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23 January 1947

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 21 JANUARY 1947

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An Italian Military Affairs Section (MAS) would probably be set up under AFHQ, and this Section would deal with all matters concerning the Italian Armed Forces at present controlled by the Service S/Cs, but definite instructions were awaited. It was proposed to set up in ROME a Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch (LACAB) which would be a Branch of G-5 Section AFHQ. Brig. Carr had provisionally been appointed Chief of LACAB with Col. Welbach as his Deputy. EC stated that the proposed WE/TO for LACAB was being drawn up in conjunction with Executive Officers A and B. LACAB would continue as at present to furnish certain essential administrative overheads for the Service Branches, AFA and ASAI, and the present system whereby the Civilian Employees and certain essential facilities and equipment for Civil Affairs agencies were provided by the Italian Government would continue.

With regard to files, EC stated that all current A.C. files (for Service S/C Files see below) would be closed w.e.f. 1 Feb. W.e.f. that date new files would be opened for new subjects or as and when action was continued on the old files and the present numbers would continue to be used, e.g. a file at present designated as AC/1234/PS would in the new series be designated as LACAB/1234/PS. Whether similar action would be taken with the files of Service S/Cs would be made known as soon as instructions about the co-ordination of their work were received. Director Archives Div. would be holding a meeting at an early date with officers responsible for Records and Chief Clerks, when the matter of old and new files would be discussed. EC stated that with regard to the preparation of correspondence and office procedure in the new LACAB organization, a directive would be issued before 1 Feb.

2. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. Director Econ. Div. stated that the amount of wheat available at present was sufficient to meet the requirements for 22 days. Venezia Giulia was short of fats and AFHQ had been advised of the situation. Unsuccessful efforts had been made to borrow from the Italian Government.

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(c) Power. Col. Welbach reported no change for Northern Italy, but the situation in Central and Southern Italy remained critical.

3. Public Relations. EC stated that with the discontinuance on 31 Jan. of the Daily Digest of the Rome Press it would be necessary to obtain from the British Embassy their Daily Digest as quickly as possible after it was issued. EC directed PRO to make arrangements regarding this and also to examine the question of how many copies would be required by this H.Q.

F. H. Hart-Smith
Lt. Colonel.
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6th January 1947

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 15 JANUARY 1947

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

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

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

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

2. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. Director, Econ Div stated that the amount of wheat on hand at 12 Jan 47 was sufficient for 33 days. The Italian Government had been granted a loan of 5,000 from AMG stocks, and they had now requested a further loan of 10,000 tons.

Col. Walbach stated that difficulty was being experienced in distributing wheat and sugar to the Southern Provinces. This matter was being examined with a view to overcoming the difficulty.

Fuel. Director, Econ Div stated that the coal situation was comparatively unchanged, and 821,000 tons were available for January. The consumption rate was 519,000 tons leaving a balance of 302,000 tons in hand. Efforts were being made to obtain 8,000 tons of coal for VENEZIE GIULIA.

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3. Communications. Deputy Director, Communications Division stated that a report had been received on 14 January through Public Safety Division of the theft of 13 spans of heavy cable from the CASERTA area. This matter was being taken up with the Italian Government.

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

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

Lt. Colonel.
Chief Staff Officer.

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11 January 1947

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 7 JANUARY 1947

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Col. Pidsley stated that the MMLA section of Land Forces S/C were already disbanding. All BLU's with the exception of those located at UDINE, BOLOGNA and ROME are now closing and families of personnel with those units are being returned to the UK on 31 January 1947. Officers are being re-posted almost immediately and ORs are being absorbed into other units in this Theatre. Col. Pidsley stated that with regard to the branches of LFSC at this HQ these were being "streamlined" as much as possible. Numbers of civilian employees are being steadily reduced.

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

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3. Economic Situation. Director, Econ Div gave a brief report on the economic situation which had not changed from that as published in the last weekly bulletin.

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5. Equipment for Italian Army. Col. Pidsley stated that negotiations were now in progress with the military authorities in AUSTRIA for the return to ITALY of certain amounts of equipment for the use of the Italian Army which had only recently been transferred to AUSTRIA from ITALY.

Lt.Colonel, RA.
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT: Executive Commissioner Meeting.

TO : See Distribution below.

The next Executive Commissioner's Meeting will be held at 0900 hrs on Monday 30 Dec.46 instead of Tuesday 31 Dec.46.

J. B. Hurd-Smith
Lt-Col
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Executive Commissioner Meeting

TO : See distribution

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

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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20 December 1946

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 17 DECEMBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 5. Civilian Personnel. EC directed that with effect from 17 December 1946 no further civilians would be employed or transferred from one Section or Division to another without his approval. Ex.O. (A) said that he would have an announcement of this directive published in the Daily Bulletin.

2. Duty Officers - AC. EC stated that with effect from 18 December 1946, Lt. Colonels would cease to carry out tours of duty officer. This matter would be reviewed, however, at a later date and it might be necessary to revert to the present system.

3. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. Director, Econ Div stated that wheat stocks on hand at 14 December were 535,945 tons which was sufficient for 49 days supply. In Venezia Giulia and Udine there were sufficient stocks of wheat and pasta on hand to last until the end of February.

(b) Fuel. Col. Walbach stated that there was very little change in the coal situation. Information had been received that 422,000 tons of coal would be arriving from the U.S. during January and 160,000 tons from other sources.

(c) Power. There was no change in the power situation in Northern Italy. In Central and Southern Italy the situation had improved slightly and the Sila Reservoirs were slowly filling.

4. Communications. Director, Communications Div stated that 4 more cases of theft of telephone cable had been reported during the past week. This had been reported to the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs who were requesting the Italian Government to give authority for telephone line guards to be armed in an effort to counteract this pilfering.-

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5. Legal Division. DCLA raised the question of the preparation of the handover documents required on the coming into force of the Peace Treaty. He said that this work would be very complicated and that the documents would have to be prepared in five different languages. The Legal Division would require extra staff to deal with this matter. EC replied that he would consider this question.

6. Christmas Holiday. EC asked if any definite information had been received regarding the Christmas Holiday. Ex.O (A) said that no information had been received on the American side. Ex.O (B) stated that a signal had been received from CHQ, that 25 and 26 December and 1 January could be regarded as holidays for British personnel at the discretion of local Commanders. EC asked to be advised as soon as information was received regarding holidays on the American side.

T. W. Hand Smith

Lt. Colonel
Chief Staff Officer.

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12 December 1946.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 10 DECEMBER 1946

1. Liquidation of Allied Commission. EC stated that now that the Peace Treaty with Italy had in effect been agreed, it was at last possible to foresee and commence planning for the closing down of AC. He then read to the meeting pertinent extracts from a letter which had been received from AFHQ, G-5 Section, on the subject of the closing of the Commission. He asked Directors of Divisions to start looking ahead now and commence planning for this operation. Such matters as the preparation of files for eventual transfer to Archives could be commenced and reduction in civilian personnel should be considered now. EC said that it was probable that a Co-ordinating Committee would be formed to plan the closing of AC.

2. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. Director, Econ Div stated that stocks of wheat on hand at 6 December were 611,000 tons. Based on the new consumption rate this was sufficient for 56 days supply. The Italian Government had announced a cut in the pasta ration for December from 2,000 grams per day to 1,000 grams per day.

(b) Fuel. Col. Walbach stated that the coal situation still remained serious, and the Italian Government had cut the consumption rate for the month of December. Efforts were still being made to obtain supplies of coal from sources outside the U.S.
The motor-gasoline situation had improved with the arrival of several tankers from the U.S. and more were expected to arrive by the 10 December.

(c) Power. Director, Econ Div said that the power situation in North Italy remained unchanged. In Central and Southern Italy the situation had improved slightly but the Sila Reservoirs still remained at a low level.

3. Communications. Director, Communications Div said that another 320 metres of telephone cable had been removed from the span across the Volturno River at CAPUA. G-5, AFHQ had requested Security Division, AC to take steps to stop this pilfering and plans were being made by Communications Div in conjunction with Security Div to achieve this end.

4. Displaced Persons. Col. Findlay said that the Italian Government had given notice that they would not be able to carry on the supply and finance of Displaced Persons Camps in Italy after 1 January 1947. DP & R Div were now making plans for the turning over of this function to

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5. Civilian Personnel. EC stated that he had seen the Civilian personnel statement for the month of November and noticed that the numbers of civilians employed by AC had been reduced only by three and there were still 710 civilians employed by the Commission. He asked all present to give this question serious attention.

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4 December 1946.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 3 DECEMBER 1946

1. Undesirable Aliens. EC announced that AMG had agreed that the Italian Government should now deal directly with the representative of the Austrian Government in Rome on the question of the deportation of undesirable Austrian aliens. A letter had been addressed to the Italian Government on this subject and copies had been sent to the Polads.

2. Photographs of AMLA Functions. EC said that he understood that the United Press had requested that they be allowed to take films depicting some of the functions of AMLA and he asked Col. Pidsley for the AMLA views on this matter. Col. Pidsley replied that he had been approached by a representative from the United Press with this request but had referred him to PRO. He added that AMLA had received no orders for this filming to take place. PRO stated that it was photographs that were required by the United Press for a newspaper feature pictorial page and not actual films. Col. Pidsley then stated that if this was the case he thought that there would be no objections by AMLA who could, if required, produce many photographs already in their possession. EC instructed PRO to go ahead with arrangements for these photographs to be made and to keep him advised of the progress.

3. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. Director, Econ Div reviewed the position with regard to wheat and quoted figures which showed that, allowing for supplies at present in transit, stocks would cover requirements for 56 days. The general average rate of consumption as determined by UNRRA was based on 12,500 tons per day. The wheat and flour situation in VENEZIA GIULIA and UDINE remained unchanged from a week ago.

Col. Walbach stated that a decree had now been issued by the Italian Government which regulated the serving of meals in restaurants and included the surrendering of ration card coupons for all bread and pasta served.

