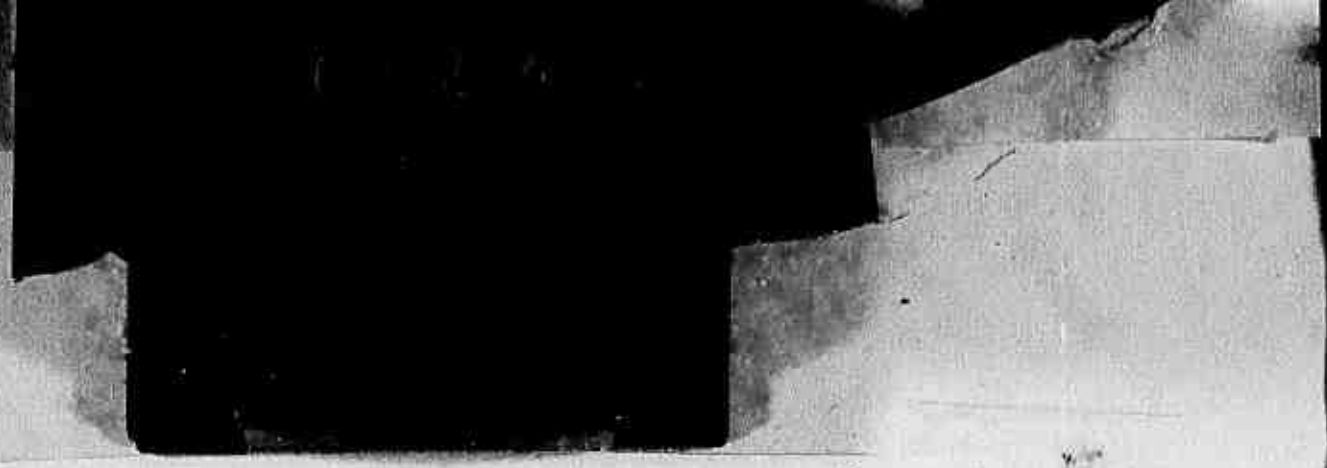
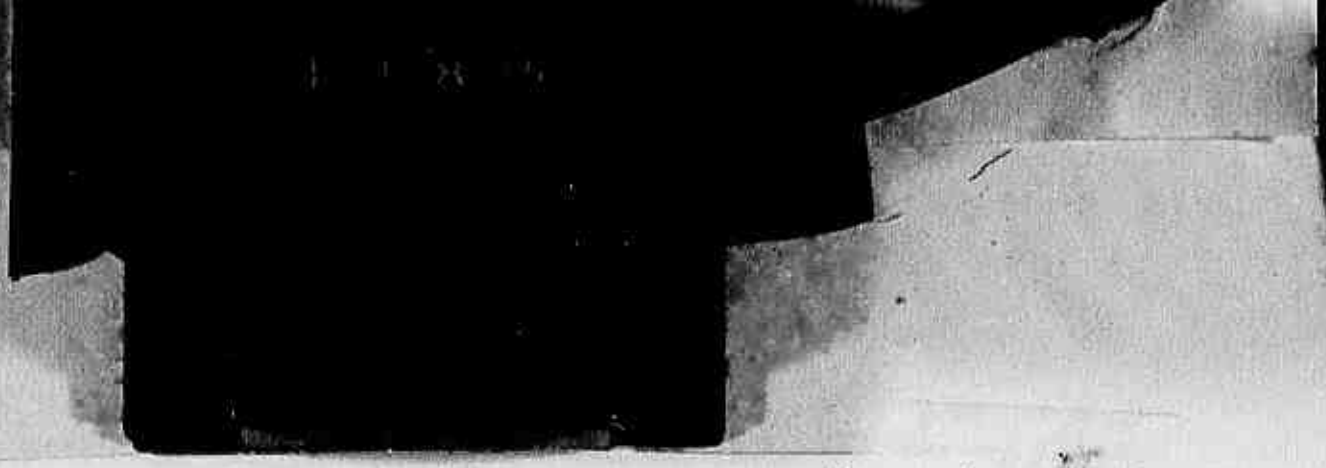


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79a)	- -	CAD, AMG 5 Army	8 Mar	CG, AFHQ	Entry of Italian troops into Rome
	8653/7/BGS	Hq AAI	16 "	Gen MacFarlane	(8653/7/BGS answered by 79)
81)	CC/G/146	Gen MacFarlane	21 "	CGS AAI	Employment of Ital Army(Answer 76)
82)	SD/13/36	Army S/C	21 "	C/S SHPE	Movement of 212 Div & other units.
83)	201100	MMIA	21 "	Fatima	Sitrep, 14-20 March.
84)	12409	AFHQ	22 "	Fatima	600 Ital drivers shipped Sardinia to Corsica.
85)	SD 391	MMIA	22 "	AFHQ	Re 60.Re AA Ital personnel Sardinia
86)	AG 820	MMIA	25 "	Fatima	Carabinieri as part of Army.
87)	383.7	Capt Stone	23 "	Messe	Re 65. Forwards quote of AAI sitn.
88)	AQ 828	MMIA	25 "	Fat for Offenhae-uer	Duchesne arriving. Accounting for Stores for Italian Army.
89)	SD 369	MMIA	25 "	Fatima	Italian Drivers for ACC.
90)	0308	MMIA	24 "	Fatima	Re 28.Air passage for Soldarelli.
91)	0301	MMIA	20 "	"	Re Order of Battle for Italian Army, Navy and Air Force.
92)		MMIA	28 "	Fatima	MMIA sitrep 21-27 Mar.
93)	G/6/1/26	Army S/C	1 "	CC	Italian Army Generally
94)		Army S/C			Proposed Supply Liaison.
95)	- -	Capt Stone	11 "	Gen Infante	CUNEO Div - various papers - also
	091.711	Capt Stone	16 "	Messe	Soldarelli - (See 51)
96)	SD 370	MMIA	18 "	AFHQ, Fatima	Training Italian Drivers.
97)	G/6/1/31(AQ/8)	MMIA	25 "	CC	Italian Army Generally
98)	218/RP	Messe	24 "	CC	Trials of Italian Deserters(See 71)
99)	0303	MMIA	24 "	CC	CC.RR drawing supplies & rations. Order of battle, etc. (See 91)
100)	F 24036	AFHQ	28 "	Flambo	Ferrying troops from Sardinia.
101)	12069	Messe	29 "	CC	Program of use of Italian Army.
102)	SD 465	MMIA	30 "	Falcon	Ferrying troops from Sardinia.
103)	2521/G(SD) 2553/G(SD)	HQ AAI	31 "		Notes for conference 31 Mar & appendices to Organ.Ital Army ltr.
104)	SD 464	MMIA	30	Fatima	Name for Ital form.fiting w/Allies
105)	F24681	AFHQ	29 "	Fatima	Re 96.Ital Drivers-release Tk Bn.
106)	DO/RMF/207	Commo Foster	27 "	CC	Fwds his Swan Song to his Chief &
	S.1/Air	Commo Foster	27 "	Air Chf, MAAF	of personal nature FM and to the
	CC/P/166	Gen MacFarlane	1 April	Commo Foster	General.
107)	QS 176	Col Quin-Smith	1 "	Army S/C	Infante now Deputy Chief of Staff.

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108) 8653/7/BGS	Hq AAI	2 "	ACC	Entry of Ital tps into Rome (79)
109 Fat 2884	Maj Fieldman	2 "	8 Army	Dapile Bn's lack of battle eqpt.
110) SD 2835	8 Army	3 "	Fatima	Re 109. Not possible.
111) SD 495	MMIA	3 "	Fatima	MMIA officers attending meeting.
112) 1605/50/3/1/G	AAI	3 "	-	Employment of Italian Army.
113) G/11/32	Army S/C	3 "	-	Order of Battle. No. 6.
114) F27539	AFHQ	4 "	Fatima	Re 96.Italian Truk Battalion.
115) G/15/2	Army S/C	4 "	ACC	Reestablishment of Royal Military Academy - Italian.

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53) 091.711	Major Doe	8 March	Commo Palmer	Re Naval uniforms for recalled Italian Sailors.
54) 586	Badoglio	28 Feb	Gen MacFarlane	Transfer of 200 CC.RR earmarked
302/52/CA	Brig Lush	8 March	SCAO AMG 5 Army	for Rome to Sicily.
55) Fdm 63314	AFHQ	11 "	Fatima	Re subsistence stores for Ital
Fat.1895	Fatima(Collins)	12 "	MMIA	Army.
56)	Gen Gammell	2 "	Gen MacFarlane	Re use of Italian cruisers for ferrying troops from Sardinia.
57) 091.711	Capt Stone	7 "	Messe	Condition of LSTs after ferrying troops from Sardinia.
58) 39	Exec.Giunta	9 "	Gen MacFarlane	Allow our seamen to combat enemy side by side with Allies.
59) AQ 727	MMIA	9 "	Fatima	Data on medical supplies for Ital Army now being compiled (52)
60) Fdm 63286	AFHQ	11 "		For release of supplies,furnish list of "effective"Ital tps to CCS.
61) - -	Capt Stone	11 "	Gen Infante	CUNEO Div. No.(51) forwarded but no reply received to date.
62) M 111	Gen MacFarlane	12 "	AFHQ	Forwards msg fr Badoglio to Madrid Embassy & others re discussion of disposal of Italian Fleet.
63) AQ/5	Brig Duchesne	9 "	Various	Attachment of 1001 G.T.Co to ACC
64) 10260/OP	Messe	11 Jan	ACC	Employment of Italian troops by
11439/OP	Messe	27 Feb	ACC	Allied commanders without investi-
091.711	Capt Stone	11 Mar	HQ ACMF	gation; constitutes violation of
091.711	Capt Stone	11 "	Messe	security.
65) G/6/1/28	Brig Duchesne	11 "	Gen MacFarlane	Italian Army Generally.
66) G4 22911	Flambo	11 Mar	Fatima	Subsistence stores-exchange of cables on channels communication-AHFQ to MMIA - Now in file 321.
67) SD/21/11	Army S/C	12 "	Hq ACMF	Propose that new Ital combat div be called "Corpo Ital di liberazione
68)	C/S AFHQ	7 "	ACC	CUNEO Div will not combat (re 51)
69) Fdm 65558	AFHQ	16 "	Fatima for MMIA	Supplies for Italian Army
70) Fat 2224	ACC - Collins	17 "	MMIA	Paraphrase of 69.
71) CC 091.711	Gen MacFarlane	18 "	Messe	Trials of Italian Deserters.
72) 4086/1/L	Col Upjohn	19 "	Major Doe	File No.for trial of deserters.
73) Fdm 66894	AFHQ	19 "	Fatima	Rations for Italian Army

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72)	40864/L	Col Upjohn	19 "	Major Doe	File No.for trial of deserters.
73)	Fdm 66894	AFHQ	19 "	Fatima	Rations for Italian Army.
74)	Fat 2357	Major Doe	20 "	MMIA	Paraphrase of 73.
75)	Fdm 60304	AFHQ	5 "	Fatima	Make arrangements for Italian Army to feed from their own rations.
76)	8653/1/BGS	Gen Harding	20 "	DP, ACC	Employment of Italian Army.
77)	2553/G(SD)	Hq AAI	19 "	ACC	Italian Military Labor
78)	AAI Adm Instr 3.	Hq AAI	19 "		Rations for Italian Armed Forces.
79)	CC/G/144 See 79a-84.	Gen MacFarlane	20 "	CGS AAI	Ital tps & occupation of Rome - Bencivenga.
80)	AQ 812	MMIA	21 "	Flambo	Rations for Italian Armed Forces.

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26a)	AQ/8	Brig Duchesne	11 Feb	ACC	Supply organization - Ital Army.
27)		Gen Gammell	11 "	Gen MacFarlane	Command of Ital Forces in Corsica.
28)	50285	AFHQ	11 "	Fargo	CUNEO Division remains Palestine.
29)	449	Valenzano	13 "	ACC	Rations for Ital Army officials.
30)	COS/2/PERS	Gen Gammell	13 "	Gen Soldarelli	When you see CUNEO Div give them pep-talk.
31)	COS/3/PERS	Gen Gammell	13 "	Gen MacFarlane	
32)		Brig Duchesne	13 "	Gen MacFarlane	Italian Army Generally.
33)	51283	AFHQ	14 "	Fargo	Decision re CUNEO Div (13) must stand to avoid political repercussions.
34)		Brig Duchesne	15 " ?		Report No.2 - MMIA activities for month of January 44.
35)	CC/P/56	Gen MacFarlane	16 "	Gen Gammell	Pep.talk for CUNEO Div- not advisable send copy of 30 to Soldarelli.
36)	CC/P/58	Gen MacFarlane	16 "	Badoglio	Planes to relieve supply situation
37)	CC/P/60	Gen MacFarlane	16 "	Gen Gammell	of Garibaldi(21): to CinC for action
38)	QS 4	Capt Stone	16 "	Messe	1st Italian Motorized Group.
39)	SD 246	MMIA	18 "	ACMF, FATIMA	Procedure to follow to obtain Italian troops.
40)	CC/G/76	Gen MacFarlane	19 "	Lord Stansgate	Have asked Badoglio to repeal DLL 6 Dec re enrolling road & port militia into CC.RR.
41)	Fatima 2355	Quinsmith	23 "	Fargo	Army S/C Sitrep - 14/20 Feb.
42)	G/6/19	Brig Duchesne	17 "	Messe	To inform you of revised policy
	G/6/21	Brig Duchesne	18 "	CC	for Italian Army.(Agenda 29 Feb)
43)	AQ/8	Noams for Duchesne	11 "	Brig Gueterbock	Supply organization for Ital Army
44)	CO 249	MMIA	21 "	QS & Gen MacFarlane	Only slight reaction to policy ltr give to Messe.Have Pidsley contact me upon arrival.
45)	G/6/24	Brig Duchesne	22 "	Gen MacFarlane	Policy for Italian Army.
46)	MMIA 0257	Brig Duchesne	23 "	Gen MacFarlane	Arrive Naples for discussion but recommend delay until discussion with Italians is over.
(Ltr)	ACMF-0-2103, 23 Feb. AFHQ 55155- 23 Feb.	} Corps Comdr for Sicily.			
47)	- -	Capt Stone	23 "	Gen MacFarlane	Conflict between conscripting men
	G4/18139	Flambo	21 "	Military S/C	& recalling deserters, if men & des-
	TOP/0726	Cinc Med	22 "	Naval S/C	erters now gainfully used war effort

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48)	G/6/1/25	Brig Duchesne	24	"	Gen MacFarlane	Italian Army Generally. Use of
	G/1/59	Brig Duchesne	22	"	FOTALI	Navy on shore.
49)	G/6/23	MMIA	21	"		Revised policy for Ital Army (Changes in (42).-
50)	CC/P/98	Gen MacFarlane	25	"	Gen Gammell	Try to accelerate ferrying Italian troops from Sardinia to Italy.
51)	11395/OP	Messe	26	"	Gen MacFarlane	CUNEO Division, status of - &
	CC/G/116	Gen MacFarlane	29	"	C/S AFHQ	Gen Soldarelli.
52)	Fdm 58167	Surgeon, AFHQ	29	"	Hq ACC	Submit to G-1(Br) complete data for
	Fat 1484	?	1	March	MMIA	medical supplies required by Ital
	Q 688/3	MMIA	6	"	Fatima	Army. Total ceiling demand for
	Fat 1721	Brig Lush	7	"	MMIA	Navy & Air Force, 500,000.

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1)	G/8/13	Brig Duchesne	3 Jan 44	ACC	Basis for preparation of WE(T/O) for MMIA.
2)	1905/50/3/G&SD	Gen Harding	22 "	Gen Rooks	Disposal of Italian Army
3)	D/207	Brig Duchesne	23 "	ACMF	Disposal of Italian Army
4)	CC 1	Gen Heydeman	22 "	Gen Macfarlane	Turnover of Sicily; trouble with Sabauda Div; Lt Lupo's promotion; Capt Goode would like to go home.
5)		Brig Duchesne	24 "		Minutes of Mtg 24 Jan: Yugoslavs recruiting of Italians; transfer troops from Sardinia; PWs, Cuneo Div, Garibaldi Div, French treatment of Ital troops, Ital Govt to move to Salerno, SS "Campidoglio".
6)	G/6/17	Brig Duchesne	24 "	Gen MacFarlane	Subject:MMIA - Gives various point
7)	DP/G/13	Gen MacFarlane	26 "	Brig Duchesne	for consideration on Italian Army
8)	Q 445	MMIA	26 "	ACMF rptd Fatima	Refers to Freedom ltr HSD/424 of 19 Jan and discusses it at length
9)	DP/G/18	Gen MacFarlane	28 "	HQ ACMF	Do you agree transfer one coastal division from Sardinia to Sicily
10)	Fargo 580	Gen MacFarlane	28 "	Fairfield	Re Cuneo Div. Allow Soldarelli to go to Palestine.
11)		Capt Stone	28 "	Gen MacFarlane	Meeting Messe-Stone re Cuneo Div.
12)	DP/G/19	Gen MacFarlane	29 "	Gen Rooks	Answers Rooks' memo of 21 Jan & refers to MMIA.
13)	DP/G/20	Gen MacFarlane	29 "	Brig Duchesne	Forwards copy of (12) together with memo fr Gen Rooks. - re MMIA
14)	DP/P/25	Gen MacFarlane	30 "	Gen Heydeman	Reply to (4).
15)	DP/G/27	Gen MacFarlane	30 "	AFHQ	CUNEO Division.
16)	370	Capt Stone	31 "	AFHQ	Employment of Italian units & personnel with Allied Forces.
17)	CC/G/36	Gen MacFarlane	3 Feb	Brig Duchesne	No demobilization permitted, except
18)	Fatima 2265	Brig Duchesne	5 "	Gen MacFarlane	Transfer of coastal div fr Sardi-
19)	Fargo 762	Gen MacFarlane	5 "	Brig Duchesne	nia to Sicily. CC OK's.
20)	AQ/17	Brig Duchesne	5 "	C/S ACC	Italian Navy demobilization.
21)	427	Badoglio	6 "	Gen MacFarlane	Planes to relieve supply situation

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21)	427	Badoglio	6 " CCS	Gen MacFarlane	Planes to relieve supply situation of Garibaldi Division.
22)	MS 370.01	Capt Stone	6 "	FOTALI	Italian Navy demobilization.
23)	S/3/AIR	Air Div., ACC	7 "	Rear Hq MAAF	Air Report No. 13.
24)	DO/5	Brig Duchesne	7 "	Commo Foster	Port Labor to be supplied by Ital Army, Navy and Air Forces.
24a)	AG 091.711 GCT-ACM	AFHQ	10 "	CinC ACMF,DP ACC	Disposal of Ital Army - MMIA becomes part of ACC(Land Forces S/C) Chf MMIA ACC rep with ACMF HQ.
25)	D/208	MMIA	9 "	Brig Lush	1300 CC.RR ready sail fr Cagliari.
26)	G/6/18	Brig Duchesne	10 "	Messe	Request call troops to maintain Italian Army level at 190,000.

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SUBJECT: Royal Military Academy

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/15/2
4 Apr 44

HEADQUARTERS 6 APR 1944 A.C.C.

Ministry of War

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HQ ACC
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Adv HQ Army Sub Commission ACC SALERNO

6 Apr 1600

1. Further to previous correspondence I am to inform you that permission is granted for the re-establishment of the Royal Military Academy subject to the following conditions: -

(a) Number of Personnel
Personnel will not exceed the following maxima:

(i)	Cadets	250
(ii)	Attached officers (instructors and staff)	40
(iii)	Attached sott'ufficiali e truppi, staff	180
	Total	470

(b) Provision of Rations
A limit is being set by Allied Command to the numerical strength of the Italian Army to be rationed by the Allies. The personnel listed under (a) above cannot be additional to this strength and room must therefore be found for them within it, if necessary at the expense of another unit under direct command of the Italian Army.

2. It is requested that this Headquarters may be notified in advance of the opening of the Academy and of the detailed numbers of personnel involved.

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as at 1 APRIL 44

ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.
ALLIED H.Q. (MEDIA)
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5/12/32
3 APRIL 44

S U M M A R Y

	F O R M A T I O N	Offrs	O. Rs.	Offrs	O. Rs.
CAMPANIA	EIGHTH ARMY			780	12,486
	FIFTH ARMY			283	6,089
	P.B.S.			677	12,232
	3 DISTRICT				
	57 AREA	148	2,359		
	94 SUB AREA	95	1,866		
	A.A. DEFENCE	56	615	299	4,840
	ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION			27	1,067
ABRUZZI	5 CORPS			156	3,192
APULIA	2 DISTRICT				
	60 SUB AREA	138	2,307		
	151 SUB AREA	111	3,063		
	6 BASE SUB AREA	438	7,389		

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3 APRIL 44

S U M M A R Y

	F O R M A T I O N	Offrs	O. Rs.	Offrs	O. Rs.
CAMPANIA	EIGHTH ARMY			780	12,486
	FIFTH ARMY			283	6,089
	P.B.S.			677	12,232
	3 DISTRICT				
	57 AREA	148	2,359		
	94 SUB AREA	95	1,366		
	A.A. DEFENCE	56	615	299	4,840
	ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION			27	1,067
ABRUZZI	5 CORPS			156	3,192
APULIA	2 DISTRICT				
	60 SUB AREA	138	2,307		
	151 SUB AREA	111	3,063		
	6 BASE SUB AREA	438	7,880		
	52 AREA	256	5,137		
	71 SUB AREA	315	7,343		
	A.A. DEFENCE	185	2,564	1,443	28,305
CALABRIA	A.A. DEFENCE			64 78	1,859
	TOTAL UNDER COMMAND ON MAINLAND			3,729	69,270
	TOTAL UNDER ALLIED COMMAND IN SARDINIA			769	19,292
	TOTAL UNDER ALLIED COMMAND IN SICILY			548	10,416
	TOTAL UNDER ALLIED COMMAND IN CORSICA			197	5,700
	GRAND TOTAL.....			5,243	104,678

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DISTRIBUTION: AFHQ (3), AAI (2), AAI (ADVECH), COL SIMMONS SARDINIA (2), ARMY SUB COMMISSION SALERNO, G2E BRAF, ROYAL FIFTH & EIGHTH ARMIES (2) REAR 5 CORPS, P.B.S., 1, 2, 3 DISTRICT, SACRE, MINISTRY OF WAR, ARMY SUB COMMISSION LOs NAPLES (2), TARANTO, EIGHTH ARMY (2), 5 CORPS, 60 SUB AREA, BARI, TARANTO, BRINDISI. COMD, 2 i/c, GSO 1(L), G(A), AQ (A), WAR DIARY (2), FILE, Spare 6.

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C A M P A N I A

E I G H T H A R M Y

U N I T	L O C A T I O N	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	R E M A R K S
CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE (C.I.L.)					
HQ	COLLI VOLTURNO	62	382	Operations	
68 INF Regt	SCAPOLI	25	186	"	
1 Bn	ROCCHETTA	41	642	"	
2 Bn	CASTELNUOVO	43	743	"	
3 Bn	MONTAQUILA	25	419	"	
4 Regt Bersaglieri HQ	FORNELLI	16	108	"	
XXIX BN Bersag.	MONTAQUILA	31	643	"	
XXXIII Bn Bersag.	FORNELLI	35	615	"	
LI Bn Bersag	AIROLA	21	191	"	
IX Assault Unit	SCAPOLI	16	192	"	
185 Para Bn NEMBO	ROCCHETTA	32	508	"	
ALPINE Bn PIEMONTE	AIROLA	49	920	"	
11 Regt Arty HQ	SCAPOLI	32	306	"	
1 Group 105/28	"	26	366	"	
11 Group 100/22	"	23	305	"	
111 Group 75/18	"	21	268	"	
IV Group 75/18	"	21	275	"	
363 Bty of 20mm	"	5	97	"	
51 Bn Mista Genio	"	16	277	"	
250 Autogruppo Misto	S.MARIA A VICO	14	306	"	
6 Pack Tpt Coy	FORNELLI	21	525	"	
Medical Services		31	443	"	
Supply Services		5	64	"	
		510	8,961		
SPECIAL Bde HQ	PIEDIMONTE	6	34	Administration	
96 Bn	VAIRANO	24	570	Labour & Gds	
3 Bn 515 Regt (HQ & 2 Coys)		13	200	" "	
3 Bn 522 Regt (HQ & 2 Coys)	CAIANELLO-VAIRANO	10	230	" - "	
28 Artieri Bn (HQ & one Coy)	CASCANO	5	200	RE work	

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ALPINE Bn PIEMONTE	AIROLA	49	920	"
11 Regt Arty HQ	SCAPOLI	32	306	"
1 Group 105/28	"	26	366	"
11 Group 100/22	"	23	305	"
111 Group 75/18	"	22	268	"
IV Group 75/18	"	22	275	"
363 Bty of 20mm	"	5	97	"
51 Bn Mista Genio	"	16	277	"
250 Autogruppo Misto	S.MARIA A VICO	14	306	"
6 Pack Tpt Coy	PORNELLI	23	225	"
Medical Services		52	443	"
Supply Services		3	64	"
		413	5,961	
SPECIAL Bde HQ	PIEDIMONTE	6	34	Administration
96 Bn	VAIRANO	24	570	Labour & Gds
3 Bn 515 Regt (HQ & 2 Coys)		23	203	" "
3 Bn 522 Regt (HQ & 2 Coys)	CAIANELLO-VAIRANO	10	230	" "
28 Artieri Bn (HQ & one Coy)	CASCANO	5	200	RE work
501 Artieri Bn	VOLTURARA	9	201	" "
14 Gp Sqn Guide	S. MICHELE	30	600	Labour & Gds
1 Bn 514 Inf Regt	VAIRANO	22	350	" "
112 M.G. Bn		13	266	" "
107 Mortar Coy		4	130	
210 Mista Genio Coy	PRESENZANO	5	111	Working for Sigs
3 Pack Tpt Coy		10	270	
PARA Coy	PRESENZANO	3	100	
		160	3,595	
	C.I.L.	611	8,901	
	TOTAL.	771	12,496	

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F I F T H A R M Y

U N I T	L O C A T I O N	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	R E M A R K S
210 Div HQ	CASERTA	14	155	Administration	
67 Inf Regt HQ	TEANO	17	200	Labour & Gds	
1 Bn	"	33	430	" "	
2 Bn	SPARANESE	31	420	" "	
514 Inf Regt HQ	CASALE	14	70	Administration	
516 Inf Regt HQ	MARSANELLO	11	40	"	
1 Bn	"	25	400	Labour & Gds	
23 Artieri Bn	TEANO	19	516	RE work	
12-210-909 Art. Coys	CASSA-FRANCOLISE	15	450	" "	
801 Posacavi	CAPUA	3	133	Working for Sigs	
810 Pl Radiocontrollo	CASERTA	1	31	" " "	
Instruttori Alpini	CAINELLO	9	53		
Reinforcement Unit	S. AGATA	13	554	For CIL	
1-2-4-5-7- Italian Pack Tpt Coys	CELLOLE-TRIFLISCO	53	1,700	Operations	
50 Pack Tpt Coy	CASOLI	7	260	"	
110 & 130 Vet Hosps	VENAFRO-PIEDIMONTE	10	190	Vet duties	
255 Bty 194/29 AF	FRANCOLISE	3	132	Armoured train	
525 Field Hospital	SPARANISE	5	55		
		283	6,089		

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

212 Div HQ	NAPLES	26	170	Administration	
593 Inf Regt HQ	ASSISI	3	55	"	
1 Bn	"	17	278	Labour	
2 Bn	"	21	266	"	
525 Inf Regt HQ	VENTURNO	7	54	Administration	
1 Bn	"	21	267	Labour	
2 Bn	"	20	246	"	

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Instruttori Alpini	CAINELLO	1	31	" " "
Reinforcement Unit	S. ACOSTA	9	53	
1-2-4-5-7- Italian Pack Tpt Coys		13	554	For CIL
50 Pack Tpt Coy	CASELLE-TRIFLISCO	53	1,700	Operations
110 & 130 Vet Hospn	VEMIARO-PRESANZANO	7	260	"
255 Bty 19%/29 AF	FRANCOLISE	10	190	Vet duties
525 Field Hospital	SPARANISE	3	132	Armoured train
		5	55	
		283	6,089	

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

212 Div HQ	[illegible]	26	170	Administration
503 Inf Rest HQ	ASTRONI	8	55	"
1 Bn	"	37	278	Labour
2 Bn	"	21	266	"
525 Inf Rest HQ	MONTURNO		54	Administration
1 Bn	"	21	267	Labour
2 Bn	"	29	295	"
544 Inf Rest HQ	ASTRONI	14	43	Administration
1 Bn	"	24	217	Labour
2 Bn	"	21	313	"
545 Inf Rest HQ	"	12	52	Administration
1 Bn	"	12	289	Labour
2 Bn	"	15	271	"
212 Mista Genio Coy	"	3	34	"
1242 Heavy MT Sec	NAPLES	1	35	MT repairs
523 Inf Rest HQ	CAIVANO	11	165	Administration
1 Bn	PERLO	29	473	Labour & Gds
2 Bn	NAPLES	25	430	" "
3 Bn	ANDRIA	29	439	" "
4 Bn	MOLA	24	715	" "
Cannoni Coy	GRICIGNANO	4	80	" "
	Carried Forward...	345	4,949	

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION (cont'd)

U N I T	L O C A T I O N	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	R E M A R K S
	Brought Forward	345	4,949		
512 Inf Regt HQ	NAPLES	11	56	Administration	
1 Bn	MARCIANISE	23	415	Labour & Gds	
2 Bn	AVERSa	21	435	" "	
3 Bn	"	21	453	" "	
545 Inf Regt HQ	AVERSA	7	6	Administration	
1 Bn	SALERNO	24	375	Labour & Gds	
2 Bn	AVERSA	20	313	" "	
1 & 2 Artieri Coys	ATELLA-AVERSA	9	443	" "	
19 & 52 Fd Bakeries	MARCIANISE	8	331		
1 Remount Station Bn	PERSANO	22	318		
210 & 211 Vet Hosps	VISCIANO	7	97	Vet duties	
2 Rly Engr Gp HQ	NAPLES	9	26	Rly Constr	
3 Bn Ferrovieri	"	18	351	" "	
13 Bn "	FRATTAMAGGIORE	19	404	" "	
9 Line Coy	AFRAGOLA	4	247	" "	
870 Assault Engr Det	BAIA	3	44	RE work	
7 Mountain Regt	PERSANO	11	494	Training for ops	
Reinforcements	AFRAGOLA	95	2,475		-(Arrived 30 Mar from LECCE & CALABRIA
		677	12,232		

A L L I E D C O N T R O L C O M M I S S I O N

1001 G.T. Coy	PALO DEL COLLE	10	300	Special duty	
21 & 22 Truck Coys	AFRAGOLA	7	292	" "	
601 Mista A.P.C.	NAPLES	5	150	" "	
600 " "	"	5	325	" "	
		27	1,067		

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2 Rly Engr Gp HQ	NAPLES	9	26	Rly Constr
3 Bn Ferrovieri	"	18	351	" "
13 Bn "	FRATTAMAGGIORE	19	404	" "
9 Line Coy	AFRAGOLA	4	247	" "
870 Assault Engr Det	BAIA	3	44	RE work
7 Mountain Regt	PERSANO	11	494	Training for ops
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		677	12,232	

A L L I E D C O N T R O L C O M M I S S I O N

1001 G.T. Coy	PALO DEL COLLE	10	300	Special duty
21 & 22 Truck Coys	AFRAGOLA	7	292	" "
601 Mista A.P.C.	NAPLES	5	150	" "
600 " "	"	5	325	" "
		27	1,067	

57 AREA — 3 D I S T R I C T

227 Div HQ	BARONISSI	26	149	Administration
513 Inf Regt HQ	ACERRA	6	35	"
1 Bn	T.ANNUNZIATA	14	181	Labour & Gds
2 Bn	ACERRA	16	122	" "
3 Bn	"	19	215	" "
416 Arty Regt HQ	TORRE DEL GRECO	8	125	" "
1 Gp	S.PIETRO A PAT	15	210	" "
2 Gp	BENEVENTO	12	214	" "
25 & 152 Artieri Coy	CASORIA-S.GIORGIO	14	375	RE work
901-902-903 Lav Art Coys	NAPLES - SALERNO	18	733	" "
		148	2,359	

/3 DISTRICT - 94 SUB AREA..

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3 D I S T R I C T

94 SUB AREA

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
567 Arty Rest HQ	PONTECAGNANO	10	41	Administration	
1 Gp	"	23	446	Labour & Gds	
2 Gp	ANZIO	16	330	" "	
114 M.G. Bn	SALERNO	23	265	" "	
1240 Heavy MT Sec	BARONISSI	1	45	MT repairs	
311 Mista Genio Coy	SALERNO	7	227	RE Work	
231 Field Hospital	SALERNO	5	55		
65-822 Coy Telegraf--isti	"	10	437	Working for Sigs	
Radio Mechanics	"		20	" " "	
		95	1,866		

A.A. DEFENCE

HQ 19 Raggrup Arty	NAPLES	4	4		
1 Gp 90/53	"	9	43		
2 Gp 90/53	"	4	99		
3 Gp 37/54	"	6	63		
4 Gp constal defence	ISCHIA CAPRI	6	94		
3 Coy Searchlights	NAPLES	7	58		
		56	615		

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5 C O R P S

209 Div HQ (Det)	FURCI	7	61	Administration	
IX MG Bn (2 Coys and 692 MC Coy)	FOSSACESIA	23	461	Labour & Gds	
522 Inf Regt HQ	SOLOMI	4	19	" "	
1 Bn	CASALBORDINO	25	303	" "	
2 Bn	CASTELFRENTANO	23	465	" "	

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A.A. DEFENCE

HQ 19 Raggrup Arty	NAPLES	4	4
1 Gp 90/53	"	9	43
2 Gp 90/53	"	4	99
3 Gp 37/54	"	6	63
4 Gp coastal defence	ISCHIA CAPRI	6	94
3 Coy Searchlights	NAPLES	7	58
		56	615

A B R U Z Z I

5 C O R P S

209 Div HQ (Det)	FURCI	7	61	Administration
IX MG Bn (2 Coys and 692 MG Coy)	FOSSACESIA	23	461	Labour & Gds
592 Inf Regt HQ	SCERNI	4	19	" "
1 Bn	CASALBORDINO	25	308	" "
2 Bn	CASTELFRENTANO	20	405	" "
1 Bn 515 Regt (HQ and three Coys)	TERMOLI	16	232	" "
1 Bn 541 Regt (Two Coys)	SAN VITO	4	184	" "
2 Bn 541 Regt (Two Coys)	ORTONA	13	337	" "
3 Bn 522 Regt (Two Coys)	ARCHI	5	239	" "
48 Regt Distaccamento	ATESSA	1	128	" "
28 Artieri Bn (Two Coys)	LANCIANO	12	401	RE work
"F" Recce Squadron	CASOLI	12	124	Operations
Banda Patrioti Maiella	"	6	200	"
92 Field Hospital	TERMOLI-TORINO	5	57	
82 Red Cross Hospital		3	36	
		156	3,192	

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2 D I S T R I C T

60 SUB AREA

U N I T	L O C A T I O N	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
IFHQ (209 Div HQ)	FURCI	24	80	Administration	
522 Inf Regt HQ	SCERNI	4	19	"	
515 Regt HQ	CAMPOBASSO	8	37	Labour & Gds	
1 Bn (one Coy)	TERMOLI	3	57	" "	
3 Bn (Two Coys)	TERMOLI	7	163	" "	
541 Regt HQ	SAN SALVO	8	14	Administration	
1 Bn (HQ & two Coys)	"	10	215	Labour & Gds	
2 Bn (two Coys)	VERRI	13	338	" "	
447 Bersaglieri Bn	SAN SALVO	26	672	" "	
Engineer Gp HQ	VASTO	3	10	RE work	
502 Artieri Coy	TORREBRUNA	15	385	" "	
29 Minatori Coy	LEBBA	9	217	" "	
308 Heavy M.T. Coy	TERMOLI	1	35	MT repairs	
247 Field Hospital	"	7	65		
		138	2,307		

151 SUB AREA

408 Inf Regt 1 & 2 Bns	BARLETTA	54	1,250	Port Labour	
" " " 3 Bn	FOGGIA-AMENDOLA	4	300	" "	
372 Inf Bn	BARLETTA	20	465		
800 Posecavi Coy	CORATO	3	126	Working for Sigs	
2 Rly Engr Gp					
1 Bn Ferrovieri	FOGGIA	24	616	Rly Constr	
905 Lav Artieri Coy	FOGGIA	6	306	RE work	
		111	3,063		

6 BASE SUB AREA

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2 Pipeline Gp HQ	VASTO	3	10	RE work
502 Artieri Coy	TORREBRUNA	15	385	" "
29 Minatori Coy	LEBBA	9	217	" "
308 Heavy M.T. Coy	TERMOLI	1	35	MT repairs
247 Field Hospital	"	7	65	
		138	2,307	

151 SUB AREA

408 Inf Regt 1 & 2 Bns	BARLETTA	54	1,250	Port Labour
" " " 3 Bn	FOGGIA-AMENDOLA	4	300	" "
372 Inf Bn	BARLETTA	20	465	
800 Posacavi Coy	CORATO	3	126	Working for Sigs
2 Rly Engr Gp				
1 Bn Ferrovieri	FOGGIA	24	616	Rly Constr
905 Lav Artieri Coy	FOGGIA	6	306	RE work
		111	3,063	

6 BASE SUB AREA

400 Inf Regt	BARI	122	1,904	Port Labour	
401 Inf Regt	"	112	1,936	" "	
402 Arty Regt	"	105	2,001	" "	
197 Group p.c.	"	19	312	" "	
19 Garrison Bn	"	33	331	" "	
226 Bn	MOLFETTA	19	368	" "	
209 M.G. Bn	MONOPOLI	10	300	Labour & Gds	
225 Inf Regt (part)	MONOPOLI		50	" "	
BITONTO Garrison Tps	BITONTO	10	380	" "	
820 & 821 Telegrafisti Coys	BARI	8	307	working for Signals	includes 3 Pl 91 Telegrafisti Coy
		438	7,839		

/2 DISTRICT - 52 AREA...

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A P U L I A

2 DISTRICT

52 AREA

U N I T	L O C A T I O N	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	R E M A R K S
406 Inf Regt	TARANTO	117	1,871	Port Labour	
407 Inf Regt	"	103	2,122	" "	
IV Bn	GROTTAGLIE	20	457	Labour	
904 Lav Artieri	TARANTO	6	307	RE work	
1000 G.T. Coy	"	10	380	G.T. duties	
		256	5,137		

71 SUB AREA

403 Inf Regt	BRINDISI	122	2,229	Port Labour	
404 " "	"	88	2,646	" "	
405 " "	"	87	1,762	" "	
1002 G.T. Coy	"	12	402	G. T. duties	
900 Lav Artieri Coy	"	6	306	RE work	
		315	7,345		

A.A. DEFENCE

20 Raggr Arty	BARI	58	404	
76 Gruppo	"	27	444	
78 "	"	[illegible]	259	
144 "	"	25	355	
139 "	MONOPOLI	14	218	
1424 " 88/55 and	SAN PANCRAZIO)			
1503 " 20mm	MANFREDONIA)	9	201	
4 Coy A.A.	CEGLIE	3	60	
Searchlight Units	BARI	5	106	
Observer Units	APULIA	23	517	

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403 Inf Regt	BRINDISI	122	2,229	Port Labour
404 " "	"	88	2,646	" "
405 " "	"	87	1,762	" "
1002 G.T. Coy	"	12	402	G. T. duties
900 Lav Artieri Coy	"	6	306	RE work
		315	7,345	

A.A. DEFENCE

20 Ragger Arty	BARI	58	404	
76 Gruppo	"	27	444	
78 "	"	22	259	
144 "	"	25	355	
139 "	MONOPOLI	14	218	
1424 " 88/55 and	SAN PANCRAZIO)			
1503 " 20mm	MANFREDONIA)	9	201	
4 Coy A.A.	CEGLIE	3	60	
Seerchlight Units	BARI	5	106	
Observer Units	APULIA	23	517	
		185	2,504	

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21 Raggrupp Arty c.a.HQ	CROTONE	12	43	
87 Group	"	17	434	
145 "	CASA PASQUALE	20	370	
78 "	S.LORENZO VALLE	15	212	
		64	1,059	

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SUBJECT:- Employment of Italian Army

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)

3 Apr 44

Hdqrs 1510 - HD

AFHQ (12)

Ref your AG 400-1 (Italian) GDS-AGM of 14 Mar 44.

1. The number of Italian Troops who will be effectively employed under present plans, and therefore require to be supplied, is estimated at 500,000.

(a) A summary of the principal categories is at Appendix "A"

(b) The proposed dispositions of combat and internal security formations are given at Appendix "B". These are on the lines indicated in your P/109 of 3 Oct and AG 091-711-1 Italian GCT-AGM of 10 Feb, and the total number of troops involved is approximately the same.

It should be made clear to the Italian authorities that the internal security formations may be required to guard Allied installations, or for other similar duties.

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(e) The Fire Brigades have been included, since they are uniformed bodies whose maintenance and efficiency is essential to the Allies.

(f) The Italian Navy total of 75,000 is being examined and it is hoped to reduce it eventually to about 50,000.

(g) No figure has been included for AA Units nor for CD Units in SICILY and SARDINIA. These are employed under AFHQ and it is not known how many it is proposed to retain. Troops employed in CORSICA have been excluded for the same reason.

2. Action is in hand to redistribute troops in accordance with Appendix "B" and to form the remaining units required by Appendix "C". The principal cause of delay is movement from SARDINIA.

3. It is recommended that the Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) of ACC should be the authority for handling problems of requirements, issues and record keeping. Their existing WE (33 Military Mission) and TO will require only minor amendment to enable them to do so. Proposals for these amendments are already being forwarded through the normal channels. To establish a seperate agency to supervise supply etc. would be uneconomical and confusing.

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The Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) will continue as an integral part of ACC, and will come under the Chief Commissioner ACC for policy matters, involving negotiations with the Italian Government. It will, however, be directly responsible to HQ AAI for all questions of supply and for the control of issues to the Italian Forces. It will also deal direct with HQ AAI on questions of organisation except in so far as they affect policy with the Italian Government.

4. It would be appreciated if you would confirm that, pending any new decisions as to the Italian military ceiling, supply shipments are being made on the basis of the present agreed figure of 500,000.

5. Recommendations as to the scale of supply, required by para 5 of your above quoted letter are being forwarded seperately. A separate letter is also being addressed to you to explain the importance of the Italian Army.

A7 Harding
Lt Gen

for General,
Commander-in-Chief.

Copy to:- AAI Adm Ech (12)
ACC (6)
MMIA (6)

ACC DIST
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DEP CC (Rear HQ)

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for

General,
Commander-in-Chief.

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SECY GEN
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EXECUTIVE COM (THRU CA BN)
ARMY SC. (LO) (PO Bldg)
" (SALERNO)

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Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 2 Apr 44.

SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES

1.	Combat Division	14,100
2.	Internal Security Formations	101,200
3.	Units employed or to be employed by the Allies	180,000
4.	Italian Administration:-	
	Central Organisations	4,470
	Static Formations	15,000
	Services	26,400
5.	Carabinieri etc.	60,000 (a)
6.	Security Police	20,000 (b)
7.	Fire Brigades	10,000 (c)
8.	Navy	75,000 (d)
9.	Air Force	31,000
		537,170

NOTES:
(a) Only 37,000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies.

(b) Only 9,000 employed at present and remainder only required after a further advance by the Allies.

(c) Estimated

(d) See para 1 (f) of covering letter.

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Appendix 'D' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 3 Apr 44

PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF COMBAT AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS

1.	EIGHTH ARMY:- One Combat Div (CIL)	14,100
2.	ITALY:-	
	(a) NAPLES and to South - One Corps of two Divs	20,300
	(b) North of NAPLES - One Corps of three Divs	30,300
3.	SICILY: One Corps of three Divs	30,300
4.	SARDINIA: One Corps of two Divs	20,300
		101,200

NOTES: (a) Mantova and Piceno Divs nominated for 2 (a).

(b) Corps HQ in 2 (a) also to command CIL, when NOT employed under direct op cond of an Allied formation.

(c) Sabauda Div is included in 3 above.

(d) Formations for 2 (b) and the remainder of 3 will be brought over from SARDINIA as required.

