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SUBJECT: Volunteer Corps.

A.M.G.,
H.Q.,
A.C.M.F.

TO: HQ. AMG. Region III.

AMG/33/85.
26. Jan. 44.

Reference your unnumbered memorandum of 23. Jan. 44.

1. The reply to the Associazione Nazionale Volontari di Guerra should be to the effect that it is regretted that it is not possible to comply with their request.

JB
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394 U.S. Army

23 January 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : CG, HQ, ACMF

1. The attached document which is a plea to allow Italians to form a volunteer corps to fight with the Allied Armies has come to this Headquarters.

2. This document is transmitted to your headquarters in accordance with instructions received that all matters concerning more than one region should be submitted to your headquarters for our instructions.

William A. S. Dollard
WILLIAM A. S. DOLLARD
Captain, A. U. S.
Adm. Officer

Dec. 20

Above.

I will ask Reagan III to reply regretting that we cannot comply with this request.?

I don't think we should add anything about the Italian army as it may lead to further argument.

G.B. 24/1.

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see 85

ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE
VOLONTARI DI GUERRA

Sede - Via Salvatore Rosa 321

N A P O L I

Napoli, 21 Gennaio 1944

Tel: 21865

Al Sig. Colonel

Edgard Erskine Hume

Civil Service Chief

N a p o l i

N. _____ di Prot:

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Il Segretario

IL COMMISSARIO

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Il Segretario

Rinaldo Murru

IL COMMISSARIO

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ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE
VOLONTARI di GUERRA

Sede - Via Salvatore Rosa 321

N A P O L I

Napoli,

Tel: 21865

N. _____ di Prot:

D. S. - L'Associazione conta in Italia circa 100 mila iscritti.

La Sezione di Napoli, ch'è ora in fase di riorganizzazione, conta circa 1200 iscritti.

L'arruolamento sarebbe esteso a tutti i cittadini forniti dei requisiti e dell'idoneità necessari.

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SUBJECT: Italian Mobile Bath Units.

Allied Military Government,
H.Q., A.C.M.F.,
C.M.F.

TO: Brig. General Duchenne,
Italian Military Mission,
A.C.M.F.

AMG/33/81.
22-Jan-44.

It is understood that the Italian Army has a number of Mobile Bath Units.

2. If these are available it would be greatly appreciated if one such unit or preferably two could be attached to AMG. H.Q. Eighth Army for use of some thousands of refugees.

for
Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Copy to: HQ. AMG. 8 Army (Your CA/17 dated 14-Jan-44 refers)

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SUBJECT: Mobile Bath Unit

20 JAN 1944 33

AMC. H.Q. Eighth Army.

AMC. H.Q.,
15 Army Group

Ref : 22/17

14 Jan 44.

1. Information has been received that the Italian Army has a number of Mobile Bath Units.
2. Such a unit would be of essential value for use by the Italian Army personnel and many thousand refugees.
3. It is requested that the Italian Army be contacted with a view of procuring at least one and preferably two of such units for use in the Eighth Army Area.

24/11 1944

P. J. Minicci
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMC. H.Q. Eighth Army.

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D.C.C.A.O.

Reply to 78 was given me
verbally as follows:

The men returned to Italy by an
Italian cruiser which left Gibraltar on
15 Dec. and arrived at Taranto on 18 Dec.

The arrangements were made through the
British Embassy at Madrid.

[Signature] 10/1

B.U. to D.C.C.A.O.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Missions.

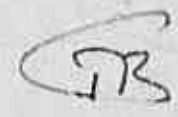
H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

A.D.C. to
S.E.
Generale di Divisione
PIECCHI Gr.Uff. Giuseppe,
Comandante Generale Arma
CC.RR. Italia Liberata,
BARI.

AMG/33/78

9th January 1944.

Will you please advise this Headquarters by what
means the Police Members of the Mission to Spain returned
to Italy.


Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Missions.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

TO: G.S.I.(b),
No.2 District.
(Attention Major Mattai)

ME/33/77.
8. Jan. 44.

Lt. Col. Lord Middleton has asked us to send you a list of the Italian Military Mission who were in Spain at the time of the Armistice.

2. The names are divided into Army and Carabinieri officials and the former have chosen to remain with the German forces. The latter are now back at Bari.

3. These particulars were furnished to us by General Piccho, present head of the Italian forces (Police).

Captain,
P.A. to Brigadier.

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Missions.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

B.I.G.S.
Region II.
(For the attention of Major Mattel)

AMG/33/76

6th January 1944

1. Lt. Col. Lord Middleton has asked us to send you a list of the Italian Military Mission who were in Spain at the time of the Armistice.
2. The names are divided into Army and Carabinieri officials and the former have chosen to remain with the German forces. The latter are now back at Bari.
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Captain,
P.A. to Brigadier.

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SUBJECT:- Clothing and Equipment - Italian Army.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

A.M.G., Fifth Army
A.M.G., Eighth Army
A.M.G., Region III
A.M.G., Region IV Adv
A.M.G., Region IV Main

MEG/33/75

26th December 1943

The attached copy of letter 31/5/Q dated 22nd
December 1943 from A.P.H.Q. Adv Adm Bohelon is forwarded
for your information.

TFC/SCH.

(S) R.J.P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

Encl.

P/A
26/12/43

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123 DEC 1943

Subject :- Clothing and Equipment - Italian Army.

A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,
C.M.F.
31/5/Q.

22 Dec. '43.

FIFTH ARMY.
REAR EIGHTH ARMY.
MAIN EIGHTH ARMY.
2 District.
Peninsular Base Section.

Copies to:- A.F.H.Q. (5)

15 Army Gp.

Allied Control Commission.

A.M.G. 15 Army Gp.

M.M.I.A.

D.D.O.S., A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech.

FOUIT.

FOTALA.

XII A.F.S.C.

1. I have been instructed by the C.-in-C. Allied Forces to inform you that, by agreement with the Italian Government, it has been decided to release to the Italian Military Authorities all stocks of Italian Military clothing and personal equipment at present held under control by the Allied Military authorities in the occupied portion of the Italian mainland.

2. This instruction does not refer to arms, saddles, unit stores or any equipment other than that which is personal to the soldier. Releases of such arms, stores and equipment will continue to be made on the basis laid down in this H.Q. letter 31/5/Q, dated 14 Dec. '43.

3. Arrangements for handing over stocks of clothing and personal equipment will be made direct between C.G., F.E.S. and Comd. Italian Forces in CAMPANIA, and between G.O.C., 2 District and M.M.I.A. respectively.

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Peninsular Base Section.

Copies to: A.F.H.Q. (8)

15 Army Gp.

Allied Control Commission.

A.M.G. 15 Army Gp.

M.M.I.A.

D.D.O.S., A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech.

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BHR/emb.

Major-General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Copies to 5 at base

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Per inspection

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Jurisdiction over Crimes.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

H.Q.,
Allied Control Commission,
BRINDISI.

AMM/33/

21st December 1943.

I attach correspondence from S.C.A.O. Fifth Army enclosing a proposal from General Basso to open Military Tribunals in 15 Army Group area. I propose to reply to the General that these Tribunals will not be opened to try this kind of offence.

2. I shall also be glad if he can be informed in no uncertain terms that he is not responsible for civil order in 15 Army Group area.

3. I shall be glad to know from you the exact position of this officer who, as I have intimated to you by telegram, has set up a Civil Affairs Office at his H.Q.

MM/SCM

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Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Copy to:- S.C.A.O. A.M.G., Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION
A.P.O. 464, U.S. ARMY

16 December 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Army Jurisdiction Over Crimes.

TO : Brigadier W. Lush, Hqrs. Allied Military
Government, 15th Army Group.

1. Pursuant to your request, I enclose herewith
copy of a statement by General BASSO, asking for auth-
ority to prosecute EMILIO SCAGLIONE, and copies of
Articles from the Italian Penal Code, under which
General Basso would prosecute.

2. I have withheld permission for obvious
reasons.

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EDGAR ERSKINE HUME,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief, Military Government Section,
Fifth Army.

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21 DEC 1943

Subj: Removal of Lt. Gen. Mercalli and Maj. Gen. Medori.

To: G.O.C., 15 Army Group
(thru HQ, AMG, 15 Army Group)

Ref. ECA/26/83
AMG HQ Region II
21 Dec 43

1. With reference to your 8653/4/BGS, dated 6 Dec 43, I believe that it might be of interest to you to know that Region II officers leaving Cosenza on 19 Dec, report that Lt. Gen. Mercalli was still in command of the 31st Italian Army corps, and Maj. Gen. Medori still commanded the division of that corps stationed at Cosenza.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.A.C.

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Why didn't BGS.
my 79. 12/21

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

WY/hjp

In reply refer to
210.456

17 December 1943

Memorandum for: Headquarters, 15th Army Group.

Subject: Replacement of Italian General Commanders.

The Italian High Command has informed the Allied Control Commission that Generals Vercelli and Mederi have been relieved of their commands and replaced by: Major General Emilio Corsetti, to command the 31st Army Corps; Brigadier General Livio Negro to command the 212th Division.

This refers to your 8653/4/400.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

(Sgd) MAXWELL D. TAYLOR,
Brigadier General, USA.

cc: Military Mission to the
Italian Army.

