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MINUTES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE ALLIED FORCE

LOCAL RESOURCES (SICILIAN) BOARD, HELD AT No. 8 VIA BARI, PALERMO

AT 0930 HOURS, 10th JUNE 1944.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN

Major General C.A. HEYEMAN, CB., MC. G.O.C., No. 1 District

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Capt. J.W. DAVIES
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Rep ACC stated that ACC would shortly need extra acetylene for the salvaging of scrap metal from railway cars. It was pointed out that it was hoped to have an additional compressor installed shortly (para. 5, minutes of the ninth meeting of the Engineer Materials Committee refers) when there would be considerably more acetylene available.

(b) Palermo Cement Works.

The Chairman pointed out that the Board had originally supported the Villafranca Works alone, because these works could use Sardinian coal and the works in Palermo could not. It now transpired that, with the opening of the Palermo Gas Works, there would be produced some 250 tons monthly of coke breeze which

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could only be used at the Palermo Cement Works. It was therefore proposed to use this breeze and Sardinian coal (a suitable mixture) at the Palermo Works and continue the Villafranca works in operation with Sardinian coal, if necessary reducing the amount produced at Villafranca by reducing the number of kilns in operation. In this way, there would not only be a great saving in the transportation of cement but also in the transportation of coal from Messina to Villafranca, which was a considerable distance.

Regional Commissioner AOC stated that they were entirely in agreement with this proposal.

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The Regional Commissioner said that he would refer it to the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission so that they could take it up with the Italian Government and have the entire crop controlled, thus preventing export except when permits had been issued.

The Chairman thought that this would take a long time and asked if the Prefect could not be approached in the matter. The Regional Commissioner undertook to contact the Prefect and do everything possible to prevent the export of grain, etc., from the coming harvest.

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The Chairman stated that the brewery at Messina was now producing but he was not aware of the quantity. With regard to the bid by I.B.S. for 20,000 x 22 oz. bottles weekly, the product of the brewery would have to be allocated in proportion to the strengths of demanding Services both British and U.S.

5. NUTS:

Rep ACC (E. & S.) said that at the moment the price of almonds was quite reasonable but he recommended that steps be taken to prevent unnecessary competitive buying between Services.

In view of the seriousness of this matter, particularly as Ministry of Food wish to export in large quantities to the U.K., the Board decided that all

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purchases of nuts for the Services and ACC would be coordinated through the Civil Supply Officer, ACC Syracuse (Major Sutton). This decision is also to apply to the Services from outside Sicily coming here to purchase.

6. MULES:

Rep ACC stated that the census showed that there were some 150,000 mules in Sicily. The Army wished to buy another thousand and he asked that the following should be adhered to:

- (a) that they be taken from the plains and not from the hills where they are an essential means of transport, and
- (b) that they should not take one mule from a man who had only two if it could possibly be avoided.

The Chairman stated that the army had only taken 3,100 mules from Sicily and, in view of the census figure, he did not think there should be any complaints. The first point raised by Rep ACC was a good one and instructions would be issued to that effect; regarding the second point, no guarantee could be given but every effort would be made to avoid unnecessary hardship to farmers.

7. SCHOONERS:

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- (1) Military traffic or food;
- (2) ACC traffic (e.g. timber for essential public utilities);
- (3) Civilian traffic.

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The Chairman directed, that, in view of the extreme importance of this citrus export programme, a copy of the minutes should be sent to the DSTO, HQ, A.A.I. and his attention drawn to this paragraph.

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The Chairman stated that he thought that the above list compiled by the Board, was a most commendable piece of work and would be extremely useful to all Services everywhere. He directed that the officers concerned (Capt. A.E. Egerton of the Secretariat and Lt. J.H. Moffitt, AOC Labour Officer) were to be congratulated.

9. CHAIRMANSHIP - FOOD COMMITTEE:

It was decided that Major Oswald will continue as Chairman of this Committee.

10. CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman stated that this would be the last meeting of the Board

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which he would attend as Chairman. He wished to thank everyone and particularly the Vice-Chairmen of the Board and Chairmen of Committees for their excellent work and interest shown in all problems of local resources. He felt that the Board has proved of very great value and hoped that it would continue to do so.

11. NEXT MEETING:

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

SUBJECT: Local Resources

TO : All concerned.

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By Command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

L. W. STARRS,
Capt., A.C.D.,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

24 November 1945

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

1. Pursuant to Administrative Memorandum No. 77, this headquarters, as, the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board is hereby set up to carry out the policies of this headquarters in regard to the local procurement and allocation of supplies, facilities and services, except rail and water transport and petroleum, required by the military within the Italian mainland, now or in the future, occupied by the Armed Forces under the command of this headquarters.