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LIST OF ITALIAN TROOPS REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE A

ARM	At present employed by - U.S.	Brit.	Outst Already allotted U.S.	Brit.
RAC	-	-	-	1000
Recce	-	150	-	150
Arty	150	450	-	150
Engrs	1850	2400	4800	2800
Sigs	500	550	200	300
Non-Tradesmen :-				
Guard Duties	1200	800	5700	1600
Labour	9100	26400	7500	800
Tpt :-				
MT	-	1500	3100	3500
Pack	2800	-	500	300
Medical	1700	400	-	1000
Misc Service units (incl those in SARDINIA)	12700	1200	5200	2400
Rfts to bring units already employed up to strength and to provide a pool to meet minor adjustments in requirements				
TOTALS	30[illegible]	33[illegible]	27[illegible]	14[illegible]

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Appendix 'C' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 3 Apr 44

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OF ITALIAN TROOPS REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT BY THE ALLIES

sent employed by - Brit.	Outstanding requirements Already allotted U.S.	Already allotted Brit.	Unallotted	TOTALS
-	-	1000	-	1000
150	-	150	-	300
450	-	150	-	750
2400	4800	2800	11000	22850
550	200	300	-	1550
800	5700	1600	11000	20300
26400	7500	800	30000	73800
1500	3100	3500	3000	11100
-	500	300	-	3600
400	-	1000	-	3100
1200	5200	2400	2000	23500
			18150	18150
33[illegible]	27000	14[illegible]	75150	180000

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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TO : AAI RPTD FATIMA FLAMBO

DATE/TIME REC'D: APR 04/0344B
DATE/TIME SENT : APR 03/2140B
REFERENCE NR : SD 495
CITE : NONE

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O/N SD 495 YOUR SD 2624 OF 2 FEB 2 MMIA OFFICERS WILL ATTEND METTING CASERTA 6 APRIL.

Acc Dept

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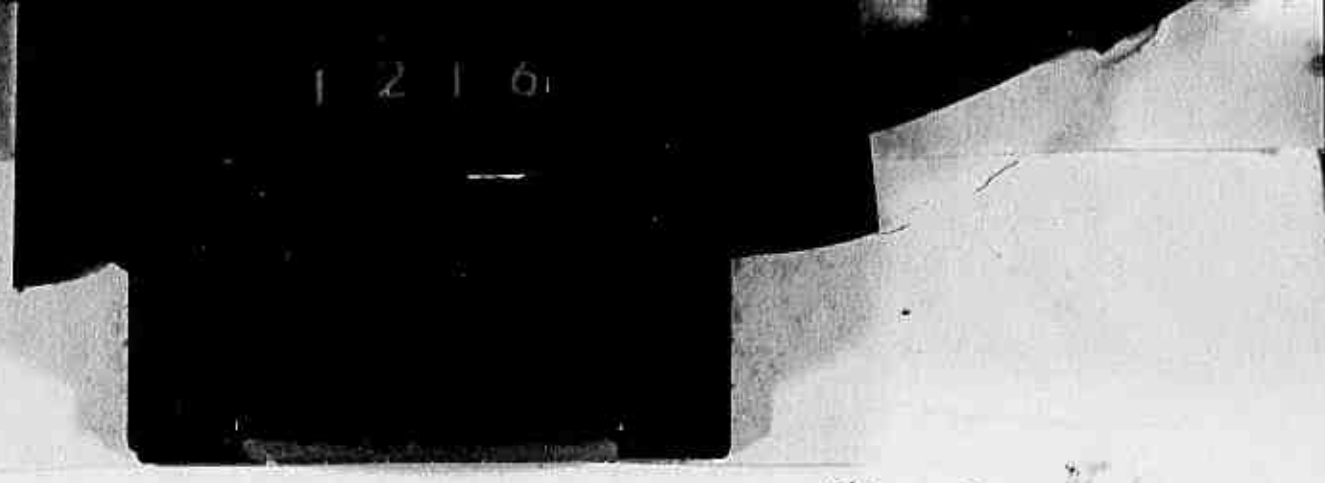
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TO : FATIMA
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QQY GR 55

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DATE/TIME SENT : 03/1400
REFERENCE NR : SD 2835
CITE : NONE

SD 2835 CONFIDENTIAL. REF FATIMA 2884 of 02 APRIL.

Regret for OP reasons Baffili Bn cannot rpt not be at Utili GP at this state. Will endeavour to arrange for it to join Utile Gp when possible. C of S is explaining situation to General Utile today having discussed it with CGS AAI yesterday.



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HQ AGF, A.G.O.
Sec'y Gen.
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By

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION

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ROUTINE

2 APRIL 44

VAPOR 183

M FIELDMAN Major

MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REPEATED FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH AND A.A.I.

FOR SD 1. MARSHALL MESSR REQUESTS BAPILE BATTALION S. MARCO MARINES BE FIRST ATTACHED TO UTILE GROUP PD BATTALION NEWLY FORMED AND REQUIRES BATTLE EXPERIENCE.

L.T. MONTANT JR
2nd Lt AGD
ADJUTANT

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HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen
Rec'd 3 Apr 1735
By DFE

HQ A. A. I.

Subject: Entry of Italian Troops into ROME. 8653/7/EGS

To: Allied Control Commission. 2 April 44

1. Ref your letter CC/G/144, above subject, dated 20 March.

2. Your views were submitted to A.F.H.Q. who now agree that a small number of Italian troops should enter ROME shortly after the official Allied entry. If a ceremonial parade is desired by the Italian forces, this parade should be held after the Allied ceremonial parade.

3. When arrangements are complete for the appointment of Gen. BENCIVENGA as administrator of forces of law and order in ROME during the interval between the departure of the Germans and the arrival of the Allies, may this HQ be informed, as we wish to explain the position to General JOHNSON, Chief of the ROME City Administration.

/s/
for Lt.-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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CC/P/166 (091.711)

FNMM/rj

1st. April, 1944.

Copy sent to D-5G Air

Many thanks for your note of the 27th. March and for the copy of your final report on the Italian Air Force. I was very interested indeed in the latter and I do congratulate you very much indeed on having produced such first class results under so many difficulties and handicaps.

2. I continue to struggle along here with very few dull moments and a kaleidoscopic variety of problems of every conceivable kind. Very good at any rate for one's general education!

3. I hope you like your new job in Malta and if ever I come your way I will certainly look you up.

4. With renewed thanks for all your help and cooperation over here and hoping we may get together again some time and with very best wishes.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Air Vice Marshal R.M. Foster,
Headquarters, R.A.F.,
M A L T A.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

DO/RMF/207. 27th March 1944.

Dear General.

Owing to the spate of conferences which you were holding on Saturday evening, I did not get an opportunity of saying good-bye to you personally. However at Malta I am not very far away and hope to come up to Naples occasionally: on the other hand I hope if you find yourself at Malta you will come and stay at my house or at least have a meal there.

I enclose a copy of my Swan Song to my Air Commander in Chief concerning the activities of the Italian Air Force since the Armistice. I think you will agree that they have done a good deal more than is generally recognised, and that they got going much more quickly than their confreres in the other two services. I would be most grateful if you could officially record with Marshal Badoglio the consistantly high standard of co-operation which General Sandali, the Air Minister, has afforded me during the past six months. I consider that he has thoughout honestly done his very best to get things going as we want them.

My very best wishes for the success of your organisation, and I hope I will have the pleasure of working with you again sometime or another.

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Lt. General Sir P.Mason MacFarlane, K.C.B,D.S.O.,M.C.,
Headquarters,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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By D.F.B.

MOST SECRET

FROM : Air Vice Marshal R.M.Foster,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

TO : The Air Commander in Chief,
Headquarters,
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

DATE : 27th March 1944

REF : S.1/AIR.

Sir,

On handing over control of the Italian Air Force, I have the honour to submit the following general report on the activities undertaken between the time of the Armistice in September 1943 and the present date.

CONDITIONS IN SEPTEMBER 1943

2. I arrived in Brindisi with one other Officer, a clerk, and an M.T. Driver on the 15th September 1943. My instructions were to take over control of all Italian Air Force aircraft, personnel, airfields and equipment, and to make recommendations as to their use.

3. I found a completely disorganised and dispirited collection of people : the bona fides of many of the Senior Officers were in doubt, and not unnaturally the complete reversal from fighting for the Germans to fighting against the Germans presented considerable difficulties. The Air Minister was eager to co-operate but had no constructive plans as to how such a policy was to be put into effect.

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5. After receiving these instructions, I drew up a plan for the reorganisation of the resources available, of which the main features were :-

(a) The drastic reduction of redundant staffs and general officers.

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(b) The Formation of one fighter, one bomber transport and one coastal wing.

(c) The introduction of a complete maintenance organisation to meet the needs of these three wings.

(d) The developement of a comprehensive salvage system from which the maintenance units would be supplied with essential spares and parts to keep the force in operation.

(e) The organisation of surplus personnel into technical and non-technical units, which were to be put at the disposition of the Allied Forces in substitution for our own men who could then be withdrawn for duties elsewhere.

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OPERATIONAL ROLE

6. For a number of sound reasons the Italian Air Force was allotted all its operational tasks on the Eastern Adriatic and in the Balkans, a few night missions only being undertaken over the Italian mainland.

7. Operations on a limited scale were undertaken immediately in support of the Italian Garrisons at Corfu and Kephalonia : an insufficient effort, however, could only be applied and both garrisons capitulated after weak resistance. Regular operations were continued throughout the ensuing weeks on the small scale dictated by the maintenance position. The repair and overhaul units, however, have now got into their stride, and it has consequently been possible to step up the scale of operational effort very considerably and also to undertake regular scheduled courrier services.

8. At the present time the Fighter Wing is at Falata in the Foggia Plain, operating against coastal shipping and other targets in the Dalmatian Island area. The Bomber Transport Wing is at Lecce and is undertaking on first priority a considerable programme for the delivery of supplies by air into Yugo-Slavia and to other Balkan centres of resistance. In support of these supply operations, a certain number of fighters are being converted for long range escort duties - additional tanks are being mounted into the fuselages of the Macchi 205 and fittings are being made for adapting German Stuka supplementary tanks (of which a good supply is available) for use of Reggiane 2001. When this programme is complete there should be available sufficient escorts for all Italian supply dropping missions. The coastal wing at Taranto with detachments at Brindisi and Lake Varano, [redacted] is doing useful and steady work on convoy escorts, anti-submarine patrols and air sea rescue. It can be said to be substituting two Allied coastal squadrons.

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Fighter Bombers :	Reggiane 2002	18	
Long Range Escort Fighters :	Macchi 205	15	
	Reggiane 2001	14	108

BOMBER WING (a/c in operational use only)

Supply Droppers	S.82	24	
	Cant 1007	28	
A/c. for evacuation	S.81	3	
of wounded :	G.12	2	57

SEAPLANE WING

Convoy escort anti-submarine etc.	Cant 506	27	
A.S.R. duties	Cant 501	18	
	R.14	8	53

(This is exclusive of 3 A.S.R. Seaplanes retained for use in Sardinia)

The total of other aircraft in service for courrier postal routes, transport

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of materials, communication and school aircraft, etc., amounts to 129. Aircraft under rebuild after salvage total 73.

OPERATIONAL RECORDS

10. The following is a summary of the work carried out since September last.

(a) Fighter Wing

Hours flown	2518 hours 23 minutes
Number of sorties flown	1384
Enemy aircraft destroyed in the air	8
Enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground	11
Enemy aircraft damaged in the air	1
Enemy aircraft damaged on the ground	9
Enemy shipping claimed as damaged	74
Enemy shipping claimed as destroyed	11
Enemy M.T. claimed as damaged	9 plus
Enemy M.T. claimed as destroyed	5
Weight of bombs dropped by fighter - bombers a/c	29 tons
Italian destroyed in action or missing	7
Italian aircraft destroyed in accidents	9
Pilots killed	4
Pilots wounded	6
Pilots missing	3

(b) Bomber Transport Wing

Hours flown	4565 hours 35 minutes
Number of sorties flown	1241
Weight of stores dropped over lines	163 tons
Number of personnel dropped over lines	9
Number of Italian aircraft lost or destroyed on operations	3
Number of aircrew killed	10
Number of aircrew wounded	NIL
Number of aircrew missing	3

(c) Coastal Wing

Hours flown	2669 hours 44 minutes

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(c) Coastal Wing

Hours flown	2669	hours 44 minutes
Number of sorties flown	684	
Number of A/S attacks carried out	NIL	
A.S.R. missions undertaken	53	
Number of persons saved	18	
Aircraft lost or destroyed	5	
Aircrew killed	NIL	
Aircrew wounded	3	
Aircrew missing	NIL	

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(d) Other Flying Activities

A regular courrier service is run daily with the following points of call :

Lecce - Bari - Foggia - and return (daily)
Lecce - Bari - Naples - and return (thrice weekly)
Lecce - Sardinia - calling at Catania occasionally - and return (thrice weekly)
Lecce - Catania - and return (thrice weekly)
Lecce - Bari - Gaudo - and return (Italian Supreme Command - thrice weekly)

A.A. defences are exercised by both land and seaplanes and an average of 60 hours are flown monthly on these duties

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Aircraft are regularly supplied to the Parachute School near Brindisi, and a total of 2152 live drops have been successfully carried out since this work was undertaken.

In sum, in the six months since the Armistice the Italian Air Force has flown 9754 hours in accomplishing 3309 sorties and has suffered 29 casualties amongst its aircrew.

FUTURE OPERATIONS.

11. The duties allotted to the Italian Air Force are now well defined. Their priority work will be the dropping of supplies into Yugo-Slavia and an undertaking of 100 sorties per month on this task has been given. With the seasonal improvement in the weather now expected, this figure should be attained without difficulty; it is hoped in fact to exceed it. The fighter wing, in addition to escort duties to supply dropping formations, will continue to supplement our air operations on the Dalmatian coast, and the coastal wing will continue with its present duties. On a general estimate the three Wings together should be able to reach an aggregate of 1,000 sorties per month during this summer.

SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMME.

12. A substantial number of Italian Air Force units have been formed to meet demands made by both the USAAF and the RAF for Italian personnel. At 20/3 these Units are divided up as follows :-

U.S.A.A.F.	Skilled men	1,356	
	Unskilled men	5,675	= 7031
R.A.F.	Skilled men	373	
	Unskilled men	298	= 671
Port-Labour supplied by I.A.F.			= 2083
Balloon Operators supplied by Navy			= 500
			10,285

CONCLUSION.

13. The foregoing details give proof that the Heads of the Italian Air Force have taken genuine steps to give their maximum contribution to our war activities. In the execution of these operations, the actual flying units have shown unexpectedly good qualities. Having seen the condition of this force at the time of the Armistice in September last, I have been frankly

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SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMME.

12. A substantial number of Italian Air Force units have been formed to meet demands made by both the USAAF and the RAF for Italian personnel. At 20/3 these Units are divided up as follows :-

U.S.A.A.F.	Skilled men	1,356	
	Unskilled men	5,675	= 7031
R.A.F.	Skilled men	373	
	Unskilled men	298	= 671
Port-Labour supplied by I.A.F.			= 2083
Balloon Operators supplied by Navy			= 500
			10,285

CONCLUSION.

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14. In conclusion, therefore, I consider it only right to remind you of the undertaking given at the time of the Armistice by the then Air Commander in Chief who, as General Eisenhower's representative, stated that the extent to which our war effort benefited from Italian co-operation, would be taken into full account when settlements were being considered at the close of hostilities. In my judgement, the Italian Air Force has, during the past six months, made a whole hearted effort to contribute its share in operations against the enemy, and I feel that this fact should be plainly recorded, so that it can be placed to the credit of the Italians when the time for settlement comes.

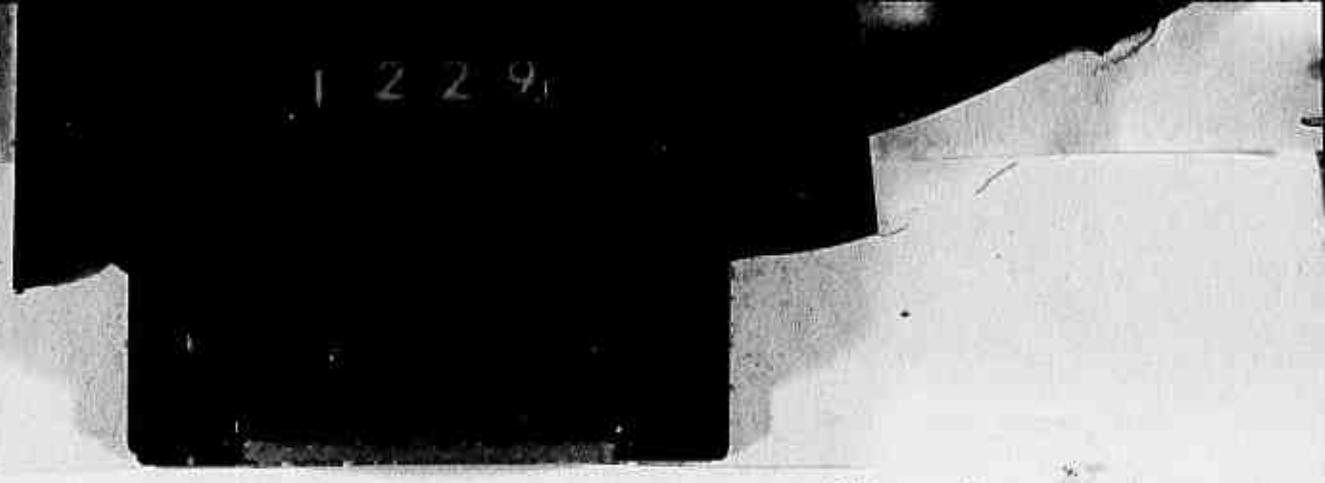
15. I am sending a copy of this report to Lt. General Sir F. Mason Macfarlane.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

R. M. Foster
AVM.

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HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 5 Apr 0930
By

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QS175 1 April 1944

SUBJECT: Deputy Chief of General Staff, Italian Army.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Marshal Messe has informed us that Generale di Divisione Adolfe INFANTE is posted w.e.f. 31 Mar. as Deputy Chief of the General Staff, with acting rank of Generale di Corpo d'Armata.

Lt. Col.

(Sgd) (G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

Copy to D.C.C. ✓

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By DFF

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE 6224

CLASS: SECRET M/C NO: 8/30

PREC : ROUTINE REF NO: F 24681

FROM : FREEDOM (CINC) FILED : 291747A

TO : FATIMA REC'D : 300516

(SIGNED CINC. CITE FHGCT F24681. ACTION MMIA RPTD NORBS, FILPOT, FATIMA, FALCON, FLAMBO FOR INFORMATION) YOUR SD370 OF 18 MARCH IS REFERENCE

1. AN OFFICER FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS IS LEAVING FOR NORBS TODAY TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, THE RELEASE TO YOU OF THE ITALIAN PROVISIONAL TRUCK BATTALION. YOU WILL BE INFORMED ABOUT ONE APRIL AS TO THE DECISION ON THIS MATTER

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FROM MMIA 301215

TO FATIMA FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH

FALCON FOR SIMMONS FATIMA FOR OFFENHAUER

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HQ AAI (Adm Sch)
CMF
2321/G(SD)
31 Mar 44.

Notes for Conference 31 March 44.

Att at Appx 'A' is present distribution of Italian Army.

Att at Appx 'B' is proposed distribution of Italian Army.

1. Examine requirements in number of Italian security divs. One Combat div and ten security divs are shown in Appx 'B'.

2. Approve the agency through which G in C's orders are transmitted to Italian Army.

   (a) suggest strengthened MMIA, additions to be made especially to U.S. side.

   (b) MMIA to be under control ACC as heretofor but G(SD) and Q (incl G4) to issue orders direct to MMIA (copies to ACC).

3. AAI and AAI (Adm Sch) to re-examine units on priority list 3 with a view to -

   (a) releasing Br and American units for service elsewhere

   (b) dilution.

4. MMIA to re-examine necessity for such heavy Italian overheads.

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Appendix 'A' to 253/G(O)
dated 31st Mar 44.

ORGANISATION OF ITALIAN ARMY

AS AT 15 MAR 44	PERSONNEL
1. Allies are employing in ITALY (incl Dopino Bde 6000, but excl Caribinieri(serial 3 below))	65700
2. Employed under Italian control incl Mantova Div 8500) Piceno Div 8500) (this incl Italian services, Depots, Area tps etc.)	55600
3. Caribinieri and Customs (Italian control)	15500
	136800
4. On Mainland unallotted and available to be reorg to meet Allied requirements on List 5.	32700
Total Mainland of ITALY	169500
5. Total Army in SARDINIA of which	162000

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(Italian control)

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	Total Mainland of ITALY	169500
5.	Total Army in SARDINIA of which 10000 are being employed by Allies on gds, Lab, Airfd Constr.	162000
	N.R. Shipping available during Apr to bring over 10000 personnel.	
6.	Total Army in SICILY, incl Sarboda Div, 11000	21000
7.	Total Army in CORSICA	6000
	Total Italian Army	359500

Navy
Air 2nd

74000
81000

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Appendix 'B' to 2553/G(SD)
dated 31 MAY 44.

ITALIAN ARMY up to line PISA - RIMINI

PART		STRENGTH	REMARKS
I A	**FIELD FORCE FORMATIONS**		
	(a) COMBAT DIVISION	12,000	
	(b) REINFORCEMENT UNIT	2,000	
	(c) ADV RAILHEAD SUPPLY	100	Token figure
I B	**FORMATIONS under ARMY**		
	(a) ON MAINLAND		
	51 Corps HQ	300	South of line NAPLES FOGGIA and all there now
	MANTOVA Division	10,000	
	PISTOIA Division	10,000	
	X Corps HQ	300	North of line NAPLES FOGGIA and all now in SARDINIA
	A Division	10,000	
	B Division	10,000	
	C Division	10,000	
	Anti-Aircraft CASERTA	500	Token figure. Now on mainland.
	(b) IN SICILY		
	Y Corps HQ	300	now forming
	SABAUDA Division	10,000	now in SICILY
	D Division	10,000	now in SARDINIA
	(c) IN SARDINIA		
	2 Corps HQ	300	now in SARDINIA
	E Division	10,000	
	F Division	10,000	
	G Division	10,000	
	Anti-Aircraft	2,000	Token figure. Now in SARDINIA.
II	**UNITS under HQ AAI**		
	(a) At present employed	81,800	Order of Battle dated 15 March
	(b) To be employed	100,900	Priority List 3 less units delivered up to 15 March
	(c) Traffic control & Train Guards	2,700	Under Italian Control.
III	**PERSONNEL in mixed units**		
	7 Mtn Regt: 50 Pack Tpt Coy: .		

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	C Division	10,000	)	in SARDINIA
	Anti-Aircraft CALABRIA	500		Token figure. Now on mainland.
	(b) IN SICILY			
	Y Corps HQ	300		now forming
	SASARDA Division	10,000		now in SICILY
	D Division	10,000		now in SARDINIA
	(c) IN SARDINIA			
	2 Corps HQ	300	)	
	E Division	10,000	)	now in SARDINIA
	F Division	10,000	)	
	G Division	10,000	)	
	Anti-Aircraft	2,000		Token figure. Now in SARDINIA.
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III	PERSONNEL in mixed units			
	7 Mtn Regt: 50 Pack Tpt Coy: CSDAC	1,000		
IV	ADMINISTRATION			
	Central organisations	4,470		
	Static formations	15,000		
	Services	23,400		
	CARABINIERI etc	30,000		
	TOTAL	377,070		incl CARABINIERI

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PRECEDENCE : OPERATIONAL PRIORITY
REFERENCE NR : SD 465

FROM : MMIA
CITE : NONE

TO : FALCOR FOR SIMMONS RPTD FATIMA FOR OFFENHALER FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH PLEASE PASS

AMMUNITION FOR F24036 L. 26 MARCH CITE FHGDM STATE THAT CRUISERS WILL ARRIVE CAGLIARIA AS FOLLOWS MONTECUCOLI 30 MARCH. GARIBALDI 6 APRIL. ACOSTA 15 APRIL. EACH CAPACITY 1,000 (1,000) TO REMAIN ON SARDINIA NAPLES FERRY

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Secty Gen.
Rec'd 31 Mar 1200
By

SUPREME COMMAND P.M. 151, 29 March 1944.

Office of operations

TO: General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
Headquarters Allied Control Commission

File No. 12069

SUBJECT: Program of use of the Forces of the R. Italian Army

I refer to communication G/G/1/29 dated March 23rd of the Chief of the Army Subcommission containing the program of the use of the Forces of the R. Italian Army, and to communication No. 3080 under date of March 27th on this subject, addressed by the Chief of H.M.'s Army to General Duchesne.

I deem it appropriate to specify my point of view on this matter as follows:

1. As appears from the above mentioned communication G/G/1/29 the combined Allied Chiefs of Staff request that a list of available Italian troops be supplied from which will appear their assignment and program of use for the purpose of continuation of the war within the framework of co-belligerency.

To that purpose the above mentioned communication reports on the organizational scheme of the Italian troops, which in its breakdown into various categories, gives a total figure of 377.070 men including the Royal Carabinieri and the R. Finance Guards. It is to be kept in mind, however, that there is omitted in the attached figure corresponding to the forces:

- of the Military Academy (students and instructing personnel) (encl. B.);
- of the territorial Enti for Sicily, Lazio, Abruzzi and Molise, Toscana, Umbria and Marche (incl. C.);
- of the services for the above regions (incl. D.);
- of the R. Carabinieri and Finance Guards needed for further requirements up to the Pisa-Rimini Line.

Apart from more specific data which may be established by agreement between General Duchesne and General Berardi, I believe that it will be a matter of approximately another 50,000 men which naturally would make an increase to the 377,070 already considered (total 427,070). The force at present allowed to the Italian Army in accordance with previous directives (communication G/G/19 of 17 February) consisted of 390,000 men within the limits of the 500,000 devolved upon the Italian Armed Forces.

If such data of maximum strength should remain unchanged, it is obvious that the organizational scheme proposed by communication G/G/1/29 should undergo mod-

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If such data of maximum strength should remain unchanged, it is obvious that the organizational scheme proposed by communication G/6/1/29 should undergo modifications, in the sense of reducing the assignment of Italian Army troops to certain categories. I have deemed it necessary to clarify immediately this factor, which is of fundamental importance for the purpose of further negotiations on the question.

2. The strength of the combat division (including non-divisional troops) has 764 been established at 12,000 men.

In the previous communication G/6/19 there was perhaps more suitably provided the total force of the Division in question and of the Divisions "Picemo" and "Mantova" would not exceed 32,000 men. This permitted a certain elasticity in regard to combatant forces, it being for obvious reasons difficult to rigidly maintain a figure for operating units.

I would consider it useful, however, that in this respect the previous arrangement for the total strength for the three Divisions in question be confirmed, of which one operating and the ~~two~~ other two in training in view of a possible combat assignment.

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3. There are under consideration 10 Divisions and 4 Commands of C.A. for the needs of internal security and defense of the communication lines up to the Line Pisa-Rimini. While I am in agreement in regard to the number of Divisions considered for the Islands and up to the Naples-Foggia Line, I believe that north of this Line 5 will be needed, instead of 3 Divisions, keeping in mind the needs of the Capital, which alone would absorb at least one Division.

In substance, instead of 10 Divisions I am of the opinion that provision should be made for 12, although not changing the total strength which will be proportionately reduced for the single Divisions.

As to the C.A. Commands, considering territorial extension and the necessities of military reorganization especially in the territory still occupied, I believe that the 7 Commands now existing should be utilized, placing them as follows: one in Sardinia, one in Sicily, one in Puglia, one in Campania, one in Lazio, one in the Marche-Abruzzo and one in Toscana.

4. The proposed organizational scheme does not take into consideration future exigencies which are indubitably greater for the territory located north of the Pisa-Rimini Line.

I concur in the opinion that it is not a case of assigning right now the Units required for that territory (about 8-10 Divisions will be necessary); but I believe it opportune to set up right now, at least in part, the necessary frame-work, which cannot be improvised, for the military organization of those regions.

For such purpose could be used the Commands of the Coastal Divisions, to be utilized in the meantime for the assignment of Italian Units which are to be used under the Allied Forces in Italy.

5. The proposal of reduction or abolition of districts and depots would undermine fundamentally the entire Italian military organization, as is clearly shown in incl. 1 of communication sent by General Berardi to General Duchesne.

And this could only bring about grave repercussions in the efficiency which the Italian Armed Forces intend to give to the Allied Nations in the common effort to fell German military power.

The strength of the personnel to be used in that service will however be cut to the absolute limits.

6. I have considered it necessary to express clearly my point of view on the problem under study, in view that it assumes fundamental importance with respect to the efficiency which it gives to the Forces of the R. Army and consequently

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I will be grateful to you if you will express your opinion in the matter, so that the details of the plan of organization and use may be worked out in the agreements which later will be entered into by General Duchesne and General Berardi. 763

As to the above, I have also heard the opinion of the Minister of War who agrees completely.

THE MARSHAL OF ITALY
CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
(Giovanni Messe)
/s/ Giovanni Messe

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Sec'y, Gen.
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P.M. 151, 29 marzo 1944

AL SIGNOR GENERALE SIR NOEL MASON MAC FARLANE
COMANDO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLO

Ufficio Operazioni

N° 12069 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Programma di impiego delle forze del R.Esercito Italiano.

Mi riferisco al foglio G/6/1/29 in data 23 marzo del Capo della Sottocommissione Esercito contenente il programma d'impiego delle forze del R.Esercito Italiano, ed al foglio n. 3080 in data 27 marzo sull'argomento, indirizzato dal Capo di S.M. dell'Esercito al Generale Duchesne.

Ritengo opportuno precisare come segue il mio punto di vista sulla questione:

1°)- Come risulta dal citato foglio G/6/1/29 i Capi degli Stati Maggiori Alleati riuniti chiedono venga fornita una lista delle truppe italiane disponibili dalla quale risultino il loro compito e programma d'impiego ai fini della continuazione della guerra nel quadro della cobellìgeranza.
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D' da tener presente però che viene omessa negli allegati la cifra corrispondente alla forza:
- dell'Accademia Militare (allievi e personale istruttore) (all.B);
- degli enti territoriali per la Sicilia, il Lazio, Abruzzi e Molise, Toscana, Umbria e Marche (all. C);
- dei servizi per le suddette regioni (all. D);
- dei Carabinieri Reali e Guardia Finanza occorrenti per le ulteriori necessità fino alla linea Pisa - Rimini.

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Prescindendo dai particolari che potranno essere stabiliti d'accordo fra il Generale Duchesne ed il Generale Berardi, ritengo che si tratti di circa altri 50.000 uomini che andrebbero naturalmente in aumento ai 377.070 già considerati (totale 427.070).
La forza attualmente consentita all'Esercito Italiano per effetto di precedenti direttive (foglio G/6/19 del 17 febbraio) era di 390.000 uomini nell'ambito dei 500.000 complessivamente devoluti alle forze armate italiane.
Qualora tali dati di forza massima rimanessero invariati, è ovvio che lo schema di organizzazione proposto col foglio G/6/1/29 dovrebbe subire modifiche nel senso di ridurre la prestazione delle truppe dell'Esercito Italiano in talune categorie.
Ho considerato necessario chiarire subito questo elemento, essendo esso d'importanza fondamentale ai fini della ulteriore trattazione della questione.

2°)- La forza della divisione da combattimento (comprese le truppe non indivisionate) è stabilita in 12.000 uomini.
Nel precedente foglio G/6/19 era forse più opportunamente previsto che la forza totale della divisione in parola e delle divisioni "Piceno" e "Mantova" non superasse i 32.000 uomini. Ciò consentiva una certa elasticità nei riguardi delle forze combattenti, essendo per ovvie ragioni difficile mantenere rigidamente una cifra per unità operanti.
Riterrei pertanto utile che, al riguardo, fosse confermata la precedente disposizione della forza globale per le tre divisioni in

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3°)- Sono considerate 10 divisioni e 4 comandi di C.A. per le esigenze della sicurezza interna e difesa delle linee di comunicazione fino alla linea Pisa - Rimini.
Mentre concordo circa il numero di divisioni previsto per le isole e fino alla linea Napoli - Foggia, ritengo che a nord di tale linea occorrerebbero 5, anzichè 3 divisioni, tenute presenti le esigenze della Capitale, che da sole assorbono almeno una divisione.

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In sostanza, anzichè 10 divisioni sono del parere che ne dovrebbero essere previste 12, pur non variando la forza complessiva che verrebbe ridotta in proporzione per le divisioni singole.
Circa i comandi di C.A., tenuto conto dell'estensione territoriale e delle necessità della riorganizzazione militare specialmente nel territorio ancora occupato, ritengo che dovrebbero essere utilizzati i 7 comandi ora esistenti, dislocandone: uno in Sardegna, uno in Sicilia, uno nelle Puglie, uno in Campania, uno nel Lazio, uno nelle Marche-Abruzzo ed uno in Toscana.

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E ciò non potrebbe portare che gravi ripercussioni anche nel quadro del rendimento che le Forze Armate Italiane intendono dare alle Nazioni Alleate per lo sforzo comune di abbattere la potenza militare germanica.
L'entità del personale da impiegare in tale servizio verrà però ridotta allo stretto indispensabile.

6°)- Ho considerato necessario esprimere nettamente il mio punto di vista sulla questione in esame, dato che essa assume valore fon

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damentale nei riguardi dell'efficienza da dare alle Forze del R.Esercito e conseguentemente dall'apporto da dare alle Nazioni Alleate nel quadro dell'attuale cobelligeranza.
Le sarò grato se vorrà esprimere al riguardo il suo parere, affinchè i particolari del piano di organizzazione ed impiego possano trovare conclusione negli accordi che prenderanno ulteriormente il Generale Duchesne ed il Generale Berardi.

Quanto sopra, sentito anche il parere del Ministro della Guerra che concorda pienamente.

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

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il Generale Duchesne ed il Generale Berardi.

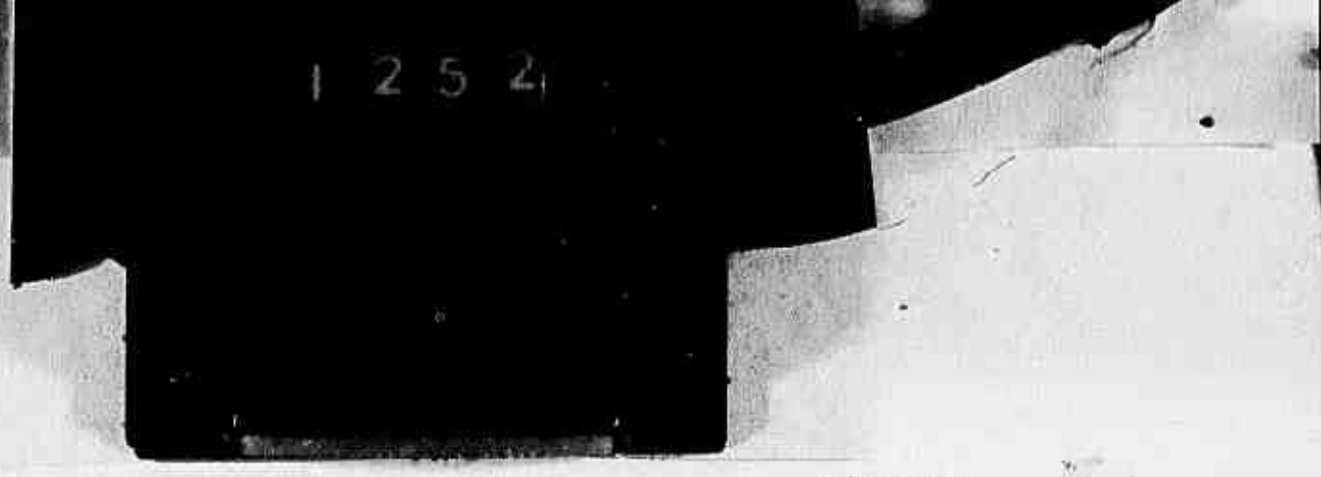
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SECRET IMMEDIATE BR. CIPHER MESSAGE IN

FOLIO NO/ 03667

28 MAR 44
TOO: NIL
TOR: 17304/28

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED C IN C CITE FHG1M
TO : AAI, FLAMBO
ORIG NO: F24036

REF FLAMBO 454/25206 DATED 24TH AND AAI Q(M) 681 DATED 25TH MARCH.

1. AS LCI(L) ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO LIFT 10000 PERSONNEL MONTHLY FROM SARDINIA TO NAPLES THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ARRANGED AND WILL NOT BE ALTERED UNLESS OPERATIONAL NECESSITY ARISES.

A. MONTE-CUCOLI CAPACITY 1000 ARRIVING CAGLIARI APPROX 30TH MARCH THENCE ON SARDINIA NAPLES FERRY,

B. GARIBALDI CAPACITY 1000 ARRIVING CAGLIARI APPROX 6TH APRIL THENCE ON SARDINIA NAPLES FERRY,

C. AOSTA CAPACITY 1000 ARRIVING CAGLIARI MID APRIL THENCE ON SARDINIA NAPLES FERRY.

THESE THREE CRUISERS GETTING A NORMAL TURN ROUND SHOULD CLEAR 1000 PERSONNEL IN APRIL.

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MEDT DMEGB QVR 1/ NR 355/21
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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 5886

Call | Srl. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions

MEDT V MEDY 24 44 QVR1 Secretary General

FROM (A) Originator: MMIA | Date-Time of Origin. | Office Date Stamp: 4 Apr

For Action.
FATIMA info FILPOT FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSIA D KIRK

(W) For Information (INFO)
MEDV-LLSQVR1 NR 355/21

Message Instructions. A. Co. | GR 154

Originator's No. 0303 ⊙ personal for MACFARLANE from DUCHESNE ⊙ first ⊙ PHDSLEY arrived yesterday ⊙ SECOND ⊙ shall visit NAPLES friday twenty fourth week draft order of battle required for italian army referred to in FILPOT letter 1605/50/3/1/GSD1 of 14 mar ⊙ this will raise tricky question of future numbers of CARABINIERI required and whether GUARDIA FINANZA are to be regarded as integral part of italian army in same way as CARABINIERI ⊙ at present they are drawing italian army rations on the assumption that they are being used as CARABINIERI and are now asking for boots and clothing ⊙ policy

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(W) For Information (INFO)

WEDY-LLS QUIRI NR 355/21

Message Instructions. GR

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If liable to be Intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.

Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.

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Message Instructions. A. Cs.

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For Action.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. | GR

Originator's No.

SARDINIA on saturday twenty fifth with
QUINSMITH

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TRANSLATION

File No. 213/RP

APO 151/A, 24 March 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

Chief of the Supreme General Staff

26 Mar 1944
HD

My dear General MacFarlane,

Thanks for your letter of March 18 relative to proceedings concerning Italian deserters.

After careful and considered study of the whole problem, I have come to the conclusion to submit the entire matter to the Chief of the Government, in view of the fact that the decisions which are to be taken in the matter entail an interest which exceeds the purely military scope, to assume politico-social aspects and considerations of national interest.

Meanwhile, I have issued instructions to the effect that the military Prosecutors suspend all trials in connection with crimes of desertion committed between July 10th and September 8th, 1943, by Italian military personnel belonging to operational units.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ MARSHAL G. MESSE

To Lieutenant-General
N.M. MacFarlane
Chief of Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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SUBJECT:= Italian Army Generally

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q...(MAIA)
LE QUILE (LECCE)
G/S/1/31
23 MAR 44

HQ ACC. APO 394
Secty. Gen.
Rec'd 1 Apr 1140 after C.C. had seen
By DHB

Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
Hq A.C.C. NAPLES

For your information my current news is as follows:

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm, ACC.

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SUBJECT: Accounting for supplies issued by Allies to Italian Navy.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (NOLA)
LAQUILA (LACCH)
AC/S
15 Mar 44.

FOTALT.

Copy to: FOWTT.) for
Naval Sub Commission, A.C.C. SALERNO.) information.
Adv HQ Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. SALERNO.

With reference to AFHQ letter, AG 400 - 1 (ITALY) GDS - ACS of 9 Jan and H.Q. ACC letter, APO. 394 of 6 Feb : -

1. I write to enquire as to the central authority of the ROYAL NAVY with whom I should correctly deal on the question of accounting for supplies issued by the Allies to the Italian Navy.

2. The factors, as they appear to me, are as follows :

(a) I supervise the activities of the Italian Ministry of War who receive the supplies in bulk at the various ports, warehouse them, and issue in bulk to the Italian Navy.

(b) Chief Commissioner A.C.C. has instructed me to deal direct with you on matters appertaining to the Italian Navy, since you are side by side with the Italian Ministry of Marine.

(c) The above mentioned AFHQ letter lays down a ration ceiling for the Italian Navy, Air Force, and Army incl Carabinieri in ITALY, SICILY, SARDINIA and CORSICA. As the most convenient authority implicated it is my responsibility to advise Chief Commissioner A.C.C. if this ceiling is in danger of being exceeded, so that he may rule if necessary which Arm should reduce to bring the numbers within the authorised total.

3. As regards the Italian Navy I therefore require a periodical statement of their ration strength in:

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4. You will appreciate the necessity for a co-ordinated centralised 75 statement published in consultation with the Ministry of Marine so that their demands on the Italian Ministry of War may be based on the same figures. Would you be so good as to confirm that you are in a position to furnish such a statement. And if not, who should do so ?

Brig.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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HQ ACC A.P.O. 534
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By

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19 Mar 1225 Sec. Gen

MJDT V LRHY NR534 IMPORTANT QVR2

FROM MMIA 180830A

TO FREEDOM

RPTD FATIMA

FLAMCO

FILPOT

FALCON FOR SIMMONS

SD370

FIRST. SUBJECT IS ITALIAN MILITARY TRUCK DRIVERS REQUIRED FOR FILPOT PROGRAMME. PRESENT SITUATION BOTH ON MAINLAND AND SARDINIA IS THAT ALL AVAILABLE TRAINED DRIVERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND WE ARE EMBARKING A SLOW PROCESS OF ~~DAILY~~ TEACHING UNTRAINED SOLDIERS TO DRIVE. ON THIS BASIS ESTIMATED SEVEN MONTHS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS OF FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DRIVERS FOR THE SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED PERSONNEL STILL REQUIRED.

SECOND. REFERENCE FREEDOM FOUR FOUR ZERO EIGHT FOUR OF TWO JAN TO FATIMA AND FATIMA THREE TWO TWO ONE OF THREE ZERO JAN TO FAKIR RPTD FREEDOM CMA FILPOT CMA FABLE. CAN PROVISIONAL TRUCK BN STRENGTH SIX HUNDRED ITALIAN MILITARY DRIVERS SENT FROM SARDINIA TO CORSICA EARLY IN FEB RELEASED FOR FILPOT PROGRAMME AND WHEN QUERY

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HEADQUARTERS
19 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

Acc Dist

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Army Subsec (Rear) 1
FLCO 1
FLMHF 1

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EWC/hjp

In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

16 March 1944

Subject: Cuneo Division

Dear Marshal Messe:

General MacFarlane has forwarded your memorandum file N. 11395/CP dated 26 February, in regard to the employment of the Cuneo Division, and I telegraphed further on the subject as a result of General Infante's note to me dated 11 March. Because of your personal interest in this matter, I regret to have to inform you that considerations of equipment supply prevent reconsideration of the earlier decision as to the disposition of the Cuneo Division.

With reference to the treatment of the personnel of the Division, Allied Force Headquarters states that the personnel of the Division are employed in Egypt under terms similar to those existing for Italian Army units in the rear of the Allied Armies, and are not considered in any way as prisoners of war.

As to the suggestion that a policy of gradual repatriation be established for the personnel of the Division, it is felt to be premature to consider such a project at this time due to existing priority of movement of personnel from the Middle East and the importance of the work on which the Division is employed.

Yours very truly,

ELLIOTT R. STONE
Captain, CSMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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NF 17 MAR 1944

EWS/hjp

In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

16 March 1944

Subject: Cuneo Division

My dear General:

Supplementing my letter of 11 March, replies have now been received in respect to the employment of the Cuneo Division and I am writing to Marshal Messe on this subject today.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USN
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Comando Supremo

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EWS/hjp

11 March 1944

My dear General:

Replying to your letter PM 151 of today, the Comando Supremo's memorandum of 26 February was forwarded by General MacFarlane to the Chief of Staff of the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, on 29 February, but to date we have received no reply. As a result of your memorandum, General MacFarlane telegraphed the Chief of Staff and I shall advise you as soon as his reply is received.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Comando Supremo.