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IMPORTANT.
US CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOIIO NO: 06711
18 DEC 43

FROM: RINCH CITE HECOT
TO: FLAMEO
INFO: FILPOT OLARK LARKIN
ORIG NO: PES 2733

T00 1452A.18
TOR 2110A.18

file 30 does not refer

ITALIAN TROOPS IS SUBJECT, REFERENCE 15 ARMY GROUP RA517.
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED AS TO EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL AND AVAILABILITY
OF 40 OFFICERS AND 500 OTHERS, FROM 227 COASTAL DIVISION (ITALIAN)
AS APPORTIONED TO PES, UNDER APPENDIX A TO AFHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE
EQUILION 2553/G.(SD) DATED 15 DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

AMCOT 1. ACTION

SEC 2250A.18
T.T. 2300A.18 JT

Not ours

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SUBJECT: Military Mission to Italian Army.

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H.Q. A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

AME/33/66.

TO: 15 Army Group.

12. Dec. 43.

Reference your 8653/1/BGS of 1.Dec.43.

The only comment that the C.C.A.O. has to make is that he would have liked to have seen a proposal to prevent the Italian Command from recruiting any new personnel and to induce them to send home any personnel living in the territory South of the BARI-SALERNO line to work on their farms etc., instead of eating rations.

RJPTT/RAC.

R.J.P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

P/A m/ing
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Subject: Italian Commanders.

SECRET.

H.Q. A.O.,
H.Q. A.M.G.,
REGION II.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

AMG/632/12.
9. Dec. 43.

Copy of letter 8653/4/DGS dated 6. Dec. 43, given below, addressed by the G.O.C.-in-C., 15 Army Group, to the Allied Control Commission on the subject of the dismissal of Generals MERCALLI and MEDORI of the Italian Army, is forwarded for your information.

/JC.

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: H.Q. A.M.G., PALERMO.

C O P Y.

Subject: Italian Commanders.

SECRET.

To: Allied Commission of Control.

HQ 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Copy to: H.Q. No. 2 District.

8653/4/DGS.

I have had under consideration the conduct of General MERCALLI, Commanding 31 Italian Corps, and General MEDORI, Commanding the Italian Division at COSENZA. It is apparent to me that the attitude adopted by General MERCALLI has not been such as to assist the Allied Forces in their tasks, and I must therefore request you to arrange for his early replacement.

The case of General MEDORI, though less important, is more serious, in that this officer appears to express openly his aversion to the Allies. In view of the unfortunate effect which this course of conduct is bound to have upon the officers under his command, I must ask you to order his immediate removal.

(Sgd) H.R. ALEXANDER, General,
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Commanders

8 DEC 1943

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Hq 15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

8653/4/EGS

To : Allied Commission of Control

Copy to : Hq No. 2 District

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Sgt H.R. ALEXANDER.

General,
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

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GSI(b)

6 Dec 43
JMB/JH

*Letter 9 Oct 43
Regiment II*

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CORPS

to see Mr.

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C.S.A.

C.C.A.O. will work to get this.

RS

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Subject : Replacement of Italian General Commanders.

H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP,
C.M.P.

8653/4/BCS.

To : A.M.G.O.T.

The attached letter, 210.456 dated 17 Dec 43, is forwarded.

18 Dec 43.
JMW/at.

Copy to : - C.C.S.
G.S. (I).

F.R. Selby
J.M.W. MARTIN,
Brig C.S.

C.S.O.

For sig. v. p. 64 and 66.
We will sign *[initials]*
20/43

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SUBJECT:-

Attitude

Italian Army Officers

33 DEC 1943

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Maj-Gen The Lord Rennell of Rodd,
Villa Grassi,
BARI

HQ 2 DISTRICT CEF
2022/1 G

4 Dec 43

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The attached letter is forwarded for information.

AS Malto
by

TCS 16.20

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Lieutenant-Colonel
General Staff
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SUBJECT:- Attitude of Italian Army Officers

HQ 2 District CMF
2022/1 G

15 Army Gp

Dec 15

1. On 23 Nov representatives of No 2 Region visited my HQ and handed to me a report by the Senior Police Officer of the Region regarding Generals MERCALLI and MEDORI. In view of certain information I had received the previous day, I asked that a representative of 15 Army Gp should be present on 24 Nov, as it seemed probable that drastic and speedy action might well be necessary.
2. The evidence collected by the Senior Police Officer, was not, however, sufficient in my opinion to justify such action. I was informed that the C.C.A.O. was in possession of further information and through his Liaison Officer at my HQ, I asked him to supply it. *57.*
3. I have not received this further information, but on 1 Dec C.C.A.O. gave me a copy of Instruction to C.G.S. No AMG/35 dated 30 Nov.
4. In my opinion the various incidents which have occurred in CALABRIA make it clear that Generals MERCALLI and MEDORI are a liability rather than an asset. That being so, I see no reason for entering into the legal niceties of the situation, and therefore recommend their removal. I further recommend that if there are powers to do so under the terms of surrender, these officers should be deported.
5. I think it is important that the British Military representatives in CALABRIA should be strengthened. I am making separate recommendations on this point.

see 251 *CSW*
Major General
Commanding 2 District

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3 DEC 1943
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D.M.M.

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Allied Commission of Control (For Brig Gen Taylor)
 AMV, Adv Adm Hon
 Legation

It has been thought necessary to consider the future means of controlling and ensuring the resources of the Italian Army. Italian aerial and air personnel have not been considered as they are automatically allotted to the corresponding Allied services.

The resources of the Italian Army in manpower will not, at any future moment, prove adequate to meet all demands, particularly after the arrival of a large air component. The system in use at present is, however, allow of demands being met as promptly as the Italians can conceive, and it is not insured to change it at present. It suffers from the disadvantage that there is no direct uniform control of Italian forces in home and outside Italy.

It is further felt that, for the present, the control of the Italian military machine should remain in the hands of the Allied Military Command, who are best qualified to deal with it, and who are immediately concerned in the response to requests made.

The draft attached as Appendix 'A', which has been drawn up in consultation with AMV representatives, but has not yet been submitted to the AMV formal review, is for your information. On receipt of the latter, a final draft will be submitted to AMV as proposed.

Your early comments will be appreciated.

L. D. C. 48
 5532/2/228

Copy to: C(5D)

Admission

AMV, C-3 Crg. (attention Lt-Col Vittori).

Major General,
 Chief of General Staff

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Appendix 'A' to 8653/1/RCS of 1 Dec 42.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Units

To: All concerned.

1. The Military Mission to the Italian Army (MIA) is designated as the executive agency of AFHQ to handle all requests for Italian Army units or other Army resources and their allocation to Allied Forces. MIA will continue to function as an agency of 15 Army Group until such time as AFHQ is in a position to assume control of this agency on the mainland of Italy.
2. The existing MIA will be augmented by appropriate U.S. personnel in order to integrate matters pertaining to U.S. formations, agencies and establishments with those of the British.
3. AFHQ will be the channel of communication for correspondence with the Italian Army, including those elements in Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica. All questions regarding the allocation of Italian Army units or resources will be referred to the MIA. MIA will correspond direct with AFHQ, Allied Control Commission, 15 Army Group and AFHQ Adv Agency (PLATEO) and on executive matters only with 2 District and PBS. Channels for other correspondence will be through one of the above headquarters.
4. 15 Army Group will inform MIA of requirements for Italian formations and individual aird, inf, army, engineer and signal units, and make subsequent allocations to the units.
5. AFHQ Adv Agency (PLATEO) will inform MIA of requirements for Italian Army labor and administrative units and make subsequent allocations.
6. When Italian Army resources are insufficient to meet demands 15 Army Group will lay down the priority.
7. MIA will maintain close liaison with the Allied Control Commission, 15 Army Group, AFHQ Adv Agency (PLATEO), Fifth Army, Eighth Army, No. 2 District, Paninular Base Section and the appropriate Italian Headquarters.
8. MIA will coordinate the movement of all Italian troops with the appropriate Allied authorities.
9. MIA will ascertain the available stocks of Italian Army arms, ammunition, equipment, transport and other resources and make allocations to meet the requirements of Italian Army units employed by the Allied Forces. Excess stocks, if any, will be reported to AFHQ.
10. Until AFHQ assumes direct control of MIA all air force demands on the Italian Army will be submitted through the appropriate military headquarters to 15 Army Group for onward transmission to MIA.

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3. MIA will be the channel of communication for correspondence with the Italian Army, including those elements in Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica. All questions regarding the allocation of Italian Army units or resources will be referred to the MIA. MIA will correspond direct with AFHQ, Allied Control Commission, 15 Army Group and AFHQ, 5th Army (MIA) and on executive matters only with 2 District and PEG. Communications for other correspondence will be through one of the above headquarters.

4. 15 Army Group will inform MIA of requirements for Italian formations and individual arm, inf, army, engineer and signal units, and make subsequent allocations to the armies.

5. AFHQ, Adv Gen Ech (MIA) will inform MIA of requirements for Italian Army labour and administrative units and make subsequent allocations.

6. When Italian Army resources are insufficient to meet demands 15 Army Group will lay down the priority.

7. MIA will maintain close liaison with the Allied Control Commission, 15 Army Group, AFHQ Adv Gen Ech (MIA), Fifth Army, Eighth Army, No. 2 District, Peninsular Base Section and the appropriate Italian Headquarters.

