub Committees and asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the 30th meeting of the AFRA Board "Labour and Wages Control Committee" which dealt with the General wage policy of the Allied Forces.

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The proposal was put to the meeting and was carried by five votes to three in favour of the proposal.

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The Committee recommended that under the particular conditions prevailing in Palermo for several months past, this bonus be back dated and should be made retroactive from 1 April 1945, to meet moral obligations made by the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, made to ensure full working of that Base from this date.

This request is made in accordance with paragraph 127 of AFLEB Labour and Wage Control Committee Memorandum Reference LRS/2144 dated 11 April 1945.

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*Colin Campbell*  
Captain, R.N.  
CHAIRMAN, SICILY Sub-Committee.  
WORKING AND PAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE.

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| ALCOM, ROME.                     | 2 |
| AFLES, ROME.                     | 2 |
| CAD, AFHQ                        | 1 |
| "D" LAB. AFHQ                    | 1 |
| "Q" Branch 3 District            | 1 |
| D.D.L. 3 District                | 1 |
| A.D.L. "E" Team (Labour)         | 1 |
| SNOCESY, SICILY                  | 5 |
| M.S.C. MESSINA.                  |   |
| Commandant NOB Palermo.          | 2 |
| AC Liaison Officer East Sicily   | 1 |
| O.O. Br. Troops, Sicily.         | 1 |
| Wine. Com. 62 Staging Post, RAF. | 1 |
| AFLES Sicilian Area              | 1 |
| DADL (Civil) 2903 C.L.U.         | 1 |
| Spare.                           | 2 |

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AVERAGE DAILY PAY.

PALERMO.  
(50 L. higher than Fe.rato)

CATANIA.  
(none included)

MESSINA.

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*Colon Camp*  
 Captain, R.N.  
 Captain, R.N.  
 Captain, R.N.

**ALCOA, ROMA.**

- AFLES, Rome.
- CAD, AFHQ
- "E" LAB. AFHQ
- "Q" Branch 3 District
- D.D.L. 3 District
- A.D.L. "E" Team (Labour)
- SNOCSEY, SICILY

- Commandant NOB Palermo.
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- Wing. CSM. 62 Staging Post, RAF.
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- Spare.

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AVERAGE DAILY PAY.

PALESTINE.  
 (50 L. higher  
 than Pe. rate)

CATANIA.  
 (30 L. included)

MESSINA.

|           |                       |                    |                    |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1st Class | From L. 205 to L. 215 | From L. 130 to 150 | From L. 140 to 160 |
| 2nd Class | " L. 185 to L. 205    | " L. 100 to 130    | " L. 120 to 130    |
| 3rd Class | " L. 175 to L. 195    | " L. 90 to 100     | " L. 90 to 100     |
| Labourer  | " L. 125 to 135       | " L. 60 to 80      | " L. 60 to 80      |

**TAKEN HOME WAGE**

High cost of Bread Bonus  
 not included

Add:  
 L. 40 - family heads  
 L. 20 - non family head:  
 L. 10 - minors

+ Daily rate after agreements of April 17th.