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COMANDO SUPREMO

P. M. 151, 11 marzo 1944

My dear Stone,

As you know gen. Soldarelli is now ready to go to Palestine to see his division.

I wonder if you can let me know something in relation to our letter 11395 op. of February 27th last.

Thanking you your sincerely

/s/ A. Infante

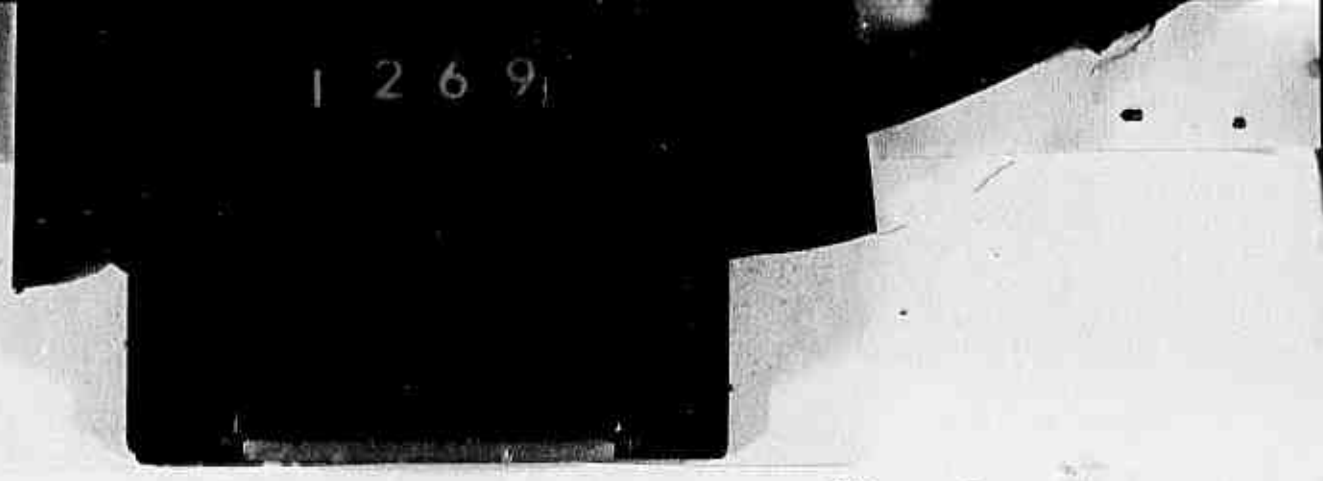
Captain U.S.N.

Ellery Stone

Allied Control Commission

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HQ ACC, APO 391
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FROM ALGIERS 082055A

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ARMY AB COMMISSION A.C.C. (MMIA)

PROPOSED SUPPLY LIAISON

1. CENTRAL ACCOUNTING AND SUPERVISORY STAFF

(a) Forcasting and shipping bids for supplies to Italian Armed Forces by MMIA on data provided by Services.

(b) Monthly bulk accounting by Chief Accountant ACC on data provided MMIA countersigned by Italian Ministry of War.

(c) Supervises supply liaison on MAINLAND, SICILY, AND SARDINIA; including rations, POL, Medical supplies, Clothing and Boots, and M.T.

(d) Existing British staff authorized for 33 Military Mission will suffice with the addition of one Clerk (Staff Sgt RASC) one Car (8cwt 4 X 4) and driver.

(e) See Appendix "A"

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(a) PORT LIAISON DETACHMENTS. Supervise Italian detachments, and consist of one Allied Capt or Lieut, one Warrant Officer (rations and Medical) one Corporal (Clothing and Equipment) and one Clerk at each port of entry. Present commitment (see Appendix "A")

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NAPLES	AMERICAN	Detachment
BARI	BRITISH	"
TARANTO	BRTAISH	" also visits CROTONE
CAGLIARI	By Allied Garrison	
PALERMO	By Allied Garrison	

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(e) M.T. INSPECTORATE Will require to be set up when circumstances necessitate .

3. FUTURE COMMITMENTS

A proportorate increase of the above may be required in the event of advance on the Mainland of Italy, in view of the ~~question~~ greater distances to be travelled. So long as the present staff remain, HQ Allied Garrison SARDINIA agree to supervising imports to Italian Bulk Depots, and central accounting. SICILY are in this paper assumed the same, but have not yet been consulted.

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APPENDIX "A"

MMLA SUPPLY LIAISON

INCREASES REQUIRED TO PRESENT AUTHORISED W.E. ST.O

	BRITISH		AMERICAN	
	OFFRS	O.R. CARS	OFFRS	E.M. VEHICLES
MMLA HQ STAFF				
Staff Sgt RASC		1		
PORT DETACHMENT				
Capt or Lieut (Rations)	3		1	
Capt or Lieut (Clothing &Equipment)	1		1	
Warrant Officer Class II(Rations)		3		1
Corporal (Clothing and Equipment)		3		1
Clerk (Corporal)		3		1
NOTE: Nil for SICILY and SARDINIA				
DEPOT INSPECTORATE				
DADS Major (Rations)	1		3(a)	
Staff Capt (Rations)	1		2(b)	
DADOS Major (Clothing and Equipment)	1			
Capt RASC (M) (Medical)	2			
Clerks (Rations)		1		3
" (Clothing and Equipment)		1		
" (Medical)		2		
TRANSPORT				

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Capt or Lieut (Rations)	2			1		
Capt or Lieut (Clothing & Equipment)	1			1		
Warrant Officer Class II (Rations)		3			1	
Corporal (Clothing and Equipment)		3			1	
Clerk (Corporal)		3			1	

NOTE: Nil for SICILY and SARDINIA

DEPOT INSPECTORATE

D/DS Major (Rations)	1			3(a)		
Staff Capt (Rations)	1			2(b)		
D/DOS Major (Clothing and Equipment)	1					
Capt RASC (MI) (Medical)	2					
Clerks (Rations)		1			3	
" (Clothing and Equipment)		1				
" (Medical)		2				

TRANSPORT

Cars and Batmen Drivers		6	6		4	4

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TOTAL	9	20	6	7	10	4

(a) one ~~for~~ each for Mainland, Sicily, and Sardinia

(b) one each for Mainland and Sardinia

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Subject: Italian Army Generally

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
G/5/1/26
1 Mar 44

Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane
HQ ACC NAPLES

For your information my current news is as follows:

1. CONFERENCE with Marshal MESSE. My agenda for the conference puts up that 32,000 men should be available in reply to which Gen BERARDI will offer 18,600 as set forth in Appendix 'A'. He is trying to keep in being various Corps Artillery etc units which are properly speaking at ACMF disposal and I consider that he should reasonably be able to produce about 25,000. The 211 Coastal Div in Southern CALABRIA is for consideration.

2. General ORLANDO should by now have seen you about parcels for Italian prisoners of war in NORTH AFRICA. I put the matter in QUINSMITH'S hands by signal on 29th.

3. TRUCK COYS FOR ACC My emissary Major LENTZNER has signalled me from NAPLES that organisation for the Military GT Coy from 2 District and QM Truck Unit from PBS should now be satisfactory. He should have seen Brig LUSH about it.

4. CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS for ARMY paid at civilian rates by Allies, subject to Italian Military Law, and officered from Italian Army. FLAMBO have turned this down for truck drivers in signal reproduced at Appendix 'B', so soldiers will now have to be trained.

I was relying on this idea to provide specialists for ACMF requirements after March, and its rejection will have an adverse production effect: especially on eleven thousand engineers which I think can now not be provided.

5. NAVAL MANPOWER. Admiral MACGREGOR was ill in bed on 29th when MORIARTY visited. Navy will send 1500 Italian ratings from NAPLES to TARANTO for port labour and a further 1300 should fall available from disbandment of coast artillery. This is a start.

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6. AIR FORCE. Air Commodore FOSTER was over the other side when I visited on 28th. I promised them 4,000 pairs of boots. No reply yet about release of General CAILLA from FORCE 133 whom I have reminded by signal: they are probably asking TITO.

7. SARDINIA. Col SIMMONS reported 240 mules died of starvation between first and seventeenth Feb. I signalled FREEDOM on 29, copy to you, asking them to state their policy to you. 744

8. SUPPLY ORGANISATION. I made a useful visit to ADRIATIC BASE SECTION in BARI on 28th in connection with some confusion there about first shipping arrivals. Situation is that we shall be building up a thirty days reserve this month before we start direct issues on Mainland. Estimated position with reference to AFHQ ration ceiling of 500,000 is given at Appendix 'C'.

Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

cc/mm

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APPENDIX 'A'

Italian Army (including Carabinieri)		170,261
Reorganisation Camps	3,552	
Volunteers	500	
Officers School(to be disbanded)	2,077	
	6,129	6,129
Effective strength for employment		164,132
Employed by Allies		78,142
		85,990
PICENO, MANTOVA and 211 Div		25,038
		60,952

GENERAL BERARDI'S PROPOSALS

	Now under Italian Command	I.A.desires to remain under It. Command	To Allied Programme
a. Ministry of War,General Staff, Kings Bodyguard, Comando Supremo =	4,303	4,303	
b. Corps Headquarters	2,655	2,155(?)	500
c. Armoured Car Battalion	294	294	
d. 108 Motorcycle Company	64	64	
e. 2 Regts Corps Artillery	2,210	1,410(?)	800
f. Corps Signals Units	2,471	1,871(?)	600
g. 31 Corps Wireless Company	400	400	
h. 31 Corps Chemical Company	188		188
i. Corps Drivers Regt	2,252	1,852(?)	400
j. 51 Corps Repair Shop	203	203	

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j. 51 Corps Repair Shop	203	203	
k. Corps Medical, Commissary and legal	876	876	
l. 25 Depots	16,644	12,644(?)	4,000
m. 17 District Headquarters	3;365	2,365(?)	1,000
n. 11 Transit Camps	2,670	1,670(?)	1,000
o. Territorial Service Units	14,172	12,172(?)	2,000
p. Brindisi Garrison	1,217	17	1,200
q. Airport and Antiparachute Defence	1,788		1,788
r; Engineer Units forming	1,518		1,518
s. 212 Div(Movement ordered)	3,662		3,662
	60,952	42,296	18,656

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APPENDIX 'B'

The following is copy of FLAMBO Signal SD892/18829 dated 24 Feb.

From: FLAMBO 241700A

To : MAIA

INFO: ACMF

SD892/18829

Ref your AQ531 of 9 Feb regret do not agree (.) Drivers should either be in army and get army rates of pay or be civilians and get civilian rates of pay

BT 1945

APPENDIX 'C'

RATION CEILING 500,000

	MAINLAND	SARDINIA incl CORSICA	SICILY
ARMY incl CARABINIERI	172,000	179,000	23,000
NAVY	61,000	say 10,000	say 2,000
AIR FORCE	24,000	say 7,000	say 1,000
	257,000	196,000	26,000

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APPENDIX 'C'

RATION CEILING 500,000

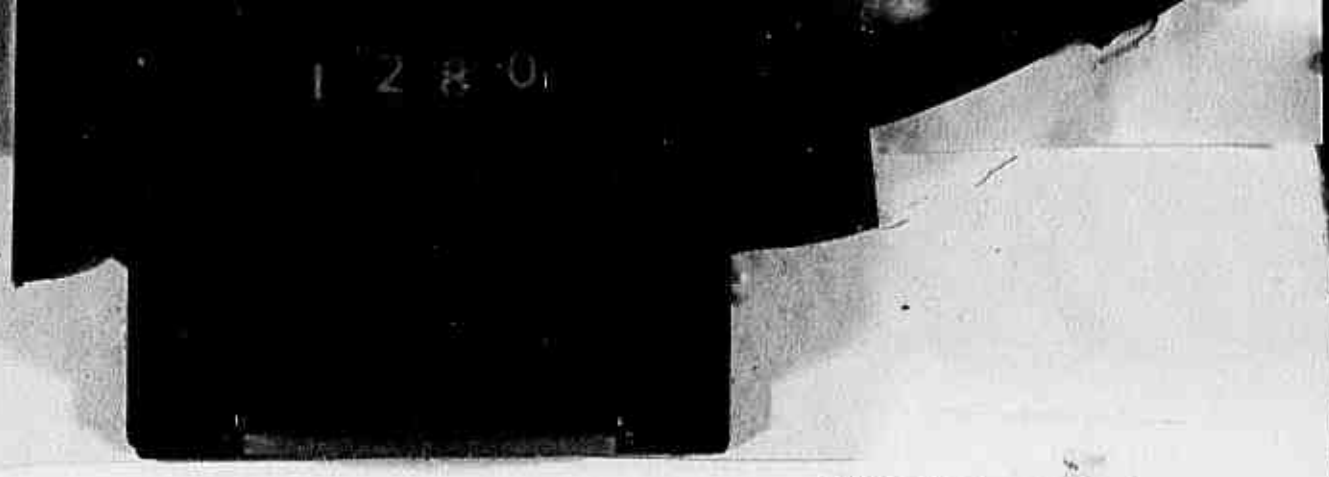
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	257,000	196,000	26,000

Estimated total 479,000 which would increase to 497,000 if Army call up of classes increases its strength to 190,000

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HEADQUARTERS
28 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

FROM: MEDIA
TO : FATIMA

YOUR 319 POINT 1 OF 19 JAN.
SITREP PERIOD 21-27 MAR 44
BRIG DUCHESNE VISITING SARDINIA
POLICY LETTER ITALIAN ARMY SENT TO ITALIAN
CHIEF OF STAFF
COPIES TO DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER ACC
MARSHALL BENES AND ITALIAN WAR MINISTER

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FROM MMIA

TO FARGO RPTD FILPOT FATIMA FOR QUINSMITH

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PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE FROM DUCHESNE FILPOT LETTER

1605/50/3/1/ GSD I of 14 MARCH

ADDRESSED TO ME COPY TO YOU ASKS FOR ORDER OF BATTLE OF ITALIAN ARMY NAVY AND AIR FORCE WITH STRENGTHS AND METHODS OF EMPLOYMENT. I WILL PREPARE FOR ITALIAN ARMY AND SUBMIT TO YOU. REQUEST YOU ORDER NAVY AND AIR FORCE TO PREPARE SIMILAR STATEMENTS FOR THE ITALIAN SERVICES. ALSO TO CONFIRM TO ME BY SIGNAL THE OVERALL TOTALS WHICH THEY WILL BE REPORTING SO THAT I CAN INCORPORATE IN STATEMENT OF TOTAL RATION CEILING FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

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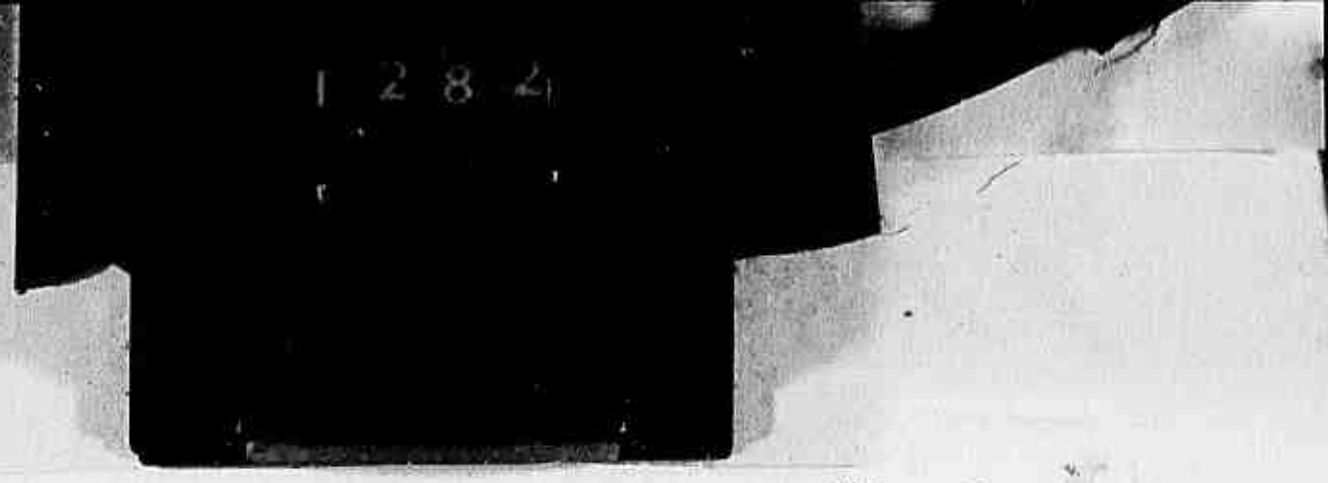
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TO.....FLAMBO, FATIMA, INFO FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH SMRE
FROM...MMIA
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24 MARCH 1944

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT
A. C. C.

Folio (28)

REF AFHQ FHGCT 30285 OF 12 FEB. SMRE HAS RENEWED REQUEST FOR FOR AIR PASSAGE FOR GENERAL SOLDAREIRI PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED BY MARSHAL MESSE. REQUEST CONFIRMATION AUTHORIZATION.

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Secretary General

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MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA from DUCHESNE T O O

To FAIRA NEAR for QUINSMITH T H I
rptd F TIRA for FITCH

24 Mar 1520

SD369 (.) FIRST (.) 0389 of 12 March crossed my SD/G/11 of 9 March informing you that demands for Italian Army Personnel are controlled by AAI to whom application should be made for inclusion in their priority list (.) Demands on Italian authorities direct are unprofitable (.) In fact that have outstanding demands for six thousand transport personnel so that drivers are very unlikely to be available for ACC (.) SECOND (.) NO rpt NO detachment of fifty drivers has been promised to HQ ACC (.) You have misunderstood a signal ordering fifty driver reinforcements to 1001 GT Coy as is explicitly stated in FLAMBO SD439/21846 of 9 March quoted in our letter (.) THIRD (.) Advise FITCH strongly that he should not intervene in build up of 1001 GT Coy or he will weaken ACC case set forth in my AG/5 of 9 March copy to him (.) Extra transport personnel for the build)up can only be obtained at the expense of priority serials in the AAI programme

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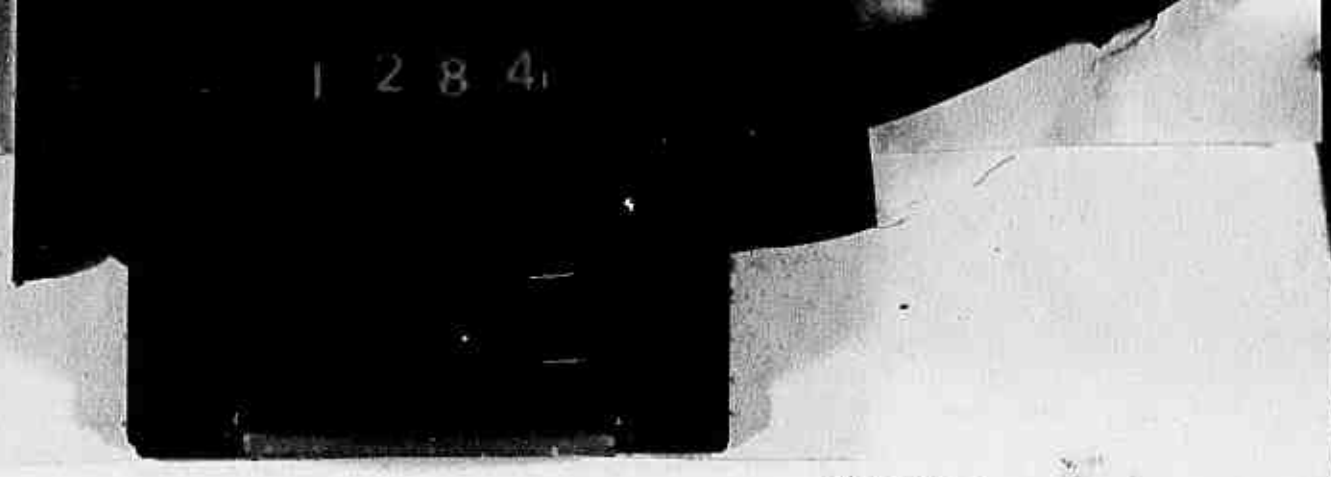
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FRO.. MMIA 1115A

TO FATIMAFOR OFFENHAUER

24 Mar 1112 DTG

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BRIG DUCHESNE AND COL PIDSLEY EXPECT TO ARRIVE NAPLES BY ROAD EVENING 24 MARCH. PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMODATION SERINA HOTEL FORMER INTENDS TO FLY TO SARDINIA SATURDAY. LATTER WISHES TO CONTACT COL CRAWSHAW ACC AND A/Q FLAMBO SATURDAY OR SUNDAY WITH DRAFT ORDE RPT ORDERS FOR HANDLING AND ACCOUNTING STORES TO ITALIAN ARMY. PLEASE NOTIFY THEM AND ALSO COL GRAFFTEY SMITH ACC RFTN 700 OP T 1115 A QQY AQ828 23 DUCHESNE PIDSLEY 24 SERINA SARDINIA CRAWSHAW ACC A/Q FLAMBO GRAFFTEY SMITH ACC

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23 March 1944

LDD/hjp

In reply refer to:
DCC 383.7

23 March 1944

11439/OP

Dear Marshal Messe:

This is in further connection with your letter N. 439/OP of 27 February 1944 with reference to the employment of Italian personnel by Allied Commanders.

With respect to this matter, the following reply dated 19 March 1944 has been received from Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy:

"The advisability of employing Italian soldiers from liberated territory or found locally before these men have been properly examined from the security point of view is fully realized at this Headquarters. Arrangements have already been made to apprehend all personnel, military and civilian, as they pass back through the frontlines. All personnel are examined and segregated into the various catagories before being passed to the rear.

"Arrangements are also in hand to obtain a nominal roll of all specialist Italian personnel employed by the Army, and these rolls, when prepared, will be passed to Comando Supremo through Col. Negroni at this Headquarters.

"It is hoped by this arrangement that the position of certain absentees from the Italian Army will thereby be regularized."

If in your opinion the above does not take care of the matter, will you please inform me.

Yours very truly,

See Folio 64

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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HEADQUARTERS
23 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

FROM MMIA

TO FATIMA RPTD FATIMA REAR FOR QUINSMITH AND KIRK

23 Mar 1450
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FOR LUSH FOR DUSHESNE. FIRST.

FURTHER TO MY AQ715 OF 21 MAR COPY TO YOU. HAND BOOK ON ITALIAN MILITARY FORCES TME 30-420 PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 1943 DEFINES CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION OF CARABINIERI IN PAGE EIGHT AS DEFINITELY PARTS OF THE ARMY. GUARDIA FINANZA ON PAGE FOURTEEN ARE TRAIN -ED FOR COMBAT AND IN WARTIME COME UNDER MINISTRY OF WAR. PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE ON PAGE FIFTEEN COME UNDER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ONLY. AS I READ IT WE CLAIM IN MEMORANDUM SHORTLY TO FORWARDED TO COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF THAT BOTH CARABINIERI AND GUARDIA FINIANZ -A ARE IN WAR PART OF ITALIAN ARMY BUT CAN NOT RPT NO SO CLAIM FOR PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE. ABOVE BOOK SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN PBS FOR YOU REFERENCE. SECOND. IF IN FACT CARABINIERI AND GUARDIA FINANZA ARE BEING EMPLOYED ON SAME DUTIES SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THAT THEY BE MERGED IN ORDER TO SAVE DUPLICATION AND OVER HEADS.

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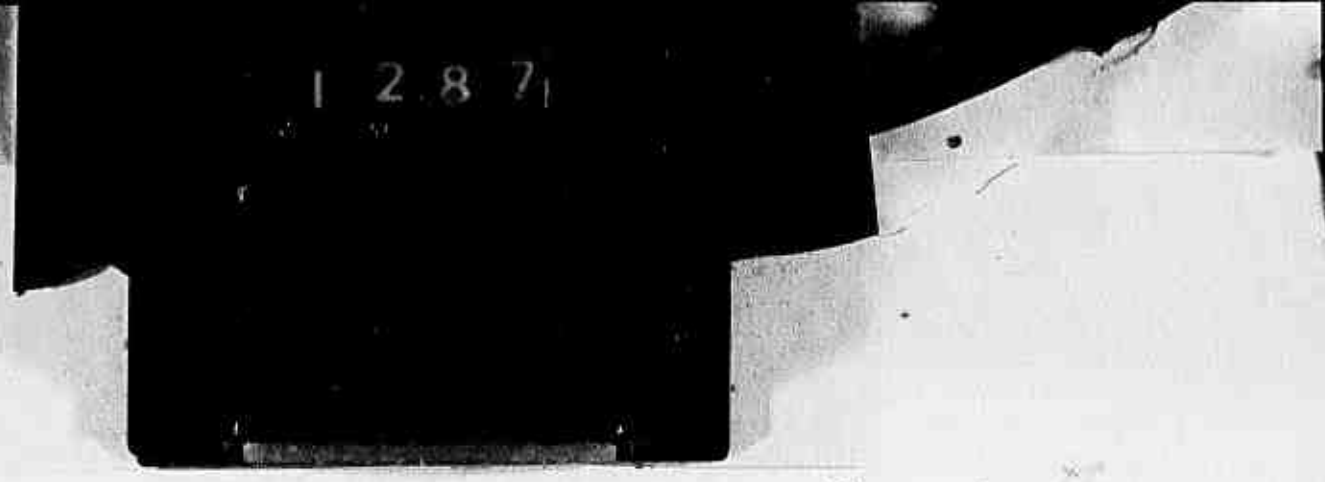
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FROM MMIA

TO FREEDOM

RPTD [redacted] FALCON FILPOT FATIMA

SD391

CONFIDENTIAL . REFERENCE FREEDOM SIGNAL 63286 OF 11 MARCH ADDRESSED FATIMA . CURRENT STRENGTH STATES SHOW TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED ITALIAN TROOPS EMPLOYED ON ANTI AIRCRAFT DUTIES IN SARDINIA . HOW MANY OF THESE DO YOU [redacted] CONSIDER SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED TOC.C/S. FOR PERMANENT RETENTION ON THIS DUTY QUERY

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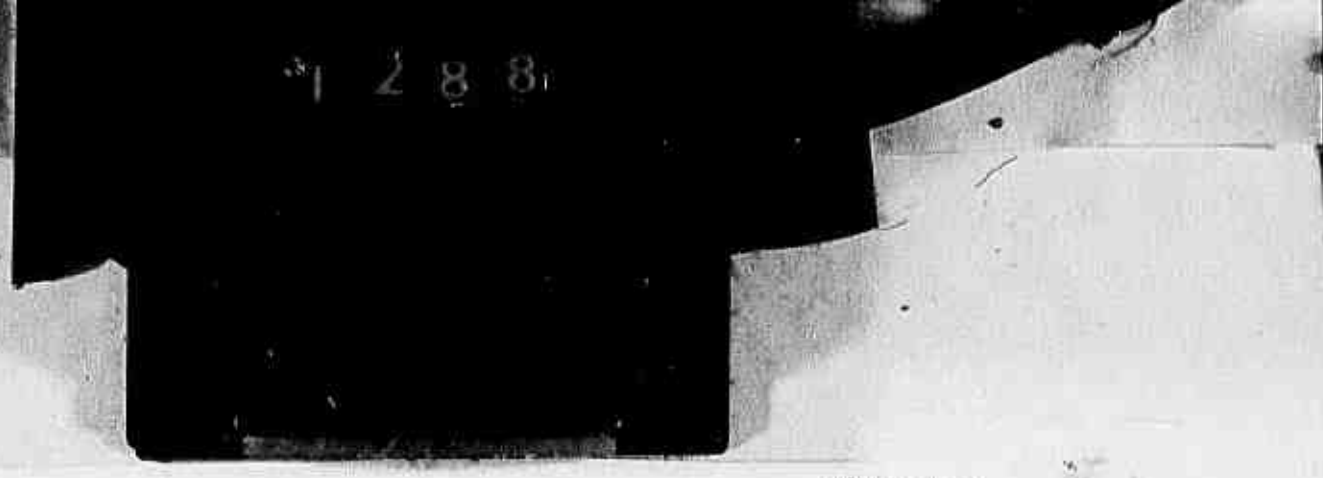
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(TO NORDS FOR AUTON RETD MYIA, FIFOT, FATIMA, FLACON, FLABC FOR INFORMATION STATED GENIC CITE FIGOT)

SENT TO CORSICA FROM SARDINIA 600 ITALIAN MILITARY DRIVERS IN STRENGTH, PROVISIONAL TRUCK BATTALION EARLY IN FEBRUARY. MYIA HAVE ASKED IF THIS UNIT CAN BE RELEASED FOR FIFOT AND IF SO WHEN. ADVICE REQUESTED. REPEAT TO MYIA.

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HEADQUARTERS
21 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

FROM: AMMA 201100

TO: FATI A

II YOUR 319 POINT OF 19 JAN. SITREP PERIOD 14-20 MARCH 44. QUESTION OF CALL-UP ITALIAN CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ABSENTEES BEING DEALT WITH. XII ITALIAN CORPS HQ UNDER GENERAL MARIOTTI SET UP HAVING JURISDICTION ITALIAN TROOPS IN SICILY QUESTION OF ACCOUNTING FOR ALLIED SUPPLIES FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES BEING CLARIFIED. GEN BRUNETTI SUCCEEDS GEN MARIOTTI AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF AT AMMI SITUS

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SUBJECT:- Movement of 212 Div and other Units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/13/36
21 Mar 44

Chief of Staff SHAEF

Copy to: H.E. The Minister of War
HQ A.C.C. for Lt Gen MACFARLANE
HQ A.A.I.
A.A.I. (Adm Ech)

Your Excellency.

1. 212 DIV

a. Our SD253 of 19 Feb addressed to you directed that the 212 Div be alerted for movement to NAPLES and requested that you advise strength etc.

b. On 29 Feb you advised that 3,021 people would be ready for movement.

c. Our SD300 of 1 March advised that it was imperative that 3,220 O.Rs be loaded on the trains.

d. On your 2543/Mob you advised that this would be done and furnished us a copy of your order to XXXI CORPS to do this.

e. Information received is that a total of 2,737 O.Rs and 222 officers were actually sent to NAPLES and that there remain in CALABRIA:

17 men employed on recovery work.
124 stragglers who will be sent to NAPLES
14 recently admitted to hospital.
328 on leave or absent without leave.

f. From the figures in para e above, a total of 3,220 O.Rs and 222 officers have been accounted for, total 3,442.

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h. The Ministry of War reported the ration strength for 212 Div for 1 March as 4,665.

i. A comparison of the figures in para f, g and h above show:

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c. Our SD300 of 1 March advised that it was imperative that 3,220 O.Rs be loaded on the trains.

d. On your 2543/Mob you advised that this would be done and furnished us a copy of your order to XXXI CORPS to do this.

e. Information received is that a total of 2,737 O.Rs and 222 officers were actually sent to NAPLES and that there remain in CALABRIA:

17 men employed on recovery work.
124 stragglers who <u>will</u> be sent to NAPLES
14 recently admitted to hospital.
328 on leave or absent without leave.

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Strength delivered (para e)	Strength accounted for (para f)	Strength reported (para g)	Ration Strength (para h)
2,959	3,442	3,975	4,665

j. The Ministry of War reported the ration strength for 212 Div as of 10 March as 4,305. This figure does not include Army Corps troops, as the Div is shown in imminent arrival.

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k. On 16 March our LO was informed by GOC XXXI CORPS (through Ministry of War) that depots in that Corps had been stripped to provide the strength of 3,220 men.

l. From the above it appears that:

(1) rations have been drawn for 1,223 people in 212 Div who do not actually belong to it, or may not exist.
(2) all people assigned to 212 Div have not been sent to NAPLES.
(3) rations have been drawn for 452 men actually on leave or actually absent without leave (124 stragglers plus 328 absent).
(4) your order to XXXI CORPS to furnish 3,220 O.Rs for this movement has not been carried out.

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(5) XXXI CORPS has not taken men from Depots to fill the Div to a strength of 3,220, but that the entire personnel of the Div has not even been furnished.
(6) there is a serious lack of coordination between the Ministry of War and the SHAEF as represented by the comparison of figures shown in para 1 above.
(7) in addition to the 452 men absent on leave or absent without leave, there are another 533 men unaccounted for.

2. Engineer Units

a. 23 Art Bn

(1) Strength required by programme	835
(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar	769
(3) Ration strength reported as of 10 Mar	856
(4) Strength delivered	665

b. 900 Lav Art Coy

(1) Strength required by programme (your 2555/Mob of 1 March)	263
(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar	262
(3) Strength delivered	233

c. 901 Lav Art Coy

(1) Strength required by programme (your 2555/Mob of 1 March)	263
(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar	263
(3) Strength delivered	231

d. 902 Lav Art Coy

(1) Strength required by programme (your 2555/Mob of 1 March)	263
(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar	263
(3) Strength delivered	231

e. 903 Lav Art Coy

(1) Strength required by programme (your 2555/Mob of 1 March)	263
(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar	251
(3) Strength delivered	210

3. In view of the state of affairs disclosed I am to request

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(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar 262
(3) Strength delivered 233

c. 901 Lav Art Coy

(1) Strength required by programme (your 2555/Mob of 1 March) 263
(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar 263
(3) Strength delivered 231

d. 902 Lav Art Coy

(1) Strength required by programme (your 2555/Mob of 1 March) 263
(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar 263
(3) Strength delivered 231

e. 903 Lav Art Coy

(1) Strength required by programme (your 2555/Mob of 1 March) 263
(2) Strength reported on your 2555/Mob of 1 Mar 251
(3) Strength delivered 210

3. In view of the state of affairs disclosed I am to request

a. that the situation be corrected without delay.

b. that the method of compiling strength returns be revised and coordinated between SMRE and Ministry of War to coincide with actual facts.

and that Your Excellency will inform me of the true facts of the case at an early date.

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ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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FNMM/rj

21st. March, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief of the General Staff,
Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

Your No. 8653/1/BGS.

1. I have no comments to make except that I very much doubt if the Piceno and Mantova Divisions will ever be fit to put into line against the Germans either as divisions or in brigade groups.

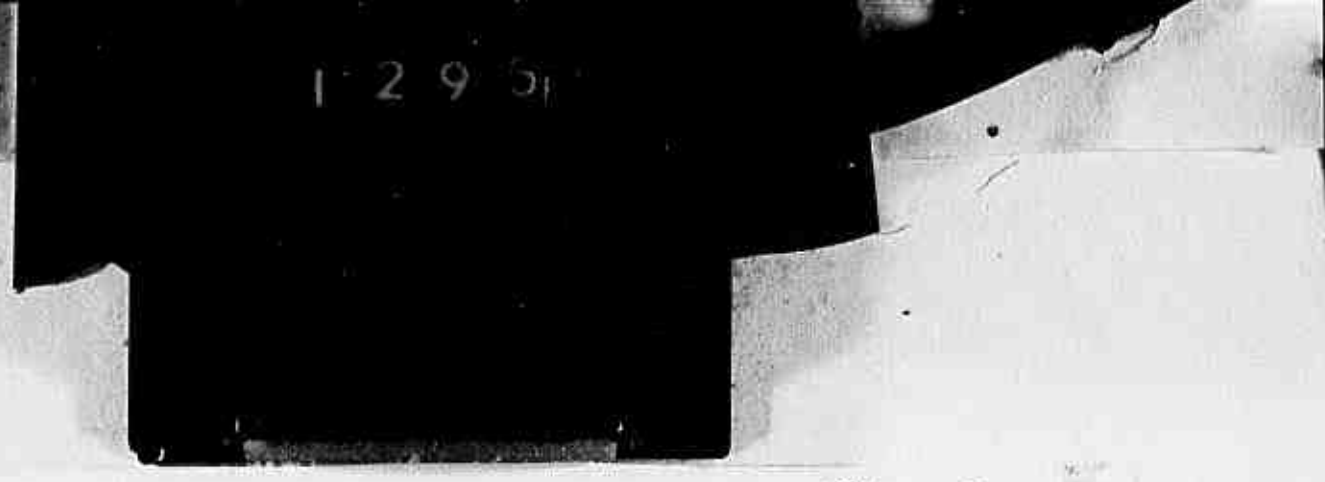
2. I would like to stress yet again that to build up the Dapino Brigade to its proposed operational division establishment we must have the necessary troops brought over at the earliest possible date from Sardinia. If you want this operational Italian division you must apply greater pressure than I am capable of on the Naval authorities.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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UNDERSTAND RATION SHIPMENTS FOR APRIL FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES AREA 9600 TONS. THIS APPEARS TO BE ON BASIS OF 400,000 SCALE B RATIONS PER DAY AND DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR 100,000 SCALE A RATIONS PER DAY TO MAKE UP AUTHORISED SCALING OF 500,000 RATIONS. REQUIRE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING SOURSE OF 100,000 SCALE A RATIONS PER DAY

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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Rec'd 17 Mar 1944 1545 hrs
By [illegible]

TOP SECRET

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Subject:- Entry of Italian Troops into ROME.

To:- Lt.-Gen. Sir NOEL MASON MacFARLANE, 8653/7/PAS
Deputy President,
Allied Control Commission. 16 March 44.

1. I attach a copy of a letter to A.F.H.Q. from Maj.-Gen. JOHNSON who has been assigned to the post of Commander of the ROME City Administration.

2. The C-in-C has already ruled that some Italian troops may be allowed into ROME after the Allied occupation, and that the Italian troops may hold a ceremonial parade on their own after the official Allied entry.

3. General JOHNSON's letter raises a new aspect, and the C-in-C would be very grateful for your comments.

H Hawkesworth Brig
for Lt.-General,
Chief of General Staff.

HSKM/lk

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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CITY ADMINISTRATION SECTION
FIFTH ARMY
APO #464, U.S.Army

HHJ/LCD/evc
8 March 1944

SUBJECT: Entry Italian Troops into Rome (Ref. Message No. 59231 AFHQ)

TO : Commanding General, AFHQ, APO #512, U.S.Army.

THRU : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #464, U.S.Army.

1. The Italians place, as we do, great political significance upon Rome. Many Italians of prominence in the former and present regimes are planning to go to Rome as soon as the Germans are driven therefrom. It is believed that the desire to enter Rome in many instances is for purely political reasons.

2. When Italian troops enter Rome their leader (Commander) immediately becomes a national figure and a person of some political importance in the minds of the Italian people.

3. Therefore to allow Italian troops to enter Rome becomes a matter of considerable significance and their leader regardless of whether he be of the old or new regime should have, after due consideration of the long range overall picture both politically and economically, the approval of the Allied Governments.

4. It is therefore believed to be to the best interests of the United States and the British Empire to allow no Italian troops to enter Rome until an Italian Government has been established and is functioning satisfactorily in that area.

HARRY H. JOHNSON,
Major General,
Commanding

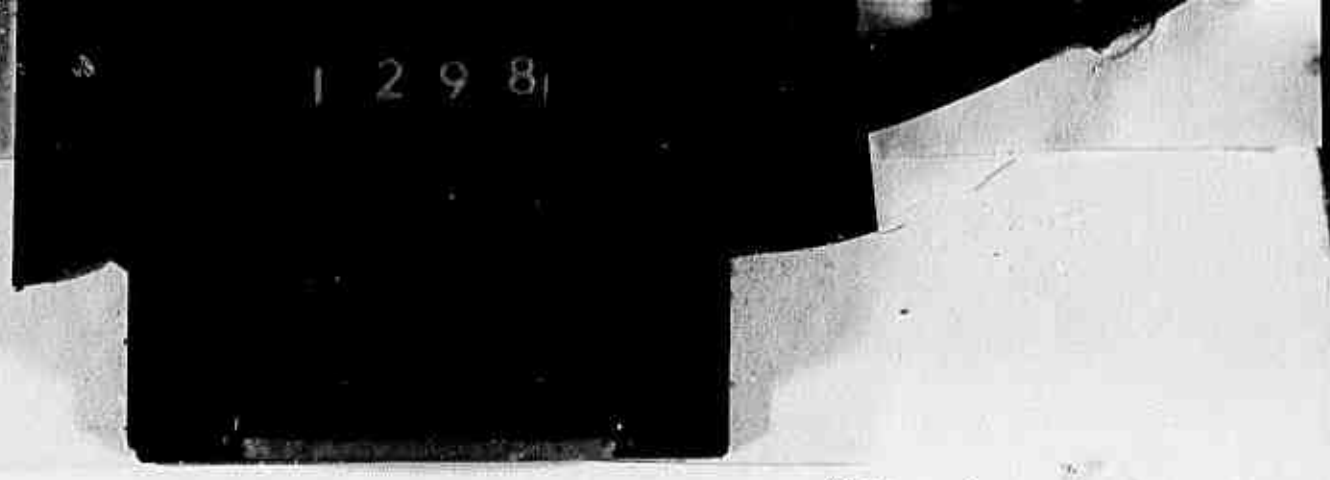
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SECRET

FNMM/rj

20th. March, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Chief of the General Staff,
Headquarters, A.A.I..

SUBJECT: Entry of Italian Troops into Rome.

Your No. 8653/7/HGS of 16th. March.

1. I consider personally that the advantages of permitting a comparatively small number of Italian troops to enter Rome as soon as may be practicable outweigh any possible disadvantages provided that the operational situation permits. Among other points, you may remember that it has been proposed to use their transport after their arrival in Rome to bring foodstuffs from the coast for the civil population.

2. I do not consider that there is necessarily any great fear that their Commander will automatically become a national hero. I imagine that in any case the Italian contingent would not be allowed to enter Rome prior to the arrival of General Johnson.

3. Marshal Badoglio is most anxious to place General Bencivenga, with whom he is now in contact and who is now in Rome, in charge of the administration of Rome and all the forces of law and order during the period between the departure of the Germans and the arrival of the Allies. Bencivenga is a good man and I am in favour of this appointment. If it is made, General Johnson will be able to work through Bencivenga in the initial stages of the occupation and there would be no question of the Commander of the Italian troops entering Rome with the Allies doing anything except his own job.

4. I only heard of Badoglio's ideas regarding Bencivenga yesterday and was proposing to speak to the Commander-in-Chief on the subject when next I come to Caserta.

5. I suggest that no action be taken on General Johnson's letter enclosed with

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your memorandum under reference until I have discussed it and the Bencivenga proposal with the C-in-C..

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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21 MAR 1944
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H.Q., A.A.I. ADM INSTR No 3.

SUPPLIES (RATIONS) FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

1. Forces to be supplied

The following forces are covered by this instruction:-

(a) Italian Army
(b) Italian Navy
(c) Italian Air Force
(d) Carabinieri and Guardia Finanza

2. Demands for Import of Supplies

Army Sub-Commission ACC will arrange for rep to attend the normal tonnage bidding meetings held at HQ, A.A.I. (Adm Sch).

3. Reserves

A reserve of 20 days supplies, including working margin, will be held under Italian control.

4. Handling of Supplies at Port of Entry

(a) AFHQ have been asked to notify Army Sub-Commission of the details of contents of ships carrying Italian supplies.

(b) How this HQ will inform Army Sub-Commission of ETA of ships carrying Italian supplies and Port of Entry.

(c) Army Sub-Commission will establish port dets at ports of entry for the purpose of identifying Italian supplies and for notifying depots to which supplies shall be consigned.

5. Movement of Supplies from Dock to Depots

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(d) Carbinieri and Guardia Finanza

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5. Movement of Supplies From Dock to Depots

(a) The movement of supplies from docks to Italian Depots will be accepted as an Allied responsibility for the time being.

(b) Annexure I shows a list of Italian Supply Depots and Supply Sub-Depots.

(c) Supplies arriving at ports shown will be distributed to depots as follows:-

(i) TARANTO — Italian Supply Depot, TARANTO.

(ii) NAPLES — Italian Supply Depot NAPLES up to capacity of of depot. Excess over capacity of depot will be railed under Mov arrangements to Italian Sub-Depot TARANTO or other depot when requested by Army Sub-Commission. A minimum of 20 days for Italian units assigned Fifth Army and PBS, and units drawing supplies from these depots, will be held in NAPLES.

(iii) BARI — Italian Sub-Depot BARI up to capacity of depot. Excess over capacity of depot will be railed under Mov arrangements to Italian Sub-Depot TARANTO or other depot when requested by Army Sub-Commission.

(iv) BRINDISI — Railed under Mov arrangements to Italian Supply Depot TARANTO.

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6. Distribution of supplies to Italian Forces

(a) In Army Areas

(i) Italian Forces with British formations

Supply will continue through normal supply channels from British depots to Bde. GS this HQ will demand monthly on Army Sub-Commission for compensating supplies.