8. MIA will coordinate the movement of all Italian troops with the appropriate Allied authorities.

9. MIA will ascertain the available stocks of Italian Army arms, ammunition, equipment, transport and other resources and make allocations to meet the requirements of Italian Army units employed by the Allied Forces. Excess stocks, if any, will be reported to AFHQ.

10. Until AFHQ assumes direct control of MIA all Air Force demands on the Italian Army will be submitted through the appropriate military headquarters to 15 Army Group for onward transmission to MIA.

11. MIA will be the appropriate channel for the issue, if necessary of Allied equipment to Italian Forces.

12. In principle MIA will be located as near as practicable to the Italian Army General Staff, SPEG, with whom it deals.

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SUBJECT:- Leave - Italian Personnel

2.12.43
HQ 15 Army Group,
C.M.F. 61

15AG/8653/2/BCS

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30 Nov 43

M.M.I.A.

Ref this HQ letter No. 15AG/8653/2/BCS of 23 Nov. Although after 1 Dec the province of FOGGIA will no longer be within Eighth Army area, the restriction on Italian personnel going on leave will still apply. 50

J. M. W. MARTIN.
Brig. G.S.
for C.G.S. 924

Copy to:-

Fifth Army
Eighth Army
AFHQ Adv Adm Bch.
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IMPORTANT
US CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOUO: 00067
1 DEC 43.

FROM: SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE PHOES
TO: ITALIA FOR JOYCE RPT FARBO RPT FILPOT FOR A XI
ORIG NO: 1240

TOO: 1020A/01
TOB: 0020A/12

AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO ISSUE PASSES TO PERMIT FREE CIRCULATION.
REFERENCE YOUR 1204 DATED 30TH NOVEMBER. OF THE MINISTERS AND
UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN SICILY AND SARDINIA.

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GSI (R)
B.G.S.

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T.T. 0325/02 JFU

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TELETYPE UNIT

TO: DIRECTOR FROM: PATINA
RE: JUNE 1940

FROM: FILIPIN FROM AND

Orig. No. PA 351

1 Dec

Ref PATINA 1208 of 30 Nov (.) No objection provided uniform
pass issued and specimens forwarded (.) Grateful list of all
persons issued with passes which hope will be restricted as much
as possible.

If this message is liable to be
intercepted it should be sent in
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PRIORITY.....

IMPORANT

.....Lt. Col.

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US DIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLED 00504
30 NOV 43.

FROM * FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE
TO : FREEDOM
RPTD FARGO, FILPOT,
ORIG NO : 1208

TOO.1322A/30
TOR.1707A/30.

AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO ISSUE PASSES TO PERMIT THE FREE CIRCULATION OF THE MINISTERS AND UNDERSECRETARIES OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN SICILY AND IN SARDINIA. THIS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO PERMIT PREPARATIONS FOR TURNING BACK THIS TERRITORY TO ITALIAN JURISDICTION. A SIMILAR REQUEST HAS BEEN SENT 15TH ARMY GROUP FOR REGION TWO AND CITY OF NAPLES.

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ANDOT

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T.T.1245A/30:335

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H. G., A. M. G.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

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Aug/33/57

20th November 1943.

I enclose some copies of reports

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8, and reports by the Senior Police
Inspector, Civil Affairs Officer in
I also attach 8 notes from Lieut-
enant Adviser, sworn to by 8.

Hedd has also raised with his Superior the attitude of the Italian Command concerning desertions and acts of ill-Italian troops up to the Armistice. Authorities now apparently concur in bringing to trial. Whatever may be of this matter, I certainly feel by Lieut-Colonel Hedd to C.C.C. 31. I justified. It seems to me monstrous and other ranks who, in deference to our apparently unwilling to fight against the need for these actions by the present supposed to be cooperating with us.

ite of General Mercalli on this subject with a general policy of pin-pricking ^{to} assume civil authority, it seems ^{has} been made for his removal. The Italian Division at Cosanza appears to and there is slightly more evidence that b. Nevertheless, there is no doubt collected by the Police Officers in

C.G.S.,

VIA 15th Army Group, this letter should be released on 20th November 1943.

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Colonel told me last night that there was some information about the attitude of the two Italian Generals Merialli and Medori, respectively commanding the Italian 31st Corps and the Italian Division at Cosenza.

I enclose some copies of reports sent by M.C.A.G. Calabria, and reported by the Senior Police Officer in Region 2 to the Regional Civil Affairs Officer in Region 2. (H.C. Matera). I also attach a note from Lieutenant Colonel Rowe, my Chief Legal Adviser, dated 10/11/43.

Colonel Merialli has also been discussed with his Superior Officer the question of the attitude of the Italian Command in Calabria on the subject of desertions and acts of ill-discipline committed by Italian troops prior to the Armistice, which the Italian Military Authorities now apparently, contemptuously, are taking into account and bringing to the attention of the legal rights or wrongs of this matter, I certainly feel that the attitude taken by Lieutenant Colonel Merialli to G.O.C. 31 Italian Corps is entirely justified. It seems to me monstrous that Italian officers and other ranks who, in deference to our propaganda, were apparently unwilling to fight against the Allies, should be punished for these actions by the present Italian Command which is supposed to be cooperating with us.

If the attitude of General Merialli on this subject is taken in conjunction with a general policy of pin-pricking in Calabria and of attempting to assume civil authority, it seems to me that a good case has been made for his removal. The attitude of the G.O.C. Italian Division at Cosenza appears to be just as difficult, and there is slightly more evidence that he is at heart a Fascist. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the actual evidence collected by the Police Officers in Region 2 is insufficient in itself from a legal point of view to justify intervention or removal.

If the evidence of attitude of mind is added to other evidence which may be in your possession, you may consider it desirable to recommend the removal of these two officers. I do not think I can do so on the evidence contained in the correspondence alone, having regard to General Merialli's expressions of regret about what has happened.

/SCH

Major General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Encls.

Copy to: Lt. Col. Lord Middleton. (By hand of M.A. to C.C.A.C.)

10/11/43

THROUGH TADM Following sent:-

Handwritten memo from Lt. Col. Rowe to C.C.A.O. 30 Nov 43

Letter from RCOA Region 2, ECA/26/52 of 27 Nov 43.

Copy letter 20 Nov 43 from S.C.A.O. Calabria to G.O.C. 31 Corps Italian Army.

Copy of another letter also 20 Nov 43 from S.C.A.O. Calabria to G.O.C. 31 Corps Italian Army.

Report from Major Pollock dated 21st Nov 43 on Italian Army Cosenza.

Statement dated 19 Nov 43 made by Avv. Rosalbino Santoro, Naples-Via Carraciolo 17, on Italian General at Cosenza.

Copy of statement obtained by Major Pollock at Cosenza on 19 Nov 43 from Italian Captain.

Copy of above statement in Italian.

Notes of interview at Catanzaro on 11 Nov 43 between Lt. Col. McCaffrey and General Mercalli, with Major Pollock and Major Holstrom (Interpreting) present.

Notes on Fascist element in Italian Army.

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Subject: Leave of Italian Forces.

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Headquarters,
A.M.G.,
Eighth Army.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

AME/33/56.
29.Nov.43.

Copy of our AME/33/55 dated 29.Nov.43 to H.Q.S.,
H.Q. 15 Army Group, reference your OA/123 of 25.Nov.43, is
forwarded for your information.

R.J.P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

/JC.

stat
Copy to PS

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PADE

SUBJECT: Leave of Italian Forces.

H.Q. A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

TO: B.G.S.,
15 Army Group.

AMC/33/55.

29. Nov. 43.

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Reference your 15AG/8653/2/BGS of 23. Nov. 43, it would be of great assistance if you would again address M.M.I.A. stating that Foggia Province is also out of bounds for Italian Military Personnel on leave, and requesting that their leave passes be endorsed accordingly.

/RAC.

R.
R.J.P. THORNE THORNE.
Colonel.
Chief Staff Officer.

Original (incl 15 BGS)
Copy to 8 Army (16 refs)
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BR TELETYPE MESSAGE

POLIO NO 08883

FROM : AMG HQ EIGHTH ARMY MAIN
TO : AMG HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
ORIG. NO : 0A/123

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100 NIL
TNT 1500A
TOR 1540

25 NOV 1943

REFERENCE 0A/31/17A DATED 15 NOV 43.
ITALIAN SOLDIERS ARE STILL DRIFTING INTO FOGGIA PROVINCE.
THEY HAVE REPORTED TO ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN BARI
WHO APPEAR TO BE GIVING THEM INDEFINITE LEAVE AND SENDING
THEM NORTHWARDS INDISCRIMINATELY. CAN ITALIAN MILITARY
AUTHORITIES BE ASKED TO STOP THIS MOVEMENT IMMEDIATELY

AMCOT 6 ACTION
PA TO BGS 1
G OPS 4
WAR ROOM 1
MAJ MORTARCY 1

SMC 1635A/25.
T.T. 1650A/25. JJC.

A4, 50 & 51

C.C.A.O.

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Objection at 50 & 51 response to
action from AMC 3 Army at 44.
Foggia will be out of 8 Army area in a few days. Do you consider Foggia Province should
be out of hands of Italian troops or leave. If so I will take up with BGS. RGL
26/11

ACTION

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SECRET:-- Minutes of a Conference held at MAIN HQ
15 APRIL 1943 on 20 Nov 43 to discuss
employment of Italian Military Forces
and Civilians

(C O P E)

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24 Nov 1943

Main HQ Eighth Army,
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REPORT

15 APRIL 1943

D.G.S.
 Brig. S.D.