(b) Fuel. Col. Walbach announced that a shipment of coal had arrived in Trieste and this had somewhat relieved the difficult fuel situation in that area, but in general the position was still serious owing to the strike in the US and coal consumption for December would be strictly limited.

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2. Photographs of AMLA Functions. EC said that he understood that the United Press had requested that they be allowed to take films depicting some of the functions of AMLA and he asked Col. Pidsley for the AMLA views on this matter. Col. Pidsley replied that he had been approached by a representative from the United Press with this request but had referred him to PRO. He added that AMLA had received no orders for this filming to take place. PRO stated that it was photographs that were required by the United Press for a newspaper feature pictorial page and not actual films. Col. Pidsley then stated that if this was the case he thought that there would be no objections by AMLA who could, if required, produce many photographs already in their possession. EC instructed PRO to go ahead with arrangements for these photographs to be made and to keep him advised of the progress.

3. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. Director, Econ Div reviewed the position with regard to wheat and quoted figures which showed that, allowing for supplies at present in transit, stocks would cover requirements for 56 days. The general average rate of consumption as determined by UNRRA was based on 12,500 tons per day. The wheat and flour situation in VENEZIA GIULIA and UDINE remained unchanged from a week ago.

Col. Walbach stated that a decree had now been issued by the Italian Government which regulated the serving of meals in restaurants and included the surrendering of ration card coupons for all bread and pasta served.

(b) Fuel. Col. Walbach announced that a shipment of coal had arrived in Trieste and this had somewhat relieved the difficult fuel situation in that area, but in general the position was still serious owing to the strike in the US and coal consumption for December would be strictly limited. 21

Stocks of civilian POL remained practically the same as last week. A number of tankers were expected to arrive in the first half of this month, and when they did so it was hoped to lift the cuts in consumption which had been imposed early in November.

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

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

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30 November 1946

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
26 November 1946

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2. Economic Situation.

(a) Fcd. Director Econ. Div. stated that as at 1 November there was on hand 1[illegible]2 tons of wheat. During the period 1 - 24 November there was consumed 261,686 tons leaving a balance on 24 November of 726,204 tons. The daily consumption rate has been reduced from 12,300 tons to 11,737 tons caused by the suspension of giving extra rations to civilians on national of Allied Nations. The present stocks would cover requirements for about 62 days. There had been signalled to arrive up to 4 December 25,615 tons which would make the number of days supply to about 64.

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The Chief of Coal Branch UNRRA had departed for London to attend the European Coal Organisation meetings where an attempt would be made to secure additional coal from sources other than U.S.

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21 November 1946

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 1946

1. Security - A.C. Building. EC said that he had noticed that the side entrance to the A.C. building in Via Molise was not guarded as well as it may be. Ex. O. (A) in reply stated that one Carabiniere guard was stationed at this entrance but he would see that the matter was looked into.

2. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. Director, Econ Div stated there had been no change in the food situation during the past week. The amount of wheat on hand as of 17 November amounted to 69 days supply. Col. Walbach said that reports had appeared in the press during the past week announcing the purchase of 80,000 tons of wheat from Turkey and 50,000 tons of wheat from the U.S. No information was available of these purchases from the U.S. and the purchases from Turkey relied upon the ability of the Italian Government to charter ships to carry this.

(b) Fuel. Col. Walbach announced that latest estimates based on current arrivals were 202,000 tons from U.S. and 150,000 tons from all other sources, making a total of 350.000 tons.

The EC drew attention to signals received from Udine and Venezia Giulia regarding the serious coal situation in AMG territory. Col Walbach said he would take the matter up immediately.

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3. Public Relations - Italian Army. Col. Pidsley announced that the Italian Army were now appointing Public Relations Officers to their regular units and to territorial commands. This was being done to stop the harmful effect of adverse criticism in the

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

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 12 NOVEMBER 1946

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

2. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. Director, Econ Div stated that there had been no major change in the food situation during the past week. 120,000 tons of flour had been allocated from the U.S. but no shipping was available to carry this at the present time.

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Motor gasoline stocks were now down to 24 days supply. Stocks of kerosene were at 53 days supply and diesel oil down to 24 days supply. Fuel oil stocks remained at the 60 day target level.

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

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

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

He was still awaiting written confirmation of this.

Lt.Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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

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

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

10. Repatriation of Demobilised Military Personnel. Col. Ridsley stated that certain military personnel in the Italian Army were now due for demobilisation and wished to be repatriated to their homes, some to the Balkans and some to Tripolitania. He stated that AFHQ had been requested to furnish instructions about the possibilities of such repatriation at this time.

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The Italian Government had been informed of the situation now existing.

(b) Fuel. Director, Econ Div stated that it had been announced in the Press that the shipping strike in the U.S. had ended. The effect of this should be to improve Italy's coal situation but it would take some time for shipments to be resumed and for the effects to be felt here. Stocks of

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

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4. I.P.W. Division. In reply to Col. Pidsley EC stated that there was nothing further to report on the future of this Division. Col. Pidsley then stated that anxiety was felt with regard to the future repatriation of Italian PW from the British Dominions. To date schedules had been received well in advance stating the number of PWs to be repatriated from the Dominions, but no information had been received regarding the arrival of PWs after the middle of November. Col. Pidsley felt that the position should now be clarified as to the repatriation of PWs after November. EC stated that CC had written fairly recently to the British Ambassador pointing out that progress

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

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

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

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

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

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

15 OCTOBER 1946.

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2. Extradition of War Criminals. Polad (B) announced that Article 38 of the Peace Treaty with Italy had been approved by the Political Commission of the Peace Conference. This article dealt with the extradition of war criminals and traitors from Italy to their respective countries. A slight amendment had been added to Article 38 but this did not seriously alter the text of the clause. Polad (B) further stated that the effect of this Article would mean that on the

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2. Extradition of War Criminals. Polad (B) announced that Article 38 of the Peace Treaty with Italy had been approved by the Political Commission of the Peace Conference. This article dealt with the extradition of war criminals and traitors from Italy to their respective countries. A slight amendment had been added to Article 38 but this did not seriously alter the text of the clause. Polad (B) further stated that the effect of this Article would mean that on the signing of the Peace Treaty, Italy would have to surrender the individuals wanted by other countries for trial.

3. Economic Situation.

(a) Food Situation. A/VP Econ Sec stated that there had been a steady decline in wheat stocks for the past several weeks. The stocks now on hand were sufficient to maintain the present ration for 83 days.

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(b) Fuel. The shipping strike in the U.S. had caused a rather serious situation in the coal supply for Italy. Latest estimates of October arrivals has been reduced to 300,000 tons. Coal stocks in Italy at present amounted to 660,000 tons. Unless shipments were resumed or consumption reduced, present stocks and expected arrivals were sufficient to keep going only up to end of November.

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9. Italian Army Stores. Col. Pidsley stated that the Director, Land Forces S/C was to visit the Ordnance Dump at Naples which had recently been handed over to the Italian Government. This dump included some 40,000 tons of military equipment in the M.T. section of the dump including 500 jeep engines. 30,000 tons of other equipment was located in the general workshops. Col. Pidsley said that arrange-

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ments between AMAR and the War Ministry to ensure that the Italian Army received a fair share of this material were progressing satisfactorily.

10. I.P.W. Division. EC stated that there had been no further developments as regards handing over of the U.S. commitment. Land Forces S/C were asked to check that action was being taken as directed by AFHQ as regards the proposal that in any case the U.S. and U.K. Embassies should take over the whole commitment w.e.f. 1 Jan 1947.

Lt.Colonel,
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10 October 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
8 OCTOBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (c) Future of the Commission. EC stated that there had been no further development in this matter.

(b) - 4 Extradition Laws. EC informed the meeting that a letter is being sent to the Italian Government with regard to the procedure they adopt when requests are received for the extradition of alleged traitors. No new instructions have yet been received from AFHQ regarding the repatriation of the undesirable aliens now being held in the cage at POSSOMI.

2. Correspondence on SAN MARINO. EC directed that if any questions financial or otherwise, are raised within the Commission regarding the Republic of SAN MARINO, they must be referred to his office.

3. Civilian Employees. EC asked what the present arrangements were regarding the statement rendered to each Branch showing the number of civilian employees within the Commission, and if this statement was still being sent out. Lt. Col (A) stated that the statement had not been sent for the month of September but he would ensure that it would be sent for each month commencing 1 October. EC directed that the employment of civilians within the Commission should be kept to a minimum and asked all present to ensure that this was done in their respective sections. Col. Tidsley raised the question as to whether the statement should show the numbers of civilians employed in lieu of military personnel on the War Establishment. After discussion, EC stated that these should be shown as a footnote.

4. Economic Situation.

(a) Food. A/V Econ Sec stated that a further slight decline in wheat stocks had taken place during the past week amounting to 6 days supply of bread and pasta. The stocks on hand were sufficient to maintain the present ration for 93 days.

(b) Fuel. The position with regard to 600,000 tons of coal for arrival in October had now been reduced to approximately 500,000 tons owing to the coal mining strike in the U.S. Due to the present stock position in Italy, this reduction would not affect the November allocations.

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(d) Electricity Situation. A/V. Econ Sec stated that [redacted] the electricity situation in Northern Italy [redacted] In Southern Italy the situation continued [redacted].

5. Communications. Lt Col Hulbert stated that following the [redacted] telephone operators last week there had been a still [redacted] however, had employed by the telephone company. This [redacted] now been settled any effect on the communications system [redacted]

6. Accommodation. Ex O. (A) stated that plans had now been completed whereby only the branch of [redacted] would remain in the annex of A.C. building by 1 November. All offices of A.F.H.Q. would by then have been moved into the main building.

7. Vehicle Parts. Col Hidsley raised the question of the provision of spare parts for U.S. vehicles which had been purchased by the Italian Government and said that he understood that arrangements were being made whereby the Italian Government could purchase spare parts for these vehicles direct from manufacturers in the U.S. He felt that there should be a similar arrangement for British vehicles which have been purchased by the Italian Government. It was agreed, and Col Hidsley said that he would [redacted] the necessary action.