(ii) Italian Forces with US formations

Supply will continue through normal supply channels from US depots to Bde. FMS will demand every ten days on Army Sub-Commission for compensating supplies.

(b) Italian Forces behind Army Rear Boundaries

(i) The distribution of supplies from Italian depots to Italian units and data located in rear of Army boundaries will be an Italian responsibility.

(ii) Where, in isolated cases or in emergency, it becomes necessary for an Italian unit or det to be supplied from an Allied depot, compensating supplies will be demanded as in para 6(a) (i) and (ii) above.

7. Rail Movement

Any movement requiring rail transportation will be dealt for according to AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon Adm Instruction No.6 dated 25 Nov 43.

8. Ration Scales

There will be two ration scales in operation for the Italian Armed Forces:-

(a) Combat Scale (see annexure 2)

The Combat Scale will be issued to:-

(i) Italian Army personnel in front of rear army boundaries.
(ii) Elements of the Italian Air Force performing combat duties.

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(ii) Elements of the Italian Air Force performing combat duties.
(iii) Ships of the Italian Navy performing combat duties.

(b) Basic Ration (see annexure 3)

The Basic Scale will be issued to:-

(i) Italian Army personnel in rear of army boundaries.
(ii) Elements of the Italian Air Force other than those referred to in sub-para (a)(ii) above.
(iii) Ships of the Italian Navy other than those referred to in sub-para (a)(iii) above.

9. Hospital Patients.

Italian Army, Naval and Air Force personnel who are patients in British or US hospitals will be provided with the normal hospital ration, including the hospital ration supplement issued to other patients in the hospital.

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10. Extra Rations

(a) Provision is made in the ration scales for the issue of 2 ozs preserved meat to Italian Forces on the Basic Scale employed on heavy manual labour.

(b) This extra ration will be issued by the Allied Employing Agency.

11. Cigarettes and Tobacco

(a) Cigarettes and tobacco for all Italian Armed Forces will be provided from Italian sources.

(b) The scale of issue will be as laid down for the Italian Army.

(c) PBS and ST this HQ will demand in advance 10 and 30 days supply respectively of cigarettes and tobacco as in para 6(a)(i) and (ii) above in respect of Italian Forces forward of Army rear boundaries. Issues will not be made from Allied stocks. Army Sub-Commission will notify PBS and ST the scale to be issued.

12. Strength Return

Army Sub-Commission will furnish Q, G-4 and ST this HQ, and PBS, with a Strength Return in accordance with the pro-forma shown at Annexure 4 attached. This return will arrive by the 12th of each month and will show the position on the last day of the preceding month.

13. Effective date of this Instruction

This instruction will become effective on the mainland of Italy on 25 Mar 44. In SICILY and SARDINIA the effective date will be notified by signal to all concerned as soon as the date has been agreed. Until this date has been notified, supply will continue through present channels.

for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

HQ, A.A.I. (Adm Sch)

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Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

HQ, A.A.I. (Adm Sch)
C.M.F.

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ANNEXURE 1.

LOCATION OF ITALIAN SUPPLY DEPOTS

MAINLAND

NAPLES BULK DEPOT	AVELLINO AVERSA BENEVENTO CASERTA NOLA SALERNO
BARI BULK DEPOT	BARLETTA BRINDISI CANOSA DI PUGLIA CIGLIA DEL COLLE LOCOROTONDO MOLFETTA MONOPOLI POTENZA SPINAZZOLA TRANI
TARANTO MAIN DEPOT [illegible]	
LECCE BULK DEPOT	BRINDISI GALATINA MAGLIE OTRANTO S. PANCRAZIO SALENTINO TRICASE ZOLLINO

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BARI SUB DEPOT	FERRALDA CANOSA DI PUGLIA CIGLI DEL COLLE LOCOROTONDO ALTAMURA MONOPOLI POLIGNA SANTARCOLA TRANI
BRINDISI SUB DEPOT	FRANCAVILLA FONTANA CAROVIGNO CEGLIE OSTUNI S. VITO DEI NORMANNI FASANO OSTUNI
LECCE SUB DEPOT	GALATINA GALLIPOLI NARDO OTRANTO S. PANCRAZIO SALENTINO TRICASE COLLINO
CATANZARO SUB DEPOT	CASTROVILLARI COSENZA CROTONE PAOLA PETILIA POLICASTRO RENDE SPEZZANO ALBANESE VIBO VALENTIA

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ANNEXURE 2.

COMBAT RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

ITEM	UNIT	COMBAT RATION
Flour	oz	18 *
Pulses	"	1½
Canned Meat		
OR		
Preserved Fish	"	4
Cheese	"	1
Sugar	"	1
Macaroni	"	5
Rice	"	2
Beans, dried	"	2
Tomato catsup or paste	"	½
Coffee	"	½
Pepper	"	1/200
Onions	"	2
Matches (weekly issue)	book OR	2
	box	1

* Bread or biscuits to scale may be substituted as necessary

Additional to be procured, stocked and furnished by Italian Military:-

ITEM	UNIT	COMBAT RATION
Fruit	oz	4
Fresh Vegetables	"	8
Olive Oil	"	1
Wine	litre	¼

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OR		
Preserved Fish	"	4
Cheese	"	1
Sugar	"	1
Macaroni	"	3
Rice	"	2
Beans, dried	"	2
Tomato catsup or paste	"	1½
Coffee	"	½
Pepper	"	1/200
Onions	"	2
Matches (weekly issue)	book OR	2
	box	1

x Bread or biscuits to scale may be substituted as necessary

Additional to be procured, stocked and furnished by Italian Military:-

ITEM	UNIT	COMBAT RATION
Fruit	oz	4
Fresh Vegetables	"	8
Olive Oil	"	1
Wine	litre	½
Nuts	oz	1
Salt	"	½

Yeast and other bread making ingredients as required. Where it is impracticable to supply the above items from Italian sources to Italian troops forward of Army rear boundaries, substitutions from Allied stocks of suitable equivalents except for canned fruit, are authorized.

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STRENGTH RETURN OF ITALIAN ARMED

SERIAL (a)	LOCATION (b)	ITALIAN ARMY On Combat Scale (c)	ITALIAN ARMY On Basic Scale (d)	ITALIAN NAVY On Combat Scale (e)	ITALIAN NAVY On Basic Scale (f)	ITALIAN AIR FORCE On Combat Scale (g)	ITALIAN AIR FORCE On Basic Scale (h)	CARABINIERI On Combat Scale (i)	CARABINIERI On Basic Scale (j)	O C S
1	With British formations with Eighth Army									
2	With British formations with Fifth Army									
3	With US formations with Fifth Army.									
4	In Rear of Army Operation MAINLAND									
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6	S I C I L Y									
7	C O R S I C A									
8	T O T A L									

(a) TOTAL RATIONS: ... Combat Scale ..... Basic Scale ...

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RENGTH RETURN OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ANNEXURE 4.

	ITALIAN NAVY		ITALIAN AIR FORCE		CARABINIERI		REGIA GUARDIA FINANZA		TOTAL
	On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale	On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale	On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale	On Combat Scale	On Basic Scale	
	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)		(m)

Combat Scale ..... Basic Scale ..... Total Armed Forces .....

ANNEXURE 5

BASIC RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES

ITEM	UNIT	BASIC RATION
Whole wheat		15
OR		
Flour	oz	12
Pulses	"	2
Canned Meat	"	2
Preserved Fish	"	2
Sugar	"	1½
Coffee	"	½
Pepper	"	1/200

* May be increased to 4 ozs when engaged in heavy manual labour.

Additional to be procured, stocked and furnished by Italian Military.

ITEM	UNIT	BASIC RATION
Fruit	Oz	4
Fresh Vegetables	"	6
Olive Oil	"	1
Wine	litre	½
Nuts	oz	1
Salt	"	½

Yeast and other bread making ingredients as required.

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Coffee	"	1/200
Pepper	"	1/200

x May be increased to 4 ozs when engaged in heavy manual labour.

Additional to be procured, stocked and furnished by Italian Military.

ITEM	UNIT	BASIC RATION
Fruit	Ozs	4
Fresh Vegetables	"	8
Olive Oil	"	1
Wine	Litre	1/2
Nuts	ozs	1
Salt	"	1/2

Yeast and other bread making ingredients as required.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Labour

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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HQ AAI (Adm Sch)
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2553/G(SD)
17 Mar 44

Army Sub Commission (Allied Control Commission) (3)

Copy to:- Allied Control Commission (3)
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1. ORGANISATION

As additional Italian civil labour is now being employed at the main ports, it is particularly desired to organise the military labour into mobile units as they are required to move to forward areas and assist army commitments.

2. REQUIREMENTS

(a) One Italian labour Bn HQ and six Italian labour coys are required at BARI by 7 Apr.

(b) The Bn HQ and coys should be formed on Italian WEs, vide Appx 'A' and 'B' att.

(c) A second Bn HQ and six coys should be organised by 1 May from 12.0 personnel, which, it is estimated, will be surplus by that date.

(d) A Regtl HQ should be organised, vide Appx 'C', to control the two Bns.

(e) It is not desired that there should be any offrs surplus to WE.

3. DESIGNATION

It is desired that you number the Regtl, Bn and coy HQ(consecutively preferred) and that you submit your recommendations to this HQ for approval.

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mobile fms as they are required to move to forward areas and assist army contingents.

2. REQUIREMENTS

(a) One Italian labour Bn HQ and six Italian labour coys are required at BARI by 7 Apr.

(b) The Bn HQ and coys should be formed on Italian WEs, vide Appx 'A' and 'B' att.

(c) A second Bn HQ and six coys should be organised by 1 May from [illegible] personnel, which, it is estimated, will be surplus by that date.

(d) A Regtl HQ should be organised, vide Appx 'C', to control the two Bns.

(e) It is not desired that there should be any offre surplus to WE.

3. DESIGNATION

It is desired that you number the Regtl, Bn and coy HQ(consecutively preferred) and that you submit your recommendations to this HQ for approval.

4. ROLE

It is intended that the Bn HQ should correspond to a Gp HQ Fnr Corps and that it will work in conjunction with the Gp HQ to which the Italian coys are allotted for labour. The Bn HQ should be capable of administering a varying number of coys and the coys to be interchangeable between Bn HQ as are Fnr Coys in a Fnr Gp.

The Regtl HQ should come under direct control of the DDL or ADL of the fmn concerned.

5. ADL

'A' and 'B' patterns will be an Italian responsibility but any assistance necessary will be rendered by the parallel Fnr Gp Coml.

Dist: Secretary Gen
Exam Sec
Army SC (Salerno)

A.M.T. Sledden Brig
for Lt Gen.
C.G.S.

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Appendix 'A' to 2553/G(SD)
dated 19 Mar 44

COMPAGNIA (O BATTERIA)

Comprende :

- comando di cp. (o btr)
- 4 plotoni (o sez)

	PERSONALE		
	Uff	Sott	Trup
Comando di compagnia (o btr)			
Comandante (cap. o ten)	1		
Sottufficiale di contabilità		1	
Cap. magg. o cap. di contab			1
Trombettieri			2
Ordinanza d'ufficio			1
Staffetta ciclisti			1
Attendenti			1
Conducenti			2
Totale comp. di cp. (o btr)	1	1	8
Plotone (o sez)			
Ufficiali (subalterni)	1		
Sottuffic. (serg. magg. o serg.)		1	
Comandanti di Sq. (cap magg)			5
Soldati			45
Attendenti			1
Totale Plotoni (o sez)	1	1	49
Totale dei 4 Plotoni (o sez)	4	4	196

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Comandante (cap. o ten)	1		
Sottufficiale di contabilità		1	
Cap. magg. o cap. di contab			1
Trombettieri			2
Ordinanza d'ufficio			1
Staffetta ciclisti			1
Attendenti			1
Conducenti			2
Totale com. di cp. (o ktr)	1	1	8
Plotone (o sez)			
Ufficiali (subalterni)	1		
Sottuffic. (serg. magg. o serg.)		1	
Comandanti di Sq. (cap maggi)			3
Soldati			45
Attendenti			1
Totale Plotoni (o sez)	1	1	49
Totale dei 4 Plotoni (o sez)	4	4	196
Totale delle comp. (o btr)	5	5	204

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Appendix 'B' to 2553/G(SD)
dated 19 Mar 44

COMANDO DI BTG FTR (O GRUPPO D'ART)

comprende :

-il comandante e gli ufficiali del comando
-una squadra comando di btg. (e gruppe)

P E R S O N A L E

	Uff	Sott	Trup
Comandante (Ten. Col. o magg)	1		
Aiutante magg (ca. o Ten)	1		
Ufficiale subalterno per ser vizi vari	1		
Ufficiale medico	1		
Totale	4		

Squadra comando

sottificiale comandante		1	
Scritturali e dattilografi			1
-cap magg e caporali			1
-soldati			2
Staffetto ciclisti			2
Attendenti			3
Conducenti			2
Totale Sq. comando		1	10

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	Uff	Sott	Trup
Comandante (Ten. Col. o magg)	1		
Aiutante magg (cap o Ten)	1		
Ufficiale subalterno per ser vizi vari	1		
Ufficiale medico	1		
Totale	4		

Squadra comando

sottificiale comandante		1	
Scritturali e dattilografi			1
-cap magg e caporali			1
-soldati			2
Staffetto ciclisti			2
Attendenti			3
Conducenti			2
Totale Sq. comando		1	10
Totale Comando di Stg (e gruppo d'artiglieria)	4	1	10

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Appendix 'C' to 2553 /G(SD)
dated 19 Mar 44

COMANDO DI REGGIMENTO PANTERI (C. ANTIGUERRA)

comprende :

- il comandante e gli ufficiali del Comando
- un plotone comando di rgt.

Comandante ed ufficiale del comando

	PERSONALE		
	Uff	Sottuff	Truppa
- Comandante del rgt.(Colonnello)	1		
- aiutante maggiore in 1(maggiore) e capitano)	1		
- ufficiali per incarichi vari (inferiori) - (1)	4		
- ufficiale capo ufficio amministraz	1		
- ufficiale inferiore medico	1		
Totale	8		

Plotone Comando

- comandante (subalterno)	1		
Squadra maggiorita			
- sottufficiale di maggiorita		1	
- " portalettere		1	
- Cap. li magg. o cap. li di maggiorita			2
- scritturali e dattilografi			2
- ordinanze d'ufficio			1
- ciclisti		2	2
Squadra Servizi			
- sottufficiale di contabilita		1	

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- Comandante del rgt.(Colonnello)	1		
- aiutante maggiore in 1(maggiore) e capitano)	1		
- ufficiali per incarichi vari (inferiori) - (1)	4		
- ufficiale capo ufficio amministraz	1		
- ufficiale inferiore medico	1		
Totale	8		
Plotone Comando			
- comandante (subalterno)	1		
Squadra maggiorita			
- sottufficiale di maggiorita		1	
- " portalettere		1	
- Cap. li magg. o cap. li di maggiorita			2
- scritturali e dattilografi			2
- ordinanze d'ufficio			1
- ciclisti		2	2
Squadra Servizi			
- sottufficiale di contabilita		1	
- cap. magg. o cap. aiutante di sanita		1	
- conducenti			4
- militari per servizi vari			11
Totale Plotone comando	1	3	24
Totale comando di rgt	9	3	24

(1) - 1 ufficiale addetto alla maggiorita
- 1 " ai rifornimenti (vettovagliamento e spaccio)
- 1 " per le pratiche guidiziarie
- 1 " segretario

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SUBJECT: Employment of the Italian Army.

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

20 Mar 44. 8653/1/BGS.

TO: Deputy President ACC.

I attach a letter which it is proposed to send to Comdr 8 Army. Before doing so I shall be glad to have any comments you may wish to make on the policy the C-in-C proposes to adopt in this matter.

HSKH/lwp.
20 Mar 44.

LIEUT-GENERAL,
C.G.S.

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HQ Allied Armies in Italy

8653/1/BGS

20 Mar 44

SUBJECT: Employment of the Italian Army

To : Eighth Army

1. The position of the Italian Army since the Armistice has been most unsatisfactory. This has been due to lack of clear directives on the subject, and misunderstandings in the interpretation of various agreements.

2. It is necessary to clarify the position which is as follows. The Italian Government have undertaken to equip from their own resources one division for operations immediately, and to prepare two more divisions in ITALY for operations at a later date. The Italian Government are most anxious to be represented in the fighting for the Allied cause, and it is desirable that this should be so.

3. Apart from the fighting value of Italian troops, the limiting factor is the ability of the Italian Government to equip and maintain formations in the field from their present resources. However, a review of these resources has disclosed the fact that there is sufficient equipment and ammunition to maintain a brigade group in action for a considerable period. It has been decided by the Combined Chiefs of Staff that no British or American equipment shall be given to the Italian Army to maintain it in the field. Their own resources, therefore, must be husbanded to the full.

4. It has been decided that their organisation and general welfare shall become a British commitment, that one Italian division shall be represented in the field, and that it shall be included in Eighth Army or 5 Corps, whichever is most convenient from time to time.

5. Owing to the limitation of ammunition and the inadequacy of their artillery, the division will only be committed on a one brigade front supported by the divisional artillery etc. This procedure will enable the Italian Army to arrange brigade reliefs within the division, and at a later stage as training progresses reliefs can be effected by brigade groups between the division in action and those in southern ITALY.

6. Will you therefore get in touch with General UTILE, Commander of the DAPINO Brigade, in the light of the above and submit any comments on their proposals for building up the DAPINO Brigade to an operational division, and state where you consider the division could be most suitably employed in future. A staff table of the proposed div organization is being obtained from the Italian

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Lt. Gen.,
C.C.S.

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M/C NO 21/05

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HEADQUARTERS
6 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

THERE SHOULD BE NOW BE SUFFICIENT STOCKS OF ITALIAN ARMY RATIONS SET UP TO CEASE ISSUE FROM OUR OWN SUPPLIES. FROM FREEDOM TO FLAMBO REPEATED FATIMA. IN VIEW OF THIS AND IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER REQUISITIONS FROM TROOPERS TO REPLACE EXPENDITURE BRITISH RATIONS REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL THE ITALIAN FORCES TO START FEEDING FROM SPECIALLY IMPORTED ITALIAN ARMY SUPPLIES WITH EFFECT FROM 15 MARCH.

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ROUTINE

Major Doe

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THERE FOLLOWS A PARAPHRASE OF FREEDOM CABLE NUMBER SIX SIX EIGHT NINE FOUR OF ONE NINE MARCH PARA TO SMIA FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN ALL RATIONS MARKED ITI DELIVERED FROM PHOENIX ARE COMPONENTS OF ITALIAN MILITARY RATION TO BE USED AS MEAT COMPONENT OF RATION ARE MEAT AND VEGETABLE STEW MEAT AND VEGETABLE HASH OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF CANNED MEAT MARKED ITI TO CANNED TOMATOES TO BE USED IN PLACE OF TOMATO CATSUP OR PASTE CMA DEHYDRATED POTATOES TO BE USED AS FULLER COMPONENT TO EXCHANGE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE MADE WITH ALLIED DEPOTS CMA ONLY THOSE ITEMS MARKED ITI WILL BE USED TO VARIOUS SUBSTITUTES SUCH AS ABOVE WILL BE MADE FROM TIME TO TIME TO BECAUSE OF VARYING STRENGTHS BEING LESS THAN INFORMED IT IS NOT RPT NOT CONTEMPLATED THAT THERE BE ESTABLISHED A WORKING MARGIN ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT NORMALLY ACCUMULATE TO PARA CHANGES IN QUANTITIES OF SUBSISTENCE NOW BEING REQUISITIONED CANNOT RPT NOT BE MADE UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE STRENGTH OF THE ITALIAN ARMY IS DETERMINED TO WHEN EFFECTIVE CEILING STRENGTH IS FIXED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW TO PARA REFERENCE URAD AC SEVEN SIX ONE OF ONE FOUR MARCH ASSUME THAT TWO FOUR MARCH IS AGREEABLE FOR CHANGE OF SUBSISTENCE STOCKS TO ITALIAN MILITARY

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Army Sub-Commission Near (Attn: Lt. Col. Quinn-Smith)

L. T. MONTANT, Jr
2nd Lt, AGD
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UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE STRENGTH OF THE ITALIAN ARMY IS DETERMINED THERE CAN BE NO CHANGES MADE IN QUANTITIES OF SUBSISTENCE NON BEING REQUISITIONED. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW WHEN EFFECTIVE CEILING STRENGTH IS SET.

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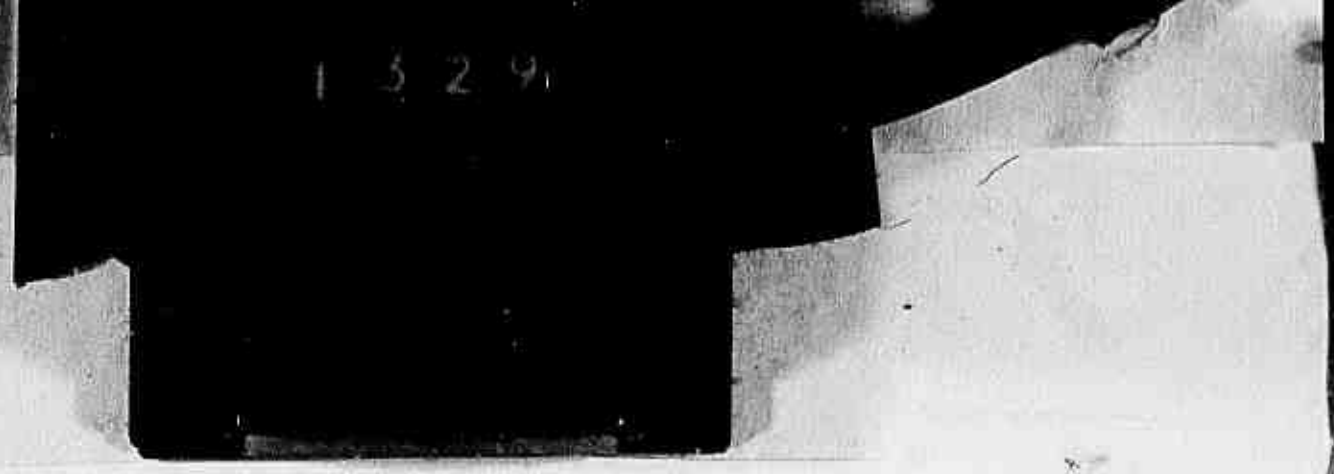
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ACC/4086/1/L

19 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Trial of Italian Deserters.

TO : Major R.E. Doe, Secretary General, HQ ACC.

091.711

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Chief Commissioner's letter to Marshal Messe on the above subject (CC/091.711 of 18 March 44).

For your information the file number of this Subcommission for this subject is ACC/4086/1/L.

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G. R. UPJOHN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

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Sgt. Murphy please note

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Copy of letter prepared by Legal Sub-Commission for Chief Commissioner's signature:

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

CC/091.711 18 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th March in regard to the trial of Italian deserters.

I have again given careful consideration to the matters to which you have drawn attention.

I am firmly convinced that the best justice will be done to deserters who deserted in response to Allied appeals and at the same time the discipline of the Italian Army will be fully upheld if the regulations whichI proposed in my letter of the 13th February are adhered to. These regulations you will recall are as follows:

> "....members of the Italian Armed Forces who deserted between July 10 and September 8, 1943, inclusive, should not be tried or punished for desertion except those who deserted to the German or other hostile army. This, however, does not preclude trial and punishment by an Italian Military Tribunal of those who deserted between the dates above mentioned for their failure to return to the Italian Armed Forces after some fixed date subsequent to the Armistice provided they were given due and proper notice to return by that date. In the latter instance deserters may be tried and punished for failure to return and not for the original desertion."

I must ask you to give me your early assurance that you are giving the necessary instructions to the above effect to the appropriate military authorities in both occupied and unoccupied territory and no trials in contravention thereof have already taken place.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Noel Mason MacFarlane
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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17 MARCH 1944

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ROUTINE

MEDIA

FOLLOWING IS A PARAPHRASE OF MESSAGE FROM FREEDOM SIX FIVE FIVE FIVE EIGHT SENT ALSO TO FLAMBO FOR INFORMATION TO PARAPHRASE TO MEDIA FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE

PAREN MESSAGE BEGINS REFERENCE CABLE AG SEVEN FOUR ONE DATED ONE ONE MARCH CMA PARA THERE TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLONEL FINELY INDICATE THAT YOU ARE EXECUTING TO BE PUBLISHED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE GIVEN TO COLONEL BOARES WHICH GAVE OUTLINE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLYING ITALIAN ARMY TO SEE ALSO CABLES QUEEN AREA EASY ONE EIGHT FIVE EIGHT FIVE DATED TWO FOUR FEBRUARY AND TWO EIGHT ZERO NINE DATED TWO EIGHT FEBRUARY AND OUR FIVE SIX FIVE ONE SIX DATED TWO FIVE FEBRUARY WHICH INDICATES THAT YOUR HEADQUARTERS WILL PUBLISH DIRECTIVE TO NECESSARY ACTION DESIRED AND NOTIFICATION BY CABLE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT TO INFORMATION ALSO REQUESTED AS TO WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN PERFORMED TOWARD ISSUE OF INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTED CLOTHING TO DRAFT SUGGESTED FOR PUBLICATION WAS CONTAINED IN OUR LETTER AG FOUR ZERO ZERO DASH ONE PAREN ITALY PAREN USS DESK AGM OF SIX FEBRUARY TO PARA RESPONSIBILITY OF ITALIAN NAVY CMA WITH EXCEPTION OF SUBSISTENCE CMA RESTS WITH ROYAL NAVY

Army Sub-Commission (Rear)

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2nd Lt, AGD
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLONEL PIDSLEY, CABLE AG741 DATED 11 MARCH, PARAGRAPH 3 INDICATESTHAT YOU ARE EXPECTING THIS HEADQUARTERS TO PUBLISH THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE GIVEN YOUR COLONEL NOAKES WHICH OUTLINED INSTRUCTIONS AS TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLYINT THE ITALIANARMY. YOUR CABLES QAE 18585 DATED 24 FEBRUARY AND 2809 DATED 28 BEBRUARY AND OUR 56516 DATED 25 FEBRUARY PERTAIN AND INDICATE THAT THE DIRECTIVE IS TO BE PUBLISHED BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS. DESIRE NECESSARY ACTION AND NOTIFICATI N BY CABLE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. IN ADDITION, REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TOWARD ISSUANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORTED CLOTHING. OUR LETTER AG 400-1 (ITALY) GDS-AGM DATED 6 FEBRUARY 1944 CONTAINED DRAFT SUGGESTED FOR PUBLICATION.

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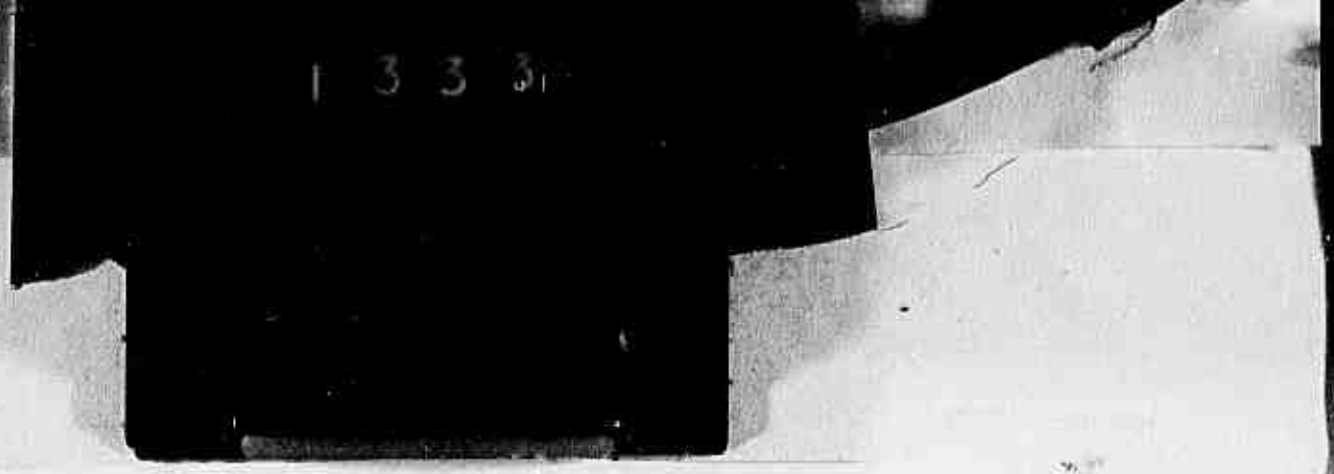
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

7 March 1944.

MEMO TO: Allied Control Commission.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian CUNEO Division.

1. Reference is made to your CC/G/116 of 29th February 1944, requesting our reconsideration of decisions already made regarding the disposal of the Italian CUNEO Division, at present in Egypt.

2. Recent rulings issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, regarding the equipment to be supplied from Allied sources to units of the Italian Army, prohibit any possibility of employing the CUNEO Division in a combat role. With this factor in mind, the decisions already made, regarding the disposal of the CUNEO Division must stand. Furthermore, the personnel of the Division are already dispersed in units at work in Egypt, and any attempt to reform the division would lead to many difficulties.

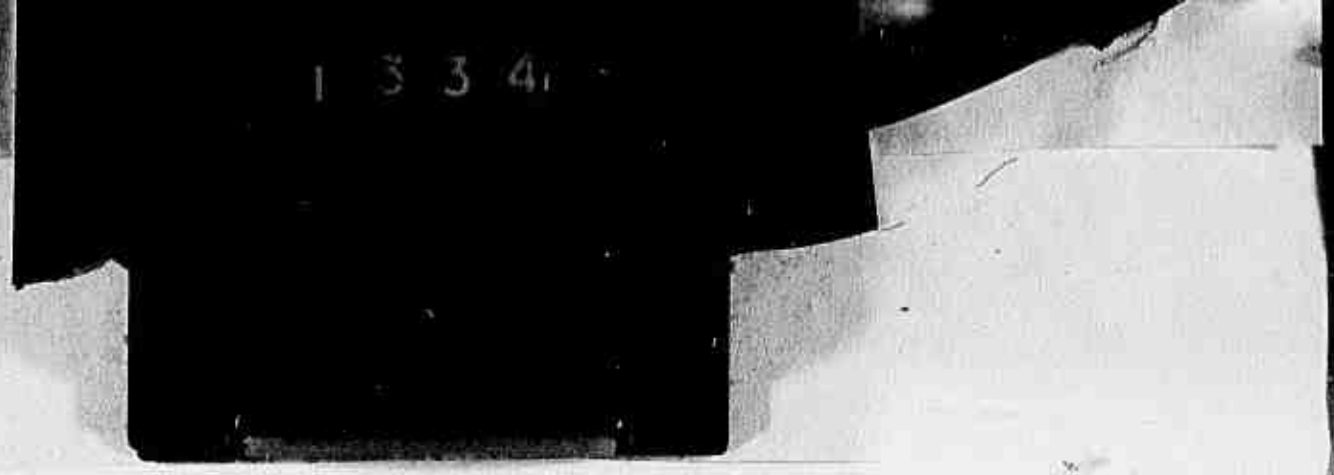
3. It is pointed out that the personnel of the Division are employed in Egypt under terms similar to those existing for Italian Army units at present collaborating in Italy in the rear of the Allied Armies, and are not considered in any way as prisoners of war.

4. The Comando Supremo suggest that a policy of gradual repatriation be established for the personnel of the division, but owing to the existing priority of movement of personnel from Middle East, and the importance of the work on which the division is at present employed, it is considered premature to consider such a project.

J. A. H. GAMMELL,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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HQ ACC APO

15 May 1945

SUBJECT:- Designation of Italian Combat Division

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/2/1/11
17 Mar 44

HQ A C M F

Copy to: Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane

1. The Italian General Staff has proposed that the Italian Combat Division being formed be designated:

"Del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione"
(The Italian Corps of Liberation)

2. "Corps" in the Italian language means "Unit" or "Force", and is generally used in designating a formation of this nature.

3. Request that this designation be approved.

For the Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Generally

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MILA)
HEQUILE (LECCE)
G/S/1/28
11 Mar 44

Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
HQ A.C.C., NAPLES

For your information my current news is as follows:

1. ACMF PROGRAMME General BERARDI now agrees that he can release over 27,000 from the Mainland for the programme which is satisfactory. In addition to this ACMF have ruled that 211 Coastal Division from Southern CALABRIA be made available which will raise the figure to nearly 30,000: they rule MANTOVA Division to concentrate in CALABRIA as originally intended. Col PERO is about to begin an examination of the arms and ammunition situation for the three divisions for planning purposes with ACMF. Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that all Italian rearmament must be from Italian resources, so production from local ammunition factories will now become important.

2. TRUCK COYS for ACC I inspected 1001 G.T. Coy on 8th and found it in a deplorable state with sixty six trucks ineffective. My report forwarded under A/5 of 9th addressed FLAMBO copy to you gives facts and recommendations. It left by air to SALERNO on morning of 10th.

3. SUPPLY ORGANISATION FREEDOM are pressing for us to start rationing the Italian Forces as from March 15th. For the Mainland this is not possible owing to the stocking situation and I have replied that we can try as from 24th, but still lack directives from them, in particular as to whether twenty or thirty days reserve should be held. We do not know the position in SICILY and SARDINIA and have signalled to ask. FREEDOM have signalled that they want Col PIDSLEY for a few more days and I am signalling him to contact the appropriate officers in ALGIERS before he starts.

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6. I am flying to CASERTA on March 11th to visit ACMF and have told QUINSMITH to telephone me there after letting you know

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

11 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter N. 11439/OP of 27 February with reference to the employment of Italian personnel by Allied commanders.

As indicated in my letter of 24 January 1944, the matter was referred to Headquarters Allied Central Mediterranean Forces for attention. Copy of your letter of 27 February has been sent to HQ ACMF. I will inform you in connection with this matter as soon as a reply is received.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Italian Government

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

11 March 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Personnel by Allied Commanders

TO : Headquarters, Allied Central Mediterranean Forces

1. Attached is translation of communication No. 11439/OP dated 27 February 1944 received from Marshal Messe, Chief of the Supreme General Staff of the Italian Army. There is also attached translation of reference communication No. 10260/OP dated 11 January 1944.

2. Your attention to this matter is requested, and a reply indicating your decision will be greatly appreciated.

HILARY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
As in Par. 1 above

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TRANSLATION

11 MAR 19

SUPREME COMMAND

OPERATIONS OFFICE P. M. 151 27 February 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Personnel by Allied Commanders without Security Control.

TO: Allied Control Commission

In my communication No. 10260/Op. Cstadi January I informed you, in the interest of our commun struggle against the enemy, of the necessity of preventing Allied commanders from employing Italian soldiers from the liberated territory or found locally before these men have been properly examined and the necessary investigation made by the Italian authorities.

This is necessary in order to prevent espionage and sabotage by elements unfriendly to the United Nations and to the National Government, in order to bring to an end the prevalent practice of army men arbitrarily absenting themselves from their duties, as a result of the encouragement found in the recruiting system employed by various Allied units. This constitutes a harmful example to other Italian soldiers.

In view of the recurrence of this situation with all its inherent dangers, I beg of you again to approach and try to persuade ACMF to adopt preventive measures aimed at insuring that Italian army personnel are, before being employed, examined and investigated by competent Italian authorities to ascertain their true status.

/s/ GIOVANNI MESSE
Marshal of Italy,
Chief of the General Staff.

Trans/Sgt Shenfield/ajp

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TRANSLATION

11 MAR 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO
Operations Office

To General Chief of
Allied Control Commission

No. 10260/OP

11 January 1944

SUBJECT: Personnel from German occupied territory

Military personnel of all ranks is still continuing to pour in from German-controlled territory, and, as Allied troops advance, the number of officers and ORs regained in liberated provinces is increasing.

It is possible that among such personnel there may be people sent or left behind by the enemy with espionage, sabotage or propaganda assignments.

It is therefore advisable that all this personnel should undergo a through investigation in order that the individual position and the past of each man be made clear.

Instructions to this effect have already been issued to the three Staffs.

It is in the common interest of Allied and Italian Armed Forces that these instructions should be thoroughly carried out, ie., that every single individual should be examined.

To this purpose, all Allied HQs ought to be informed that officers and men coming from territories just liberated, or found in the spot, must be booked and placed at disposal of competent Italian authorities for proper investigation before they are employed in any way.

In view of the common interest of a speedy solution, I will be grateful, General, if you will take up this important matter with 15th Army Group HQs.

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF

(Marshal Messe)

HQ ACC, APO 39[illegible]
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Rec'd 13 Mar 1515
By [illegible]

SUBJECT: Attachment of 1061 G.T. Coy to A.C.C.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
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9 Mar 44.

A.C.M.F. (ADMECH) (2)

Lt. Gen. Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE HQ., A.C.C. NAPLES. (2)) for
Internal Tptn Sub Commission, A.C.C. NAPLES.) infor-
A.C.M.F. for Brig. FOSTER (G.S.D.))mation.
H.Q. No. 2 District.)
H.Q. No 2 Region A.C.C. MATERA.)

1. Ref your 36/21/Q3 of 8 Feb. I inspected 1061 G.T. Coy at PALO DEL COLLE (P 2876) on March 8 with results as shown in Appendix A, and para 3 below.

2. HISTORY (a) The main point which does not seem to have been made clear to the authorities responsible for provision is that both this G.T. Coy and the parallel unit from P.B.S. are to be used by A.C.C. as their central transportation reserve: whose first principal job will be to carry supplies for ROME.

(b) A precis of relevant FLTBC instructions is given at Appendix B.

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(d) About 23 Feb 1061 G.T. Coy was inspected by Lt.Col McCAFFERY, Controller of A.C.C. Region 2, who refused to take it over in the state it then was.

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3. MY INSPECTION of 1001 G.T. Coy on March 8 revealed the following:-

(a) Of 127 load carriers, sixty six were unfit for duty.

(b) Of these sixty six not one had any lights.

(c) Strength 7 officers and 185 other ranks: this included 140 drivers and only 2 fitters.

(d) Tools, one inadequate set per thirteen vehicles. No workshop vehicle, no garage. Petrol and oil drawn from C.I.P. civil stocks at MONOPOLI sixty kilos distant.

(e) The one British officer present had arrived March 4.

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(f) The Italian Comd. officer, Capt. CALFA is useless and I am arranging for him to be changed.

(g) Details at Appendix A.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) The sixty six unfit vehicles be inspected by R.E.M.E. and action decided on consequent report. My own REME officer is temporarily in SARDINIA.

(b) An Allied attached section is required since this and the P.B.S. unit are to be used in Army areas under war conditions; and their problem is therefore different to that of the 800 civilian driven vehicles allotted to A.C.C. Regions for load distribution of civilian supplies. Since the number of vehicles involved in 1001 G.T. Coy is 135 and in P.B.S. unit, 80 these Allied sections should be in principle three quarters and one half of the strength detailed in Appendix C. Without these Allied personnel the units will fail in their role and the running of civilian supplies to ROME will then perforce fall on military units.

(c) An adequate strength of Italian personnel is required. Unit should have personnel in the proportion of its 135 vehicles to the 178 vehicles of a full G.T. Coy. I recommend :

Headquarters	..	5 off	39 other ranks.
Four transport platoons	..	4	240
One workshops platoon.	..	1	56
One relief driver increment	..		31
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The extra personnel required can be found from Item 1011 on programme for which 200 drivers are now collected at PULIGNANO. The workshops platoon may have to be partly civilians paid by Allied cadre from A.C.C. funds: but the older the vehicles, the greater the need.

(d) The workshop lorry and the stores lorry now being allotted to the unit by 2 District be authorised for retention.

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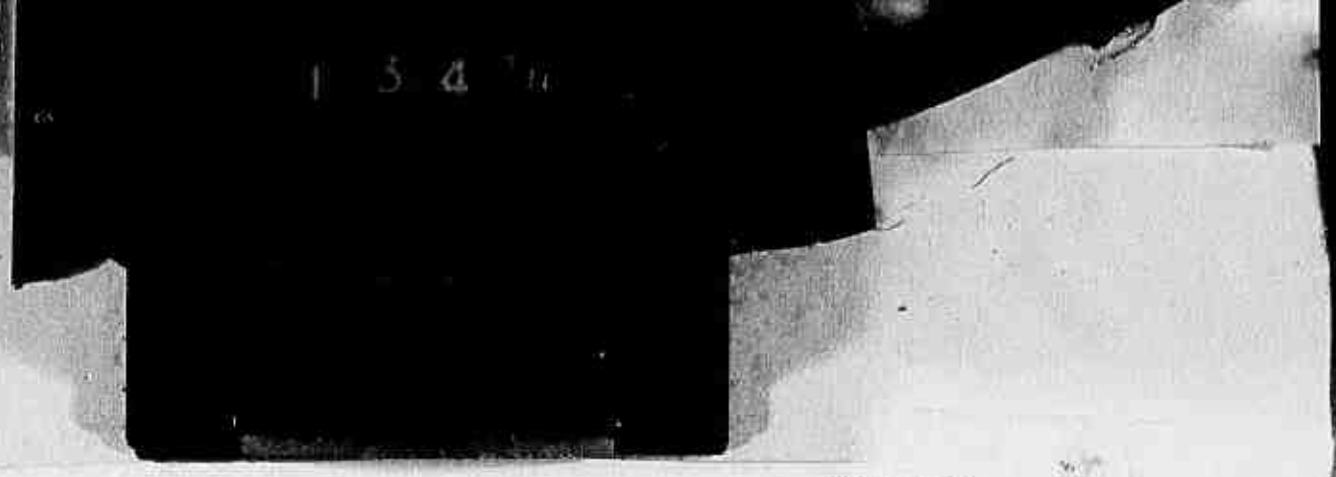
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APPENDIX A.

POINTS NOTED BY B.R.O. DUCHESNE WHEN INSPECTING 1001 G.T. COY., ON MARCH 6th.

1. Of 127 load carriers, 66 were off road.

2. These 66 were of seven different makes, BEDFORD, DODGE, CHEVROLET, G.M.C. and 3 kinds of FORD. They comprised three class 2 twenty five class 3 eleven class 4 one class 5 and twenty with no classification number written on; remaining six stated to be in 607 L of C R.E.M.E. at CAPURSO fifteen miles away.

3. Of these 66 trucks, not one had lights.

4. Tools for 127 trucks consisted of:

   (a) Ten fitters' kits averaging each 3 D/E Box spanners, 3 open spanners, 1 hammer, 1 pr. small pliers, 1 tommy-bar, 1 file 1 oilcan.

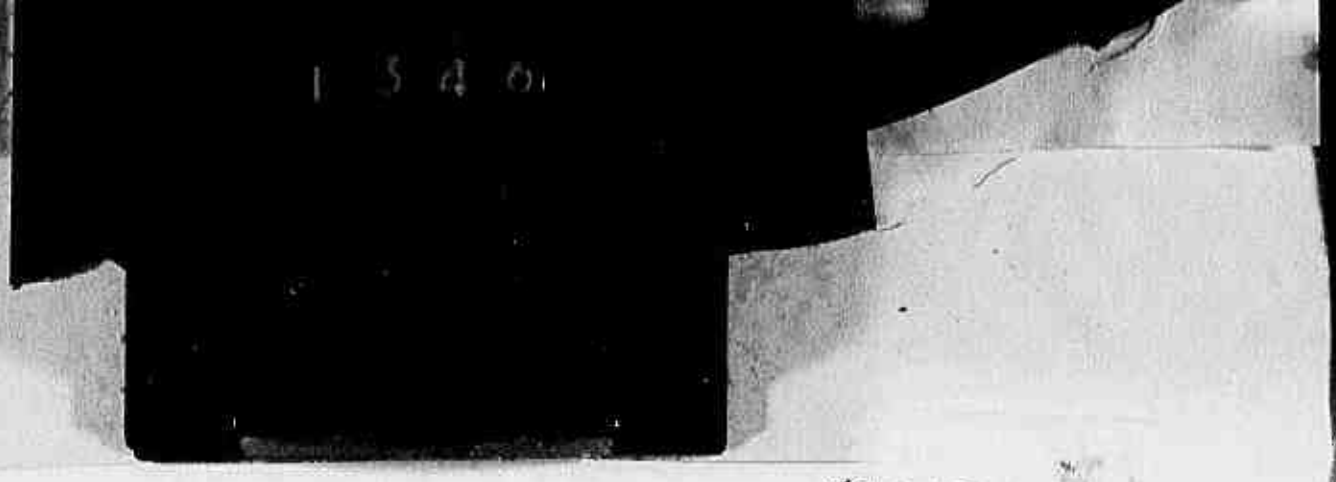
   (b) Incomplete sets for one Smith, one Carpenter, one Electrician, one Trimmer.