2. The Board will coordinate all Navy, Army and Air Forces requirements from local resources and decide on policies and procedure for the procurement of them. It will allocate to the interested agencies of the Armed Forces the local resources available for each.

3. In giving effect to paragraph 5 of Administrative Memorandum No. 77, this headquarters, as, the Board will work in liaison with the Allied Control Commission and Allied Military Government.

4. Nothing in this Administrative Memorandum shall abrogate the responsibility of the Allied Control Commission, or Allied Military Government to utilize and develop the local resources of ITALY.

5. The Board will be constituted as follows:

Chairman Major General Sir Brian H. Robertson, Bt, D/C.A.O.

Vice Chairman Lt. Colonel Thomas R. Gibbon, U.S. }

Lt. Colonel, J.L. Prescott, Br. }

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Members

D.D./C.A.O.
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section.
General Officer Commanding, No. 2 District.
D.Q.M.G., AFHQ Advance Administrative Echelon

Representatives of:

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean
North West African Air Forces
Control Commission
A.M.G. Forward Area

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together with such other persons as the Chairman of the Board may from time to time designate.

6. The Vice Chairman shall be officers designated for full time duties with the Board.

7. Members of the Board may designate one permanent officer to act as substitute for them in the event of their absence.

8. The Board shall meet regularly, as directed by the Chairman or Vice Chairmen.

9. There will be a permanent joint U.S. and British Secretariat of the Board responsible for maintaining records of all meetings and furnishing the secretarial requirements of the Sub-Committees referred to in paragraph 12 below.

10. The Allied Control Commission will provide the Board with information regarding local resources of all kinds and also state the minimum needs of civilian requirements. The Board will, in coordinating the needs of all interested agencies of the Armed Forces with the needs of the Control Commission, allocate to the Military agencies concerned the local resources available for each.

11. Any matters for decision by higher authority will be forwarded by the Chairman to this headquarters.

12. To assist it to carry out its functions, the Board may establish Sub-Committees as necessary. The membership and duties of these Sub-Committees will be determined by the Board, which will insure that all interested parties are represented.

13. Additional Boards, where necessary, under the Chairmanship of the Base Section Commander (American) or Commander Base Sub-Area (British), as the case may be, may on the advice of the Board, be set up as necessary to deal with local questions. The names of any additional Boards set up will indicate the areas for which they are responsible to the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board set up by this memorandum. (AG 321(AFLRS)GDS-LRM)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

/s/ T. J. Davis,
/t/ T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

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Ludwig through Capt. [illegible]
29 Oct 43.

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12 November 1943

SUBJECT: Local Resources for the Use of the Armed Forces

The following information is intended as an advance indication of the broad Policy which has been agreed in relation to LOCAL RESOURCES and EXPORTS.

LOCAL RESOURCES.

1. An AFHQ LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD is now being set up to control the local procurement of supplies, services and facilities available to the armed forces within ITALY (including SICILY and SARDINIA).
2. This Board will co-ordinate all Navy, Army and Air Force requirements from local sources and lay down the procedure for procurement of them.
3. Working under the central Board there will be local Boards (similar to the one already functioning in SICILY).
4. ACC/AMG will be represented on the central Board (and local boards) and will advise the Boards what local resources are and can be made available to them, i.e., all such local resources as are not essential to civilian requirements.
5. The way in which the Boards will work, is broadly as follows:-
 - (a) the Navy, Army and Air Force in any one area will make known their requirements to the local Board.
 - (b) the local Board will then ascertain from its ACC/AMG member what local resources can be made available to the armed forces and will authorize their procurement.
 - (c) the ACC/AMG representative will only make available to his local Board such local resources as ACC/AMG Headquarters had instructed may be made available.

6. Because there are surpluses over civilian requirements in one area, or developable resources, it does not follow that these surpluses and resources can be made available to the armed forces in that area.

In providing for civilian needs throughout the whole of ITALY (including SARDINIA and SICILY), ACC/ANG will often have to transfer the surpluses of one area to another area, and the Reps. of ACC/ANG on local Boards will need to work very closely with ACC/ANG Headquarters in that connection.

