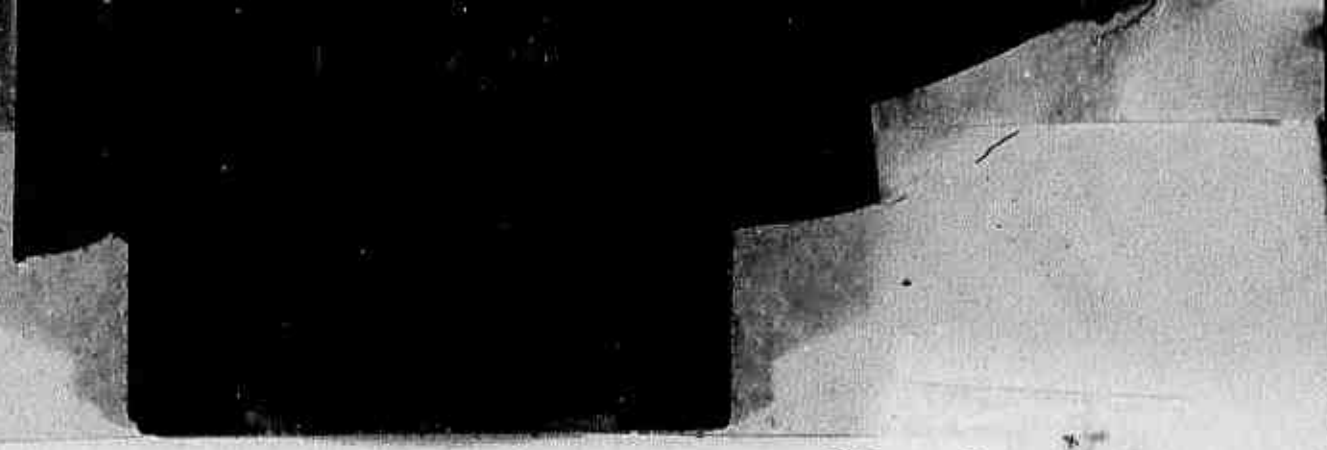

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199)	CC/G/278	Gen MacFarlane	12 May	AFHQ	Ceiling of Ital Army (folio transferred to file 383.6)
200)	M-191	Gen MacFarlane	12 "	AFHQ	Epuration in Armed forces.
200a)	4843	Secy Gen	12 "	MMIA	Re I/103/1 of 9 May-fwd reference.
200b)	G/11/38	MMIA	7 "	Various	Order of Battle, No. 8.
201)	CC/G/284	Gen MacFarlane	13 "	Pol Sec	Re 130. Italian soldiers wearing
	091.711	G-5 AFHQ	2 "	CC ACC	Greek Campaign Medals.
	CC/G/285	Gen MacFarlane	13 "	G-5 AFHQ	
202)	CC/G/290	Gen MacFarlane	13 "	Gen Browning	Gen ltr on Army mules, tpt, etc.
203)	091.711	Capt Stone	13 "	Adm de Courten	Leather for shoes for Ital Navy.
204)	N 177	MMIA	13 "	ACC	Sitrep May-7-13.
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208)	091.711	Maj Doe	18 "	CC	Replacement of CC.RR uniforms.
209)	DO/23	AVM Buscarlet	16 "	CC	Circumstances of loss of Cant1007s
210)	M-210	Gen MacFarlane	20 "	AVM Buscarlet	Piacentini as replacement Sandalli.
211)	CC/G/310	Gen MacFarlane	20 "	Navy & AF S/Cs	Italian Armed Forces - calling up
	3074/A(O)	Gen Hamblen	12 "	ACC	of classes and exemption policy
	3074/A(O)	Gen Hamblen,AAI	11 "	Various	therefor.
212)	DO/2	MMIA	9 "	Gen MacFarlane	Volunteer Italian Army.
213)	CC/G/325	Gen MacFarlane	23 "	Messe	Arditi Bn no good - (See 198)
214)	SD/24	Gen Browning	21 "	Gen MacFarlane	Animals in Sardinia (See 202)
215)	091.711-1	G-5 AFHQ	24 "	CC ACC	Wearing of Greek capaign medal(201
216)	F-50324)	AFHQ	24 "	Various	Equipping & using Ital Air Forces
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218) 7417/11	Gen Orlando	26 "	Badoglio	Names units for Rome Entry.
219) F 51002	AFHQ G-3	27 "	AAI	Verify if Ital tps in combat.
220) CC/G/345	Gen MacFarlane	26 "	Various	Disposal of Ital tps met in North
221) - -	MAAF	25 "	CC	Equip & org. of IAF, Mtg 5/25 MAAF.
222) DO/2	Gen Browning	25 "	Gen MacFarlane	Discusses own visit to Sicily.
223) G/15	MMIA	27 "	ACC	R. Military Academy over-staffed.
224) 091.711	Capt Stone	28 "	Gen Infante	Italian enlistment in French
41080/13/PM	Infante	23 "	ACC	Foreign Legion.
225) CC/P/350	Gen MacFarlane	29 "	Gen Browning	Acknowledges 222.
226) 5639 Cbl	Col Pidsley	30 "	MMIA	Ration figure for Italian Army.
227) CC/P/280	Gen MacFarlane	13 "	AVM Buscarlet	All about "P" (Lieut Parma?)

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158) 3080/MOB	Gen Berardi	27 "	MMIA	Reply 156."Directive for the Army"
159) G/6/1/30	MMIA	31 "	CC	Policy - Italian Army.
160) - -		?		Army S/C-Proposed Supply Liaison.
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162) DO/2	Gen Browning	19 "	Gen MacFarlane	Re Berardi's comments on (112)
163) G/6/1	Gen Browning	22 "	Gen MacFarlane	Discipline/control Italian Army.
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169) 7/3/Air	AVM Buscarlet	29 "	Chief Comm.	Arditi battalion with IAF.
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171) G/6/1	Gen Browning	30 "	AAI	Re M of W moving away fr MMIA.
172) 12722/OP	Messe	29 "	Gen MacFarlane	Re ceiling for Italian combat
CC/G/254	Gen MacFarlane	1 May	Hq AAI	divisions.
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175) N 806	Badoglio	17 March	Gen MacFarlane	Move of Minister of War to
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180) 02653	Hq AAI	4 "	CC	Disaffection Nembo Division in
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	0377	MMIA	4 "	CC	Sardinia.
181)	QS 375	Quin-Smith	4 "	CC	228 Cuneo Officers about to dis-embark at Taranto.
182)	1705/19/G	Hq AAI	4 "	AFHQ	Equipment for Italian Army.
183)	M-183	Gen MacFarlane	5 "	HQ AAI	Re 180.Nemvo shd continue to move.
184)	WM 229	Sardinia	5 "	Various	Move of Ital tps fr Sardinia.
185)	M-187	Gen MacFarlane	6 "	Taranto	Barone replaced by Adm Matteini.
186)	I-103	Gen Browning	24 April	Quin-Smith	Behavior of San Marco Battalion.
187)	- -	Gen Nares	27 "	Gen MacFarlane	Moving Region II to Bari.
188)	3074/A(O)	Hq AAI	4 May	Various	Ital Army-calling up of classes.
189)	G/6/1	Gen Browning	5 "	Various	Moving SMRE & MMIA to Salerno area
190	-	Gen Hamblen	5 "	CC	Issues to Ital Armed Forces.
191)	QS 397	Quin-Smith	7 "	DCC	Statements of DC/S Ital Army.

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118)	473	AAI	7 "	AFHQ & FATIMA	supply set-up operating under AAI
119)	123	MMIA	7 "	Fatima	Sitrep 28 Mar to 6 April.
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125)	QS 190	Quin-Smith	3 "	Army S/C	Employment of San Marco Battalion
	CC/G/179	Gen MacFarlane	6 "	Hq AAI	with Eighth Army.
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126)	TA 1156	Adm Morgan	12 "	FOTa	No.of Ital Naval personnel used.
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128)	SD1-498	Distwo	13 "	ACC	1001 Tpt Coy to ACC tomorrow.
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130)	File 1142	Badoglio	15 "	Gen MacFarlane	Ital.wearing Greek campain ribbons
131)	02338/AV	Infante	13 "	Capt Stone	
	- -	Capt Slaughter	15 "	Quin-Smith	Billeting of troops in Campania.
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132)	F 32903	AFHQ	15 April	AAI, ACC, MMIA	Italian Army Order of Battle.
133)	N-1043	Allied Adm Corsica	17 "	Various	Release Ital tps from Corsica.
134)	091.711	AFHQ	12 "	HQ ACC	Italian soldiers in Albania and
	G 19/5	MMIA	20 "	Army S/C Rear Hq	Greece.
135)	CC/P/205	Gen MacFarlane	18 "	AVM Buscarlet	Thanx for intelligence summaries.
136)	FATR 2640	Quin-Smith	18 "	MMIA	PWs ship Bari.
137)	SD 1315	AAI	18 "	AFHQ	Move Nembo Div from Sardinia.
138)	AG 091.711-4	AFHQ	15 "	CC	"Policies regarding Italian Naval
	CC/P/206	Gen MacFarlane	18 "	Adm Morgan	Vessels."
139)	G/6/1/41	Gen Browning	19 "	Various	Ceiling for Ital tps & rations.
140)	091.711	Capt Stone(QS)	19 "	Infante	Billeting of troops in Campania.
141)	D 738	AAI	19 "	AFHQ	Policy - Italian Army.
142)	0353/AQ993	MMIA	19 "	AAI	Ration limit for Italian Army.
143)	29/Air	AVM Buscarlet	20 "	MAAF	Rations:IAF operational aircrews.
144)	F 34854	AHFQ	20 "	AAI	Surplus Ital officers in Mideast
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	CC/P/206	Gen MacFarlane	18 "		Adm Morgan	Vessels."
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145)	CC/P/219	Gen MacFarlane	22 "		Gen Browning	General Italian situation letter.
146)	CC/G/225	Gen MacFarlane	23 "		AFHQ	Ltr fr Gen Pieche on personnel/eqp
147)	14601/8/PS	Col Kirk	18 "		Lord Stansgate	and repatriation; CC.RR. To 014.33
148)	G/6/1/39	Gen Browning	19 "		Hq ACC	Italian Army - channels of comm-
	091.711	Major Doe	27 "		Army S/C	nication and control.
149)	SD 1439	AAI	24 "		ACC	Confirm Duchesne letter will be
						withdrawn.
150)	I/112	Gen Browning	18 "		Gen MacFarlane	Political Propaganda in Italian
	CC/G/220	Gen MacFarlane	22 "		Army S/C	Army.
151)	F 35788	AFHQ	22 "		AAI, ACC	No commitments to be made re size
						of Italian Army.

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Ref. CC/P/280.

13th. May. 1944.

I have just had your letter of 12th. May about P.

2. I will certainly back you up if anybody starts giving trouble over this case.

3. Two things strike me:-

(a) The Italians should have told you just why they did not want P. to go on R's. mission.

(b) In view of what we know about R. it is just possible that P. may be involved in murky business which the Italians may be investigating on their own and which they have not wished to disclose in the meantime.

4. I suggest your dealing with the case yourself verbally with Piacentini without naturally giving any hint that we have doubts about R.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet, CBE, DFC,
Director, Air Sub-Commission,
BARI.

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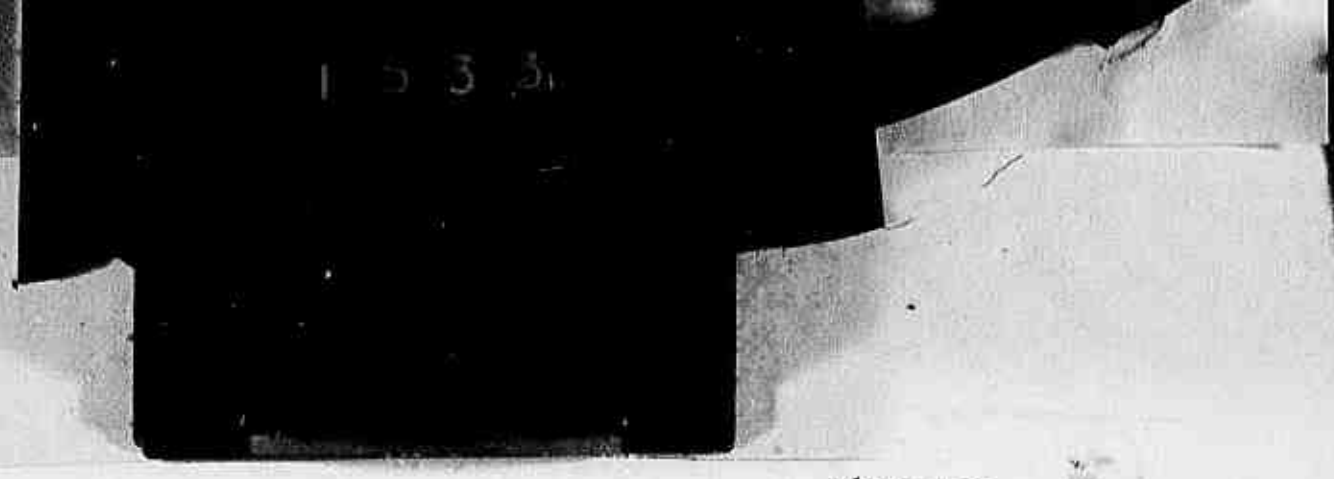

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O/NO421

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L. T. MONTANE, Jr.
1st Lt, AGD
Adjutant

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FNMM/rj

Ref. CC/P/350.

29th. May, 1944.

Many thanks for your DO/2 of 25th. May.

I am delighted to hear of your successful "get together" trip to Catania and Palermo. Well done.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC,
Director, Army Sub-Commission,
L E Q U I L E.

HQ ACG, AFO 501
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DSH 209
26 MAY 1944

DCC 091.711

26 May 1944

Subject: Italian Enlistment in French Foreign Legion

Dear General Infante:

Replying to your letter of May 26th, File No. 410.1/B/PM, it would be helpful if you could supply the Commission with more specific information as to the charge that French military authorities have solicited enlistment of Italian soldiers in the French Foreign Legion.

With specific reference to the second paragraph of your letter, can you advise us from what Italian unit the "150 Italian soldiers were taken into the French Foreign Legion"? Also can your authorities at Bari advise us where they are now quartered?

As I think you know, we are most anxious to cooperate but it is important that we be given specific information in order that such a practice, if true, can be stopped.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Italian Government

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND
Military Intelligence Service
Bonsignore Section

File No. 41080/B/PM P.M. 135 23 May 1944

Subject: Enlistment of Italian soldiers in the foreign legion effected through the efforts of the military belonging to the DeGaullist French Army.

To: ACC, Salerno

And, for information,

To:	Presidency of the Council of Ministers	Salerno
	Ministry of War	P.M. 107
	General Staff of the Royal Army	P.M. 151

For some time the military of the DeGaullist French Army have been actively engaged, besides among civilians, also among the military of the Royal Italian Army, inciting them to desert in order to enlist in the French Foreign Legion.

As a result of this propaganda about 150 Italian soldiers were taken into the French Foreign Legion, dressed in American clothing and sent toward Bari, on the 15th of this month.

This matter constitutes a grave menace to the composition and the discipline of the Italian Army and we are forwarding this information to the Allied Commission for the necessary urgent steps which may be taken, and so that soldiers of the Royal Italian Army who have enlisted thus far may be returned to their units.

The General of Division
Adolfo Infante

/s/ A. Infante

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SUBJECT:- Royal Military Academy

Army Sub Commission A,C,C,
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/15
27 May 44

H.E. General Orlando,
Minister of War

Copy to:- HQ A.C.C.
HQ A.A.I. (for DCAO)

Your Excellency,

1. The authority granted for the Royal Military Academy, letter this HQ G/15/2 dated 4 Apr, specifically set out that a maximum of 40 officers and 430 troops (including 180 soldiers and 250 cadets) would be allowed.

2. The strength return of 25 May 1944 shows 41 officers and 466 other people employed in the Royal Military Academy.

3. Inasmuch as the authority granted has not been complied with, I am to inform you that you shall forthwith:

(a) Reduce the strength of the Royal Military Academy to that which has been authorised, and inform me that this has been accomplished.

(b) Explain why direct instructions issued by this HQ have been violated, who is responsible, and what definite action has been taken by you to insure that there will be no disregard of instructions in the future.

ABC

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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P E R S O N A L

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
DO/2

25 May 1944.

28 May 1535
DFE(Jan)

My Dear General

I flew to CATANIA on 23 May and stayed with HEYDEMAN that night, returning to LECCE via PALERMO on 24 May.

I had a long discussion with HEYDEMAN and I think we have fixed everything up satisfactorily. You will be glad to hear that he was extremely pleasant and co-operative. So all is now well there, I think.

I also paid a most amiable visit to the American Commander (STUBBLEBINE) of I.B.S. at PALERMO and discussed the whole situation in SICILY with my American L.O. there, L. Col. ALBERT.

So I am another step forward in making this theatre into a working proposition as far as M.M.I.A. is concerned!

Yours Very Sincerely

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Lt. Gen. Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
Chief Commissioner,
A.C.C.

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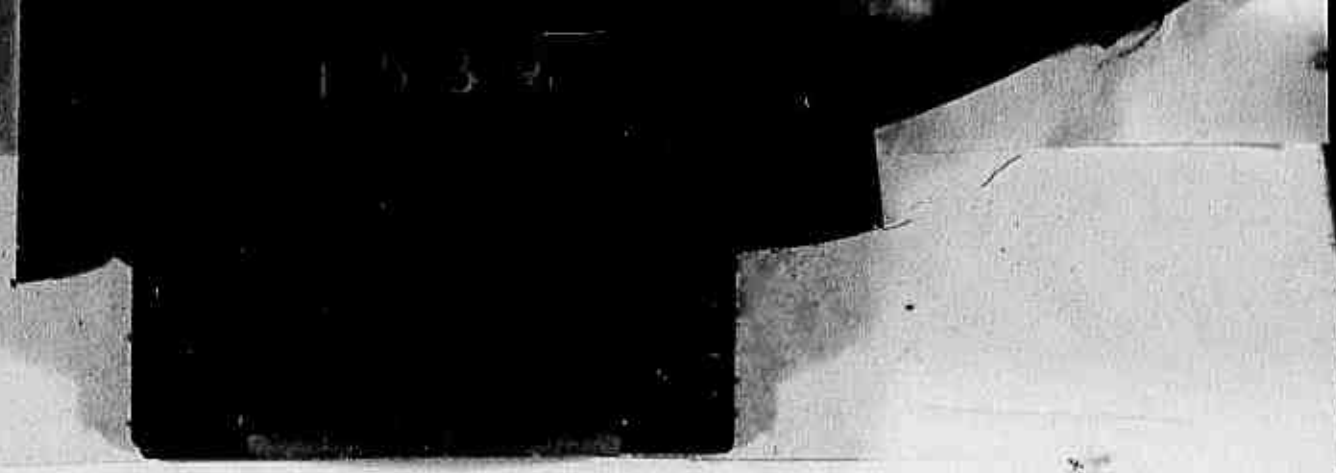

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Cutella. Two R. .F. fighter squadrons, three I.A.F. P-39 squadrons, 352 (Partisan) squadron. All under an R.A.F. Wing, to be formed.

Trigno. Two R.A.F. fighter squadrons, two I.A.F. fighter squadrons (1½ Macchi + ½ 202's so long as this type is available, afterwards the second squadron to be completed with Macchis). All under a R.A.F. Wing, to be formed.

Ginno. Available for use as an Italian S.E.U.

7. Landlines. Brigadier Patton noted that speech and teleprinter would be required between the three operational aerodromes, H.Q. 'G' Force, D.A.F. and 242 Group.

8. A/c communications. Deputy Air C. in C. confirmed that there should be no re-equipment of Baltimores or Macchis with V.H.F. and that Macchis should not be fitted with I.F.F.

9. P-39 training, maintenance and supply.

(a) Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet undertook to examine the suitability of GAIDO as a training aerodrome for both P-39 and Baltimore crews. D.D. Ops undertook to arrange for experienced Macchi pilots to be familiarised with the P-39 after which it was considered that these pilots would be able to undertake the training of the remainder required for three squadrons.

(b) C.M.S.O. Force Sensitive was instructed to arrange for up to sixty I.A.F. maintenance personnel (selected by Air Force HQ) to receive instruction on Allison engines at 113 M.U.

(c) It was noted that airframe maintenance instruction could not be provided by R.A.F. A.O.A. would therefore request AAF/MTO for the temporary loan of a small instructional party which should be sent to the aerodrome selected for squadron training (see 9 (a)).

(d) Supply of aircraft. Deputy Air C. in C. said that since there was no storage capacity available for P-39s in Italy, A.O.A. should request AAF/MTO to allocate and hold for the I.A.F. P-39s up to a total of 120, the aircraft to be ferried from North Africa to Italy as and when indicated by Air Force HQ.

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10. Baltimore training, maintenance and supply.

(a) It was agreed to develop I.A.F. Baltimore maintenance in the same way as the P-39 organisation outlined above; Italian maintenance personnel would be sent to 252 R.S.U. for training as arranged between Air Force HQ and C.M.S.O. representative. 1019

(b) Air training. It was decided that one squadron should be converted at a time, and that A.O.A. should inform M.S. that 12 Baltimores (Mk. IV or V) should initially be sent to CAIRO together with a small I.A.F. instructional party. A.O.A. also undertook to inform Middle East that three or four I.A.F. pilots (who were to be selected by Air Force HQ) were to be given a short course of instruction to enable them to train other Baltimore pilots. Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet said he would arrange for these pilots to be flown to and from Middle East in an Italian transport aircraft.

/(c) Supply.

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(c) Supply. It was agreed that aircraft for the three squadrons' U.E. and replacements should be carried as necessary from stock in M.E. . A block allocation of aircraft is not required.

11. D.D.Ops undertook to examine the possibility of carrying two 500 lb bombs on the B-24.

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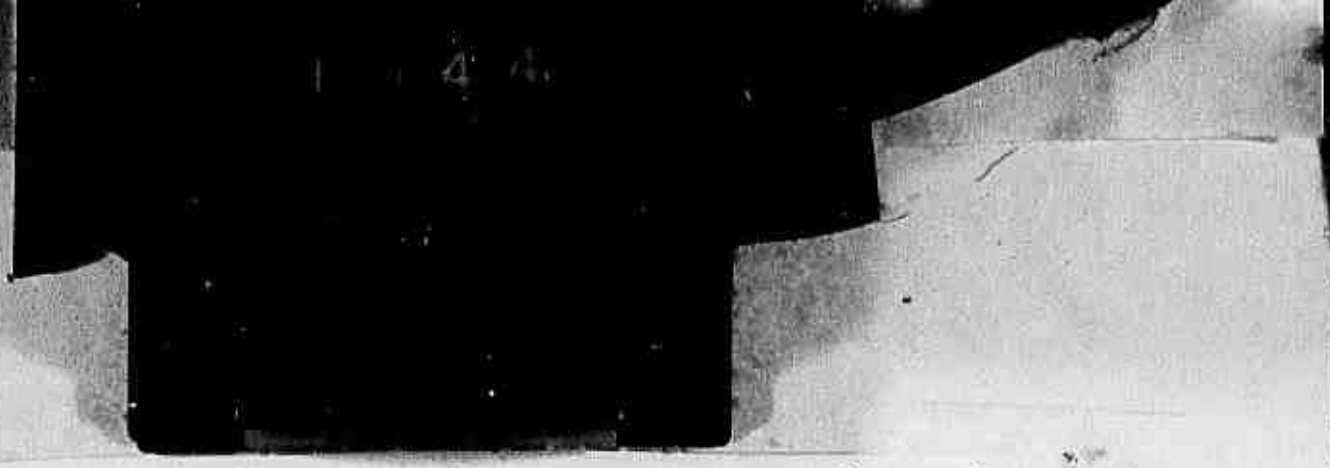

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MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref. CC/G/245.

26th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

To: M.G.A.G. AGO 5 Army.
M.G.A.G. AGO 8 Army.
Regional Commissioner, Region III
Regional Commissioner, Region IV
Regional Commissioner, Region V
Italian Refugee Branch, A.C.C.
Executive Commissioner.
Army Sub-Commission.

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1. I enclose a Directive on the subject of the disposal of Italian military personnel encountered during our advance Northward.

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4. As regards (c). It will obviously take time to get the Italian machinery into action but it is very necessary to do so or we must obviously avoid a situation in which Italian internal security divisions containing men of older age groups are stationed in areas in which younger men of military age remain civilians and earn bigger money than the soldiers.

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HAROLD RUPERT MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Copy to:
Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

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DIRECTIVE:

DISPOSAL OF ITALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL

SURRENDERING DURING THE ADVANCE NORTHWARDS

1. These fall into the following categories:-

(a) Blackshirt or Army personnel in uniform taken prisoner.

(b) Army personnel who present themselves as having been in hiding or even operating against the enemy and who wish to rejoin the Italian Army.

(c) Men of military age who are liable to service in the Italian Army but who do not voluntarily come forward.

2. As regards (a). These will be taken prisoner and dealt with as prisoners of war in the ordinary way unless it is agreed with the Italian Government that they should receive more severe treatment.

3. As regards (b). personnel in this category will be evacuated along normal refugee channels to the camps at Aversa or Foggia.

Representatives of the Italian Army will be located at Averna and Foggia and attached to the staffs of these camps.

They will assist in "screening" this category of personnel and will arrange for those liable to service in the Italian Army to be forwarded to the appropriate Italian Army Depots.

4. As regards (c). These will be dealt with in due course by the normal Italian Army administrative organisation. Deserters or absentees will be apprehended and dealt with by Italian Military Courts. Young men who have not yet been called up but who are liable for military service will be called up for service by classes in the normal way.

A certain amount of time lag will be inevitable before the Italian military authorities are able to establish their administrative machinery in the areas liberated.

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NEIL MAGON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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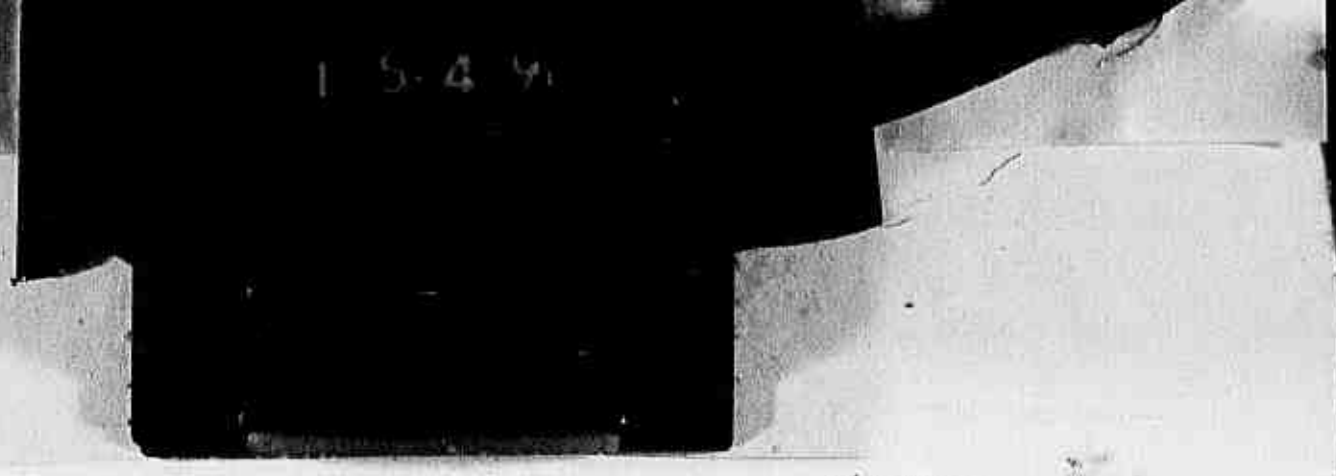

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FOLLOWS PARAPHRASE OF MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO AMERICAN RESIDENT MINISTER IN ALGIERS. "FIRST ITALIAN CORPS OF LIBERATION HAS BEEN FORMED SO STATES A REUTERS DISPATCH IN THE MOSCOW PRESS AND FURTHER STATES A DETACHMENT WHICH HAS FOUGHT WITH THE ALLIES SINCE DECEMBER 8 AND RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE FROM GENERAL CLARK IS ITS NUCLEUS. AT PRESENT IT IS SAID THIS GROUP NUMBERS SEVERAL BATTALIONS OF THE ITALIAN REGULAR ARMY. YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THE REPORT HERE." PARA. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU CONFIRM OR DENY THE VERITY OF THE DISPATCH AND INDICATE THE LINES ALONG WHICH THE REPLY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE WORDED HAVING REGARD TO THE FACT THAT WE NEITHER WISH TO EMBARRASS FURTHER THE BADOGLIO GOVERNMENT OR AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME BY OUR FAILURE TO MAKE FULL USE OF ITALIAN TROOPS

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THE MINISTER OF WAR

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P.M. 107, 26 May 1944

Excellency,

In reply to a request of the Presidency of the Council, of yesterday's date, I have indicated the troops which I believe necessary be assigned to the ROME garrison, specifying mainly the Division "Sardinia Grenadiers" which at present is stationed in SARDINIA.

Thus the possibility is offered to solve the problem of the entry into Rome - with Allied troops - of one of our units worthy by tradition and military accomplishment, endeavouring to obtain from the Allied Command that one of the Battalions of the Grenadier Division be immediately transported directly from Sardinia to Anzio to join up with the troops in the field.

The Battalion - war experienced and perfectly trained - would bring honor to our Army.

In this fashion also the problem of our entry into Rome would be solved, discussed so passionately at the meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday May 23rd.

H.E. Marshal MESSE has been informed by me in regard to this matter.

Personal intercession of Y.E. could hasten a favourable solution by the Allies.