5. No workshop lorry, no garage, all work in open.

6. Petrol and oil drawn from C.I.P. civil stocks at MONOPOLI sixty kilos distant.

7. FOOD. The extra 2 oz. P. Meat, given to working personnel of other G.T. Coys, was not drawn as not attached to an Allied unit to get it from. Arrangements required through Allied attached section.

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APPENDIX B.

1001 G.T. COY PRECIS OF FLAMBO INSTRUCTIONS.

Feb 8 — FLAMBO 36/21/Q3 orders DDST to attach to A.C.C.G.T. Coy strength 120 load carriers; and CG. PBS a transport unit of 30 vehicles. No copy to MMIA.

Feb 9 — FLAMBO 2553 G (SD) authorises 2 DISTRICT to post away from 1001 G.T. Coy, 3 offrs and 100 men. (Residual authority therefore is for unit of 7 offrs and 298 men). No copy to MMIA.

Feb 19 — FLAMBO SD 830/17603 addsd MMIA states Allied Cadre hitherto attached 1001 G.T. Coy being removed.

undated about Feb 23 — FLAMBO SD 426/18302 addsd MMIA confirms that Allied Cadres will not be supplied.

Feb 24 — FLAMBO 36/21/Q3 lays down maintenance policy for British vehicles handed over to A.C.C. (Military transport units defined as "attached" in letter of 8th) . No copy to MMIA.

Feb 28 — FLAMBO 2553 G (SD) loans three RASC officers for one month, and orders replacement of unfit vehicles.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

Feb 25 — A.C.C. Tn/39/39 by Internal Transportation Sub Commission refusing to take over 1001 G.T. Coy as it then was.

March 2 — REPORT by Major LENTZNER of M.M.I.A. agreeing with A.C.C. Tn/39/39 above.

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APPENDIX C

EXTRACTED FROM FLAMBO LETTER A491/STO dated 28 JAN 1944.

Proposed W.E. for a British Cadre for attachment to an Italian Army General Transport Company.

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O.C. British Cadre (Major)	1	
Admin Capt.	1	
" Subaltern	1	
C.Q.M.S.	1	
Admin Sgt.	1	
" Cpl.	1	
Driver Mechanics	2	
Driver Batmen	2	
Privates (general duties)	2	) May be employed
Cook	1	) Italian Civilians.

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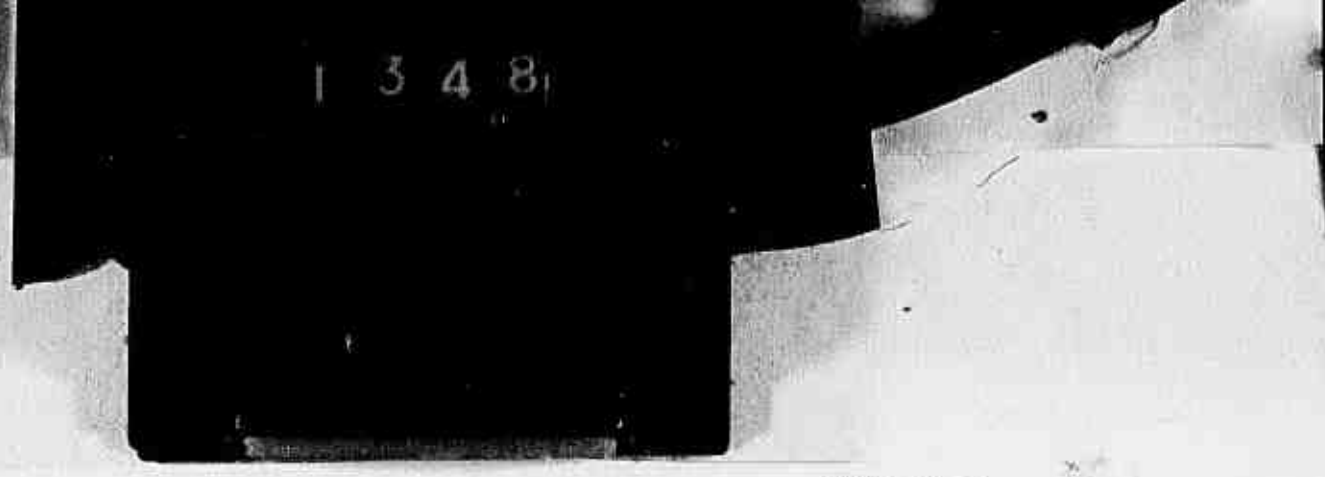
Workshop Officer (Capt)	1		
W.S.M.	1		
M.S.S.	1		
Blacksmith	1	)	
Carpenter & Joiner.	1	)	
Turner.	1	)	Includes: 2 Sgts
Electrician	1	)	2 Cpls.
Fitters	2	)	2 L/Cpls.
T.M.T. Clerks.	2	)	
T.M.T. Storeman	2	)	

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Total: Officers 4
O.Rs. 25 (3 of these may be employed civilians)

N. Interpreters are required and if not available from the Italian Company may be civilians.

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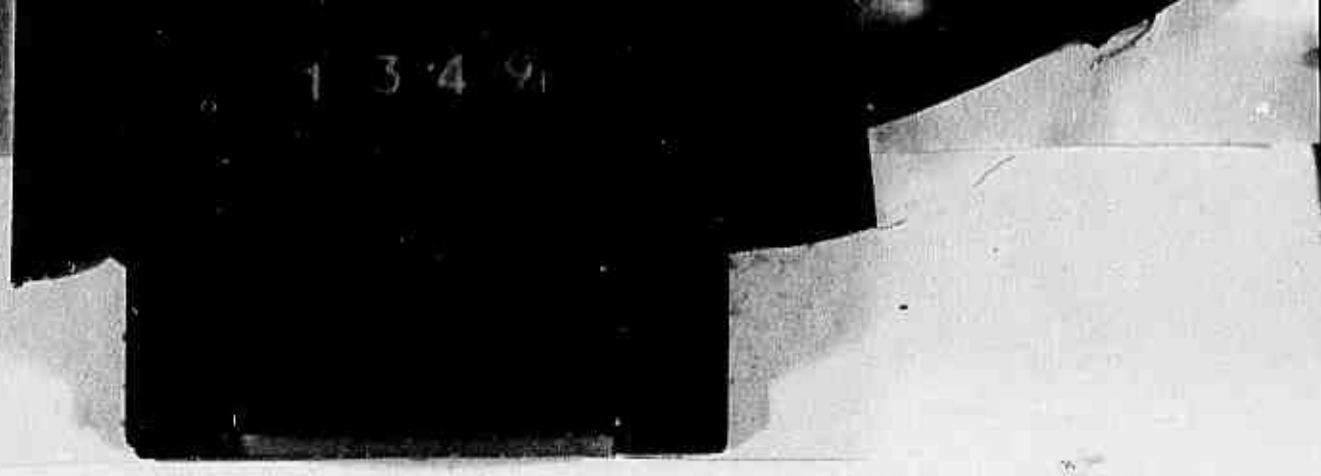
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FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ITALIAN EMBASSY AT MADRID ITD PARIS TO AFHQ FROM FATIMA SIGNED MACFARLANE PARIS QUOTE FD NUMBER FIVE NINE DATED MARCH ELEVENTH FD THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING DISPOSITION OF ITALIAN FLEET HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF MEN AND IDEAS AND WITH GREATEST PATRIOTISM BY ALL THE ITALIAN PEOPLE FD THE ASSURANCES RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL ARE UNDOUBTEDLY OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE FD I WISH HOWEVER TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT FACT NAMELY THE SPIRITUAL UNANIMITY WITH WHICH THE COUNTRY CMA FROM THE ALPS TO SICILY CMA FOLLOWED THE CONTROVERSY FD THIS GIVES US ALL MORE REASON FOR HOPE AND FAITH AND CONFIRMS US IN OUR DETERMINED WILL TO FIGHT THE COMMON FOE WITH ALL OUR MEANS FD ABOVE TO BE CABLED TO TANGIERS CMA STOCKHOLM CMA LISBON CMA DUBLIN CMA BUENOS AIRES CMA BERNE AND ANKARA FD SIGNED BADOGLIO UNQUOTE

ROBERT E. TOE,
Major AGD,
Secretary-General

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11 March 1944

My dear General:

Replying to your letter FM 151 of today, the Comando Supremo's memorandum of 26 February was forwarded by General MacFarlane to the Chief of Staff of the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, on 29 February, but to date we have received no reply. As a result of your memorandum, General MacFarlane telegraphed the Chief of Staff and I shall advise you as soon as his reply is received.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USN.
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Comando Supremo

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS
12 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

POLICY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM CCS WHICH LIMITS SUPPLY OF ITALIAN TROOPS TO THOSEWHO ARE IN FACT EFFECTIVE. ADDED AAI INFORMATION FLAMBO, FAIGO CITE FHCGT FHGDS SIGNED FHCIC. IN ORDER TO SECURE AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF SUPPLIES A LIST OF EFFECTIVE ITALIAN TROOPS SHOWING JUSTIFICATION AND METHOD OF EMPLOYMENT MUST BE FURNISHED CCS FOR APPROVAL. THE FACT THAT ITALIANS UNITS ARE AVAILABLE DOES NOT JUSTIFY THEIR INCLUSION IN THE TROOP BASIS TO BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CCS UNLESS SUCH UNITS ARE ACTUALLY REQUIRED FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR.

REQUEST YOU FURNISH ORDER OF BATTLE AND PROPOSED METHOD OF EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN UNITS WHICH CAN BE RECOMMENDED TO CCS FOR APPROVAL UNDER HEADINGS OF(A) COMPLETE LIST OF ITALIAN UNITS INDICATING THOSE TO BE EMPLOYED BY US, BRITISH OR ITALIAN FORCES (B) PERSONNEL TO BE EMPLOYED UNDER SOLUTION PROGRAM

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TO : FATIMA RPTD FATIMA FOR QUINSMITH MED MMIA

ACC/3072/PH dated 3 Mar not understood. Action copy of FREEDOM 58167 of 29 Feb and FATIMA 1488 of 1 Mar received MMIA. In reply my Q 688 of 3 Mar FATIMA signal 1721 of 7 Mar ordered MMIA to handle details of Italian Navy and Air Force. Papers now in course of preparation for earliest onward transmission through staff channels. DADMS visiting you shortly.

HQ ACC, APO 394
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GIUNTA ESECUTIVA DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA

Naples, 9/3/1944

File No. 39

TO: General MacFarlane
Chief of the Allied Control Commission

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Dear General:-

This Giunta, which represents antifascist opinion, always aligned with the cause for which the United Nations are fighting today, follows in these days with great anxiety the Press news relative to the possible fate of our military and mercantile fleet.

While it reconfirms the condemnation of all those responsible for the present situation, the Giunta, certain of expressing the feelings of all of Italy, on both sides of the war front, asks that the cobelligerent Nations allow our seamen to continue to work and to fight under the national banner and to share the fate of their ships wherever they may be called upon to give their share in the fight against the common enemy.

We warmly request you, dear General, to express these sentiments to the Allied Governments.

With respect.

For La Giunta Esecutiva

/s/ V. Calace

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In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

7 March 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

The Commission is in receipt of a communication from AFHQ requesting that the matter of security and sanitation in connection with the transport by sea of Italian troops from Sardinia be brought to the attention of the Italian High Command.

Reports were received from the Commanding Officers of: H.M.S. L.S.T. 368, dated 18 Nov 43, relative to transport of 13 officers, 410 other ranks and 75 vehicles; H.M.S. L.S.T. 410, dated 17 Nov, 8 officers and 395 other ranks; H.M.S. L.S.T. 407, dated 18 Nov, 19 officers and 388 other ranks; H.M.S. L.S.T. 422, dated 18 Nov, 6 officers, 394 other ranks, 75 vehicles and approximately 40 tons of bulk stores.

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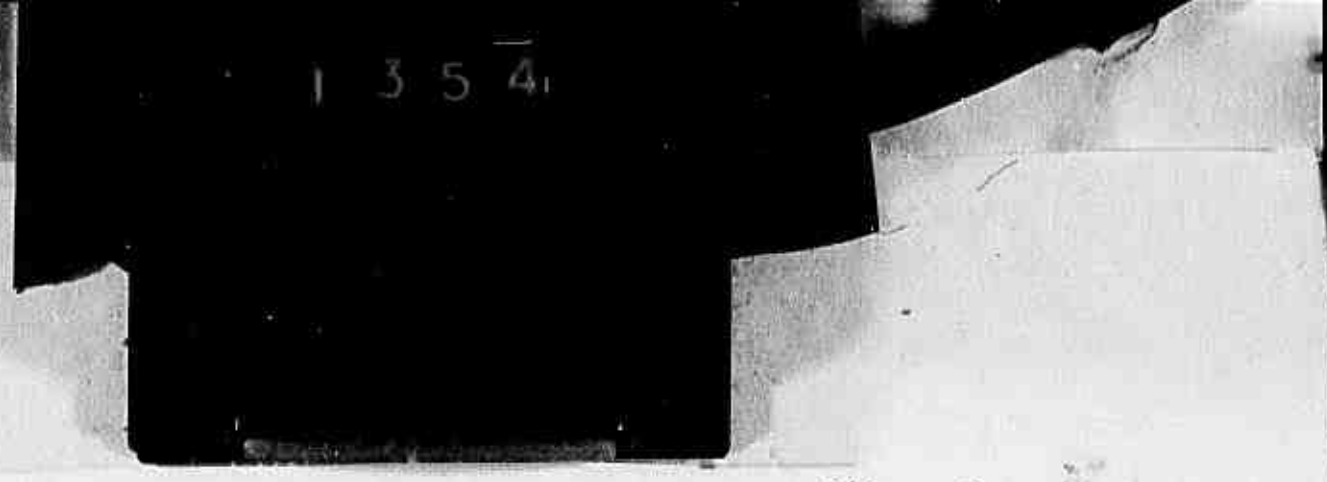
All of these reports indicate that there has been a most serious disregard by both Italian officers and soldiers with respect to sanitation on the boats during the voyages. Showers, decks, tank spaces, etc., were indiscriminately used as toilets. One report is to the effect that sanitary arrangements in the form of buckets with planks secured above as seats, across the fore end of the tank space against the ramp, were provided. These were not used at all but were scattered around the deck. Some difficulty was experienced in attempting to have the ships cleaned prior to disembarkation.

Trouble was also experienced throughout the dark hours of the trip made by L.S.T. 407 in preventing soldiers from smoking and striking matches and even switching on the truck headlights on the upper deck. On one occasion, an offender proved to be the Italian Officer Commanding the troops who explained that he had switched on the headlights in order to determine the time.

It was stated in the report of the Commanding Officer L.S.T. 410 that provisions were stolen from the life-rafts and the first-aid kits from near the guns were broken open and contents stolen. P.O.W. rations were also pilfered from the Tank Deck. 691

It is appreciated that the information contained in these reports have been much delayed in reaching you. It is possible that you have been informed of the conditions through your own channels and have taken necessary steps to insure correction. If not, it is respectfully re-

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quested that corrective instructions be issued to the effect that regulations concerning security, sanitation, and other measures affecting the transport of troops by sea, are to be strictly complied with by all concerned.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Army Subcom.

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Italian Government

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2 March 1944.

Dear Noel

I regret the delay in acknowledging your letter of February 25th regarding the movement of Italian troops from SARDINIA. As you doubtless know, the three Italian cruisers that were lifting the Italian troops were transferred to the BIZERTE-NAPLES ferry at the request of General Alexander to lift operationally required personnel. The intention was to return two of the cruisers to the SARDINIA-NAPLES run about March 6th. However, of the four Italian cruisers, only one is operating and is still urgently required to lift American and French replacements from BIZERTE To NAPLES. Of the other three, one has been damaged by a mine and two are laid up for urgently needed repairs. As things stand at this time, I hope that one of the latter will be available about March 20th and the other about the end of March.

I regret that no other shipping is available at this time and we have to depend on these cruisers which so far have not been reliable and are continually in need of repairs. Please rest assured that I will do my best to alleviate the situation as soon as possible.

J. A. H. GAMMELL
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

Lt. General Sir Frank N. Mason MacFarlane,

KCB, DSO, MC,

Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

Note in pencil:
Brig. Duchesne -

I fear prospects don't look any too good.

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L. T. MONTANT
2nd Lt, AGD
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HEADQUARTERS
12 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

SUBJECT IS AQ737 DATED 10 MARCH. (SIGNED CINC CITE FHSUP TO FATIMA FOR ARMY SUB COMMISSION FOR NOAMES FOR ACTION TO FLAMBC FOR INFORMATION.) DESIRE THAT CHANGEOVER TO QUOTE IT QUOTE SUBSISTENCE STOCKS TAKE PLACE FOR ALL ITALIAN MILITARY ON MAINLAND, SICILY, AND SARDINI IF POSSIBLE ON 24 MARCH. PARA AFHQ LETTER AG400-1) (ITALY) GDS-AGM DATED 9 JANUARY DOES NOT DIRECT THAT A 30 WORKING DAYS MARGIN OF SUBSISTENCE BE LAID DOWN BUT INSTEAD MAKES REFERENCE TO THE DAYS OF SUPPLY OF SUBSISTENCE BEING SHIPPED ON THE SEVERAL CONVOYS. PARA STOCKS WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN FROM ALLIED SUBSISTENCE SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE INDICATED IN SUBJECT MESSAGE. PARA A DEFINITE STATEMENT IS DESIRED THAT THE CHANGEOVER REFERRED ABOVE CAN BE MADE AS OF THE DATE SPECIFIED.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 302/52/CA. 8th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Carabinieri.

TO : S.C.A.O., AFC, 5 Army.

1. The Prime Minister, Marshal Badoglio, has made strong representations to the Chief Commissioner for the release of 200 of the 250 Carabinieri evacuated for Rome. These men are required as reinforcements for the garrison in Sicily where the state of public safety is giving the Marshal great anxiety.

2. I should be glad to have your comments on this reduction for I would impress on you that it will mean a total reduction and that the Carabinieri will not return from Sicily for Rome.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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File No. 586 Salerno, 28/2/1944

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT

My Dear General:-

I am aware that General Pieche has given you a list of High Officers and Generals of the Royal Carabinieri, whose repatriation is needed. I beg to point out to you the urgent necessity for this repatriation, in view of the need for making changes in the territorial Commands of the Corps.

I also submit a further question to you.

On the request of the Allied Supreme Command, the High Command of the Corps has held in readiness 2500 Carabinieri for the occupation of Rome. These Carabinieri, who made an excellent impression on the Allied Authorities for their equipment and bearing, are concentrated behind the lines of the Fifth Army.

Would it not be possible to reduce this amount to 2300, leaving me 200 available to be sent as reinforcements to the garrisons in Sicily, where the state of public safety is alarming.

To supply these 2500 requested men, we have had to extend ourselves up to the utmost limit and there remain no more effectives to be drawn upon.

And the Carabinieri Candidate School will have no graduates for another six months.

I would be obliged to you for your interest in the matter.

Very cordially Yours.

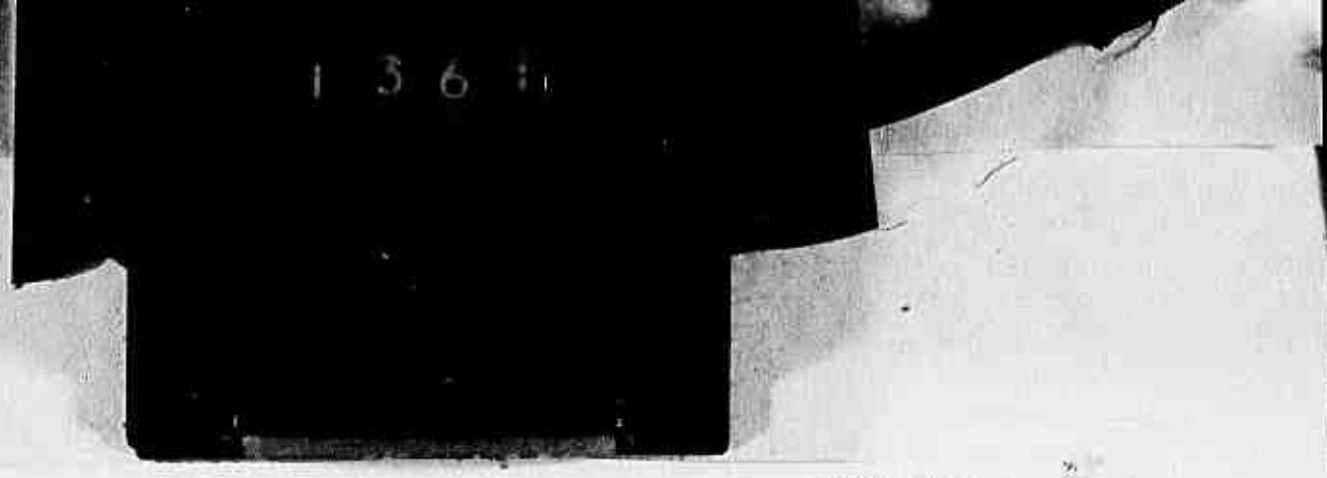
/s/ BADOGLIO

TO: GENERAL MASON MACFARLANE
Chief of the Allied Control Commission

Naples

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8 March 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Commodore Palmer
Head of Naval Sub-Commission
S A L E R N O

I am returning the attached papers inasmuch as it appears from the Minister's letter that the clothing required is naval uniforms in order to call back demobilized men. It does not appear that it is civilian clothing which is wanted in order to use the men for civil employment. This, therefore, seems to be a matter for FOTALI.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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1- Ltr, Naval Subcom 6 Mar 44, D/77/44
2- Ltr FOTALI 29 Feb 44, TA 1027/85
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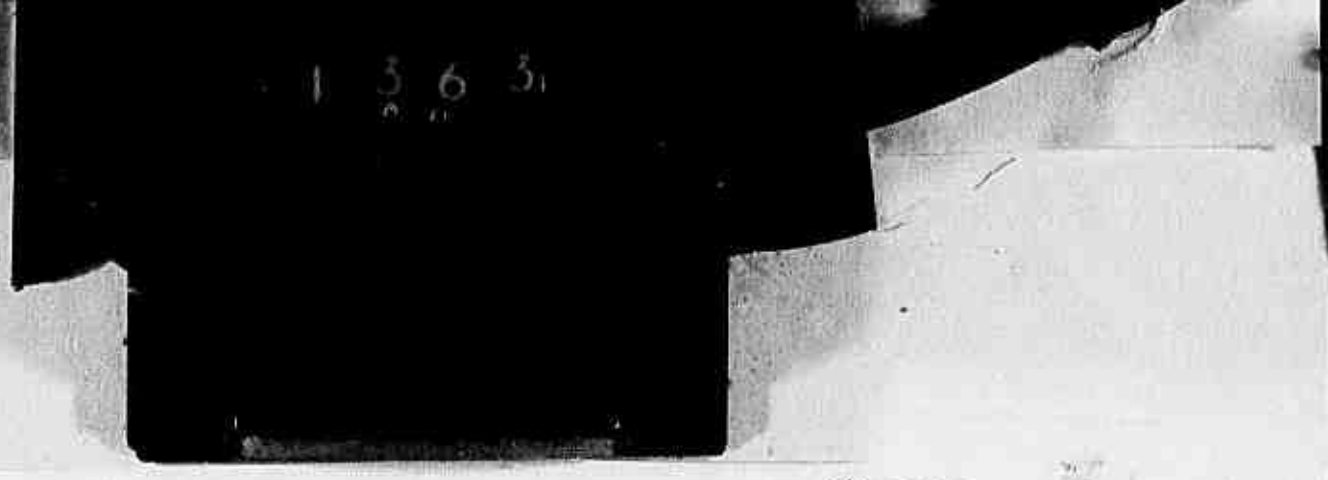
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TO FATIMA

FROM MMIA

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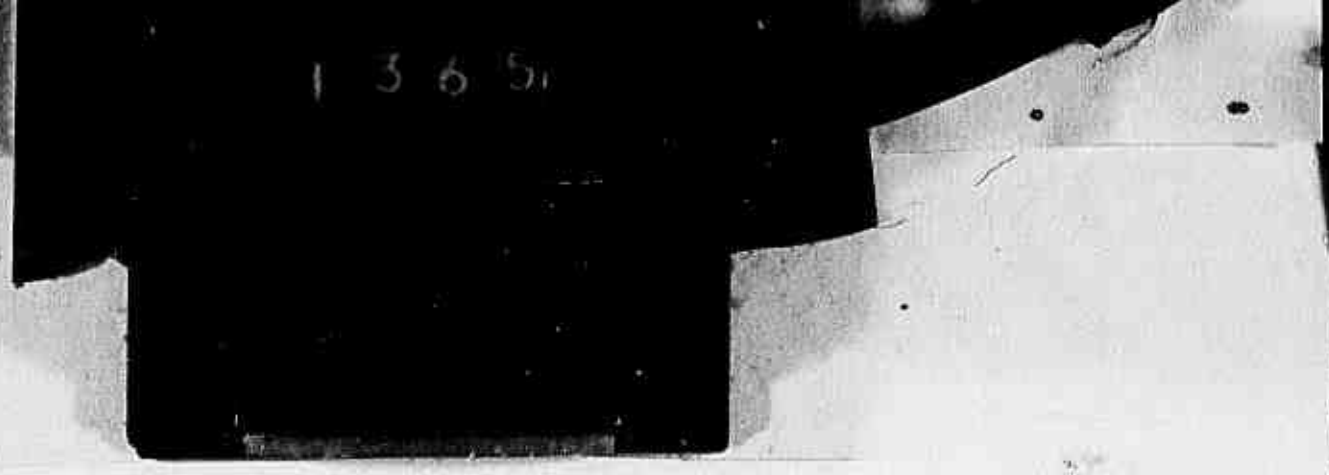
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L.T. MONTANT, Jr.,
2nd Lt., AGD.
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FROM: SURGEON FREEDOM 29 FEB 44

TO: HQ ACC, ACMF

ORIG NO: 58167

PLEASE SUBMIT THROUGH STAFF CHANNELS TO G-1 EB FOR PRESENTATION TO CCOS THE PHASED REQUIREMENTS WITH COMPLETE PREPARED INDENTS FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO COVER ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IN ITALY SICILY AND SARDINIA. ON ACCOUNT OF EXISTING SHORTAGES OF NARCOTICS IN ALLIED RESOURCES PARTICULAR CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO EXCLUDE SUCH DEMANDS.

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29th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(For Chief of Staff).

1. I enclose translation of a memorandum just received from Marshal Messe.

2. As you know, the Italian Comando Supremo have already brought up the question of the status of the Cuneo Division on more than one occasion.

3. I would like to make it very clear that the Italian Government feel very strongly indeed over this question. Messe attacks me on the subject every time I see him. Their point of view seems to them the only logical and fair one.

4. I have no idea whether there is any chance of reconsidering your policy as regards the Cuneo Division but you ought to know the strength of feeling which it has aroused in the Italian Command. If you felt inclined to make a gesture in this connection it could not fail to have good results over here and might add some pep to Italian army collaboration. The latter is reasonably correct but sadly lacks enthusiasm or inspiration.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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20 February 1944

From Comando Supremo To AGC

File N. 11395/32

Subject : "Cuneo" Division

1. - General Roatta is now ready to leave for Palestine, according to what had been written on this subject by Army Headquarters, note 6/6/20 dated 17 February.

2. - As to the employment of "Cuneo" Division, agreements between Gen. Alexander and Gen. Soldarelli had encouraged us to hope that this division could have been employed in war operations as a fighting unit.

In process of time however, Allied Authorities have decided to employ these troops as labour units.

Leaving aside the reasons for this change of policy, I must point out that the troops of "Cuneo" Division are not to be considered POW ; indeed they have already fought as Allies side by side with Allied troops.

If however APHQ should maintain their decision to use them as labourers, in my case they should be accorded the same treatment as the labour units of the Italian Army collaborating at present in Italy in the rear of the Allied Armies.

Nevertheless, in view of the fact that employment of such a kind could only be detrimental to the morale of the division, and possibly impair the efficiency and discipline of its men, I consider that the best solution would be a gradual repatriation.

I fully appreciate the difficulties especially in view of lack of transport, but in consideration of the above I would still be grateful if the latter solution were submitted to APHQ for consideration.

r/b

COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

P.M. 151/A lì, 26 febbraio 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N° 11395 Op. di prot.-

O G G E T T O : Divisione "Cuneo".-

1) - Il Generale Soldarelli è ora disponibile per la partenza per la Palestina, in relazione a quanto comunicato a suo tempo dalla Sottocommissione per l'Esercito con foglio G/6/20 del 16 febbraio.-

2) - Circa l'impiego delle truppe della divisione "Cuneo", gli accordi intercorsi fra il Gen. Wilson e il Gen. Soldarelli facevano sperare che la divisione avrebbe potuto essere impiegata in operazioni di guerra come truppa combattente.-
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dovrebbe attuarsi in ogni caso collo stesso trattamento e modalità in atto per i reparti lavoratori dell'Esercito Italiano che collaborano in territorio nazionale nelle retrovie delle Armate Alleate.

Tenuto però presente che un impiego del genere non potrebbe non incidere sul morale dei reparti della "Cuneo" con possibili riflessi sul rendimento e sulla disciplina, ritengo che la soluzione migliore sarebbe quella del rimpatrio graduale dei reparti stessi.-

Non mi nascondo le difficoltà che esistono, specialmente in fatto di trasporti, ma considerati i riflessi morali cui sopra ho accennato, prego di voler ugualmente prendere in esame e prospettare alle competenti Autorità Alleate la soluzione del rimpatrio.=

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
- Giovanni Messe -

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P.M. 151/A **li**, 26 febbraio 1944

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25th. February, 1944.

As you doubtless know, the ability of the Italian army to produce the formations and units we have required of them and to get anywhere near the priority and timetable we have given them depends largely on the volume and regularity with which we can bring Italian troops over to Italy from Sardinia. This traffic is not running at all smoothly and I rather wonder whether the Naval and M.W.T. authorities concerned realise how important it is to ensure as large a flow of troops from Sardinia as possible if the Italian army is to be able to render us maximum assistance. Very few of these troops, of course, are required as combatant troops but they are of immense value on the administrative side and as labour.

2. I would be most grateful if you could put in a word with C-in-C, Mediterranean, and with your principal M.W.T. representative asking them to do everything possible to accelerate ferrying troops from Sardinia.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Lt. Gen. James A.H. Gammell, CB, DSO, MC,
Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

25 Feb 1944
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2. Amend total sheet 3 to read 37,575
Amend total sheet 4 to read 45,716
Amend total carried forward sheet 5 to read 46,716
Amend grand total sheet 5 to read 111,625
Total for Feb and March sheet 5 to read 46,716

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:= Italian Army Generally

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/o/1/25
24 Feb 44

Lt Gen Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
H.Q. A.C.C. NAPLES

For your information my current news is as follows:

1. CONFERENCE with Marshal MESSE. I sent you a copy of my G/5/24 of 22 Feb to him. The questions therein are designed to lead up to the main point of a definite statement of what they will provide for the ACMF programme from the Mainland by the end of March. This means combing their Army tps and depots which SMRE are really only now beginning to tackle in earnest under KERR's probing technique. I feel that we must get this as straight and definite as possible, or the conference will not get us anywhere on its main subject. I will signal you in due course. ✓

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5. General OXILIA from GARIBALDI Div in MONTENEGRO is asked for to be assistant Chief of Staff to Gen BERARDI. I signalled Force 133 on 22 Feb asking if they agree to his release, and to leaving Gen MIVALDA in Comd GARIBALDI Div in his place.

6. CORSICA AFHQ in their AG 383.6-4 GCT AGM have sent Marshal BADOGLIO's letter of complaint of 28 Jan about French treatment of Italians to Allied Adm officer there to straighten out quietly direct with French General MARTIN.

7. SARDINIA We have just had a signal from FLAMBO to say that the three Italian cruisers employed on bringing ten thousand troops monthly to ITALY have been diverted temporarily to other work. This is not so good for the AGWF programme and makes the obtaining of men from the Mainland all the more important.

no action. All done verbally

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm, AGS.

ABC

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APPENDIX 'A'

SUBJECT:= USE OF ITALIAN NAVY ON SHORE

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/1/59
22 Feb 44

F O T A L I, NAVY HOUSE, TARANTO

1. In confirmation of conversation (Admiral MACGREGOR — Brig DUCHESNE) on 21 Feb. I should be gled if you would arrange for personnel of the Italian Navy on shore to take over port labour at TARANTO and BRINDISI to the greatest possible extent.

2. There are at present employed at TARANTO three thousand five hundred Italian Army personnel: and at BRINDISI five thousand Army plus one thousand Navy, making six thousand in all. The object of the operation would be to release an equivalent number of Army for the ACMF programme (for which we are short of men on the mainland), and the accommodation at present occupied by soldiers would be available on relief if desired. The idea was discussed early in Feb at TARANTO between my Lt Col MORIARTY and Commodore ZEROLI who may have already made preliminary investigations.

3. Control of military port labour is at present exercised by the Inspector of Labour, General MATTEOLI, who has a Colonel in charge of each port. The sailors at present working at BRINDISI come under him and it would be desirable to continue this system of top control which is working well. This we can discuss.

4. I should like also to enquire whether Italian Naval labour could be made available at NAPLES and SALERNO.

5. There are two other current questions affecting naval personnel

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6. I shall be glad to have your views in due course and can send over [illegible] at any time when desirable.

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signed C. C. DUCHESNE.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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23 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

Re the attached signal from C-in-C Med and Flambo's signal calling a meeting for Wednesday the 23rd on this subject, my opinion is that C-in-C Med is not on sound ground in insisting that Italian Government must acquiesce in desertions when deserters engage in civilian employment in dockyards. Moreover, C-in-C Med's policy seems to conflict with ACMF which needs military labor and does not want to see military strength reduced. On legal grounds, Upjohn concurs that the Italian Government clearly has the right to apprehend deserters.

If you concur, I think it would be helpful to have this view submitted to C-in-C Med and at the Flambo meeting.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Message from Flambo
#G$/18139 21 Feb 44
Incl 2 - Message fr C-in-C Med
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Reported that Italian Army calling up additional drafts including (desters?). In view fact probable many specialists now employed as civilians by Allied forces may be affected, a meeting will be held at Flambo at 1445 hours Wednesday 23 February. Request attendance Brigadier Duchesne with full information in order methods to retain essential technicians as civilians with Allies may be adopted.

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To:FOTALI (R) NOIC NAPLES, NOIC BARI, NOIC BRINDISI, C IN C MED., FLAMBO, A.C.C. NAVAL SUB COMMISSION.

From: C IN C MED.

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It is understood that Italian Military Authorities are commencing to comb out workmen who are deserters from the Army or have avoided conscription with view to calling them to the colours for service in technical units.

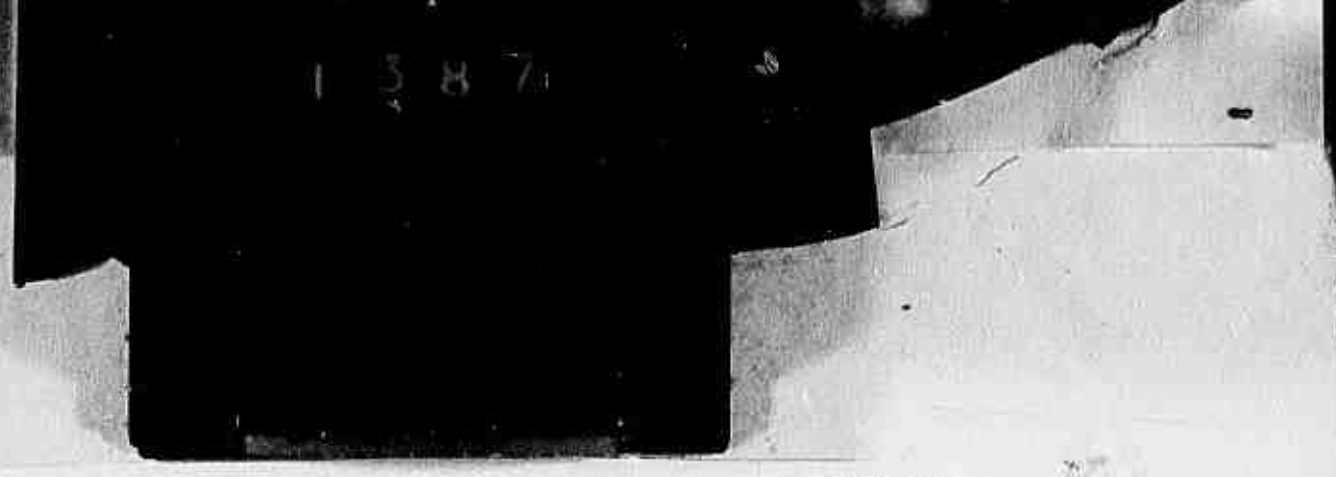
(2) Request you will inform Minister of Marine that any interference with the labour force now engaged on (naval?) work is quite inacceptable and desire him to inform Italian Military Authorities accordingly.

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. Col Monfort.

Para. 2 of 1038 of 17 Feb transmitted Bedell's request for permission to appoint a Corps Comdr for Sicily.

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OK. I have already told Bedell

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GEN. MACFARLANE

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FROM : MAIA

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No action required by this office

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Rec'd Secy Gen 24 Feb 44 1730 hrs G.H.Q.

Subject:- POLICY for ITALIAN ARMY

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/24
22 Feb 44

His Excellency Marshal MESSE
Chief of Supreme General Staff

Your Excellency,

1. Further to my letter G/6/19 of 17 Feb, and to your proposed agenda (see Appendix 'A') handed to me this evening by General INFANTE: certain further details of your proposals are desirable in order that Lt General Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE may have an opportunity of studying them prior to the conference. These refer mainly to items A, B and C and are as follows:-

A. A list of the units designated for the proposed Combat Division, with a statement of their strengths. I understand that this is now under preparation by General BERARDI.

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General BERARDI, Chief of Staff S.M.R.E.

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Appendix 'A'

AGENDA OF MAIN SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING WITH GEN Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.

A) Italian Combat Division:- (designation, composition, gradual emp in relation to arrival of NEMBO Div, allotment of Alpini Bn, Arditi and pack tpt units to 1 Mot Bde in relation to area of ops).

B) Situation of Piceno and Mantova Divs and their composition for internal security duties (deficiencies in the conditions and numbers of animals).
Deficiencies in the event of their emp as combatant fmns (Mortars, arty, mm, WT, MT)

C) Programme for the emp of available Italian personnel:- acceptance of the requests up to the end of March (about 40,000) - difficulty as regards personnel required after March (64,000) especially the specialists.

D) The situation in SICILY :- composition of Sabauda Div, recalling to the colours and reorg of 'sbandati' with mil liabilities, the question of PWs.

E) Clothing eqpt and rations for Italian tps.

F) Navy:- total strength and emp.

G) Air Force:- total strength and emp

H) Propaganda against Italian armed forces.

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FROM : MMTA FROM DUCHESNE

DATE TIME SIGNED: NFT

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REFERENCE NR. : GC 249

CITE : NONE

Gen. MacFarlane

All necessary action taken verbally

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(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : MEDIA FROM DUCHESNE

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Gen. MacFarlane

All necessary action taken accordingly

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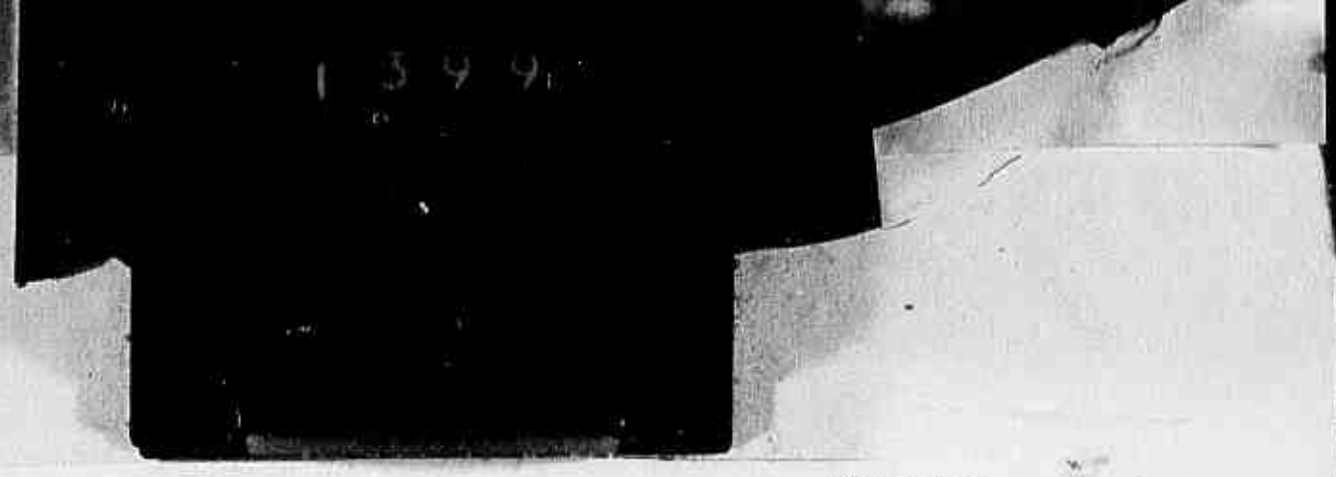
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Gen. Mr. Fontana

14th February 1944.

Subject: Supply Organisation - Italian Military.

To : Secretary General.

I discussed the attached letter from Army Sub-Commission with Colonel Noams and have agreed to produce such personnel as they require and cannot produce from Army sources.

MSL/JG.

091.711 - Italy

SUBJECT:- Supply Organisation Italian Military.

Army Sub Comm. ACC
Rear HQ (MILA)
IBRITTA (IBOOK)
AC/S.
11 Feb 44.

HQ ACC NAPLES - For Brig CHURCHCOCH.
AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon - For Brig.Gen. HAYDON.

Copies to:- Vice President, Economic Section, ACC.
Vice President, R.C.A.G. Section.
Finance Sub-Commission ACC.
Transportation Sub-Commission ACC.
War Material Disposal Sub-Commission ACC.
Navy Sub-Commission ACC, SALERNO.
Air Force Sub-Commission ACC, SALERNO.
Main HQ, Army Sub-Commission ACC, SALERNO.
No. 1 DIS TRICT.
Allied Garrison Commander, BARIETTA.

No reference HQ ACC memorandum of 6th Feb signed CHURCHCOCH (received in this office 1900 hrs 9 Feb) and visit by Lt.Col. [illegible], ACSS, Army Sub Comm.

1. Our Bible on this subject is AFHQ letter AFHQ-1 (ITALY) GDS ADM of 9th Jan addressed to Acting Deputy President ACC. This is headed as above and quotes in appendix "B" Italian strength 500,000. The term "Italian Military" therefore includes all Italian Armed Forces on Mainland, in SICILY, and in SARDINIA.

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It is proposed that these authorities should continue to function as heretofore and be supplied with suitable accounting instructions as these are crystallised.

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(a) A central office for dealing with Italian Ministry of War for forecasting and provisioning,

(b) An inspectorate for physical supervision of the distribution of supplies and stores as intended.

(c) A Port Inspectorate to ensure correct receipt and handing over of supplies and stores to the Italian Government representatives at the various Ports.

6. A further essential is efficient telephone conversation from my Dept (A) at NAPLES (which must remain near the Italian Ministry of War at CASOLI) to NAPLES and SARDINIA with authority to place "clear the line" calls in case of shipping emergency.

