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PORTS AND WAREHOUSE DIVISION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

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4 September 1945

SUBJECT: Division Operations

TO : Mr. Frank Upman, Jr.  
Director, Transportation Sub Commission

1. Attached is letter addressed to General Matteini which has been prepared for your signature.

2. In this connection, I wish to call your attention to the fact that if this wholesale turnover of ports to the Italian Government is approved by MEDBO, it will greatly increase the supervisory responsibilities insofar as port operations are concerned. It will not affect the operations of the Warehouse Branch as much as the Ports Branch.

3. Heretofore we have been charged with supervision of port operations since it has always been considered that the most important feature of the Disease and Unrest Program is the quick turn-around of steamers. Therefore, a very close supervision has been exercised at Category "A" ports which have become an Italian Government responsibility.

4. If we are to continue exercising the same amount of supervision, we do not have the necessary personnel to carry out this work. We are losing a number of officers who have been attached to the Warehouse Branch and who may be difficult to replace. Therefore, unless the past policy of port supervision is modified or eliminated, we are not going to be able to supervise all Category "A" ports as efficiently as we have done in the past.

5. In connection with personnel, I wish to report that several American enlisted men have contacted this office in an effort to obtain a discharge and join MIA for service in Italy. Most of these men have married Italian women and would like to remain in Italy longer. If it could be possible to arrange for their discharges, we could obtain additional help.

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R. M. BAZZANELLA, Chief  
Ports & Warehouse Division

Attachment:  
As stated in para 1.

13 March 1945

MINUTES OF PORTS & WAREHOUSE DIVISION STAFF MEETING

A meeting of the Ports & Warehouse Division Staff was held in Room 62, ground floor annex, AC building, on 13 March 1945 at 3:00 P. M. The following members of the Staff were present:

Mr. R. M. Bazzanella, Mr. James B. Hurley, Mr. Charles C. Crooks, Major R. H. Klein, Lieut. G. W. E. Warley, Lieut. A. Marens, Mr. G. Cazzaroli and Miss Lacatena, Secretary.

Mr. Bazzanella opened the meeting with the announcement that Mr. Crooks had decided to withdraw as Chief of the Division, because he felt that he could do more in his line of work on the outside. It was then announced that Mr. Bazzanella would assume the duties and responsibilities of Chief, of the Division.

Mr. Bazzanella announced that each officer on the staff would continue with his present duties, namely, Major Klein as head of the Warehouse Section, Mr. Hurley, Operations, Lieut. Warley, Ports and Lieut. Marens as Liaison Officer between the Division and the Italian Merchant Marine. The work will be handled as a unit and through the Office of the Chief of the Division.

Mr. Bazzanella then brought up the following points to the attention of the staff:

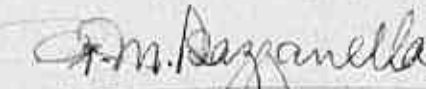
- a) All matters of policy of the Division, which need higher level approval will first be taken up with the Chief of the Division.
- b) All incoming mail for the Division will be received by Miss Lacatena and registered, then passed to the office for review and distribution.
- c) All outgoing mail will be prepared for the Signature of the Chief, of the Division for all sections and reviewed by him.
- d) All officers of the Division will attend the regular Saturday morning meeting of the Transportation Sub-Commission at 8:45 A.M. held in Room 27, First Floor.
- e) All reports, WEEKLY, MONTHLY, etc., will be combined into one report from the Division and prepared for the signature of the Chief.
- f) In cases where it is necessary for members of the staff to make trips into the field, the Chief of the Division is to be notified in advance and an itinerary is to be made for his office.
- g) All contemplated changes in personnel will be discussed with the Division Head for his approval before any additions or releases are effected.
- h) The Division Head is to be informed of all meetings at which

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representatives of the Division are in attendance and at which matters of importance to this Division are under discussion.

In brief, Mr. Buzzanella stated that he wished to be informed of all activities of the Division. He asked for the cooperation of the staff to work as a unit and stated that his office was ready to receive suggestions which would be helpful in the operation of the Division.

Mr. Buzzanella also stated that he would try to receive from other divisions of the Transportation Sub-Commission information copies of their activities, insofar as they are in conjunction with the Ports and Warehouse Division.



R. M. BUZZANELLA

Chief, Ports &amp; Warehouse Division

Distribution:

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