Respectfully yours

(Sgd) ORLANDO

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To H.E. The Marshal of Italy
Pietro BADOGLIO
President of the Council of Ministers
SALERNO

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ACC MAIN (GEN MACFARLANE C COMM) 25th. May, 1944.

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PRIORITY GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q. REPEATED HEADQUARTERS A.A.I.

DURING MY TALK WITH BADOGLIO YESTERDAY HE BROUGHT UP THE FOLLOWING POINTS PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR G5 CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI PERSONAL FOR GENERALS WILSON AND ALEXANDER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN ONE PD HE SAID THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE FEELING IN THE COUNTRY AT THE FACT THAT THE ITALIAN TROOPS NOW IN THE LINE WERE NOT BEING USED IN THE OFFENSIVE AND WERE NEVER MENTIONED IN THE ALLIED COMMUNIQUES PD THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT HIS LAST CABINET MEETING AND A COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO GENERAL ALEXANDER PD BADOGLIO FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE DIFFICULTY OF INCLUDING THE ITALIAN CONTINGENT IN THE PRESENT OFFENSIVE BUT HOPED THAT WHEN THE ADVANCE BECAME GENERAL THEY WOULD BE GIVEN THEIR OPPORTUNITY AND THAT THEY WOULD BE MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUES PD TWO PD BADOGLIO TOLD ME THAT HE HAD HAD MANY REPORTS OF VERY BAD BEHAVIOUR BY MOROCCAN TROOPS TOWARDS THE CIVILIAN POPULATION DURING THE RECENT ADVANCE OF THE FRENCH CORPS PD THERE HAD BEEN NUMEROUS CASES OF RAPE AND HE BEGGED ME TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE MOROCCAN TROOPS RESTRAINED PD LETTER FOLLOWS ON THIS SUBJECT PD THREE PD BADOGLIO AGAIN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS COULD DO SOMETHING TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF ITALY VIS A VIS THE ALLIES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT AND NOT LATER THAN OUR ARRIVAL IN ROME PD HE REPEATED ALL HIS USUAL ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF HIS PLEA

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

25 MAY 44, 1125 hrs
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TO: TO ROMAN FOR CCS AND TO CAIRO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF REPEAT TO CAIRO, MURPHY AND ACC WASH, FAIRBANK. ONLY LONDON FOR INFO

FROM: MURPHY FROM GENERAL WILSON

REFERENCE No: F 5072

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: MAY 24/2051

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

CLASSIFICATION: U 24/25

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

PARA ONE. YOUR FAN 358. THIS IS #709. AIR CHC MEDITERRANEAN CONSIDERS THAT THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE CAN MAKE A WORTH WHILE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY IF IT IS EQUIPPED AND ORGANIZED AS BELOW. PARA TWO. IT MUST BE CAPABLE TO FOLLOWING SQUADRONS:-(A) FIGHTERS AND ALLIED TYPES. THREE SQUADRONS, ON ITALIAN TYPES-THREE SQUADRONS. (B) LIGHT BOMBERS ON ALLIED TYPES-TWO SQUADRONS ALL THE ABOVE ON BRITISH WAR ESTABLISHMENTS OF 16 UE AIRCRAFT. PARA THREE. AND IN ADDITION THE TRANSPORT AND RECONNAISSANCE UNITS CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON ITALIAN TYPES FOR SOME TIME BUT CANNOT BE MAINTAINED LONGER THAN THEIR PRESENT EQUIPMENT WILL LAST. PARA FOUR. AIR CHC PROPOSES TO RE-EQUIP THE FIGHTER SQUADRONS SELECTED FOR ALLIED TYPES AS DETAILED IN PARA TWO ABOVE WITH P-39'S AND BOSTONS RESPECTIVELY. THESE ARE BOTH TYPES WHICH ARE IN COURSE OF BEING SUPPLIED IN U.S. AND BRITISH SQUADRONS IN THE THEATRE AND THE NECESSARY STOCKS AND SPARE PARTS TO MAINTAIN THE SQUADRONS ON THESE TYPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE THEATRE. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY AIRFIELDS FOR TRAINING, CONVERSION AND MAINTENANCE ARE COMPLETE. PARA FIVE. ALL ITALIAN AIR FORCE UNITS WILL OPERATE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE APPROPRIATE FORMATION HEADQUARTERS OF MAAF. THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING THE AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION OF THE ACC WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ADMINISTRATION, ORGANIZATION, TRAINING, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ALLIED TYPES. PARA SIX. IT WILL BE MADE CLEAR THAT THIS DECISION IS WHOLLY WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY FUTURE DECISION ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE IAF AFTER THE END OF THE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

CMS/CF/jjr

26 May 1945
DFE

G-5: 091.711-1(Italy) 24 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Italian Medal for Campaign in Greece

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.
(Attention: Chief Commissioner)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum on the above subject, CC/G/285 of 13 May, with its inclosure.

2. As pointed out in the concluding paragraph of your note to the Political Section, the matter was submitted to you "for such action as appears appropriate effectively to remove this source of resentment" - an expression intended to permit latitude of treatment. However, the proces-verbal of the 10th Session of the Advisory Council shows that Marshal Badoglio's undertaking to forbid the wearing of the medal for the Greek campaign was reported to that body, and seemingly was not regarded as adequate. The "withdrawal" of the medal, as that expression was used in our letter MGS: 091.711-1 of 2 May, did not contemplate the actual recovery and destruction of medals already issued, but rather a governmental act, recorded presumably in the Gazzetta Ufficiale, striking this from the official list of medals. The basis for such action would be the offensive and provocative nature of the inscription, which presumably does not at all express the present sentiments of the Italian Government. It is suggested that you consider pressing for such a solution, which is regarded here as reasonable and appropriate.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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SUBJECT:- Animals, SARDINIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/24
21 May 44

HQ ACC, APO 394
Secy Gen.
Rec'd 24 May 1945
By DFE

MEMORANDUM

To:- Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

Ref your CC/G/290 dated 13 May 44 -

1. (a) When the original demands for Italian animals in SARDINIA were made, the S.M.R.E. and Ministry of War were unhappy for the reasons you state.

(b) I then had a new census of animals made and, after consultation with the Italian authorities, put forward to A.A.I. new proposals.

(c) These were accepted. The Italisns actually retain now some 1,200 animals instead of the 800 put forward as the minimum as per para 2. So I think everyone is satisfied now.

2. As regards M.T. we are doing all we can and have represented the matter to A.A.I. It is largely a matter of tyres. Ministry of War know we realise the situation and are doing our best.

HEADQUARTERS
24 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

ABC

L Browning
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Ref. CC/G/325.

23rd. May. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Marshal of Italy, Giovanni Messe,
Chief of the General Staff,
Supreme Command.

folio 198

SUBJECT: Arditi Aeronautical Battalion 'Duca d'Aosta".

1. Reference your File No. 12980 of 11th. May.

2. As explained to you when I had the pleasure of meeting you the other day I regret that it is impossible to sanction the inclusion of the Arditi Air Force Battalion in the Italian Army for combat purposes.

3. I fully understand that the Battalion was not created by your orders and neither my Army Sub-Commission nor I myself were consulted before its formation. These facts undoubtedly led to the unauthorised formation of this unit which for the reasons which I explained to you cannot unfortunately be utilised as desired.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner.

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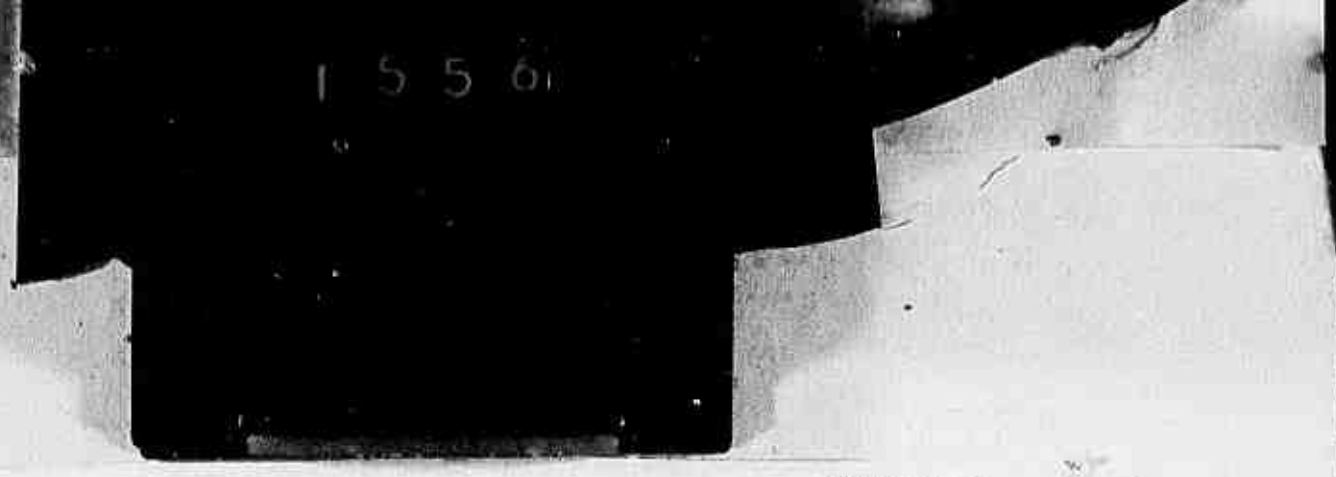

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By DFE SECRET

Subject:- Volunteer Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
DO/2
7 May 44

My Dear General

You told me that there might be a political cry for a volunteer Italian Army and that I was to think about it. Your political officer British(CASHER ?)also pumped me as to my views !

So I have put some of these quite shortly on paper as per attached.

Yours very Sincerely

Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, KCB. DSO. MC
Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

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Subject:- Volunteer Italian Army

S E C R E T

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
DO/2
9 May 44

MEMORANDUM

1. TWO ASPECTS

There are two aspects of this question:-

(a) whether a voluntary army can or should be formed now

(b) whether it can or should be formed later

2. AS REGARDS 1 (a)

(a) The fundamental principle is that nothing must be done now which would hinder the Allied War Effort.

(b) We have a policy for use of the Italian Army, whereby the latter will be composed, within limits set by the Allies, of :-

(i) Combat troops
(ii) "Service" troops working for the Allies
(iii) Internal Security troops
(iv) Central organisation to run (i), (ii) and (iii) in accordance with Allied wishes.

(c) The "build up" of an Italian Army as in(b) is en route and will not be completed for some time. The energies and efforts of Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. are fully occupied in this "build up".

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3. AS REGARDS 1(b)

There are many factors to be considered before a decision can be reached, some of which are as follows:-

(a) a voluntary army is unknown and untried in ITALY. Unforeseeable repercussions and difficulties are bound to occur. The setting up of the new administrative and military machinery, and the detailed working out of the whole scheme, would take considerable time and discussion(in which the various political parties would have their say and disagree fundamentally)before the scheme could be launched.

(b) such an army would have to compete with the civilian market as regards terms of service, pay, pensions etc. Man for man it would thus be vastly more expensive than a conscript army.

(c) While doubtless many Regular personnel would elect to remain and form a framework on which to build, it is doubtful whether new recruits would be of the desired type, if indeed, after the experience of this war, sufficient numbers were forthcoming. These recruits, for instance, might be of the revolutionary or Fascist type, inspired to join up solely with the idea of seizing power for their party; or they might be merely the dregs of the populace who are too idle to work or who see for themselves no future in civilian competition.

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3. (Cont'd)

(c) In other Armies (eg. the British) there is the glamour of service overseas and remuneration such as ITALY could not afford, particularly as a defeated nation.

(d) With a smaller army organised presumably on a much wider territorial basis, tradition is bound to suffer, particularly if there was uneven volunteering by districts. Tradition would suffer less under the well known conscript system, even under conditions of a smaller Army imposed by the Allies.

(e) Finally, it is to be hoped that by the end of the European war the "new" Italian Army will have been organised into a stable and loyal force on which whatever Italian Government is in power can rest and depend. To throw this overboard and forsake the one stable element and power to enforce Government decisions, in the post war world (where "fluidity" in all other cases is inevitable) savours of abandoning the rock for the quicksand.

L. Browning

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
AFO 394

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Ref. CC/G/310.

20th. May. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

I attach for ready reference copies of Headquarters, A.A.I. letters 3110/A(O) of 17 March and 3074/A(O) of 20 March, 4 May and 11 May.

I have been asked by A.A.I. to bring to your notice that the exemption procedure as defined in these letters should be carried out by all concerned in all three services.

Cy Comms Palmer
SF
21 May

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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Subject: Italian Army - calling up of classes

SECRET

Chief Commissioner A Cc.

1. I saw Brig Gen. HAMBLEN about attached D-day

2 If you will instruct Army, Navy & Air Zone Sub-commissioners that in accordance with H.Q. A.A.I. letters 3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar & 3074/A(O) dated 20 Mar, 4 May & 11 May exemption procedure, to all 3 Services should be carried out as stated, that will meet the request of HAMBLEN in para 5 of his A.A.I/3074/A(O) dated 12 May.

3. I do not know if all 3 Sub-commissioners have got copies of the letters referred to in para 2. The distribution list makes me doubt this. Your Secretary general could check this & if not, I suggest that copies be typed by your H.Q. & attached to your instructing letter as in para 2. This would save time in getting copies from A.A.I & we want to get the exemption procedure functioning quickly.

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L. Brownrigg
Maj Gen.
Army Sub Commission etc.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
(Rear Adm Echelon)
APO 400

AAI/3074/A(O)

12 May 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 16 May 1415
By ...

SUBJECT: Deferment From Italian Armed Forces

TO: Allied Control Commission, APO 394, US Army.

1. It is reported that orders have been issued calling up the class of 1925 - including those who are not illegal absentees. If such is the case it will be necessary to request deferments for certain essential specialists as is now being done for illegal absentees.

2. It is further reported that the Italian Navy and Air Force are likewise calling up certain classes. Similar deferments to those now accorded to Army inductees are essential. The Navy is reported to be refusing to recognise the present procedure for deferments. It is essential that one exemption procedure shall be in use regardless of the service involved.

3. Steps have been taken to limit exemptions to individuals who in fact cannot be replaced without manifest injury to the Allied Forces.

4. Copy of this H. AAI/3074/A(O) of 11 May 44 is enclosed which deals with these various points and should be read in conjunction with this H. letters of even reference dated 17 Mar, 20 Mar and 4 May 44. It will be noted that all exemption pro-formas are forwarded to Col MERONI, Italian Liaison Officer, H. AAI.

5. It is requested that you inform the Italian Government of the requirements of the Allied Forces, and of the necessity of a single exemption procedure.

A L [illegible],
Brigadier General, USA,
DCAC.

HEADQUARTERS
16 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army - Calling-up of Classes — HQ ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY.

AAI/3074/A(O).

11 May 44

Ref this HQ 3110/1(O) dated 17 Mar and 3074/4(O) dated 20 Mar 44.

1. It has now been decided that the calling-up of the 1920/24 classes for military service by the Italian Military Authorities will apply to all eligible personnel, and not be restricted to illegal absentees. The calling-up will also apply to the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force.
The above-mentioned letters will be amended accordingly.

2. As a result of the above decision exemption may be applied for by employers of the Allied Forces, in accordance with the procedure previously outlined.

3. It is stressed, however, that exemption will only be granted in respect of skilled personnel whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary, and provided such employment is within WE or has been specially authorised. (This HQ AAI/3074/A(O) dated 4 May 44 refers).

4. Application for exemption may also be made on similar grounds in respect of personnel employed by civilian firms doing work of operational importance for the Allied Forces.

5. In the case of Navy and Air Force personnel applications for exemption should be marked accordingly in the top right-hand corner of the form, and otherwise dealt with in accordance with existing procedure.

6. All exemptions granted under this scheme will now be valid only for a period of 3 months from date of exemption, and application for subsequent deferments will be made in the same manner except that the form will be marked "Application for Renewal of Exemption" and quote previous authorisation.

7. Personnel who are granted exemption and are subsequently released or discharged from their employment will be reported to the exempting authorities who will cancel exemption. Reports will be made to HQ NETTUNO, Italian Liaison Officer, HQ ---.

8. Exempting authorities will forward to [illegible] Branch, HQ AAI a monthly report showing the numbers exempted and the trades in which they are employed.

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7. Personnel who are granted exemption and are subsequently released or discharged from their employment will be returned to the exempting authorities who will grant exemption and inform the NETROM, Italian Liaison Officer, HQ, AAI.

8. Exemption certificates will forward to A.I. Branch, HQ, AAI a monthly report showing the numbers exempted and trades in which they are employed.

Yours sincerely,

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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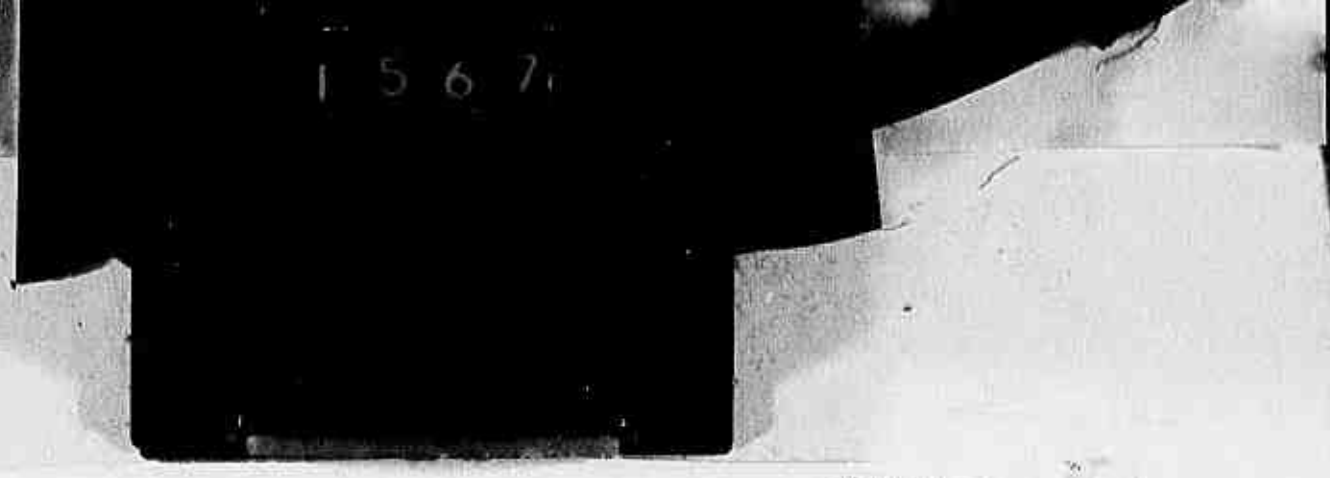

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ACC MAIN (GEN MACFARLANE C COMM) 20th. May, 1944.

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PRIORITY GEN MACFARLANE

BARI

YOUR LETTER DO SLANT WABB SLANT TWO THREE OF ONE SIX MAY PD PAREN TO AIR FORCE: SUBCOMMISSION PERSONAL FOR AVM BOWEN DASH BUSCARLET FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN I DO NOT ANTICIPATE MUCH DIFFICULTY IN GETTING BADOGLIO TO DISMISS SANDALI AND APPOINT PIACENTINI PD HE HAS ALREADY HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH SOME OF HIS CABINET OVER RETAINING HIM IN OFFICE PD IF YOU CAN GIVE ME AN OK FROM AM LINNEL I WILL APPROACH BADOGLIO AT ONCE

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General, U.S.A.
Chief Commissioner.

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AIR F[illegible]CES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED CON[illegible]OL COMMISSION,
BARI.

DO/WABB/23.

TOP SECRET.

16th May 1944.

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M 210 of 20 May 44

My dear General,

I was very sorry not to have been able to take advantage of your visit to Bari yesterday to have a talk to you, but I had just returned from Naples and was in process of investigating the circumstances under which we lost the Cant 1007's on Sunday last. In the late evening I had come to some conclusions, and in consequence of these and of the steadily declining serviceability of the Italian fighters, I had an interview with Sandalli. What he had to say to me was such a complete reversal of his, and the Regia Aeronautica's previous attitude, that I feel that there must be no delay in dealing with the situation in the most drastic manner possible.

2. The disaster to the Cant's was due to a variety of causes, the main being :-

(i) Lack of up-to-date intelligence as regards the movements of enemy fighters in the Balkans. We have continually been told that we have no need to fear more than two or three fighters over there. Reconnaissance, which we carried out yesterday ourselves, showed a quite different state of affairs.

(ii) Carelessness on the part of the Cant crews. Immunity from attack over a long period had made them over-confident and there is no doubt that they were straggling.

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5. There was a good deal more talk on much the same lines, and I finally left it that the question of the Brindisi repaired engines, and of the serviceability of D-B engines in general should be investigated

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by our respective technical officers, who would make their report in due course. He also made the rather singular request that all matters, however trivial, about which my staff wished to give instructions to his staff, should be passed through him. I expressed my doubts as to whether a man in his position and with his responsibilities could afford the time to deal with matters of detail, but he assured me that he could do this.

6. Throughout the whole interview he gave me the impression of being even more "shifty" than usual. He seemed to be very nervous, and while he had his answers pat, I have no doubt at all that he was dissimulating. His statement about the lack of confidence of the pilots and the unreliability of the engines was all the more remarkable, because less than a week ago I had discussed the whole question with General Piacentini and he agreed with me that if we stopped work on fighters which were so far gone as to be uneconomical to repair, and that if we rolled up the two squadrons of Mc.205's into one, with a good reserve and the two squadrons of Mc.202's in a similar way, we should be able to keep 12 good fighters of each type in serviceable condition. Piacentini was then full of fight, and had no doubts about the confidence and morale of the fighter pilots.

7. I find it difficult to understand this sudden volte face. It may be that Sandalli realises that he is nearly finished, and for reasons of his own has stepped up the go slow policy which I have, for a long time, felt is very much in being in the Ministero. On the other hand the present political and military situation must be affecting the pilots and maintenance crews to some extent. Unfortunately I am now barred from discussing the matter openly with General Piacentini, as you will no doubt realise.

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10. I must apologise for the length of this letter, but I feel that the whole future of the Regia Aeronautica is at stake. I could have produced more evidence on the go slow policy, but I think it would be out of place here. I am sending a copy of this letter to Air Marshal Sir John Linnell, as I think you will agree that, particularly at the present moment, he must be kept in touch with all developments. I might add, for interest, that the morale of the surviving Cant 1007 crews, and the other Cant crews which did not take part in this operation, is excellent.

Yours sincerely,
W. A. Bourne-Bucceller.

Lt.General Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Naples.

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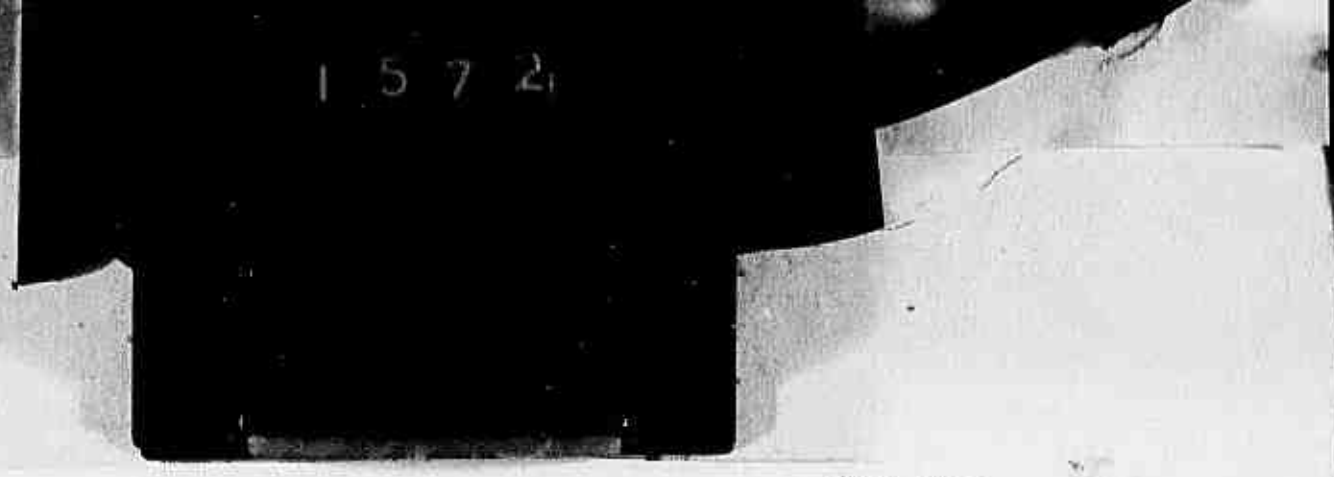

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Secretary General

Replacement of Carabinieri Uniforms 091.711

Chief Commissioner 18 May 4

Col. Shipp of the C.A. Branch telephoned to say that the Public Safety Sub-commission is concerned about the replacement of Carabinieri uniforms. The only replacements available are dyed British battle-dress, and Col. Shipp stated that although you had expressed your desire that the Carabinieri continue in their regular uniforms, the prospect of this appears slight, and that the use of dyed British battle-dress is apparently inevitable.

Your concurrence is requested.

? Have already approved? May 19 - 5

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

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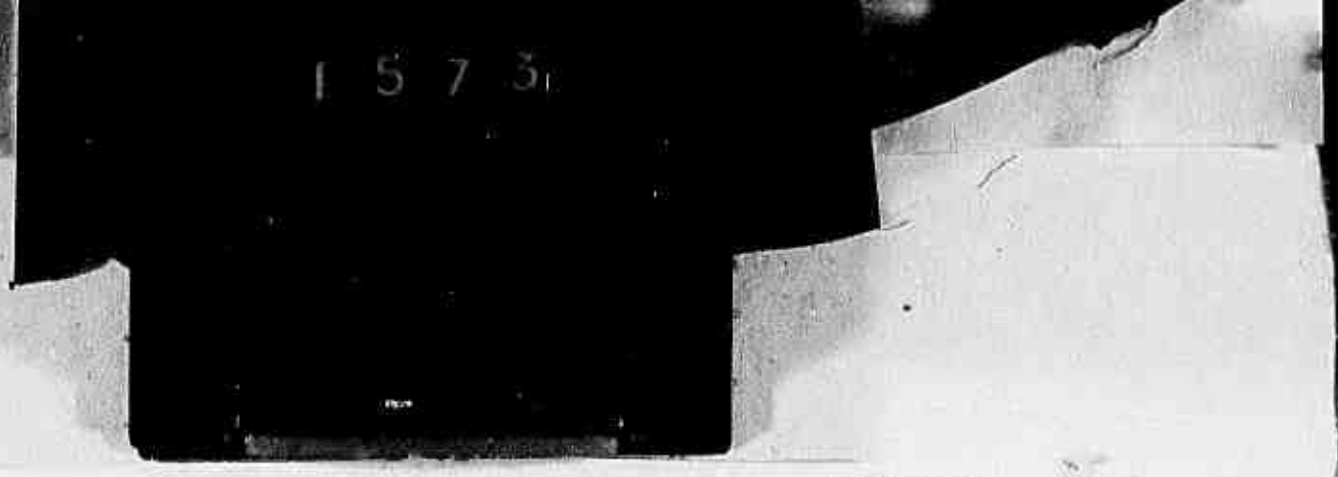

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By DRB

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TO ACC (NAIR)

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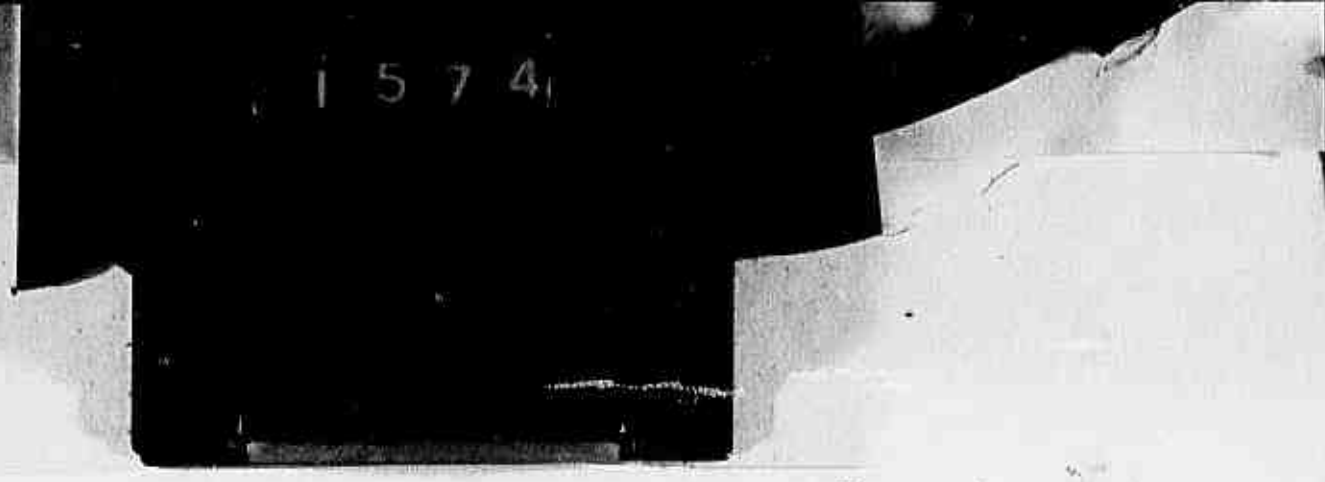

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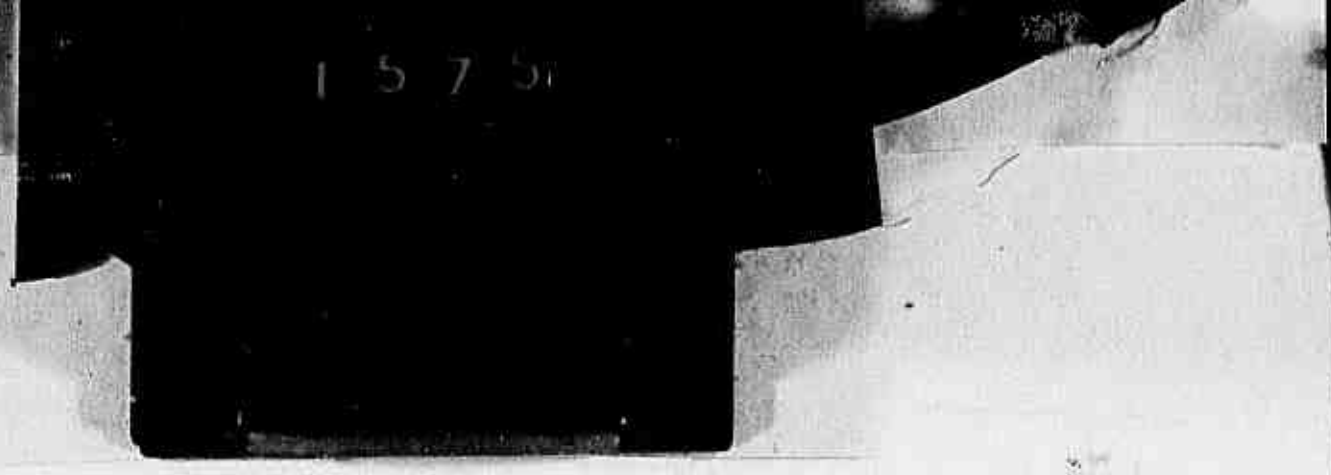

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15 May

Original of this letter with enclosures sent to Col. Offenbacher – MMIA, LO, PO Bldg. w/note for Don: "Please give me your recommendations as to handling of this. DO not think CC should be bothered w/it. Note second para."