7. In order to implement the set-up outlined in para 5 above I require at once certain additional staff.

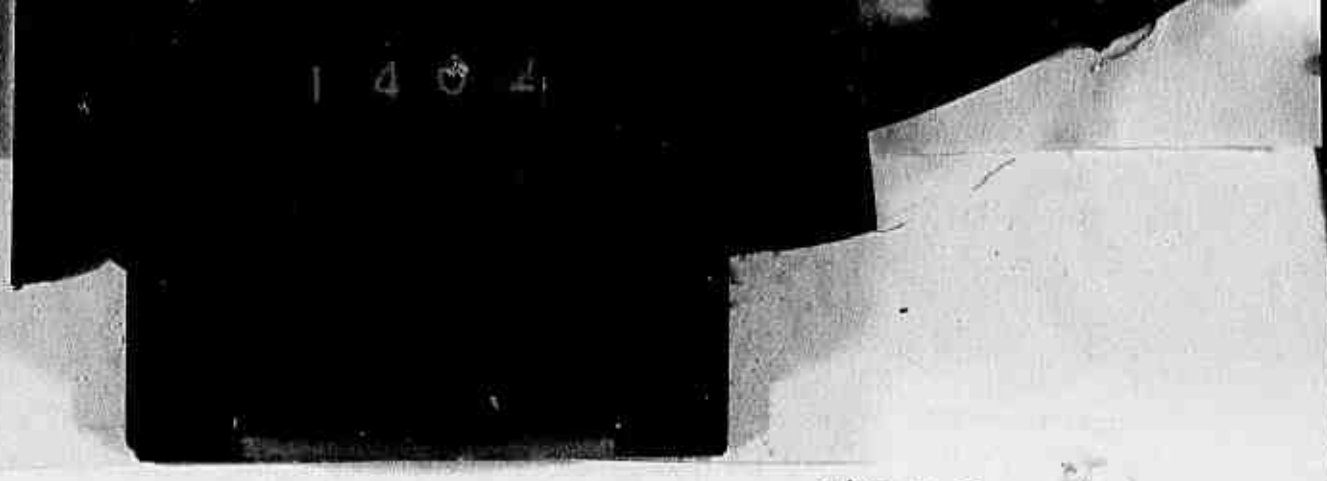
Details are attached at Appendix "A" and I would emphasise that this is the minimum requirement and further that I am unable to accept the responsibility of securing competent control of Allied Supplies until both this staff arrives and efficient communications exist..

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for J. Northall (43)
H QS for Brig.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Drafted by Maj DICKSON owing absence on duty

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	WAFFEN STAFF		ADDITIONAL OFFICERS			
	R.A.S.C.	R.A.O.C.	R.A.S.C.		R.A.O.C.	
			Major	Capt or Sub	Major	Capt or Sub
For (a) and (b)	1 Lt Col ADST 1 Major DADST 1 S/Capt ST 1 Chief Clerk 1 NCO Clerk 1 Clerk	1 Major DADOS	2	2		2
For (c)	NOTE. Each Port Inspectorate for NAPLES, BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO, will be composed as follows:- 1 Capt or Lt RASC 1 W.O. or Senior N.C.O., RASC. 1 RCO, RAOC 1 Clerk, RASC or RAOC			4		
NOTE.	It will be necessary to augment the "Q" Staff by one S/Capt Nov one Clerk Nov to deal entirely with movements.			1(not RASC)		
	TOTAL		2	7(1 not RASC)		2

NOTE. PALERMO and CAGLIARI are not included in above.

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APPENDIX "A"

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	ADDITIONAL OFFICERS				ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL					
	R.A.F.C.		R.A.O.C.		R.A.S.C.			R.A.O.C.		
	Major	Capt or Sub	Major	Capt or Sub	W.O. or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Clerks	W.O. or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Clerks
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in above.

A G E N D A FEB 29.

1. FOR A.C.M.F. PROGRAMME what total numbers can be made available from MAINLAND resources

   (a) in March
   (b) after March.

   See calculation at Appendix A. Suggested that Gen BERARDI should have additional staff to cope with the programme.

2. COMBAT DIVISION. Composition and proposed build up. Col KERR to obtain A.C.M.F. and Fifth Army agreement to proposals. Suggestion for Allied Liaison Officer of high rank to be attached.

3. PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions. One in APULIA one in CALABRIA for internal security duties. Points regarding their equipment and training. Policy for 211 Coastal Division (3000 strong) which under A.F.H.Q. policy is at A.C.M.F. disposal.

4. SICILY Composition of SABAUDA Division.
   "Sbandati" with military liabilities.
   Status of Prisoners of War.

5. NAVY Total strength and employment.

6. AIR FORCE Total strength and employment.

7. CLOTHING and RATIONS for Italian Forces.

8. PROPAGANDA against Italian Armed Forces.

9. EASTER GIFTS for Italian prisoner of war in NORTH AFRICA.

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APPEND.. A.

1. A.C.M.F. PROGRAMME. forwarded under G/6/19 of 17 Feb to Comando Supremo gives programmed requirements as

(a)	Requd Feb and March	46,700
(b)	Requd after March	64,900
	Total Required	111,600

How many of these can be provided from MAINLAND ?

2. STATE OF ITALIAN ARMY ON MAINLAND No. 12 as at 1 Feb shows total strength 172,500 of which "balance available" is 85,400. In the "Employed" column are shown Italian Army Headquarter Organisations totalling 5,800. This makes a total of 91,200.

3. CALCULATION OF NUMBERS AVAILABLE from MAINLAND for ACMF programme is as follows :

Required for 3 divisions	32,000 - 13,000	= 19,000
" "	Depots and Area troops	25,000
" "	Italian Army Headquarter Organisations	5,800
" "	211 Coastal Division (if agreed)	3,000
Still liable for demobilisation		6,000
AVAILABLE FOR ACMF PROGRAMME		32,400
	TOTAL as PARA 2 ABOVE	91,200

4. THE ABOVE takes no account of the call of additional classes to increase Mainland strength to 190,000. As this call-up proceeds (190,000 minus 166,554 equals) 23,446 more men will become available.

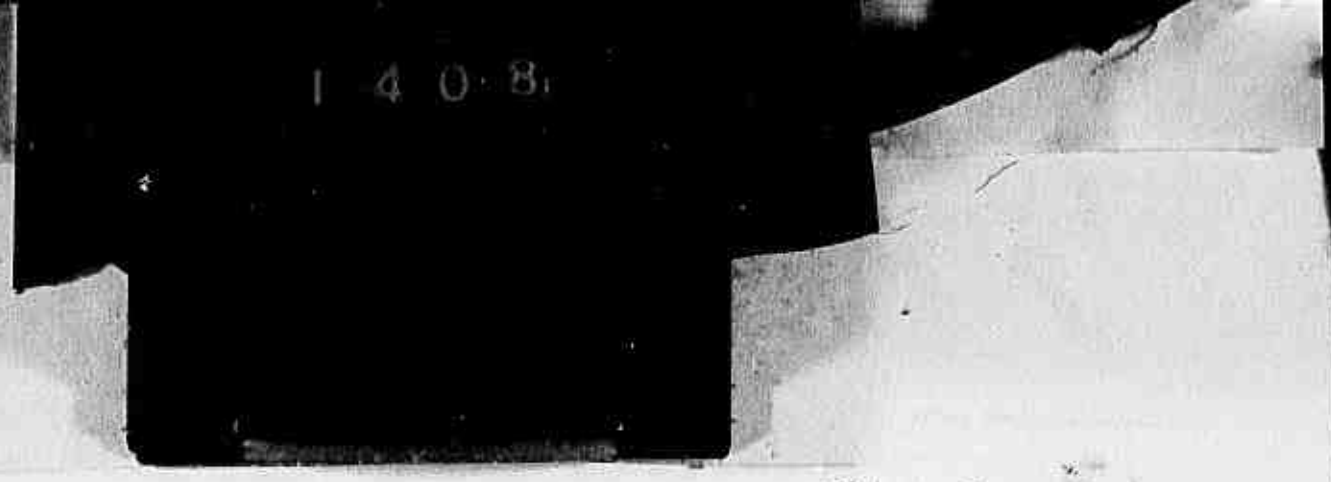
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"	"	211 Coastal Division (if agreed)	3,000
Still liable for demobilisation			6,000
AVAILABLE FOR ACMF PROGRAMME			32,400
		TOTAL as PARA 2 ABOVE	91,200

4. THE ABOVE takes no account of the call of additional classes to increase Mainland strength to 190,000. As this call-up proceeds (190,000 minus 166,554 equals) 23,446 more men will become available.

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Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MEDIA)
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G/6/21
Feb 44

Letter G/6/19 dated 17 Feb 44 is forwarded herewith for information.

Lecce — on 29/2 at

Rathmahan Dunlop.
Lt Col.
for Brigadier,
Army Sub-Comn A.C.C.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Rear H.Q. (MIL)
APO 512 (ROME)
6/6/19
8 Feb 44

His Excellency, Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

Your Excellency,

In accordance with instructions received from Allied Force Headquarters, I write to inform you of the following revised policy for the Italian Army:

1. The total ration strength of the Italian Armed Forces including Navy, Air Force, Army and Carabinieri will not exceed 500,000. This figure to be subject to review downwards from time to time.

2. The policy regarding rations and clothing issued from Allied sources to the Italian Armed Forces is laid down in AFHQ letter AG 400-1 (Italy) GDS-AGM of 9 Jan, which has already been communicated to you under NAF/213 of 19 Jan. As regards Italian military resources, those captured in SICILY have been reserved for other work, except for certain surpluses which are being released: those in SARDINIA and on the Mainland are at your disposal.

3. As regards the Army in particular

(a) A division should be equipped from Italian resources and placed in combat at an early date.

(b) Two additional divisions with the role of internal security should be located one in APULIA and one in CALABRIA. They should be armed and equipped as existing resources permit and trained with a view to eventual combat.

(c) The total ration strength of the above three divisions should not exceed thirty two thousand. The FRIULI Group and the NEMBO Division to be included in this total.

(d) The SASSARI Division should be equipped on a scale suitable for its role of internal security in SICILY.

(e) The remainder of the Italian Army will be at the disposal of Commander in Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force. He will define the numbers required for the defence of SARDINIA: and on the Mainland for internal security North of the line NAPLES - FOGGIA, according to circumstances.

4. I attach hereto at Appendix "A" lists of the units required in the immediate future for employment with the Allies. So far as can be defined in the changing

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(a) A division should be equipped from Italian resources and placed in combat at an early date.

(b) Two additional divisions with the role of internal security should be located one in APULIA and one in CAMPANIA. They should be armed and equipped as existing resources permit and trained with a view to eventual combat.

(c) The total ration strength of the above three divisions should not exceed thirty two thousand. The DUPINO Group and the NEMO Division to be included in this total.

(d) The SARDA Division should be equipped on a scale suitable for its role of internal security in SICILY.

(e) The remainder of the Italian Army will be at the disposal of Commander in Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Force. He will define the numbers required for the defence of SARDINIA and on the Mainland for internal security North of the line NAPLES - FOGGIA according to circumstances.

4. I attach hereto at Appendix "A" lists of the units required in the immediate future for employment with the Allies. So far as can be defined in the changing circumstances of war, they are in order of priority.

5. Shipment from SARDINIA is planned to take place at the rate of ten thousand men per month. Owing to recent wastage from demobilisation on the Mainland and in view of anticipated urgent requirements for labour and guard duties in CAMPANIA, ten bns are included in Appendix "A" in priority next above NEMO Division. If sufficient men can be found on the Mainland to meet the needs of the programme, these bns can be dispensed with for the time being and the transfer of NEMO Division accelerated accordingly.

6. There will be a conference under the Chairmanship of Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE when you have had due time to consider the programme. If you will inform me when you are ready for such discussion I will arrange time and place.

For the Deputy President Allied Control Commission

Brig
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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APPENDIX "A"

P R I O R I T Y L I S T O F I T A L I A N U N I T S R E Q U I R E D

Third List Serial No (a)	U N I T (b)	During Feb and March Required for (c)	Strength (d)	R E M A R K S (e)	List NO 7 Shipping Priority (f)
1000	Pioneer Labour	P.E.S.	500		
1001	" "	"	720	From 212 Division	
1002	" "	5 AMG	1,000	From 10 Corps	
1003	" "	P.E.S.	1,000	From 212 Div. Boots and clothing can be provided by P.E.S.	
1003A	Muleteer Rfts	7 Mtn Regt	115	Ref letter SD/S/1/6 of 17 Feb.	
1004	Guard Bn	8 AMG	800		
1004A	Reinforcements 349 Smoke Regt	2 District	50		
1005	61 Mot Ambulance	8 AMG	20	To S.MARINI. All 20 Motor Amb Cars to be shipped. Ref signal GD222 of 11 Feb	64
1006	93 Medical Section	2 District	300	To SARDINIA. Ready	62
1007	1002 Gen Tpt Coy	G.H.Q. Troops	395	Forming BRINDISI	
1008	Four Field Hospitals	2 District	240	To SARDINIA (516, 517, 525, 865) Ready	63
1009	12 Hygiene Section	" "	65	To SARDINIA. Ready.	64
1010	One QM Bakery Coy	P.E.S.	160	To SARDINIA (No 2) Ready	65
1011	Truck Drivers	2 District	250	Complete 1902 G.T. Coy	
1012	One QM Truck Coy	P.E.S.	140	To SARDINIA (No 13) Ready	66
1012A	" " " "	"	"		

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1004A	Reinforcements 349 Smoke Regt	3 District	50		
1005	61 Mot Ambulance	8 MDI	20	In SARDINIA. All 20 Motor Amb Cars to be shipped. Ref signal SD222 of 11 Feb	61
1006	93 Medical Section	2 District	300	In SARDINIA. Ready	62
1007	1002 Gen Tpt Coy	G.H.Q. Troops	395	Forming BRINDISI	
1008	Four Field Hospitals	2 District	240	In SARDINIA (517, 525, 865) Ready	63
1009	12 Hygiene Section	" "	65	In SARDINIA. Ready.	64
1010	One QM Bakery Coy	P.D.S.	160	In SARDINIA (No 2) Ready	65
1011	Truck Drivers	2 District	250	Complem 1002 G.T. Coy	
1012	One QM Truck Coy	P.D.S.	110	In SARDINIA (No 15) Ready	66
1012A	" " " "	"	"		
1013	Two Coys Mechanical Engineers	P.D.S.	400	In SARDINIA. Ready 15 March	67
1014	Three Artisan Works Companies	P.D.S.	750	In SARDINIA (1, 2, 11 Artisti Coys ready)	68
1016	13 and 130 Signals Workshops	3 District	45	In SARDINIA. Ready	70
1017	Radio Mechanics	" "	20	In SARDINIA. Ready	71
1066	One QM Bakery Coy	P.D.S.	163	In SARDINIA ("CAGLIARI" to be formed)	72
		Total.....	7,153	Carried forward	

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Third List Serial NO (a)	U N I T (b)	Required for During Feb And Mar (c)	Strength (d)	R E M A R K S (e)	List No 7 Shipping Priority (f)
Total carried forward from previous sheet...			7,153		
1018	One Minatori Coy	5 ARMY	250	Ex SARDINIA (No 6) Ready 16 Feb	73
1019	One Pontieri Coy	" "	250	Ex SARDINIA (No 21) Ready 16 Feb	74
1020	One Artieri Coy	8 ARMY	250	Ex SARDINIA (No 3) Ready 16 Feb	75
1021	One Artieri Coy	5 ARMY	250	Ex SARDINI (No 12) Ready 16 Feb	76
1022	One Line Construction Coy	3 District	250	Ex SARDINIA (65 Coy Telegrafisti (Ready 16 Feb)	77
1023	Five Artisan Works Coys	2 District	1,250	Ex SARDINIA (45 Gp Spec Laveratori, 180, 181, 182 Spec Lav Coys; 55, 77, 162, 15, 163 Artieri Coys)	78
1024	Three Artisan Works Coys	3 District	750	At present 300 short	
1025	Eight Field Hospitals	MIDDO	480	Ex SARDINIA	79
1026	Ten Bns of Non-Tradesmen	HQ ACIF	8,000	Ex SARDINIA. Ref para 5 of covering letter and SD/14/3 of 13 Feb	85
1027	"NEMBO" Division	SHAEF	5,000	Concentration Area to be decided. Ready. Ref letter SD/2/1/5 of 14 Feb	90

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1021	One Artieri Coy	5 ARMY	250	Ex SARDINIA (No 12) Ready 16 Feb	76
1022	One Line Construction Coy	3 District	250	Ex SARDINIA (65 Coy Telegrafisti (Ready 16 Feb)	77
1023	Five Artisan Works Coys	2 District	1,250	Ex SARDINIA (45 Gp Spec Lavoratori, 180, 181, 182 Spec Lav Coys; 55, 77, 162, 13, 163 Artieri Coys)	78
1024	Three Artisan Works Coys	3 District	750	At present 300 short	
1025	Eight Field Hospitals	FLORENCE	480	Ex SARDINIA	79
1026	Ten Bns of Non-Tradesmen	HQ ACSF	8,000	Ex SARDINIA. Ref para 5 of covering letter and SD/14/3 of 13 Feb	85
1027	"FLORENCE" Division	SHAEF	5,000	Concentration Area to be decided. Ready. Ref letter SD/2/1/5 of 14 Feb	90
1028	Reinforcement Mules	HQ ACSF	841	Including 735 for Field Artillery Units	
1050	Reinforcements			Scale to be confirmed	
1051	Two Labour Bns	P.B.S.	1,600	800 from 212 Division	
1052	Three Artieri Coy	5 ARMY	835	23 Artieri Bn. Forming in CASERTA	
1053	Two Pack Tpt Gp HQ	5 ARMY	12		
1054	Four Pack Tpt Coys	" "	1,040		
1055	Two Docks Operating Coys	2 District	800	Dock Labour BRINDISI. When reinforcements forthcoming	
1056	One Artisan Works Coy	2 District	250	905 LAV ART Coy. Forming TRANI by end of Feb	
1057	One Artisan Works Coy	3 District	250	901 LAV ART Coy. Forming CATANZARO by end of Feb	
		Total	28,761	Carried forward	

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Total carried forward from previous sheet..			28,761		
1058	One Line Construction Coy	During Feb and Mar	120	British formation MANDURIA ready 20 Feb	
1059A	Two Engineer Workshop secs of a Wksp & Park Coy	2 District	100		
1059B	One Artisan Works Coy	" "	250	900 L/W ERT Coy. Forming TREBISACCE by end of Feb	
1059C	" " "	3 "	250	902 L/W ERT Coy. Forming CROTONE by end of Feb	
1060	Three Railway Construction Coys	3 "	750	Arrangement Allied Direc-to General Military Rlways	
1061	One Gen Tpt Coy	G.H.Q.	395	Truck Drivers	
1062	Motor Ambulance Drivers	"	225		
1063 1064	——— See amendments as listed in (49)				
1065	Four Gl Petrol Supply Coys	P.B.S.	488	Truck Drivers	
1067	Two Gl Railhead Coys		360	2 Butchers, 5 Clerks, 2 Cooks & 3 Drivers in each Coy	
1068	Four Gl Truck Coys	P.B.S	440	Truck Drivers	
1069	Gen Hospital Expansion of 2,500 beds	Italian Troops	500		
1070	One Independent Platoon Amb Car Coy	"	61		

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1060	Three Railway Construction Coys	3 "	750	Arrangement Allied Direc- to General Military Rlways
1061	One Gen Tpt Coy	G.H.Q.	395	Truck Drivers
1062	Motor Ambulance Drivers	"	225	
1063 1064	——— See amendments as listed in (49)			
1065	Four QM Petrol Supply Coys	P.B.S.	468	Truck Drivers
1067	Two QM Railhead Coys		360	2 Butchers, 5 Clerks, 2 Cooks & 3 Drivers in each Coy
1068	Four QM Truck Coys	P.B.S	440	Truck Drivers
1069	Gen Hospital Expan- sion of 2,500 beds	Italian Troops	500	
1070	One Independent Pla- toon Amb Car Coy	"	61	
1071	Two Docks Operating Coys	2 District	800	Dock Labour TARANTO. When labour can be replaced
1072	Five Gen Tpt Coys	G.H.Q.	1,975	Truck Drivers
1073	One Artisan Wks Coy	2 District	250	904 LAV ART Coy. Forming CINOSA MARINA by end Feb
1074	" " " "	3 "	250	903 LAV ART Coy. Forming VIBO VALENTIA by end Feb
		Total.....	~~35,975~~ 37575	Carried forward

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Third List Serial No (a)	U N I T (b)	During Feb and Mar Required for (c)	Strength (d)	R E M A R K S (e)	List No 7 Shipping Priority (f)
Carried forward from previous sheet.....			35,975		
1075	Three Bulk Petrol Coys	G.H.Q.	684	Truck Drivers	
1076	Two Labour Bns	P.D.S.	1,600		
1077	Two Guard Bns	"	1,600		
1078	One Minatori Coy	5 ARMY	250	103 Minatori Coy Forming C.L.B.E.A.	
1079	One Pontieri Coy	5 ARMY	250	101 Pontieri Coy Forming C.L.B.E.A.	
1080	Two Qm Depot Coys	P.D.S.	236	46 Clerks, 18 Typists	
1081	One Labour Bn	"	800		
1082	Two Labour Bns	5 ARMY	1,600		
1083	One Labour Bn	8 ARMY	800		
1084	Two Base Depots	P.D.S.	821		
1085	Two Artisan Wks Coys	3 District	500		
			45,116		

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Third List Serial No (a)	U N I T (b)	Required for (c)	Strength (d)	R E M A R K S (e)	List NO 7 Shipping Priority (f)
	Carried Forward		45,116		
	Fourteen Guard Bns		11,200		
	Forty four Labour Bns		35,200		
	Engineer Units - Field and Works				
	Twenty Lavoratori . Artieri Coys		5,000		
	Fourteen Minatori Coys		3,500		
	Ten Pontieri Coys		2,500		
	- Transportation and Docks				
	Five Railway Construction Coys		1,250		
	One Docks Operating Coy		400		
	Two Port Bns		1,200		
	Supply and Transport				
	One Ordnance Motor Vehicle Distribution Coy		150		
	Six Gen Tpt Coys		2,000		
	Six Field Bakeries		792		
	Stores Keeping				
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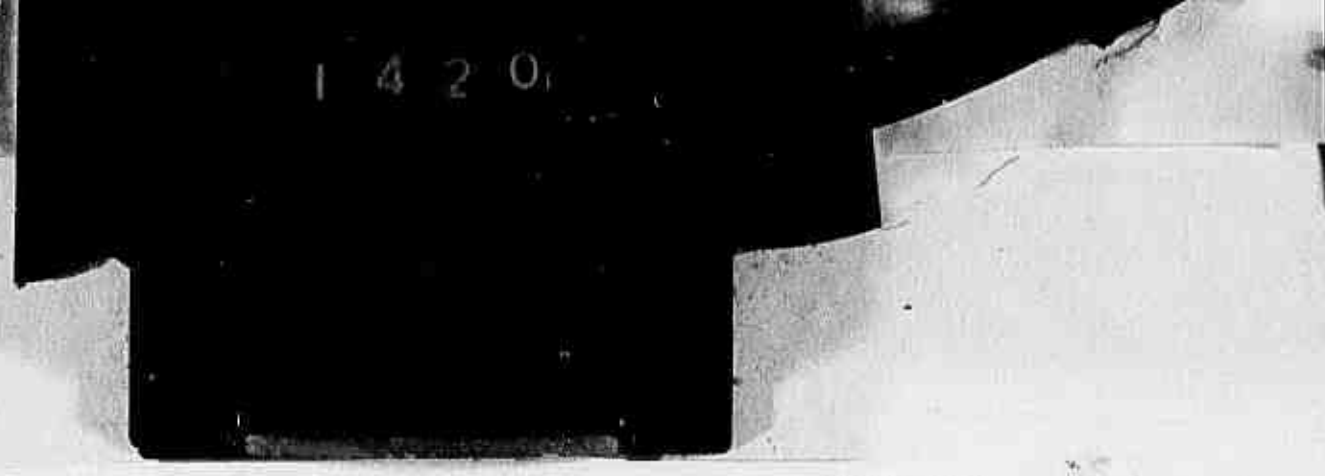
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Ten Pontieri Coys	2,500
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Five Railway Construction Coys	1,250
One Docks Operating Coy	400
Two Port Bns	1,200
Supply and Transport	
One Ordnance Motor Vehicle Distribution Coy	150
Six Gen Tpt Coys	2,000
Six Field Bakeries	792
Store Keeping	
Two GI Railhead Coys	228
Four Ordnance Ammunition Coys	744
One Ordnance Depot Coy	186
One Ordnance Maintenance Coy AA	180
Miscellaneous	
Two GI Laundry Coys	184
One GI Sterilising Coy	92
Printers	38
Cooks	65
GRAND TOTAL	110,025

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Totals required Feb and March.....	45,116
Totals required After March.....	64,909
	110,025

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19th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM;

TO: Lord Stansgate,
Vice-President,
Administrative Section.

Reference the memorandum from Colonel Kirk on the subject of the Italian Government decree of 6th. Dec., 1943 relative to enrolling road militia and port militia into the Carabiniere, I asked Badoglio this morning to repeal the decree in question.

2. He quite realised the force of my arguments and promised to look into the question at once and to let me know as soon as possible what he proposed to do.

3. I think that with any luck we ought to secure our object without much difficulty but I dont think Badoglio was prepared for my request and wanted a little time to digest it.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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RR ACMF (~~[illegible]~~), AFHQ (~~[illegible]~~) from Macfarlane personal
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I spoke to Badoglio last night on the subject of the Comando Supremo. In practice the Comando Supremo has not come into the picture at all as regards the Italian Navy and Air Force. It has become an additional and in my opinion unnecessary link in our dealings with the Italian Army. I told Badoglio that the Army Sub-Commission under Duchesne would in future work direct with the Italian War Office and General Staff at Lecce. That after Marshal Messe and the Comando Supremo had moved to Salerno I would deal with Messe only personally and only on questions of high policy. Badoglio was in complete agreement. Messe and the Comando Supremo are moving ~~to the Salerno area~~ about 21 February. to the Salerno area
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In reply refer to: G54 16 February 1944

SUBJECT: 1st Italian Motorised Group.

TO : His Excellency Marshal of Italy Messe,
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

Your Excellency,

With reference to your letter No. 10783/OP dated 30 January 1944. This matter has been referred to Fifth Army Headquarters, who state that the detachments concerned are to be regarded as temporary and are dictated solely by the necessities of present operations. It is understood that the 67th Infantry Regiment, when relieved, is likely to be retained for employment outside the 1st Italian Motorised Group. It is desired to stress the fact that Fifth Army fully appreciate that, as far as possible, 1st Italian Motorised Group should be maintained intact.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Copy to: MMIA

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16th. February, 1944.

Your No. COS/3/PERS of 13th. February. (See 30)

I think that on the whole it would be better not to send the letter you enclosed with the above to General Soldarelli. I have told Duchesne to get in touch with him and to convey to him the sentiments you expressed.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Lt. Gen. James Gammel, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMY

Comd Brigadier C.C. DUCHESNE, C.B.E., M.C.

Report No 2 - Activities during the month of January 1944

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For easy reference activities are grouped under XVIII subject headings, and information under each heading is arranged in chronological order.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

2 Jan Mission propose to 15 Army Group that, (in view of forthcoming extensive programme of organisation of ITALIAN Army and consequent discussions SUPREME COMMAND - ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF) a wireless net be opened SARDINIA, SUPREME COMMAND, GENERAL STAFF.

9 Jan Mission informed that collecting and storing of all ITALIAN radio equipment and spare parts will be completed by 20 Jan.

16 Jan Mission informed that considerable operational traffic expected along CALABRIA L of C. Necessity stressed of maintaining this L of C in perfect condition. ITALIANS informed accordingly.

II. CONFERENCES

22 Jan DAA&MG attends 'Q' conference at FLAMBO. Agenda: Crystallisation of an Adm Instr on 'Supply organisation ITALIAN Armed Forces'. Rations, clothing, equipment, boots, MT spares and tyres dealt with.

24 Jan Comd attends conference IT[illegible]A HQ. Present were Gen MASON-MACFARLANE, Dep President ACC; Marshal MESSE; Gen ORLANDO, Under-Secretary for War; Gen BERARDI, Chief of ITALIAN General Staff.

Main points discussed:-

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V. ITALIAN ARMY STATE

20 Jan State of ITALIAN Army on 20 Jan is shown hereunder:-

Total strength all ranks on mainland	-	171,786
Employed on ops and L of C on mainland	-	48,980
" " R E Work " "	-	9,400
" " Labour work " "	-	30,611
Balance " "	-	82,795
Total strength all ranks in SARDINIA	-	183,945
" " " " " SICILY	-	11,222

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These latter two figures are as at 1 Jan 44.
Details regarding CORSICA not yet to hand.
'Order of Battle ITALIAN Army units under command Allied Formations' and 'State of ITALIAN Army' are prepared twice monthly by Mission for distribution to AFHQ, FLAMBO, ACMF, ACC, 2 District, and Mission LOs.

VI. ITALIAN ARMY. PROGRESS IN FORMATION OF UNITS FOR ALLIED USE./.....

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1 Jan Railway construction and docks units. Col PARKS,DDT,NANDO discusses their formation with Comd and SORE at Mission HQ.

10 Jan ADST visits BARI (2 District) and TARANTO (Sub-Area) to crystallise policy re formation of ITALIAN G.T. Coys, their training cadres and transport.

11 Jan ADST visits two ITALIAN G.T. Coys (1001,1002) and reports on state of readiness.

14 Jan ITALIAN General Staff instructed to form fourth G.T.Coy on same lines as previous three. Difficulty experienced in obtaining drivers.

24 Jan Mission notified of completion of formation of second G.T.Coy and instruct it to move to PALO DEL COLLE P2676 to take over Allied transport.

19 Jan Mission told ITALIAN Wireless Intercept Section formed and ready to start work under 15 Army Group.

VII. ITALIAN ARMY. MOVEMENT OF UNITS & REINFORCEMENTS

3 Jan 300 rfts sent to ITALIAN R.E. units under command EIGHTH Army.

18 Jan 400 R.E. rfts leave for FOGGIA for ITALIAN units under command EIGHTH Army. ITALIAN REMOUNT STATION at BARI moves to PESCARA N6817.

19 Jan Mission instruct ITALIAN General Staff that 'MANTOVA' Div not to leave CALABRIA until further orders.

20 Jan ITALIAN contingent (500 all ranks) for 7 MIXED MTN REGT leave MANDURIA L0806 for assembly area PESCARA N6817 to await arrival of British element and transport.

24 Jan 114 M G Bn (500 all ranks) moves from GALLIPOLI area Q4169 to SALERNO area for labour and guard duties under 94 Sub-Area.

25 Jan Mission instruct ITALIAN General Staff to move 68 Inf Regt and Mule Pack unit to S AGATA area N4575 for ITALIAN MOTORISED BDE GP.

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29 Jan SUPREME COMMAND instructed to alert ITALIAN units in SARDINIA for movement to mainland.

30 Jan 210 Artieri Coy move to FIFTH Army area.

31 Jan Mission informed 29 BERSAGLIERI Bn moving to join MOTORISED BDE GP.

VIII. ITALIAN ARMY DEMOBILISATION

Note - Strength ITALIAN Army on mainland

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Demobilisation up to incl 1906 class
Indefinite leave up to incl 1912 class

14 Jan Mission notified of demobilisation policy re Port Military Labour.

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15 Jan Up to date demobilisation figures received

SICILY & SARDINIA	23,600	all ranks
MAINLAND	22,300	all ranks

29 Jan Letter sent to Marshal MESSE asking him to examine causes of the drop in numbers and to take steps to prevent further wastage.

31 Jan Comd sees Marshal MESSE re demobilisation. Informed that drop in strength figures largely accounted for by desertions of soldiers to civilian employment, where better conditions obtain, and pay is larger.

IX. ITALIAN BATTLE CASUALTIES

23 Jan AFHQ signal Mission to report ITALIAN battle casualties monthly. Confidential for H.M. Government, not for publication.

X. ITALIAN ARMY - ALLIED PROGRAMME/.....

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X. ITALIAN ARMY - ALLIED PROGRAMME

5 Jan Comd hands in to SD 15 Army Gp a draft programme reviewing to what extent Allied demands for ITALIAN units can be met in view of clothing and boots bottle-neck. This programme is in anticipation of issue of AFHQ. policy re employment of ITALIAN Army, and cannot be handed to ITALIANS until AFHQ policy appears.

Priority Lists are received by Mission, from 15 Army Gp, indicating units to be given priority in preparing and Tn to place of employment under Allies.

21 Jan Letter to ACC reviews various policy points for ACC to take up with SUPREME COMMAND, which bear on the subject of provision of units for Allies.

Main points raised are:-

(a) Move of NEMBO Div to mainland.
(b) Limitation of Field Divisions on mainland to three
(c) Release of LEGNANO Div for the Allied programme
(d) Release of one Coastal Div in CALABRIA for the Allied programme
(e) Considerable number of truck drivers required for the Allied programme. Anticipated demand 10,400. SICILY & NORTH AFRICA suggested as sources.

30 Jan Comd sees ITALIAN C.G.S. re training of MT drivers and policy to open schools for instruction and training under an ITALIAN staff.

XI. MEDICAL

14 Jan ITALIAN Army receive first consignment of medical supplies from Allies.

16 Jan AFHQ tell Mission that ITALIAN cruiser MONTECUCCOLI will move two vet. hospitals from SARDINIA to NAPLES for EIGHTH Army.

17 Jan DADMS visits EIGHTH Army area to discuss Allied demands for ITALIAN medical units and personnel, and to inspect conditions of ITALIAN units working in the area.

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11 Jan Mission informed four subordinate Commanders appointed to supervise labour in four Heel Ports.

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27 Jan Two subordinate military Comds appointed to supervise Port Labour in NAPLES & SALERNO.
28 Jan Mission informed by ITALIAN General Staff that Allied Port Labour demands are considered excessive; General Staff request delegation of certain responsibilities re organisation and employment, to ITALIAN officials.

XIII. MOTORISED BDE GP

3 Jan ITALIAN General Staff send proposals for reinforcement of Bde Gp 646
Addition of 68 Inf Regt 'LEGNANO'. ARDITI Bn from SARDINIA
13 BERSAGLIERI Regt to incl 51 BERSAGLIERI Bn & 33 CYCLISTS Bn.
15 Jan Mission informed that Gen UTILI replaces Gen DAPINO as Comd of Bde Gp. HQ of Bde Gp now at S.AGATA M.575, the Group now being out of the line.

XIV. M M I A, LOCATION, STAFF and W E

Location Statement of MMIA and list of Staff and appointments as at 31 Jan, are attached at Appendices 'A' & 'B' respectively.
6 Jan War Establishment of Mission approved. Operative w.e.f. 20 Sep 43.

XV. R E M E /.....

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XV. R E M E

2 Jan DADME tours ITALIAN Workshop facilities BARI & POTENZA.
8 Jan DADME at NAPLES investigating position of ITALIAN EME specialists. Sees DDME FLAMBO
11 Jan Visit to MONOPOLI (Nr BARI) V.R.S. re release of vehicles for G.T. Coys. Found most beyond repair.
19 Jan DADME examines vehicles of PICENO Div.

XVI. R E

Programme for organising the 6,500 ITALIAN Engineers on the mainland is crystallised during Jan. Programme as under:-

(a) Bringing up to strength units at present working with Allies.
(b) Bringing up to strength one Artieri Bn, One Artieri Coy, one Minatori Coy and one Pontieri Coy.
(c) Formation of six Artizan Works Coys by end of Feb and three by end of March.

XXXI ITALIAN Corps continue work on the maintenance of the L of C in CALABRIA.

XVII. S & T

2 Jan FLAMBO representative arrives to discuss forage position in ITALIAN mainland Army.
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MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMY

LOCATION STATEMENT - 31 Jan 44

HQ M M I A	. . . . .	LEQUILE Q9257
Liaison HQs	. . . . .	NAPLES Liaison with Gen BASSO's HQ of ITALIAN Armed Forces CAMPANIA, and FLAMBO
		BARI Liaison with HQ 9 ITALIAN Corps and HQ 2 District
		CATANZARO Liaison with HQ 31 ITALIAN Corps
		EIGHTH Army Rear HQ Liaison with ITALIAN FORCE HQ and EIGHTH Army. There is also an LO with each of the two Corps HQ in EIGHTH Army.
		CAGLIARI Liaison with ITALIAN Armed Forces in SARDINIA. Col F L SIMMONS U S Army, acting as Mission's representative.

Appendix 'B'

MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMY

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Major	J F	HAMPTON	GSO II (Br)	
Major	R C	VAN KIRK	GSO II (Am)	
Capt	G C	FOX	GSO III	
Capt	B G	BUTTERWORTH	GSO III(I)	
Major	R M	PHILLIPS	SORE	
Major	G A	FLEMING	G II Sigs	
'G' Liaison Branch				
Lieut Col	G H	MORIARTY	G I (L)	
Major	J G	LENTZNER	GSO II RE (L)	CATANZARO
Major	M	FIELDMAN	G II (L)	IFHQ with EIGHTH Army
Capt	J R	MONICO	L O	NAPLES
"	E F	BYATT	"	
"	HEPF	THRUPP	"	BARI
"	F	MURCELL	"	
"	E	O'DONNELL	"	5 Corps (EIGHTH Army)

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"	F H	GENTLE	"	CATANZARO
"	P	HERBERT	"	13 Corps (EIGHTH Army)
"	C F	BAUMANN	"	
"	VCJ	THRUPP	"	NAPLES
"	A M	NEWTON	"	
"	FJA	CLARK	"	
Lieut	J A	BOURNE	"	IFHQ with EIGHTH Army
'A/Q' Branch				
Major	B G	CAREW-HUNT	DAA QMG	
Capt	J G	BIRD	SC (Q)	
Lieut Col	H B	FINCH	ADST	
Major	S L	CANN	DADST	
Capt	J M	CRAIG	SC (S&T)	
Major	M	CHOWN	DADOS	
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"	C A	HALL	DADME	
"	F A	ARCHDALE	DADL	
Capt	N W	COLLETT	Camp Commandant	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION CCD/mms

APO 394

13 February 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Generally.

TO : Lt. Gen. Mason MacFarlane,
HQ., A.C.C., Naples.

I should like to discuss the following points with you at convenient opportunity:-

1. DAPINO BRIGADE GROUP (now commanded by Gen. UTILE) with Fifth Army is in trouble. They have been put under French command and used with Moroccan Coloured troops both of which they dislike intensely. Their SAN MARIA pack transport Company with the Moroccans is said to have had an Italian officer kicked by a French officer. Their 67 Inf. Regt. is being used as stretcher bearers in front of the front line to bring in wounded (and for this purpose has been "disarmed" as it seems to them) and while engaged on this work was mistaken for enemy by an American armoured car which shot at and killed 4 or 5 Italians. Both MESSE and BERARDI have appealed with genuine feeling for these Italian Combat troops to be separated from French Command: and further, if possible, not to be used with coloured troops. As you know, both these points loom large in Italian eyes. Would you intercede on their behalf?

2. DEMOBILISATION. I have had several talks with MESSE and BERARDI and they are stopping the wastage at about 164,000 total strength on the mainland, which is 6,000 less than when I saw you last. They say quite reasonably "But you never gave us a policy to tell us you wanted all these men, and we have our own problems". I have ordered MESSE to call up classes to bring the strength up to 190,000 on mainland. He will call up all those of the inclusive 1920 to 1924 classes who are illegally away: owing to the number probably working as civil labour for the Allies away from their home towns, I doubt whether he will achieve more than 180,000, but this should do until we can think again.

3. NAVAL MAN-POWER. MESSE tells me in a letter dated 3 February that the Italian Navy have 36,687 men ashore on the mainland of Italy. I am anxious to make use of their surplus manpower and propose they provide:-

(a) 2,000 port operating personnel for Director of Transportation: these were asked for over a month ago but it is going slowly.

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Copy sent to Capt Slaughter. M. 18 Feb.

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(b) All port labour for TARANTO (3,500) and BRINDISI (6,000).

(c) All possible truck drivers: both Admiral MacGregor and Messe say this is not hopeful.

4. AIRFORCE. Marshal Messe is anxious to have working on port labour the same percentage of the three services Army, Navy, Airforce. Present situation is that Army provide about 24,000, Navy 1,000, Air Force 3,000 for port labour. For his own programme, Air Commodore Foster wishes to remove his three thousand and results of conversation with him are at Appendix A. I am hopeful of results on these lines.

5. COMMANDO SUPREMO will move to Salerno on 19 February and I shall then move over myself. Appensix A shews that it has at present no great control over Air Force and Navy. I should like to discuss with you how far you think it desirable to make it a Supreme Command of all three services. It obviously wants more senior Air Force and Naval officers on its staff if it is to live up to its name. Appendix B gives strengths on 1 January.

6. SICILY. If MESSE could call up all illegally disbanded soldiers in Sicily (i.e. who are still legally liable for service), he might not need to transfer a Coastal Division from SARDINIA. What is political situation and can he call them up?

7. SUPPLY ORGANISATION. I am sorry that Col. Zellars was not found available. I am carrying on sufficiently well but it will take some time to acquire the Staff required for necessary control on the mainland. For the moment, SICILY and SARDINIA will have to carry on with their existing organisations which I hear are quite efficient.

8. I am staying tonight, Sunday, at CASERTA with Brig. Foster (telephone FILPOT 23): Monday night either CASERTA or SALERNO: Tuesday night wherever is best for my journey back to LEQUILE, probably in NAPLES.

Brig.

(C. C. DUCHESNE)
Army Sub-Commission, ACC

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APPENDIX A

Note on interview Lt. Col. Moriarty (Army Sub-Com) with A/Cdre FOSTER, 8 February 1944.

1. AIR DIVISION POLICY.

(a) Does not reckon to owe any allegience to Commando Supremo, on which I.A.F. have no equality of resident membership.

(b) Takes orders for use of I.A.F. from Tedder (M.A.A.F.).

(c) Impliments these orders by direct contact with Italian Air Ministry.

(d) Has always enjoyed independence of Cdo. Sup. in the past and intends to continue on these lines which work well.

(e) Must draw on all I.A.F. available strength to meet development programme set out in attached appreciation.

2. Suggestions to help.

(a) Airmen of 1918 class are due for transfer to Army this year for labour. Proposes to let them be transferred now.

(b) Proposes to transfer similarly 1919 class a year early.

(c) This should yield between 2 and 3,000.

(d) To compensate, will recall all airmen of 1923 and 1924 classes still at home.

(e) Will release 1918 and 1919 classes as and when 1923 and 1924 substitutes arrive.

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APPENDIX B

COMANDO SUPREMO
Ufficio Operazioni

ALLEGATO 1 al foglio n. 10497
del 20 gennaio 1944

FF. AA. I T A L I A N E

ALLA DATA DEL 1 GENNAIO 1944 (1)

(forza presenta)

ZONA	R. ESERCITO	R. MARINA	R. AERONAUTICA	TOTALI
PENISOLA				
Calabria	36,000	500	---	36,500
Puglia e Lucania	117,000	31,000	23,500	171,500
Campania	30,000	8,000	---	38,000
Totale Penisola	183,000	39,500	23,500	246,000
ISOLE				
Sardegna	215,000	10,000	9,500	234,500
Sicilia	21,000	----	---	21,000
Corsica	6,000	---	---	6,000
Totale Isole	242,000	10,000	9,500	261,500
EQUIPAGGI NAVI DA GUERRA	----	32,500	---	32,500
Totale Generale	425,000	82,000	33,000	540,000

(1) - Compresi CC. RR. e R.C.F. in servizio territoriale:

	CC. RR.	R.C.F.
Penisola	14,000	5,800
Sicilia	10,000	---
Sardegna	7,000	1,200
Totale	31,000	7,000

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13 Feb 44

TO: Lieut-General Sir F.N. Mason-Macfarlane,
K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Deputy President,
Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

FROM: Lieut-General J.A.H. Gammell, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
A.F.H.Q.,
B.N.A.F.

My dear Mason.

I enclose a letter which, if you think suitable, I would be grateful if you would send to Soldarelli.

Middle East are pressing that he should not return, but in view of your letter of 30th January, a decision was made to allow Solderelli to go back and I do not propose to alter it.

