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Subject: Basketball Competition.

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1. Theater-wide basketball competition has been inaugurated, leading toward a championship contest to be held in March. The schedule is as follows:

a. Rome Area eliminations -- Play to be completed before 12 February.

b. North Italy Zone -- Finals on 20, 21 February.

c. Theater Championship -- To be in March.

2. Units in this area who wish to enter teams in the local league competition are asked to send representatives to a meeting in the Special Service Office, Hq Rome Area room 7, at 1030 hours, Monday, 8 January 1945.

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"TARGET TOKYO" (Information Sheet 4)

SOME QUESTIONS ON CHINA ANSWERED SIMPLY

What are the Chinese soldiers like ? Are they mostly farmers, shopkeepers, students, or professional soldiers ? Is there military conscription in China ?

Most of the Chinese soldiers were formerly farmers, shopkeepers and labourers. There is conscription in China, especially in villages and among certain sections of the people, though certain others, e.g. students, are being reserved for the future reconstructional work. There is compulsory military training for all able-bodied males.

How does China's Civil Defence function ?

The A.R.P. organisation in China is now very efficient. Every male receives civil defence training, but the A.R.P. wardens are paid and form part of the Police and Civil Defence corps. Chungking has a very elaborate system of Civil Defence.

How many doctors are there in China ? How many are working with the army ? Are there any women doctors ?

When war broke out there were less than 6,000 qualified doctors in the whole country, but various organisations, such as the Emergency Medical Field Service Training School, have been making good the deficiency as rapidly as possible. The Chinese equivalent of the R.A.M.C. has about 150,000 officers and men of all ranks, and there is also a Medical Relief Corps, under the Chinese Red Cross, which has over 180 qualified doctors. There is a

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How are the Chinese guerilla forces organised ?

At the beginning of the war the guerillas were chiefly recruited from patriots who had suffered from the Japanese invasion. There are now altogether about 1,400,000 guerillas in China. Of these 600,000 are regular soldiers given a training very closely corresponding to that given to Commando units in this country. The other 800,000 were raised from local volunteers, but they too are completely controlled and directed by the Headquarters of the regular army.

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How did China achieve complete unity so suddenly following the long period of civil strife before the war ?

China's unity is not so much a case of the sudden reconciliation of oppositional forces as the consequences of a long, slow process of evolution. She had a continuous history of almost 4,000 years

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with two languages, one script, and one common ethical basis of life. The peasant-guerilla strife and war-lordism following the revolution was only an interlude in Chinese politics occurring during the process of re-adjustment, and in no way indicative that the Chinese people are divided. The present army of the Chinese people is being used not in the struggle between factions but in the struggle for a united front against the Japanese aggressors.

Do the Chinese people have different dialects ?

Yes, although there is only one written language in China, there are many dialects just as in Britain. About 75 per cent of these dialects are mutually understandable, the other 25 per cent are so different from the others that they are not understood. These dialects are chiefly found in the provinces of Fukien and Kwangtung, but in all schools, Kuoyu, which is the national speech, is being taught, and even in the above-named provinces, Kuoyu is understood by at least 70 per cent of the people under the age of forty.

What is the percentage of literacy in China ?

In Free China, about 42 per cent of the people are now literate. The Chinese Government has been adopting an anti-illiteracy campaign in occupied China, establishing Peoples' Schools and using new methods of teaching the language, and rapid results have been achieved. It is expected that by 1944, all children of school age will be receiving education. This mass-education movement is also being propagated by the various Industrial Co-operatives.

Why doesn't China adopt a system of alphabet ?

Because the substitution of an alphabet for the present system of characters would create a linguistic confusion: Chinese is monosyllabic and has only a limited number of sounds representing a large number of meanings, so present people from different parts of the country can read and understand the same characters, but they may

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What are the favourite games in China ?

The Chinese have their own games; such as kite-flying, hoop-spinning, shuttlecocks (played with feet), archery, wrestling, and 12 string. But the Chinese have been peculiarly deficient in team games. In the last twenty years, however, many western games have been adopted and they are now more popular among students than any of the older sports. For example, football, basket ball, tennis, volley ball, baseball, ice hockey, etc., are all played.

What forms of social education are there in China ?

Much the same as in this country, though developments have started only comparatively recently. The Chinese press has not only served to enlighten the people and played a very important part in the politics of modern China, the literary supplements of the Chinese

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great part in ... education. Unlike western operas,
Chinese ... have not been adapted by a privileged few. ...
have gone down deep into the heart of the masses. ... operas
serve to teach people history and ethics; new, more patriotic
pageants are being produced to awaken the mass. ... education is ... being carried out through the New Life Movement
and the Industrial Co-operatives which operate very well organised
social schemes.

What kind of legal system has China ? Will it be effected by the abolition of extraterritorial rights by British and America ?

The Chinese legal system is based on her own legal traditions and the codes which are modelled after the so-called Continental System of Law. Much progress has been made since the Republic; examples are the law against bigamy, the inheritance law, etc. With the abolition of extraterritorial rights, foreigners will be tried by a Chinese court in the same way as a Chinese would be tried by a British court if he committed an offence here. But in order to cope with the fact that most foreigners cannot speak Chinese, the Chinese Government is making plans for training experts who will be able to deal with foreigners in their own language according to Chinese law; and a legal Commission has been specially set up to make provisions for the trials of foreigners, taking into consideration their own legal conventions.

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What is China's mineral wealth like? - Will she have sufficient raw materials for her industrialisation?

China has a variety of minerals, but only a small proportion has been mined. She is the world's greatest producer of antimony and tungsten, and is also producing copper, tin, mercury, and gold. She has a large coal and iron reserve, and is sixth among the nations in total petroleum reserves. The production of the latter group of minerals, however, has only become rapid since the war. It is hoped that after the war there will be an international development of China's resources on a large scale, not only for her own industrialisation, but also for the benefits of the whole world. Two five-year plans for the development of China's light and heavy industries are under consideration, and much is being done by the National Geological Survey in the investigation of the hidden resources of China.

What surplus products will China have to export immediately after the war? What will China need most after the war?

China will have wood-oil, tea, eggs, vegetables, tin, antimony, tungsten, silk, hides, soya beans, and other things to export. Her chief need will be for capital machine goods.

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The programme for the New Year, of the British Wing section of the Rome Arts Club will begin with the following activities:-

VISUAL ARTS SECTION

A continuous exhibition of original art & craftwork (including model making, open to all ranks, will be arranged in the Art Exhibition room, home.

Work intended for this exhibition may be submitted to the Education Office at any time, and may be withdrawn from the exhibition when desired.

The name and unit of the Exhibitor, and the PRICE of the work (if for sale) should be clearly marked on the back of each exhibit.

Drawings and paintings should always be mounted, if possible. The exhibition is intended to encourage original drawing, Painting and Craftwork of all kinds. No stipulation is made as to size or number of exhibits that may be submitted.