8. Labour Reports. It was asked A/V. Econ Sec to enquire if the office of Mr. Freins, Labour Attache at the British Embassy, had been reopened as it was desired to [redacted] in reports on the Labour situation for the Vice-Presidents Meeting. A/V. Econ Sec would take the necessary enquiries.

F. S. Hird Smith

Lt.Colonel.
Chief Staff Officer.

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26 September 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 SEPTEMBER 1946

1. Economics

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

(b) Fuel. Owing to the shipping strike in the US., estimated coal imports had now dropped from 800,000 tons to 600,000 tons for September.

(c) POL. A/VP Econ. Sec. stated that the POL situation remains stable for about 60 days.

(d) Electricity. A/VP Econ. Sec. said that the electricity situation is very bad in Central and Southern Italy owing to the lack of water. In the North it is more favourable.

2. I.P.W. Division. The A/EC announced that following a decision by AFHQ the American commitment in the IP Division is to be withdrawn. This commitment will be taken over by some other agency, either the U.S. Military Attache at the U.S. Embassy or Rome Allied Area Command. This had been agreed upon after a meeting between Chief Commissioner and Col. Hamblen, G-5. The British commitment in IPW Division will carry on until 31 December 1946, when it is proposed that this will be passed to the British Embassy. Col. Pidsley, POLAD, suggested that until such date as the whole division could be handed over, the staff at present employed on the American commitment in IPW Division, should operate in this HQ under supervision of the agency made responsible. The A/EC pointed out that this would not meet with AFHQ's requirements but it might be mentioned to Col. Hamblen, during his visit to the Commission this week. Polad (A) would inform US Military Attache of this matter.

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

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

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said he had this matter under consideration.

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

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

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19 September 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 17 SEPTEMBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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4. Parking. Col. Ross drew attention to the fact of irregular use of parking space at this Headquarters by non A/C vehicles. Action is being taken to avoid this. Care should be taken to ensure that A.C. vehicles were parked in the places allotted.

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12 September 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 SEPTEMBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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2. Civilian restaurants. - EC asked the latest order on this question and was informed that Civilian Restaurants are still "Out of Bounds" to all ranks.

He further asked if the Italian decree limiting the number of courses served at any meal had been issued and was informed that it had been reported a failure.

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4. Italian Peace Treaty. EC stated that a photostatic copy of the original draft of the Italian Peace treaty as printed in the New York Times had been received and directed PRO to obtain extra copies for distribution to Heads of Sections.

5. Food. A.V.P. Econ. Sec. stated that there was a slight decline in the wheat situation due to a falling off in armassing.

Sufficient wheat was held for 128 days or until 13 January

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6. Fuel. A.V.P. Econ. Sec. stated that last months coal imports had reached the post war high of 911,000 tons and that there is 800,000 scheduled for next month.

The first coal train from Poland is reported to be on its way.

H. Turner-Coles

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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7 September 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 3 SEPTEMBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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EC was informed that this would make very little difference as far as D.P. and R.S.C. was concerned.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA Electoral Rolls. Brig.Carr said that AFHQ had informed 13 Corps that the General Order on electoral rolls was not to be promulgated until the views of the US and UK Governments had been received. A further signal had stated that in the meantime the compilation of the electoral lists would not be interupted. CAS took the view that the work of compilation of lists could not be carried out until the General Order had been legally promulgated and AFHQ had been informed of this opinion.

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8. WE - Land Forces S/C (MMLA). Col.Pidsley said that the Land Forces S/C (MMLA) War Establishment had been considered at AFHQ and it had been decided to make no change for the time being.

9. Admin of BLU's. Col.Pidsley reported that he was still pursuing this matter but very little progress had been made. One of the difficulties was the question of payment to the Italians and EC suggested that he discuss this with Col.Battersby of AFA. Col.Pidsley said that he had been assured of every cooperation by the Italian Ministry of War.

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5. CEM Branch. Col.Walton said that AFHQ were issuing revised instructions on CEM which provided that all units now in possession of CEM dumps would immediately withdraw such material as they required and declare the surplus ready for the handover. Instructions also provided that units in possession of miscellaneous quantities of CEM would hand them over direct to the Italian Government. In view of the time which it would take for the publication of these instructions and the preparation of reports, it was probable that CEM would remain an AC responsibility for a further period.

6. Civilianisation. Ex.O(A) reported that a memorandum had been received from MTOUSA saying that it was the War Department policy to replace American Officers and EM by War Department civilians wherever possible. An allocation of 38 had been made to AC and a report was to be submitted to MTOUSA by 10 Aug

7. AC Telephone Lines. Col.Humbert reported that at the direction of RAAC it was necessary to cut down to the minimum the number of direct dial lines from offices in the AC building to the Italian telephone system. As a result of this the number of lines was being reduced from 24 to 8. Ex.O(A) would examine the matter of a possible reduction in the number of telephone lines at present installed in billets.

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Brigadier Carr presided in the absence of the Executive Commissioner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Col.Pidsley stated that if we were to continue to provide arms for the Italian Govt. it would be necessary to set up a small mission. EC replied that it would be for the Italian Govt. to make a request for such a mission.

9. Italian Govt. Decrees. Col.Walton stated that the Economic Adviser to the British Embassy had asked for translations of old decrees issued by the Italian Govt. These were not available in Econ Sec and he wondered if other Sections had copies of the decrees. VP CAS would look into the matter.

10. US Requisitioned Vehicles. Ex.O(A) reported that orders had been received

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

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

Col.Pidsley stated that if we were to continue to provide arms for the Italian Govt. it would be necessary to set up a small mission. EC replied that it would be for the Italian Govt. to make a request for such a mission.

9. Italian Govt. Decrees. Col.Walton stated that the Economic Adviser to the British Embassy had asked for translations of old decrees issued by the Italian Govt. These were not available in Econ Sec and he wondered if other Sections had copies of the decrees. VP CAS would look into the matter.

10. US Requisitioned Vehicles. Ex.O(A) reported that orders had been received from MTOUSA that all US requisitioned vehicles were to be released by 3 Aug.

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

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

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

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Lt.Col., R.A.,
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 25 JUNE 1946.

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

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

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

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Lt.Col., RA,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

1(a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col.Walton reported that UNRRA on making a revision of wheat stock holdings had found a total of 94,000 tons on 1 June. Amassing, previously estimated at 15,000 tons was now believed to be in the region of 79,000 tons. This, with 150,000 tons June arrivals, would give a stock for the month of 303,000 tons and with consumption estimated at 228,000 tons, left a stock at 1 July of 75,000 tons. The very promising crop now being harvested gave a more optimistic tone to the food situation.

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

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1(c) - 1(c). CIP. Col. Walton reported that there was no indication at the moment of the CIP workers going on strike again.

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

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

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

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

1(h) - 6. Medical Personnel. Brigadier Carr had mentioned the matter to C.1. Frizelle but he was unable to help. EO(A) explained that there was a possibility of 10 officers being added to the US TO in which case he would apply for one medical officer to be assigned.

2. Civil Affairs Agreements. EC reported that US and UK Civil Affairs Agreements had been handed to the Italian Govt. one of which had been described in the newspaper 'Unita'. The other document is a secret document and a signal had been sent to AFHQ suggesting that this document be declassified.

3. Economic Advisers to Embassies. EC said that Sir Quintin Hill and Col. Hancock were returning to Italy from UK this week to set up the Office of Economic Adviser to the British Embassy. Polad(A) said that the US Embassy would utilise existing staff with the addition of one or two experts.

4. Facilities to other Organisations. EC expressed the opinion that housekeeping facilities now being given to other organisations such as IGCR, Rockefeller Malaria Unit, etc., should be reconsidered. These organisations would probably be here sometime after the demise of the AC and would have to learn to stand on their own feet now.

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9. Telephones. Col.Scudder reported that in view of the fact that the new CA Agreements contained clauses providing for indemnification of occupational costs, and the cost of the telephone service in ROME alone amounted to 4,000,000 lire a month, telephones connected with the ROME system would have to be cut to an absolute minimum by the end of the month. Comms S/C to submit proposals for reduction to EC after investigation.

A.E. Hind-Smith
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 11 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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

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

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

6. Medical Personnel. Col. Findlay reiterated the scarcity of Allied medical personnel in Disper camps. Ex C asked Brig. Carr if Col. Frizelle could help.

7. Italian Air Lines. Ex O (A) raised the question of maintenance of Italian air lines when Liaison Groups had ceased to function. Ex C said that an extension to BOLZANO was necessary and Air Forces S/C must be warned that Liaison Group help would soon come to an end. It was necessary to keep the lines in operation for Disper S/C and the Italian Government.
Ex C suggested that PC UDINE should take over the responsibility and directed Ex O (A) to take action.

8. Reduction of Civilian Employees. Ex O (A) stated that a letter had been sent to Heads of Sections stressing the need for reduction in numbers. Replies had been received that staff now retained was essential.

9. Public Relations Officer. Ex C thanked Major Leacacos, the retiring Public Relations Officer, for all the good work he had done, and welcomed his successor, Capt. de Massai.
Ex C said the Weekly Bulletin was a most valuable publication and he wished it to continue so long as AC existed.

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

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drafts of the Civil Affairs agreements were examined. Ex C said that in fixing future responsibility, the financial commitments of the Italian Government must be taken into account. He would discuss further with Col. Findlay.

6. Medical Personnel. Col. Findlay reiterated the scarcity of Allied medical personnel in Disper camps. Ex C asked Brig. Carr if Col. Frizelle could help.

7. Italian Air Lines. Ex O (A) raised the question of maintenance of Italian air lines when Liaison Groups had ceased to function. Ex C said that an extension to BOLZANO was necessary and Air Forces S/C must be warned that Liaison Group help would soon come to an end. It was necessary to keep the lines in operation for Disper S/C and the Italian Government. Ex C suggested that PC UDINE should take over the responsibility and directed Ex O (A) to take action.