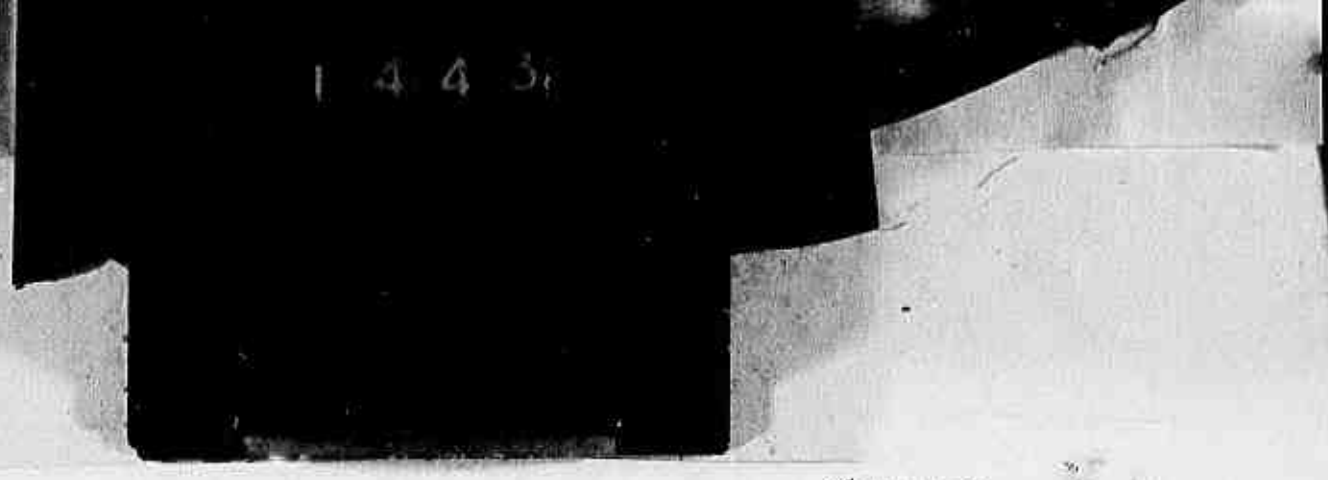
I hope my letter may help to persuade him to accept the situation with a good grace. If however you think that it would not fill the bill, do not send it to him.

Yours ever

James Gammell

What do you think?

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13 Feb 44

TO: Generale Mario Soldarelli,
C/o., Commando Supremo,
Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

FROM: Lieut-General J.A.H. Gammell, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Chief of Staff,
A.F.H.Q.,
B.N.A.F.

Dear General Soldarelli.

I understand that you are about to return to the Middle East to settle up your affairs and say goodbye to the Cuneo Division which you have recently commanded.

I am writing to say that it is realised that it will be a great blow to you not to be able to once more lead your Division in action against the enemy, but military necessities have made it essential that the Division should serve in the manner which is now laid down for it. I hope therefore that when you you visit your Division to say farewell, you will do your best to encourage all ranks faithfully to perform the tasks which now lie before them.

Yours sincerely

J.A.H. Gammell

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19 FEB 1944

.vate Secretary
.o the Chief of Government.

No. 449 of Prot. 13 February 1944

To: Allied Control Commission.

Following agreements reached between H. E. Marshall Badoglio and the Allied Control Commission, rations for the approximately 700 officials of the Italian Government may now be issued by the Allied Military Authorities.

The ration is that known as "ration A", issued for Italian combatant troops, and is the most satisfactory of those contemplated for the Italian Army, inasmuch as it includes an abundance of flour and provides 4 ounces of macaroni, which until now have nevertheless not been distributed.

This ration, however, designed for combatant or non-combatant troops provides a somewhat deficient diet for the Government, which includes, besides H. E. Marshall Badoglio, the ministers and other persons of advanced age.

Above all the monotony of the food ("corned beef" every day except on the rare occasions when it is substituted by frozen meat) adversely affects their health and makes it necessary to obtain foods from the civilian market, something which for evident reasons it is desirable to avoid.

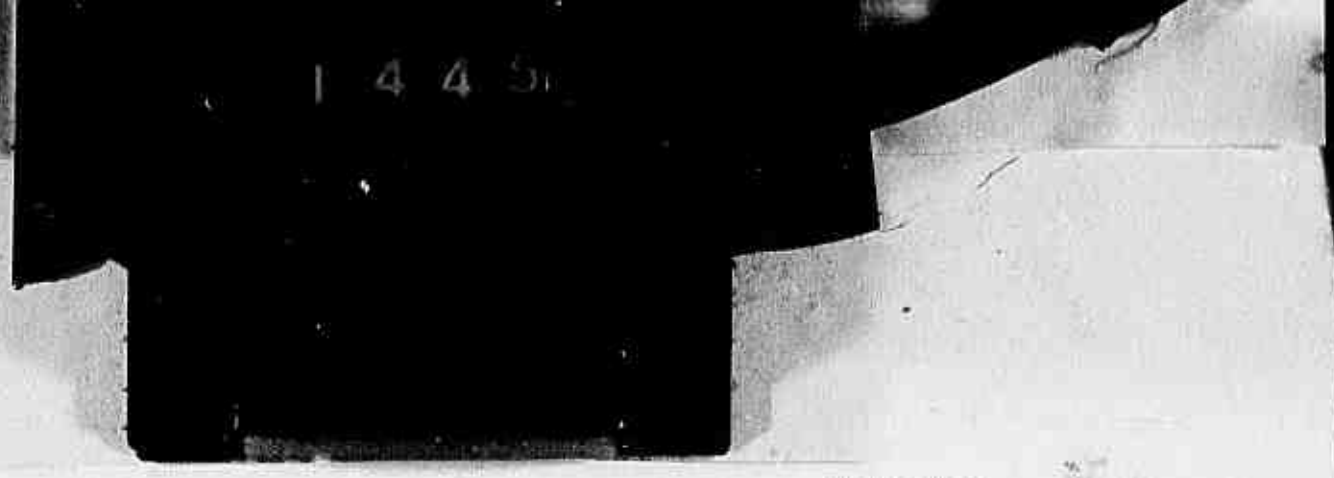
For these reasons it is requested that you examine the possibility of replacing the fat at present distributed, and called "Oleomargarine", with butter, which is lighter and hence more digestible; the possibility of increasing the number of times frozen meat is provided in place of corned beef, perhaps to at least 8 rations per week; the possibility of varying canned meats by alternating the corned beef with bacon, chopped pork, sausages and boxed fish in the same proportion; and finally the possibility of obtaining tea and jam.

The above is requested only for government officials, the "A" ration remaining for the troops.

/s/ G. Valenzano
/t/ G. VALENZANO
Lt. Col.
Private Secretary to the
Chief of Government.

DSG/Trans/ Cpl. Shenfield/.
LWS/ajp.

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TO:- ACTION FARCO INFO MIDEAST FLAMBO

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FROM:- AFHQ, SCD CYPHER CITE FIRST 5289

2/11/44

MOST SECRET. DATED 09 FAN YOUR 6662. AS ALREADY DECIDED, CMMSO DEV WILL BE RETAINED IN PALESTINE AND PERSONNEL, EXCEPT SURPLUS OFFICERS, WILL BE EMPLOYED AS TRADESMEN WHERE PRACTICABLE AND BALANCE ORGANISED AS PIONEER COYS IN MIDEAST. AGREED GENERAL GOLBARELLI BE ALLOWED TO PAY VISIT OF 7 DAYS DURATION ONLY TO DIVISION IN PALESTINE TO COMMENCE TO PIL DEV TOO INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ITS DISPOSAL. ARRANGE ASSACE GOLBARELLI DIRECT ITALY TO PALESTINE AND IMMEDIATE RETURN AFTER 7 DAYS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

11 February 1944.

My Dear Macfarlane.

Reference your letter of 31 January 1944 and the letter which you enclosed from Marshal BADOGLIO (No. 303 di prot dated 28 January 1944).

The matter of the command of the Italian forces in CORSICA has given us considerable concern. General MARTIN's directive states: "Italian forces retained temporarily under authority of the Allied Commander-in-Chief will be under the command of the French Commander CORSICA" A change in the present status of command would necessitate a change in this directive, which in turn would necessitate conferences with the French High Command in ALGIERS. As you know, the French are most jealous of their prestige in CORSICA, the first French soil to be regained from the Germans. Of the 3000 Italians, originally placed under French Command in CORSICA, only about 1600 are now under the French.

This whole matter has been discussed with Colonel RATAY who has agreed that it is preferable to continue with the command in its present status. Colonel RATAY and General MARTIN are on the best of terms and Colonel RATAY felt certain that any difficulties could be worked out locally between them.

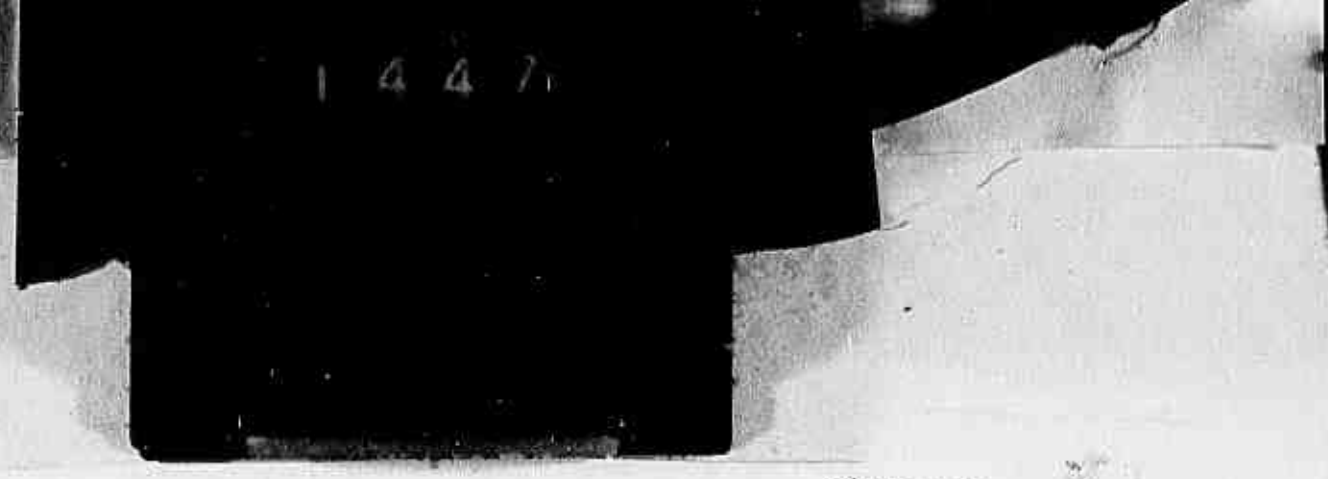
In regard to French Commanders mixing politics with their military orders, I consider this also can best be handled locally and informally between Colonel RATAY and General MARTIN. I am forwarding to Colonel RATAY a copy of Marshal BADOGLIO's letter and I am instructing him to enquire into the conditions in which the Italians under French command are living and working. He is to tactfully take up with General MARTIN the correction of such injustices as have been discovered. I believe that more concrete results will be obtained by this method than by a "note" which would have to go through channels and might produce a feeling of French resentment and consequently a still more arrogant French attitude towards the Italians. Of course, if these measures are not effective, Colonel RATAY will so report to this Headquarters and other steps can be taken. You will be furnished a copy of the instructions being sent to Colonel RATAY.

Yours ever
James Gammell

Lt. General Sir Frank N. Mason MacFarlane,
KCB, DSO, MC,
Deputy President Allied Control Commission.

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Army Dir Secy. (2)
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AG/O.
11 Feb 47.

SUBJECT:- Supply of Italian Military Forces.

HQ ACC Italy - For info Mediterranean.
Army Adv Mission - For Info Gen. Clark.

Copies to:- Vice President, Economic Section, ACC.
Vice President, U.S.A. Section.
Finance Sub-Commission ACC.
Transportation Sub-Commission ACC.
War Material Disposal Sub-Commission ACC.
Navy Sub-Commission ACC, Siena.
Air Force Sub-Commission ACC, Bracciano.
Army HQ, Army Sub-Commission ACC, Siena.
No 1 Observer.
Allied Commission Secretary, Caserta.

Reference HQ ACC memorandum of 6th Feb signed Colonel Stevens, Army Sub Comm. office 1300 hrs 5 Feb) and visit by Lt.Col.Price, Army Adv. Mission on 7 Feb.

1. On basis of the subject is ACC letter AG/O-1 (Italy) (GS AS) of 9th Jan above and Appendix "A" Total requirements 500,000. Elements include all Italian Armed Forces on mainland.

2. The basis requirement by Vice President, Economic Section, in assembly bulk receipt from the Italian Government for supplies and stores received during period.

3. Supplies and stores for the Italian Forces in Sardinia are being controlled by No.1 District. In Sardinia control is exercised by Allied Section Cagliari. It is proposed that those stores should be handled in the same way and should do not enter the Italian civil economy. The supplied will contain accounting information only so that Allied authorities can keep a check on the issues to the Italian Forces. They have not so far handled clothing and footwear. It would appear most essential for the free our points of entry for issue of rations received from Allied authorities for the Italian Forces. This would mean five additional sections, each of 30, for the Italian navy and Italian air force would be controlled by us. In addition we should have to provide accommodation in these ports:-

4. For the Italians the status of Trieste is very much so as the Italian Government is concerned. Trieste is under the Allied Military Government and the Italian Government has no control over the supplies and stores received there. Trieste is under the Allied Military Government and the Italian Government has no control over the supplies and stores received there.

5. For the Italians I shall require in any event so as to enable us to make an organisation in these ports:-

addressed to Acting Deputy President ACC. This is labled as above and quotes in Appendix "B" Total Italian strength 500,000. The term "Italian Military" therefore includes all Italian Armed Forces on Mainland, in SICILY and in SARDINIA.

2. The basic requirement by Vice President, Economic Section, is a monthly bulk receipt from the Italian Government for supplies and stores received during each month.

3. Supplies and stores for the Italian Forces in SICILY are being controlled by No.1 District. In SARDINIA control is exercised by Allied Garrison Commander.

It is proposed that these authorities should continue to function as heretofore and be supplied with amended accounting instructions as these are crystallised.

4. For the Mainland the Italian Ministry of War has so far been the co-ordinating authority for the issue of rations received from Allied sources for the Italian forces. They have not so far handled clothing and boots from Allied sources, but it would appear a most economical set up from our point of view that they should do so. This would mean that all rations, stores and clothing from Allied sources for the Italian Navy, and Italian Air Force would be controlled by us. Is this agreed?

5. For the Mainland I shall require in any event to set up for the Italian Army an organisation in three parts:-

(a) A central office for dealing with Italian Ministry of War for forecasting and provisioning,

(b) An Inspectorate for physical supervision of the distribution of supplies and stores in interior. plus

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(c) A Port Inspectorate to ensure correct receipt and handing over of supplies and stores to the Italian Government representatives at the various Ports.

6. A further essential is efficient telephone conversation from my Rear HQ at NAPLES (which must remain near the Italian Ministry of War at ROME) to MESINA and SALERNO with authority to place "clear the line" calls in case of shipping emergency.

7. In order to implement the set-up outlined in para 5 above I require at once certain additional staff.

Details are attached at Appendix "A" and I would emphasise that this is the minimum requirement and further that I am unable to accept the responsibility of assuming competent control of Allied Supplies until both this staff arrives and efficient communications exist.

Maj. Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

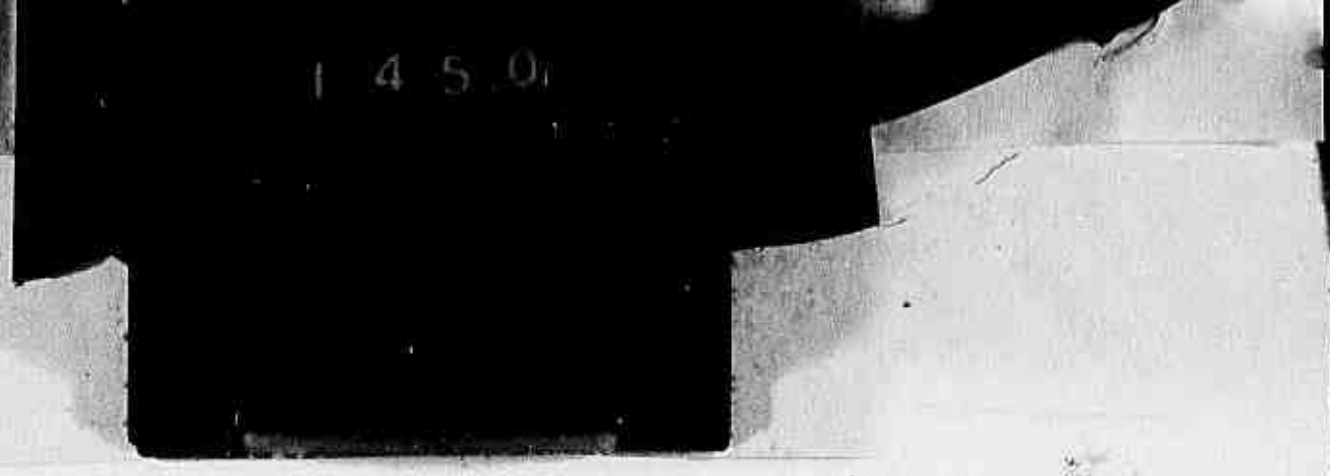
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	EXISTING STAFF		ADDITIONAL OFFICERS			
	H.Q.S.C.	P.A.O.C.	H.Q.S.C.		P.A.O.C.	
			Major	Capt or Sub	Major	Capt or Sub	W.O. or Senior NCOs
For (a) and (b)	1 Lt Col ADST 1 Major DADST 1 S/Capt ST 1 Chief Clerk 1 NCO Clerk 1 Clerk	1 Major DADOS	2	2		2	
For (c)	NOTE. Each Port Inspectorate for NAPLES, BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO, will be composed as follows:-						
	1 Capt or Lt RASC 1 W.O. or Senior NCO, RASC 1 NCO, RAOC 1 Clerk, RASC or RAOC			4			4
EXTRA.	It will be necessary to augment the "Q" Staff by one S/Capt Mov one Clerk Mov to deal entirely with movements.			1(not RASC)			
		TOTAL	2	7(1 not RASC)	2		4

NOTE. PALERMO and CAGLIARI are not included in above.



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APPENDIX "A"

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS				ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL					
R.A.S.C.		R.A.O.C.		R.A.S.C.			R.A.O.C.		
Major	Capt or Sub	Major	Capt or Sub	W.O. or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Clerks	W.O. or Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Clerks
	2		2		2		2		
	2		2						
	4		4		2		2		
	1(not RASC)				1				
2	7(1 not RASC)	2	4	5	2	4	2		

above.

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Subject:- MOBILISATION

Army Sub Commission ACC
Rear HQ (BARI)
BRINDISI (BRINDISI)
G/C/18
10 Feb 44

His Excellency Marshal of Italy BADOGLIO

Copy to General BERARDI
HQ A.C.C. personal for Lt Gen MASON-MACFARLANE
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., SALERNO

With reference to my conversation with you and General MARIOTTI to-day. I am to request that you will call up such classes as may be necessary to maintain the strength of the Italian Army in Italy at about 190,000 men.

For the Deputy President Allied Control Commission.

Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

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TO (ACTION) : FARGO FOR LUSH

(INFORMATION): ACMF FABLE

FROM : MMIA FROM DUCHESNE

DATE TIME SIGNED: Ø8193ØA

DATE TIME RECVD : Ø9ØØ44A

REFERENCE NR. : D2Ø8

CITE : NONE

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HEADQUARTERS 9FEB1944 AMG.

COLONEL SIMMONS VISITING ME REPORTS THAT 13ØØ CARABINIERI WITH FEW ANIMALS AND EQUIPMENT ARE READY TO SAIL AT CAGLIARI SARDINIA SHIPPING PRIORITY DIRECT WITH ACMF 6.

Info AMG G-2 Sec

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" RC + MG Sec
" Admin Sec (2)

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10 February 1944

AG 091. 711-1 (Italian) GCT-AGM REVISED

Subject:
Subject: Disposal of Italian Army.

To : Commander in Chief, Allied Central Mediterranean Forces.
Deputy President, Allied Control Commission (Lt.Gen. Mason Macfarlane)
Deputy Vice President. Army Sub Commission (Brig C.C. Duchesne)

1. The following policy regarding the Italian Army and its resources is announced. So much of P/109 of 3 October, letter this HQ's file AG 400.93-IGCT-AGM subject "Italian Equipment", dated 2 December 1943, and any other instructions as are in conflict herewith, are rescinded. The Deputy President Allied Control Commission in collaboration with Commander in Chief Allied Central Mediterranean Force, will issue the detailed instructions necessary to implement this policy.

2. The Italians will assemble the following units;
a) The division to be organised and placed in combat as soon as practicable.
b) Two additional divisions which are to be trained, armed and equiped for combat at a later date, depending on our requirements and the general supply situation. Pending our decision to place them in combat, they will be at the disposal of the Italian Government, who will locate them as directed by C-in-C Allied Central Mediterranean Force to meet the needs of internal security (eg CALABRIA).
c) The DAPINO Brigade and NEMBO Division will be included in one of the other of the divisions referred to in (a) or (b) above.
d) A total ration strength of 32,000 for these three divisions has already been agreed between Allied Central Mediterranean Force and Marshall Messe.

3. The Italian Division now in Sicily (SABAUDA Division) will remain intact and be equipped from Italian sources on a scale commensurate with its mission of internal security.

4. In order to meet the requirements of para's 2 and 3 above, the Italians may call forward the necessary uniforms and equipment from SARDINIA. Priorities of shipping bids will be established by Allied Central Mediterranean Force in the normal manner.

5. Captured Italian military sources in SICILY have been allocated to the OSS/SOE and will not be available to the Italians except as declared excess by the OSS/SOE.

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6. Italian military resources on the mainland will be reserved for use by Italian troops and released to the Italians forthwith. The Italians will inventory and keep the Allied Control Commission and Allied Central Mediterranean Force fully informed of the status of their resources.

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7. a) For administrative details governing rations and clothing for the Italian Armed Forces see Admin Memo No2, dated 10 January 1944 this HQ's, and letter to HQ Allied Control Commission dated 9 January 1944, subject, "Supply Organisation - Italian Military" file AG 400-I(Italy) GDS-AG(a).

b) The total number of personnel to be maintained under the procedere referred to in sub-para(a) will not exceed the ceiling of 500,000 including Army, Navy, Air and Carabinieri. The figure of 500,000 is a maximum and in view of the increasing demands upon Allied resources every effort will be made to effect progressive reductions of the total.

c) The Italian combat divisions will, as possible, be equipped from Italian sources. Essential items which cannot be supplied from these sources should be reported to this HQ with a view to securing the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff for issue.

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8. As a matter of general policy it is impracticable at this time to release any Italian Prisoners of War, either officers or men, now held in service units in North Africa. The release of a limited number of men - specialist officers will be made, at the discretion of this HQ, upon request. Requests may be made for any officer prisoner in the United States.

9. Subject to the above, the labour requirements of CORSICA and the defence requirements of SARDINIA, the remainder of the Italian Forces are at the disposal of Allied Central Mediterranean Force, which, in conjunction with the Allied Control Commission, will be responsible for the assignment of elements of the Italian Army as required by its subordinate commands and seperate commands, including Air and Naval, in the mainland of Italy as well as in SICILY and SARDINIA.

10. The Military Mission with the Italian Army (MMIA) becomes the Land Forces Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission. The Land Forces Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission is designated as the agency for receiving and implementing in accordance with the terms of this directive, all demands from Allied Central Mediterranean Force for Italian Army Units and resources. The senior member of the Land Forces Sub-Commission is designated as a member of the Allied Control Commission and will act as its representative with Allied Central Mediterranean Force.

By command of General Wilson

H.V. ROBERTS
Colonel AGD
Adjutant General.

Distribution

1 - SG/S
1 - G-1(A)
1 - G-1(B)
3 - G-2
6 - G-3
1 - G-4(A)
1 - G-4(B)
1 - G-4(Mov & Tn)
1 - QM
6 - SCS NATOUSA
1- FIAMBO
1 - No 1 DISTRICT
1 - No 2 DISTRICT
1 - No 3 DISTRICT
1 - Adv Force 133
1 - Norbs
1 - GHQ Middle East
10 - Spares.

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By command of General Wilson

H.V. ROBERTS
Colonel AGD
Adjutant General.

Distribution

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1 - G-1(B)
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6 - G-3
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1 - G-4(B)
1 - G-4(Mov & Tn)
1 - QM
1 - QM(CEMEC)
1 - QM(maint)
1 - Q(AE)
1 - Dir Labour
1 - Liason
6 - MCS
2 - CAO
2 - C in C Med
2 - MAAF
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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Rear HQ (AMIA)
LUCQUILF (LECCE)
DC/5
7 Feb 44

Dear Foster,

Your D/O to me of 30 Jan. and your S/2/Air to A.C.C. of same date.

1. In my last meeting with Marshal MEISS he stressed that the Comando Supremo policy is that all three Arms should bear their proportionate share in supplying Port Labour. What this share works out at in actual numbers is still to be fixed, but in order to assist the I.A.F. to meet it, in addition to the other commitments you mentioned, he is prepared to discuss with the Air Minister the recall of one or two of the classes (up to 1915) which the I.A.F. have released beyond the 1912 datum line reached by the Army. Pcats and clothing would not be an insuperable difficulty. This policy has a sound political foundation, but as it runs quite counter to the princi le on which you base S/2/Air of 30 Jan. I expect you have some comments to make on it.

2. The Italian Navy have also been asked to increase their contribution to Port Labour, the target figure for study being given as 8,500, representing the full requirement for Brindisi and Taranto. This in addition to 2,000 truck drivers and 2,000 assorted specialists for I.W.T. and Dock operation and construction.

3. Importation of Italian Military from Sardinia to meet the ACMF new unit programme is planned at present at 10,000 a month, to which your requirements would be additional. To ease the shipping problem the possibility of releasing an ex-liner, the CAMPIDOGLIO, is now being studied. If this further shipping space becomes available the I.A.F. in Sardinia (strength at 1 Jan. given by Marshal MEISS as 9,500) might provide sufficient manpower to meet all your commitments, including Port Labour. Would you examine this?

4. Through what channels could you apply for I.A.F. personnel from Sardinia? Would it be T.A.F. and/or ACMF so as to come on same shipping priority list as Italian Army units?

Or what?

Yours

(C C Duchesne) 627

Air Commodore R M Foster
Air Division, A.C.C., Peri.

11 FEB 1944

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FROM : Air Division,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

TO : Rear Headquarters, M.A.A.F.

DATE : 7th February 1944.

REF. : S/3/AIR.

AIR REPORT NO. 13

1. The Italian Air Force strength, serviceability and crew status at 31st January 1944, is attached.

2. I.A.F.Operations

The summary of I.A.F. operational sorties for the month of January 1944 is as follows:-

Fighter Wing

Offensive Recce. and low level attacks	122	
Fighter sweeps	30	
Escort	21	
Fighter Bomber	22	
Det.	16	211

Seaplane Wing

Convoy Escort and A.S. patrols	102	
U.Boats Hunts	38	
Calibration Exercises	9	
Various	4	153

Bomber Transport Wing

I.A.F.Salvage	3	
Allied stores and personnel	24	

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Allied stores and personnel	24	
Supply dropping and evacuation of wounded	57	
V.I.P.	10	
Courrier	75	
Leaflets	2	
Transport	55	
British Parachute School	24	
Allied A.A.exercises	98	
Various	7	255
TOTAL		619

This shows an increase of 150 sorties over the month of December 1943.

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The operational results are as follows:-

Enemy aircraft destroyed in the air	Nil
Enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground	2
Enemy coastal shipping attacked	18
Enemy coastal shipping destroyed	3
Weight of supplies dropped in Yugo-Slavia	51½ tons
Weight of supplies dropped in Northern Italy	6 tons (and 5 personnel)
Wounded evacuated by air from Yugo-Slavia	28

3. Fighter Operations

The majority of the Fighter Wing has now moved to Palata, East of Foggia. Operations from that airfield were started on 19th January 1944 and since then the numbers of daily sorties has been progressively increased. Activities have been concentrated on interrupting enemy coastal shipping and up to date 18 attacks on small craft have been effected: in these operations three ships have been claimed as set on fire and the rest damaged in varying degrees.

Remaining Fighter operations have been mainly sweeps and airfield attacks synchronised with the passage of supply dropping formations into Southern Yugo-Slavia. No enemy aircraft have been destroyed in the air but two are claimed as destroyed on the ground during a fighter bomber attack on Berat airfield.

4. Seaplane Wing Operations

The number of sorti s carried out during the period under review shows an increase on previous months. No incidents of interest have been reported from these operations but the fact that 463 hours have been completed on escort and A.S. activities shows that the Wing is fulfilling a useful function in substitution for Allied Squadrons which would otherwise have to be allocated to this work.

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5. Bomber Transport Wing Operations

The amount of supply dropping work into Yugo-Slavia and to a lesser degree into Northern Italy shows a very considerable increase. In Yugo-Slavia two daylight missions (11 S.82's with fighter escort) delivered 27 tons while in three night operations (totalling 9 aircraft) 22 tons were dropped. In North Italy a further 5 tons of supplies were successfully delivered in three missions. Nine day and three night missions failed owing to adverse weather conditions over the dropping areas.

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Daylight operations have been much hampered by lack of long range fighters for escorts, but it is hoped to improve matters during the coming months since the manufacture of long range tanks for the Macchi 205 is now all under way. Night drops have shown

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a large percentage of success so far and it is intended to increase the number of night operations progressively. Eight out of ten special missions to North Italy were satisfactorily completed but the whole programme during the January moon was curtailed by adverse weather: undertakings in North Italy for February have been considerably increased.

Two operations for the evacuation of wounded from the only airfield in South Yugo-Slavia in friendly hands have been made. A total of 28 Partisan and Italian wounded were successfully brought back by these sorties, which, at the same time, landed in Berane 2½ tons of fragile stores and motor fuel. Lack of long range escorts and bad weather have interferred with these expeditions for the evacuation of wounded: but it is hoped to bring out larger numbers during next month.

Transport missions have included a considerable number on behalf of Allied Air Units and Headquarters, Special Forces, mostly for stores and personnel from North Africa.

Serviceability was much reduced by a violent storm at Lecce which damaged no less than 16 S.82's in varying degrees. A very creditable effort was, however, put up by the maintenance and repair crews, and by the end of the month a serviceability state above the average was shown.

6. Special Forces Paratroop School

Throughout the month Italian aircraft were regularly supplied for training and a total of 428 live jumps were made during the period.

7. A.A.Co-operation

Both the Seaplane and the Bomber Transport Wings have filled a regular programme for A.A. exercises during the month. A total of 50 hours have been flown on this type of training during the month.

8. Increase in Range for Macchi 205 Aircraft

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9. Fitting I.F.F.

The fitting of I.F.F. into Italian fighters in order to assist identification has been examined and it seems probable that the equipment can be mounted without difficulty. A prototype is being prepared.

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Fitting of this apparatus into bomber-transport types presents no difficulty, and if I.F.F. sets can be made available for both bombers and fighters, it will greatly help to solve identification difficulties.

10. Air Marshal Slessor's Visit

The Deputy Air Commander in Chief visited the Bari Headquarters of the Italian Air Force on 23rd January and was introduced to General Sandalli, the Air Minister, and General Piacentini.

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11. Officer Arrivals

Group Captain Beckes arrived on the 29th January to take up duty as Chief Operations Staff Officer. Wing Commander Shore arrived on the same day and is now working with the Italian Fighter Wing. All essential Senior Officer posts on the operational side are now filled.

12. Serviceability Position

In spite of increased operations throughout the period under review, the number of serviceable aircraft in the three Wings has remained fairly constant. The position of the 38.80's whose serviceability was effected by the gale, was quickly rectified. Some difficulty is being experienced in servicing the Cant Z 1007 bombers pending the completion of the transfer of their repair unit from Gioia to San Vito Taranto. This move was necessary to make way for 159 R.U. who have taken over the Gioia premises. Similar difficulties apply to the Reggiani Squadron much of whose equipment is still in Sardinia.

In view, however, of the shortage of spares and the amount of flying carried out during the period, the position is not unfavourable, especially as the repair organisations are only just getting into their stride. Substantial improvements are hoped for during February.

13. Fighter R.U.

Working space at the disposition of this Unit will be increased when the roof of the large hangar is completed. At present it is working to capacity and about 10 aircraft are being handled at a time. 8 crashed aircraft from Sicily are being rebuilt at the moment. The Daimler Benz engine workshop at Brindisi is developing satisfactorily. It is well equipped and has some 160 engines recovered from various locations to work on. It is employed on ten engines at a time and with the material in stock is well capable both of assuring requirements of the Wing and of producing engines for rebuilt Macchi 202 and 205's.

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14. Bomber M.U.

Progress is being made in building up equipment and tools to increase the capacity and scope of the Lecce unit. It now handles minor engine overhauls, air screw repairs, and instrument testing, besides airframe repairs. At San Vito di Taranto an old airship shed is being reroofed and the Cant Z. 1007 M.U. from Gioia is being installed. Work is in progress on the building of an access road from the shed to a landing strip close by where Cant Z 1007's and SM.84's will be able to land and take-off.

15. Seaplane M.U. - Taranto

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The roof was damaged by an explosion already referred to; nevertheless progress is being made in fitting out this unit in a large hangar recently completed. Major engine repairs will be handled by the SACA Factory at Brindisi. Satisfactory arrangements have now been made with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, who control this civilian organisation.

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16. Recovery Work

Efforts are being made to increase the recovery work which is being undertaken by I.A.F. personnel in Sardinia, Sicily and Naples, and it is hoped to extend this work to Tripoli and Tunisia shortly.

Already large quantities of equipment, spare engines, and fuselages have been salvaged and transported by sea and air to the mainland; it is estimated that with the resources thus recovered, the overall strength of the I.A.F. should be maintained at its present level for a further six months.

17. Provision of Equipment for I.A.F.

Shortages in essential expendable aircraft stores are for the present being met except for a few items, by issues from Allied sources and from salvage. Provided Italian equipment regained in any future advances is at once handed over to the I.A.F. and not diverted to other sources, it is anticipated that demands for Allied stores will be kept at a suitably low level.

The universal shortage of boots however, also includes the Italian Air Force. USAAF and 324 Group are supplying boots to those units who are working directly for them; but it seems probable that such issues will have to be extended to all I.A.F. units if an acceptable standard of work is to be got out of them.

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(a) All high ranking officers in excess of requirements would be placed on the reserve list from 10th January 1944.

(b) The Naples and Sicilian Commands would be reduced to cadres. The Sardinian Command would also be so reduced as soon as the majority of the forces under its control could be transferred to the mainland.

(c) The setting up of a commission whose duties would be to enquire into the professional capacity, political suitability and moral fibre of all officers in responsible positions with a view to purging the Italian Air Force of useless elements and opening the way to younger and more energetic officers.

(d) Proceed with the application of recent laws dealing with the "defascistisation" of the Armed Forces.

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(e) Nominate officers whose services would immediately be employed for present needs and list others who would be kept in reserve against future possible needs. The remainder would be demobilised.

19. Appointments

The following changes are to take place. General Pinna who was recently brought back from India (where he was a prisoner of war) for duties as Chief Of the Commission referred to above, has been selected for the post of Governor of Sardinia. General Pinna is Sardinian born, has shown himself pleasant and effective, and seems to be an excellent choice for this appointment. He will take with him Colonel Pozzi also returned from India, who for many years has been his Chief of Staff.

Colonel Cigerza who has done well in command of the Bomber Wing is to be transferred to Headquarters as General Piacentini's Chief Staff Officer; his place will be taken by Colonel Sgarlata who at present holds an administrative post but has been recommended and will be given a trial.

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The main obstacle to the complete implementation of the H.Q. M.A.A.F. Signals Plan for the Italian Air Force, is that adequate suitable wave-frequencies have not been issued. Temporarily, Italian Air Force wireless services are working on a few wave-frequencies which they were using before the Armistice. There has also been a break in essential W/T services with Sardinia when the Allied Air Commander has stopped all Italian W/T operation.

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During January 1944 Pegaso Cypher was used with Recyphering Tables having only some 300 groups in each daily table. On the 1st February 1944 Recyphering Tables having 1000 groups in each daily table were brought into use.

New Italian Air Force Wireless Stations using existing Italian mobile equipment have been brought into operation at Foggia, Palata, and Lake S.Nicolo Di Varano.

21. Utilisation of I.A.F. Manpower

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When the Armistice was signed, the Italian Air Force totalled about 30,000 men on the mainland and approximately 12,000 in Sardinia; this was more than double the requirements for its very limited operational force. At the time, the Allied Air Forces had no plans for the employment of surplus I.A.F. manpower and in December 1943 it was reluctantly decided to send on leave all unneeded personnel who had homes to go to. Further, some 3000 men were handed over to the Italian Army to augment dock labour.

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Lately the policy of substituting Italian for Allied personnel, has been more widely applied and demands from both the USAAF and RAF, calling for the supply of both technical and non-technical personnel, are increasing. These demands have so far only been met in part. For the planned expansion of this scheme it is now necessary to withdraw all airmen from the port worker battalions. This has been agreed in principle, but is being obstructed by the Italian Army authorities who are under the obligation of finding substitutes.

To meet all undertakings there is also need to bring personnel from Sardinia and demands have been registered for the transfer of 3,000 men from Sardinia to the mainland.

The present strength of the I.A.F. is composed as follows:-

Operational Wings		5511
Admin.,Airport, Stores Park Personnel		8912
		14423

To this must be added non-operational manpower not immediately available.

Personnel in Sardinia (estimated)	9000	
Personnel re-enlisted Naples area	1700	
Personnel re-called from Calabria and Sicily (estimated)	700	
Personnel on Port Labour Duties for Allies	2500	13900
Total		28323

Present commitments for Allied Air Forces are as follows:-

Tradesmen for USAAF	1185	
Tradesmen for RAF	386	1571
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Of the above, 2070 have already been allocated to Allied Units whilst another 836 are immediately available. It is anticipated that a further 1120 will be ready by the end of February. If the programme is maintained, at that date some 4000 I.A.F. personnel will be directly employed by the Allied Air Forces.

The possibility of expanding this programme will depend on:-

(a) Withdrawing the 2500 airmen from Port Labour duties.

(b) The allocation of sea transport to bring over I.A.F. personnel from Sardinia.

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As more Italian territory is liberated, more I.A.F. manpower will become available. Prisoners of war are also a potential source.

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22. Prisoners of War

Allied Force Headquarters have embarked on a generous policy of repatriation of Italian prisoners of war. Even if transport facilities exist it is not the intention to import haphazard, large numbers of men unless specifically required for service in Italy. There is however, a need for new blood in the ranks of the pilots and also for specialist tradesmen. In consequence a list of some two hundred names has been submitted to AFHQ for immediate repatriation with an offer to transport them by air if they could be collected somewhere in North Africa. This list contains some 120 O.R.'s in the total.

23. Caproni Factory, Foggia

The insuperable difficulties in obtaining releases of building materials, owing to higher priorities and the impossibility of gaining sufficient M.T. to move what little is released it has been decided to abandon the scheme outlined in Paragraph 9 of Air Report No.12.

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AIRCRAFT STATUS OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE AS AT 1ST FEBRUARY 1944

	STRENGTH	SERVICEABILITY	CREWS
FIGHTERS	118	63	146
BOMBERS	57	24	104
S.82 Transports	25	15	76
Seaplanes	61	32	117
Communication Aircraft	29	21	-
Various Aircraft	69	33	84
AIRCRAFT IN REPAIR SHOPS	67	8	
Total	426	196	527

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AIRCRAFT STATUS

			STRENGTH	SERVICEABILITY	CREW
FIGHTER					
4th Stormo	Lecce	Mc.205	28	21	63
		Mc.202	7	2	
		Ca.133	1	1	
		Ca.111	1	1	
		Fn.305	2	1	
		Saiman 202	4	2	
5th Stormo	Lecce	Re.2002	18	19	40
		Re.2001	12	4	
		Re.37	1	•	
		Saiman 202	1	1	
51st Stormo	Lecce	Mc.205	11	6	43
		Mc.202	25	14	
		Re.2001	1		
		Ca.133	1		
		Saiman 202	1		
Bomber Transport Wing					
88 Gruppo	Lecce	Cz.1007	28	10	44
132 Gruppo	Lecce	S.79	21	9	42
		S.84	8	6	18
1st Gruppo	Lecce	S.82	25	16	76
		G.12	2	1	
		G.18	1	1	
2nd Gruppo	Lecce	S.75	4	1	24
		S.79	7	4	
		S.83	1		
		Ca.164	2	2	
		Saiman 202	2	3	
2nd Gruppo	Lecce	Ca.309	1	1	29
		S.81	2	1	
		S.73	2	1	
		S.79	1	1	

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	S.84	8	6	18	
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	G.12	2	1		
	G.18	1	1		
2nd Gruppo Lecce	S.75	4	1	24	
	S.79	7	4		
	S.83	1			
	Ca.164	2	2		
	Saiman 202	2	3		
2nd Gruppo lecce	Ca.309	1	1	29	
	S.81	2	1		
	S.73	2	1		
	S.79	1	1		
Seaplane Wing					
1st Gruppo Taranto	Cz.506/B	15	5	61	
	Cz.501	10	5		
2nd Gruppo Brindisi	Cz.506/B	6	3	56	
	Cz.506/C	1	1		
	Cz.506/S	3	2		
	Rz.14	6	3		
	Cz.501	9	617		
Training School	Mc.200	8	6	31	
Unita'Aeree Bari.	Ca.313	1	1	13	
	Ca.314	5	4		
	Ca.309	2	1		
	Ca.310	1	-		
	Saiman 202	3	2		
	Saiman 200	1	1		
	G.8.	3	3		
	Fi.156	1	1		
	Cr.42	4	3		

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			STRENGTH	SERVICEABILITY	CREW
C.A.V.	Brindisi	Ca.310	2	1	1
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In reply refer to:
AG 370.01

6 February 1944

SUBJECT: Demobilization

TO : FOTAL, Taranto

1. The Commission is advised that the Italian Army has ordered demobilization up to including the 1906 Class and has sent on indefinite leave up to including the 1912 Class.

2. It is unofficially understood that the Italian Air Force is demobilizing up to including the 1918 Class.

3. In order to consider the question of coordinating the demobilization policies of the respective services, will you kindly advise us the policy with regard to demobilization in the Italian Navy.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ALLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

cc: Brig Duchesne

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Subject:- Demobilisation

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Rear HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/17
5 Feb 44

Chief of Staff, ACC
BRINDISI

1. The Italian Army have demobilised up to incl 1906 Class and sent on indefinite leave up to incl 1912 Class.

2. I am now informed unofficially that Italian Air Force are demobilising up to incl 1918 Class.

3. It would appear advisable to check up Italian Navy policy for demobilisation and raise the question of co ordination at Governmemt level. Will you consider ?

Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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10050 MACFARLANE

FATIMA REAR

WITH REFERENCE YOUR TWO TWO SIX FIVE PD PENBASE PAREN FARGO FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN TO FATIMA REAR FOR DUCHESNE PD CITE FARGO SEVEN SIX TWO PD I HAVE SPOKEN ALEXANDER PD HE HAS AGREED PROPOSED MOVE ONE COASTAL DIVISION UP TO STRENGTH OF NINE ZERO ZERO ZERO FROM SARDINIA TO SICILY SO LONG AS THIS DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH BUILD UP IN ANY WAY PD YOU CAN CARRY ONE

OK.

For Macfarlane

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Executive Officer
Brig. Lush

L.F. NICKEL,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Adjutant General.

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(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : FATIMA REAR FROM DUCHESNE SIGNED MACFARLANE

DATE TIME SIGNED: 041610A

DATE TIME REC'D: 050255A

REFERENCE NR. : 2265

CITE : NONE

HEADQUARTERS 5 FEB 1944 AMG.

ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU ARE DISCUSSING WITH GENERAL ALEXANDER PROPOSED TRANSFER 1 ITALIAN COASTAL DIVISION FROM SARDINIA TO SICILY. I AM TAKING NO ACTION PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU.

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FROM : FATIMA REAR FROM DUCHESNE SIGNED MACFARLANE

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REFERENCE NR. : 2265

CITE : NONE

HEADQUARTERS
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FMM/rj

3rd. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:
TO: Brigadier Ducheane,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
BRINDISI.

1. Please inform Marshal Messe that no demobilisation of Italian Army personnel can be permitted except in excess of the ceiling laid down for the Italian Army.

2. The only exceptions to this ruling are as follows. -
(a) Personnel may be demobilised up to the numbers who may be taken into the Italian Army from the normal annual intake from annual classes.
(b) Although demobilisation in accordance with the above ruling will not be permitted, leave may be granted at his discretion provided that the total ration strength does not fall at any time below a figure to be agreed between him and the Land Forces Sub-Commission. In this connection it is recognised that seasonal leave to assist in agriculture (i.e. during the sowing season or during the harvest) may be given as generously as the situation at the time permits.
(c) In cases where individual personnel are urgently required for pivotal positions in industry for the direct prosecution of the war effort, these again may be demobilised with the concurrence of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner.