DRAMA SECTION

A play will be produced early in the New Year.

Any one wishing to take an active part in the production should apply to the Secretary of the Drama Section C/O Education (Br) Rome Area Allied Command. A special invitation to co-operate is extended to all British Womens' Services (civilian and military).

Applications should be made before 14 Jan 45.

LITERARY SECTION

Writers of Poetry, Plays and Short Stories are invited to submit their work to the Secretary of the Literary Section c/o Education (Br) R.A.A.C. for free constructive criticism. Name and address should be clearly written on each M.SS.

MUSIC SECTION

A musical evening will be held once a month.

THE PAPER (Wall Magazine)

Draftwork of all kinds. No stipulation is made as to size or number of exhibits that may be submitted.

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THE FORUM (Wall Magazine)
Members will be kept in touch with each other, and opportunities given for exchange of views etc. in a wall magazine entitled - THE FORUM. Contributions should be of general interest and should be submitted to the Editor of THE FORUM c/o Education (Br) R.A.A.C.

Drawings can only be reproduced for circulation if done crisply in Indian ink on white paper. Cartoons and humorous work will be welcomed.

All units will be supplied once a month with Drawings, cyclo-styled M.SS. and plan for Forum board.

The success of this project depends on the co-operation of both Units, U.E.Os and on those interested.

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1) The Morale Service Library, formerly located in room N°331, Hq.NAAC, has been moved to room N°442 and made a part of the Information-Education Section. It has been renamed the I & E Library. Miss Maria Favaloro is the librarian. We hate to make you climb all those stairs to the top floor, but we hope you will be rewarded with the book you want. If you wish to be sure the book you want is in before you start climbing, why not phone first? The telephone number is 66530, the same as for the I & E Section. The hours, which we hope are convenient to all of you, are continuous from 0900 to 1715.

2) The Information & Education Section is interested in building up an adequate library of reference, classical, and ~~popular~~ books. We want it to be a usable and useful library. This means we must select our books carefully. We want you to have a library that, though small, is the kind that circulates books. We would rather you wear out a book than have it collect dust on the shelves.

3) You can help us in three ways: First by letting us know the books you want most, books you like and books you need. The librarian keeps a list of books you ask for and which we do not have now. These we try to obtain for you. If you will leave your name and phone number when you inquire about a book we do not have, the librarian will notify you when and if we get it. Second, you can help by lending and donating books you may have: books which you have enjoyed and which you would recommend to others. We are willing to circulate these books for you. We won't guarantee anything, but we will take as good care of them as we can and return them to you when you want them. Third, let us know where we can obtain books you believe meet our requirements. Perhaps a friend has a book he may be willing to make available to others. Maybe you have seen a popular book in some bookstore.

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Special Service has made available through us some good popular books. The Armed Forces Institute has helped us stock reference books.

4) Incidentally we are trying to build up a library that will function as a part of an Educational and Recreational program we hope to get going soon. We plan to organize some residence classes in foreign languages, art, music, history, psychology, tours, etc. - whatever you are interested in studying during off-duty hours. If you want it we can probably get you High School and College credit for these courses. We may organize a reading course in which you can get school credit for reading a certain numbers of books.

5) We have on the shelves a number of paper bound books of Fighting Forces Series. They are among the information sources used effectively in the Army Orientation Program. New ones are constantly being received. The newest one received is called Blitzkrieg: Armies On Wheels, written by Lt.Colonel S.L.A.Marshal, and first published in the Infantry Journal.

6) We have on display some of the many textbooks of the Armed Forces Institute. Look them over. If you are interested we can supply you with application blanks. You fill them out and we will get them to the MTOUSA Branch of USAFI. It is located on the Campus of the University of Rome.

7) The Information & Education Library hopes to serve you by making available books you can read with profit and enjoyment.

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1. SOLDIERS' ART
A continuous exhibition of original art and craft work, open to all ranks in Rome Area Allied Command, will be arranged in the Art Exhibition Rooms, Rome, immediately after Christmas.
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2. MODERN ITALIAN ART
Exhibition now open in the Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Valle Giulia, (Borghese Gardens). Entrance fee 10 lire.

3. MOSES
Michelangelo's famous MOSES, originally carved in marble for the tomb of Pope Julius II, has now been uncovered, and may be seen in the Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, Piazza San Pietro in Vincoli (Via Cavour).

4. LIBRARY BOOKS
Books of all kinds may be borrowed from the Biblioteca Nazionale, Via Collegio Romano 27.
Signature of an officer is required, guaranteeing the return of books in good condition.

5. A.E.C. BROADCASTS (British Forces Radio) Every Friday at 1615 hrs. Broadcasts up to date have included the Series "What to see in Rome", and "How to look at Art" Last Friday's broadcast was devoted to announcing the winners in the Area Prize Competitions, and [illegible]

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6. PRIZE COMPETITIONS
Entries may be collected from the Education Office after Christmas Day. 12/9

7. COLOUR PRINTS
Permanent exhibition of colour prints in the Art Exhibition Rooms, Trajan's Market, Via Nazionale.

8. MUSIC
The Saturday evening troop concerts of Ballet and Symphonic Music will continue to be organised in the Rome Opera House on alternate Saturdays by Education & Welfare, in turn.

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PRIZE COMPETITIONS

Rome Area Allied Command

Education (Br)

REPORT

1. The Competition has obviously been a popular experiment in the Area. Entries were submitted for every section except the Comb Band and Dance Band Sections, and were more numerous than was expected.

2. The selection of drawings, paintings and craftswork, exhibited in the Trajan Market Gallery, has attracted considerable attention, and has no doubt stimulated troops "to entertain themselves for the entertainment of others" judging by the amount of work submitted for comment long after the closing date of the competitions

3. In view of the fact that a large number of units had officers as well as men competing, it was decided to include judges from the U.S. Army & Navy. They were as follows:

ART & CRAFTS SECTION

Capt. PENNOYER — well known American Artist
Lt. PERRY COTT Ph..P. (Princeton) — Director of Fine Arts & Monumen Div
Capt. MORSE-BROWN — representing British Army Educ.

WRITING SECTION

Capt. BODENKER Ed. M.(Harvard) — Armed Forces Institute, Rome University
Lt. HOWELL — representing British Army Educ.

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4. RESULTS (i) Broadcast by British Forces Radio Fri 8 Dec 1815 hrs.
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5. The Exhibition will remain open until CHRISTMAS DAY, after which all entries may be collected from the Educ. office, Room 326.

6. All who took part in this competition (which was planned to be th first of a series) are congratulated on the unexpectedly high standard of the work submitted. The Judges found it difficult, i some cases, to award one prize where several entries deserved recognition.