JLD

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SUBJECT:- Italian War Establishments

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1701/53/G(SD2).

14 May 44.

The Allied Control Commission
(2 Copies)

15 May 1155

Copies of the following war establishments are attached:

An Italian Pack Transport Company	AI/1/1
An Italian Workshop Company	AI/3/1
Italian Increment for an Artisan Works Company	AI/5/1

The translation of these establishments, and of any future Italian War Establishments to be approved by this HQ, has been considered by the Army Sub Commission, who recommend that they be forwarded to your HQ. It was further suggested that liaison be made as necessary with HQ Armed Forces, CAMPANIA with regard to the technicalities of ranks, tradesmen, vehicles etc.

It is requested that translation of the attached war establishments, drawn up in the same manner as the British establishments be forwarded to this headquarters not later than 19 May.

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Copy to:- Allied Control Commission
(Army Sub Commission)

Allied Control Commission Liaison.

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To: Ital A.C.

SUBJECT:- DELUSION

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIRA)
IN MILE (PRUNE)
G/G/1
/5th May 44

HEADQUARTERS
18 MAY 1944

HQ ACC/CRO 391
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By

H.Q. A.A.I.

1. General
I feel that a firm policy should be agreed and issued as regards the whole question of DELUSION of Allied units with Italians.

2. Policy
The following are relevant:-

(a) Executive control of the Italian Army has been handed over to the Italians, subject to any orders that may be issued by A.C.C./A.A.I.

(b) (i) Discipline, pay, clothing, internal administration, distribution of supplies etc, are the responsibility of the Italian Army authorities, subject to general control as in (a) and to any clothing and supplies the Allied authorities are able to provide.
(ii) Italian soldiers wearing either as individuals or as units or formations are thus not legally subject to Allied military law.

(c) Italian prestige and authority must be upheld and ever increased as far as possible, in order that the Italian military forces may not think can break in order.

(d) It has been agreed as normally inadvisable that Allied companies be replaced by Italian in fighting units such as battalions. The insertion of one or two Italian platoons, for instance, in an Allied battalion would create difficulties of supply, control, discipline etc which would make such insertion not worth while.

(e) There are 5 categories under which Italian soldiers are employed by the Allies:-

CATEGORY "A"

Direct Dilution, in the accepted sense of the word e.g. 7 Mountain Regt, where Italian soldiers form an integral part of the unit, with one [illegible] for the unit.

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CATEGORY "B"

Complete units or formations under their own commanders, working under orders given direct to the Italian Commanding officer e.g. Artisti Corps, Combat Div, I.S. Div etc.

CATEGORY "C"

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Units where a complete Italian unit ~~is in~~ (it) has a supervisory Allied cadre. This Cadre has all Allied equipment on its charge, (which indeed is the main reason for its existence) and is the channel through which orders are transmitted to the Italian C.O. e.g. G.T. companies and labour bns.

CATEGORY "D"

Composite British/Italian units e.g. certain Artisan works units where H.Q. and two coys are British, while two coys (under their own Italian officers) are Italian "attached".

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CATEGORY "E"

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2. FACTORS (e) cont'd.

CATEGORY "E"

Odd numbers of Italians "co-opted" by an Allied unit and forming part of no definite Italian unit.

3. SMOOTHNESS IN WORKING

(a) Category "A" is, I gather, already causing trouble, which is likely to increase as the new Italian Government becomes more established and vocal.

(b) Categories "B" and "C" are working satisfactorily.

(c) Category "D" is an innovation but should work satisfactorily also.

(d) Category "E" must be unsatisfactory and was the subject of my letters G/6/1 dated 22, 27 and 28 April.

4. PLAN

I therefore recommend that:-

(a) Category "A" be changed to category "D"

(b) Category "E" be changed to categories "B", "C" or "D", as local circumstances dictate.

(c) An instruction be issued to all Allied units and formations, specifying the legal status of the Italian soldiers concerned, and the responsibility and powers of control of the Italians on the one hand and the Allies on the other.

We would then have a flexible scheme of DILUTION on a legal basis, with possibilities of friction removed.

5. Chief Commissioner A.C.C. has read and approved this letter.

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5. Chief Commissioner A.C.C. has read and approved this letter.

L Browning

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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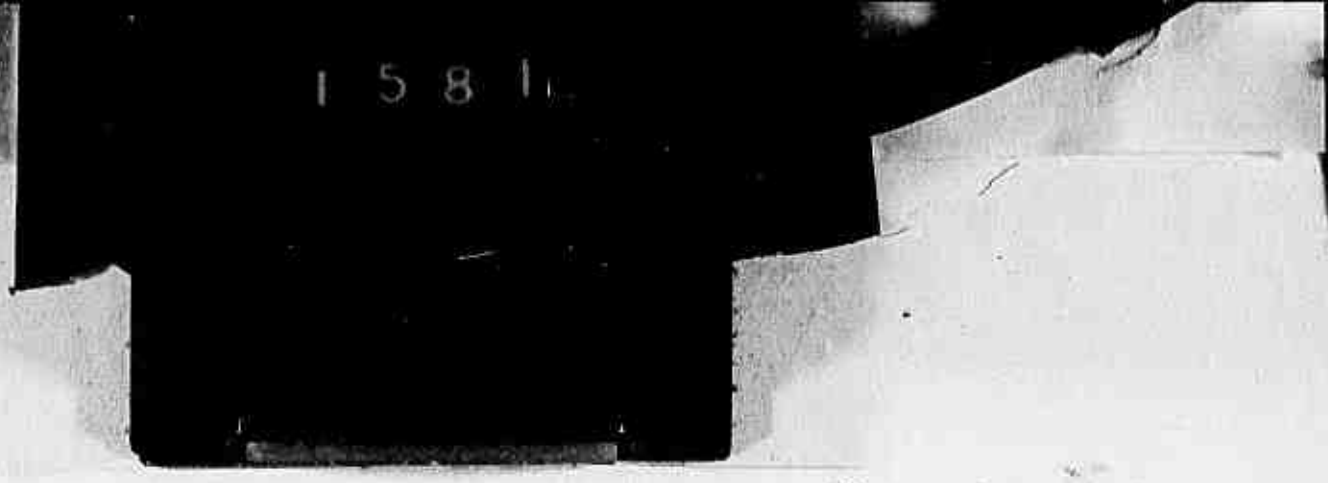

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YOUR 319.1 OF 19 JAN. SITREP PERIOD 7-13 MAY LIAISON DETACHMENTS UNDER LT COL ALBERT LEAVE FOR SICILY. STATE OF ITALIAN ARMY AS AT 25 APR WITH AMENDMENTS TO 5 MAY SENT AFHQ, HQ ACC, AAI AND OUTSTATIONS. LT COL CHRISTIE MILLER G3D AAI AND LT COL ROBERTSON-WALKER G3 ORG AFHQ VISIT MAIN HQ TO DISCUSS CIL PERSONNEL AND AMMUNITION ITALIAN ARMY NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR ITALIAN ARMY APPROVED THIS HQ. WILL BE ISSUED AS SOON AS PRINTED G O C LEAVES FOR CATANZARO. MMIA PRIORITY LIST OF UNITS REQUIRED SENT TO AFHQ, HQ ACC, AAI. LT COL TEMPERLEY AND FOGGIA VISITS MAIN HQ TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF 25000 ITALIAN SOLDIERS NEEDED AGRICULTURAL LABOUR FOGGIA PROVE PROVINCE. MAJOR YOUNG G3I AAI VISITS MAIN HQ. SECURITY IN ITALIAN ARMY DISCUSSED

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EWS/hjp

DCC 091.711

13 May 1944

My dear Admiral De Courten:

With reference to your memorandum of 10 May 1944, a formal request has been made by the Naval Sub-Commission, ACC, to the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC, for the release of 10 Quintali of leather for the manufacture of shoes for the Italian Navy. You will be kept advised as to the results obtained.

For your information, this procedure is in accordance with a recent directive dated 22 April 1944 governing the supply of controlled material, such as leather. Further requests for controlled material should therefore be forwarded to the Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Taranto, to receive prompt attention.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Admiral De Courten
Minister of Marine
Italian Government

cc: Navy Sub-Commission

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Ref. CC/G/290.

13th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major-General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC.
Director, Army Sub-Commission.

1. In the course of a discussion with Marshal Messe on Thursday last he stressed very strongly the difficult situation which was being created by our demanding so many animals from Sardinia. He contended that if all our demands were complied with it would leave the divisions in Sardinia and also the Mantova and Piceno divisions almost without transport. M.T. was not available to replace the animals. He quoted as an example the case of No. 116 Pack Artillery Group in Sardinia from which we were taking all their mules.

Messe hoped that we could keep our demands for animals down to an absolute minimum.

2. Messe also raised in general terms the question of the Italian Army's M.T.. He stressed the fact that the situation was rapidly deteriorating and that it was becoming increasingly urgent that the Italian Army should be given M.T. from Allied resources to replace vehicles which were rapidly going off the road.

3. On both the above questions I told him that General Berardi should get together with you and discuss them in detail.

4. Messe also brought up the question of the Italian Air Force Arditi Rn. and pressed very strongly that it should be made available to the Italian Army for combat.

I told him categorically that we could under no circumstances permit this.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner.

COPY TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

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Ref. CC/G/285.

13th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: Colonel C.M. Spofford, M.G.S.)

Reference your MGS 091.711-1 of 2nd. May.

I enclose a note to my Political Section which expresses my views. As you will see, I am taking counsel from Mr. Kirk and Sir Noel Charles on this point but I hope they will agree with me. I do not think we can envisage calling in many thousands of these medals and having them melted down which is, I suppose, the only ultimate method of putting them completely out of circulation.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Ref. CC/G/284. 13th. May. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Political Section,
Headquarters, A.C.C..

1. I think we have already spoken about attached.

2. You may like to mention this question to Kirk and Charles.

3. My own view is that for temporary psychological reasons we should defer bringing up this question again with the Italian Government until we have reached Rome. Should the question be raised again at an Advisory Council meeting I can inform the Council accordingly, and in point of fact I am against taking any further action in the matter even after we reach Rome.

3. You will note that it is left to me to "remove effectively this source of resentment". From the practical point of view I think that a veto on wearing this model is perfectly effective and as far as it is possible to go in practice.

Noel Mason Macfarlane

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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COPY TO: Allied Force Headquarters,
M.G.S. (Attention: Col. Spofford).

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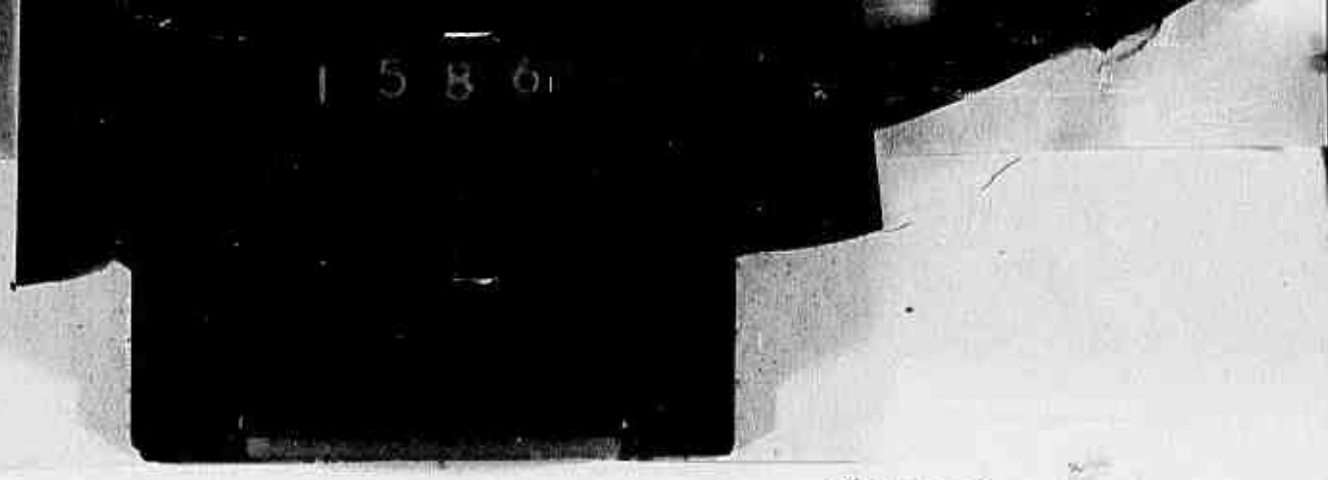

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section CMS/CF/jw

MGS: C91.711-1 2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Medal for Campaign in Greece.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
(Attention: Chief Commissioner)

1. By note of 27 April 1944 M. Bogomolov, as president in office of the Advisory Council for Italy, informed the Supreme Allied Commander of the recommendation by the Council at its session of 21 April that the Italian Government be caused to withdraw its medal for the campaign in Greece. With the note were inclosed an extract from the proces-verbal of the 10th session containing the Greek member's declaration on the above subject, as well as a pro-memoria which M. Politis supplied under date of 23 April. A copy of each of these documents is inclosed herewith.

2. It appears from the file of cablegrams, of which your Message 2641 of 18 April is the most recent, that the Allied objections to the Greek campaign medal have already been impressed upon the Italian Government, and that Marshal Badoglio has given assurance that the wearing of it will be stopped. It is believed, however, that because of the offensive and provocative nature of the inscription ("Spezzeremo le reni alla Grecia") the Italian Government should be called upon officially to withdraw the medal, as recommended by the Advisory Council. The Supreme Allied Commander accordingly directs that the matter be presented to you for such action as appears appropriate effectively to remove this source of resentment.

CHARLES W. GAFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Section.

Incls:
as above.

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VICE-REPRESENTANT PLENIPOTENTIARE
DE L'URSS
AU CONSEIL CONSULTATIF
POUR LES AFFAIRES ITALIENNES

Absolutely Secret

Alger, le 27 avril 1944

No. 1

Monsieur le General,

En ma qualite de President a tour de role du Conseil Consultatif pour les Affaires Italiennes j'ai l'honneur de vous communiquer que le Conseil Consultatif pour les Affaires Italiennes lors de sa seance tenue a Naples le 21 avril 1944 prit la decision d'adresser au Quartier General des Forces Alliees une recommandation de prendre les mesures pour l'anulement officiel par le Gouvernement du Marechal Badoglio de la medalle militare Italienne pour la campagne en Grece.

En meme temps j'ai l'honneur de vous faire parvenir un extrait du proces-verbal de la IC-eme seance du Conseil Consultatif et la pro-memoria laquelle M. Politis a bien voulu m'envoyer en executant la decision de la IO-eme seance du Conseil Consultatif.

Veuillez agreer, Monsieur le General, les assurances de ma haute consideration.

/s/ Bogomolov

Monsieur le General SIR MAITLAND

WILSON,

Commandant-en-Chef des Forces Alliees.

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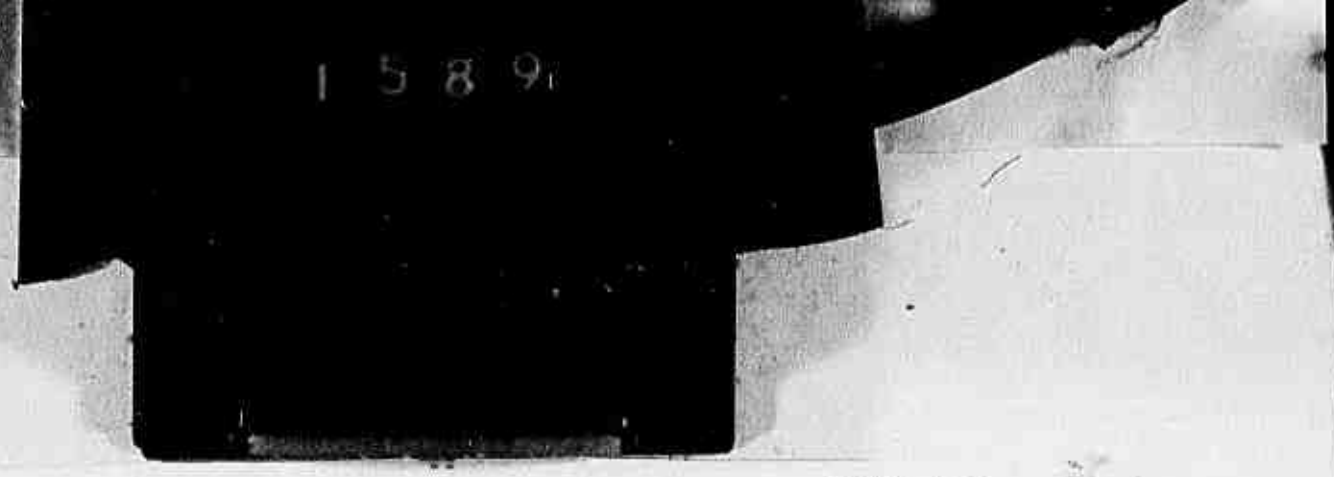
EXTRAIT DU PROCES-VERBAL DE LA IO-EME SEANCE DU CONSEIL CONSULTATIF POUR LES AFFAIRES ITALIENNES, TENUE A NAPLES LE 21 AVRIL 1944.

"Y". DECLARATION DE M. POLITIS CONCERNANTE LES MEDAILLES COMMEMORATIVES ITALIENNES POUR LA GUERRE CONTRE LA GRECE.

M. Politis rappelle sa declaration faite au cours de la 7eme seance de 18 fevrier 1944 au sujet du port par les militaires italiens de la medaille decernee pour la Campagne militaire en Grece. Il etait dit dans cette declaration, que"ces medailles ont un caracter provocateur a l'egard de la Grece et en la majorite porte une inscription - les paroles bien connues du dictateur italien: "nous allons casser les reins de la Grece". Le Representant de la Grece estime d'inconvenable le port de ces medailles apres la capitulation de l'Italie et demande le consentement du Conseil a une recommandation au Commandant-en-Chef de donner un ordre interdisant le port desdites medailles. Apres s'etre refere a sa declaration faite a la 7eme seance du Conseil M. Politis demande a M. le General MACFARLANE, si celui-ci peut informer de ce qui etait fait a ce but Le General MacFarlane. repond que le Marechal Badoglio a interdit le port de ces medailles, mais probablement un ordre officiel n'existe pas. M. Politis dit, que cela ne souffit pas, parceque cette medaille doit etre annulee et avance une proposition d'envoyer une recommandation du Conseil a ce sujet au Commandant-en-Chef.

M. Bogomolov propose d'envoyer cette recommandation au Commandant-en-Chef au nom du Conseil Consultatif pour les Affaires Italiennes sans attendre la prochaine seance et prier M. Politis de faire parvenir au Conseil le projet de cette recommandation. Cette proposition est adoptee."



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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY
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Pro-memoria
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La question des medailles commemoratives de l'agression italienne de 1940-41 contre la Grece, portant l'inscription "nous allons casser les reins de la Grece," a ete soulevee par M. Politis a la 7eme seance du Conseil Consultatif pour les Affaires italiennes du 18 Fevrier 1944.

Les proces-verbaux de cette seance mentionnent (par.5) que "M. Politis, after thanking the Chairman for the welcome accorded to him, said that he had been informed by reports of various Commanders of naval units and services of the Royal Navy that the highest indignation is caused amongst their crews and ratings by the fact that military and naval Italian personnel are still wearing medals commemorating the campaign against Greece. These medals represent scenes provocative to Greece and chiefly bear as inscription the well known phrase of the Italian Dictator: "We will crush the kidneys of Greece" (Spezzeremo le reni alla Grecia). The Greek Representation consider the circulation of such medals, after Italy's capitulation, as unacceptable and ask that the Council suggest to the Commander-in-Chief to issue orders for the abolishment of such medals. The British Member stated that in his recollection this question had already been raised but he was uncertain what progress had been made. After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should make the necessary inquities from the Commander-in-Chief and that a report should be furnished to the Council at a subsequent meeting."

Les proces-verbaux de la 8eme seance mentionnent (par. 5) que: "As regards the question of Italian decorations raised by M. Politis at the 7th Meeting, the Chairman was able to say that the Italian Supreme Command were studying the question of forbidding Italian Officers and other ranks to wear the Italian decoration commemorating the war against Greece. Mr. Reinhardt stated that he understood that the Supreme Command were making a recommendation to the Italian Government that such action be taken."

A la 10eme seance du Conseil du 21 Avril 1944, M. Politis a declare qu'il s'etonnait de voir qu'une question aussi simple et qui portait offense a un pays allie n'avait pas encore ete reglee et que, en tout cas, il ne pouvait se declarer satisfait de la reponse mentionnee dans les proces-verbaux de la 8eme seance, vu qu'il ne s'agissait nullement de faire etudier par les autorites italiennes les mesures pour interdire le port de ces medailles, mais de les abolir purement et simplement.

Le Conseil, sur la demande de M. Politis, a decide de s'adresser de nouveau au Commandant en Chef pour lui faire part de ce qui precede et le prier d'intervenir afin que l'abolition de ces medailles soit le plus vite decretee.

Naples, le 23 avril 1944

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I T A L I A N A R M Y I N I T A L Y

SARDINIA, SICILY and CORSICA

under command of
A L L I E D F O R M A T I O N S
as at 5 MAY 1944

ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (RIMA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/11/38
7 May 44

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F O R M A T I O N	Offrs	O. Rs.	Offrs	O. Rs.
EIGHTH ARMY				
C.I.L.	702	10622		
REMAINDER	368	8393	1070	19015
FIFTH ARMY			355	7544
P.B.S.			820	21912
3 DISTRICT				
57 AREA	190	4068		
94 SUB AREA	99	1997	289	6065
5 CORPS			185	3130
2 DISTRICT				
60 SUB AREA	117	2545		
151 SUB AREA	99	2586		
6 BASE SUB AREA	441	8506		
52 AREA	287	6057		
71 SUB AREA	312	7874	1256	27568
AFHQ			852	23184

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U N I T	LOCATION	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE (C.I.L.)					
HQ. QG. CORPS	COLLI A VOLTURNO	47	354	Operations	
68 Inf Regt HQ	SCAPOLI	25	181	"	
1 Bn	CASTEL S.VINCENO	43	719	"	
2 Bn	ROCCHETTA	43	721	"	
3 Bn	CASTEL S.VINCENO	25	355	"	
4 Regt Bersaglieri HQ	CASTELNUOVO	15	108	"	
29 Bn "	MARINARDE	28	598	"	
33 Bn "	CASTELNUOVO	31	637	"	
9 Assault Unit	SCAPOLI	24	245	"	
185 NEMBO Bn	ROCCHETTA	30	555	"	
ALPINI PIEMONTE Bn	M. MAGRONE	60	708	"	
BATTLE Bn R.E.	VALLEROTONDO	51	943	"	
11 Regt Arty HQ	SCAPOLI	33	301	"	
1 Gp 105/28	RIO CHIARO	24	343	"	
2 Gp 100/22	" "	24	362	"	
3 Gp 75/18	CASTELNUOVO	21	268	"	
4 Gp 75/18	COLLE PAPA	20	276	"	
4/58 Gp 75/13	VAIRANO	20	541	"	
365 Bty	SCAPOLI	5	89	"	
51 Bn Mista Genio	"	17	387	"	
250 Autogruppo Misto	S.MARIA A VICO	29	628	"	
250 Pack Tpt Coy	FONTELLI	22	445	"	
51 Medical Sec	COLLI A VOLTURNO	9	258	"	
244 Fd Hospital	ARIERI DI VENAFRO	7	59	"	
470 " "	COLLI A VOLTURNO	7	60	"	
866 " "	" " "	7	58	"	
34 Surgical Unit	" " "	4	16	"	
29 X-Ray Unit	" " "	1	5	"	
51 Sipply Unit	" " "	5	56	"	
35 Fd Bakery	AIROLA	2	86	"	
Bn Mixed Pfts	S.AGATA DEI GOTI	23	260	"	
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HQ EIGHTH ARMY TPS	PIEDIMONTE	4	8	Administration	
"F" Recce Sqn		11	150	Operations	
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1 Bn	VAIRANO CANTAN	33	729	" " "
2 Bn (ex 96 Bn)	TRANO - VAIRANO	24	576	" " "
+ 409 Inf Regt 1 Bn(6 Coys)	VAIRANO	28	1080	Port Labour
515 " " 3 Bn	"	32	625	Lab and Gds
582 " " 2 Bn	ASTRONI - VAIRANO	25	750	" " "
120 " " 1 Cou	CAMPOBASSO	6	150	" " "
541 Arty Regt 1 & 2 Gps	VAIRANO	33	738	" " "
501 Artieri Bn	FORNELLI	19	280	RE labour
28 Artieri Bn (1 Coy)	MIGNANO	5	118	" "
3 " Coy	VAIRANO	5	207	" "
210 Mista Genio Coy	PRESENZANO	6	193	
801 Posacavi Coy	PIETRAVAIRANO	3	98	Working for Sigs
One Pl 65 Telegrafisti Coy		1	72	" " "
1 Pack Tpt Gp HQ	S.VITTORE	2	6	Operations
+ 3 Pack Tpt Coy	VENAFRO	17	375	"
+ 4 " " "	"	10	327	"
+ 7 " " "	CASSINO	9	330	"
+ XIV Gp Sqd Guide	VENAFRO	18	375	"
Carried Forward.....		305	7234	

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E I G H T H A R M Y (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	305	7234		
+766 Pack Tpt Coy (Ex No 50)	VENAFRO	8	272	Operations	
92 Fd Hospital	VENAFRO	5	70		
325-332-486-521 Camp Hosps	ALTRAGOLA	27	216		
93 Medical Section	VENAFRO	9	150		
82 Red Cross Hosp	"	7	62		
52 Artieri Coy		4	200		(Arrived from
29 " "		3	189		(CORSICA 2 May
		368	8593		

F I F T H A R M Y

210 DIVISION HQ-QG-CORR	MONTENERO	28	140	Administration	
67 Inf Regt HQ	CASANOVA-CARPINOLA	14	200	Lab and Gds	
1 Bn	S.DONATO	21	394	" " "	
2 Bn	SPARANISE	30	454	" " "	
525 Inf Regt HQ	CARINO	9	45	" " "	
1 Bn	"	16	247	" " "	
2 Bn	"	16	278	" " "	
548 Inf Regt	ANZIO	10	22	" " "	
1 Bn.	"	22	553	" " "	
567 Arty Gp 2 Bn	"	16	503	" " "	
12 Artieri Coy	"	3	147	RE Labour	
23 " Bn	CARINO	18	785	" "	
210 " Coy	ANZIO	6	230	" "	
909 " "	"	6	122	" "	
6 Minatori Coy	"	6	221	" "	
103 Minatori Bn	CARINO	18	472	" "	
21 Pontieri Coy	ANZIO	7	324	" "	
101 " "	"	6	285	" "	
255 Pty 194/29 A.A.	CAPUA	4	125	Armoured Train -	Personnel employed with 28 Malaria Control Unit
870 Assault Engr Gp	BAIA	4	42		
1007 Drivers Coy	NOCELLETO	7	255		
2 Pack Tpt Gp HQ	TRIFLISCO	4	8	Operations	
1 Pack Tpt Coy	PRATURO	12	410	"	
2 " " "	SESSA AURUNCA	10	344	"	
5 " " "	MONTE ROSE	9	330	"	