EIGHTH ARMY

C of S (Chairman)

DOB

Brig A/Q

AGHQ (Main Army)

AGHQ (Rear Army)

GI HQ

GI Sigs

GI Ops

GI GHQ(b)

ADHQ

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DADOS (Ann)

ADHS

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CATERING ADVISOR

ADHS

AGHQ

1. Estimate of ITALIAN personnel required for employment by

Revenues.

ITALY

(a) RE Employ at present 2200. This number should be
 sufficient provided civilian labour also employed is INE
 called up.

A small staff to control Adm etc. is being provided
 by MILITARY DIVISION.

(b) RE A Lane Construction Coy (4 offrs and 120 ORs) has
 been accepted from 15 Army Op.

50 Military or Civilian personnel are also required

(c) CATERING ADVISOR. Can accept 40 cooks per month

(d) RE Require 100 medical personnel to work in OCS

(e) RE One En already employed for Guard Duties. Another
 En will probably be required

(f) Miscellaneous Military Duties Up to 500

(g) Porter Coy Organised as Military Units may be required.

CIVILIAN

(h) RE Require considerable number which varies from time to
 time. Employed at Ports, Rd Hqs, Bays etc.

(i) RE Are employing 5000 at present. These are required
 as the Army advances.

(j) RE Stated that a total of 12000 Civilians are
 employed in Army Area. This number would be required and
 could be either Civilian or Military.

2. Organisation for controlling employment of Military
and Civilian personnel

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(a) RE Employ at present 2200. This number should be sufficient provided civilian labour also employed is NOT called up.

A small staff to control Adm etc. is being provided by MILITARY MISSION.

(b) RE A Large Construction Coy (4 officers and 120 ORs) has been accepted from 15 Army Gp.

50 Military or Civilian personnel are also required

(c) CACTHIAN AMBUSH. Can accept 40 cooks per month

(d) RE Require 100 medical personnel to work in ORs

(e) RE One RE already employed for Guard Duties. Another RE will probably be required

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(g) Porter Corps Organised as Military Units may be required.

CIVILIAN.

(h) "Q" Require considerable number which varies from time to time. Employed at Ports, Ed Ham, Dumps etc.

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(j) P and J Stated that a total of 12000 Civilians are employed in Army Area. This number would be required and could be either Civilian or Military.

2. Organisation for controlling employment of Military and Civilian personnel

(a) An organisation to be provided under MILITARY MISSION whereby an ITALIAN MILITARY HQ would be set up in the Army Area, capable of sending out to each Corps a small det ITALIAN MILITARY HQ. This organisation would be responsible for providing controlling and administering all ITALIAN Military and Civilians employed by Army and Corps.

(b) Decided that Military Corps should be employed as far as possible, but that local civilian labour should also be employed.

(c) Recommended that ITALIAN Army HQs should be placed in charge of parties of civilian labour, under service arrangements.

3. Decided that C(SD) would deal with these matters at Army HQ.

4. 15 Army Gp agreed to arrange that civilians would NOT be called up in Army Area.

DES 15 Army Gp undertook to work out the details of organisation required in conjunction with MILITARY MISSION

PA 25/11/42

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5. DCS 15 Army Op raised the following points:-

(1) GARIBOLDI must be arrested in private, when necessary.

(2) Minimize evacuation of civilians from villages

6. Brig A/Q Eighth Army stressed the need for a proper organization to pass refugees quickly through Army Area to ITALIAN authorities. This is being investigated.

7. Brig SD 15 Army Op asked for suggestions for dilution of Unit WEs by Italians. Heads of Branches

(Signed) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Major.
for

Major-General,
Chief of Staff.

V.L.

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15 Army Op (3)

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ORIGINAL DISTRIBUTION TO A/Q BRANCH 15 ARMY
GROUP UNDER 15AG/809/1/AG DATED 24 NOV 53

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Subject: Leave of Italian Forces.

Headquarters,
AMG, 5th Army.
AMG, 8th Army.

H.Q., A.M.C.,
15 Army Group,
C. M. P.

AMG/33/51.
24 Nov. 43.

Copy of 15 Army Group letter 15AG/8653/2/BGS dated 23 Nov. 43 given below, is forwarded for information.

T. FARLEY SMITH,
Lt. Col.,
C.S.O. 1.

/JG.

(COPY).

Subject: Leave of Italian Forces.

Hq. 15 Army Group
C.M.P.

15AG/8653/2/BGS.
23 Nov 43.

M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Fifth Army.
Eighth Army.
AMHQ Adv Adm Ech.

Please inform the appropriate Italian Commanders that the Army areas of Fifth and Eighth Armies are out of bounds for Italian Military Personnel on leave. Their leave passes should be endorsed to this effect.

(Sgd) J.M.W. MARTIN,
Brig. C.S.
for C.S.O.

Internal Distribution:

C.S.I(b)
AMHQ.

PA 25/11/43

SUBJECT:- Leave of Italian Forces

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HQ 15 Army Group
C.M.F.

15AG/8653/2/BGS

23 Nov 43

M.H.I.A.

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Eighth Army
AMHQ Adv Adm Ech.

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J.M.W. MARTIN.
Brig. G.S.
for C.G.S.

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Copies to ANG 5 & 8 Armies

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SUBJECT:- Italian Services.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.P.

A.M.G. Eighth Army.
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

AMV/33/49
22nd November 43

H.Q. 15 Army Group have requested Allied Control Commission to instruct Italian Supreme Command immediately that no civilians are to be called up for military service, and state that present action in calling up is seriously interfering both with civilian labour employed in army areas and with A.M.G. administration.

R.J.P. THORNE THORNE, Col.
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R.J.P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

/SCH.

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ARMY FORM C2128 (Pads of 100)

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS IN OUT

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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO

ALLIED COMMISSION OF CONTROL, BINDISI, M.M.I.A., FLAMBO, 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, AMCOT

FROM

HQ. 15TH ARMY GROUP

Originator's Number

0-1588

Date

21 Nov. 43.

In Reply to Number

Request you instruct Italian Supreme Command immediately that no civilians are to be called up for military service (.) Present action in calling up is seriously interfering both with civilian labour employed in army areas and with AMCOT administration (.)

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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File
Subject: Military Mission to Italian Army.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

ANG/33/47.
21 November, 43.

A.M.G. 8th Army Main.
A.M.G. 5th Army.
R.C.A.O. Region II.
R.C.A.O. Region III.
R.C.A.O. Region IV.

Attached copy of H.Q. 15 Army Group letter ref. 15AG/8/2/G(000)
of 18th November, 43, is forwarded for information.

LE/ML

ML

sgt. H. L. F. Smith
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Ident-Colonel,
G.S.O.I.

Subject: Military Mission to Italian Army.

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UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

1544/8/2/2(Ord).

13 Nov 45.

To:
- Major General Dachsner,
Military Mission to Italian Army.

1. The Italian Army is now being organized in two commands:-
 - (a) Troops in APULIA, UMBRIA and CALABRIA under General AMADIO, commanding CENTRAL ITALIAN ARMY.
 - (b) Troops in CAMPANIA under General BASSO, whose exact title has not yet been defined.
2. In consequence of the above, your Mission will now be known as MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY (M.M.I.A.) and will deal direct with the above Commanders, and the Italian Army General Staff on executive matters, but not on policy.
3. Questions pertaining to the Italian Army will be dealt with as under:-
 - (a) 15 Army Group. Operational policy: organization: local questions within the operational area of 15 Army Group.
 - (b) A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon. Administrative policy.
 - (c) No. 2 District and P.H.Q. All local questions within their respective areas.

4. You will work in the closest liaison with the Allied Commission to the Italian Government at BRINDISI, with A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, and when necessary, with P.H.Q. and H.Q. No. 2 District.
5. All details for the employment or movement of Italian Forces, will be submitted direct to the M.M.I.A. The latter will make the necessary arrangements with the appropriate Italian authority. Questions of policy will be referred to H.Q. 15 Army Group or on administrative matters to A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, whose reference will be made if necessary to the Allied Commission.
6. H.Q. M.M.I.A. will be located initially with Seventh Italian Army in ULLA with a bureau in the Naples area. The latter will deal with General BASSO, Fifth Army, P.H.Q. and A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon. If necessary a branch will be established in Eighth Army area.
7. Demands on M.M.I.A. by Air Forces should be submitted through the Army, or Army Group H.Q., to whom they are. Demands involving the Italian Air Force will be referred by M.M.I.A. to the Air Section of the Allied Commission.
8. M.M.I.A. will be responsible for coordinating the movements of Italian

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2. In consequence of the above, your director will now be known as DIRECTOR OF THE ITALIAN ARMY (D.I.A.) and will deal direct with the above C.A.S. members, and the Italian Army General Staff on executive matters, but not on policy.

3. Questions pertaining to the Italian Army will be dealt with in another

(c) is any group. Operational policy: organizational; local questions within the operational area of 15 army group.

(b) U.S. Nat. Arch. & Records Admin. Administrative History.

(c) NO. 2 DISTRICT AND P.E.S. All local questions within those of the
SPECIFIC AREAS.

4. You will work in the closest liaison with the Allied Commission to the Italian Government at MEDUSE, with A.F.H.Q. Advanced Echelon, and when necessary, with F.F.S. and H.Q. No. 2 District.