8. Reduction of Civilian Employees. Ex O (A) stated that a letter had been sent to Heads of Sections stressing the need for reduction in numbers. Replies had been received that staff now retained was essential.

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	Uomo Qualunque	17,000
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College No. 30, PALERMO	Christian Democrat	38,000
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3. Revised Armistice Terms. Ex C said that as reported in the press he had delivered the draft of the revised armistice terms to the Italian Prime Minister. A summary of the document had appeared in the London "Times." The draft was not being published and would not be circulated until the next step had been reached, i.e. negotiation of the Civil Affairs agreements.

4. Derequisitioning of Hotels. In answer to Poland (A), Ex C stated that a letter was being sent to AFHQ to-day. He said that Brig. Low, R.A.C was pressing for the derequisitioning of the Colonna Hotel and directed Ex O (A) to take action.

5. Reinstatement of Insurance Company Officials. Ex C said the two men concerned were directors of leading insurance companies. They were in ROME when the occupation of TRIESTE occurred and were suspended by order of CCS for epuration and later set free. The U.S. Embassy maintained that it was still undesirable that they should be reinstated and Poland(A) said both men had bad records of cooperation with the enemy. He said the decision regarding them was the responsibility of the Italians but they had asked AMG permission to return and resume business. If that permission was granted it would possibly lead to strong criticism of U.S. Embassy and AC.
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(e) - 5. Refugee Centres. Col. Findlay (Disper S/C) stated that skeleton military organizations had been provided for the camps taken over, with the exception of AVERSA, where it was hoped to provide personnel tomorrow.
He stressed the shortage of Allied medical personnel, none being available for the camps. Ex C suggested that UNRRA could help in this matter and directed Disper S/C to draft a signal to AFHQ.

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

3. Allied Seamen. Polad (A) said he was being pressed by the State Department for a decision on jurisdiction over Allied seamen. Ex C had written a DO letter to Brig. Low, RAMC, on Allied nationals not subject to military law, but was uncertain how this affected Allied seamen. His personal opinion, with which Polad (A) concurred, was that all Allied nationals not subject to military law should be subject to Italian jurisdiction.
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Consular representation was now in full swing throughout the North, and working well.
The agricultural situation was good, there had been an excellent hay harvest, and prospects for crops were promising. The industrial outlook was not so bright; factories were working below capacity owing to lack of raw materials and the goods made were not being sold, but were accumulating in stores and warehouses.

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Public order was highly satisfactory, and demonstrations which took place were invariably good humoured and restrained. There seemed to be a strong feeling among the Italians that the elections must be carried out in an orderly manner.
Summarising the position, Brig. Dunlop stated that in the North the agricultural side was promising; politically they were getting on well, but certain hidden financial difficulties might come to light in a few months time.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 14 MAY.
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A decree for restaurant control was under consideration.
Ex C referred to a memorandum received from AC CLC NAPLES which was in effect an attack on Italian administration and policy, alleging that large reserves of food were available and that the Italians were misleading their own authorities, AC and UNRRA. Ex C had passed this memorandum to Lt.Col.Cowper and would discuss it with Col. Walton.
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(f) - Petroleum. Col. Walton stated that the present C.I.P. strike did not adversely affect Allied military supplies but civilian supplies were affected to some extent, resulting in the curtailment of transport services. Col. Pidsley (Land Forces S/C) raised the question of petroleum supplies to the Italian Army. At present they had no reserves and the Allies were lending them petrol. AFHQ were being approached on this matter.

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(g) - 6. Purchases by Troops visiting ITALY. Col. Walton stated that a reply had been received from AFHQ stating that schillings were not being changed for lire at the rate reported by the Italian Government.

(h) - 7 Illegal Entry. Col. Findlay stated that illegal entry was continuing, although this might be lessened by the fact that permits were being issued.

2. National Elections. Ex C said that pressure had been brought to bear from many directions for postponement of the 2 June elections and he read a telegram which was being sent to AC CLCs asking them to report on any activity of this kind. Polad (A) asked if provision had been made for the guarding of ballot boxes during the night. Land Forces S/C stated the War Ministry had been requested to provide one man for each polling place (approximately 40,000 men) and this had been agreed.

3. Pro-Fascist Newspapers. Polad (A) expressed concern at the reappearance of certain newspapers and said it was reported last week that Stephanie planned a revival. The matter had been discussed at the American Embassy and it had been suggested that AC should approach the Italian Government. After further discussion, Ex C directed PRO to get more information about ownership and background of the newspapers involved.

4. Control of Manufacture of Arms. The implications of this matter were discussed in some detail and Ex C directed that a committee be set up presided over by Brig. Carr, with Service and other interested Sub-Commissions, to investigate the whole question.

5. Administration of BLUs(M.L.). Col. Pidsley asked if any arrangement had been made with regard to administration of BLUs in the field when British facilities ceased to exist. CSO to Ex C stated that an interim reply had been received from AFHQ but a decision had not yet been given.

6. Coal Situation. Col. Walton said there was no indication of any ships leaving U.S. for ITALY as the result of the armistice in the U.S. coal strike.

7. Foreign Trade. Col. Walton said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had a meeting on Italian foreign trade and had asked for a working committee to assist, AC to be a member. Ex C approved this.

8. Displaced Persons. Col. Findlay gave a brief account of displaced persons in camps being cared for by UNRRA. UNRRA had asked for military officers in ANCOM camps by next Saturday. These were being provided under the direction of Disper and AFHQ knew of the position. 18,000 DPs could not be cared for by UNRRA and Col. Findlay appealed for clothing for these people. Col. Walton said the Italian Government had a large amount of clothing, distribution of which had been slow on account of the price factor. There was discussion as to whether CMF Branch could hand over direct to Disper any clothing they might have. Ex C directed Econ Sec to send a telegram to AFHQ informing them of the necessity to provide clothing for 18,000 people. Col. Findlay proposed to confine all DPs to camps during the elections. Ex C approved and directed him to inform UNRRA accordingly.

9. Future of Disper. There was discussion on the ultimate responsibility for Disper. It was desired to obtain the opinion of the U.S. Government and Ex C directed that a meeting be arranged before the end of the month.

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10. Archives. Ex C directed Heads of Sections to let Major Harrisson, Archives Branch, have the name of the officer responsible for files in each Sub-Commission or Branch.
Ex C said he had noticed considerable difficulty with AC files handed over to UNRRA. He emphasized that these were AC files on loan only and directed Major Harrisson to watch this point closely.

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Communications

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4. UDINE. Col. Walton gave a brief resume of the meeting held at UDINE with Brig.Gen. Hamblen, G-5 and representatives of ANG UDINE and XIII Corps. Brig.Gen. Hamblen was of the opinion that there should be more direct dealing between ANG territory and AFHQ on supply and legal matters, and the main question was whether it would be better to deal with ANG XIII Corps or two separate ANGs, i.e. XIII Corps and UDINE. It was stated that G-5 would depend upon AC to make necessary contacts in ROME with the Italian Government and UNRRA. Brig.Gen. Hamblen proposed to draft a directive and send it for comment to those represented at the meeting at UDINE.

5. Petroleum. Col. Walton stated that a change in the composition of the C.I.P. had been proposed by the Italian Government on several occasions but this had been viewed with disfavour by the Embassies, AC and UNRRA. The Italian Government had made another application but at a discussion which took place yesterday they had agreed to consider further the continuance of C.I.P. in its present form for several months. Ex C considered that AC should take no part in this matter but leave it to the Embassies and UNRRA. Col. Walton would bring up to Ex C when the correspondence from the Minister of Industry and Commerce was received.

6. Purchases by Troops visiting ITALY. Lt. Col. Timmons (CFA) stated that the Prime Minister had expressed concern at purchases of goods in ITALY by Allied troops from AUSTRIA and GERMANY and had asked the position on exchange rates. The whole question had been referred to AFHQ for a decision from CCS.

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24 April 1946.

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The Italian Government was preparing a decree for supplementary amassing and there must be complete confidence in this scheme for it to be successful. It is hoped to amass 75,000 tons by 30 May. It was suggested by the High Commissioner of Health that the proposed ration cut be postponed until 15 May, when the results of the supplementary amassing would be known. There had been overissues of the pasta ration in many provinces and it was estimated that 20,000 tons had been over-issued.
Lt.Col. Timmons said the Ministries concerned met last night and there would be a meeting this morning of the Council of Ministers to make a final decision on the bread ration.
Ex C directed his CSO to coordinate with Econ Sec and signal to AFHQ to-day on the food situation, following this up with another signal tomorrow.

(b) - 1(b). Chief Commissioner's Tour. Ex C read a telegram received from Admiral Stone, which was a copy of the official signal sent to AFHQ. Another wire received from the Admiral confirmed that he was arriving in ROME on 26 April.

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(c) - 3- Coal. Lt.Col. Timmons reported that March and April arrivals should be something between 900,000 and 1,000,000 tons. While the present U.S. strike continued, there would be no loadings after 30 April. The Italian Government had made a programme for a consumption of 300,000 tons of coal per month for April, May and June against the average need of 450,000 to 500,000 tons a month. The position would be serious if the strike continued beyond 15 May.

2. National Elections. Following on a signal received from AFHQ for information on AC, Ex C had written to Liaison Officers asking for a picture of local conditions and the possibility of political disorder during the holding of the national elections. He asked for reports from other sources on this subject before the end of the month. Ex C had asked AFHQ for permission to pass on to the Prime Minister the reports we received.

3. Political Party. Polad (A) said a new political party had been formed advocating an Italy/U.S. merger and the U.S. national flag was used in their political emblem which was undesirable. Ex C suggested that this matter be taken up with the Italian Government.

4. Travel Orders. Ex O (A) reported that a large number of travel orders were being issued in respect of Italian civilians. He suggested that in order to save paper work a pass authorizing such civilians to travel on military vehicles be substituted. Ex C agreed that this could be done but travel orders were required for military personnel. A draft directive on this matter was being prepared.