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67 Inf Regt HQ	CASANOVA-CARINOLA	14	200	Lab and Gds
1 Bn	S.DONATO	21	394	" " "
2 Bn	SPARANISE	30	454	" " "
525 Inf Regt HQ	CARINO	9	45	" " "
1 Bn	"	16	247	" " "
2 Bn	"	16	278	" " "
548 Inf Regt	ANZIO	10	22	" " "
1 Bn.	"	22	353	" " "
567 Arty Gp 2 Bn	"	16	303	" " "
12 Artieri Coy	"	5	147	RE Labour
23 " Bn	CARINO	18	785	" "
210 " Coy	ANZIO	6	230	" "
909 " "	"	6	122	" "
6 Minatori Coy	"	6	221	" "
103 Minatori Bn	CARINO	18	472	" "
21 Pontieri Coy	ANZIO	7	324	" "
101 " "	"	6	285	" "
255 Bty 194/29 A.A.	CAPUA	4	125	Armoured Train - Personnel
870 Assault Engr Gp	BAIA	4	42	employed with
1007 Drivers Coy	NOCELLETO	7	255	28 Malaria
2 Pack Tpt Gp HQ	TRIFLISCO	4	8	Operations Control Unit
1 Pack Tpt Coy	PIEDIMONTE	12	410	"
2 " " "	SESSA AURUNCA	10	344	"
5 " " "	MONDRAGONE	9	330	"
10 " " "	TRIFLISCO	11	498	"
525-865 Fd Hospitals	CAPUA - SPARANISE	13	100	
83 & 91 Fd Hospitals	AFRAGOLA	14	110	
110 & 130 Vet Hospitals	NOCELLETO	10	190	
NIPINE School	CALVIELLO		38	
1 Fl 65 Telegrafisti Coy		1	72	Working for Sigs
		353	7544	

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

212 DIVISION HQ - QG - CCRR	NAPLES	24	128	Administration
113 Inf Regt HQ	AVERSA	12	163	Lab and Gds
1 Bn	S.NICOLA VARCO	33	548	" " "
2 Bn	NAPLES	23	550	" " "
3 Bn	AVERSA	29	550	" " "
4 Bn	PORTICI	23	770	" " "
Cannoni Coy	TEVEROLA	4	110	" " "
Carried Forward		148	2819	

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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			REMARKS
Brought Forward.....		148	2819				
505 Inf Regt HQ	SPARANISE	7	109	Lab	and	Gds	
1 Bn	ALBANELLA	21	710	"	"	"	
2 Bn	SPARANISE	20	549	"	"	"	
3 Bn	SECONDILICILIANO	23	550	"	"	"	
4 Bn	NAPLES	21	550	"	"	"	
512 Inf Regt HQ	"	10	110	"	"	"	
1 Bn	MARCIANISE	23	700	"	"	"	
2 Bn	AVERSA	22	590	"	"	"	
3 Bn	"	21	548	"	"	"	
545 Inf Regt HQ	"	7	25	"	"	"	
2 Bn	"	16	535	"	"	"	
532 Inf Regt							Arrived ex
1 Bn	ASTRONI	28	478	"	"	"	SARDINIA 12 Apr
2 Bn	"	29	760	"	"	"	" " " " 13 Apr
535 Inf Regt							
1 Bn	"	25	786	"	"	"	" " " " 20 Apr
2 Bn	"	25	786	"	"	"	" " " " 22 Apr
572 Inf Regt							
1 Bn	"	25	733	"	"	"	" " " " 15 Apr
2 Bn	"	27	781	"	"	"	" " " " 17 Apr
532 Inf Regt - 1 Bn	"	18	502	"	"	"	" " " " 23 Apr
590 Inf Regt							
1 Bn	"	22	591	"	"	"	" " " " 20 Apr
2 Bn	"	26	789	"	"	"	" " " " 23 Apr
545 Arty Regt HQ	AVERSA	12	50	"	"	"	
1 Group	"	12	280	"	"	"	
2 "	MARANO	15	288	"	"	"	
707-708-718-719 GI Ord Coys	CAMPI FLEGREI	19	651				
709-728-729 GI Ord Coys	" "	18	707				
9 Line Coy	AVERAGOLA	4	231				
Two Pls 65 Telegrafisti Coy		2	155	Working for Sigs			
810 Pl Radiocontrollo	S.MARIA LA FOSSA	1	31	"	"	"	
1 Artieri Coy	AVELLA	5	218	RE Labour			
2 " "	GRICIGNANO	4	229	"	"		
11 " "	SPARANISE	6	165	"	"		
212 Mista Genio Coy	CAIRA	3	87				
998-999 Spec Elec Engr Coys	QUAGLIANO	18	388				
1242 Heavy Wksps	NAPLES	1	26				

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1 Bn	ASTRONI	28	478	" " "	SARDINIA 12 Apr
2 Bn	"	29	760	" " "	" " " " 13 Apr
535 Inf Regt					
1 Bn	"	25	786	" " "	" " " " 20 Apr
2 Bn	"	25	786	" " "	" " " " 22 Apr
572 Inf Regt					
1 Bn	"	25	733	" " "	" " " " 15 Apr
2 Bn	"	27	781	" " "	" " " " 17 Apr
582 Inf Regt - 1 Bn	"	18	502	" " "	" " " " 23 Apr
590 Inf Regt					
1 Bn	"	22	591	" " "	" " " " 20 Apr
2 Bn	"	26	789	" " "	" " " " 23 Apr
545 Arty Regt HQ	AVERSA	12	50	" " "	
1 Group	"	12	280	" " "	
2 "	MARANO	15	288	" " "	
707-708-718-719 Gp Ord Coys	CAMPI FLEGREI	19	651		
709-728-729 Gp Ord Coys	" "	18	707		
9 Line Coy	AVERAGOLA	4	231		
Two Pls 65 Telegrafisti Coy		2	155	Working for Sigs	
810 Pl Radiocontrollo	S.MARTA LA FOSSA	1	31	" " "	
1 Artieri Coy	ACERRA	5	218	RE Labour	
2 " "	GRICIGNANO	4	229	" "	
11 " "	SPARANISE	6	165	" "	
212 Mista Genio Coy	BARRA	3	87		
998-999 Spec Elec Engr Coys	QUALIANO	18	388		
1242 Heavy Wksps	NAPLES	1	26		
1006 & 1010 Gp Truck Coys	BAGNOLI - AVERSA	9	242		
301 & 302 " " "	CAMPI FLEGRI	42	992		
1100-1101-1102-1103 Gp Petrol Coys	BAGNOLI	20	482		
BONORVA & SASSARI Fd Bkys	ASTRONI	4	208		
17 Field Bakery	?	6	55		
210-211-212 Vet Hospitals	CALVI PERSANO	10	168		
Remount Station Bn	PERSANO	26	326		
Rfts			787		
24 Rly Coy		3	87	Arrived ex CORSICA 2 May	
2 Troop 67 AA Bty		2	196	" " " " "	
One det Arty Labour		1	96	" " " " "	
225 Mista Genio Coy		4	129	1 " " " "	
17 Mobile Sigs Wksps		1	24		
19 & 52 Field Bakeries	FRATTA BAGNOLI	8	343		
		820	21912		

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57 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
227 DIVISION HQ-QG-CCRR	BARONISSI	29	129	Administration	
513 Inf Regt HQ	ACERRA	10	35	Lab and Gds	
1 Bn	TORRE ANNUNZIATO	16	188	" " "	
2 Bn	ACERRA	6	270	" " "	
516 Arty Regt HQ	TORRE DEL GRECO	8	147	" " "	
1 Gp	S. PIETRO A PAT	12	205	" " "	
2 Gp	BENEVENTO	13	197	" " "	
55-77-162 Artieri Coys	ASTRONI	17	614	RE Labour	
25 Artieri Coy	AFRAG[illegible]	8	165	" "	
152 " "	S. GEORGIO	6	205	" "	
901 & 902 Lav Artieri Coys	POZZUOLI	12	445	" "	
+ 501 Smoke Coy	NAPLES	5	224	-Trg with 849 Br Smoke Coy	
+ 130 Forestry Coy	"	2	125		
130 Sigs Wksps	NOLA	1	24	-Arrived ex SARDINIA 29 Apr	
231 Fd Hospital	AFRAGOLA	6	51		
9 IDRICI Water Coy	CANCELLO	5	172	" ex CORSICA 2 May	
1 Forestry Coy		2	62	" " " " "	
135 " "	CANCELLO	2	70	" " " " "	
119 Inf Regt 2 Bn (MANTOVA Div)	TORRE ANNUNZIATO	30	740	Guards	To be returned to MANTOVA Div in due course
		190	4068		

94 SUB AREA

567 Arty Regt HQ	PONTECAGNANO	9	34	Administration	
1 Gp	"	24	345	Lab and Gds	
114 M.G. Bn	SALERNO	20	245	" " "	
345 Regt 1 Bn	"	18	537	" " "	
311 Mista Genio Coy	"	5	223	" " "	
822 Telegrafisti Coy	COLOGNA	4	136	Working for Sigs	
824 " "	CASTELLAMMARE	4	120	" " "	
HQ 65 Telegrafisti Coy	SALERNO	2	32		
903 Lav Artieri Coy	"	6	225	RE Labour	

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+ 501 Smoke Coy	NAPLES	5	224	-Trg with 349 Br Smoke Coy
+ 130 Forestry Coy	"	2	125	
130 Sigs Wksps	NOLA	1	24	-Arrived ex SARDINIA 29 Apr
231 Fd Hospital	AFRAGOLA	6	51	
9 IDRICI Water Coy	CANCELLO	5	172	" ex CORSICA 2 May
1 Forestry Coy		2	62	" " " " "
135 " "	CANCELLO	2	70	" " " " "
119 Inf Regt 2 Bn (MANTOVA Div)	TORRE ANNUNZIATO	30	740	Guards To be returned to MANTOVA Div in due course
		190	4068	

94 SUB AREA

567 Arty Regt HQ	PONTECAGNANO	9	34	Administration
1 Gp	"	24	345	Lab and Gds
114 M.G. Bn	SALERNO	20	245	" " "
545 Regt 1 Bn	"	18	537	" " "
311 Mista Genio Coy	"	5	223	" " "
822 Telegrafisti Coy	COLOGNA	4	136	Working for Sigs
824 " "	CASTELLAMMARE	4	120	" " "
HQ 65 Telegrafisti Coy	SALERNO	2	32	
903 Lav Artieri Coy	"	6	225	RE Labour
1240 Heavy Wksps	BARONISSI	1	46	
152 Camp Hospital	CAVA DEI TIRRENI	5	54	
		99	1997	

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5 CORPS

Main IFHQ (209 Div)	ATESSA	18	100	Administration
565 Regt : 1 Bn	ARCHI TERMOLI	27	347	Lab and Gds
522 " HQ	SCERNI	4	26	" " "
1 Bn	CASALBORDINO	17	163	" " "
2 Bn	CASTELFRENTANO	20	390	" " "
3 Bn	TORINO DI SANGRO	20	480	" " "
541 Regt : 2 Bn	MARINA DI ROCCA	29	549	" " "
9 M.G. Bn & 692 M.G. Coy	TORINO - S.VITO	24	464	" " "
28 Artieri Bn HQ 2 & 3 Coys	LANCIANO	20	494	RE Labour
BANDA PATRIOTI MAIELLA	CASOLI	6	117	Operational
		185	3130	

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60 SUB AREA

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
Rear IHQ	TERMOLI	12	45	Administration	
541 Regt HQ	S.SALVO	7	22	Lab and Gds	
1 Bn	" - S.VITO	19	455	" " "	
447 Bersaglieri Bn	"	25	638	" " "	
502 Artieri Bn	TORREMAURA	20	430	RE labour	
13 Artieri Coy	TERMOLI	5	226	" "	
163 " "	"	5	164	" "	
180 Lav Art Coy	"	6	135	" "	
29 Minatori Coy	LESINA	8	214	" "	
308 Heavy Wksps	TERMOLI	3	114		
247 Fd Hospital	"	7	52		
Det 120 Inf Regt (MANTOVA)	VASTO		50	Guards	To be returned to MANTOVA Div in due course
		117	2545		

151 SUB AREA

408 Inf Regt	BARLETTA	49	1015	Port Labour	
515 Regt 2 Bn	BARLETTA	20	465	Guards	Ex 372 Bn
800 Posacavi Coy	CORATO	3	118	Working for Sigs	
905 Lav Art Coy	FOGGIA	6	256	RE Labour	
+503 Smoke Coy	MANFREDONIA	5	281		Trg with 848 Br Smoke Coy
12 Hygiene Sec	BARLETTA	1	81		
336 Inf Regt 2 Bn two Coys (PICENO Div)	"	15	370	Guards	To be returned to PICENO Div in due course
		99	2586		

6 BASE SUB AREA

400 Inf Regt	BARI	108	2031	Port Labour	
401 " "	"	114	1680	" "	
402 " "	"	94	1809	" "	
19 Labour Bn	"	25	331	" "	
820-821 Telegrafisti Coys	MOLA DI BARI	10	235	Working for Sigs	
823 Telegrafisti Coy	BARI	4	116	" " "	

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151 SUB AREA

408 Inf Regt	BARLETTA	49	1015 Port Labour	
515 Regt 2 Bn	BARLETTA	20	465 Guards	Ex 372 Bn
800 Posacavi Coy	CORATO	3	118 Working for Sigs	
905 Lav Art Coy	FOGGIA	6	256 RE Labour	
+503 Smoke Coy	MANFREDONIA	5	281	Trg with 848 Br Smoke Coy
12 Hygiene Sec	BARLETTA	1	81	
336 Inf Regt 2 Bn two Coys (PICENO Div)	"	15	370 Guards	To be returned to PICENO Div in due course
		99	2586	

6 BASE SUB AREA

400 Inf Regt	BARI	106	2031 Port Labour	
401 " "	"	114	1680 " "	
402 " "	"	94	1809 " "	
19 Labour Bn	"	25	331 " "	
820-821 Telegrafisti Coys	MOLA DI BARI	10	235 Working for Sigs	
823 Telegrafisti Coy	BARI	4	116 " " "	
128 Digging Coy	POLICORO	5	220	
1003 G.T. Coy	POLIGNANO	10	395	
1009 Drivers Coy (Ex 1011)	MONOPOLI	4	104	
951 Wksp Sec	BARI	1	45	
Driving School	POLIGNANO	8	231	
7 Bn : Traffic Control Troops	APRILIA	23	290	
336 Inf Regt 1 Bn (PICENO Div)	BARI	30	740 Guards	To be returned tc PICENO Div in due course
+502 Smoke Coy		5	281	Trg with 847 Br Smoke Coy
		441	8506	

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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	109	1784	Port Labour	(Includes 923 and
407 " "	"	111	2331	" "	(924 Docks Op Coys
904 Lav Art Coy	"	6	211	RE Labour	
+1000 G.T. Coy	"	10	324		
+7 Mountain Regt	ATELLA	14	487	Trg for Ops	
120 Inf Regt 1 Bn (MANTOVA)	TARANTO	37	920	Guards	To be returned to MANTOVA Div in due course
		287	6057		

71 SUB AREA

403 Inf Regt	BRINDISI	116	2134	Port Labour	(includes 921 and
405 " "	"	80	1779	" "	(922 Docks Op Coys
404 " "	"	77	2691	" "	(
900 Lav Art Coy	"	6	260	RE labour	
181 & 182 Lav Art Coys	"	6	225	" "	
+1002 G.T. Coy	"	11	372		
952 Wksp Sec	S. VITO	1	43		
336 Inf Regt 2 Bn two Coys (PICENO Div)	BRINDISI	15	570	Guards	To be returned to PICENO Div in due course
		312	7874		

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AA DEFENCE

CAMPANIA	70	695	
APULIA	172	3570	
SARDINIA	407	9926	
ITALIAN ARMY IN CORSICA	203	8995	
	852	23184	

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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403 Inf Regt	BRINDISI	116	2134	Port Labour	(Arrived via the
405 " "	"	80	1779	" "	(922 Docks Op Coys
404 " "	"	77	2691	" "	(
903 Lav /rt Coy	"	6	260	RE labour	
181 & 182 Lav /rt Coys	"	6	225	" "	
+1002 G.T. Coy	"	11	372		
952 Wksp Sec	S.VITO	4	43		
536 Inf Regt 2 Bn two Coys (PICENO Div)	BRINDISI	15	570	Guards	To be returned to PICENO Div in due course
		512	7874		

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

A.A. DEFENCE

CAMPANIA	70	693	
APULIA	172	3570	
SARDINIA	407	9926	
ITALIAN ARMY IN CORSICA	203	8995	
	852	23184	

HQ ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY

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2 Fly Engr Gp HQ	NAPLES	10	31	
1 Ferrovieri Bn	APULIA	24	570	
3 " Bn	NAPLES	17	620	
13 " Bn	CAMPANIA	20	514	
		71	1735	

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

+ 1001 G.T. Coy	BALO DEL COLLE	2	353	
1004 & 1005 Truck Coys	AFRAGOLA	7	393	-Previously shown as 21 & 22 Truck Coys
600 APO Coy	NAPLES	16	173	
601 " "	FOGGIA	5	150	
104 Transit Camp Staff	CAVA TIRRENI	5	26	
205 " " "	CAPUA	9	97	
120 & 124 " " Staffs	NAPLES	17	178	
		68	1370	

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UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH Offrs	O. Rs.	EMPLOYMENT	REMARKS
1 En : 518 Inf Regt	PALERMO	29	718		
SARDINIA					
XIII CORPS					
205 Division		59	2019		Incl 2 Coy ALPINI
205 "		18	693		
Labour En		42	1542		In course of fmn
Engineer Units		8	307		
Services		4	243		
VII CORPS					
204 Division		25	678		
226 "		13	416		
IV Brigade		5	293		
		174	6191		

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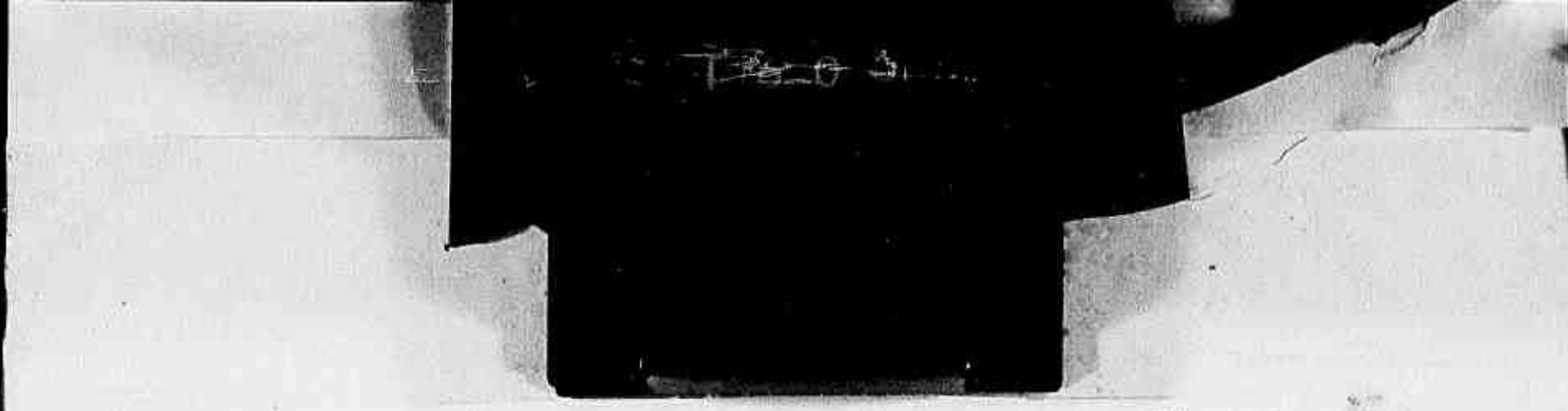

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1st Lt, AGD
Adjutant

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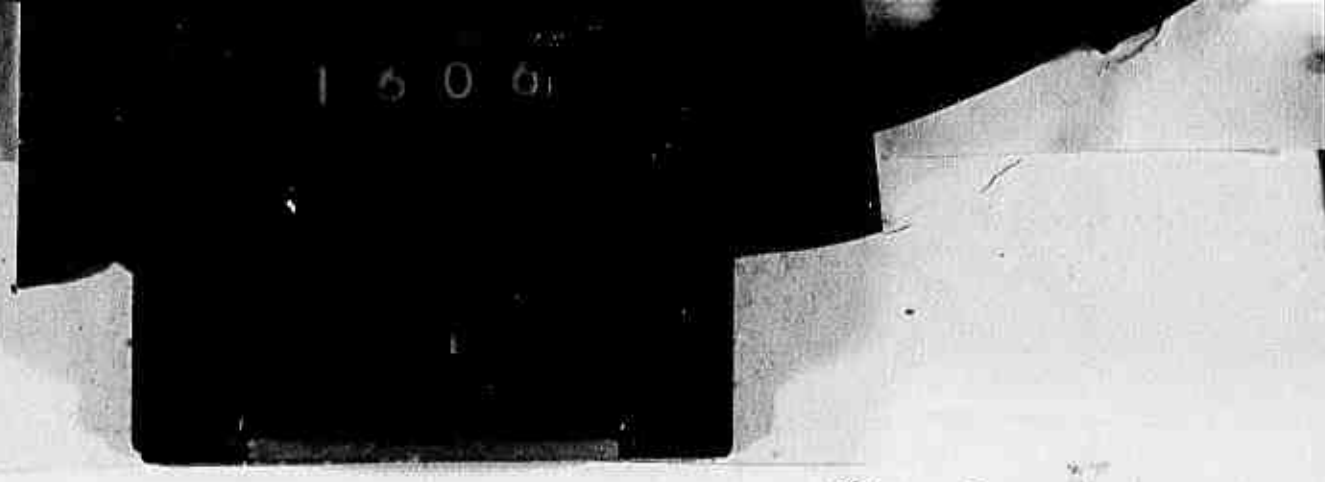

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PRIORITY GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q.

I ASKED BADOGLIO WHEN I SAW HIM TENTH INST HOW HE PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE FIGHTING SERVICES AS REGARDS EPURATION PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MOS FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN HE TOLD ME THAT HE INTENDED TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF RELIABLE OFFICERS OF COMPLETELY ANTIFASCIST HISTORY WHO WOULD DEAL WITH ALL CASES OF DEFASCISTISATION IN THE SERVICES PD HE HOPED TO GET HIS CABINET TO AGREE THIS AS HE FELT THAT TO ALLOW A CIVILIAN TRIBUNAL TO PURGE THE SERVICES WOULD HAVE VERY BAD EFFECT ON THEM PD PARA TWO PD I DISCUSSED SAME SUBJECT WITH MESSE YESTERDAY PD HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE PURGE WOULD CLAIM MANY VICTIMS IN THE SERVICES AND WAS CLEARLY NOT IN THE LEAST WORRIED OVER THE QUESTION

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NOEL MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner

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File No. 12980

TO: GENERAL NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
CHIEF OF THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Arditi Aeronautical Battalion "Duca d'Aosta".

I have received from the H.M. R. Army the attached letter relative to the establishment and use of the Arditi Aeronautical Battalion "Duca d'Aosta".

In regard thereto, I wish to make known that I regret very much what has been stated, because the Battalion was created not by my order, but following agreements made between Commodore Foster, former Chief of the Allied Control Aeronautical Subcommission, and General Sandalli, Chief of H.M. and Minister of R. Aviation.

My sanction to the establishment of the Battalion was given as a result of these agreements, in my capacity as Chief of ~~H.Q.~~ General Staff, and namely as coordinator for the use of the three Armed Forces within the limits indicated by the Allied Command.

I think it suitable to recall that with similar arrangements the Battalion "Bafile" of the R. Navy has been established, which already for several weeks has been fighting alongside Allied troops.

Commodore Foster, after having granted the authorization for the establishment of the Battalion, went a number of times, and the last time also with General Buscarlet, who replaced him, to visit this Unit to determine its readiness and assured his full concern with the Allied Authorities for the future use in the line.

Consequently, General Sandalli, certain of the approval and the interest of Commodore Foster, has assumed with respect to the Battalion a categorical obligation concerning its future participation in the operations.

In view of the above, you will well understand, dear General, what moral repercussions would result, not only in the field of Aviation, but also in that of the other Armed Forces, if this Battalion, eager to fight against the common enemy, were deprived of their use in the line, or were used in assignments not of war character.

Therefore, I ask for your warm interest, dear General, so that the question be clarified and resolved in the sense of confirming the authorization for use in the line of this Battalion, as soon as it is ready.

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

/s/ Giovanni Messe

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SUBJECT: Arditi Aeronautical battalion "Duca d'Aosta".

ARMY SUB-COMMISSION A.C.C.
SD/2/1/2/
2 May 1944

TO: AERONAUTICAL SUB-COMMISSION A.C.C.

and for information:

TO: CHIEF OF H. M. R. ARMY

1.) The subject battalion has been organized on orders of Marshal MESSE with Aviation personnel. This initiative was taken by Marshal MESSE without obtaining prior approval of the Allied Authorities.

2.) The Supreme Command has proposed that this battalion be included among the Italian combatant troops under the Allied Command and requests have been received for distribution to the Unit of certain Army equipment to ready it for use in the lines.
These requests have been sent to you, in view of the fact that the matter is under your jurisdiction.

3.) It has been decided that the inclusion of this battalion among the combatant troops under Allied Command will not be acceptable, and this Unit, therefore, remains available to be assigned to other services by you.

4.) It is proposed that this organic unit be used to substitute for Army Units to which has been assigned now Anti-Aircraft Defense, and I would be glad to confer with one of your representatives in regard to this matter, inasmuch as, as you have agreed, such a task should be performed by Aviation personnel in order to replace Army Units for the program of the A.A.I. Command.

/s/ L. BROWNING Major Gen.

ROYAL ARMY GENERAL STAFF
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TO THE SUPREME COMMAND
P.M. 191/A

.....for information

This Gen. Staff would like to learn the opinion of your Supreme Command, as regards paragraph 4.

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THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

/s/ G. B. Oxilia

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COMANDO SUPREMO

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By

AL SIG. GENERALE
NOEL MASON MAC FARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N. 12980/OP. di prot.-

O G G E T T O : Battaglione Aeronautica Arditi "Duca d'Aosta".-

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In merito desidero far noto che quanto in esso è affermato mi ha procurato un vivo rammarico perchè il Battaglione in oggetto è sorto non per mio ordine, ma in seguito ad accordi presi tra il Commodoro Forster, già Capo della Sottocommissione Aeronautica Alleata di Controllo, ed il Generale Sandalli, Capo di S.M. e Ministro della R.Aeronautica.

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In conseguenza, il Generale Sandalli, sicuro della approvazione e dell'interessamento del Commodoro Forster, ha assunto nei riguardi

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del Battaglione un categorico impegno circa il successivo intervento nelle operazioni.-

Premesso quanto sopra, comprenderà bene Signor Generale, quali ripercussioni morali si avrebbero, non solo nel campo dell'Aeronautica, ma anche in quello delle altre Forze Armate, se a tale Battaglione, anelante di battersi contro il comune nemico, fosse precluso l'impiego in linea, o esso venisse impiegato in compiti non a carattere bellico.-

Chiedo pertanto il Suo vivo interessamento, Signor Generale, perchè la questione sia chiarita e risolta nel senso di confermare l'autorizzazione all'impiego in linea del Battaglione, non appena completato il suo approntamento.-

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

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OGGETTO: Battaglione Aeronautico arditi "Duca d'Aosta".

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.
SD/2/1/5
5 maggio 1944

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'AERONAUTICA A.C.C.
e, per conoscenza:
AL CAPO DI S.M.R.E.

1°) - Il battaglione in oggetto è stato organizzato su ordine del Maresciallo MESSE con personale dell'Aviazione. Questa iniziativa è stata presa dal Maresciallo MESSE senza aver ottenuto in precedenza l'approvazione delle autorità alleate.
2°) - Il Comando Supremo ha proposto che questo bgt. venga incluso tra le truppe combattenti italiane sotto il comando alleato e sono state ricevute domande di distribuire al reparto un certo equipaggiamento dell'esercito per renderlo pronto per l'impiego in linea. Queste domande sono state inviate a voi, dato che si tratta di una questione di vostra competenza.
3°) - E' stato deciso che non verrà accettata l'inclusione di questo battaglione tra le truppe combattenti sotto Comando Alleato, e questo reparto resta perciò disponibile per essere da voi assegnato ad altri servizi.
4°) - Si propone che questo reparto organico venga impiegato per sostituire i reparti dell'Esercito cui è affidata ora la difesa antiaerea per l'Aviazione, e gradirei conferire riguardo a ciò con un vostro rappresentante, in quantochè, come voi avete convenuto, tale compito dovrebbe essere assolto dal personale dell'Aviazione per sostituire i reparti dell'Esercito per il programma del Comando A.A.I. .-

f.to L. BROWNING Magg.Gen.

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.....per doverosa informazione. 973
Questo S.M. gradirebbe conoscere il pensiero di codesto Comando Supremo, su quanto specificato al paragrafo 4°).-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
f.to G.B.Oxilia

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:: By H.D. ::

Major-General Sir BRIAN H ROBERTSON, Bt,
Chief Administrative Officer,

H.Q.
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
C.M.F.

AAI/5001/9/CAO

11 May 1944

My dear General,

1. The following is a translation of an extract of an article which I understand appeared in the issue of 'RISORGIMENTO' dated 9 May:

"It has been announced today that exemptions from Military Service for Italian Civilians in the service of the Allies in ITALY have been abolished in consequence of orders issued by AMG. The officer-in-Chief, Peninsular Base Section has declared that acknowledging the importance of Italian troops and Navy, the measure has been taken to remove all obstacles for the Italian Command in enlisting necessary personnel in the Army. The Italian Command has called up the class 1923 and they forsee that new classes will be called up. The Allied Commander in NAPLES has annulled all the exemptions given to the Civilian employees and ordered that no request will be accepted."

2. As you are aware this is contrary to instructions which have been issued on the subject. I should be very grateful if you could see your way to having the statement corrected and the position represented in accordance with the directions contained in the following letters, copies of which have been sent to you:

3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar, and 3074/A(O) of 20 Mar and 4 May 44.

Yours sincrely,

B.H. ROBERTSON

Lieut-General F N MASON MACFARLANE,
KCB, DSO, MC,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
CMF.