7. The Supreme Allied Commander, the District Commander, and the Com manier British troops Rome have inspected the Competition entries

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PRIZE COMPETITIONS

ART AND CRAFTS SECTION

20 Prizes: 1st Prize: £ 1.0.0. 2nd Prize: 10/- in each section

NOTE: For reasons of SECURITY addresses cannot be given.

1. Design for poster 18" x 12" (vertical) in 3 colours illustrating the slogan "Worth Waiting For."

   1st Prize: 7654519 L/Cpl Tora E.
   2nd Prize: 7691561 L/Cpl Staines F.

2. Regimental motto in Roman Capital letter ¶ inch high

   1st Prize: S/12683 S/Sjt Badcock W.E.
   2nd Prize: Pte. Quinn D.

3. A) Drawing of Regimental Badge

   1st Prize: S.Q.M.S. Clegg
   2nd Prize: S/12683 S/Sjt Badcock W.E.

   B) Wood Carving of Regimental Badge

   1st Prize: 2067938 Cpl. Walker A.R.
   2nd Prize: 1534455 Cpl. Morley T.

4. Illustration "Come and Get it."

   1st Prize: 4754533 Pte. Smith
   2nd Prize: Pte. Hall M.

5. View of Rome

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6. Portrait Study

1st Prize: S.Q.M.S. Clegg
2nd Prize: Cpl. Lockhurst
Nursing Officer Maybury highly commended.

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7. Pen-knife wood-carving of an animal

1st Prize: Lt. C.A. Spenceley

8. Hand made child's toy

1st Prize: Lt. C.A.Spenceley
2nd Prize: 172170 Gnr. Watt H

9. Model of a ship, boat or aircraft

1st Prize: Capt. Jackson
2nd Prize: 10707440 L/Cpl Mitchell

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13. Needlework (Embroidered monogram, badge or illustration)

1st Prize: T/209705 Dvr. Rochell W
2nd Prize: 11405341 Rflm. Lewis

WRITING SECTION

1. An Essay entitled "Home"

1st Prize: 4132172 Pte. O'Brien E.
2nd Prize: 178672 W. Cpl. Clarke E.

2. Short love story

1st Prize: 187546 Lieut. W.N.Bamber
2nd Prize: Q.M.S. Raspin E.

3. A poem
A) entitled "Rome"

1st Prize: 7693111 Sjt. Frost E.M.
2nd Prize: E/35692 Cpl. Whisley J

B) entitled "Angelina"

1st Prize: 6922116 Pte Brentini G.I.
2nd Prize: 4132172 Pte. O'Brien E.

4. A Barrack Room Ballad

1st Prize: L/Cpl Davenport J
2nd Prize: No prize awarded

5. A Crossword Puzzle

1st Prize: 7349753 Pte Smith B.J.
2nd Prize: S/4939416 Pte. Jeffs H

6. Epitaph to Q.M.S.

1st Prize: 2974924 Sigm. Carter C.M.
2nd Prize: 1089677 Sjt. Havill D.S.F.

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MUSIC SECTION

1. Victory March

1st Prize: Capt. M.L.Babb
2nd Prize: 3779033 Pte. Mainey W.

SPECIAL PRIZE - £ 5. BEST ENTRY IN WHOLE COMPETITION

Model Ship:- Capt. Jackson

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MINUTES OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL MEETING HELD AT ROMA D'ITALIA 5 NOVEMBER 4

CHAIRMAN :- Brigadier A. LOW

SERIAL NO	MINUTE
1	LAAC GROUNDS Major STEPHENS stated that the following grounds were reserved for the exclusive u (1) National Stadium. (Ex P.N.F.) (2) Campo Apollodoro. (3) Stadio Olimpionico. (4) Stadio dei Marmi. Brigadier LOW stated that P.N.F. Stadium was suitable for large representative mat
2	UNIT GROUNDS CEDIC 9 Kilos outside ROME on ROAD - SUBIACO road. Fairly good ground but 30 CITY HIRES Exhibition Buildings - Fairly good ground. 38 VEHICLE COY RAOC 8 Kilos outside ROME towards SAPIENZA. 45 S.A. WORKSHOP COY 15 Kilos outside ROME on Route 6. 14 VEHICLE COY RAOC Via Prodestina. TAC TEAM RA 8 ARMY 20 Kilos outside ROME on Route 6. 8 C.P.O. Quarticciolo, between Routes 5 and 6. 10 COY DEPOT Exhibition Buildings. Full size, but bad surface. 51 REST CAMP On Route 7. Small and narrow.
3	FORMATION OF ZONE LEAGUES Major STEPHENS stated it was proposed to divide the Area into 4 zones, on the number Brigadier LOW stated that the question of units entering more than one numerical basis) would be for future consideration.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL MEETING HELD AT [illegible]

CHAIRMAN :- Brigadier A. LOW

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[illegible] stated that the following grounds were reserved for the exclusive use of RAAC.

National Stadium. (Ex P.N.F.)
Campo Apollodoro.
Stadio Olimpionico.
Stadio dei Marmi.

LOW stated that P.N.F. Stadium was suitable for large representative matches only.

DIC 9 Kilos outside ROME on ROAD - [illegible] road. Fairly good ground but bit short.

CHESHIRES Exhibition Buildings - Fairly good ground.

VEHICLE COY RAOC 8 Kilos outside ROME towards SAPLEIO.

S.A. [illegible] COY 15 Kilos outside ROME on Route 6.

VEHICLE COY RAOC Via Prodostina.

TEAM RA & ARMY 20 Kilos outside ROME on Route 6.

P.O. Quarticciolo, between Routes 5 and 6.

COY DEPOT Exhibition Buildings. Full size, but bad surface.

REST CAMP On Route 7. Small and narrow.

Major STRICKLAND stated it was proposed to divide the Area into 4 zones, depending on the number of teams.

Brigadier LOW stated that the question of units entering more than one team (on a numerical basis) would be for future consideration.

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SERIAL NO	MINUTE
4	Major [illegible] was elected Chairman. Motion for Secretary and three members to be forwarded to Welfare RAAC by Brigadier [illegible] stated that all appointments would be re-considered after [illegible]
5	Brigadier [illegible] stated that criterion for Area or Zone Tournaments will be called issue of Area Orders, following which, a decision will be made as to the to be organised.
6	Major [illegible] stated that reason additional to those in the Agenda should be forwarded Brigadier [illegible] stated that these would be in the categories :- (a) Qualified. (b) Unprejudged but not qualified. The following additional reasons were put forward :- [illegible] - attached RAAC. [illegible] - Allied Commission. [illegible] - 715 A/T Reg RE.
7	Brigadier [illegible] stated that he considered all units should be able to turn out a programmed rehearsal on any day, provided fair notice was given. Also exhibitions they should indicate on what day they are prepared to play. Major [illegible] stated of finals, a date by which matches were to be completed would be allocated.
8	Major [illegible] had a soccer balls only in stock. An allocation was expected from AG [illegible] gave no indication of the quantities to be expected. Brigadier stated that units should state on their criterion, whether they were self supporting or not or whether would be required. It was suggested that authority might be obtained from [illegible], AG 7 for duplication of boots. This had proved successful in the past. It was also suggested that worn boots could be used as football boots by having bars welded Brigadier [illegible] stated that this would not meet with official approval.