5. Office Hours. Ex O (A) asked if AC could conform to RAC office hours, which were 0800 to 1700, with an hour for lunch. Ex C said it was preferable to conform to AFHQ hours and directed Ex O (A) to find out AFHQ working hours for now and the future.

J.B. Hind-Smith
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2. National Elections. Following on a signal received from AFHQ for information or AC, Ex C had written to Liaison Officers asking for a picture of local conditions and the possibility of political disorder during the holding of the national elections. He asked for reports from other sources on this subject before the end of the month. Ex C had asked AFHQ for permission to pass on to the Prime Minister the reports we received.

3. Political Party. Polad (A) said a new political party had been formed advocating an Italy/U.S. merger and the U.S. national flag was used in their political emblem which was undesirable. Ex C suggested that this matter be taken up with the Italian Government.

4. Travel Orders. Ex O (A) reported that a large number of travel orders were being issued in respect of Italian civilians. He suggested that in order to save paper work a pass authorizing such civilians to travel on military vehicles be substituted. Ex C agreed that this could be done but travel orders were required for military personnel. A draft directive on this matter was being prepared.

5. Office Hours. Ex O (A) asked if AC could conform to RAC office hours, which were 0800 to 1700, with an hour for lunch. Ex C said it was preferable to conform to AFHQ hours and directed Ex O (A) to find out AFHQ working hours for now and the future.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 APRIL.
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This had been brought to the attention of UNRRA, who were cooperating with the Italian Government.
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5. Elections. In answer to Polad (A), PRO stated that final tabulations of local election results were given in the Weekly Bulletin. Ex C directed that Local Government S/C confirm that elections in the large cities were to be held after the formation of the Costituente.

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6. Call Up of the Italian Army. Col. Pidsley reported that this had been very satisfactory. Nearly two-thirds of the men called up had already done military service in one form or another. Equipment was still a bugbear and Gen. Browning would take this up with AFHQ on his return, which was imminent.

7. 'S' Camp at T.R.ANTO. Col. Pidsley gave a brief report on this camp and said it had now been handed over to the Italian Government.

8. Coal. Col. Walton reported that large quantities of coal were being received, although it was anticipated there would shortly be a slowdown in arrivals. The strike in U.S. was still going on and the end was not yet in sight.

9. Easter Holiday. Ex O (B) asked for clarification of the position regarding Italian civilian employees of AC. After discussion, Ex C ruled that for Italian civilians, Good Friday would be regarded as a Sunday, and would be a holiday.

10. Illegal Crossing of the Morgan Line. Col. Findlay reported that people were entering illegally at the rate of 600 a week. A number had been apprehended and were being held by XIII Corps.

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5. Reserved Commodities List. Col. Walton a resumé of reports received from Mr. Ainsworth and Mr. Simmons, and the MOS cables which had been sent.

6. Loan from Import/Export Bank. CFL said it was now doubtful if more than one-quarter of the amount of the original loan would be granted to ITALY. It was possible that to compensate for this they might receive the balance of the US. suspension account (Troops Pay Fund).

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7. Jews at L. SPEZL. Col. Findlay (Disper S/C) gave a brief account of this matter and said it had been established that the Jews were not from UNRRA or AC Camps. No. 2 District were dealing with the whole question.

8. Epuration. Brig. Carr said a draft report had been prepared. Ex C stated this was an excellent report and copies should be passed to Polads.

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4. Coal. Col. Walton reported that shipments from U.S.A. and South AFRICA had been advised and the situation showed some improvement.

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5. POL. Col. Scudder drew attention to the optimistic figures given of POL in UNRRA "Economic Notes," in view of the difficulty being experienced in obtaining supplies. Col. Walton stated that the Notes gave a true picture.

6. Italian Mail from U.S.A. Col. Scudder stated that mails loaded in NEW YORK for NAPLES were sometimes received at GENOA owing to diversion of steamers and it was difficult to deal with them. Econ Sec suggested that Communications S/C coordinate with UNRRA (Ports and Warehouses)to get advance information of divergencies of ships. Ex C directed Communications S/C to contact UNRRA accordingly.

7. Italian Army. Col. Pidsley had returned from a tour of the North and reported that he was highly satisfied after his inspection of Italian Army commands.
Gen. Browning was at present in LONDON to discuss the future of the Italian Army.

8. Report on Italian War Industries. Col. Walton said that additional data had been promised on machinery. This was not to hand and AFHQ were pressing for it. Econ Sec were endeavouring to get the information.

9. Blankets. In answer to Econ Sec, Ex C said this matter had been taken up with AFHQ, who had ruled that the blankets were captured enemy material. Land Forces S/C stated they had not received their allocation of blankets promised last September. Ex C directed that they furnish a factual report so that the matter could be taken up again.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 26 MARCH.

Ex C welcomed Colonel Ross, Ex C (A), who was replacing Colonel Parkin.

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(c) - 5. Officer Board. The file had been passed to Ex C, who would discuss with CFL.

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3. Medical Supplies. Ex C directed that C. Sec take up with UNRRA the whole question of distribution.

4. Food Situation. Col. Walton referred to Mr. Hoover's visit to ROME. An endeavour was being made to get more wheat from North AMERICA. Comparisons had been made of rations, in calorific values, between various countries in EUROPE. There was no actual information available on April loads, but it was anticipated that these would be low. Sugar was in sufficient quantity to carry through July. The planting of sugar beet was greatly in excess of last year. A gradual overall reduction in prices was reported, due to improved transportation and distribution facilities.

5. Customs Control. CFA reported that customs control on the Morgan Line had been put into operation by AMG VENEZIA GIULIA.

6. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C reported that the call up was progressing satisfactorily and the standard of intake was considerably higher than had been anticipated.

7. U.S. Personnel. Ex C stated he had received a letter from AFHQ that the reduction programme of 50 per month would be stayed for the time being. It was pointed out that parity could not be maintained.

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Brig. Carr was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty.

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(a) - 1(g). Textiles. Col. Walton stated that this matter referred to a clothing factory in the North, the owners of which were undertaking to sell for export only. A report had been submitted.

(b) - 2. Italian Ration. Col. Walton said this matter was being pursued. The caloric value of the Italian ration plus non-rationed foods available is estimated as between 1,500 - 1,600 calories per day.

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(d) - 7. Reduction of Outside Telephone Lines. Col. Scudder stated that HQ Commandant had circulated to Sections numbers of the telephones in their offices and further action was now awaited.

2. Foreign Trade. Col. Walton gave a brief resumé of what transpired at a conference he attended in MILAN, where the question of relaxation of controls was discussed. A report would be furnished.

3. Visit to TRIESTE. Lt. Col. Timmons reported briefly on the impressions gained during the period of the recent strike. There was some discussion by Polads on the points raised.

4. Refugees. Col. Findlay said that very limited resources were available should a refugee problem arise in VENEZIA GIULIA. 2,000 to 3,000 a day could be dealt with at the present time, provided they were got away quickly.

5. Officer Board. Ex O (A) drew attention to the fact that some members of the Officer Board recently set up on rationing in hotels were due to leave the theatre soon and action should be taken on the findings of the Board before this happened. CSO to Ex C was directed to attend to this matter.

6. Elections. Major Temple gave a very interesting account of the progress of the elections and the conclusions he had arrived at as a result of his observations. Only one incident of disorder had been reported - from SICILY. The large turn out and the rapidity of voting were noticeable features. Hours of polling had been extended so that all electors had a chance to record their votes.
With regard to electoral lists, the latest figures indicated that 99% of the lists had been compiled and 87% approved.

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2. Foreign Trade. Col. Walton gave a brief resumé of what transpired at a conference he attended in MILAN, where the question of relaxation of controls was discussed. A report would be furnished.

3. Visit to TRIESTE. Lt. Col. Timmons reported briefly on the impressions gained during the period of the recent strike. There was some discussion by Polads on the points raised.

4. Refugees. Col. Findlay said that very limited resources were available should a refugee problem arise in VENEZIA GIULIA. 2,000 to 3,000 a day could be dealt with at the present time, provided they were got away quickly.

5. Officer Board. Ex O (A) drew attention to the fact that some members of the Officer Board recently set up on rationing in hotels were due to leave the theatre soon and action should be taken on the findings of the Board before this happened. CSO to Ex C was directed to attend to this matter.

6. Elections. Major Temple gave a very interesting account of the progress of the elections and the conclusions he had arrived at as a result of his observations. Only one incident of disorder had been reported - from SIGNA. The large turn out and the rapidity of voting were noticeable features. Hours of polling had been extended so that all electors had a chance to record their votes.
With regard to electoral lists, the latest figures indicated that 99% of the lists had been compiled and 83% approved.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA) were not represented.

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2. Italian Ration. Polad (B) [illegible] the amount of the Italian ration expressed in terms of cal[illegible]. Ex C estimated the basic ration at 750 calories but said it was difficult to give the actual amount owing to different ways in which the ration could be supplemented. He directed Econ Sec to contact UNRRA technicians and obtain an answer.

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4. Coal. Econ Sec said the situation showed a slight improvement. Imports had been up to schedule for the months of January and February, and were expected to be maintained during March. The question of extra coal required for food industries was under consideration.

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5. UNRRA Telegrams. In answer to Ex C, Econ Sec stated they were getting all UNRRA telegrams on Food, although they were not receiving them very promptly. Ex C directed Econ Sec to take this up with Mr. Cleveland of UNRRA.

6. Communications. Col. Scudder stated that if 3 District were to remain in NAPLES, requirements for telegraphs and telephones would be much the same as they were to-day. The Italian Government were exercised at the number of telegraph and telephone circuits requisitioned by the Army. Although conditions in the North were better, the link between North and South was very weak. Ex C directed Col. Scudder to prepare and send to him to-day a memorandum for G-5, AMG.