Annexure 'A' to AAI
3074/A(o) of 20 Mar 44

DICHIARAZIONE
(Certificate)

Al Comando del Distretto Militare di.....
(To the Command of the Military District of)

Si Dichiara che il Sig.....(Nome e cognome)
(This is to certify that) (name)

della classe.....presta servizio presso.....(occupazione)
(is employed by) (occupation)

Si prega volerlo esonerare dal richiamo alle armi.
(It is requested that he be exempted from Military Service)

Firmato.....
(Signed)

Bollo FF.AA. Campania
(Italian HQ Stamp)

Napoli.....(data)
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SUBJECT: - Italian Army - Calling up of Classes

S E C R E T
HQ AAI ADM ECH,
CMF.

3074/A(O)

20 Mar 44

1. The following amendments are made to this HQ 3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar 44.

(a) It is the intention that the calling up of Classes referred to shall apply only to illegal absentees:-
After "Authorities" in para 1 insert
"illegal absentees of"

(b) Delete para 4 and substitute:-
"In such cases employing units etc of Services concerned may make application for exemption. These exemptions will be considered and decided by the undermentioned authorities whose decision will be final;

(i) Comds of Districts, Base Sections or equivalent formations.
(ii) FOWIT, AAFSC/MTO and Adv HQ 21½ Group RAF.

Any cases of dispute will be referred to 'A' Branch, HQ AAI (Adm Ech).
The exempting authority will complete Coln 9 of the pro-forma in respect of all personnel classified (a) or (b), indicating whether or not exemption has been granted and the prof-forma will be signed in such cases.

Where exemptions are authorised the employing unit will be informed and a certificate (see Annexure 'A') will be given to each exempted Italian as evidence for production to the Italian Military Authorities.

L. Welch, Lt. Col.

for Major-General,
A.A.G.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army-Calling up of Classes

HQ AAI ADM ECH,
CMF.

3110/A(o)

17 Mar 44

1. In accordance with arrangements made with the Italian Military Authorities the following classes are being called up for Military Service in the Italian Army :-
1920, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924 classes.

2. A number of Italians eligible to be called up are at present employed as civilians with the Allied forces and in order to avoid undue dislocation of labour it has been decided to call up only one class at a time.

3. It is also appreciated that certain technical personnel employed as skilled labour may be more valuable to the war effort in continuing their present work for the Allies than in the Armed Forces.

4. In such cases employing units etc may make application for exemption from call up. These applications will be considered by AFHQ Local Resources (ITALY) Board whose decision will be final.

5. Italian PW employed by the Allied Forces are not affected by this order.

6. In order that call up of these classes may be properly enforced and applied to all eligible Italians employed by the Allied Forces, the attached pro-forma will be completed by all units employing Italian male nationals of the classes affected.

7. Pro-formas will be forwarded through the normal channels to HQ Armies Corps and Districts who will despatch them to Colonel NEGRONI, Italian Liaison officer, HQ AAI.

8. Pro-formas will show clearly :-
(a) Skilled men to be retained and for whom exemption is required.
(b) Unskilled men who are useful but who could be recalled to Military Service on replacement by other Italian personnel.
(c) In the case of personnel under (a) and (b) the future of their present employment will be clearly stated.

/s/ L. Welth, Lt. Col.
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PRO-FORMA

PARTICULARS OF ALL ITALIAN MALE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED

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and liable for Military Service

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TO: FATIMA REAR.

FROM: FOTALI

PERSONAL for General Mason-MacFarlane.

Most grateful for your kind and helpful message. I will inform CINC of the result of your visit to BADOGLIO. I know nothing against MATTEINI and hope he will be a suitable and satisfactory relief.

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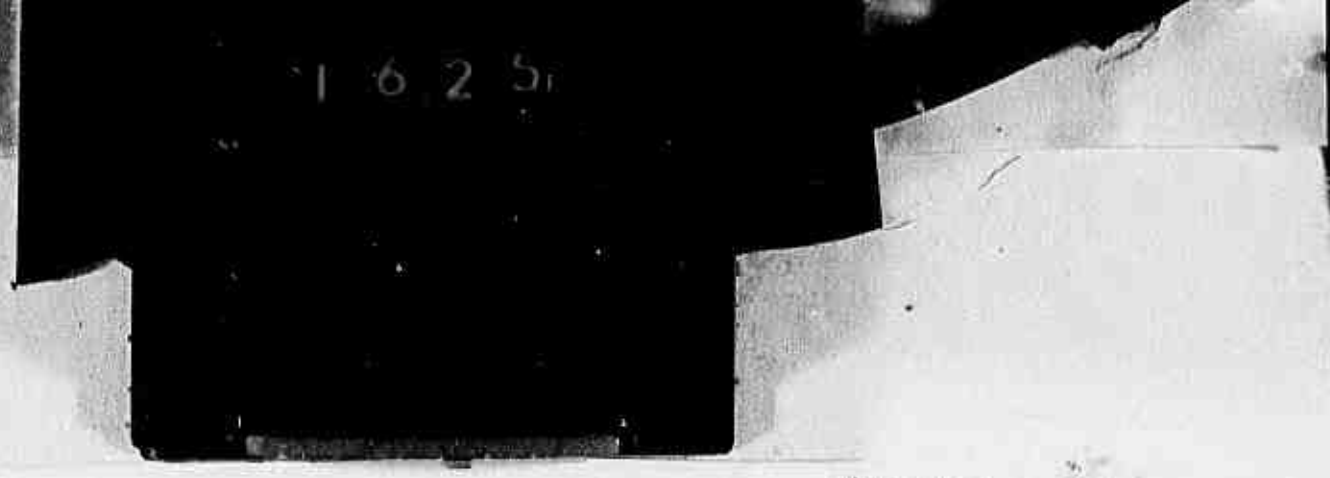

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L.T. MONTANT. JR.,
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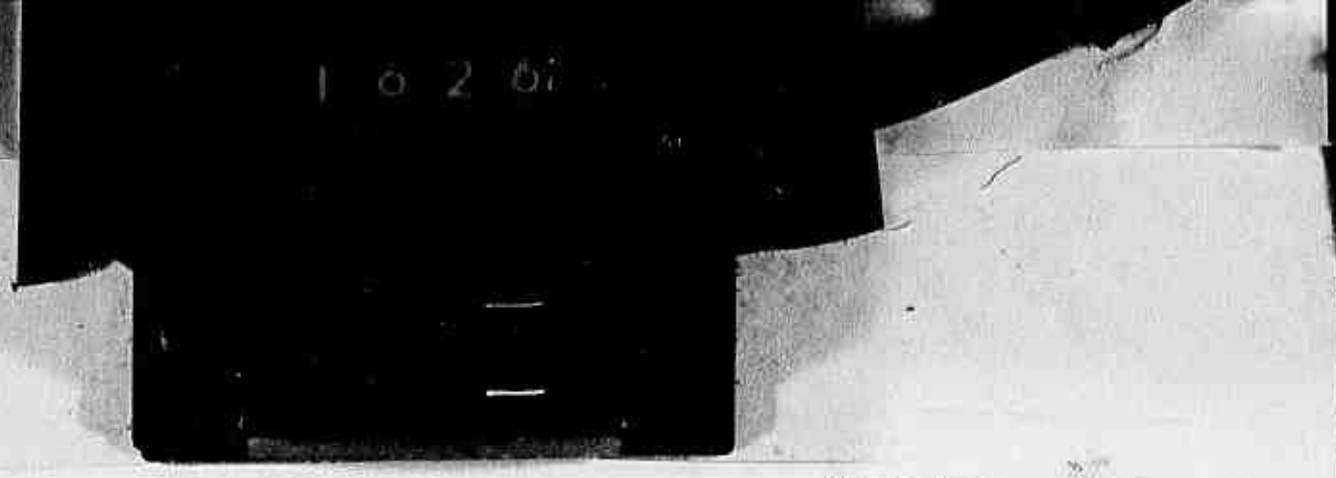

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The admiral seems
to be an obstructionist.
Maybe he should
be sacked
Jasper AA will
do this. [illegible]

SEC GEN.

SUBJECT: Alleged Disaffection in NEMBO Division. TOP SECRET

E|R S-4501

HEADQUARTERS
11 MAG 1944
A. C. C.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/14/2
May 44.

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Rec'd 11 May 1720
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H.Q. AAI.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. Pursuant to instructions received p.m. on 4th May 1944 from C.C.S., AAI to investigate the alleged disaffection of the NEMBO Division, I flew to CAGLIARI on 5th May with General BERARDI, C.G.S. of the S.M.R.E. and that evening I discussed the position with Brig Gen WEBSTER (Commanding Allied troops in SARDINIA) and Col. SIMMONS (M.M.I.A. representative there). Both these officers stated categorically that, except from Admiral BRIVONESI, they had never heard any rumours of disloyalty or disaffection on the part of the NEMBO Division or any of its members. They were sure that any such rumours were complete fabrications and entirely untrue.

2. Brig Gen WEBSTER had just returned from visiting A.F.H.Q. and H.Q. AAI at both of which he had reported as above. As a result, resumption of NEMBO Div sailings had been ordered by AAI.

3. The next morning, 6th May, I held a Conference in CAGLIARI attended by Gen BERARDI, Admiral BRIVONESI and Col. SIMMONS at which the whole matter was discussed. A time table of the events is annexed at Appendix 'A', and a statement of the surrounding circumstances and of Admiral BRIVONESI's explanations is annexed at Appendix 'B'.

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Admiral BRIVONESI seems to have made no effort at all to check the correctness of the rumours by enquiry of those whose business it was to know, namely Brig Gen WEBSTER, Col. SIMMONS, Gen. MAGLI (Comd. Italian tps in SARDINIA), and Brig Gen MARIGI (Comd. NEMBO Div). Whilst I am prepared to accept the Admiral's good intentions and would not wish to prevent him from taking any action he thinks fit to safeguard his ships, the result of his action in this case was unnecessarily to produce excessive worry and trouble and to delay the sailing of one Bn of the NEMBO Division by 3 days and of another by 2 days with the consequent difficulties and waste of transport involved on the Mainland by the alteration of dates at the last moment.

Even had the Admiral's suspicions been well founded and all the supposedly disaffected men concentrated by chance into one ship, he is suggesting that (on a journey which I understand takes under 12 hours in these fast cruisers) landsmen, numbering anything up to 50 and unacquainted with the ship, could organise and carry out ad hoc, a plan of seizure. This to be successful would involve overcoming the resistance not only of the large loyal majority of the troops on board, but also of the ships' crew. The Admiral's action seems to show either that he is unduly timorous or that he does not trust his own Naval personnel.

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(c) I consider that Col. SIMMONS acted perfectly correctly in refusing to alter the sailing program of the NEMBO Div at Admiral BRIVONESI's request. Col. SIMMONS has been in very close touch with this Division and had no reason to doubt its trustworthiness, and he would have been quite wrong to accept the Admiral's vague and entirely unsubstantiated rumours as against his own and Brig Gen WEBSTER's first-hand judgement.

(d) Admiral BRIVONESI, I understand, is not in control of the Italian cruisers operationally, but only for maintenance, and it does not appear that his actions in connection with this ferry-service of troops have not been at the highest pressure. I feel that the periods when the cruisers are in dock are worth examination to see whether such periods are unduly lengthy. After all the Italian Navy has not been unduly buffeted this war, except where it has had the misfortune to meet our Navy. Whilst I cannot express a definite opinion on the matter, it may be that the Admiral's apparent dislike of this ferry-service causes him to pay undue attention to the necessity for repairs.

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SUBJECT: Alleged Disaffection in NEMBO Division. TOP SECRET

APPENDIX 'A' (to Army Sub Commission letter, SD/14/2 dated 9 May 44.)

TIME TABLE OF EVENTS.

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about 15th April. Admiral BRIVONESI states that he saw the Italian High Commissioner in SARDINIA, Gen. PINNA, told him of the current rumours of the untrustworthiness of the NEMBO Division and that he feared there might be trouble on board ship if they were taken over to the Mainland. He added that Gen PINNA promised to discuss the matter with the Minister of Marine.

(Note: Gen. PINNA says that Admiral BRIVONESI has never discussed the matter with him at all and that he has never heard anything of the rumours in question.)

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3rd. May. — Without informing Col. SIMMONS of his intentions, Admiral BRIVONESI went to Lt. Comd. SPEER (American N.O. i/c at CAGLIARI) 9/15 repeated what he had said to Capt. ROBERTS, and got him to signal CINCMED voicing the Admiral's suspicions and fears. (A copy of this signal was sent to Brig Gen WEBSTER). Lt. Comd SPEER, on his own responsibility, ordered the sailing of the cruisers to be delayed pending instructions from CINCMED.
Later that day Admiral BRIVONESI apparently saw Lt. Comd SPEER again, as the latter signalled CINCMED that Admiral BRIVONESI had withdrawn his protest providing that the cruisers sailed together, which would be arranged. (A copy of this signal was sent to Col SIMMONS)

4th May — A.F.H.Q. signalled AAI instructing that NEMBO Div be disembarked from the cruisers.

2130 hours. — A conference was held between Brig Gen WEBSTER, Col. SIMMONS, Col. DOYLE (Chief of Staff to Brig Gen WEBSTER) Major CONINE (Garrison Transport officer at CAGLIARI) Lt Comd SPEER and Admiral BRIVONESI at which the Admiral made no further useful suggestions and which did not alter the state of affairs.

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5th May. Brig Gen WEBSTER went to A.F.H.Q. and then to H.Q. AAI to explain the position and to state that in his opinion there were no foundations for the Admiral's suspicions, whereupon A.F.H.Q. ordered the NEMBO Div to be re-embarked and to sail.

2 Bns NEMBO Div embarked on cruisers Montecuccoli and Garibaldi, i.e. 3 days delay having been caused in the case of 1 Bn and 2 days in the case of the other Bn by Admiral BIVONESI's actions.

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SUBJECT: Alleged Disaffection in NEMBO Division. U.K. SECRET

APPENDIX 'B' (to Army Sub Commission letter, SD/1/2 dated 9 May 44.)

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT.

1. Admiral BRIVONESI states that he acted as he did as a result of rumours which were being circulated all over SARDINIA, but which he says may well have originated as a joke, that there was a possibility of a few individuals in the NEMBO Div making trouble on the ships on the way to Italy.

2. He had no suspicion of the loyalty of the Division as a whole, and his suspicions did not relate to any other troops than the NEMBO Div; but he thought that a few members of this Div, say up to 50 men, might make trouble and cause a major incident possibly by overcoming the remainder of their Bn of troops and of the ships complement of about 900, and seizing the ship. He had no doubt of the loyalty of the ship's officers and crews.

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He took a serious view of the rumours in view of the fact that in the middle of April an Italian torpedo boat had sailed from the Island and had never been heard of since, and it was feared that she might have been sailed to enemy-occupied Italy. The Admiral emphasised that the cause of his actions were rumours which could in no wise be substantiated and may well have originated as a joke, but that he felt it to be his duty to act in such a way as to avoid any possibility of trouble. He expressed his regret at having failed to follow the proper channels of communication.

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5. Admiral BRIVONESI is responsible for the Naval personnel in SARDINIA and for the maintenance of the cruisers in action, but has nothing to do with their movement which is controlled by the N.O. i/c at PALERMO. The Admiral stated that the cruisers were in good fighting order to meet the enemy and were working as hard as possible, but that they have to go into port for small repairs from time to time. He expressed himself as being very keen on getting the Italian troops on the Island carried over to the Mainland, and promised to do his very best to expedite their transfer. Col. SIMMONS however has received the impression that the Admiral does not like having his ships used on this ferry service, and allows them to go into port to carry out minor repairs which could well be done without interfering with the ferry program and which in any event appear to take an unreasonably long time. Normally three cruisers, the Montecuccoli, Garibaldi and Duc D'Aosta should be available, but at no time have all three cruisers been serviceable at once.

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SUBJECT : Employment of ITALIAN Army Units and Personnel with BRITISH Forces.

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TO : HQ AAI (Copies 1 - 5)

1. The following policy regarding the employment of ITALIAN Army Units and personnel, excluding Prisoners of War, is in amplification of the policy laid down in this HQ letter AG 400-1 (Italy) GCT-AGM of 2 January 1944, and deals in detail with the conditions of service of the units, and general policy of the above letter as it applies to Italian Army Units and personnel serving with the British Forces.

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The priority of employment of units of the Italian Army will be :-

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(b) To replace British Units and personnel which are required to return to UK.

3. S.D. Matters.

For all S.D. matters, Italian Army Units (except for those in Italian formations), and units diluted with Italian personnel serving with British Forces, will be treated in a similar manner to units of the British Army.

4. Establishments.

Where whole units of the Italian Army are employed, the Italian War Establishment or its equivalent will be used for those units as far as is possible. Where no suitable ITALIAN Establishment exists for a body which is to be entirely ITALIAN, ACC is empowered to produce in conjunction with ITALIAN SUPREME COMMAND a suitable organization, which need

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~~The War Establishment Committee of this Headquarters will be the authority for all cases of amendments where a British W.E. is affected.~~ 362

5. Command and Punishment.

For substitution attached at end.

(a) All British formation Commanders are given power of command over Italian formations or units which may be put under their command, including power to remove and appoint officers.

(b) All British Commanders of units diluted with Italian troops are given power of command over all such personnel, and all British Officers, W.O's and NCO's in such units are given power of command over Italian personnel of equal or lower rank.

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(c) All personnel of the ITALIAN Army will remain subject to ITALIAN Military Law which will be administered by ITALIAN Officers in accordance with the ITALIAN code.
Where there is no ITALIAN Officer competent to deal with the case with the diluted unit and where it is not desirable or legally possible to deal with an offender under Sec 176 (9) or (10) Army Act by BRITISH Court Martial the offender will be sent with a short statement of the offence in ordinary English and brief statements of witnesses to the nearest ITALIAN Unit for disciplinary action to be taken. Arrangements will be made for the ITALIAN Officer dealing with the case to report his action to the Commanding Officer of the diluted unit.

6. Arrest.

British Service authorities are given power to arrest and hold in custody ITALIANS alleged to be guilty of any offence punishable by ITALIAN Law, and any offence against BRITISH Military Law, although such offence may not be an offence against ITALIAN Law.

Italian personnel will not be arrested by other than C.M.P. except in the event of the alleged commission of a serious crime or in the event of grave disorder. C.M.P. to include Military, R.A.F., and Naval Police.

7. Leave.

If and when possible, ITALIAN personnel, whose families are located in the occupied territory, may be permitted leave of furlough to their homes, provided that they receive not more than 7 days in every 6 months, and that only 5 per cent of the ITALIAN personnel of a unit are absent at any one time.

8. M.S. Matters.

Power to remove an Officer is dealt with in para 5 (a) (i) above, and all remaining M.S. matters will continue under ITALIAN Army organization.

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The ITALIAN Military Authorities are to be responsible for maintaining in personnel those complete Units or Formations of the ITALIAN Army who are employed under BRITISH Command. The necessary return will be furnished monthly to this Headquarters by Land Forces Sub Commission of ACC.
This return will be in the form of an Order of Battle showing the strength of ITALIAN Units and Formations serving under BRITISH Command.

(b) Diluted Units.

G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon are responsible for maintaining at W.E., those units of the BRITISH Army which are diluted with personnel of the ITALIAN Army holding a status other than that of E.P.W.

(c) Reinforcement Organization.

(i) Base Depot. The ITALIAN Government will undertake to guarantee a sufficient number of personnel for replacing wastage, in a Base Depot to be established for the purpose. This Base Depot will be situated in ITALY so as to facilitate the rapid despatch of reinforcement personnel to units. It will be under command of a BRITISH Officer with a BRITISH Staff, and will be capable of ensuring the qualifications of tradesmen or specialists held, and, where necessary, of ensuring that these men do not deteriorate during their stay in the depot.

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(ii) Method of Demanding Reinforcements. Diluted units will render weekly A.F's W3008 and W3009 as at present, but will show T.E. and strength of British and Italian personnel separately. Returns will be rendered as laid down in the 'Unit Guide to Documentation', and demands for reinforcements made by the Advance Rfts Sec concerned on the Base Depot.

(d) Documentation.

All formations and units with Italian Army personnel (other than E.P.W.), either filling vacancies within the T.E, or attached in excess will render nominal rolls to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon showing :

(1) Number, Rank and Name.

(2) Arm of the Service.

(3) Civil Trade and Army Trade.

(4) Whether within T.E. or att in excess.

All casualties affecting such ITALIAN Army personnel will be reported to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon in exactly the same manner as for BRITISH personnel. The same Army Forms will be used with the exception that the A.F's W3012 A, B and C series will be used for both officers and O.Rs instead of the A.F's W3010 and W3011 series.

(c) Return of Ex Hospital Personnel.

Fit men discharged from medical units will report to the nearest COMMANDO TAPPA Report Centre. Medical units will provide the necessary pass, rations and movement order for the journey.

10. Pay.

(a) Whenever possible, the ITALIAN Government will pay its own troops wherever serving.

(b) Where (a) is impracticable, ITALIAN units will draw bulk advances from the nearest BRITISH Field or Area Cashier.

(c) In diluted units, the senior ITALIAN Officer with the unit will draw separately from the nearest Area or Field Cashier, and such amounts will not appear in the Imprest Account of the BRITISH Units concerned.

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(d) All advances of Pay will be in a bulk sum.

(e) A list of authorized units will be supplied to the Command Paymaster, No. 8 Command Pay Office, TARANTO, and in the case of diluted units, the BRITISH Commanding Officer, will authorize, by name, the ITALIAN Officer to whom payment should be made. 961

11. Prisoners of War.

Prisoners of War, of whatever nationality, who fall into the hands of ITALIAN Armd Forces, shall be handed over as soon as possible after capture to the nearest BRITISH or AMERICAN Unit, and shall be deemed to be prisoners taken by that unit.

12. Medical.

(a) ITALIAN Military sick (incl CARABINIERI) will be treated in ITALIAN hospitals. Provision will, therefore, be made for ITALIAN hospitals at 6% strength of ITALIAN formations.

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(b) Italian Base Depots of Medical Stores now at NAPLES and BARI will be responsible for the provision of medical supplies to the ITALIAN Forces and for supplying ITALIAN Military Medical Units, which are accepting cases from units to which this directive refers.
Formations will be supplied through the normal ITALIAN Military channels.

(c) The ITALIAN Military Authorities will be responsible for the disposal of patients discharged as unfit for further military service and for the rehabilitation and return to units of all others.

13. Welfare.

(a) In complete ITALIAN units, welfare will be entirely the responsibility of the ITALIAN Government.

(b) In diluted BRITISH units, welfare amenities on a limited scale will be provided from BRITISH sources. If conditions allow, canteen facilities, separate to those for BRITISH Troops, will be provided; a quota of indoor and outdoor games equipment will be made available and ITALIAN soldiers will be allowed to attend mobile cinema shows and ENSA concerts if no BRITISH Troops are excluded thereby.

14. Rations.

(a) In Army Areas.

Supply will continue through normal supply channels from British depots to RHs. HQ AAI will demand monthly on Army Sub Commission for compensating supplies.

(b) In Areas in Rear of Army Boundaries.

(i) Diluted ITALIAN units will draw through DIDs.

(ii) For complete ITALIAN units the policy will be :-

The distribution of supplies from ITALIAN Depots to ITALIAN units and dets located in rear of Army boundaries will be an ITALIAN responsibility.

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(c) EFI supplies will not be issued to ITALIAN troops.

15. P.O.L.

ITALIAN units (and units diluted with ITALIANS) serving with the BRITISH Army in Army Areas or elsewhere which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle will be supplied as if they were Allied Units through the normal U.S. or BRITISH maintenance systems.

16. Postal.

Separate instructions will be issued in regard to Postal and Censorship Regulations.

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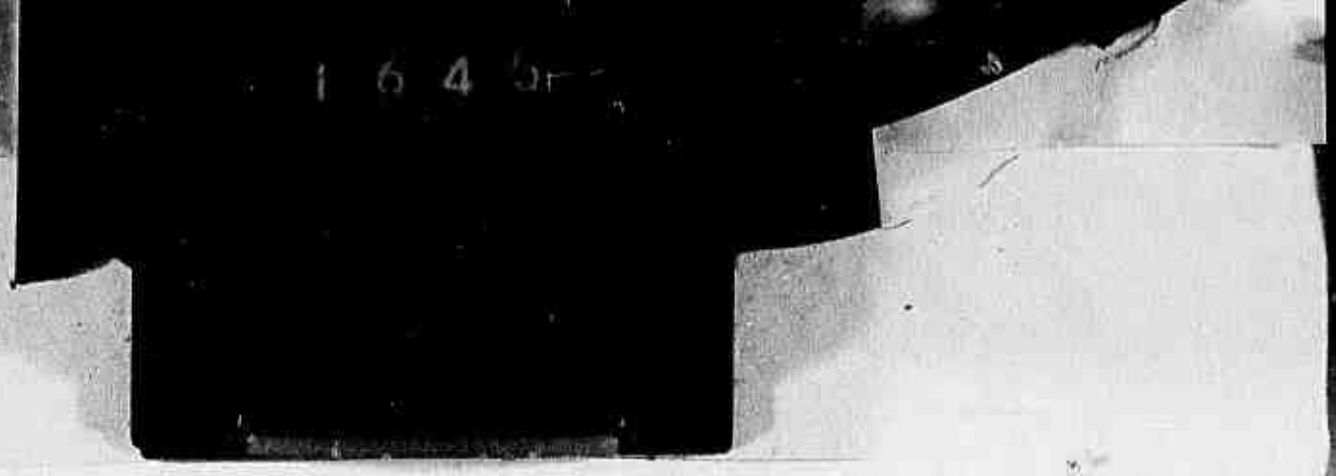

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17. Equipment.

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The G.1098 equipment required to enable the unit to carry out its task will also be issued to the Italian units described above.

For the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre,

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16 May 1944

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SUBJECT : Employment of ITALIAN Army Units and Personnel with BRITISH Forces.

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TO : HQ AAI (Copies 1 - 5)

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For the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre,

J.A.H.GAIRDNER,
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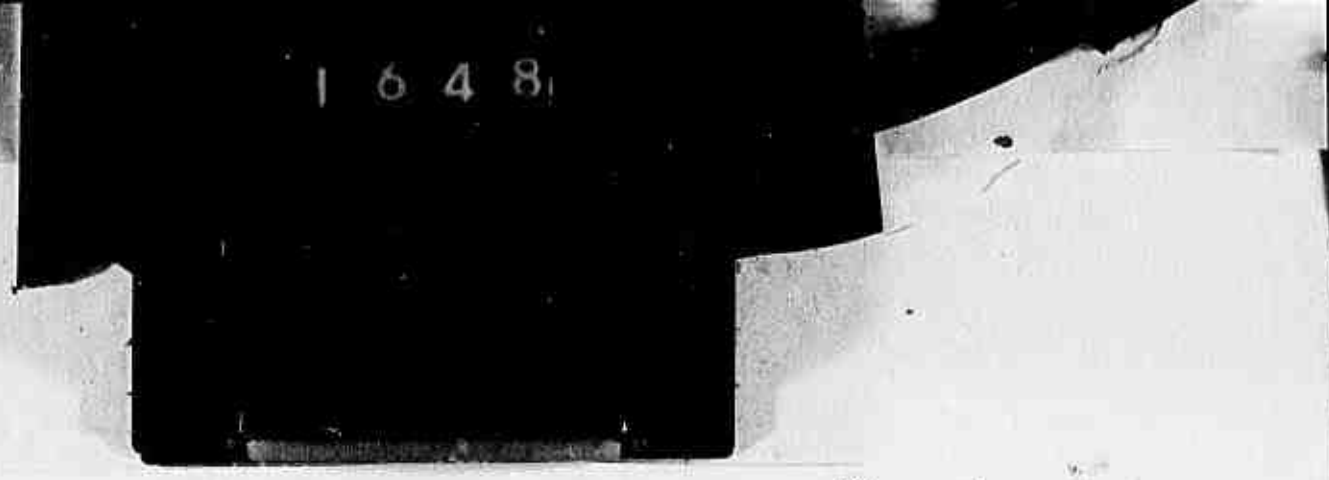

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,

BARI.

1/AIR. 7th May 1944.

My Dear General,

Thank you very much for your letter CC/P/257 dated 3rd May 1944.

I must say I am very pleased that this change is going to take place, as I am sure it will be for the good of the Italian Air Force.

If I do have any difficulties I would like very much to get together as you suggest, when I do not think there will be any further trouble.

Yours sincerely,

W.A. Bowen-Buscarlet.

Lt.General Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.B.
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

Spoke to him.

No answer.

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7 May 1944

SUBJECT: Note on Statements by Deputy Chief of General Staff, Italian Army.

TO : ~~Deputy Chief Commissioner.~~ via P.A. as explained by phone 8th.

General INFANTE informed me today that Marshal MESSE would like to see the Chief Commissioner soon either at NAPLES or SALERNO. The chief subjects he wishes to discuss are:-

1. Strength of C.I.L.
2. Sequestration of mules in SARDINIA.
3. Transport shortage in the Italian Army.
4. Italian battleships.
5. Operational aircraft.

I append my own notes on the above subjects:-

1. Strength of C.I.L. Comando Supremo want the PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions to provide necessary reinforcements to keep C.I.L. up to strength in the line. I must point out PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions are alloted primarily for Internal Security in the mainland. Their second role was originally given as possible fighting formations if required later. Further a proportionate number of the C.I.L. is already earmarked as "reinforcements".

Comando Supremo insist they do not wish to increase the strength of the C.I.L. above its ceiling but rather to give fighting experience to a large number of Italian soldiers; hence the idea is rather "moral and political".

General BROWNING would not hear of this as he considers it purely an attempt to get more Italians in the line, which in view of the careful administrative planning required for an order of battle, cannot as of course you know be lightly undertaken. Further, the Divisions have been definitely alloted for Internal Security of the rest of the mainland.