7. On the other hand (after providing for essential civilian needs) ACC/ANG will do everything possible to meet the full requirements of the armed forces -- by making available surpluses -- by placing at their disposal local industry, services and facilities -- by fostering increased production of foodstuffs -- and generally assisting in the development of those industries which can produce military requirements.
8. It follows of course that ACC/ANG Headquarters will work in the closest liaison with the central ARMY LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALY) BOARD, which is expected to start work by the beginning of Dec.
9. From ACC/ANG standpoint, this Policy should ensure:-
- (a) the systematic utilisation and allocation of local resources between civil and military
 - (b) prevention of competitive buying
 - (c) authoritative information to guide ACC in its development of local industry and resources.

* Refer also to our cable

of 11 November.

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REPORTS.

10. After civilian needs, C.C.S. priority exports, and requirements of the armed forces have been met (in that order), ACC/AMG is responsible for exporting such surpluses as it may decide.
11. Pending the issue of a detailed directive the method of dealing with exports from ITALY (including SICILY and SARDINIA) will be as follows:

CHANNEL OF PROCEDURES.

- (a) ACC/AMG will advise available exports to MGS.
- (b) MGS will negotiate the sale of exports, and all enquiries, correspondence, and negotiations with Govts, Ministries and Agencies outside ITALY will, provisionally, be conducted through MGS.

BUYING PRICES AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES WITHIN ITALY.

ACC/AMG will agree or if necessary fix a fair price to be paid to the supplier. As a broad basis, this price will be determined by manufacturing or production cost, including a fair margin of profit.

ACC/AMG will pay in A.E. lire for goods to be exported, recording quantity purchased and shipped, and accounting money thereon expended as straight expenditure by ACC/AMG.

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APPLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION

1. The Alien Force Local Measures Section (A.F.L.D.S.) is hereby established as a Staff Section of this headquarters under the supervision of G-4, this headquarters.

2. The Section will:

- a. Be responsible for the organization within various designated territories in this theater of operations, if local Boards to coordinate the procurement and allocation of all forms of local resources and services, except such as are allocated to other agencies available to the Armed Forces.
- b. assist the respective Boards in the development of information concerning local supplies and facilities and aid the Boards in the procurement of local supplies and facilities required for the Armed Forces.
- c. Through the Allied Force Headquarters Middle East Administrative Information Section (A.M.A.I.S.) obtain information concerning the Middle East Supply Center resources which may be made available to this headquarters.

3. The local Boards will ascertain what is available to the Armed Forces and coordinate prices to be paid, in liaison with the Allied Control Commission, Allied Military Government, or other government authority responsible for controlling the economy of the territory in which the Board is operating.
4. The Section will recommend to C-4, this headquarters, the basic policies under which the local Boards will operate. It will be responsible for the execution of these policies by the local Boards. Any matters for decision by higher authority will be forwarded by the Chairman to this headquarters.

5. The Chairman of local Boards will be appointed by this headquarters.
6. Each Board will be composed of a Chairman, Vice Chairman (U.S. and British) as the case requires, a Secretariat and such members of the board as the Chairman may, from time to time designate.

7. By direction of the respective Chairmen, the Vice Chairmen will be respon-

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION

1. The Allied Force Local Resources Section (A.F.L.R.S.) is hereby established as a Staff Section of this headquarters under the supervision of G-4, this headquarters.

2. The Section will:

a. be responsible for the organization within various designated territories in this theater of operations, of local Boards to coordinate the procurement and allocation of all forms of local resources and services, except such as are allocated to other agencies available to the Armed Forces.

b. assist the respective Boards in the development of information concerning local supplies and facilities and aid the Boards in the procurement of local supplies and facilities required for the Armed Forces.

c. Through the Allied Force Headquarters Middle East Administrative Information Section (A.E.A.I.S.) obtain information concerning the Middle East Supply Center resources which may be made available to this headquarters.

3. The local Boards will ascertain what is available to the Armed Forces and coordinate prices to be paid, in liaison with the Allied Control Commission, Allied Military Government, or other government authority responsible for controlling the economy of the territory in which the Board is operating.

4. The Section will recommend to G-4, this headquarters, the basic policies under which the local Boards will operate. It will be responsible for the execution of these policies by the local Boards. Any matters for decision by higher authority will be forwarded by the Chairman to this headquarters.

5. The Chairman of local Boards will be appointed by this headquarters.

6. Each Board will be composed of a Chairman, Vice Chairman or Vice Chairmen (U.S. and British) as the case requires, a Secretariat and such members of the Board as the Chairman may, from time to time designate.

7. By direction of the respective Chairmen, the Vice Chairmen will be responsible for providing A.F.L.R.S. with copies of all minutes of the Board Meetings and such other reports as may from time to time be required.

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By command of General EISENHOWER:

/s/ T. J. Davis
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