7. Reduction of Outside Telephone Lines. Col. Scudder had suggested a reduction in the number of outside telephone lines at HQ AC and although HQ Commandant had circulated a memorandum to Heads of Sections, little action had yet been taken. Ex C directed his CSO to follow up.

8. TRIESTE. Ex C directed PRO to send him copies of news reports received.

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To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 5 MARCH.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 2. Economic Section. Ex C stated that CC had approved the new set up of Econ Sec. Col. Walton said the new organization in ROME was on conventional lines with the seven branches (formerly Sub-Commissions) operating on a reduced scale. No provision had been made for a Labour Branch. There were two food officers and a transportation officer in VENICE. Efforts had been made for parity in Econ Sec staffs but this was difficult as the American allocation was much smaller than the British. Ex C said that the UNRRA part of the former Econ Sec would move to the UNRRA building at the end of the week and he had directed HQ Commandant to contact Col. Walton on the question of office accommodation for the new Econ Sec.

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2. Electricity. Ex C stated that a very definite order had been received from AFHQ on the need for stringent economy in the use of electricity. Instructions had been given to HQ Commandant to enforce this and the cooperation of all officers was required.

3. Summer Time. Ex C reported that the Italian Government had requested that summer time should be introduced as from 4 March. AFHQ were sympathetic but as the Italian Government had agreed to cooperate with European Summer Time immediate action could not be taken. Ex C had telephoned Brig. Fellowes, who had been very helpful and had rung up [illegible] Ex C was meeting the Minister of Transport with Brig. [illegible] to give him a reply.

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4. Duty Officers. Brig. Carr asked if one officer could do duty for CA and Econ Secs on Sundays and half-holidays. Ex C stated that Econ Sec should keep its own duty officer in the present stage of reorganization and ruled that the following officers be on duty:

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Chief Telecoms
Chief Posts
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Asst Chief Posts
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Chief Clerk

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One H.Q. Duty Officer (in Adjutant's Office)
One Officer for Econ Sec
One Officer for Chief Commissioner's Office

The roster for the latter duty would be made up from the CC's and Ex C's staff, CA Sec and Est Sec.

5. UNRRA. Ex C stated that Mr. Keeny of UNRRA was very concerned about Endimea (distribution of medical stores). He reported that large supplies were available but had not been distributed for various reasons, one of which was that prepayment was insisted upon. Mr. Keeny asked if AC would take the matter up with the Prime Minister. Ex C stated that we must get the Italian Government to issue these medical supplies quickly before they become useless. He directed CA Sec (Public Health S/C) to coordinate with UNRRA and put up a memorandum to the Prime Minister.

6. Shoes and Clothing. Col. Scudder stated that one of the chief factors in the rehabilitation of the public services was the supply of shoes and clothing. He reported that in a warehouse near ROME there was a large consignment of shoes and clothing from USA which had been there since June 1945. Col. Walton said that full distribution had been indicated for these goods but for some reason delivery had not been effected. Ex C directed the matter be followed up by Econ Sec.

7. Textiles. Ex C said a report had been received that a firm in the North were making large quantities of suits for a private relief organization. CFL pointed out that a transaction of this nature would not be permitted if the material was going out of ITALY. Ex C directed Col. Walton to contact Lt. Col. Hannaford who possessed more complete information on the matter.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 26 FEBRUARY.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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Ex C always wished to see AC Chief [illegible] Officers whenever they visited ROME and directed Ex O (A) and (B) to inform him of any such visits in the future.

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6. SICILY Disturbances. Brig. Carr referred to a Public Safety S/C report dealing with the recent disturbances in SICILY, which he considered to be rather misleading. His view was that the trouble was caused by a slight increase in banditry in the usual trouble spots of SICILY, aggravated by economic conditions. Land Forces S/C stated that only part of the Folgore Division were sent to quell the disturbances.

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7. Food Situation. Ex C stated that he wished Econ Sec to prepare a brief review of the food situation to be presented each Tuesday at his meeting.

8. Guards for UNRRA Supplies. Ex C referred to Econ Sec's letter and stated he had received a telephone message from AFHQ saying they wanted the point raised although they expected a negative reply. Ex C considered the best solution of the problem was to operate a warehouse and use commercial methods for protecting stores. He referred to a report from AC Liaison Officer, BARI and directed his CSO to show this to Col. Walton, Econ Sec.

9. Closing of Despatch Office. Ex O (B) stated he had received a request from HQ Commandant that Despatch Office (Tpt) be closed on Sundays. Ex C agreed that this could be done.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 19 FEBRUARY.

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4. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C stated that posters were now displayed for the call up of the 1924 Class in March. Demobilization of the older groups was continuing.

5. Feeding of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C were still not satisfied with the position. Ex C said the matter was being pursued and a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister, but it was a difficult situation.

6. Transport for Coal Officer, MILAN. Econ Sec said their coal officer in MILAN had no transport and it was necessary for him to make many trips to neighbouring towns. There was some discussion on the transport situation generally, Ex O (B) pointing out that serious cuts had been made in motor transport and we had a number of cars that were due to be turned back. Econ Sec had no allotment of cars as a whole. Ex C directed that a PU should be transferred from ROME for use in the North.

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8. Files in BOLZANO. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) said he was examining the situation regarding files in BOLZANO. At present these files were being looked after by a staff of 25 people. Econ Sec were putting up a letter for CC's signature. There was discussion on this and Ex C suggested that the files could be microfilmed. Polad(B) raised the question of ownership of the files and possible claims that might arise. Ex C said the matter would be pursued on receipt of Econ Sec's letter.

9. Storage Plant for Medicine. Econ Sec said a plant at MERANO containing a considerable amount of medical stores was being handed over to the Italian Government on 16 February. The Italian Government had appointed a receiver for this property and it was hoped that an equitable distribution of medicines would be made. Ex C said that a medical officer should accompany Lt.Col. Campbell at the handover. Land Forces S/C said they had been corresponding on this matter for some time and raised the question of stores being handed back to the Italian Government and the difficulty of the Italian Army getting its share of supplies even though it had priority. Ex C suggested this matter could be taken up by CC in a letter to the Prime Minister.

10. Handover of Dumps. Econ Sec said this was moving fairly rapidly.

11. Telephones. Communications S/C asked if HQ Commandant could be informed when officers left AC so that telephones could be removed.

12. American Promotions. Ex O(A) said new regulations had come into force which greatly extended the term of service for each grade of officer. Officers were being notified of this.

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2. Closing down of Regions. In answer to Ex C, Ex C(A) stated that this was practically completed on the American side. Ex C(B) said that AFHQ would not sanction the removal of ORs in ASC.27 and accomodation must be provided until the time came for their release.

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3. Transport. Ex C expressed concern at the shortage of cars in NAPLES and elsewhere, due mainly to the switchover of U.S. cars and the non-existence of British cars in replacement. He would discuss with Ex Cs(A) and (B) with a view to finding a solution to the problem.

4. Correspondence. CSC to Ex C stated that the British Post Office wished the use of Regions to be retained to avoid confusion. Ex C directed him to discuss this matter with Communications S/C.
In answer to Mr. Cleveland (Econ Sec) Ex C(A) stated that the estimated life of the American APO was uncertain but would depend on the number of personnel remaining in the theatre.
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16. Facilities for Italian Journalists. PRO said that whereas facilities for Allied journalists were now the responsibility of the Embassies, Italian journalists expected them from PRB. Ex C agreed that a letter should be sent to editors of Italian papers stating that facilities did not exist for Italian journalists.

17. PRB Weekly Bulletin. PRO asked if this could be discontinued owing to shortages of (a) customers, (b) news and (c) staff. Heads of Sections stated they would be sorry to see the end of the Bulletin, but agreed with PRO's views. Ex C would discuss with CC and obtain a decision.

18. French Frontier. Polad (B) referred to a report in "Libera Stampa" to-day that the French frontier had been closed on the Italian side by order of the Allied military authorities. Ex C directed CA Sec to investigate

19. French Flag at TENDA. Polad (B) referred to protests at the continued flying of the French flag at TENDA although the American and British flags had been withdrawn some time ago. Ex C would take up with French Rep.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 22 JANUARY 46.

Brig. Carr was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty in England. Land Forces S/C were not represented.

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7. Organization - Venezia Giulia. Mr. Cleveland asked if it was proposed to set up a G-5 at XIII Corps to coordinate Udine and Venezia Giulia. Brig. Carr stated that this matter had been discussed with Brig. Parsons some time ago and he understood that directions were now awaited from CCS.

8. Surplus Personnel from the North. In answer to Brig. Carr, Ex Off (B) stated that a number of officers had been declared surplus. The remainder would stay where they were for the time being. Brig. Carr stated that he would discuss the whole matter of surplus personnel from the North with Brig. Lush on his return.

9. Blankets at Disper Camps. Ex Off (A) stated that 2675 Regt were taking inventories at disper camps of U.S. Government property. A number of blankets had been discovered, the ownership of which was in doubt. In answer to Polad (A), Ex Off (A) agreed that they might have been purchased from the Army as salvage. Brig. Carr said he would take the matter up with Disper S/C.

10. Next Meeting. Brig. Carr stated that the next meeting would take place at 0900 hrs Tuesday, 29 January 46, unless notification to the contrary was made before then.

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31 December 1945.

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10. Steel Firm in Naples. Col. Densmore gave a brief account of a steel firm in Naples employing 1400 people which had been derequisitioned by the British Army and which it was proposed to derequisition on 28 December. It was impossible to obtain basic supplies for the factory after that date, which meant the employees would be out of work. The firm had been notified of this and as a result electric motors had been carried away and the factory damaged. Econ Sec were taking up the matter with the Italian Government urging that some help should be given to this firm. Col. Pennycuick was endeavouring to arrange that some Allied personnel be left there.

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SUBJECT: Directive for Food & Agriculture Liaison Officers

TO : Chief AC Liaison Officer, Lombardia
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Liguria
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(Attn: Food & Agric Liaison Officer)

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 18 Dec 45.