The Marshal's next point is to use the NEMBO Division as a third task-force in the C.I.L. Apparently the C.I.L. now has two groups:

a. A Regiment of BERSAGLIERI (2 Bns) plus a Regiment of 68th Infantry (2 Bns).

b. A Regiment of 1 ARDITI and 1 Paratroops Bn., plus a Regiment of the BASILE and ALPINI Bns.

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With the addition of the NEMBO Division this would give three groups which would enable the C.I.L. to function on the standard three-Units system. This too seems a matter entirely for A.A.I'S operational staff.

General INFANTE also mentioned reports of bad behaviour by the NEMBO Division in SARDINIA. He stated this was simply due to high-spirits plus staleness at being left there so long. I note in a cable today from SARDINIA, that one Regiment is arriving in NAPLES on the 7th of May.

2. Sequestration of mules in SARDINIA. FLAMBO cable (No. Q30041) of the 13th of April to FREEDOM noted that 500 light draft horses in SARDINIA might be sent to MIDEAST for use in PALESTINE. Comando Supremo emphasize that troops in SARDINIA are not motorised and that if transport animals are removed, their units will be immobilised. As far as I know no decision has been reached about this by A.F.H.Q.

3. Transport shortage in the Italian Army. Comando Supremo understand that 1000 lorries are to come to ITALY of which 800 are for use of civil departments and 200 for the Army. They wish to impress the serious transport position of the Army under present conditions and request an immediate allotment of at least 50 lorries to be followed later by a larger proportion of the 1000.

They also are very short of spare parts for M.T. and ask if some of the large stock in AFRICA can be made available. War Material Sub-Commission state the remaining stock in AFRICA has been handed over to a joint pool in TUNIS from which the Allies and FRENCH draw as necessary.

4. Italian Battleships. Comando Supremo consider that if battleships are allowed to lie inactive much longer; they will not function if required for action by the Allies.

5. Operational aircraft. Comando Supremo are concerned at small number of aircraft in operation. Tendency is for maintenance conditions to get worse. General INFANTE stated that the reason they were able recently to offer an Airforce Bn. to C.I.L. was that with 33,000 men in the Airforce only 300 aircrafts were in action.

These points are forwarded direct to you as I have had no opportunity to inform General BROWNING.

J.D. Quinn Smith Lt. Col.

QS/mms Please let me know if C.C. can see Marshal Tito. 9/5

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9 May 1000

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
(Rear Adm. Echelon)
APO 400

AAI/rjs
5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Instructions have been issued, with your concurrence, that the supervision and control of rations, medical supplies, shoes and clothing for the Italian Armed Forces shall rest with the Army Sub-Commission ACC. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have issued very definite instructions that these supplies and stores shall be issued only to those who are in fact effective in aiding the Allied efforts. They may be issued only to actual members of the Armed Forces who are commissioned officers, warrant officers, or other ranks, who are borne on the official strengths of the respective Armed Forces' ministries as duly constituted organisations or units.

2. In order that the Army Sub-Commission may carry out its directive with reference to the receipt, storage, issue and accounting for rations furnished the Italian Armed Forces, it is requested that you require the Navy Sub-Commission and the Air Force Sub-Commission to inform the Army Sub-Commission as follows:

a. Initially on 25 May 1944 an Order of Battle of their respective forces as of 15 May 1944 together with a statement that only bona fide air or naval personnel who are in fact effective are included. The report to show strengths, locations, and type of employment, and type of ration (combat or basic) applicable.

b. A similar report to be submitted on the 5th, 15th and 25th day of each month as to the condition on the preceeding 25th, 5th and 15th respectively. The report clearly to indicate any new formation, unit or establishment which is included for the first time. Any formation, unit or establishment which has been dropt or disbanded should likewise be reported.

3. The Army Sub-Commission is being held strictly responsible that rations are issued only to proper personnel and in the proper amounts. It will be fully justified in refusing to issue rations to units of any of the Italian Armed Forces which it cannot identify as

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being properly authorized, and in refusing to replace over issues or unauthorized issues and in adjusting by withholding subsequent issues in order properly to adjust any over or unauthorized issues. This fact indicates the necessity for close liaison between the Naval and Air Sub-Commissions and the Army Sub-Commission (MMIA).

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

Copy to:
Army Sub-Commission.
Navy Sub-Commission.
Air Force Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT:- Suggested move of MMIA, Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. to West side of ITALY

8 May 1705 HB

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
5 May 44

H.E. General Orlando
Minister of War

Copy to:- Chief Commissioner A.C.C.
HQ A.A.I.
S M R E
Col Quinsmith Adv HQ Army Sub Comm, SALERNO
Army Sub Comm LO, c/o Main HQ A.C.C.
" " " " c/o XXXI CORPS
" " " " c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY
" " " " c/o 2 District

Your Excellency,

Reference above subject and the discussion thereon at my conference with you on Saturday 29 Apr.

I discussed the matter with Chief Commissioner A.C.C. and the Chief of the General Staff HQ A.A.I. and I am instructed to inform you that this move will NOT be permitted at this juncture.

Reconnaissances for the move therefore serve no useful purpose and will NOT take place.

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I. Eisenhower

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Gray Gen.

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Subject: Italian Army - Calling up of classes

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/3074/A(O)

4 May 44

8 May 0905 Hrs

1. Ref this HQ 3110/A(O) dated 17 Mar and 3074/A(O) dated 20 Mar.

2. In order that the requirements of the Allied Forces of Italian Military personnel can be met it is essential that every available Italian liable for calling up under the classes referred to in the above quoted letters should be released.

3. It is also essential to the prestige, authority and morale of the Italian Army that the release of such personnel is not unnecessarily impeded by the Units etc. employing them. Authority for exemption granted under para 1 of the above quoted letter dated 20 Mar will, therefore, be limited to skilled personnel only whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary, and provided such employment is within War Establishment or has been specially authorised.

Maitland Wood

for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

TW/JLH

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From: Maj-Gen EP Mares, CBE MC

I.Q. No. 2 DISTRICT,
C. M. F.

27 Apr 44

Dear General.

Further pressure is being brought to bear to accomplish the move of No. 2 Region to BARI.

It is realised that considerable advantage would accrue from this move. The accommodation problem has not however altered since I last wrote. There is only one satisfactory solution and that is the one suggested in my letter of 12 Mar. A decision will have to be made as to whether HQ IX Corps or HQ 2 Region are established in BARI. There is not room for the two occupying suitable offices at the same time. For my own part I would prefer to see 2 Region in BARI if we are to ensure a close liaison between ACC and military. Detailed reasons for my insistence that no suitable alternative exists are contained in my 1468/7 Q of 27 Mar.

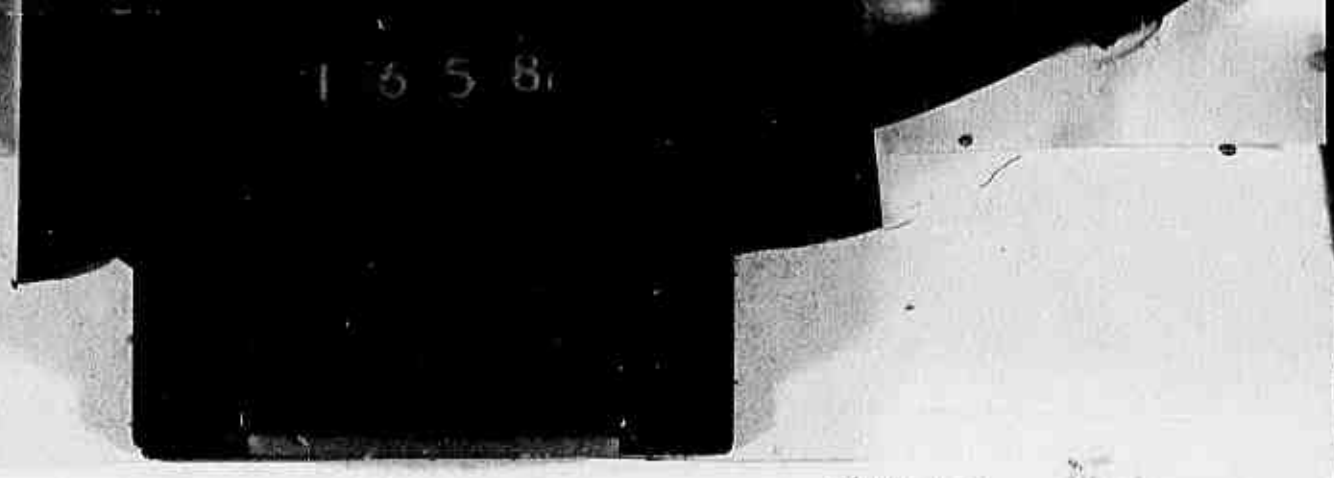
Yours sincerely.

E.P. Mares.

Lt-Gen FM Mason-MacFarlane, KCB, DSO, MC,
HQ, Allied Control Commission,
CMF

PS. Your 1XXXM/R.T. of 23rd just received: shall be delighted to put you up if & when you come this way.

EPM.



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SUBJECT: Behaviour of the SAN MARCO Battalion.

Lt Col G W QUINSMITH
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters,
SALERNO

Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
I/103
24 April 1944

1. The following incident reported by 2 District is forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

"Several incidents of rowdy behaviour amongst troops of the SAN MARCO Battalion have been reported. On March 24 at ALLEAZIO (LECCE) three sailors of the unit provoked a row by drinking to the return of Fascism and the downfall of the Allies. They were apparently not drunk at the time. One sailor was hit on the head by a civilian and as a result other members of the battalion conducted a house to house search during the night to find him.

The "SBARCO" Battalion of the same unit sacked the Communist HQ in GALLIPOLI at the end of February.

Apparently neither their officers nor the CC RR can keep these men in order. They are reported to be anti-ally.

Maj Gen.
CGL Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

28 Apr 1010
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Chief Com'n ✓ Sec. Gen. ADC Mar 6663

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		Chief of Staff			Education
		A.D.C.			Interior
		Secretary			Public Health
		P.R.O.			Public Safety
		Mil. Sec.			Public Utilities
		Comm. Sec.			Agriculture
		Pol. Sec.			AG
		Econ. & Admin. Sec.			Hq. Comdt.
		Fin. Sub-Sec.			Transportation O.
		Legal Sub-Sec.			Supply Officer
		G-2			Billeting O.
	✓	Army			Stenographic Section
		Navy			File Section
		Air			Comando Supremo have been informed.
		P/W			
		War Material Disposal			
		Displaced Persons			
		Industry			

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3 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

Approved
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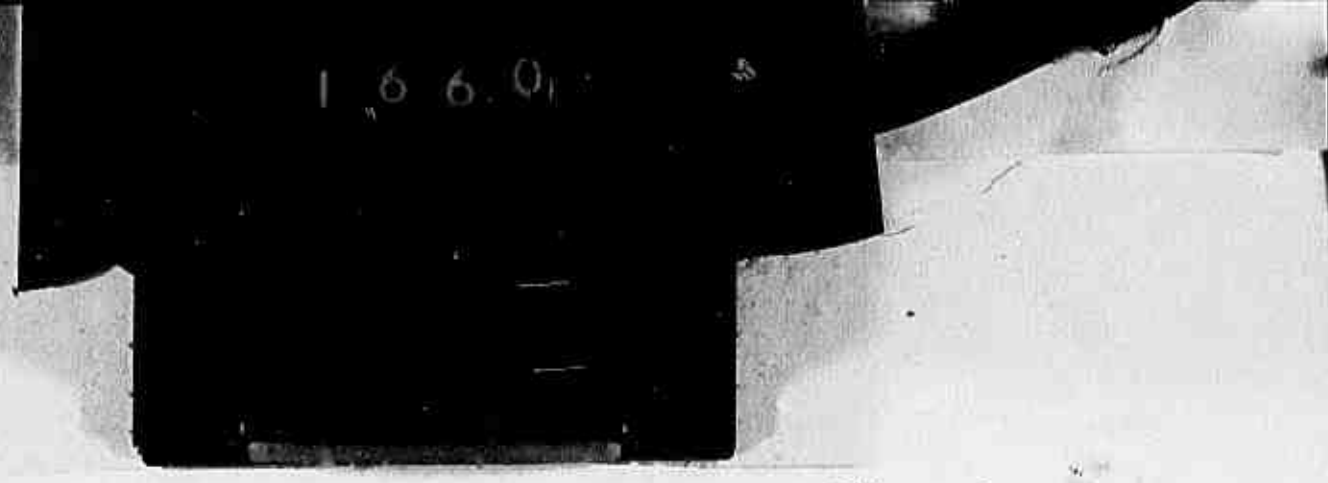

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ACC MAIN (GEN MACFARLANE C COMM) 6th. May, 1944.

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PRIORITY GEN MACFARLANE

TARANTO

I SAW BADOGLIO YESTERDAY ABOUT THE CASE OF ADMIRAL BARONE PD PAREN TO FOTALI PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL MORGAN FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN HE HAS INFORMED DE COURTEN THAT BARONE MUST GO AND ADMIRAL MATTEINI WILL BE APPOINTED IN HIS PLACE PD BADOGLIO ASSURED ME THAT MATTEINI IS A BETTER MAN FOR THE JOB THAN CASARDI PD I DO NOT KNOW MATTEINI AND REFRAINED FROM COMMENT PD PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THIS IS NOT IN ORDER PD PARA TWO PD ZIROLI WILL TELL YOU RESULTS OF MY EFFORTS TO DATE REGARDING FOOD FOR DOCKYARD WORKERS CMA TYRES AND MOTOR TRANSPORT AND CAR FOR YOURSELF PD THINGS HERE MOVE B SLOWLY BUT I AM DOING MY BEST

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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From : AGS SGD WEBSTER
To : CINC AFHQ ATTN COT. FOR INFO: PBS; AAI ADM ECH PASS TO MMIA; ACMF; 5TH ARMY; FATIMA; DMNC?? AFHQ ATTN MGS

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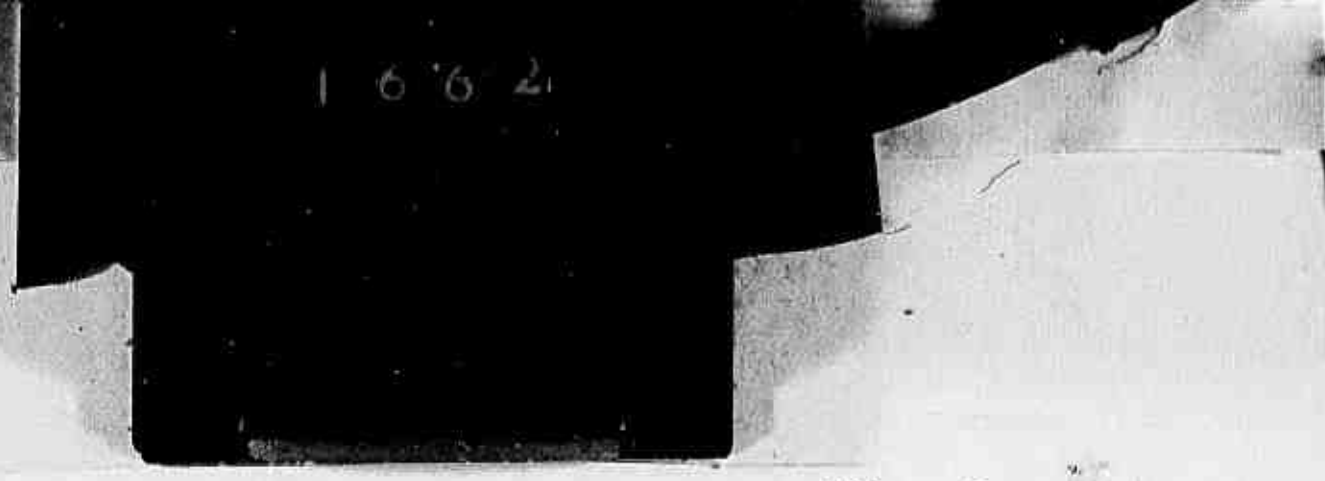

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SUBJECT:- Equipment for the Italian Army

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1705/19/G(SD2)

4 May 44.

AFHQ

SEC GEN

Further to my 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) of 25 Apr 44.

1. Requirements in equipment for the Italian Combat Division for the next six months are estimated as follows. Rates for maintenance are expected to be intense unless otherwise stated.

(a) Vote 7 (Clothing etc)

Maintenance required from Allied sources to scale as already agreed.

(b) Vote 8 (General and Accommodation Stores)

Initial equipment provided from Italian sources but maintenance from Allied sources will be necessary except for the simple items that can be produced locally.

(c) Vote 9 (Warlike Stores)

(i) Weapons — All provided from Italian sources except A Tk guns of which an initial issue of 36 6 pdrs and subsequent maintenance are required from Allied sources.

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(ii) Ammunition — All from Italian sources except machine carbine ammunition. Italian stocks of the latter are only estimated to last three months and thereafter approx 3/4 million rds per month of Br 9 mm Sten ammunition will be required.

(iii) MT — Initial equipment from Italian sources, thereafter maintenance from Allied sources. Appendix 'A' gives the proposed initial equipment and anticipated wastage. The

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(iv) Engineer Equipment — Initial equipment from Italian sources but maintenance and any mechanical equipment from Allied sources.

(v) Signal Equipment

Wireless - All from Italian sources, except batteries and certain valves.

Line - Initial equipment from Italian sources, maintenance from Allied sources.

(vi) Anti-Gas Equipment — All from Allied sources (if required at all)

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(vii) Medical Equipment and Stores - All from Allied sources.

2. As the Italian Combat Division is now employed with Eighth Army and is likely to be employed in the British Sector in future it is recommended that equipment provided from Allied sources should be of British design.

3. Detailed War Establishments and the actual units to be included in the Order of Battle of the Combat Division are still under discussion. The estimates given in para 1 are based on a personnel strength of 14,100 which is the figure recommended for this formation.

A7 Harding
A. Gen

/— General,
Commander-in-Chief.

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Appendix 'A' to 1705/19/G(SD2)
dated 4 May 44

FORECAST OF VEHICLE WASTAGE OF OIL

Type	Proposed Holding	Intense FFC Rates	6 Months wastage at Double Intense FFC rates
Cars	26	4	12
Lt Trucks	246	6	180
Hy Trucks	54	5	30
Lt Inf Trucks	53	6	36
Mobile Workshops	2	3	1
MCs	277	5	156
Trailers	19	3	7
Busses 18 str	7	5	4
Ambulances	8	4	4
Artillery Tractors	60	5	36
TOTAL	752	-	466

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Lt Inf Trucks	53	6	36
Mobile Workshops	2	3	1
MCs	277	5	156
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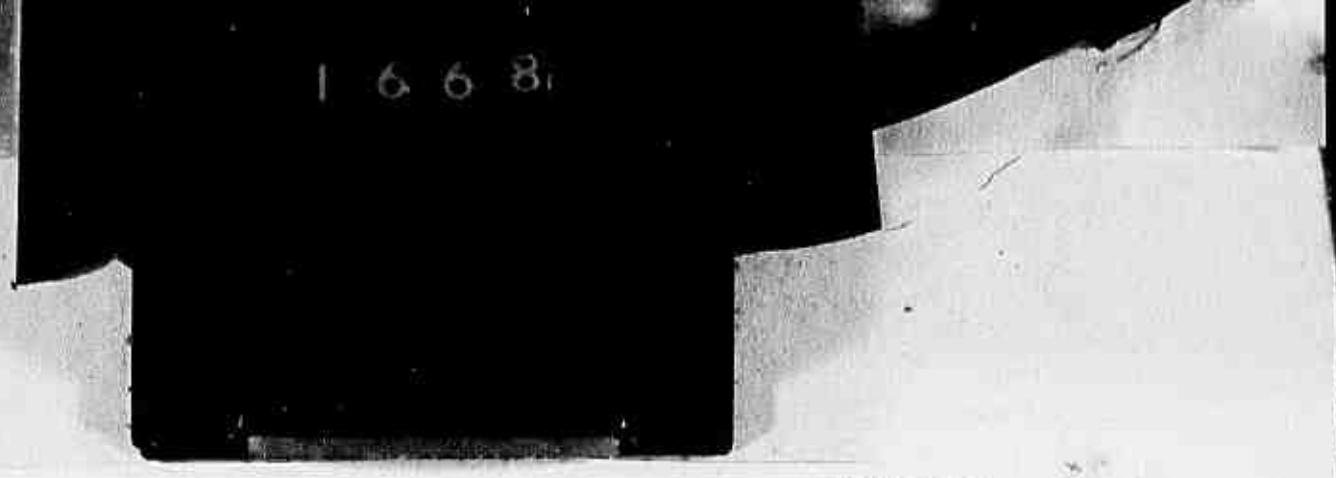

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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SECRET

QS375 S.2257/

4 May 1944

5 May 1555

SUBJECT: CUNEO Division (PALESTINE).

TO : Chief Commissioner, Main HQ. A.C.C., NAPLES.

For your information:-

228 Italian officers from the CUNEO Division are due to disembark at TARANTO on 4 May. A.A.I. have confirmed that these officers will be at the disposal of the Italian military authorities. Both the Comando Supremo and the General Staff at LECCE have accordingly been informed.

You will recall that this was the Division that was broken up in PALESTINE and used for service and labour purposes and to which General SOLDARELLI returned in order to acquaint them with their fate.

It is also the Division from which MIDEAST excluded the return of Col. MANNO on the grounds that he was anti-Allies, a Fascist and pro-German.

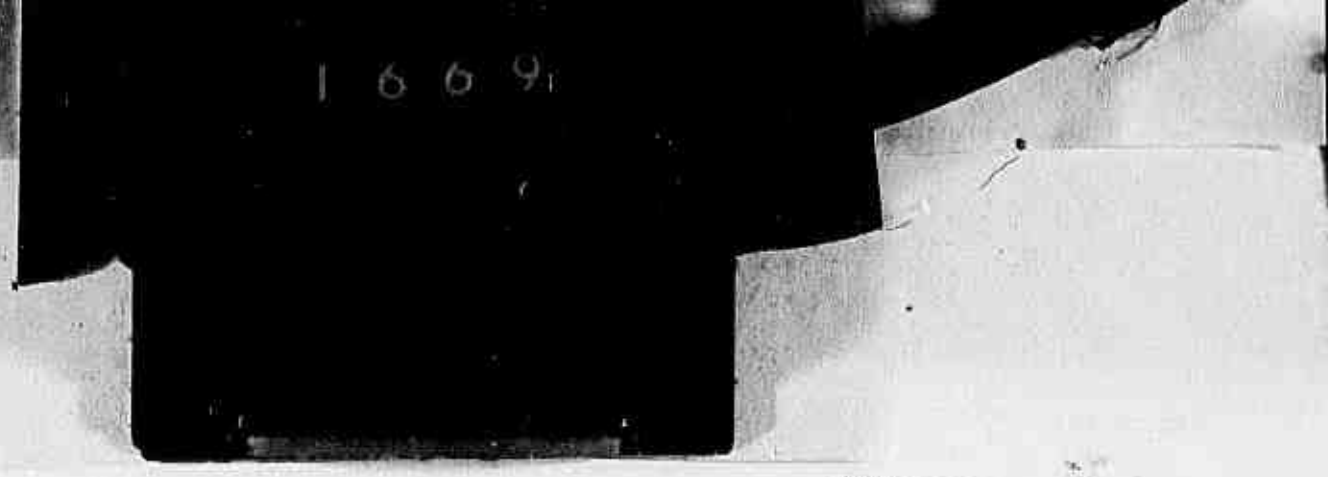
On instructions from the Director this Sub-Commission, I informed Comando Supremo of the latter fact as they had especially asked for his return. It was also pointed out that careful supervision should be given by all concerned to the records of officers before their return was requested.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

HEADQUARTERS
5 MAG 1944
A. C. C.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission
Advanced Headquarters

by SF 10 May



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N59/4
Classification : CONFIDENTIAL
Precedence : IMMEDIATE, MOST
From : MMIA
To : ACC MAIN

Date | Time Rec'd MAY042211B
Date | Time Sent : "
Reference NR 0377
Cite : NONE

PERSONAL FROM GEN BROWNING TO GEN WILSON MACFARLANE. WILL RING YOU 0845 HRS FRIDAY 5TH MAY REGARDING AAI SIGNAL 02653 OF 4 MAY FROM GEN HARDING TO ME REF SARDINIA VISIT

ACC DIST
Sec Gen (for CG)

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Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 5 May 0830
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N47/04
Classification : NONE
Precedence : NONE
From : HQ AAI
To : MMIA INFO ACC FOR GEN MASON MACFARLANE FALCON

Date | Time Rec'd MAY041030B
Date | Time Sent : "
Reference NR 0-2653
Cite NONE

PERSONAL FROM CGS FOR GEN BROWNING. GEN WEBSTER CG SARDINIA HAS ASKED FOR REP THIS HQ ACCOMPANIED BY REP ITALIAN GOVT TO BE SENT T SARDINIA AT ONCE TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED DISAFFECTION NEMBO DIV. CONSIDER THIS CAN BEST BE HANDLED BY YOUR PERONALLY. THEREFORE SUGGEST SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BY MASON MACFARLANE THAT YOU SHOULD ARRANGE TO FLY TO SARDINIA WITH A HIGH POWERED REP SMRE TO INVESTIGATE AND DECIDE ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN. SHOULD LIKE MOVE OF NEMBO DIV CONTINUED AS SOON AS SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AS I FEEL WE CAN CONTROL ANY REGRUDESCENCE THIS SORT OF THING BEST HERE. SIGNAL FALCON YOUR ETA

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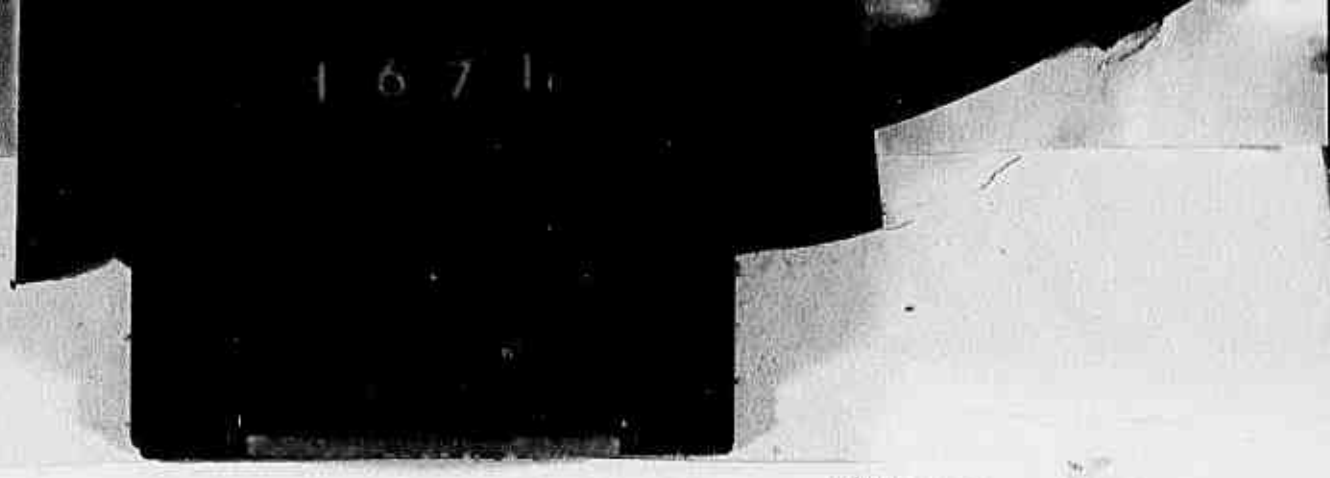

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Ref. CC/G/262. 3rd. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet, CBE, DFC,
Director,
Air Sub-Commission.

1. Your No. 7/3/AIR of 29th. April.

2. I have discussed this question with General Browning and with C.G.S., A.A.I..

3. Until I got your memorandum I had no idea that the Italian Air Force were proposing to produce a battalion of Arditi.

4. Such a battalion does not fit into the organisation to which we are now working for the Italian Army and we have a more than ample supply of combat troops for the very small combat formation which the C-in-C is going to employ.

5. The battalion is not required by the Army and must, therefore, remain an I.A.F. unit or its personnel should be disposed of as you and the I.A.F. authorities think best.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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copy to Capt. Stone

Ref. CC/P/257. 3rd. May. 1944.

Reference your letter 1/AIR of 29th. April.

2. For very much your own information only, Badoglio tells me that General Piacentini will be replacing Sandalli as Air Minister in the very near future.

3. If Piacentini is in agreement with you this should provide an opportunity of getting the set-up sorted out as you would wish it to be.

4. If you have any difficulty over this it might be a good thing if I asked Badoglio to have a talk with yourself, and myself and Piacentini after he has taken office, at which we ought to be able to induce the Italians to do what we want.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet, CBE, DFC,
Director,
Air Sub-Commission.

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Ltr 6366

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Units

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

4 May 44

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Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 4 May PM
By DFE

HEADQUARTERS
- 5 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

CG Fifth Army
Eighth Army
5 Corps
1 District
2 District
3 District
PBS
IBS

1. No action to form new Italian units will be taken by any Allied or Italian authority until such units are authorized by this HQ.

2. Instructions to form new units will be issued by this HQ to MMIA, who will make the necessary arrangements with the Italian authorities.

3. There are understood to be certain Italian units or dets working for the Allies details of which have not been recorded by this HQ or MMIA. Please check such units under your command with the Order of Battle (Troop List) published fortnightly by MMIA and report any discrepancies to this HQ without delay so that the matter may be regularized.

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Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to: G (Ops)
GSI
G (Special Forces)
In (U.S.)
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A.M. Gladwyn
Lt-Col.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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TRANSLATION

R. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS Salerno, 24 April 1944

No. 2589

Dear General:-

As you know, the "Firenze" Division, stationed in Albania on the date of the Armistice, lined up against the Germans after September 8th.