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[illegible] was elected Chairman.
[illegible] for Secretary and three members to be forwarded to Welfare RAAO by 8 Nov 44.
[illegible] stated that all appointments would be re-considered after an interval of 2 months.

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[illegible] stated that entries for Area or Zone Leagues will be called for in next issue of Area Orders, following which, a decision will be made as to the number of leagues to be organised.

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stated that names additional to those in the Agenda should be forwarded to him.
stated that there would be in two categories :-

(a) Qualified.
(b) Experienced but not qualified.

Additional names were put forward :-

GS [illegible] - nominated AAG.
SIG [illegible] - Allied Commission.
I/C [illegible] - 71 [illegible] Gp. AA.

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stated that he considered all units should be able to turn out a team for a match on any day, provided fair notice was given. Area exhibitions for the league had fixtures on that day also were prepared to play. Major [illegible] stated that a system by which reserve dates to be exhibited would be effected.

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[illegible] soccer balls only in store. An allocation was expected from ALFSEA but he could not say the quantities to be expected.
[illegible] units should place an their entries, whether they were self supporting, in respect to all be considered.
[illegible] authority might be obtained from [illegible] for [illegible] of AA shorts and shirts.
successful in the past.
[illegible] that team books could be used as football books by having bars added
[illegible] that this would not meet with official approval.

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SERIAL NO	MINUTE
9	RUGBY — Major SIEMENS stated there was one ground only available. Brigadier LOW suggested friendly games should be organised and a League formed at a
10	POLISH REPRESENTATIVE TEAM — Major SIEMENS stated that he would arrange a match for this tea
11	CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING — Brigadier LOW stated that this form of sport should be considered as and no kit was required.

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Fly Comdt - (2)
G.1(B) for Sec. D. (B) (2)
G.4(B) for Welfare O. (2)
O/c Brit. R.

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[illegible]

[illegible] stated there was one ground only available.
[illegible] suggested friendly games should be organised and a league formed at a later date.

[illegible] Major [illegible] stated that he would arrange a match for this town.

Brigadier [illegible] stated that this form of sport should be considered as it was quite popular and no hit was required.

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Hq Comd Pt (2)
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G 4(B) for Welfare C (2)
O/C Unit A.

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

AG 330.11/550 A-O

24 October 1944

Adjutant	
Asst. Adj.	
Asst Adj.	
Chief Clerk	

SUBJECT: War Department Publication, "What the Soldier Thinks."

TO : All Concerned.

1. Issue number 5 of the War Department monthly digest, "What the Soldier Thinks", is currently being distributed to unit and organization commanders for their information and guidance. Attention is directed to War Department letter, 25 April 1944, opposite page 1 of this booklet.

2. Other issues of this publication have been and will continue to be distributed in a similar manner. The data contained in them is useful to troop commanders and when properly utilized, will enable them to develop policies and practices calculated to develop a high standard of morale in their commands. Special consideration should be given to "A Check List of Company Leadership Practices" shown on pages 8 and 9 of Issue Number 5. A careful self-rating on the tabulated practices contained in this form may indicate to commanders deficiencies requiring corrective measures.

3. Commanders in all echelons are directed to make full use of the survey data contained in all issues of this publication to the end that a continuing effort will be made to increase the morale, discipline and efficiency of their troops.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

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27 OCT 1944
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H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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	Economic Section			Adjutant	✓
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	Commerce			Orders & Bulletins	
	Finance			2675 Rept	✓
	Food			Political Section	
	Industry			Navy	✓
	Labor			Army	✓
	Mining Division			Air	✓
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	Requisition Division			Civil Censorship Group	
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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

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AG 353.8 (SS)

14 October 1944

Adjutant | Asst. Adj. | Asst. Adj. | Chief Clerk

Subject: Tyrrhenian Zone Boxing Competition.

To : All American Units, Rome Allied Area Command.

1. Allied Boxing Championship Bouts are to be held beginning 11 December 1944, at a site to be designated. Amateur and professional bouts will be conducted for all services in eight weights as follows:

FLYWEIGHT	under 112 lbs	WELTERWEIGHT	under 147 lbs
BANTAMWEIGHT	" 119 lbs	MIDDLEWEIGHT	" 160 lbs
FEATHERWEIGHT	" 127 lbs	Lt.HEAVYWEIGHT	" 176 lbs
LIGHTWEIGHT	" 135 lbs	HEAVYWEIGHT	UNLIMITED.

2. For the purpose of selecting contestants for the finals, the theater has been divided into six zones. Rome Allied Area Command is a part of the Tyrrhenian Zone, which will conduct Zone Boxing Championships at Naples during the week 13 – 20 November 1944, with a training camp opening 6 November.

3. Individuals in this command desiring to enter the Zone Boxing Championships will forward applications approved by unit commanding officers direct to Special Service Officer, PBS, APO 782, US Army. Applications must reach that address not later than 23 October in order to be considered. They must be legible and give name, rank, serial number, unit, and weight class, and will show clearly whether the entry is made as amateur or professional.

a. Amateur entries must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the Commanding Officer of the competitors unit as follows:

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"I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief (Name of Entrant) is an amateur boxer as defined in Para 14, of the 'Olympic' Boxing Rules."

b. Olympic Rule 14 defines an amateur as follows:

"An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize, staked bet, or declared wager, who has not competed with or against a professional for any prize (except with the express sanction of the Amateur Boxing Association of the nation of which he is a member) and who has never taught, pursued, or assisted in the practice of Athletic exercises as a means of obtaining a livelihood or pecuniary gain. Athletic exercises are all kinds of Sports administered by recognised International Amateur Federations or National Associations."

4. While there is no limit to the number of entrants from any unit, the standard of competition is expected to be high, and the entry of novices or near novices should not be encouraged.

5. Travel and temporary duty for two weeks to Zone Boxing Championships to arrive by 6 November should be covered by properly executed orders. Necessary travel is authorized by letter, Allied Force Headquarters, AG 353.8/049 A-0, 17 September 1944, subject: Finals, Allied Boxing Tournament.

By Command of Brigadier General BROWN:

I. E. CHLEK
Captain AGD
Adjutant General

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Subject:-ALLIED INDIVIDUAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

FROM ALLIED AREA COMAND
Ref 96/06
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11 Oct 44.

Ref warning notice from this office dated 4 Oct 44, the following details are added.

- The Tyrrhenian Zone Boxing Committee met in NAPLES on 3 Oct 44.
The Tyrrhenian Zone comprises the whole of the West Coast of Italy, south of Fifth Army Zone and including that area in Rear Command, HQ Central Allied Forces HQ Command NAPLES, [illegible] ROME.