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3. Handover of N. Italy to the Italian Government. Ex Com announced that the date for the handover would be December 31st. He said that it was quite clear that AFHQ and CCS had agreed to liaison officers being kept on in the territory to be handed over. The status quo for VENEZIA GIULIA was to be exactly as it is now, and would be under the operational command of AFHQ and the technical control of the A.C. Col. BOWMAN would be leaving in the middle of next month and Col. MACPHEE was to be his successor. Ex Com stated that the actual strength of the Commission after the handover must be worked out, and asked heads of Sections to consider what would be the situation in their Sections in mid-January when the Regions will have been wound up. After the handover there would be no Regions and Ex Com stressed the necessity for the Section heads to warn all their Sub-Commissions and Staffs that after 1 January it would be no use writing to the Regional Commissioners. Ex Com also said that after the handover there would be no A.C. officers on LAMPEDUSA and PANTELLERIA Islands.

4. Liaison Officers. Ex Com reported that it had not yet been decided who the Liaison Officers would be in the North, but said that he would try to get the list of appointments out in two days time.

5. Elections. Ex Com said the administrative election dates would be the four Sundays in March and the political elections on 28 April.

6. Christmas and New Year Holidays. Col. Fiske announced that the Christmas holiday would be Tuesday and Wednesday, 25 and 26 December, and the New Year holiday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 and 2 January. Each Section should have an officer available on the phone on these days.

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3. Handover of N. Italy to the Italian Government. Ex Com announced that the date for the handover would be December 31st. He said that it was quite clear that AFHQ and CCS had agreed to liaison officers being kept on in the territory to be handed over. The status quo for VENEZIA GIULIA was to be exactly as it is now, and would be under the operational command of AFHQ and the technical control of the A.C. Col. BOWMAN would be leaving in the middle of next month and Col. MACPHEE was to be his successor. Ex Com stated that the actual strength of the Commission after the handover must be worked out, and asked heads of Sections to consider what would be the situation in their Sections in mid-January when the Regions will have been wound up. After the handover there would be no Regions and Ex Com stressed the necessity for the Section heads to warn all their Sub-Commissions and Staffs that after 1 January it would be no use writing to the Regional Commissioners. Ex Com also said that after the handover there would be no A.C. officers on LAMPEDUSA and PANTELLERIA Islands.

4. Liaison Officers. Ex Com reported that it had not yet been decided who the Liaison Officers would be in the North, but said that he would try to get the list of appointments out in two days time.

5. Elections. Ex Com said the administrative election dates would be the four Sundays in March and the political elections on 28 April.

6. Christmas and New Year Holidays. Col. Fiske announced that the Christmas holiday would be Tuesday and Wednesday, 25 and 26 December, and the New Year holiday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 and 2 January. Each Section should have an officer available on the phone on these days.

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7. Officers retained beyond the normal time for their release. The position of American officers who had been retained beyond the normal time for their release was discussed and Ex Com expressed the view that these officers should be allowed to go on 1 January. In reply to Ex Com who asked how many officers had been held, Col. Parkin said the total was nine. Ex Com said Sub-Commissions should be informed who these officers were.

8. Economic Group in Milan. In reply to Ex Com, Col. Densmore said that after the handover the Economic Group would be closed down in Milan, and certain of its functions, including the Screening Board, transferred to HQ in ROME. It was expected that UNRRA would take over the food and transportation functions by 21 January.

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10. Appointment of an Italian Military Mission to Jugoslavia. LF S/C reported that the Minister for War had requested permission to send a small Military Mission, composed of officers who had previously fought with the Jugoslavs against the Germans, to seek out and assist Italian soldiers who for various reasons remained in Jugoslav territory. GOC LF S/C had submitted this request to AFHQ for a ruling, but so far this had not yet been given. A letter had been received from AFHQ stating that request had been submitted through diplomatic channels to the State Dept. for the American Embassy in BELGRADE to obtain permission from Jugoslav Government. It was not known whether similar action had been taken in LONDON, although copies of the correspondence had been furnished to the POLAD (B) in order that British Ambassador might take supporting action in LONDON.

11. Newsprint. PRO said that the Italian press had been asserting there was a serious shortage of newsprint, and that a personal appeal had been made to the C.C. to take action in this matter. In response to the CC's request, PRO had drafted a memorandum in reply, in which he pointed out that this was not a responsibility of the Commission. PRO read out this memo to the meeting. A discussion followed in which was stressed the world wide shortage of newsprint and the necessity for the Italians to economise and to restrict the circulation of the great number of publications now being made.

12. Weekly Bulletin. PRO asked if after the handover the Weekly Bulletin would be discontinued. After a discussion the Ex Com requested PRO to bring this up again on 1 February.

13. Allied Publications Board. PRO reported that on the withdrawal of AMG in the North the APB would cease to function. Ex Com said that this should be made clear immediately to the RC's.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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6. UNRRA Appropriation by US. Econ Sec reported that a telephone call was made last night from WASHINGTON notifying that the UNRRA Congressional appropriation had not yet been made. This would not affect January loadings but concern was felt that with further delay there would be a gap in supplies sometime early in the new year. Ex Com instructed that all the necessary information should be forwarded to the Embassies and to AFHQ, so that the matter could be taken up with the respective Governments and CCS.

7. Amnesty - AMG Court Sentences. CA Sec said that the proposal for an amnesty had been refused by AFHQ. Ex Com asked the Polads for their views on this subject. Polad (A) said that legal opinion here seemed to indicate that an amnesty was desirable and that this was an old Italian custom. Polad (B) said he rather reluctantly agreed. CA Sec was requested to submit file on this subject.

8. Epuration Decree No.716. CA Sec reported that the Italian Government had issued this decree without the knowledge of AC, which granted them the power to dismiss Grade V officials and higher, without the right of appeal. Ex Com said that this decree placed the civil servants in the hands of any political leader. He instructed CA Sec to bring this decree to the attention of the Polads.

9. Electoral Lists. CA Sec reported that the percentage of electoral lists completed and approved is now 9%. Ex Com asked if the US and British Governments realised how far behind the Italians were with this work. Polads replied that it appeared they were not, but would be kept informed of the position.

10. Personnel. Col. Parkin reported that 100 E.M. would be arriving this month, but that 65 would be leaving, thus giving the HQ an increase of 35.

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To the Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Directive for AC Liaison Officers

TO : RC, Liguria Region (10)
RC, Piemonte Region (15)
RC, Lombardia Region (15)
RC, Venezie Region (15)
Commissioner, Livorno Zone (5)
Commissioner, Naples Commune (5)

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Mr. H. R. Whitehead	(A)	Industry & Utilities Sub-Comm.
Major J. Riddell	(B)	ditto.
Major R. T. Harris	(B)	ditto.
Capt. J. Stopford	(B)	ditto.
Capt. W. King	(B)	Venezia Giulia (Ind)
Capt. J. W. Brown	(B)	Industry & Utilities Sub-Comm.
Capt. S. Laidlaw	(B)	Udine. (Industry)
Capt. A. C. Lapthorne	(B)	Commerce (FT) - Sub-Comm.

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(c) Public Works & Utilities Division

All AMG Public Works & Utilities activities are to be closed out and turned over to the Italian Government on or before 15 January 1946.

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Lt.Col. W. Knight	(B)	Industry & Utilities Sub-Comm.
Major A. G. Evans	(B)	Udine (PW & U)
Major A. J. Green	(B)	Assignment to be directed.
Major A. Haben	(A)	Industry & Utilities Sub-Comm.
Capt. L. J. Hodges	(B)	Assignment to be directed.
Lt.Col. P. S. Lee	(B)	ditto.
Capt. J. R. Brownlee	(A)	Industry & Utilities Sub-Comm.
1st Lt. W. J. Alsup	(A)	Venezia Giulia (PW & U)
Capt. J. W. L.Butcher	(B)	Venezia Giulia (PW & U)
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Capt. R. E. Richert (A)

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Capt. E. C. Toomer (B)

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Capt. C. D. Perry (A)

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Capt. A. H. Bird	(B)	Assignment to be directed
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Maj. J. M. Walson	(B)	ditto.
1st Lt.J.S.Chamberlain	(A)	Assignment to be directed or Venezia Giulia since he is Class A
Maj. A.T.S. Lockwood	(A)	Assignment to be directed
Maj. H. Dring	(B)	ditto.
Maj. R. Russell	(B)	Udine (Agr.)
Capt. K. C. Black	(B)	Assignment to be directed
Capt. W. G. Hall	(A)	Udine (Food)
Capt. S. F. Crane	(B)	Assignment to be directed
Capt.C.I.MacLachlan	(C)	Assignment to be directed

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Capt. L. J. Hodges	(B)	Assignment to be directed
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(e) Transportation Division.

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Major H. A. Symons (B)

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Capt. Paul E. Hannon (A)

(iv) Venezia
Maj. H.J.O.Prinsloo (B) Verona
Lt. W.J.D. Evans (B) Venice

(v) Florence.
W.O.(jg) W. W. Hill (A)

(vi) Bologna
Capt. W. H. Munn (B)

(vii) Livorno
1st Lt. G. Lester (A)

(viii) Naples.
Capt. T. E. Ramsey (A)

(ix) Brindisi
Lt. R. F. Lewis (B)

(x) Bari
Mr. S. P. Frame (A)

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Lt.Col. Milton Harris	(A) New assignment to be directed
Major D. M. Chapman	(A) ditto.
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Capt. R. J. Woodcock	(B) Assignment to be directed.
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Lt. A. McD. Clark	(B) Assignment to be directed.
WO(jg) G. P. Christians	(A) ditto.
1st Lt. W. S. Allen	(A) ditto.
Major E. B. Corby	(C) ditto.
Capt. J.W.E. Osborne	(B) Udine (Transp.)
Capt. J. W. Bowes	(B) Assignment to be directed.

(f) Finance Division.