After having suffered serious losses in the battles which took place in the third ten-day period of September, the Division was compelled to withdraw to the mountains and to disperse by logistic necessity into nuclei of a hundred men each who continued to carry on guerrilla warfare in various localities, always under the orders of the Divisional Commander General Azzi.

However, it appears that on February 10th, Gen. Azzi became ill in Corciano and his troops were in serious difficulties as far as food, clothing and ammunition were concerned. After that date there was no news of General Azzi and his troops with the exception of that given by the London Radio on March 27th past that "Italian alpine troops fight side by side with Albanian patriots."

You certainly are aware how much I am concerned in the fate of our Units and I would, therefore, be very grateful to you if you would periodically inform me of any news which comes into possession of the Allied Military Authorities be it in Naples or in Algiers.

In thanking you in advance for your courteous reply, I take this opportunity of expressing again to you, my dear General, my highest esteem.

/s/ BADOGLIO

General
Sir Noel F. Mason MacFarlane
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
Naples

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3 April 1944

NF (cy to SP)

You wrote recently to me proposing the move of the Ministry of War to Nocera. I find on enquiry that the strength of the Ministry is 310 officers and 1240 to which must be added S.M.R.E. strength 135 officers and 600 making a total of 445 officers and 1840 men.

The main point is that the Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. are inseparable since their business is so closely interwoven. Moreover my Army sub-commission must be near to both. It is a question therefore of all or none. If accommodation can be found for all, there are obvious advantages. I shall be glad to be of any assistance I can.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

H. E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio
Capo del Governo

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By

File No. 806

Salerno, 17 March 1944

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT

TO: LT. GENERAL
SIR NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Naples

My dear General:

Communication difficulties have proved that to have Ministries located too far away from the seat of the Government impedes proper functioning.

It is therefore my intention to transfer from its present location also the Ministry of War, which would find excellent quarters at Nocera in the Municipal Building and in a part of the former Officer Candidate School.

Your consent in principle will be appreciated.

Very cordially Yours.

BADOGLIO

√Brig. Lush.

Please operate Ohio
with complete things in
many ways — especially 6
√Bernardi — the fine spirit
demand at Leghorn!

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Col Lewis Smith
Cyprus.

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No 806 di Prot.

18 Mar 1505
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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

Salerno, lì 17 marzo 1944

AL TEN. GENERALE
SIR NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Capo Commissione Alleata di Controllo
N A P O L I

Caro Generale,

le difficoltà di comunicazioni hanno confermato che l'avere Ministeri troppo lontani dalla sede del Governo intralcia il buon funzionamento.

E' quindi mia intenzione di far spostare dall'attuale sede anche il Ministero Guerra, che troverebbe ottima sistemazione a Nocera nell'edificio comunale ed in una parte nell'ex Scuola Allievi Ufficiali.

Mi sarà gradita la sua adesione di massima.

Molto cordialmente.

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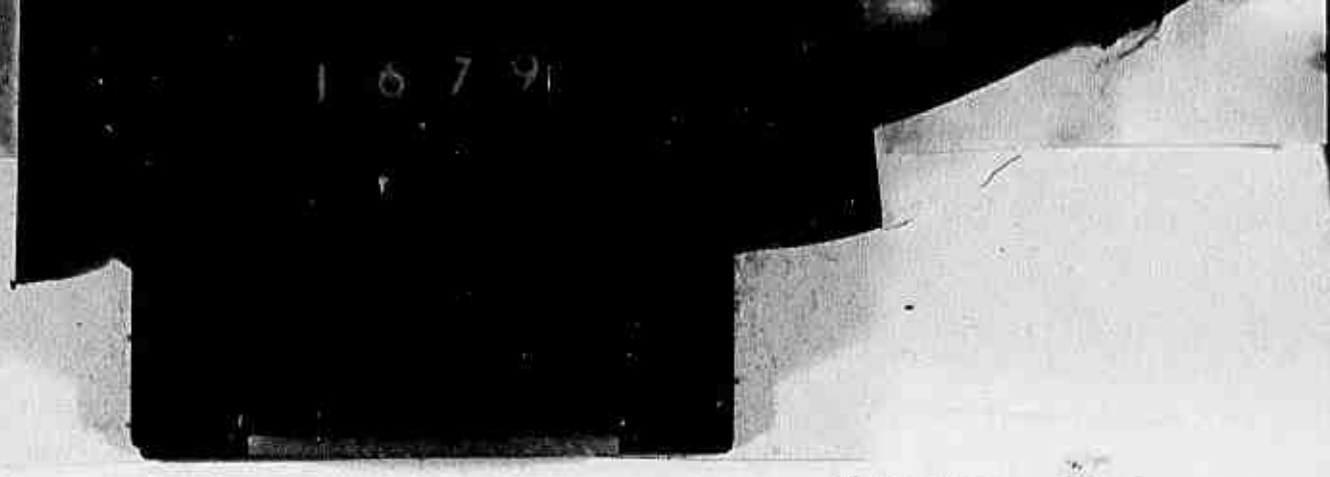

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Ref. CC/G/265.

4th. May. 194h.

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: "Knights of Liberty."

TO: Headquarters, A. A. I..

1. In continuation of my 330/8/CA of 28th. April and reference your telegram O-2611 of 29th. April.

2. I informed Badoglio that the movement known as the "Knights of Liberty" in Sicily could not be permitted.

3. I have now received information from Badoglio that he has issued specific orders to this effect.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION

File No. 1317 Palermo, 2 May 1944.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT

TO: GENERAL NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
NAPLES

My dear General:

In reply to your letter of the 29th last, I inform you that in effect some individuals who identified themselves as exponents of the movement called "Cavalieri della Libertà" (Knights of Freedom) appeared before this Government declaring themselves ready to form volunteer units with the complete material and moral assistance of the Allies, which according to them they had already obtained.

It seems in effect that an American officer had given some assurance in this matter.

After having interested the Supreme Command in the matter and having received a negative response to the development of the movement in question, in view of the unfavourable information concerning the reputations of the so-called exponents, the movement has had no success.

Specific orders have been given to the High Commissioner for Sicily to that effect.

Very cordially.

/s/ BADOGLIO

Copy to: SI-

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Nº 1317 DI PROT.

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SALERNO, 2 MAGGIO 1944

IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 3 May 1944
By

AL GENERALE NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
N A P O L I

CARO GENERALE,

IN RISPOSTA ALLA SUA DEL 29 U.S. LE COMUNICO CHE IN EFFETTI ALCUNI INDIVIDUI, CHE SI SONO QUALIFICATI COME ESPONENTI DEL MOVIMENTO DEI "CAVALIERI DELLA LIBERTÀ", SI SONO PRESENTATI A QUESTO GOVERNO, DICHIARANDOSI PRONTI A COSTITUIRE REPARTI VOLONTARI CON LA PIENA ASSISTENZA MATERIALE E MORALE DEGLI ALLEATI, A LORO DIRE GIÀ ACQUISITA.

SEMBRA IN EFFETTI CHE UN UFFICIALE AMERICANO AVESSE DATO QUALCHE AFFIDAMENTO IN PROPOSITO.

INTERESSATO DELLA QUESTIONE IL COMANDO SUPREMO E AVUTO PARERE CONTRARIO ALLO SVILUPPO DEL MOVIMENTO IN PAROLA, DATE LE INFORMAZIONI POCO FAVOREVOLI SULLE PERSONE DEI COSÌ DETTI ESPONENTI, IL MOVIMENTO STESSO NON HA AVUTO ALCUN SVILUPPO.

PRECISE DISPOSIZIONI SONO STATE IMPARTITE IN TAL SENSO ALL'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LA SICILIA.

MOLTO CORDIALMENTE

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Ref. CC/P/249.

29th. April, 1944.

I have received information from Sicily that a movement known as the "Knights of Liberty" is being started. I understand also that the High Commissioner has received a communication from the Italian Government directing him to encourage the movement.

2. I am also told that General MARIOTTI has heard that a certain Lieut-Col. PAROLLI UMBERTO, who is apparently the head of the organisation, is stating that the Allies have given their approval and have promised arms, uniforms, equipment and rations.

3. I have referred the question to General Alexander and I am instructed to inform you that the Allies cannot give their approval to any such movement and will certainly give it no assistance. I am instructed further to ask you to take immediate steps to stop the movement.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

S.E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo.

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Sec. Gen.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

Sec. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS
1-MAY 1944
A. C. C.

MSG Center No : NONE
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : IMPORTANT
From : HQ AAI
To ACTION : AFHQ INFO ACC (by ELS)

Date | Time Rec'd : APR292100
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Reference NR : 0-2611
Cite : NONE

INFORMATION HERE SHOWS FORMATION OF KNIGHTS OF LIBERTY MOVEMENT IN SICILY IS SPONSORED BY ITALIAN GOVT AND LEAD BY LT.COL.PAROLLI UMBERTO. IBS PALERMO STATE SOS YOUR HQ HAVE INSTRUCTED THEM TO ISSUE 150 UNIFORMS TO PROMOTE RECRUITMENT. NO PREVIOUS INTIMATION RECEIVED HERE. CINC AAI HAS INSTRUCTED GENERAL MASON MACFARLANE TO INFORM MARSHALL BADOGLIO THAT NO ENCOURAGEMENT OR ASSISTANCE WILL BE GIVEN BY ALLIED NATIONS AND THAT ITALIAN GOVT MUST TAKE STEPS TO STOP MOVEMENT. REQUEST YOU ISSUE ORDERS TO IBS NOT OT ISSUE UNIFORMS AND SUPPLY US WITH ALL INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON HOW THIS MOVEMENT WAS INITIATED.

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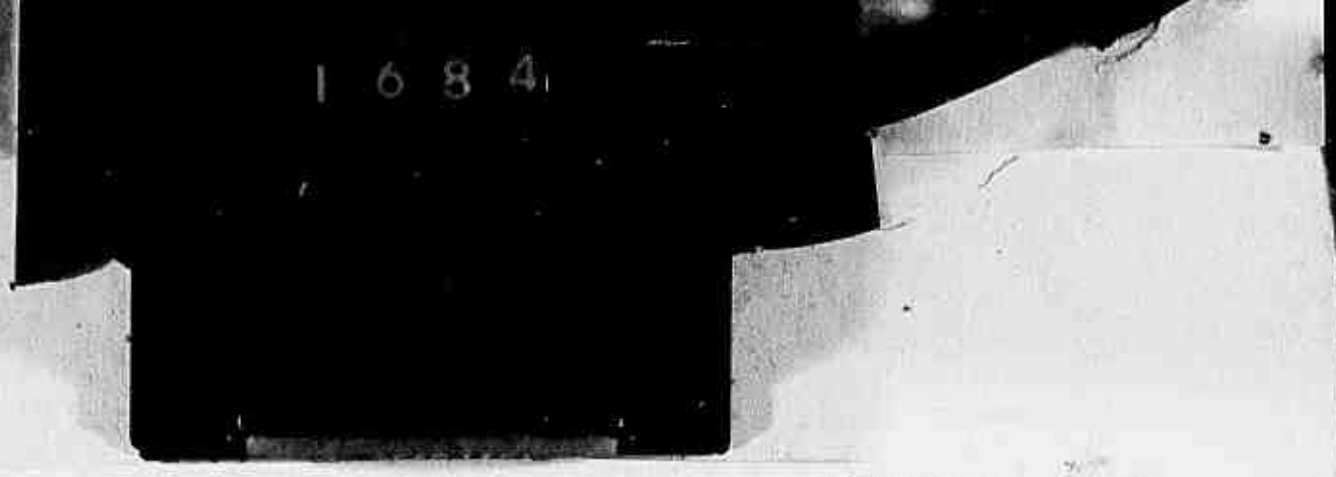

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Chief Com'n

D.C.C.

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SUBJECT: "Knights of Freedom."

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
1/112.
22 Apr 44.

H.Q., A.C.C.

30 Apr 1040
DFE

Reference attached -

1. This is the first we have heard of the "Knights of Freedom" Movement.

2. I consider that no official recognition should be given to it as regards supply of food or equipment. We should have one channel (S.M.R.E.) only for getting Italian soldiers for our needs. Moreover the placing of arms in the hands and the recognition of a Movement of 12,000 Sicilians might have far reaching consequences in view of the separatist tendency in certain Sicilian quarters.

3. In view of paras 2 and 3 of General MARIOTTI's letter of 15 April I send the case to you as I do not know to what extent in fact high Italian authorities are concerned.

4. I should be glad of your ruling.

H. Browning

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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TRANSLATION.

COMANDO DEL XII CORPO D'ARMATA
Uff. Operaz. Ordinam.

No. 11/00 prot. Secret and personal. Palermo 15th April 1944.

Subject: "Knights of Freedom" - (I Cavalieri della Liberta).

TO GENERAL HEYDEMAN - G.O.C. No. 1 District - CATANIA
TO COLONEL STUBBLEBINE - C.O. I.B.S. - PALERMO
TO COLONEL HANCOCK - A.C.C. Regional Commissr. for Sicily.

and for information:
TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER - PALERMO

1. The Italian Supreme Command informs me that in Sicily has lately developed a volunteer movement called "I Cavalieri della Liberta" - (The Knights of Freedom) - with the aim to enrol volunteers of any political colour wishing to fight the Germans.

The organisation is headed by Lt. Col. PAROLI Umberto of the "Bersaglieri" and has, as second in Command, Capt. DI BELLA Francesco Aurelio, Air Force; so far the members of this organisation are alleged to be about 12,000 -

2. Lt. Col. PAROLI has recently made a report to the Italian Supreme Command alleging that the Allies had given their approval promising to supply armaments, clothing, equipment and victuals should the new move, if properly acknowledged by the Italian Government, lead to a regular and efficient contribution to the war effort.

3. The Head of the Italian Government is willing to help this organisation should the Allies approve of it and should the Allies supply whatever is needed for the equipment and armament of this mass of volunteers.

4. In view of the fact that, according to reports reaching me, the organisers contemplate to put up posters calling for volunteers to enrol I would appreciate to receive your views in this connection.

5. Unless proper approval is given from Allied quarter with an indication to what extent may be met the requirements of these volunteers I will keep in abeyance the publication of the enrolment posters.

I beg, therefore, the High Commissioner for Sicily not to authorise for the time being, publication of such enrolment posters.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
Signed: Adamo MARIOTTI.

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SUBJECT: Volunteer Movement "Knights of Freedom" SECRET

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
Signed: Adamo MARIOTTI.

C O P Y

SUBJECT: Volunteer Movement "Knights of Freedom"

S E C R E T

1553/G

16 Apr 44.

Army Sub Commission,
M.M.I.A.

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The attached letter from Comd, XII Corps is forwarded for information.

I.B.S. have been asked to supply food and clothing for this organisation, and have referred the matter to higher authority.

As no instructions have been received on the subject, it would be much appreciated if this H.Q. could be informed of what action is to be taken.

Sgd: .?.?.?.?.?.?.? Lt Col.
for Major General.
Commander,
No. 1 District.

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Ref. CC/G/255. 1st. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A. A. I..

SUBJECT: Discipline and Control of the Italian Army.

1. Reference memoranda numbered G/6/1 of 22nd. and 28th. April from General Browning to you, copies of which were sent to me.

2. I wish to state that I am in agreement with General Browning's remarks in both cases.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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SYNOPSIS

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SUBJECT: Suggested Move of M.M.I.A., S.M.R.E. and M of W from LECCE Area to West Side of Italy. S E C R E T

Action Taken
I have forbidden
the move

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
30 Apr 44.

A.A.I.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. The fundamental principle must be that the whole of M of W, S.M.R.E. and M.M.I.A. must move together. To move parts of each and have an advanced and rear H.Q. is impossible. All three staffs are interlocked from top to bottom. A division of the staffs would mean even greater chaos and delay than exists at present.

2. While there would be a certain advantage in time and space in all these staffs being on the West side the following considerations weigh heavily against it.

(a) The whole business has been functioning as effectively from the LECCE - LEQUILE area as it would be on the West side, and the weather and roads will now be much better than hitherto. If any move had been desirable it should have happened before. The question has only now been raised by M of W., and S.M.R.E.

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(c) The whole West side accommodation is choc a bloc. To superimpose 400 officers and 2500 ORs with proper offices, messes, billets etc is not possible as the accommodation must be adequate and located in a limited area where proper communications exist.

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(e) A move to the West side would mean a hiatus of at least a fortnight while everyone was sorting out the other end and the proper rhythm of work was being re-established. We cannot afford such a hiatus at this juncture. Moreover to move to the West side and then (one hopes) within a limited period to move on to ROME, is not a proposition to produce efficiency and continuity.

(f)

(f) (i) I know privately that the vast majority of the M of W, and S.M.R.E. Senior and Junior officers are against any move till we go direct to ROME. It is only ORLANDO and BERARDI who are for the move and mainly to get under MESSE's wing, with all the advantages to them and the disadvantages to us (see para 2 (b) above.) It is significant that since I have addressed several strong letters to M of W and S.M.R.E. on the errors and delays that are occurring their anxiety to move has increased.

(ii) It is unnecessary for BERARDI to pay many visits to Commando Supremo (MESSE) and he has a D.C.S. at LECCE if he does.

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f (iii) ORLANDO's presence for Government meetings at SALERNO is more necessary but he too now has a Deputy.

(iv) Distance therefore does NOT make any great difference. To enable quicker transport from LECCE to SALERNO air travel can be used. Either Marshal BADOGLIO's private plane can be sent to the GALATINA (LECCE) airfield to fetch ORLANDO or BERARDI as necessary; or one of General PIACENTINI's two Italian private aircraft, operating from BARI or GALATINA can be reserved for M of W and S.M.R.E. I told ORLANDO this today and there should be no difficulty in arranging matters.

3. To sum up, I am convinced that:

(a) The existing set up and locations are the best possible for the present.

(b) Any move would be a grave disadvantage to the Allied war effort

(c) We can function more efficiently from the LECCE - LEQUILE area than by moving to the West side, with all the hiatus and loss of efficiency that involves.

4. I therefore urge that A.A.I. issue an order now that:

(a) No move is to take place at this juncture.

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This will stop all the subterranean and devious intrigues now being conducted by ORLANDO and BERARDI (and perhaps MESSE) against the wish of M.M.I.A. and even their own staffs.

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Major General.
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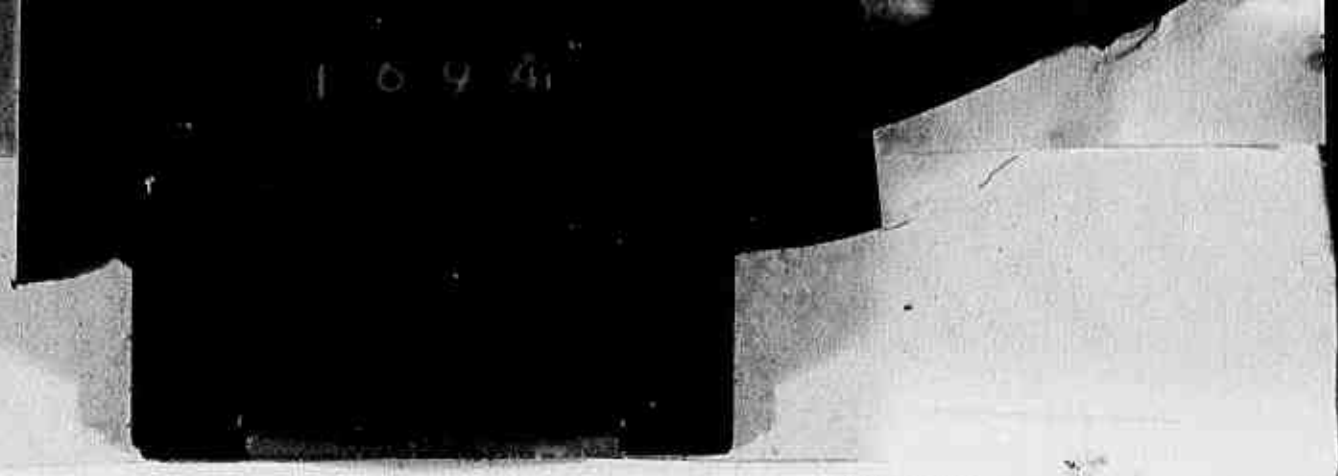

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SUBJECT:- Policy - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
29 Apr 44

Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore R Esercito

H.E. Marshal MESSE, Comando Supremo
H.E. General ORLANDO, Minister of War
Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
HQ, ACC NAPLES (2)
HQ AAI for G(SD) (2)
HQ AAI (Adm Ech) (2)
HQ Allied Garrison SARDINIA (2)
HQ No 1 District (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission , SALERNO
Public Security Sub Commission, ACC, SALERNO

for information

Your Excellency,

1. I am directed to inform you that this HQ's letter G/6/1/35 of 6 April 44, subject as above, is rescinded.

2. The figures given therein cannot be regarded as final until approved by higher authority.

3. Pending such approval or any amendments that may be made, existing arrangements continue.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

TO:- HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
NAPLES.

DATE:- 29th April 1944.

REF:- 7/3/AIR.

1 May 1400

The question of the Battalion of Arditi which is at present administered by the Regia Aeronautica has been discussed with General Browning. Although these may be known to be the counter-part of the R.A.F. Regiment, their training in fact does not fit them for these duties, and they are far more suitable for employment in a more active role; they would in fact be far better employed under the Italian Army.

2. General Browning expressed himself as willing to accept this Battalion, and their transfer would release another 1,000 places within the ceiling of 32,000 for Regia Aeronautica technicians which could be well employed by the Allied Forces.

3. It is suggested that this Battalion should be transferred at an early date, and it is stressed that their training has been of the Commando type, and it is thought that with a very little additional training they would be fully capable to undertake this type of operation.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,

BARI.

SECRET.

1/AIR. 29th April 1944.

My Dear General,

This letter is purely to give you my views on the present set-up at the extreme top end of the Regia Aeronautica. As you know the Minister combines his Office with that of Chief of Staff and General Piacentini is merely the head of the Unita Aerea.

In my view this is entirely a wrong set-up. The Minister should be concerned with Political matters and with higher policy, and should not be bothered with the execution of the policy. Similarly Piacentini, who is really the Operational Chief, has not sufficient power to cut through the Ministerial red tape which very effectively ties up all the Regia Aeronautica on anything but the operational side.

This represents my views on the matter, which I think you will agree are sound. On the other hand this may be a very inopportune time to suggest any alterations to the Italian Government, in fact the opportune moment may never arise. I would, however, be very grateful to have your views as to this matter, and as to whether a change could be made in the near future, or when any re-organisation in the Government takes place upon the fall of Rome.

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Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

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SUBJECT: Discipline and Control of the Italian Army - Exemption Policy for Conscripts. SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
29 Apr 44.

A.A.I.

(Copy to: Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.)

1. Ref your 3110/A(O) of 17 Mar and 3074/A(O) of 20 Mar 44, I wish to raise the whole question of the exemption policy for conscripts of the Italian Army.
My G/6/1 of 22 Apr also refers.

2. If large numbers of exemptions are granted by the Allied authorities, S.M.R.E. will be unable to provide sufficient men by the call up of 1923 Class for the execution of your programme for the Italian Army.

3. (a) The most important aspect of the matter is the case of truck drivers.

(b) Large numbers of these of the 1923 class are being exempted (and presumably the same will apply to the 1920 - 22 classes in due course) as Allied formations desire to retain these men, now hired as civilians.

(c) The result will be, in increasing degree, that S.M.R.E. will be unable to replace wastage in Italian Army Driver units now working under Allied command. The only source of replacement is the men provided by the call up of classes. In time, these Italian Army Driver units will be so reduced as to be ineffective.

4. I consider that, except in extreme cases where key men cannot readily be replaced by civilians : -

(a) The call up of all men liable to military service should be allowed to take its course.

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(c) Such exemptions should be on a temporary basis, renewable monthly. Otherwise a man may get a year's exemption and disappear.

(d) Lists of exempted men liable to call up should be sent forthwith to M.M.I.A. who will arrange for these men :

(i) to be called up and remain where they are as soldiers where possible, or

(ii) to be replaced by soldiers to avoid mixed units of all arms.

5. (a) It is natural that, from the parochial point of view, Allied commanders should want to exempt and retain the men they know and who may be working well and willingly for them close to their own homes.

(b) BUT, from the wider aspect, my proposal in para 4 above would:

(i) eliminate injustice in the difference between soldier and civilian pay for the same work

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5 (b) (ii) ensure "mobility" of labour as necessary and replacement of wastage in Italian Army units working under Allied command.

(iii) cost the Allies less.

(iv) strengthen the prestige and control of the Italian Army.

6. I therefore request that you give approval at an early date.

A. Brownjohn

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Scale of Issue of Rations.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUTLE (LECCE)
AQ/2
15 Apr 44.

His Excellency,
General ORLANDO
The Minister of War.

1. It is necessary that you should be completely aware of the reason for accurate issue of the correct scale of rations and also of the results of over-issue.

2. Rations are shipped into the country in the correct quantity for the number of the ITALIAN Armed Forces whom the ALLIED Governments have decided to feed. The shipments are accurately worked out and allow no margin of error in issue by you.

3. If a shortage of a commodity arises through over-issue, extra food in replacement will NOT be provided from ALLIED sources but will have to be made up by you by means of under-issue in the future.

4. It is therefore desired that you issue necessary and effective orders at once to the effect that : -

(a) Over-issue of any item will not be made in the future.

(b) Over-issue already made be adjusted by compensatory under-issues in subsequent periods.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Air Division, A.C.C. BARI.
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H.Q. No. 1 District.SICILY.
I.B.S.
Col. SIMMONS. (thru Allied Garrison Comd SARDINIA)

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HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 6 May 1535
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SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Army

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

4 May 44

HEADQUARTERS
- 5 MAG 1944
A. C. C.

AFHQ

1. Further to my letter 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) of 25 Apr 44.

Attached are:

Appendix "A" - Summary of totals of Italian tps now employed and to be employed by U.S. and British.

Appendix "B" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by British.

Appendix "C" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by Fifth Army (U.S.)

Appendix "D" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by PBS.

Appendix "E" - Outstanding requirements British.

Appendix "F" - Outstanding requirements Fifth Army (U.S.)

Appendix "G" - Outstanding requirements PBS.

2. Italian tps employed in 1 District and IBS are POW Coys or elements of the SABAUDA Div which is one of the internal security divisions. They have not therefore been included in para 1 above. The only exceptions are one bn employed on gds duties by IBS (and which has been included in Appendix "D") and a proportion of the AA & CD units noted in Appendix "A" para 5 (b).

3. Para 1 above gives the position as it is at present and shows the outstanding requirements as already notified to the Italian Ministry of War.

The figures given must necessarily be amended from time to [illegible] constantly under review and are

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by Fifth Army (U.S.).

Appendix "D" - Order of Battle of Italian tps now employed by PBS.

Appendix "E" - Outstanding requirements British.

Appendix "F" - Outstanding requirements Fifth Army (U.S.)

Appendix "G" - Outstanding requirements PBS.

2. Italian tps employed in 1 District and IBS are PCW Coys or elements of the SARDINIA Div which is one of the internal security divisions. They have not therefore been included in para 1 above. The only exceptions are one bn employed on gds duties by IBS (and which has been included in Appendix "D") and a proportion of the AA & CD units noted in Appendix "A" para 5 (b).

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The figures given must necessarily be amended from time to time since our requirements are kept constantly under review and are modified in the light of events. Also the question of standardising the various types of Italian units is now under discussion and when agreement is reached and put into effect it will cause considerable amendment to the Orders of Battle given in Appendices "B", "C" and "D". 916

4. The bulk of the Italian military manpower which is not yet employed is in SARDINIA. Allowing for movement to the mainland, re-organization and, in some cases, training, it is estimated that it will be about six months before all the outstanding requirements as shown in Appendices "E", "F" and "G" are met.

5. It is recommended that units shown in the attached appendices be equipped as necessary with items of British design for those employed by the British and of U.S. design for those employed by Fifth Army and Base Sections.

The maximum use is being made of such Italian equipment as exists. As this is wasted it will be necessary to replace it from Allied sources. It is estimated that ultimate total requirements for all tps shown in Appendix "A" will be as follows:

(a) Vote 7 (Clothing etc.) All from Allied sources to scale already authorized.

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(b) Vote 8 (General Stores) — Initial equipment from Italian sources and thereafter maintenance from Allied sources except for such simple items as are produced locally.

(c) Vote 9 (Warlike Stores)

Weapons and Ann - NIL (all from Italian sources).

MT - Estimated total to be issued and maintained as at Appendix "H". Rates of maintenance will be 'Quiet' FFC.

General,
Commander in Chief.