5. All demands for the employment or movement of Italian Forces, will be submitted direct to the I.A.C.E. The latter will make the necessary arrangements with the appropriate Italian authority. Questions of policy will be referred to A.C. 15 any group or administrative matters to A.C.E.Q. A.V. and Division, where reference will be made if necessary to the Allied Commission.

6. 52. A.I.I.V. will be located initially with Seventh Italian Army in AVELLA with a branch in the Naples area. The latter will deal with General M. LEO, Fifth Army, P.E.S. and A.P.P.O. div adn Detach. If necessary a branch will be established in Eighth Army area.

7. Demands on R.M.I.A. by Air Forces should be submitted through the Army, or Army Group H.Q., in whose area they are. Demands involving the Italian Air Force will be referred by R.M.I.A. to the Air Section of the Allied Commission.

8. M.M.I.4 will be responsible for coordinating the movements of Italian troops with the movement of Allied authorities.

9. This letter cancels H.O. 1546/3/2(G.Oss) of 6 Nov 43.

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Major General,
of General Staff,
H.Q. 15 Army Group.

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Subject: Italian Services.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

AMP/33/45.

20 November 45.

B.G.S.
15 Army Group.

Reference attached copy of letter from A.M.G.,
8th Army.

I presume 5th Army area should also be out of
bounds to Italian troops on leave.

Will 'G' Branch deal with this matter please?

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

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AMG.HQ. 15 Army Group.

1. Reference conversations with C.C.A.O. at Foggia on 13 Nov.43, it would be appreciated if the Italian Military authorities granting leave to Italian troops could be instructed that the Eighth Army areas are out of bounds for such personnel and that their leave passes are to be endorsed accordingly.

AMG.HQ.Eighth Army.

Ref. OA/31/17A.

15 Nov.43.

NOV 1943

A. S. M.
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMG.HQ.Eighth Army.

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SUBJECT: - Orders issued by Italian 7th Army.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

C.G.S.,
15 Army Group.

AMG/33/43
16th November 1943.

In the course of a visit to Campobasso I was informed that an order issued by the Italian 7th Army had been brought into and displayed in Campobasso calling for recalling to the colours certain Italian classes and instructing them to report for duty through the local civil and police authorities. The effect of this order in Campobasso, had it been carried into execution, would have been to impair seriously the manpower of two substantial labour gangs working on roads in 13 Corps area. I consulted C.G.S., Eighth Army and instructed S.C.A.O. Eighth Army to cause the local authorities in Campobasso to be informed that the order of the Italian 7th Army would be disregarded and the personnel now working on the roads would remain. C.G.S., Eighth Army was most emphatic on this point. In this connection please see Eighth Army telegrams OA78 of 12th November and OA83 of 13th November, both of which were transferred for action to G(Ops).

This leads me to raise with you not only the desirability of orders being issued by the Italian 7th Army without prior consultation or authority in the areas of the Fifth and Eighth Armies, but more particularly the desirability of the Italian military authorities proceeding to recall further personnel to the colours.

If my information is correct, demands have already been put in by the Italian military authorities for supplies to ration a very substantial body of Italian military personnel in occupied Italy. The figures have been stated to me to amount to more than 500,000 men.

It is not for me to offer any suggestions on the prospective use of Italian military personnel but on the civil side I must deplore the recall to the colours of further personnel unless it can be properly used in the war effort. The very large number of mouths which have to be fed in the Italian military organization creates a very considerable burden on maintenance and shipping. On the other hand, if the young personnel is not called to the colours or indeed if some personnel now with the colours whose normal places of residence are within the occupied areas were dismissed, the burden of supplies would certainly be alleviated, inasmuch as some men at present living with their families such

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for duty through the local civil and police authorities. The effect of this order in Campobasso, had it been carried into execution, would have been to impair seriously the manpower of two substantial labour gangs working on roads in 13 Corps area. I consulted C.G.S., Eighth Army and instructed S.C.A.O. Eighth Army to cause the local authorities in Campobasso to be informed that the order of the Italian 7th Army would be disregarded and the personnel now working on the roads would remain. C.G.S., Eighth Army was most emphatic on this point. In this connection please see Eighth Army telegrams OA73 of 12th Nov 1947 and OA83 of 13th November, both of which were transferred for action to G(Ops).

This leads me to raise with you not only the desirability of orders being issued by the Italian 7th Army without prior consultation or authority in the areas of the Fifth and Eighth Armies, but more particularly the desirability of the Italian military authorities proceeding to recall further personnel to the colours.

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FROM : AMG HQ EIGHTH ARMY MAIN
TO : AMG HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
ORIG NO : OA/83

TOO.NIL.
THI.0933A/13.
TOR.1002A/13.

REFERENCE MY OA/78 DATED 12 NOV 43. UNDERSTAND THAT
SITUATION IS COVERED BY AUTHORITY CONTAINED 15AG/8/1/G(OPS)
DATED 22 OCT 43 AND EIGHTH ARMY MAIN M1202G DATED 5 NOV 43
WHICH AUTHORIZES FORMATIONS TO DELAY RETURN MILITARY PERSONNEL
WHERE NECESSARY. MILITARY LABOUR IS ACCORDINGLY BEING
RETAINED WHERE NECESSARY IN SPITE OF BEING RECALLED BY
ITALIAN SEVENTH ARMY UNDER ABOVE AUTHORITY.

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SMC.1145A/1903
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FROM: AMG HQ EIGHTH ARMY MAIN
TO : AMG HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
ORIG NO: 0A/78

TOO NIL
THI 1225A/12
TOR 1400A/12

MAN NOW BEING DRAFTED FOR ITALIAN ARMY FROM LABOUR RECRUITED BY AMG EIGHTH ARMY
AT THE REQUEST OF CE EIGHTH ARMY FOR MAINTENANCE OF L OF C PARTICULARLY IN FORWARD
AREAS. WE HAVE TAKEN STAND THAT THIS LABOUR IS AN OPERATIONAL NECESSITY AND
CANNOT BE REMOVED UNTIL DECISION BY HIGHER AUTHORITY IS GIVEN OR AT LEAST CAN BE
REMOVED ONLY GRADUALLY AS NON-DRAFTABLE SUBSTITUTES CAN BE OBTAINED. ON THIS LATTER
POINT CE EIGHTH ARMY EXPRESSES AGREEMENT. ACTION IS URGENT.

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FOLIO NO 0267
11 NOV 43

FROM: DISTONE
TO : FREEDOM CITE FRICT
RPTD: 15 ARMY GROUP
ORIG NO: 0.606

TOO 1740A/11
TOR 0835A/12

REF YOUR 3086 DATED 26 OCT. 19

THE FIRST SHIP OBVIOUSLY SPECIALLY SELECTED ARRIVED 10 NOV WITH 310 PERSONNEL. NO WARNING WAS RECEIVED. ESSENTIAL DUE NOTICE BE GIVEN THIS HQ OF ALL INTENDED ARRIVALS.

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H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP.

15AG/6/2/G(Ops)

10 Nov 43.

To : British Military Mission to Italian 7 Army.

1. Your Mission which was previously known as the "British Military Mission to the 7th Italian Army" will now be known as the "Allied Military Mission to the Italian Armies".

2. This H.Q. 15AG/6/2/G(Ops) dated 6 Nov refers.

J.M.W. MARTIN,
Brig.G.S.
For Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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FOLIO NO. 03583
8TH NOVEMBER 43.

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC

TO : PLANO FOR ACTION TO GOC 15 AMBROUPE
CG 5 ARMY CG 8 ARMY GOC NO 1 DISTRICT
GIC NO 2 DISTRICT, CG PES, PATTEA FOR
TAYLOR, PABLE FOR BOUNOIS AND HARDING,
ANDCG SOS MATCUSA FOR INFO.

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OMIC NO. : 8181 CITE FISH, FIEDQ FIEDSC NAGDS AND NADG

POLICY IS ANNOUNCED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF:

1. AFTER UTILIZATION TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE OF LOCAL RESOURCES
SUELOS TO MINIMIZE ESSENTIAL CIVIL NEEDS SUBSISTENCE MAY BE ISSUED FROM
MILITARY SOURCES BY BOTH BRITISH AND AMERICAN FORCES IN RETURN FOR SERVICES
RENDERED BY ITALIAN UNITS.

2. TEMPORARY RATION SCALE FOLLOWS. HIGH-SIZE SPECIAL TEMPORARY RATION
SCALE AS MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED AND SUBJECT TO REDUCTION THAT CAN BE EFFECTED AT
YOUR DISCRETION OF ITEMS LISTED OR SUBSTITUTES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM
LOCAL RESOURCES. READ IN THREE COLUMNS A, COMMODITIES: B, OUNCES PER RATION:
C, REMARKS

A
WHEAT
OR

B 16

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EXAMINATION TO BE MADE FOR
PROCURING LOCALLY:

CANNED MEAT
PRESERVED FISH

2 4

IF STOCKS WILL NOT PERMIT
LOCAL ALTERNATIVES ARE PRESERVED
FISH 1 OUNCE

CHEESE
AND
SUGAR
OR

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AND SUGAR

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MARCHES
COFFEE

2 BOOKS WEEKLY
(1/2)

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE FURNISHED BY ITALIAN ARMY. PURCHASES
FROM LOCAL RESOURCES WILL BE COORDINATED WITH AMOT TO INSURE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION
BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVIL REQUIREMENTS. ALL SUCH PURCHASES WILL BE PAID FOR
BY THE ITALIAN ARMY.