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For Naples

Copy at Salerno

1 JAN 1944

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In reply refer to:
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31 January 1944

SUBJECT : Employment of Italian units and personnel with Allied Forces

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

REFERENCE: Letter HED/424 of 19 January

The Allied Control Commission has considered the suggested provisions and forward the following comments:

1. Two major changes are recommended.

a. That the directive be made to cover the employment of Italian troops not only with the British, but with all Allied Forces.

b. That procedure be kept as simple and flexible as possible. This will ensure the observation of principle and yet allow latitude where necessary: further it will tend to lessen amendments to the policy once it has been enunciated. It is emphasized that in view of the obvious difficulties in the present Command and Administration by the Italians, any new procedure should vary as little as possible from their normal methods. This will not seriously vitiate Allied Control.

2. It is thus recommended that one Disciplinary Code, one type of Establishment and one set of Regulations be made to cover the whole activities of Italian soldiers employed by any of the Allied Forces. The advantage of this, when units are transferred from one Army area to another are obvious. At the same time, allowance can be made for special cases by recognizing the need for "ad hoc" regulations such as may be necessary in the employment of E.P.W. units in Italy.

3. There are certain details which amplify the above:

a. For speed and convenience, it is considered that where no Italian W.E. exists for a new unit, that MMIA be authorized to compile one.

b. Co-belligerency will be fostered by leaving the Disciplinary Code of the Italian Army unchanged except to cover any obvious discrepancies between it and those of the Allies. This might be covered by a regu-

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lation on the lines of Section 40 of the British Army Act, e.g. "Conduct to the prejudice of good order and Allied military discipline." A provision giving the Allied Command veto or confirmatory power would be necessary.

c. Reinforcements to be on normal Italian Army lines for all personnel required. This simplifies the procedure of demand and supply. On the other hand, it is suggested MMIA check all locations of reinforcement depots.

d. It is considered most practicable for pay of all Italian soldiers to be through normal Italian pay channels.

e. Sufficient Italian camp hospitals exist to cover the present program but transport of casualties will definitely require the use of Allied ambulances. Medical supply could operate through present Italian depots.

f. It is recommended that Italian units draw rations from Allied sources in Army areas and that in rear of this, Italian supply organization operates for all Italian personnel in any unit.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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30th. January. 1944.

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.

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1. As previously reported, I communicated your decisions regarding the Cuneo Division in Palestine to Marshal Messe at Lequile the other day.

2. Marshal Messe accepted the instructions with a good grace but was clearly disappointed. I am inclined to think that Messe returned to Italy with considerable hopes of rebuilding an active Italian army and that he is naturally becoming very disillusioned.

3. I hope you will be able to let me have an early reply to Messe's request that General Solderelli should be allowed to make a quick trip to Palestine to inform his division of your instructions regarding its disposal.

4. The following is an extract from a letter I have just received from Vice-President Ellery Stone on the subject of a meeting between him and Marshal Messe on 27th. January. -
"Messe then stated that the Chief of Staff of the Cuneo Division had just arrived in Italy, that he had been asked to proceed to Headquarters Cairo for a conference but on his arrival at Cairo was placed on a ship for removal to Italy, so that he was compelled to return virtually without luggage. He said that the Chief of Staff had reported that the treatment, including pay, of the members of the Cuneo Division was virtually that of prisoners of war. This he deplored because they were, of course, not prisoners of war but had fought with the British against the Germans after the armistice. He stated that he intended to write General MacFarlane in regard to the unhappy plight of the Division, after he had received General MacFarlane's letter which he expected, among other things, to set forth the disposition to be made of the Division."

5. I am not for a moment questioning your decision regarding the disposal of the Cuneo Division but I think I ought to point out that the degree of genuine

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and keen cooperation which we may hope for from the Italian High Command must be adversely affected whenever our decisions fail to correspond with their hopes. In short, we cannot have it both ways. It is a problem of policy which merits considerable examination.

Lieutenant-General,
Deputy President.

Copy to: Headquarters,
A. C. M. F..

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CONFIDENTIAL AND PERSONAL.

30th. January, 1944.

1. Many thanks for yours of the 22nd.. I was sorry not to have time to look you up on my way through.

2. I have done a lot of reorganisation here. I wont bother you with details. The will find their way to you in due course. Briefly I have now amalgamated A.M.G. and A.C.C. under my central control.

3. Sicily will be included in the territory to be transferred to Italian administration on probably 10th. February. In Sicily a considerable proportion of existing A.M.G. personnel will remain as A.C.C. personnel with the job of carrying on the work they have been doing but in an advisory capacity as opposed to an executive one. Poletti should keep you wise as to details.

4. I note your troubles with the Sabauda Division. I am glad you are getting a better Divisional Commander.

I am doing my best to curb the activities of Yugo-Slavs who entice Italian soldiers to desert.

If you want help regarding better scales of food and clothing please let me

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I think there is a strong probability that a coastal division made up to about 9,000 strong will be transferred to Sicily from Sardinia in the fairly near future.

5. I will do what I can about getting your 2nd. Lieutenant Lupo promoted.

6. I think I can arrange for Kenyon Goode to be sent home with the A.M.G. Officers I am having to provide for the other theatre.

7. I will be delighted to come and spend a night with you when next I come to Sicily and hope very much that you will find your way to Naples one day and stay with me. I have no idea whether we are allowed to do official business with each other but I expect we will be able to sort out our various common problems unofficially quite happily.

Major-General Cecil Heydeman,
Headquarters, No. 1. District,
C. M. F.

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MOST SECRET AND URGENT.

29th. January, 1944.

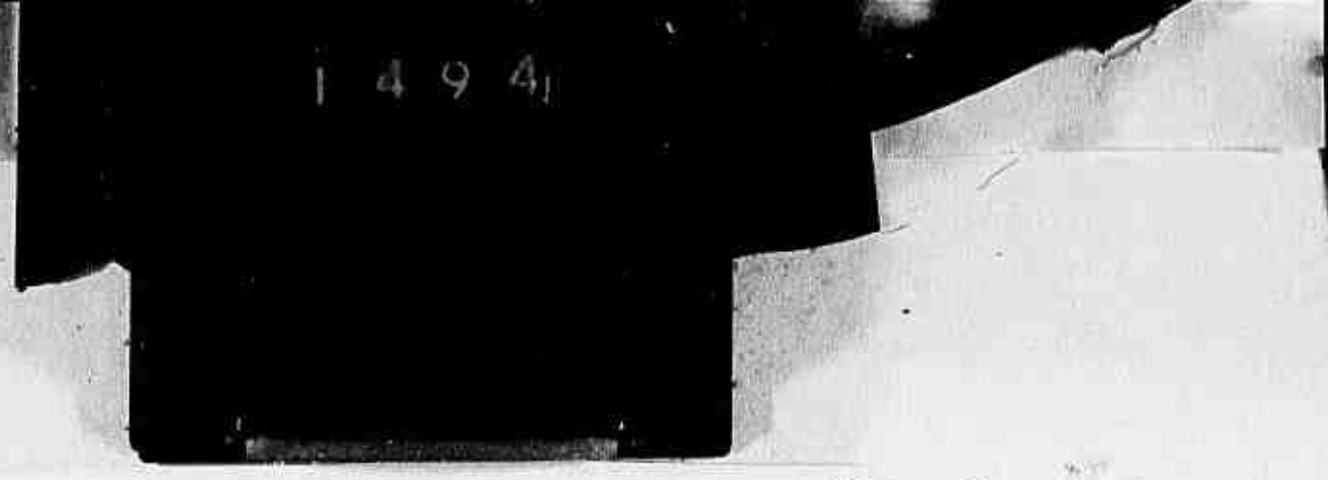
I enclose herewith a letter received from General Rooks together with a copy of my reply.

I should be grateful for any comments you may have to make as urgently as possible.

Brigadier Duchesne,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
B R I N D I S I.

have asked for memorandum to be returned to us with his reply.

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Ref. DP/G/19.

SECRET AND URGENT.

29th. January, 1944.

Subject: Disposal of Italian Army.

To: Allied Force Headquarters,
Advanced Command Post,
FAIRBANKS.

For Major-General Lowell W. Rooks, A.C.O.S., G.3..

1. Your memorandum of 21st. January, reached me only yesterday.

2. Subject to confirmation by Brigadier Duchesne, to whom I am communicating your memorandum, I agree with the amendments which you suggest to A.F.H.Q. letter AG 400-1 (Italy) GCT-AGM of 2nd. January.

3. In view of General Alexander's instructions on the subject of Brigadier Duchesne's mission, para 11 of the above quoted A.F.H.Q. letter should be amended on the following lines -
"The Military Mission with the Italian Army becomes the Army Sub-Commission of the A.C.C.. The Army Sub-Commission of the A.C.C. is designated as the agency for receiving and implementing in accordance with the terms of this directive all demands from A.C.M.F. for Italian Army units and resources. The Army Sub-Commission of A.C.C. will be represented by a small liaison group at Headquarters, A.C.M.F..

4. It is presumed that throughout the above mentioned A.F.H.Q. letter, A.C.M.F. will be substituted automatically for 15th. Army Group.

Lieutenant-General,
Deputy President.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION EWS/hjp

APO 394

28 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

I am forwarding a memorandum of a meeting yesterday with Marshal Messe which is self explanatory. The letter for your signature was taken to Naples yesterday by Major Wilson on the Commission plane.

Harold Caccia is familiar with the PWB charges circulated against Marshal Messe. He does not strike me as antagonistic or disgruntled --so much as hurt and disillusioned. I gather that he returned from England in high hopes of reorganizing the Italian Army for military service; expectations which he has gradually been compelled to revise. I believe if the trip of General Soldarelli to Palestine and return could be expedited, it would have a salutary effect.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION EWS/hjp

APO 394

091.711 28 January 1944

MEMORANDUM:

At request of Marshal Messe I met with him at 4 PM January 27. The subject was the Cuneo Division.

He stated that General MacFarlane had promised to send him a letter following the meeting at Lecce to confirm the understandings reached. I said that the letter had been prepared for the General's signature but had been held for him in expectation of his immediate return. Since Marshal Badoglio had preferred to meet him in Naples, however, I had sent the letter to him by courier for signature.

He asked about the trip of General Soldarelli to Palestine and return and I replied that I had written a memorandum to General MacFarlane on that subject.

Messe

~~He~~ then stated that the Chief of Staff of the Cuneo Division had just arrived in Italy, that he had been asked to proceed to Headquarters Cairo for a conference but on his arrival at Cairo was placed on a ship for removal to Italy, so that he was compelled to return virtually without luggage. He said that the Chief of Staff had reported that the treatment, including pay, of the members of the Cuneo Division was virtually that of prisoners of war. This he deplored because they were, of course, not prisoners of war but had fought with the British against the Germans after the armistice. He stated that he intended to write General MacFarlane in regard to the unhappy plight of the Division, after he had received General MacFarlane's letter which he expected, among other things, to set forth the disposition to be made of the Division.

The interview was short. His attitude was notunfriendly but he seemed distressed at the news he had just received regarding the Cuneo Division. His manner was dignified and calm.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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WITH REFERENCE YOUR FOUR ZERO SEVEN FREQT PD

I HAVE COMMUNICATED YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO MARSHAL MESSE PD HE NATURALLY ACCEPTED THEM BUT WAS MUCH DISAPPOINTED AND STATED THAT HE WAS AFRAID THAT THE DECISION WOULD CAUSE GREAT DISILLUSIONMENT IN THE CONSC DIVISION PD PERHAPS PAREN FARGO PAREN TO FAIRFIELD FOR ACTION RPTD MIDEAST CMA AFHQ FOR INFO PD CITE FARGO FIVE EIGHT ZERO PD HE URGED THAT GENERAL SOLDARELLI SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO TO PALESTINE TO COMMUNICATE THE INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS DIVISION RETURNING IMMEDIATELY TO ITALY AFTER DOING SO PD MESSE MAINTAINED THAT SOLDARELLI WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT ACROSS THESE RATHER DISTASTEFUL INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS DIVISION BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE PD PLEASE SAY IF YOU AGREE IN WHICH CASE I WOULD SEND SOLDARELLI TO AFHQ FOR ONWARD PASSAGE TO PALESTINE.

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L.F. NICKEL,
Lt. col. AGD
Adjutant General

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28th. January, 1944.

To: Headquarters, A.C.M.F.

Marshal Messe is anxious to transfer one coastal division (probably 205 Division) with a strength of about 8,000 men from Sardinia to Sicily.

Please say if you agree in principle in which case I will see that the necessary preliminary arrangements are taken in hand.

Lieutenant-General,
Deputy President.

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FIRST. PARA 2A NOT UNDERSTOOD. ACMF PLEASE ANSWER. PARA 4 "IF NO SUCH EST IS IN EXISTENCE" THEN AN AGREED EST COMMON TO BRITISH AND UK REQUIREMENTS TO BE FORMULATED BY MMIA. MCC WILL BE THE AUTH ONLY IN THE CASE OF UNITS DILUTED WITH ITALIAN PERSONNEL. PARA 5. ALL PERSONNEL OF ITALIAN ARMY EMPLOYED UNDER ALLIED COMMAND WILL REMAIN SUBJECT TO ITALIAN MILITARY LAW ADMINISTERED BY THEIR OWN OFFRS. AWARDS WILL BE SUBJECT TO OVERRIDING POWER OF ALLIED FORMN OR UNIT COMD WHOSE ACTION WILL NORMALLY TAKE THE FORM OF REMOVAL OF ITALIAN COS WHOSE ADM IS UNSATISFACTORY. SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION TO ITALIAN MILITARY LAW WILL BE ISSUED TO COVER ESSENTIAL OMISSIONS BETWEEN IT AND ALLIED MILITARY LAW AND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY ITALIAN COMDS AS ABOVE. SUGGESTED THIS MIGHT BE COVERED BY CHOICE PARA ENTITLED "CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND ALLIED MILITARY DISCIPLINE". PARAS 6,7,8,9 DELETE BRITISH SUBSTITUTE ALLIED OTHERWISE NO COMMENTS. PARA 10A. AMEND HEADING TO "COMPLETE ITALIAN UNITS AND DILUTED UNITS". FOR BRITISH COMD READ ALLIED COMD. 10B. DELETE. 10C. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "RPTS ORG". ITALIAN ARMY WILL BERESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING UP TO STRENGTH ALL ITALIAN ARMY UNITS SERVING WITH ALLIED FORCES. FOR THIS PURPOSE IT WILL MAINTAIN SUITABLY PLACED RPTS DEPOTS POSITIONED BY ARRANGEMENTS MADE THROUGH MMIA. THESE DEPOTS TO BE COMMANDED BY ITALIAN OFFRS. DEMANDS FOR RPTS WILL BE THROUGH ITALIAN CHANNELS. DOCUMENTATION UNDER NORMAL ITALIAN ARMY PROCEDURE. PARA 11. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "ITALIAN ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ITS OWN TPS WHEREVER SERVING". PARA 12. NO COMMENTS. PARA 13A. PROVISION OF AMB CARS FROM ALLIED SOURCES REQUIRED. 13B. SUFFICIENT CAMP HOSPITALS AVAILABLE FOR PRESENT PROGRAMME. 13C. CONTINUE SUPPLY THROUGH EXISTING MED DEPOTS. 14. DELETE BRITISH INSERT ALLIED OTHERWISE NO COMMENTS. PARA 15. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "ITALIAN UNITS SERVING IN ALLIED ARMY AREAS TO DRAW SUPS FROM ALLIED SOURCES. IN REAR OF ARMY BOYS ITALIAN ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RATIONING ALL ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN BOTH COMPLETE ITALIAN AND DILUTED ALLIED UNITS. PARA 16. POST ALREADY FUNCTIONING EXCEPT TO ITALIAN ARMY UNITS IN COMBAT ZONE FROM CIVILIANS. PARA 17. FLASSO TO ANSWER IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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ADM INSTR NOW UNDER PREPARATION BY THEM.

SECOND. GENERALLY SPEAKING IT IS CONSIDERED THAT ONE MILITARY LAW, ONE SET OF REGULATIONS AND ONE SET OF WRS SHOULD APPLY TO ALL ITALIAN TPS UNDER ALLIED COMD WHETHER BRITISH, AMERICAN, FRENCH, POLISH, INDIAN OR ANY OTHER NATIONALITY. IT IS CONSIDERED A PRINCIPLE OF CO-BELLIGERENCY THAT ITALIAN SHOULD OPERATION UNDER THEIR OWN MILITARY LAW AND REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO SUITABLE OVER-RIDING POWERS BY ALLIED COMDS TO BE APPLIED ONLY IN CASES OF MILITARY NECESSITY. IT IS EMPHASISED THAT ITALIAN UNITS WILL PASS FROM BRITISH TO AMERICAN ETC. COMD FREQUENTLY ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF 5TH ARMY WHICH INCORPORATES AT PRESENT BRITISH AND FRENCH FMNS. MOREOVER REGS SHOULD BE APPLICABLE TO MAINLAND OF ITALY, SICILY, SARDINIA AND CORSICA AND SHOULD BE AS SIMPLE AS FLEXIBLE AND AS EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE TO THE ITALIAN AS POSSIBLE. SPECIAL REGS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR EPW UNITS TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN TERRI-TORIES BUT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THESE UNITS BE FREED ON ENTERING ITALIAN TERRITORY AND BE GOVERNED BY CONDITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW THEY SHOULD CONTAIN NO PERSONNEL LIABLE TO IMMEDIATE DEMOBILISATION.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT
APO 394

NEMcF/os

26 January 1944.

Subject: Your number G/6/17. See below.

To : Brigadier Duchesne, HQ. Allied Control Commission, Brindisi.

1. Policy. The only thing to do, and I think we are already agreed upon this, is to write our own directive embodying all points which appear still to hold good from the various directives and instructions already received. When you have produced this policy directive I will try to get General Alexander to issue it.

You will also include a list of priorities giving the best possible compromise between the differing lists now possessed.

2. Shipping. If we find difficult to procure the necessary shipping we can count on A.C.S.F. and A.F.H.Q. support.

3. Truck Drivers. I am speaking to General Robertson regarding the Italian ration in Italy, and regarding the pay question. Last night General Alexander and General Robertson agreed that from their point of view it would help greatly the more I became independent of Army road transportation. There is every chance that they will allot me a fair proportion of truck drivers on a fairly high priority for manning the thousand lorries which Robertson is going to produce.

4. Conference. I quite agree. The main thing is to let me have your concrete program and priority list for approval and issue by General Alexander. Then, as you see, we will let the Italians digest it for a couple of days and I will arrange with Robertson for a conference.

Wherever I decide to hold the conference I will guarantee to provide air transport for the people attending it from the other side.

5. I have not yet had the official okeh as regards taking over Sardinia. But General Alexander has told A.F.H.Q. he wishes me to do so at once. I understand that Col. Simmons belongs to A.F.H.Q. and I am now setting about securing him as your Deputy as I shall probably want Col. Fiske for a job here in the very near future. Keep this to yourself for the moment until I have got the necessary okehs.

6. Staff. I agree generally with your proposals. Your layout must naturally remain flexible and it may obviously have to be altered from time to time as the situation develops. I hope you will definitely keep in mind the necessity of increasing American representation in your mission.

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7. I have given up any idea of getting to Algiers for another few days. I had intended to fly to Brindisi yesterday but was stopped by weather, and would have gone today but Badoglio is coming over here and so I can do my business with him on this spot. I will let you know at once if I am coming to Brindisi or if I leave here for any length of time. Otherwise, you can always get me here and the telephone from Brindisi to my office here is not too bad.

Lieutenant-General
Deputy President

(7)

SUBJECT:- M.A.I.A.

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
3/6/17
24 Jan 44

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Lt Gen MASON MACFARLANE

The following points are for your consideration:-

1. POLICY As you know we cannot get on with reorganising 100,000 men of Italian Army for Allied purposes until AFHQ policy letter is issued. Appendix 'A' shows latest action by HQ ACMF but I do not know whether

(a) Gen ROOKS in CASERTA or
(b) AFHQ in N. AFRICA

will issue the policy letter. I suggest CHURCHILL rings Gen ROOKS, and if the answer is (b) perhaps you could hasten in ARGENTS.

2. SHIPPING The ACMF programme calls for the import to mainland of Italy of 80,000 men. Shipping so far has been tight, but in current circumstances may well be easier. Subject to Gen ROBERTSON's ration ceiling the quicker we get them over from SARDINIA the better.

3. ITALIAN PRISONERS 10,000 wanted for which we must draw on N.AFRICA to maximum extent as all Italian mechanised forces were taken prisoner there. I heard yesterday that an unexpected administrative complication had arisen, in that Italian POW in N.AFRICA are both BETTER FED and BETTER PAID than Italian Army in ITALY. The answer seems to be to hasten Gen ROBERTSON's current proposals to AFHQ for a better Italian ration in ITALY; and to get Italian Gov't to make applicable to whole Italian Army an increase of pay comparable to what they have already given to port workers.

4. CONFERENCES (a) On issue of AFHQ policy it is proposed to give Italians who have to think and then call a conference to hear their views: original idea was for Gen ROBERTSON to preside. Will you now do so and, if so, let Gen ROBERTSON know ?

(b) For consideration whether to confer in NAPLES or BRINDISI. If former can your plane fly over Marshal MESSE, Gen BERNARDI and myself ?

5. SARDINIA What is status, political or military, of Col SIMMONS in SARDINIA ? If military, should he not now become part of MAIA ? At 20th Dec conference on Italian Army, it was decided to give me an

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3. ROCK ARMY. 10,000 natives for which we have to maintain saluki are in Italian medical corps. Chief: I have yesterday that we have agreed with Italian Govt in that Italian Army in Italy. The answer cooperate to Army's to make Italian Govt comfortable to keep them as long as possible. Will you

4. COMMENT (a) On issue of Army policy as to Italian Army, of Col STIMSON in Washington, I am writing to give me an I have already given to part romans.

(b) For consideration whether to confer in NAPLES or BIZERTE. I'd Gen MARSHALL on your plane El Over Central Mass, Gen

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6. STAFF As Appendix 'B', for your personal consideration is proposed basic collocation for mechanized staff as ALLIED SARDINIA when would give us increased which is desirable.

7. What do you intend to return from ALGIERS? I FIRST day I am in your office the evening you

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Eric Cole

Col Stimson

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MINUTES OF MEETING 24 JANUARY

Between General Mason MacFarlane, Marshal Messe, General Orlando, and General Berardi. Points discussed were as follows:-

1. YUGOSLAV. agents in uniform are encouraging Italian soldiers mostly of Yugoslav origin to desert. Italians convinced that considerable resources including special trains and trucks being used for this purpose but numbers of deserters from this cause were not stated. Marshal Badoglio would give details later.

2. FROM SARDINIA (a) To the Mainland of Italy Italians ask for transfer all possible troops (including Carabinieri for Rome) within approved ration ceiling.

(b) To Sicily Marshal Messe proposed transfer one Coastal Division (probably 205 Div) numbering nine to ten thousand men.

(c) To Corsica AFHQ have ordered two battalions Alpini plus 5,000 troops for labor. Colonel Fiske has gone to Sardinia to arrange.

3. Italian troops and military refugees from the North. When Rome falls Italians anticipate considerable number. Marshal Messe will prepare an estimate for planning purposes.

NOTE: If totals of purely Italian troops ~~required approximate to~~ the ration ceiling on Mainland, it is for consideration whether Italians should not encourage their Yugoslavs to transfer, rather than prevent them.

4. Clothing and equipment from Sicily was requested. AFHQ policy is only to release stocks surplus to Balkan requirements.

5. Prisoners of War from North Africa. Named lists in three priority blocks were submitted by Marshal Messe to AGC about a month ago. Check action taken.

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8. French Concentration Camps. Can treatment of Italian prisoners of war by French in North Africa be improved. Also any Italians under French command in Corsica.

9. Comando Supremo to move to Salerno. Marshal Badoglio will notify accommodation available.

NOTE: Wireless communication requires consideration. 595
required Sardinia - Salerno - Lecce in order that
AGO and Comando Supremo have quick control. Plenty
of Italian sets and operators are available, but Allied
cipher personnel are bottlenecked. Minimum required
2 in each place, total 6.

10. Note on sea transport. Understood that S.S. Campidoglio now in Brindisi harbor under Italian control is available for transfer of troops from Sardinia. Investigate details.

Brig. C. C. Duchesne (5)

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

HQ No.1 District, C. M. F.

CC 1.

22 Jan 44.

To:- Lt-Gen Sir F.N.MASON MACFARLANE,
KCB,DSO,MC,
Acting Deputy President,
A.C.C.,
C.M.F.

My dear MacFarlane,

1. I was very sorry to miss you when you went through PALERMO last week. I would very much like to have a talk with you on a good many matters concerning us both.

2. I get very little news from AFHQ in ALGIERS as to when and how the Italian Government and the ACC are going to take over in SICILY and I should welcome any information on these points from you.

3. I have had a good deal of trouble with the Sabauda Division who are under me for guard duties. Their present commander General ZENATI (who in my opinion is absolutely useless), is being replaced by another, General RONCO, who I hear is a more active man altogether. The Sabauda Division is in very poor shape, but they are not altogether to blame as I cannot get permission to provide them with anything, except food and clothing, on a not altogether satisfactory scale. In addition, the men are nearly all lousy and very dis-spirited and they have many causes for complaint which I am attempting to remedy. The men of ~~the~~ Yugoslav ~~legion~~ Division in the Division are giving trouble; over one hundred deserted in one batch. I think they are incited to desert by a Yugoslav officer living in PALERMO. All these matters could probably be remedied if we could have a talk together.

4. I am addressing this letter to you D/O, as I don't even know if I am allowed to address you officially.

5. I should be very grateful if you would help me over the two following matters.

I have an excellent interpreter, one 2/Lt LUPO, Italian Artillery, who in private life is a banker in London. He has 21 years service in the Italian Army and is still a 2/Lt. I find it most difficult to use a 2/Lt as an interpreter to deal with Italian Generals and Colonels. I have applied to the Italian Government to have him promoted to captain, even if it was without the pay of that rank to give him a better standing, but I cannot get any satisfaction whatsoever. I would be grateful if you could get the Italian Government to promote

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A very old friend of mine, Captain KENYON GOODE, Grenadier Guards, is one of your AMG officers at PALERMO. He is very worried as he has recently been involved in divorse proceedings and has no one to look after his son and is very anxious to get back home. He speaks French well and has had business connections in Paris over blood stock etc; and he very much wishes to be sent home with the party of AMG officers whom I understand are being prepared for service in France. If you could arrange to send him home with this party I would be more than grateful and you would be doing a good service to a really gallant man who, in my opinion, has had poor and unsympathetic treatment at the hands of the Army authorities in the past.

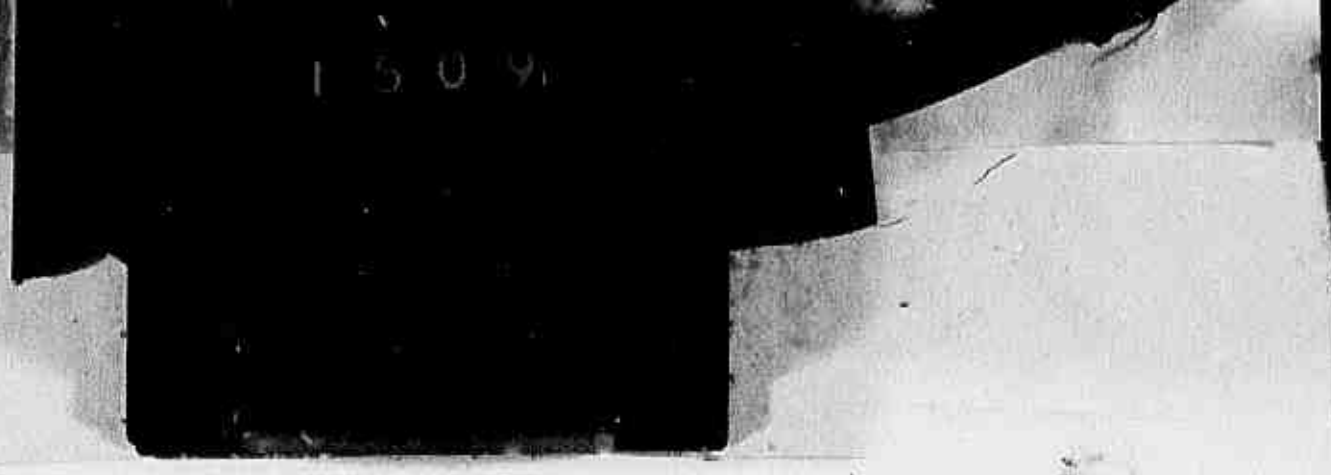
6. If you can come here I should be delighted to put you up but if you cannot and I am allowed to deal with you on an official basis, I could arrange to fly over to see you. I won't be able to do anything between the 1st and 4th of February as I hope Lord GORT is coming over to stay with me about that time.

All luck

Yours sincerely

Cecil Heyderman

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MESSAGE FORM

T O O 231045A

From: MILITARY

To : ADVANCE

D/207

From DUQUESNE (°) Ref your 1605/50/3/S(SD1) of 22 Jan (°) May I hope that General ROOKS will issue this policy letter from CASERTA or must we await postal reply from NORTH AFRICA query (°) If latter suggest signal AFHQ to hasten action on letter now in post (°) Am anxious to fix dates of receipt by Italians and hence conference under General ROBERTSON

If liable to interception
to be sent in Cipher (By Hand)

signed..... O.S. DUQUESNE

Brig

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APPENDIX 'A'

SUBJECT:- Disposal of Italian Army MOST SECRET HQ AAI.F 1605/50/3/G(SD1) 22 Jan 44

Military Mission to Italian Army

The attached letter has been sent to General ROOKS. It is understood that AFHQ will approve these proposals.

signed [redacted] Lt Col for Lt Gen CGS

SUBJECT:- Disposal of Italian Army MOST SECRET HQ AAI.F 1605/50/3/G(SD) 22 Jan 44

General ROOKS
AFHQ Adv C.P.

The following are comments on the proposed amendments forwarded with your memo of 21 Jan. They include General ROBERTSON's comments.

1. Para 2 should read:- The Italians will assemble the following units.

(a) One division to be organised and placed in combat as soon as practicable.

(b) Two additional divisions which are to be trained, armed and equipped for combat at a later date, depending on our requirements and the general supply situation.
Pending our decision to place them in combat they will be at the disposal of the Italian Government, who will locate them as directed by C-in-C AGIF to meet the needs of internal security (e.g. CALABRIA)

(c) The DARTMO Brigade and NEMBO Division will be included in one or other of the divisions referred to in (a) or (b) above.

(d) A total ration strength of 32,000 for these three divisions has already been agreed between AGIF and Marshall MESSE.

2. Para 8 should read:- The rationing of the entire Italian Forces including Navy and Air, up to a ceiling of 500,000, at approved scales depending on nature of assigned duty whether in CORSICA, SARDINIA

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2. Para 8 should read:- The rationing of the entire Italian Forces including Navy and Air, up to a ceiling of 500,000, at approved scales, depending on nature of assigned duty whether in CORSICA, SARDINIA, SICILY or the Italian mainland, will be accepted as an Allied responsibility.

3. Para 10 should read:- Subject to the above, the labour requirements of CORSICA, and the defence requirements of SARDINIA, the remaining 592 of the Italian Forces are at the disposal of ACMF which, in conjunction with the ACC will be responsible for the assignment of elements of the Italian Army as required by its subordinate commands and separate commands, including Air and Naval, in the mainland of Italy as well as in SICILY, and SARDINIA.

4. If you agree it would be appreciated if you could issue these amendments direct to the ACC as early as possible since until the position is clarified little progress can be made with the formation of the Italian Service units which we so urgently require.

signed, H. HARDING
Lt. Gen
C.G.S.

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APPENDIX 'B'

SUBJECT:- WAR ESTABLISHMENT for MMIA

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
G/8/15
3 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission

15 Army Gp (G3D) for infm

1. Further to my G/8/11 of 27 Dec I forward herewith for your general agreement the basis on which I am preparing the W.E. (T of O) for MMIA. Proposals are at Appendix 'A'.

2. As you know MMIA started in CALABRIA as an EIGHTH Army instrument to control in the first place the divisions of XXXI Italian Corps and later (after the capture of TARANTO) the whole of what was then the Seventh Italian Army. In mid Oct it came direct under 15 Army Gp and has since functioned as its executive agent for dealing with all Italian forces on the mainland of ITALY. It has therefore grown up and is now in being as an essentially British headquarters. Details of how many British bodies already exist are shown in the footnotes to Appendix 'A', though naturally they are not all yet officially confirmed in their appointments.

3. The legal standing of MMIA is now to be as part of the Allied Control Commission, but its immediate future is to be loaned to 15 Army Group to continue to be their executive agent as heretofore. This will mean that MMIA will continue to deal with two headquarters, 15 Army Group and AFHQ Adv Adm Sch, in which the heads of Ops, Staff Duties, Sigs, Engrs, 'Q'(Adm and Mov), Med, S & T, O.D. and R.M.S. are all British. It appears soundest therefore to confirm its present general composition, and to add such American staff as may from time to time be shown desirable. Do you agree ?

4. The American portion is at present proposed as

(a) on headquarter staff one colonel second in command: and two majors, one for staff duties and one for administration.

(b) on outstation staff one lieut colonel for NAPLES plus liaison staff for CAMPANIA and FIFTH ARMY to be produced as required.

5. The total staff required is based on the programme outlined in 15 Army Gp letter 1805/50/G3D1 of 26 Dec 1943. This is a slightly larger programme than was discussed at the 20 Dec Conference at 15 Army Gp and takes up for the provision of 60,000 men in labour units and 50,000 men in skilled and semi-skilled units. British and American requirements

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3. The legal standing of AMGIA is now to be as part of the Allied Control Commission, but its immediate future is to be loaned to 15 Army Group to continue to be their executive agent as heretofore. This will mean that AMGIA will continue to deal with two headquarters, 15 Army Group and APW Adv Adm Ech, in which the heads of Ops, Staff Duties, Sigs, Engrs, 'G'(Adm and Mov), Med, S & T, O.C., and R.A.F. are all British. It appears soundest therefore to confirm its present general composition, and to add such American staff as may from time to time be shown desirable. Do you agree ?

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6. It will be essential for the State Maggiore to organise a special planning staff to deal with this programme: and to appoint English speaking liaison officers to me, just as I have Italian speaking officers to deal with them, in order to cut down letter writing and its consequent translation and delays to a minimum. I should be glad if you would make this point to Marshall BAGRAMYAN when the time comes to present the programme to him.

/7. The organisation.

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7. The organisation herewith proposed is designed to cover the period of remoulding the Italian Army as laid down by General ALEXANDER within the general AFHQ policy. It should cover requirements up to inclusive the capture of ROME, though it may be necessary to make minor modifications (especially as regards the American element) from time to time. I suggest it should be subject to major review in six months time.

8. 15 Army Group inform me that their normal practice is to submit seperately the British and American portion of an establishment. I should like to discuss whether to put the British portion through them and the American portion through you: or whatever would be the best course.

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APPENDIX 'A'

M.M.I.A. DRAFT WAR ESTABLISHMENT

for policy outlined in 15 Army Gp letter 1605/50/GSD1 of 26 Dec 1943.

	BRITISH					AMERICAN					
	Brig	Lt Col	Major	Capt	Capt or Lt	Colonel	Lt Col	Major	Capt	Capt or Lt	
HQ STAFF.											
Command	1(a)					1(b)					
G. Ops and SD		1	1(a)	1(a)				1(b)			
G. Int				1(a)							
Engineers			1(a)								
Sigs			1(a)								
A/Q		1	1(a)	1(a)				1(b)			
S & T		1(b)	1(a)	1							
Medical			1(a)								
O.S.			1(a)	1							
E.M.E.			1(a)								
Camp Comdt				1(a)							
TOTAL HQ STAFF	1	3	8	6	-	1	-	2	-	-	
OUTSTATION STAFF											
G.S. LIAISON) Sec		2	5	5	1		1	2	3	1	
(App.											
R.E. LIAISON) B			1	2					1		
TOTAL OUTSTATION		2	6	7	1		1	2	4	1	

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Engineers			1(a)							
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OUTSTATION STAFF										
G.S. LIAISON) See App. B		2	5	5	1		1	2	3	1
R.E. LIAISON)			1	2					1	
TOTAL OUTSTATION		2	6	7	1		1	2	4	1

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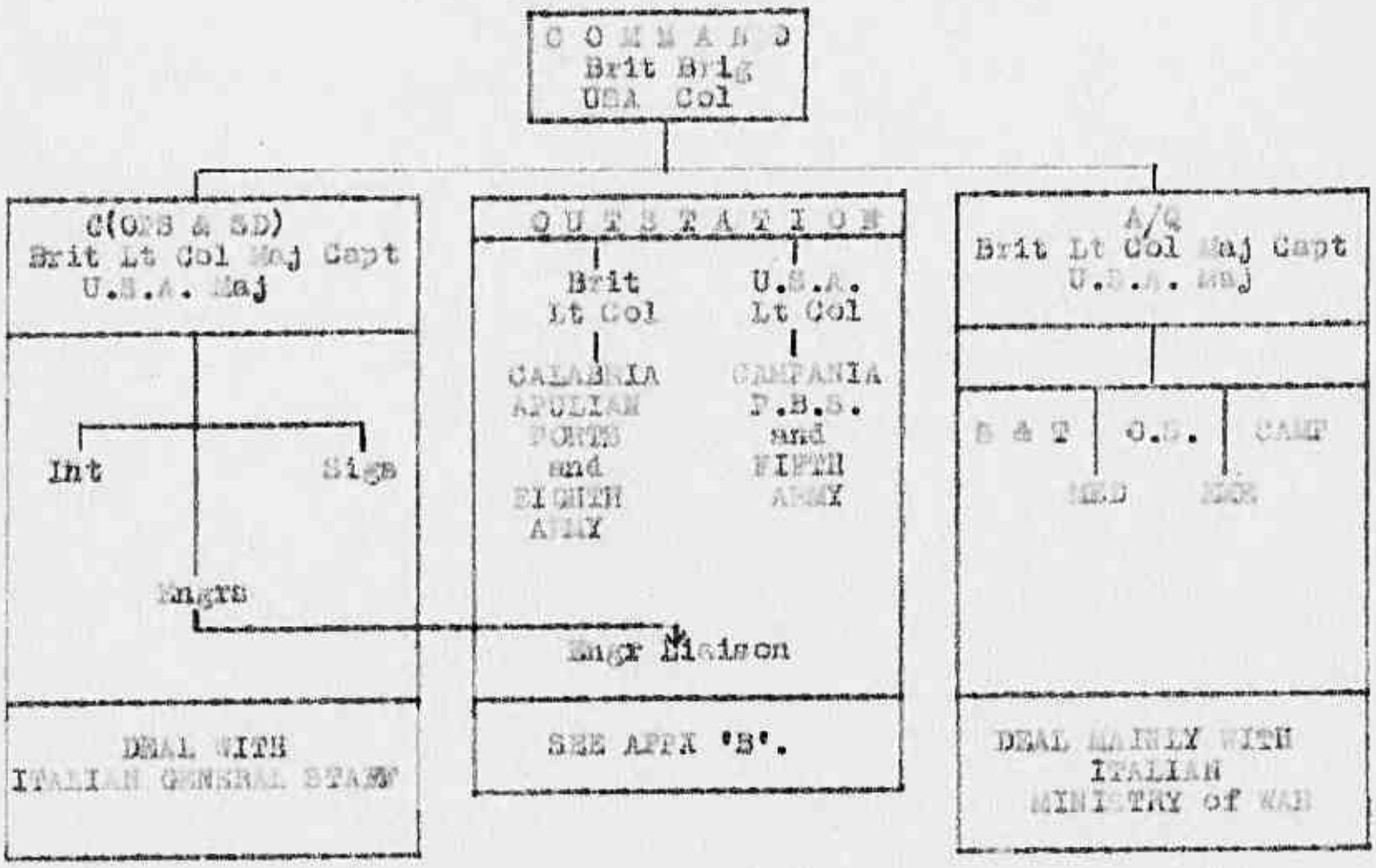
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(b) Asked for but not yet arrived.

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ORGANIZATION PANEL



APPENDIX 'B'

DISPOSITION OF OCCUPATION STAFF

GS LIAISON	BRITISH				AMERICAN			
	Lt Col	Major	Capts	Capts or Lt	Lt Col	Major	Capt	Capt or Lt
CALABRIA, APULIA, & EIGHTH ARMY	1(a)							
CAMPANIA, PBS, & EIGHTH ARMY					1(b)	1(c)		
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION		1(a)						
ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF		1(a)						
ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY		1(a)						
IX ITALIAN CORPS)								
HQ 2 DISTRICT)		1(c)						
LI ITALIAN CORPS			1					
XXXI ITALIAN CORPS also)								
reps GOC 2 DISTRICT)	1(b)		1(a)					
FIFTH ARMY						1(b)		1(c)
A CORPS							1(c)	
B CORPS							1(c)	
C CORPS							1(c)	
EIGHTH ARMY		1(a)		1(b)				
D CORPS			1(c)					
E CORPS			1(c)					
F CORPS			1(c)					
TOTAL GS LIAISON	2	5	5	1	1	2	3	1

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION		1(a)						
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LI ITALIAN CORPS			1					
XXXI ITALIAN CORPS also)								
reps GOC 2 DISTRICT)	1(b)		1(a)					
FIFTH ARMY						1(b)		1(c)
A CORPS							(c)	
B CORPS							(c)	
C CORPS							(c)	
EIGHTH ARMY		1(a)		1(b)				
D CORPS			1(a)					
E CORPS			1(a)					
F CORPS			1(c)					
TOTAL GS LIAISON	2	5	5	1	1	2	3	1
ENGINEER LIAISON								
ALLIED L of C from REGGIO to TARANTO and NAPLES		1(a)	1(a)					
EAST COAST to PESCARA			1(a)					
WEST COAST to ROME							1(c)	
TOTAL ENGINEER LIAISON		1	2				1	

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NOTES: (a) Already exists
(b) Asked for but not yet arrived
(c) To be obtained as required

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Files A (B)

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MOST SECRET

Headquarters,
Mediterranean Air Command.

Reference:-
S.549/ACMT/MAC.

5th October, 1943.

To:- Allied Mission to Italian Government.

I. A. F. Organization.

1. I have now examined the proposals which have been made to me for the future organization of the Italian Air Force. In my view the requirements are two:-

Firstly, to form an operational force from existing material and personnel to give direct assistance to Allied operations.
Secondly, to re-organize air resources in Italy as the Allied move Northward.

2. As regards the operational force, I propose to use it on the right flank of the Allied forces. From a review of the Italian Air Units available, I consider that it should be a composite force consisting of a fighter wing, a bomber transport wing, and a marine wing. It will be subordinate to the Allied Air Command operating in Italy, and its headquarters should be composed of adminstrative as well as operational sections. The Italian Air Force Commander will come under the direct orders of the Allied Air Commander in the area concerned, and will have attached to each wing a suitable Italian Commander and his sub-ordinate officers should be young, energetic, and of proved worth in this war. I will wish to review the nominations suggested by the Italian Air Command before the senior officers are actually appointed.

3. The second requirement of re-organization can best be carried out by the Air Minister, supported by an appropriate staff. Although preliminary work can now be done, I do not recommend the setting up of any extensive organization until the Italian Government is again functioning in Rome.

4. The first task to be undertaken by the Air Minister should be the re-establishment of industrial organizations in order to provide a backing for existing I.A.F. units and to augment the base installations which the Allied Air Forces are now beginning to establish in Italy. I appreciate that until the industrial areas of Northern Italy are freed, only very limited output of Italian made equipment is possible but it is important that energetic action should be taken to develop any resources, however slight, in the zones captured by us. In addition the re-organization and the placing at my disposal of skilled technical labour, surplus to the limited needs of the Italian Air Force, will represent a sound contribution to the Allied couse.

5. The Air Ministry in Rome would, of course, also undertake the basic administration of the Italian Air Force on the lines on which it is at present constituted, and would be the channel through which demands from the operational

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command for equipment, men and material would pass.

6. In sum, I wish for:-

Firstly, a compact operational command to be formed out of the remnants of the Italian Air Force which is to be placed unreservedly under the Allied Air Force Commander in Italy.

Secondly, the establishment of a government department in Rome of which one of the main functions will be to re-organize and develop all industrial resources both in machinery and manpower so that maximum assitance can be given to Allied Operations in this theater of war.

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