- The Committee decided that the Zone Boxing Championships would be held in NAPLES during the week 7-12 Nov at the following weights:-

FEATHER weight	under 118 lbs	WELTER weight	under 147 lbs
BANTAM "	118 lbs	LIGHT MIDDLE "	160 lbs
FEATHER WEIGHT "	127 lbs	MIDDLE WEIGHT "	176 lbs
LIGHT WEIGHT "	135 lbs	HEAVY WEIGHT	Unlimited

All bouts to be of 3 minute rounds duration.
All personnel of Allied Forces stationed in the Areas specified above are eligible to compete in the Zone Championships.

- It was decided that the separate championships would be held concurrently, an amateur & a professional, and that the following definition of an amateur, given in Olympic Rule 14 would be accepted:-
"An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize, staked bet or declared wager, who has not competed with a professional for any prize (except with the express [illegible] and who has never taught, trained or assisted in the practice of athletic exercises as a means of obtaining a livelihood for pecuniary gain. And the definition to all kinds of sports administered by recognised International Amateur Federations or National Assns.

- It was decided that the entries must reach this office for onward transmission by 2359 hrs 17 Oct 44. Entries have to be consolidated for this Area and forwarded to reach [illegible] by 25 Oct 44.
- All entries should give, rank, name, number and Unit. Weight-class must be shown, and it must be clearly indicated whether the entry is made in the

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Light Blue " 135 lbs [illegible] Unlimited

All bouts to be of 3 three minute rounds duration.
All personnel of Allied Forces stationed in the Areas specified above are eligible to compete in the Zone Championships.

- It was decided that the separate competitions would be held concurrently, an amateur & a professional and that the following definition of an amateur, given in Olympic Rule 24, would be accepted:-
"An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize, staked bet or declared wager, who has not competed with or against a professional for any prize (except with the approval of the Amateur Boxing Assn of the nation of which he is a member) and who has never taught, pursued or assisted in the practice of athletic exercises as a means of obtaining a livelihood for pecuniary gain. All the provisions to all kinds of sports administered by recognised international Amateur Federations or National Assns.

- It was decided that the entries must reach this office for onward transmission by 2359 hrs 27 Oct 44. Entries have to be consolidated for this Area and forwarded to reach S Ltn by 29 Oct 44.
- All entries should give, [illegible], Number and Unit. Weight-class must be shown, and it must be clearly indicated to show the entry is made in the Amateur or Professional class. Amateur entries must be accompanied by the following certificate signed by [illegible] C.O. or Adjutant Boxing Rules."
"I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief (Name of Entrant) is an Amateur Boxer as Defined in Para [illegible] Olympic Boxing Rules."
(See Para 3 of this letter for full definition.

- In the event of competitors winning the unit in which they enter this meeting they will automatically be selected to represent the Zone in the Theatre Finals commencing 11 December 44.

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- While there is no limit to the number of entries from any Force or Area it is emphasised that the standard of the Theatre Championships may be expected to be high and the entry of Novices or Near Novices should not be encouraged.

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R.H. BAINES Staff Captain
British Army Welfare Services
ROME ALLIED AFA COMMAND

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29 SEP 1944
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ROME AREA PRIZE COMPETITIONS

£ 45 in Prizes

(Enterfain yourself for the entertainment of others)

Officers Commanding Units in the Rome Area will bring to the notice of all ranks the following competitions.

Unit Education Officers will do all that they can to encourage personnel to prepare and submit entries. (Printed Poster to follow).

Entries submitted under the heading of Art & Crafts will be exhibited in Rome at the end of November. A selection of the best literary efforts will be published.

All entries will be forwarded, through Unit Education Officers to British Army Education Rome Area Command, not later than November

The name and unit of the sender will be clearly shown on each entry. Any number of entries may be submitted.

Judging will be done by a panel of professional artists, writers and musicians serving in the Army.

No correspondence.

SPECIAL PRIZE - £ 5 for the best entry in the whole competition.

ART & CRAFTS SECTION

10 PRIZES: 1st Prize £1.0.0., 2nd Prize 10/- in each section.

1. Design for a poster 18" x 12" (vertical) in 3 colours, illustrating the slogan "WORTH WAITING FOR."
2. Regimental motto in Roman Capital letters 1 inches high.
3. (a) Drawing of a Regimental Badge on a piece of paper 12" x 8"
   (b) Wood-carving of a Regimental Badge to fill a circle 4" dia
4. An illustration entitled "COME AND GET IT."
5. A View in Rome 8" x 10".
6. Portrait study in pencil or ink 18" x 12".
7. A pen-knife wood-carving of an animal.
8. A hand-made child's toy.
9. Model of a ship, boat or aircraft etc.
10. Needlework (Embroidered monogram, badge or illustration).

WRITING SECTION

12 PRIZES: 1st Prize £1.0.0. 2nd Prize 10/- in each section.

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No correspondence.

SPECIAL PRIZE - £ 5 for the best entry in the whole competition.

ART & CRAFTS SECTION

20 PRIZES: 1st Prize £1.0.0., 2nd Prize 10/- in each section.

1. Design for a poster 18" x 12" (vertical) in 3 colours, illustr ting the slogan "WORTH WAITING FOR."
2. Regimental motto in Roman Capital letters 1 inches high.
3. (a) Drawing of a Regimental Badge on a piece of paper 12" x 8"
   (b) Wood-carving of a Regimental Badge to fill a circle 4" dia
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9. Model of a ship, boat or aircraft etc.
10. Needlework (Embroidered monogram, badge or illustration).

WRITING SECTION

12 PRIZES: 1st Prize £1.0.0. 2nd Prize 10/- in each section.

1. An Essay entitled HOME — 500 words
2. A short love-story — 1000 words
3. A poem entitled
   (a) Rome
   (b) Angelina
   (c) Our Sergeant Major
4. A Barrack-Room Ballad
5. A cross-word puzzle (12 squares x 12 squares)
6. An epitaph to a Quarter Master Sergeant.

MUSIC SECTION

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PRIZES:

1. Composition of a "Victory March" — 1st Prize £ 1.0.0., 2nd Prize 10/-
2. A British Equivalent of "Lilli Marlen" — 1st Prize £1.0.0., 2nd Prize 10/-
3. Male Voice Choir (Inter-unit competition) Prize £ 5.0.0.
4. Comb-band (Inter-unit competition) Prize £ 3.0.0.
5. Dance-band (Inter-unit competition) Prize £ 5.0.0.

L.A. LAWRANCE Major
DAAG G-1 (Br)

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Subject:-Sport.

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
Tel 66506
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26 Sep 44.