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A	B	C
WHEAT OR FLOUR PULSES	16 12 2	
CANNED MEAT PRESERVED FISH	2 4 1	EXAMINATION TO BE MADE FOR PROCURING LOCALLY: IF STOCKS WILL NOT PERMIT ISSUE ALTERNATIVES ARE PRESERVED FISH 1 OUNCE
CHEESE AND SUGAR OR SAUSAGE THIN AND SUGAR SUGAR PEPPER MATCHES COFFEE	(5/8) 2 2/5 (1/4) (1/2) 1.02 2 EDOES WEEKLY (1/2)	

ALLOWING ADDITIONAL ITEMS WILL BE FURNISHED BY ITALIAN ARMY. PURCHASES FROM LOCAL RESOURCES WILL BE COORDINATED WITH ARMY TO INSURE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVIL REQUIREMENTS. ALL SUCH PURCHASES WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE ITALIAN ARMY.

FRUIT FRESH VEGETABLES OLIVE OIL WINE HOPS (UNSHIELLED)	8 3 (1/2) (1/2) 1	AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.
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3. ALSO RATEE GORDI WILL BE MAINTAINED BY ALL DISTRIBUTING AGENCIES OF ISSUES MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE. INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW AS TO LABOUR DISPOSITION OF THESE RATIONS.

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4. WHERE ITALIAN ARMY UNITS ARE ACTUALLY PARTICIPATING WITH THE 5TH AND 8TH ARMIES IN THE COMBAT ZONE, THE ABOVE RATIONS COME FROM UNITED STATES AND BRITISH SOURCES, MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY ARMY COMMANDERS CONCERNED.
5. WHERE ITALIAN ARMY UNITS ARE ENGAGED IN LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS OR BASES ACTION DUTIES THE ABOVE RATIONS SCALE WILL APPLY AND MAY BE AUTHORIZED WHEN NECESSITY REQUIRES.
6. TO AVOID ACTUAL WANT AMONG ITALIAN MILITARY UNITS NOT YET NOT ACTUALLY PARTICIPATING WITH 5 AND 8 ARMIES NOR ON ALLIED LINE OF COMMUNICATION OR BASES ACTION DUTIES, NECESSARY COMPONENTS OF THE ABOVE RATIONS; WILL APPLY AND MAY BE ISSUED AS FAR AS ALLIED RESOURCES PERMIT.

NEW SUBJECT. THIS SUSPENDS RATION SCALE FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY NOTIFIED AS SERIAL 19 IN ADVANCE COPY OF ARMY RATION AND FUEL SCALES BOOKLET DISTRIBUTED THROUGH BRITISH ST CHANNELS ON 28 OCTOBER 1943 TO BRITISH FORMATIONS ONLY.

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Military Mission to Italian Army

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15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

AMG Fifth Army
AMG Eighth Army
AMG Region II

✓ given to J/Capt. Brown

AMG/33/32

10th November 43

I am directed by Major General The Lord Rennell
to enclose a copy of H.Q. 15 Army Group memorandum
15AG/8/2/G(Ops) dated 6th November 43 on the Military
Mission to Italian Army.

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Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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DATE 6 NOV 1943

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SUBJECT: Military Mission to Italian Army

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15AG/872/G(Cps)

6 Nov 43.

Allied Military Mission to Italian Armies

1. The Italian Army is now being organized in two commands:-

(a) Troops in APULIA, LUCANIA and CALABRIA under General AMISIO commanding SEVENTH ITALIAN ARMY.

(b) Troops in CAMPANIA under General BASSO, whose exact title has not yet been defined.

2. In consequence of the above, your mission will now be known as "MILITARY MISSION to ITALIAN ARMY" (M.M.I.A.) and will deal direct with both the above Comds. You should inform the appropriate Italian authorities accordingly.

3. Questions appertaining to the Italian Army will be dealt with as under:-

(a) 15 Army Group. Operational policy: organization: local questions within the operational area of 15 Army Group.

(b) A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon. Administrative policy.

(c) No. 2 District and P.S.. All local questions within their respective areas.

4. You will work in the closest liaison with the Allied Mission to the Italian Government at BRINDISI, with A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, and when necessary with P.B.S. and H.Q. No. 2 District.

5. All demands for the employment or movement of Italian Forces, or for any other action by the Italian Military Authority will be submitted direct to the M.M.I.A. The latter will make the necessary arrangements with the appropriate Italian authority. Questions of policy will be referred to H.Q. 15 Army Group or on administrative matters to A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, whence reference will be made if necessary to the Allied Military Mission.

6. H.Q. M.M.I.A. will be located initially with Seventh Italian Army in APULIA, with a branch in the Naples area. The latter will deal with General BASSO, FIFTH ARMY, P.B.S. and A.P.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon. If necessary a branch will be established in Fifth Army area.

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Major General,
Chief of General Staff,
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SUBJECT :- Italian Liaison Section.

HQ No 2 District CMF.
1496/Q.

1. The instructions contained in this HQ letter ~~1496/Q~~ dated 30 Oct 43, are cancelled.

2. The functions of the Liaison Section established at this HQ under Col VALLOT, Italian Army, are as laid down for an officer of the Staff of the Intendente dell' Esercito, in HQ No 2 District (Fortbase) letter 1027/Q dated 16 Oct 43, copy of which is attached.

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SUBJECT :- Requisitioning of Military Stores etc from Italian Army.

To :- 36 Area.
6 Base Sub Area.
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151 Sub Area.

HQ No 2 District (Fortbase).
C.M.F.
Ext. 27.
1027 Q.
16 Oct 43.

1. An officer of the Staff of the Intendenti dell'Esercito will be attached to this HQ and to each Area and Sub Area HQ. They will be the channel through which all demands for requisition of Italian Military Stores will be negotiated. These military stores do not cover stores belonging to the Italian Navy and Airforce.
2. Details of all stores requisitioned will be submitted to this HQ by Area and Sub Areas and by the Italian Officer to General Aliberti, Intendenti Generale.
3. Cases where the availability of the Italian Military stores is in doubt owing to claims by Italian Army, will be referred to this HQ, who will take the matter up with General Aliberti's HQ.

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Copy to :- General Aliberti
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SUBJECT:- Italian Troops.

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Eighth Army.

AMG/33/27
5 November 43

The subjoined copy of 15 Army Group letter 8653/2/EGS dated 3 November 43 is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

R.J.P. Thorne Thorne
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Colonel
Senior Staff Officer

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H.Q., 15 ARMY GROUP C.M.F.

TO: Capt. Moriarty.

8653/2/EGS
3 Nov 43

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(signed) J.M.W. MARTIN.

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Subject:- Italian Troops.

H.Q. A.M.G.
15 Army Group.
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15 Army Group.

Reference your 15AG/8653/DGS dated 28th October, 43.

The following comment is made by the Officer Commanding AMG Headquarters, 8th Army regarding the Prefect of Foggia's request to the Italian Government to establish an Italian Garrison at Bovino to restore order in the province.

"The establishment of an Italian Garrison would ^{not} in my opinion serve any purpose. The implication that there is disorder in the province is not true. There is disorganisation admittedly caused by the bombed state of Foggia and aggravated by the City being practically taken over by the N.A.A.F. A military necessity of this nature is bound to militate against the resumption of normal economic life and administration and no doubt autocratic acts distasteful to the Prefect have been perpetrated by the Services".

My opinion is that at the present juncture it would be unwise and unnecessary to allow the Italian Government to establish an Italian Garrison.


R.J.P. THORNE-THORNE.
Colonel.,
Senior Staff Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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MGS-370

28 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Formation of combatant units of Italian and other nationals
for action against the Germans.

TO : HQ. AMG. 15 Army Group.

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Reference your MG/1/65 of 25 Oct. 1943.

1. It is noted that your inquiry is specifically restricted to the formation of combatant units of Italian and other nationals. In replying to your letter, therefore, no reference will be made to the formation of labour, or other non-combatant units.

2. With regard to Italian nationals. A paper containing directions on this subject has been prepared by G-3 Section of this HQ the contents of which will be made known to 15 Army Group. These directions envisage the possible use of an existing Italian combatant formation, but there is no intention of forming additional combatant units.

3. Regarding other nationals. The matter is governed by various instructions of which the representatives of the Allied Nations with the PW and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions are aware, and to whom all applicants should be referred. 887

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Lt. Colonel,
Mil. Govt. Sect.

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From D.P. Subcommunion

Lt. M. Plamencia is the only representative
of an Allied Greek now certified to us.
He is a Yugo. Slav. I am sure he has no
instructions re: forming such units as
he has frequently enquired of me
on the subject.

W. J. Farlane 886
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To : Fifth Army. Eighth Army.

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FOR GENERAL CLARK AND GENERAL MONTGOMERY from General ALEXANDER (.)
MOST SECRET (.) all questions regarding disposal of Italian troops
in ITALY should be arranged through the Military Mission attached to
the BADOGLIO government (.) it is NOT rpt NOT the duty of Civil
Affairs Administration to deal with units of the Italian Army. 885

Copy to AMGOT (liaison) (for Lord Rennell).

Handwritten signatures: "J" and "RE"

SUBJECT :- Italian Liaison Section.