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Name	New Assignment
Col. E. D. Howell	(A) Assignment to be directed.
Major D. F. MacKenzie	(B) ditto.
Capt. L. Osmond	(B) ditto.
Capt. L. Frampton	(B) Venezia Giulia (Finance)
Capt. J. Cuthbertson	(B) AFA
Capt. T. G. Evans	(B) Venezia Giulia (Finance)
Capt. E. M. Fletcher	(B) ditto.
Lt.Col. Paul D. Schriver	(A) Assignment to be directed.

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Capt. D. J. Fraser	(B) Assignment to be directed
Capt. J. W. Herrington	(B) Venezia Giulia (Finance)
Maj. G. White	(B) Assignment to be directed.

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(g) Labor Division

Name		New Assignment
Mr. R. C. Airey	(B)	Assignment to be directed(21 Jan 46)
Maj. E. Scicluna	(B)	Venezia Giulia (Labour)
Maj. T. R. Fisher	(A)	Assignment to be directed

(h) Captured Enemy Materials Division

The following officers at present assigned to CEM Division will temporarily continue to perform their present functions under the direction of CEM Branch, Supply Group, Economic Section, HQ, A.C, Rome through the A.C. Liaison Officer, Lombardia. This is an interim arrangement pending the disposition of recommendation to be made by HQ. A.C. that CEM functions be taken over by AFHQ.

Name		Location
Maj. T.J. Roworth (Officer in charge)	(B)	Milan
Maj. D.S.Strachan-Audas	(B)	Milan
Maj. D.H. Chapman	(B)	Milan. Assignment to be directed.
Capt. F. S. Booth	(B)	Milan. Assignment to be directed.
Capt. A. Fryer	(B)	Milan.
Lt. W. J. Warren	(B)	Milan.
Capt. F. A. Davies	(B)	Milan.
Capt. J. S. Armoore	(B)	Turin
1st Lt. S. Nardini	(A)	Bolzano.
1st Lt. R. W. Bumbino	(A)	Bolzano.

Brigadier,
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Ref: 7002/330/EC

December 1945

SUBJECT: Directive for Allied Commission Liaison Officers

TO : RC, Liguria Region (10)
RC, Piemonte Region (15)
RC, Lombardia Region (15)
RC, Venezia Region (15)
Commissioner, Livorno Zone (5)
Commissioner, Naples Commune (5)

1. Reference this Headquarters' 7002/EC of 23 September 1945.

2. Will you please cancel para 4 of the attached directive and substitute the following:

"4. They will at all times avoid being involved in questions of Italian Local Government and, even if asked, they will NOT give official advice on behalf of the Allied Commission to Prefects or other State employees. They will, in all cases, refer the Italian local official to his Ministry in Rome. The Allied Governments are most anxious to promote free and secret elections and an essential preliminary is the preparation of a proper electoral list. Any points which affect these matters coming to the notice of liaison officers should be included in their monthly reports."

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier
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Reference: 210/EC 10 December 1945

Subject : Executive Commissioner's Meeting.

To : Economic Section.
Civil Affairs Section.
Establishment "
Land Forces S/C. (RMA)
Communications S/C.
Poland (A)
Poland (B)
Public Relations Branch
Chief Financial Adviser.

The Executive Commissioner's weekly meeting scheduled for tomorrow Tuesday, 11 December 1945 is cancelled.

for Secretary Lt. Colonel
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 210/EC

29 November 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 NOVEMBER 1945

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b) Poland (A) wished to know whether the welcome and acceptance expressed by the Italian Government on our comments to the new election laws had been given orally or in writing. CA Section stated that they had been oral but that they would seek a follow up in writing.

(b) - 2. Executive Commissioner referred to his recent meeting at Milan where the plan for the reorganisation on the Economic side was discussed. The plan appears suitable and should shortly be put into effect. The Office of the Representative of the CC. in Northern Italy is to be abolished and the Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region, will assume the functions of Economic Commissioner for Northern Italy. Executive Commissioner gave further details of the draft.

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Economic Section's Memo 5.13/Rs of 24 November 1945 on above subject is att ed as Appendix A.

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Economic Section (Mr. Cleveland) is continuing to press the question of Italy's right to send representatives to the various European Economic Committees. Executive Commissioner said that it was clear that AC's wish was that Italy should be accorded membership to these. Colonel Densmore is preparing a full Memo on the present situation.

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(a) Economic Section (Colonel Walton) said that great difficulty was experienced due to the slowness of getting permits for Italian businessmen to travel abroad.

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5. Bolzano Situation.

Executive Commissioner said that the Prefect of Bolzano had put in a good report on the local situation including also proposals for Bolzano autonomy. Polad are studying it, but until the new Italian Government is formed little can be don.

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6. Norther Economic Groups.

Economic Section (Mr. Cleveland) had had discussions with various Northern Economic Groups and was definite that it is essential that the Italian Government get into close contact with them. At the moment the groups are controlled by AMG but a post AMG plan should be made and a conference between Government Representatives and the Northern Groups should be considered.

7. Electric Power.

Mr. Cleveland had been under the impression that electric power was one of Italy's minor problems but, in fact, it is now sufficiently grave, due to the lowness of the water and a complexity of causes. At the moment, in the North, there is a rationing plan, in the form of an AMG order, which is not entirely satisfactory. It is hoped, however, that it will be possible to revise it shortly. The electricity problem is likely to continue until April.

8. Economic Information.

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Mr. Cleveland said that the efforts to establish foreign trade relations with Italy had suffered a temporary set-back due to the Consulta's non acceptance of the decree for the appointment of an under Secretary for Foreign Trade; their reason being that the appointment was not wide enough and that a Ministry was needed. He did not disagree with this view but hoped that some settlement would shortly be reached.

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(c) Colonel Parkin stated that all AC taxicabs are being turned in as from today.

13. War Booty.

Economic Section (Colonel Walton) brought up the subject of German funds paid to Italian firms for work never completed. Mr. Cleveland said that this was closely bound up with the whole subject of war booty and is a very high level policy. Any action should be suspended and a Memo passed to the Embassies.

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14. Italian M.T.

Land Forces Subcommission requested that Economic Section take up with Transportation Subcommission the question of the vehicles to be allotted to the Italian Forces.

15. Status of Belluno.

CA Section wished to know whether the take over of Belluno by 13 Corps affected the AMG status. Executive Commissioner replied that it would remain under Venezia Region.

16. Public Health Subcommission.

CA Section enquired as to the position of the Public Health Branch in Venezia Giulia when the Public Health Subcommission closed down in Allied Commission; Executive Commissioner replied that the problem would not arise until the new WL was approved, which will be some time; however Establishments would watch.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

Appendix "A"

Ref: 5.13/ES

24 November 1945

SUBJECT: Present Status of URMIT (Ufficio Recupero Materiali Tedeschi)

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. This organization was formed by Commissioner Tremelloni of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (I.R.I.) under the Central Economic Commission of the Committee for National Liberation of North Italy (CLNAI) on 17 May 1945 and its functions were confirmed by Colonel Poletti, Regional Commissioner of Lombardi Region, in Regional Order No. 5 of 15 June 1945, which provided that all persons holding materials, machinery, or other property, except War materials, belonging to the German Army or organization depending thereon, should declare the same to URMIT which was to act as custodian and dispose of the same in accordance with AMG instructions. Its activity was extended to other Regions of the North with permission of this Headquarters (letter of Economic Section 8 August, ref: 5.13/ES). Underdate of 7 August a letter was sent to AFHQ asking for approval for URMIT to act as custodian of such materials as had already been taken over subject to military demands, which was agreed.

2. At present URMIT is being absorbed by the ARAR (Azienda Ricuperi Alienazione Residuati) an organization which will replace the Italian State Railways as receiver for Captured Enemy Materials and will operate directly under the Ministry of Transport. The head of ARAR is Ing. Valerio.

3. All materials formerly the property of the Italian Armed Forces are passed to MMIA before being released to URMIT (ARAR) by Allied Commission or No.2 District. Dumps are surveyed jointly by representatives of Captured Enemy Materials Branch and ARAR and are released to the latter on approval from CEM Branch after No. 2 District has removed such materials as are required for Allied Military Use.

/s/ Charles W. Walton
/t/ CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Chief, Supply Group

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26 November 1945

MEMO to : Distribution below.

SUBJECT : Executive Commissioner's meeting on 27 Nov 45.

Brigadier Parsons will be visiting this HQ on 27 November 45.

If there are any particular points for discussion with him, the Executive Commissioner requests that they be brought up at the meeting tomorrow.

for Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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21 November 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 NOV 45

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3. Conferences between PRO and Press Attaches. Polad (B) spoke of articles which appeared in the Italian press bringing different charges against the Allies and asked if these charges could not be answered more quickly than they are at present. It was decided by the meeting after discussion that PRO of this HQ and the Press Attaches from the two Embassies should meet each week and go through these matters as they arise. Ex Comm instructed PRO to arrange.

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4. Visits of Italian Civilians. CA Sec complained that visitors to officers in this Commission, some of them important government officials, were not being allowed to proceed to offices in this HQ after the hours of 1200 and 1700, and asked if this could not be changed. Ex Comm instructed Est Sec to change the present hours to 1230 and 1600 provided there were no security or other serious objections.

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5. Clothing for Italian Police. Ex Comm stated that there was a considerable amount of clothing in the North which if released would clothe the entire Carabinieri force. Land Forces S/C stated that they had not frozen any material and that the only items at present frozen were captured enemy material, which was frozen by Distwo. A discussion followed on the various distributing and receiving agencies of the Italian Govt. Econ Sec were instructed to notify Mr Cleveland, who was at present in the North, to look into this matter and forward his comments to Ex Comm.

6. Provision of CCRR for guard duties. Ex Comm asked CA Sec what had been done in answer to Prime Ministerls request for 4,000 additional CCRR to guard dumps ofcaptured enemy material. CA Sec stated that CCRR were not available for this function and troops should be used.

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