A.G. Adj. MP
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1. A roll of first class athletes within Rome Allied Area Command is being compiled and maintained at this A.G. to assist in selection of representative teams. The roll will include t... a/m activities and the standard required for inclusion together with the details to be given, is shown below. In all cases number, rank, name, initials, unit and County of birth must accompany each nomination.

(a) SOCCER. Standard - Professional, or first class amateur club player.
Details- Age, pre war club, position played.

(b) RUGBY. Rugby league or Union standard-First class or county club.
Details-Age, pre war club, position played.

(c) CRICKET. Standard- Good class club or higher.
Details- Clubs played for and specialist ability e.g. fast bowler, wicket keeper, opening bat, etc.

(d) HOCKEY. Standard-Good club or higher.
Details- Age, pre war club or Army qualifications, position played.

(e) BOXING. Amateur or professional, standard required for amateur, A.B.A. intermediate or open class. Army divisional or District champion. Details required. If amateur, weight, pre war clubs and standard. If professional, weight, whether novic 2nd class, or championship contender.

2. OFFICIALS. The roll will also include the names and qualifications of referees, judges, and umpires in all the above spheres of activity.

3. This will be treated as urgent by all units and returns submitted to Senior Welfare Officer, Rome Allied Area Command by 7th October 1944.
Nil returns are required.

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J.O. STEPHENS, MAJOR, RTR
Senior Welfare Officer
British Army Welfare Services
ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

AG 245.1-Z

RJW/BMS/ncf
12 September 1944

HQ ACC 2102

Subject: Administration of Fifth Army Rest Centers and Leave Installations in the City of Florence.

Adjutant Asst. Adj. Asst. Adj. Chief of Clerks

File

To: See distribution.

1. During the period the City of Florence is in the Fifth Army zone and Headquarters Florence Command is responsible to the Commanding General, Fifth Army, the following listed Fifth Army installations, with their personnel,

a. Fifth Army Officers' Rest Center (Hotel Anglo-Americano).

b. Fifth Army Enlisted Men's Rest Camp (Piazza Della Stazione),

c. Fifth Army day leave restaurants,

operating in the City of Florence as defined in Paragraph 2, Letter this Headquarters, file AG 300-Z, dated 4 September 1944, subject: "Administration of the City of Florence", are placed under control of Headquarters Florence Command for the following purposes:

Allocation of facilities, to include accomodations and labor resources,

Provision of power, water, and light,

Traffic control,

P.A.D. and fire protection of military installations,

Military security,

Hygiene and sanitation,

Strength returns,

Discipline,

HEADQUARTERS 20 Sept 1944 A C C.

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Chief Staff Officer
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By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

B. W. SAUREL
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.
Asst. Adjutant General.

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, US Army

IEC/gfb
7 September 1944

MEMORANDUM: Operation of Allied Officer's Clubs.

TO : See Distribution.

1. The following Allied Officer's Clubs are placed under Welfare/Special Service Branch, Rome Allied Area Command, for supervision and operation:

a. Apollo Club.

b. Nirvanetta Club.

Asst. Adj. 1st
Asst Adj.
Chief Clerk

2. Welfare/Special Service Branch will:

a. Submit through the Deputy Commander, for the approval of the Commanding General, rules for the conduct of the clubs.

b. Agree with the civilian proprietors of these premises, conditions for their use as Allied Officer's Clubs. Such agreements will be subject to approval by the Commanding General.

c. Draw up list of prices to be changed.

d. Maintain supervision of the accounts of the clubs and submit recommendations to the Commanding General as to disposal of funds over and above necessary operating reserves.

3. Welfare/Special Service Branch will make arrangements with G-4, Rome Allied Area Command, for the supply from British and American sources of such commodities as are required for the Nirvanetta Club only.

By command of Brigadier General BROWN:

HEADQUARTERS
SEP 1944
A. C. C.

I. E. CHEEK
Captain AGD
Adjutant General

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
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28 April 1944

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MORALE SERVICES

1. REFERENCES:

a. MR 1-10.

b. Section I, NATOUSA General Order Number 11, cs.

c. War Department letter, 21 September 1943, Subject: "Special Services Officer in Tables of Organization of Regiments", AG 320.3 (16 September 43), OR-I-WDGCT-M.

d. War Department letter, 22 October 1943, Subject: "Special Services Officer in Tables of Organization of Regiments", AG 320.3 (19 October 43), OR-I-WDGCT-M.

e. Section VII, War Department Circular Number 27, 1944.

2. PURPOSE OF MORALE SERVICES. The fundamental purpose of Morale Services is to develop and maintain mental attitudes in troops which cause them to have a desire to make full contribution of their efforts towards defeating the enemy.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MORALE. The development of troop morale is the responsibility of the command, not of Morale Services. Morale Services acts as any other special staff section. It furnishes materials, facilities, and services to the command, and participates in the training of commanders and their staff representatives in methods of using materials, facilities, and services. The importance of mental attitudes and the responsibility of commanders thereto are set forth in paragraph 4i, MR 1-10.

4. MISSION OF MORALE SERVICES SECTION. Under the concept stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the mission of Morale Services Section, is:

a. To furnish to all commanders information - historical and current - through the media of publications, radio, posters, movie pictures, and other material.

b. To instruct and indoctrinate orientation personnel in the mission of Morale Services.

c. To inform all orientation personnel of the services which can be supplied by the Morale Services Section and the method of employing material in the development and maintenance of attitudes.

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d. To instruct unit Morale Services personnel, Orientation and Special Service Officers in the method of utilizing Morale Services material and services, and in conducting orientation programs.

e. To inform and indoctrinate commanders, in all echelons, of the purpose of Morale Services, the type of service and materials available, and the value of developing attitudes in the troops under their commands.

5. SERVICES FURNISHED BY MORALE SERVICES:

a. (1) Information and Orientation, viz, news service, digests, posters, etc.

(2) Radio.

(3) Publications.

(4) Education.

(5) Research.

b. Activities designed to insure that services are being received by organizations and that proper use is being made of them.

c. PLAN OF OPERATION OF MORALE SERVICES: Based upon the mission of Morale Services, the following plan of operation and action will be implemented:

a. The desire of the Secretary of War and the Chief of Staff of the Army that proper mental attitudes of troops be developed, and basic directives on morale and mental attitudes will be brought to the attention of all echelons of command both by documentary means and conferences.

b. Measures will be initiated to require all echelons of command to fill T/O vacancies for Morale Services and Orientation Officers with qualified personnel.

c. Measures will be initiated to insure that all units and organizations, not having T/O vacancies for Morale Services and Orientation Officers, detail and designate such officers on full-time basis if possible, and if full-time basis is not possible, then such officers be detailed to perform the duty of an Orientation Officer on part-time basis.

d. Names of personnel selected for assignment and/or detail as Orientation Officers will be reported to Headquarters, SOS, USTOUSA, not later than 10 May 1944.

e. Units in which Orientation Officers are already assigned or detailed will submit the report required in paragraph d above.

f. Schools will be established at times and places to be designated later by Headquarters, SOS, USTOUSA, to instruct all Morale and Orientation personnel, T/O and detailed, including Special Service Officers having Morale

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Services and Orientation functions. The curricula of these schools are designed to inform the students of type, nature and amount of services furnished by the Morale Services Section, the manner in which they may be used, correct instructional methods, and the specific duties of Morale Service and Orientation Officers as special staff officers for their commanders. To insure that Morale Services Schools are conducted on the highest plane, and will accomplish a maximum of benefit, arrangements were concluded in Washington to obtain on a temporary basis two of the outstanding members of the Special Service School, Lexington, Virginia.