33/88
OCT 1943

HQ No 2 District CM.
14500.

GENERAL.

An Italian Liaison Section is being set up at HQ No 2 District. The members of this Section will be provided by 7 Italian Army.

COMPOSITION.

The exact composition of this Section is not yet known nor are its functions as yet defined.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-SECTION.

A sub-section of this Liaison Section termed the "Administrative Sub-Section" (Intendente del Servizio) has been established at this HQ. This sub-section consists of three officers and four clerks. Col VALLONE, Italian Army is head of this sub-section.

A branch of this sub-section will be established at HQ of Sub-Areas as follows :-

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PONDIST
SARATNO
BATHIA

In addition a branch will be located at MARLES and SALIZNO, but they will be under the direction of D/C.A.O. (WABHO) in accordance with the policy laid down in AFHQ Adv Am 24h Adm Instruction No 4 dated 24 Oct.

FUNCTION OF ADM SUB-SECTION.

The function of the Adm Sub Section will be

- (a) To assist and advise the Staff of No 2 District on all matters of procurement of military requirements from civil sources.
- (b) To assist the Staff of No 2 District with the provision of Engineer stores from Italian Army Sources.
- (c) To act as liaison with civil authorities on all matters of policy and regarding requisitioning of accommodation and land.

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BRUNNISI
TATAMIO
BELLINIA

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- (d) To supervise the activities of the branches of the sub-section located with sub-areas.

The functions of the branches of the adm liaison section with sub-areas will be :-

- (a) To act as the channel between military and civil authorities on all questions of procurement and requisitioning of civil stocks of all materials for military purposes.
- (b) To fulfil the requests of Sub-Area Commanders in regard to requirements for accommodation and land for personnel, stores etc. for military purposes.

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- (c) To carry out the instructions of the adm sub-section at HQ No 2 District.
- (a) To seek guidance from the sub-section at HQ No 2 District in regard to policy matters.
- If requirements of Sub-Area Commanders cannot be met expeditiously through the representatives of the adm liaison sub-section, Sub Area Commanders are empowered to take other steps to obtain requirements, informing the liaison section at HQ No 2 District of the action taken.

8. *Open*.

5. The Italian Liaison Section will operate under & Branch of HQ No 2 District but services of No 2 District will approach the sub-section direct on operational matters.

CONTROL OF STOCKS.

9. The policy of control of civil stocks is not at present defined. Further instructions on this matter will be issued. It is apparent, however, that a balance must be kept between military and civil requirements. No reconditioning of civil food stocks is permitted.

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Thompson (Civil)
Thompson, SS10.

Mr. Plaudin (Robert)
Hag-son.

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8. **QUESTIONS.**

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References

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J. H. S. B. Bourn
Letcher (Civil)
Salinas, Calif.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Troops.

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A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

29th October 1943.

The attached copy of a letter from the C.G.S. to the Eighth Army is forwarded for your information in case it is not brought to your notice.

Have you any comments *please*

A.M.G.
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.
RJPT/BOH

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R. J. P. THORNE THORNE,
Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

Encl.

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SUBJECT:-

Italian troops

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H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.P.

15AG/8653/DCS

28 Oct 43.

Eighth Army

The Prefect of FOGGIA has requested the Italian Supreme Command to establish an Italian garrison at FOGGIA or at BOVINO, to restore order in the province.

Please inform this H.Q. as early as possible whether you wish this or not.

Field.
JMM/HCH

M. W. Martin
for C.G.S.
15 Army Group.

Copy to:-

A.M.G.O.T.
Capt. Moriarty.

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also on 26 for ACTION.

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U.S. CIPHER MESSAGE
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FOLED NO 09403
27TH OCT 43

FROM : AMVQ SIG. D CDEO
T : CTION 24 APR 1 DISTRICT
RPTD IRO, 15 2 Y GROUP, 7 ALLY
ORNL NO: 3086 CITE BACAT

TOO 2028A/27
THI 211
TOR 1245A/28

NO OBJECTION HERE TO ITALIAN REQUEST SUBMITTER AMVQ THAT ITALIAN SOLDIERS AND
CIVILIANS BE TRANSPORTED ON CRAFT REFERRING 1 IN ITALY TO SICILY SUBJECT
TO CONTROL BY AMG . MAY CONCURS. REQUIRE YOU ISSUE NECESSARY
INSTRUCTIONS

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27 OCT 1943

AMGOT/369/HQ
AMGOT HQ SICILY
23 October 1943

27 OCT 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Recruits
TO : All S.C.A.O.s

For your information a communication has been received from 15th Army Group stating that Italians wishing to enlist for service against Germany must join the Italian Army.

Franklin D. ...
CHARLES M. SPOTFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Nationals forming units to fight Germans.

TO:- A.F.H.Q.
Military Government Section.

FROM:- AMGOT HQ,
15 Army Group.

25 Oct 43.

Ref. MG/1/85.

1. Continuous enquiries are being made to this section as to whether the formation of units of Italian Nationals (apart from the Italian Regular Army), has been authorised by the Allied Government. Enquiries from 15 Army Group have resulted in the following reply being given.

1. In Sicily, that there was no intention to form such units *to fight against the Germans.*

2. After the move to Italy, that Italians could join their own Regular Army if they wished.

2. Allied News Broadcast, issued by INO No.263 of Oct 20th. 43, in Paragraph 3, has news of formation of Italian Volunteer Corps under Beneditto Croce, and round up of Axis Radio Propaganda Trends. No.263, of the same date has more on this subject.

3. In order that correct answers may be given on this subject, would you please inform this HQ, of the present position of affairs, and also what facilities exist for other Nationals such as, Czechs, Poles, and Jugo Slavs to join units of the same kind.

FIELD.
RW.

Captain,
Staff Captain,
AMGOT HQ.

Copy to:- 'A' Branch, 15 Army Group.

" " AMGOT Liaison, 15 Army Group.

✓
S.S.O. to see
Rm 26/10
27/10

Subject: Flying of Italian Flags.

SECRET.

Headquarters,
ASD, 5th Army.
ASD, 8th Army.

ASD/24/17.

24 October 41.

A.F.H.Q. have replied in the following terms to a request from this H.Q. regarding the general flying of Italian flags in areas administered by AMOT.

2. In accordance with General Administrative Instruction No. 2 (Political, para 10), Italian flags should not be flown. These instructions will remain in force until such time as Italy is administered by a responsible Italian Government. Disciplinary action, however, will not be taken in cases of infringement of these instructions.

3. I regret that the instructions from A.F.H.Q. in para 2 above are not very helpful and I presume that you will in future continue to judge each case on its merits.

4. G(Ops) 15 Army Group are issuing instructions regarding this matter to 5th and 8th Armies.

ASD,
15 Army Group,
C. H. H.
ASD/10.

R. L.
R. J. F. THOMAS, VERNON,
Colonel,
Senior Staff Officer.

Copies to: H.Q. AMOT, Region II.
G(Ops), H.Q. 15 Army Group.
FILE AMO/209.

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TELEGRAM OUT.

TO : 5 ARMY FOR AMOT FOR HUNG
REFD 8 ARMY FOR AMOT.

(Copy to: B.G.B., 15 ARMY GROUP
by ELS from AMG HQ).

FROM : FILLET FROM AMOT.

(Orig's No. 8)

24 Oct

SECRET (.) Reference your 2-7-10AMG dated 17 Oct (.) AMOT have no
responsibility whatever regarding collection of arms, feeding, billeting and
paying of Italian troops (.) Arrangements regarding those matters are being
made by military authorities (.)

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If this message is liable to inter-
ception it should be sent IN CIPHER.

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THI :
TOR :

.....Colonel.

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CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

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FOLIO NO 07230
25 OCT 53

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED EISENHOWER
TO : 15 ARMY GROUP FOR AMG
INFO: 155 FOR SEARS FOR AMG
ORIG. NO : 1305 CITE FHEGS

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TOR 2305

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REFERENCE YOUR FA 56 OF 13 OCTOBER 1943.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NUMBER
TWO POLITICAL PARA TEN ITALIAN FLAGS SHOULD NOT BE FLOWN.
THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS
ITALY IS ADMINISTERED BY A RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
DISCIPLINARY ACTION, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN CASES OF
INFRINGEMENT OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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AMOOT 4 ACTION

Copy 6 to me
see 17.

SND 0050A/24.00
T.T. 0142A/24. 330.

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TO BEARS FOR AMOT.		FROM FILIPPO FROM AMOT.		Originator's Number RA 63		Date 22		In Reply to Number	
SUBJECT AMOT Italians against	(.) 446 wishing GERMANY	References dated to must	your 19 enlist join	A-814 Oct for Italian	GITH (.) service army.				
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IMPORTANT
CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

21 OCT 1943

FOUR NO. 06467
19TH OCTOBER 43.

FROM : SEARE FOR AMGOT
TO : AIRPT FOR AMGOT
ORIG NO. : A-814 CITE AMGOT 446

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THI NIL
TOR 1353A.20

CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE RECRUITING
OF ITALIANS FOR SERVICE AGAINST GERMANY

END MESSAGE

SHORT & ACTION

Spoke 'A' Branch who say if Italians want to fight
they can join Italian Army No. 20110.

END 1435A.20
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SEARS FOR ANGOT RPTD FREEDOM FOR M.G.S.

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P.A. to C.G.S.

FROM

FILPOT FROM ANGOT.