5. All personnel of the Morale Services will collaborate and work in harmony with the Special Service, the Chaplain, the American Red Cross, U.S.O., and all other agencies whose duties and activities affect morale conditions among troops, to the end that plans and activities are integrated and duplication is eliminated.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, US Army

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31 July 1944

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Subject: Unit Dances.

To : All Allied Units in Rome Allied Area Command.

Information will be given to (G - 1 Section) Rome Allied Area Command, at least 48 hours in advance, of any proposal to hold a dance at which Italian ladies are expected to be present.

By command of Major General JOHNSON:

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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AG 330.11/618 C/S-O

SUBJECT: Morale Factors Involved in Reorganization of Units.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Conversion of units from one type to another and inactivation of units involving reassignment of personnel are frequently attended by a lowering of morale in the units affected. In an effort to offset this tendency, Inclosure Number 1, hereto, has been prepared for use in the case of units being converted within the theater. This suggestion for assisting in the maintenance of morale is inclosed for information and such action as may be deemed appropriate.

2. Morale Services and Orientation Officers can be of value in influencing the attitude of personnel of units about to be converted. In this connection it is directed that commanders employ full use of their Morale Services and orientation personnel to augment such action as may be taken in furtherance of the above suggestion.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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OUTLINE OF LETTER TO COMMANDING OFFICER
OF A UNIT TO BE CONVERTED

"1. A serious morale problem follows conversion of any unit, requiring most careful attention and handling. The commanding officer must mould the attitude of his command toward complete acceptance of the conversion.

2. Among the various actions which may prove effective are several offered as suggestions, to be used in whole or in part as they apply to the particular case:

a. A brief talk by the commanding officer to assembled troops up to battalion size. It is suggested that this talk be brief and enthusiastic, with no hint of apology nor defense. Inclosed is an outline of various points desirable to stress. Under no circumstances should the outline or any other statement be read. This talk should be given a week before the conversion is effective, if practicable, or even earlier if rumors are spreading around the unit.

b. Either before or after the commanding officer's talk, the orientation (morale) officer might review the military situation. In such a review, he can stress the events making the conversion necessary, without necessarily making direct reference to the conversion.

c. Such new officers as may have reported to effect the conversion might be introduced. Any such officer who has had combat experience with the type of new unit might describe its action.

d. Available films on the type of unit to which converted might be shown. This film should preferably show the type unit in action.

e. At a separate meeting with all officers, commanding officer might guide a continuation and expansion of the morale work in small units."

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OUTLINE OF SUGGESTED TALK BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF A UNIT TO BE CONVERTED

"1. On (date), we will take over a new mission. We have been picked to create the (name of new unit or units). And that is a big job.

2. Our new (name of new unit or units) has a special place in America's war plan. As a (type of unit), our function will be '(statement of mission)". It is up to each of us to learn his part of that mission so well and so fast that the (name of new unit) will soon be ready to challenge the enemy.

3. This means new duties and responsibilities for each of us. Briefly, changes are as follows:

(Battery A becomes Company A, etc)

4. Many of you have earned grades and ratings through hard work and proven merit. Nobody will lose stripes because of the conversion. Special attention will be paid to helping you keep them. A good man in our old job will be a good man in our new one, so long as he keeps pitching. And there will be new opportunities for other men to prove themselves.

5. I am as proud as you are of what we have accomplished in the (numerical designation of old unit). Our new assignment is recognition of what we have shown we can do. It is in no way a criticism of our outfit.

6. We are soldiers, so we can understand how such changes become necessary. But it is more difficult for the folks back home to understand. We will have to make clear to them that it means we are going ahead. It indicates that we are a step closer to the victory for which our new task is more vital than our former one.

a. It is an important job in the scheme of things. Otherwise, higher authorities would never have made the change. But as they plan ahead, they are willing to make changes to balance our fighting team. It's just the way your football coach taught a halfback to play end if it made the whole team stronger.

b. We will be making full use of what we have already learned. It is not a question of wasting previous training; we will apply all that training to our new specialty.

7. Some outfits might be whipped by a job so big as the one we face. It is a challenge and a test to us of the old (number of old unit). Here is our chance to be the best (type of new outfit) in the world - the (numerical designation of new unit)."

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BRITISH ARMY EDUCATION
Rome Allied Area Command

Bulletin no 2
RAAC/EDN/34
19 Jul 44

1. ART LECTURES Illustrated lectures on the History of Rome are being given to units in the Area. These are necessarily limited in number. Applications are being dealt with in the order they are received.

2. MUSIC Opera Season at QUIRINO theatre (off Corso Umberto) starts at 1730 hrs daily.
Sun 23 Jul - Barber of Seville (Tito Gobbi, Taio)
Mon 24 Jul - La Bohême - A.E.C. night FREE
Tues 25 Jul - Tosca (Caniglia, Tagliavini, Gobbi)
Wed 26 Jul - La Bohême (Paglinari, Signorini)
Thur 27 Jul - Tosca (Caniglia, Tagliavini, Gobbi)
Fri 28 Jul - Tosca (" " "
Sat 29 Jul - Madame Butterfly (Guerrini, Signorini)
Sun 30 Jul - La Bohême (Govoni, Silveri etc)
N.B. Tickets available at theatre only open all day:
Prices: 35 - 60 - 120 - 140 - 205 lire.

3. LA BOHEME Attention is drawn to the specially arranged FREE night at the QUIRINO theatre 24 Jul. Tickets can be obtained from the theatre only 9.30 - 1200 hrs on Friday Morning 21 Jul

4. OPERA HOUSE Sunday night concerts will be resumed w.e.f. 23 J when the full orchestra, chorus, corps de Ballet together with many well known artists will appear. Full particulars on Poste and in Union Jack.

5. MUSICAL EVENINGS - HOSPITALS In co-operation with Welfare a committee has been formed to enable troops in hospitals and convalescent depôts to hear the best artists in Rome. Applications should be made to this office or to Welfare, A.E.C. attached personnel will note.

6. ALLIED SOLDIER'S SOUVENIR GUIDE TO ROME (white) Specially prepared by British Army Education, Rome Area and presented free of charge in co-operation with U.S.A. Special Service. Copies are being distributed to personnel attending Cook's Tours, and may also be obtained at the A.E.C. information centre in Via Quattro Novembre.