Originator's Number

FA 56

Date

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In Reply to Number

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Prefect

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CATANZARO

requests

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SIGNED (Sgd) R.J.P. THORNE THORNE.
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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
OUTGOING MESSAGE

REF. NO: 2-7-10AM³ PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE: 17 Oct. 1943

TIME DATE: _____ CLASSIFICATION: SECRET.

APPROVED:

John Boettiger
JOHN BOETTIGER,
Capt. AUS.

ORIGINATING SECTION: AMG-III.

TO: CG FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP
B A R I

MILITARY AUTHORITY IN NAPLES HAS DIRECTED US TO
SUPERVISE COLLECTION OF ARMS FROM ITALIAN SOLDIERS
ON THE PREMISE THEY ARE CIVILIANS PERIOD (PAREN TO CG
FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FOR RENNELL FROM HUME AMG FIFTH ARMY
PAREN) PERIOD PARA PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE
DONE AND WHAT PROCEDURE IS BEING FOLLOWED ELSEWHERE IN
ITALY PERIOD CLARIFYING DIRECTIVE CONCERNING STATUS OF
ITALIAN SOLDIERS AS TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR FEEDING CMA
BILLETING AND PAYING THEM AT PRESENT TIME WOULD BE MOST
HELPFUL ESPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO GREAT NUMBERS OF
SOLDIERS WHO ARE NOT ORGANIZED INTO UNITS

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- 1 - Col. Wilson

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*To John & Brig Ten Wizer clat. H. a
L said Italian military were responsible
of killing
a not any...*

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(AMG/33) ✓ 7 10A
SUBJECT: Repatriation of Demobilised Italian Soldiers.

TO: ALLIED MILITARY MISSION,
BRINDISI.

Ref. AL/39/13

16. Oct. 43.

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Reference your letter of 11.Oct.43.

There is no objection.

AMGOT,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

R. J. P. Thorne
R. J. P. THORNE THORNE
Colonel.
S.S.O.

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SECRET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY BASE SECTION
A.P.O. 782, U.S. Army

SECRET
Auth: CG, 5th ABS
Initials:
Date: 15 Oct/43

16 October 1943

5th ABS 229

MEMORANDUM:

TO : See Distribution.

1. Friendly Italian planes are now marked with green, white and red roundels. Red is the center color. Markings are shown on the fuselage and wings only. The markings do not appear on the rudder or fins.

2. This information should be disseminated down to and including Platoon Commanders.

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Comdg

OFFICIAL:

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"A" & "C"

A True Copy

DOUGLAS N. BATSON,
1st Lt., CMP,
Actg Asst Adjutant General.

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Subject :- Italian Flag

C.C.A.O.,
ANGOT H.Q.
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23 OCT 1943

DEA/36/4

ANGOT H.Q. REGION 2

15th October 1943.
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There is attached copy of our letter of 15th Oct.
to C.A.O. (Prov)., Catanzaro.

2. May we request a ruling as promptly as possible
with respect to the Policy to be followed in Region 2, regarding the
flying of Italian colours.

[Signature]
Lieut. Col., A.U.S.,
R.C.A.O. ANGOT H.Q. REGION 2.

Copy to
ANGOT/209
file for 7.
per 1/25/4

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Subject:- Italian Flag.

C.A.O. (Prov).,
Catanzaro.
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AMHOT H.Q. REGION

EOA/36/3

AMHOT H.Q. REGION 2

15th October 1943.
.....

According to Proclamation No.11, Article VI, the public display of any flag or colours of Italy or of any other country at war with Great Britain or the United States, is prohibited.

2. This Headquarters has received no word as to whether the Armistice or declaration of co-belligerency alter the above mentioned clause.

3. Under the circumstances we are not in a position to authorize the display of Italian Flags.

4. We agree, however, that in view of recent events it is not necessary for you, pending any advice to the contrary, to create an issue by taking down the flags already flown by private persons.

5. With regard to the request of the Acting Prefect, the only course is to tell him that in the absence of specific authorisation from a higher level this Headquarters cannot permit him to fly the Italian colours on public buildings.

6. We shall however take up this question and let you have the final decision as soon as possible.

[Signature]
Lieut. Col., A.U.S.
H.Q.A.C. AMHOT H.Q. REGION-2.

Copy to :- General Lord Rennell. -

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A.M.G.O.T.

15 Army Group.

C. M. F.

15 Oct. 43.

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Brigadier Airey

D.D.M.I.

15 Army Group.

The following are the names of the three Italian officials who arrived here on foot from Rome. They are at present at Brindisi and can be reached through the Allied Military Mission.

Signor ROBERTI
Signor MARCHIORI
Sub.Lieut.FALCHI

DGP/JG.

DGP

Major.

M.A. to C.C.A.O.

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AMG/33

Subject: Italian Foreign Office & Navy Personnel.

Headquarters,
Allied Military Mission,
BRINDISI.

AL/4/17.

12. Oct. 43.

This will introduce:-

Signor. ROBERTI	-	Foreign Office.
Signor. MARCHIONI	-	Foreign Office.
Sub. Ident. FALCHI	-	Navy.

who arrived at Lord Rennell's house this morning, having been passed on to him by Group Capt. Benson from AMGOF, 8th Army, where they arrived on foot from Rome. I understand they may have information which may be of use to Army Intelligence.

AMGOF,
15 Army Group,
C. M. P.
DGP/JG.

dfv Major,
M.A. to C.C.A.O.

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AMGOT H. 8th Army
11 Oct 43.
(4)

C.C.A.O.,
15th Army Group.

Tonight there arrived the following who had come from Rome by various means. They have been seen by G.S.I.(b) and instructed to report to the nearest Italian Military Unit. In view of the fact that one of them is a Foreign Office Official and was ~~Sub~~ Secretary in Washington, I think it better to send them down to you.

Their names are as follows:-

Signor. ROBERTI Foreign Office.
Signor. MARCHIORI. " "
Sub.Lieut. FAJCHI. Navy.

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C. G. W.
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
Angot H.Q. 8th Army. 866

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION

11 OCT 1943

BRINDISI, ITALY.

11 OCTOBER, 1943.

TO: MAJOR GENERAL LORD RENNEL.

SUBJECT: REPATRIATION OF DEMOBILISED ITALIAN SOLDIERS.

1. The Commando Supremo is demobilising all classes up to and including the year 1910. In this group are approximately 10 Officers and 100 O.R.s from SICILY.
2. The Commando Supremo has asked the Allied Military Mission if there are any objections to sending these men home and if not if the Mission has any desires regarding time schedule and transport.
3. Please let me have your instructions as soon as possible.

No objection
19.10
see 13
Nelson W. Monfort
NELSON W. MONFORT, LT COL. A.U.S.
ALLIED MILITARY MISSION.

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AMIG/33 ✓
10. Oct. 43
AK/H
SUBJECT:- Employment of Italian Bde Group.

MOST SECRET.

15AG/21/G(Ops)

8 Oct. 43

Fifth Army

1. Ref your signal No. 2217 of 7 Oct. This Bde Gp (RCT) is now ready and available when you require it. It is at present at SAN PIETRO, South of BRINDISI. The Commander, Brigadier General DAPIRO, could visit you if desirable.
2. It is assumed that if you are unable to provide necessary liaison personnel from your own sources, application will be made to this H.Q., prior to the movement of the Bde.

John W. Hartman
for Major Genl.,
C.G.S.
15 Army Group.

COPY TO:-
H.Q. No.2 District
British Military Mission
C.G.S.
D.C.C.S.
B.C.S.
C(SD)
A.M.G.O.T. ✓

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IMPORTANT
CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO NO 01578
6 OCT 43

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED CINC
TO: FATIMA
INFO: IBS, NO ONE DIST
ORIG NO: 4830 CITE PHOTO

TOO 1909A/8
TOR 1050A/9

AMG MESSINA REPORTS 3 ITALIAN ARMY OFFICERS, COL FRANCESCO GARGANO,
LIEUT COL NICOLA GIOVENE AND CAPT ANTHONY PIZZI, UNDER ORDERS FROM
GENERAL ROATTAR TO RECRUIT ITALIANS IN SICILY FOR UNIT KNOWN AS
ARMY OF INSURRECTION. NO KNOWLEDGE THIS ORGANISATION. INVESTIGATE
AND REPORT RESULTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS EARLY.

AMCOT
CIPHERS

1 ACTION
2 FOR NO 1 DISTRICT

ACTION

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SEARCH FOR ARROW

URGENT

7 October 1943

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AMG

ARROW MEMORANDUM REPORTS THAT ITALIAN ARMY OFFICERS HAVE ADVISED THAT OFFICERS FROM
GENERAL ROATON TO REPORT ITALIANS IN SEARCH FOR UNIT TO BE KNOWN AS ~~ARROW~~ ARMY OF
INDEPENDENT ~~UNIT~~ X FROM FROM SEARCH FOR ARROW TO AMEQ GIVE ARROW THREE SIX SIX
PAGES X MILITARY UNIT HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THIS ORGANIZATION X REQUEST
DIRECTIVE AS TO WHETHER ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE PERMITTED AND EXTENT TO WHICH COOPERATION
IS TO BE GIVEN X OFFICERS INVOLVED ARE COLONEL FRANCESCO GARDINO, LT COL NICOLA
GILVERI AND CAPTAIN ANTONIO FERRI X

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