7. ITALIAN & GERMAN LESSONS A list of approved teachers is kept at this office.

8. SISTINE CHAPEL Tickets are now necessary for visits to the Sistine Chapel. Applications should be made through this office and should be made only on behalf of personnel who are specially interested.

9. LANGUAGE BOOKS not available.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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3 June 1944

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE OF AEROPOLI REST CAMP

1. Standard Operating Procedure on Aeropoli Rest Camp, this Headquarters, dated 10 May 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor, effective 1 June 1944.

2. The rest camp which has been established at Aeropoli, Italy, is for use by all PBS troops and such Fifth Army troops as may be assigned. Attendance at this camp will be, insofar as practicable, by unit, not smaller than a company. If due to operational causes, organizations cannot furnish a complete company it will be permissible to furnish a composite company complete with a regular headquarters unit. Organizations or detachments having insufficient personnel to form a unit will be attached to other units designated to report to the rest camp. Attached personnel will revert to parent unit upon return to home station.

3. Units to report to the rest camp will be detailed by chiefs of sections when called upon by G-3, and will move only upon publication of official PBS movement orders.

4. Units selected will be allotted a total of seven (7) days to be utilized as follows:

a. One (1) day's travel time each way will be allowed for movement of troops to the rest camp and return to home station. A period of five (5) days will be allotted for recreation at the rest camp.

b. Prior to departure for the rest camp unit commanders will insure that bivouac areas are properly policed, that equipment is collected, cleaned, properly stored and secured; and arrange for such equipment and supplies as are necessary by the unit for the duration of time away from home station.

c. Upon return to the home station from the rest camp units will return to their operational status.

5. Upon arrival at the rest camp unit commanders will report immediately to the rest camp commander for detailed instructions as to administrative and recreational procedures for all troops during the period unit remains at the rest camp. These instructions will be rigidly adhered to.

6. Individual full field equipment, including arms, will be carried by all troops, sufficient individual clothing and personal items, including athletic equipment and barracks bags or trunks, will be carried to cover the period troops are absent from home station. (No barracks bags will be taken).

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7. Organizational equipment to accompany troops will be held to a minimum. Only such equipment as deemed necessary by units will be taken. Kitchen and messing facilities will be made available at the camp. Unit mess equipment will not be taken. Individual mess gear will be taken.

8. The rest camp is equipped with mess halls, kitchens and tentage. Post exchange and Red Cross facilities are available.

9. All movements to and from the Agropoli Rest Camp will be made by rail.

a. It will be the responsibility of the commanding officer of the unit moving to the rest camp to make all necessary arrangements to move his unit from bivouac area to the railway station from which train will depart. If sufficient organizational transportation is not available for movement of troops, Transportation Section, FBS, will furnish, on call from unit commander, such additional transportation as will be required for the movement.

10. There will be an officer named in all movement orders designated as troop and train commander (usually the senior officer accompanying troops). He will contact the Transportation Section, FBS, and make the necessary arrangements for the movement and prepare plans for the orderly and expeditious loading of troops, a copy of which will be in the hands of each unit commander concerned at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to departure. (One copy to be sent to the A. C. of S., G-3).

11. All units will provide sufficient guard at home station for the protection and care of property left behind. This personnel will be attached to some unit reporting to the rest camp at a later date for their period of recreation.

12. Troops designated to report to the rest camp will be notified by G-3, FBS, through the service chief, seven (7) days prior to date of departure.

By command of Major General WILSON:

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HEADQUARTERS
PEMSMIDR FIELD SECTION
APO 782

10 May 1944

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE ON AGROPOLI REST CAMP

1. A rest camp has been established at Agropoli, Italy for use by all PTS troops and such Fifth Army troops as may be assigned. Attendance at this camp will be, insofar as practicable, by unit, not smaller than a company. Organizations unable to report to the rest camp by such unit noticed due to operational causes, will, when directed by these Headquarters, attach a specified number of personnel to other PTS units designated to report to the rest camp. Attached personnel will revert to parent unit upon return to home station.

2. Units to report to the rest camp will be detailed by roster maintained by G-3, PTS, and will move only upon publication of official PTS movement orders. Individual personnel to be attached to units for the purpose of reporting to the rest camp will be controlled by G-1.

3. Units selected will be allotted a total of fourteen (14) days to be utilized as follows:

a. Prior to departure for the rest camp, the first two (2) days of the allotted period will be utilized at the home station for the purpose of policing unit bivouac areas, collecting, cleaning, storing, securing unit property and arranging for such equipment and supplies as are necessary by the unit for the duration of time away from home station.

b. One (1) day's travel time each way will be allowed for movement of troops to the rest camp and return to home station. A period of five (5) days will be allotted for recreation at the rest camp.

c. Upon return to the home station from the rest camp, units will establish within each organization an intensive training program and schedule of instruction for a period of five (5) days. This training will cover physical conditioning, discipline, inspections, small arms instruction and range firing.

4. Upon arrival at the rest camp, unit commanders will report immediately to the Rest Camp Commander for detailed instructions as to administrative and recreational procedures for all troops during the period unit remains at the rest camp. These instructions will be rigidly adhered to.

5. Individual full field equipment, including arms, will be carried by all troops. Sufficient individual clothing and personal

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items, including athletic equipment and swimming trunks, will be carried to cover the entire period troops are absent from home station.

6. Organizational equipment to accompany troops will be held to a minimum; only such equipment as deemed necessary by units will be taken. Kitchen and messing facilities will be made available at camp. Unit mess equipment will not be required. Individual mess gear will be carried.

7. The rest camp is equipped with mess halls, kitchens and tentage. Post Exchange facilities are available.

8. Where organizational transportation is insufficient for movement of troops, Transportation Section will furnish, on call from unit Commander, such additional transportation as required for the movement.

9. All units will provide sufficient guard at home station for the protection and care of property left therein. This personnel will be attached to some unit reporting to the rest camp at a subsequent date for their period of recreation.

10. Troops designated to report to the rest camp will be notified by G-3, PBS, through the Service Chief, seven (7) days prior to effective dates.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Adjutant's Department
APO 394

14 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Rest House

TO : Headquarters Commandant

Sir:

The possible loss to the company of the present "Rest House" has been brought to my attention by the Other Ranks of this department, who anticipate the loss with some apprehension.

The house had become for them a habitual place of relaxation on their day off. They could enjoy a bathe in the sea and for one complete day in the week forget their cares and worries and the normal daily routine.

The District Commander has said that no effort should be spared in the interests of the men's welfare, particularly in distracting their attention from the immoral practices in this city. Was not the requisition of the "Rest House" an achievement in this direction?

With the approach of hot summer weather, from a health point, retention cannot be too strongly urged. I earnestly trust, sir, that your efforts will be successful.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant:

Chief Clerk

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