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Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 4 May 44

SUMMARY

1.	Now employed by British:-			
	Order of Battle at Appendix 'B'	45324		
2.	Outstanding requirements British:-			
	See Appendix 'E'	39204		
	Total British requirements	84528		84528
3.	Now employed by US:-			
	Order of Battle Fifth Army Appendix 'C'	8102		
	Order of Battle PBS Appendix 'D'	22003		
	Allied Garrison SARDINIA (+)	20000	50105	
4.	Outstanding requirements US:-			
	Fifth Army Appendix 'F'	15615		
	PBS Appendix 'G'	31093	46708	
	Total US requirements		96813	96813
(+)	Grand Total AAI requirement.			181341

5. Employed by AFHQ and NOT included in above totals:-

(a)	AA Smoke and Rly constr units	-	7000
(b)	CD Units in SICILY and SARDINIA	-	details NOT yet obtained
(c)	Tps employed in CORSICA	-	11000

(+) Troop List for AGS will be forwarded separately

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Appendix 'B' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 4 May 44

ORDER OF BATTLE - BRITISH Employed

	Offrs	ORs	Total
HQ UNITS			
209 Div HQ	29	145	
227 Div HQ	16	167	
Special Bde HQ (TOMASELLI)	10	40	407
ARMD CORPS			
1051 Tk Unit		270	270
RECCE CORPS			
'F' Recce Sqn	12	124	
Banda Patrioti Maiella	6	200	342
ARTY			
7 Mtn Regt	12	618	630
ENGINEERS			
Engr Gp HQ	3	13	
28 Artieri Bn	17	520	
501 Artieri Bn	20	300	
502 Artieri Bn	15	398	
3 Artieri Coy	5	264	
13 Artieri Coy	5	226	
25 Artieri Coy	7	188	
55 Artieri Coy	2	217	
77 Artieri Coy	7	220	
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951 Engr Wksp Sec	1	43	
952 Engr Wksp Sec	1	43	
760 Forestry Coy	2	125	
180 Special Lavoratori Coy	4	139	
181 Special Lavoratori Coy	4	112	
182 Special Lavoratori Coy	4	139	
29 Minatori Coy	8	255	5906

ENGR - TN

921 Docks Op Coy		394	
924 Docks Op Coy		394	788

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	Offrs	ORs	Total
SIGS			
65 Telegrafisti Coy	5	241	
820 Telegrafisti Coy	7	161	
821 Telegrafisti Coy	7	162	
822 Telegrafisti Coy	5	221	
823 Telegrafisti Coy	6	123	
824 Telegrafisti Coy	4	119	
210 Mista Genio Coy	6	164	
311 Mista Genio Coy	2	172	
130 Signal Coy	1	24	
800 Poscari Coy	3	126	
Radio Mechs	-	20	1579
ST			
1000 Gen Tpt Coy	11	410	
1001 Gen Tpt Coy	8	345	
1002 Gen Tpt Coy	10	411	
1003 Gen Tpt Coy	9	395	
1011 Drivers Coy	4	104	
Pack Gp HQ	3	6	
3 Pack Tpt Coy	16	359	
4 Pack Tpt Coy	8	260	
7 Pack Tpt Coy	15	359	
14 Gp Sqn Guide (Pack Tpt Coy)	12	278	
786 Pack Tpt Coy	8	270	
Rfts ex 58 Pack Tpt Coy	-	194	3495
MED			
82 Red Cross Hosp	7	62	
92 Fd Hosp	3	56	
152 Fd Hosp	6	38	
231 Fd Hosp	5	55	
247 Fd Hosp	5	54	
315 Fd Hosp	5	50	
93 Med Sec	5	193	
12 Fd Hyg Sec	1	68	613
EME			
308 Hy Wksp Coy	4	83	
1240 Hy Wksp Sec	1	46	134

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PRO				
7 Bn MP (TC)	28	293	321	
LABOUR				
516 Arty Regt	34	557		
567 Arty Regt	33	487		
One Bn 119 Inf Regt	30	740		
Bn, Coy & Det 120 Inf Regt	36	940		
Det 225 Inf Regt		75		
Two Bns 336 Inf Regt	60	1480		
Three Bns 402 Inf Regt	95	1595		
Three Bns 403 Inf Regt	122	2200		
Three Bns 404 Inf Regt	88	2680		
Three Bns 405 Inf Regt	87	1761		
Three Bns 406 Inf Regt	148	1904		
Three Bns 407 Inf Regt	126	2581		
Two Bns 409 Inf Regt	60	2550		
Three Bns 513 Inf Regt	56	546		
Two Bns 514 Inf Regt	44	616		
Three Bns 515 Inf Regt	80	1451		
Three Bns 522 Inf Regt	59	979		

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	Offrs	ORs	Total
Two Bns 541 Inf Regt	47	913	
Two Bns 545 Inf Regt	41	664	
One Bn 582 Inf Regt	24	776	
19 Garrison Bn	30	799	
96 Inf Bn	24	570	
114 MG Bn	23	267	
447 Bersaglieri Bn	25	702	
9 MG Coy	11	198	
107 Mortar Coy	40	140	
692 MG Coy	11	199	
Parma Coy	4	130	29938
MISC			
68 Mixed Rft Bn	31	571	
214 Transit Camp	5	37	
Driving School	6	233	
Mtn School Det		18	901
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Appendix 'C' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 4 May 44

ORDER OF BATTLE - FIFTH ARMY (US) Employed

	Offrs	ORs	Total
HQ Units			
210 Div HQ	27	242	269
Artv			
255 Btry	4	120	124
Engrs			
23 Artieri Bn	17	690	
12 Artieri Co	4	140	
210 Artieri Co	5	110	
909 Lavoratori Artieri Co	6	250	
103 Minatori Bn	6	400	
6 Minatori Co	5	216	
21 Pontieri Co	7	315	
101 Pontieri Co	6	264	
870 Assault Engr Gp	3	44	2488
Sigs			
801 Posacavi Co	3	100	
810 Radio Control Plat	1	31	135
ST			
1 Pack Tpt Co	12	483	
2 Pack Tpt Co	10	388	
5 Pack Tpt Co	9	330	
9 Pack Tpt Co	10	485	
Replacements	9	380	2115
Med			

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23 Artieri Bn	17	690	
12 Artieri Co	4	140	
210 Artieri Co	5	110	
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101 Pontieri Co	6	264	
870 Assault Engr Gp	3	44	2488
Sigs			
801 Posacavi Co	3	100	
810 Radio Control Plat	1	31	135
SI			
1 Pack Tpt Co	12	483	
2 Pack Tpt Co	10	388	
5 Pack Tpt Co	9	330	
9 Pack Tpt Co	10	485	
Replacements	9	380	2115
Med			
525 Fd Hosp	5	42	
865 Fd Hosp	7	54	108
VR			
110 Vet Hosp	5	95	
130 Vet Hosp	5	96	
Pack Mule Trg Centre	6	130	237
Lab			
567 Arty Regt (one gp)	17	333	
67 Inf Regt (two bns)	81	1051	
525 Inf Regt (two bns)	49	619	
548 Inf Regt (one bn)	36	440	2626
	TOTAL		8102

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Appendix 'D' to 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)
dated 4 May 44

ORDER OF BATTLE - PBS US Employed

	Offrs	ORs	Total
HQ Units			
212 Div HQ	25	128	153
Engrs			
1 Artieri Co	4	220	
2 Artieri Co	5	221	
11 Artieri Co	6	163	
998 Electrical Engr Co	9	192	
999 Electrical Engr Co	9	192	
212 Misto Genio Co	3	37	1061
Quartermaster			
1006 QM Truck Co	4	120	
1010 QM Truck Co	5	128	
1100 QM Truck Co	6	107	
1101 QM Truck Co	6	107	
1102 QM Truck Co	6	107	
1103 QM Truck Co	6	107	
301 QM Truck Bn	21	496	
302 QM Truck Bn	21	496	
258 QM Depot Co	4	194	
259 QM Depot Co	4	194	
19 Fd Bky	3	137	
52 Fd Bky	3	137	
SASSARI Fd Bky	3	137	
BONORVA Fd Bky	3	137	2703
Ord			
708 Ord Amn Co	6	139	
716 Ord Amn Co	6	180	
718 Ord Amn Co	6	139	
719 Ord Amn Co	6	180	
707 Ord MM Co	6	138	
709 MM Co	10	277	
717 Ord MM Co	6	138	

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1006 QM Truck Co	4	120	
1010 QM Truck Co	5	128	
1100 QM Truck Co	6	107	
1101 QM Truck Co	6	107	
1102 QM Truck Co	6	107	
1103 QM Truck Co	6	107	
301 QM Truck Bn	21	496	
302 QM Truck Bn	21	496	
258 QM Depot Co	4	194	
259 QM Depot Co	4	194	
19 Fd Bky	3	137	
52 Fd Bky	3	137	
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719 Ord Amn Co	6	180	
707 Ord MM Co	6	138	
709 MM Co	10	277	
717 Ord MM Co	6	138	
728 Ord MM Co	6	190	
729 Ord MM Co	6	194	
1242 Ord MM Sect	1	26	1660

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7 Rmt Stn Bn	25	325	
210 Vet Hosp	2	95	
211 Vet Hosp	2	95	
212 Vet Hosp	3	95	642

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Lab

518 Inf Regt (one bn)*	25	763	
545 Arty Regt (two gp)	39	602	
503 Inf Regt (four bns)	90	2372	
512 Inf Regt (three bns)	75	1358	
523 Inf Regt (four bns 1 Co)	128	2459	
532 Inf Regt (two bns)	57	1509	
535 Inf Regt (two bns)	51	1574	
545 Inf Regt (two bns)	41	664	
572 Inf Regt (two bns)	50	1516	
582 Inf Regt (one bn)	26	742	
590 Inf Regt (two bns)	52	1591	15784

*Employed by IBS

TOTAL 22003

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Appendix 'E' to
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OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS - BRITISH

Unit	No of Units	Personnel	Total
RECCE			
Recce Sqn	1	150	150
ENGR			
Camouflage Unit	1	31	
Artiori Coy	10	2500	
Lavoratori Artiori Coy	18	4500	
Rd Constr Coy	12	2640	9,671
ENGRS - MW			
Docks Op Coy	6	2364	2,364
SIGS			
Sigs Wksp	1	18	18
INF - GDS			
Gd Bns	4	3200	
Gd Coy	1	156	3,356
ST			
Gen Tpt Coy	4	1580	
Indep Pl Amb Car Coy	1	61	
Dvr Rfts		67	
Muletoer Rfts	-	1653	3,361

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	Artieri Coy	10	2500	
	Lavoratori Artieri Coy	13	4500	
	Md Constr Coy	12	2640	9,671
DOCKS - E				
	Docks Op Coy	6	2364	2,364
SIGS				
	Sigs Wksp	1	18	18
INF - GDS				
	Gd Bns	4	3200	
	Gd Coy	1	156	3,356
ST				
	Gen Tpt Coy	4	1580	
	Indep Pl Amb Car Coy	1	61	
	Dvr Rfts		67	
	Muletoor Rfts	-	1653	3,361
MED				
	Motor Amb Det	1	20	
	Med Rfts	-	500	520
EME				
	Wksp Coy	2	564	564
LAB				
	Lavoratori Bns	24	19,200	19,200
	GRAND TOTAL			39,204

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Appendix 'F' to
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Outstanding Requirements - Fifth Army (US)

Unit	No of Units	Personnel
Artillery Cos	15	3750
QM Truck Co	1	230
Ord Co's	10	1850
CWS Pln	1	281
Labor Bns	11	9504
TOTAL		15,615

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Appendix 'G' to
1605/50/3/1(SD1)
dated 4. May 44

Outstanding Requirements - P.B.S.

Unit	No. of Units	Personnel	Totals
HQ Units			
Regt HQs	5	300	300
Engineer Units			
Minori Co's	2	310	
Artieri Co's	6	1380	
Gen Serv Regts	2	2642	
Dump Truck Co's	4	500	
Fire Fighting Units	7	287	
Utility Platoons	3	166	
Port Constr. & Rep Gp	1	245	
			5550
Signal Units			
Depot Co	1	201	201
Quartermaster Units			
Truck Bns	4	2176	
Bakery Co's	2	342	
RHD Co's	2	736	
Salv Rep Co's	1	205	
Steril Co	1	159	
Field Baths	5	100	
Field Bakeries	2	304	
			4022
Medical Units			

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Fire Fighting Units	7	217	
Utility Platoons	3	186	
Port Constr. & Rcp Gp	1	245	
			5550
Signal Units			
Depot Co	1	201	201
Quartermaster Units			
Truck Bns	4	2176	
Bakery Co's	2	342	
RHD Co's	2	736	
Salv Rcp Co's	1	205	
Steril Co	1	159	
Field Baths	5	100	
Field Bakeries	2	304	
			4022
Medical Units			
Dispensaries	6	276	
Depot Co's	2	608	907
		884	
Ordnance Units			
MM (AA) Co	1	202	
MM Co	1	205	
MVR Co	1	164	
Ammo Co	1	185	
Depot Co's	2	372	
			1128
Labor Bns	22	19008	19008
TOTAL			31,093

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Appendix "H" to
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ESTIMATED TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS OF ITALIAN UNITS TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE ALLIES

A - British Employed Units

1. Initial equipment provided from Italian sources and subsequent maintenance from British sources.

Lt vehs incl 15 cwt trucks	259
Load carriers over 15 cwt	213
Water trucks or trailers	66
Total	538

This represents the minimum essential domestic transport for all units other than transport units.

2. Initial equipment and maintenance from British sources of eight transport coys and one amb car coy.

Lt vehs incl 15 cwt trucks	133
Load carriers over 15 cwt	1145
Ambulances	58
Technical vehs	48
Water trucks or trailers	51
Total	1435

B - U.S. Employed Units

As authorized in the tables of organization approved for corresponding units formed from Italian Prisoners of War in NORTH AFRICA. Application has already been made by PBS to SOS NATOUSA for authority to implement these scales of transport

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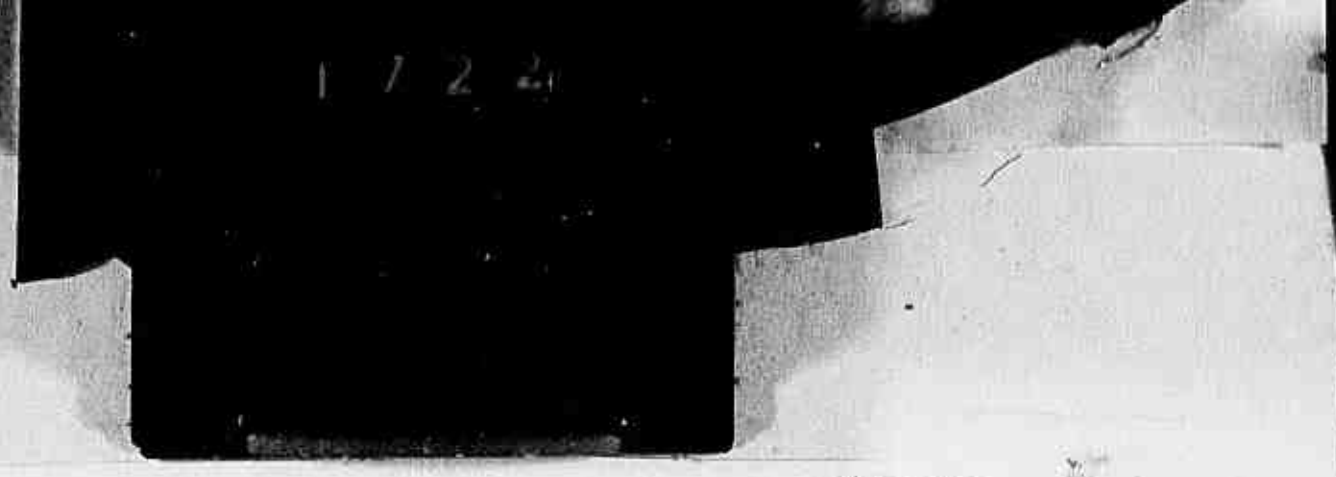

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SUBJECT:- Employment of Italian Army

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

25 Apr 44

ACC
MMIA

Contents of AAI letter 1605/50/3/1/G(SDI) of 25 Apr 44 will not be communicated in whole or in part to the Italian Government, High Command, SMRE or any other Italian authority.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff

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2 May 1055

SUBJECT : Employment of the Italian Army

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY
1605/50/3/1/G(SD1)

25 Apr 44

AFHQ

1. In continuation of my letter No 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) dated 3 April 1944, and with reference to your signal No F 29683 dated 8 April, I feel that the Combined Chiefs of Staff may not be fully aware of the extent to which the Italian Army is and can be a profitable investment from the purely military point of view. I have had this aspect of the matter carefully examined and recommend that the points set out in this letter should be brought to the notice of the Combined Chiefs of Staff before they take a final decision on the strength at which the Italian Army is to be maintained.

2. The military value of the Italian Army can best be considered under three main headings:-

(a) Combat troops to increase the fighting strength of the Allied Armies in ITALY.

(b) Service units for duty with the Allied Armies in ITALY to save Allied manpower.

(c) Internal security troops to ensure that Allied manpower is not absorbed in such or other kindred duties.

3. Combat Troops

It is obvious that combat troops can only be a profitable investment if they have a definite fighting value. The availability of Italian equipment limits the number of troops that can be made effective to one division, and experience during the past few months has shown that that is also roughly the limit of suitable units. An Italian contingent has now been in the line for some time and Commander Eighth Army has recently reached the conclusion that he can usefully employ an Italian division during the rest of the Italian campaign in a defensive role. I agree with that view, and arrangements are being made to reorganise and build-up the Italian combat contingent at the first convenient opportunity into an effective division which will then be employed as such with the Eighth Army. The employment of Italian troops in a defensive role has facilitated the current regrouping programme, and the formation of an Italian combat division will be a definite, even though modest, increase in our

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4. This combat division will have a total strength of 14,100 all ranks. It will be equipped from Italian sources as far as possible but investigation has shown that a limited number of items of essential stores and equipment are neither available nor obtainable from Italian resources. If this division is to be an effective fighting formation these items must be supplied and maintained from Allied sources, and as it is intended to employ the division with Eighth Army they should be of British design. This question is now being examined in detail and a report will be rendered in due course stating the actual articles and quantities required. Meanwhile I strongly recommend that the Combined Chiefs of Staff be requested to accept the principle that provision of the minimum equipment requirements of the Italian combat division shall be an Allied commitment, and that issues of immediate requirements may be made at my discretion from British stocks now held in ITALY.

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5. It is proposed that any non-divisional service units required to maintain the Combat division in action should be provided by the allocation of appropriate units from the rest of the Italian Army allotted to internal security duties.

6. Service Units

At the present time Italian administrative units, numbering about 70,000 men, are doing invaluable work for the Allied Armies in ITALY. Taken as a whole these men are working well and their officers, within the limits of their national characteristics, are co-operating. Without these Italian troops we should not be able to sustain present operations at the required scale unless a corresponding number of troops were provided from Allied resources.

7. The same can be said of future requirements. In making plans for an advance to the RIMINI - PISA line very little has been asked for in the way of additional administrative units because reliance has been placed on the formation of extra Italian units to take over from Allied troops in rear areas, and thereby to release the Allied troops required for the forward area. This aspect of the matter is now being re-examined in accordance with your letter No. HSD/424 dated 14 April, and it may well be found that even further dilution by Italian units with consequential saving in Allied manpower will be possible.

8. Meanwhile the Order of Battle of Italian Service units already formed or definitely projected is being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as possible. This Order of Battle will be in amplification of the outline of requirements amounting to 180,000 personnel which was attached at Appendix 'C' to AFHQ letter 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) of 3 April. I ask that my requirements should receive sympathetic consideration and I submit that the maintenance of Italian troops, who work well and make a substantial contribution to our War effort, as happens in the case of these units, constitute a profitable investment for the small amount expended on their food and equipment.

9. There is another aspect of dilution by Italian personnel which arises out of the questions posed in your letter No. HSD/424 of 14 April. It is not clear from your letter whether you contemplate extending the field of selection of Italian personnel to the Italian civil population. It will be obvious to you that not being British or American subjects the enlistment or enrolment of Italian civilians into Allied military units will present many difficult problems connected with administration and disciplinary matters. I therefore consider that the Italian Army must remain the fountain of all Italian personnel required for duty with the Allied forces. For

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10. Internal Security Troops

Final requirements under this heading are difficult to assess. As things stand at present the number of troops needed for internal security duties is not large, but as more Italian territory is conquered commitments will increase. Also as the war in Europe nears its close political faction will tend to increase and the situation as regards the maintenance of law and order in ITALY may change for the worse. Although, as far as I am aware, our plans do not envisage operations into the valley of the PO and through Northern ITALY, we may be forced by circumstances to occupy these areas with the possibility of a big internal security commitment which could be undertaken by Italian troops, and for which the use of Allied troops would be uneconomical to say the least.

I therefore/.....

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I therefore submit that on purely military grounds we should agree to maintain Italian internal security troops at a strength of about 101,200 all ranks, with the addition of a further 45,000 odd for control organisation, static HQs and services.

11. Some of the best of these internal security units could be specially trained to relieve from time to time similar units in the combat division, equipment being exchanged between the units concerned. This might be made to act as an incentive to internal security units, and would considerably enhance the operational value of the combat division as it would enable it to remain in the line for prolonged periods without serious deterioration, and without any additional requirements in equipment.

12. Conclusions

To sum up my recommendations are:-

(a) That authority be given to me to provide from British stocks such articles of equipment as are essential to maintain one Italian division in action.

(b) That the feeding and equipping of the Service units required at para 8 above be accepted as an Allied commitment.

(c) That if further examination shows that more Italian service units can be employed in replacement of Allied units I should be empowered to organise and use them under the same terms as existing units, provided that the total number of troops to be maintained does not exceed the figure given in Appendix 'A' of my 1605/50/3/1/G(SD1) of 3 April.

(d) That there should be no reduction in the number of troops allowed for internal security, central organisation, static formations and services, at least until it is quite clear that there will be no internal security commitment north of the RIMINI - PISA line.

(e) That a few selected units in internal security formations be trained to provide reliefs for similar units in the combat division.

13. I suggest that my views as set out above on the value of the Italian Army are made known to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and I request

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13. I suggest that my views as set out above on the value of the Italian Army are made known to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and I request that I may be informed at the earliest possible date if my recommendations have been accepted or not.

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H. R. Alexander

General,
Commander-in-Chief.

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29 Apr 1410 DFE

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
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25 April 1944.

My Dear General

I hear unofficially that Generals ORLANDO and BERARDI have been exploring the SALERNO area to see whether they can move over there. I know they want to get more under Marshal MESSE's wing as they feel he would cut more ice than they do. I believe that they are also saying that H.Q., A.C.C. approve.

In view of the interlocking nature of the work of the Italian Ministry of War, S.M.R.E. and M.M.I.A. these must obviously all be in the same area. On the other hand I believe that ORLANDO and BERARDI and toying with the idea that they themselves plus a small part of their Staff could move to SALERNO leaving the bulk of their Staffs at LECCE. This would be an impossible state of affairs and cause even more confusion than exists at present. Moreover I understand that there is NOT proper accommodation on the West Coast for all our three Staffs as above.

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I write this to you merely for information so that you will know what is going on and I have also written to Brig FOSTER G (S.D.) H.Q. AAI giving them the picture also.

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I am getting the hang of this job now and have started touring. I am doing the Heel of Italy first, including BARI. I am then proposing to go and see XXXI Corps in CATANZARO area and I hope to come and see you in about 10 days time to report progress.

I am handicapped by the lack of a proper car but I gather that my new car from North Africa has arrived in NAPLES and is en route here,

Au Revoir,

Yours, Very Sincerely
Langley

Lieut General Sir Noel MASON MacFARLANE,
Chief Commissioner,
A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Discipline and Control of ITALIAN Army. S E C R E T

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/61
22 Apr 44.

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A.A.I.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. GENERAL.

The discipline of the Italian Army is a matter of grave importance to the Allies and to the Italian Government not only now but also for post-war. The prestige and authority of the Italian Army must, therefore, be re-established by every means possible and as soon as possible in order that it may function properly. Major factors in this are that : -

(a) Desertion and absenteeism from the Italian Army be reduced to the minimum.

(b) Unauthorised retention of Italian individuals by Allied Formations and Establishments to be stopped.

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Typical cases reported by the Italian General Staff allege that : -

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(b) Italian Medical Officers who returned to their homes on leave were retained there by A.M.G. officers to take care of the civilian population.

(c) Italian deserters employed by Allied formations were recognised by Italian officers and placed in jail awaiting return to their units; these deserters were removed from jail by Allied Intelligence personnel at once, have not been returned to their units, and have disappeared.

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3. ASPECTS.

(a) It is well understood that many Italian soldiers will go to great lengths to remain attached to Allied formations on account of the better living conditions, rations etc. No doubt the interest of the Allied officers in these individuals is to some extent inspired by these Italian soldiers themselves.

(b) Certain classes of Italian civilians are now being called or recalled to the Colours, either to fulfil Allied demands or to permit older men now in the Italian Army to be released from military duty.

(c) In a country where the Army is founded on universal conscription there is always the danger that only those men without influence, power, or money, will be required to serve in the Army.

(d) The fact that many civilians now employed by the Allies will be exempted from the call-up on the certificate of the Allied employer increases the opportunity for certain Italians to evade the law, under the cloak of performing essential service for the Allies.

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5. CONCLUSION.

(a) I fully realise that under the conditions existing to date the situation as outlined above was bound to have occurred. But I am strongly of opinion that the whole business should be "tidied up" forthwith.

(b) I therefore request that you will issue orders at an early date that : -

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5. CONCLUSION (Contd.)

(i) All Allied officers at once examine all Italian personnel employed by them as "civilians" (i.e. not in authorised units) to ensure that all Italian officers and soldiers who are in fact absent without leave or in desertion are turned over at once to the Italian Army for return to their units.

(ii) Allied officers do not in future employ any Italian on any work until it is definitely established that such Italian is not a member of the Italian Army absent either with or without leave, or liable to recall.

(iii) Allied officers do not intervene with Italian authorities on behalf of Italian soldiers who have deserted or are absent from the Italian Army, in order to employ such soldiers or continue such absence.

(iv) A return be furnished forthwith (and thereafter monthly) to the Italian Government, through M.M.I.A. shewing : -

Numbers of Italians, not in authorised units, employed by the Allies.

Details in regard to each individual who has been given a certificate of exemption from Military service by any Allied Formation.

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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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P E R S O N A L & C O N F I D E N T I A L

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
DO/2

19 April 1944.

My Dear General,

Answered
by letter 20/4/44

I heard today that General BERARDI is rushing about saying that he does not like the distribution of Italian personnel shown in Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/3/1/G (SD1) issued by H.Q. AAI on 3 April, of which a copy was sent to you.

For instance, as I said in my letter to you DO/2 dated 18 April, he wants, I gather, the Combat Division to be of a strength of 20,000. I understand also that the 45,870 Italian troops alloted under the heading "Italian Administration" are in his opinion too few.

As you know the proposals in the above-mentioned H.Q. AAI letter have gone to WASHINGTON and we cannot possibly at this stage ask for alterations. The figure 537,170 as the total of authorised Italian Armed Forces must stand.

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I am sure you agree with what I say above and that if BERARDI comes your way you will give him no change. I write this letter 898 merely to warn you as to what may be in the offing.

Yours, very sincerely

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Lt. Gen. Sir NOEL MASON MacFARLANE,
KCB, DSO, MD.,
Chief Commissioner,
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PERSONAL CONFIDENTIAL.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
DO/2

18 April 1944.

Spoke Brownrigg
No action

My Dear General

Italian reply sent on 22/4
WMS 22/4

1. A note to report progress since I arrived at this Headquarters.

2. There is a lot to reorganise here according to my way of thinking. Not that there is anything vitally wrong but I feel that we can run more efficiently with certain improvements I am putting into force. The reorganisation falls mainly under 4 headings : -

(a) CONTROL. Unless one can control and get orders and letters out quickly and reply thereto reasonably quickly, there is an unsatisfactory time lag and this is rather the case here at the moment.

I have therefore put in an application for some more cipher personnel and when these arrive, by means of Italian wireless which we can get, I shall be able to send signals direct to SARDINIA, SICILY and NAPLES on the same wave-length. ✓

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(b) REORGANISATION OF OFFICE LAYOUT AND PROCEDURE. I am introducing the normal system which obtains in any big Headquarters and decentralize responsibility to heads of branches who will bring up the big matters to me for decision. At the moment I find myself wading through masses of detail which is not my pigeon and it is all rather a Soviet. ✓

(c) POLICY. I feel there is a very real need for getting policy down on paper as regards a variety of subjects. I get the impression that everyone is trying very hard but are not at all clear at the object which they are trying to achieve.

Of course, a lot of this is due to the fact that the whole business of producing an Italian Army to help us is in a state of flux, but I think I can get the foundations settled in

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a variety of respects, for example : -

(i) Definite allotment by S.M.R.E. of Internal Security Divisions by name. The broad picture regarding Italian Divisions is that we are to have a Combat Division and 10 Internal Security Divisions organised into one Corps of 2 Divisions for NAPLES and to the South, one Corps of 3 Divisions for North of NAPLES, one Corps of 3 Divisions for SICILY, one Corps of 2 Divisions for SARDINIA.

At present only the MANTORA, PICCENO and SABAUDA Divisions are nominated out of the 10 for Internal Security. I am pressing S.M.R.E. to decide definitely on the others ~~and [illegible] are~~ thus giving us a basis to go on and on which much depends.

I believe S.M.R.E. are anxious to have four Divisions for North of NAPLES and may propose that SICILY only has 2 Divisions in consequence, but this is only in the air at the moment.

The Combat Div (CIL) is somewhat of a problem. We have a definite use for it with an establishment of 14,100. That was agreed. Now I gather that S.M.R.E. want to include representative battalions from the Navy and the Air Force, and to bring over the NEMBO Division from SARDINIA (apparently very good troops) which would raise the establishment to some 20,000. The Italians feel this is a matter of prestige, so that they have a thoroughly representative Combat Div. But, I doubt if

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(ii) ISSUE OF STORES TO THE ITALIANS AIDING OUR WAR EFFORT.

A.A.I. are not quite in the picture over this. They have issued a letter which does not "add up", so we have arranged for a very early meeting with them to explain how we think it must be done. When they realise the state of affairs I am sure they will agree. Clothing and boots are now beginning to come forward from British and U.S. sources and the repair and reissue of Italian uniforms

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by the Italians is also 'en train'. There must be an inevitable time lag before the issue starts functioning properly but we are beginning to see daylight.

As regards the issue of food to the Italians aiding our war effort, this is in a muddle at the moment. You kindly lent us PINSLEY to take on the job of producing instructions. We hope to produce definite proposals for approval in about 10 days. Meanwhile we have sent a draft to H.Q. AAI for their reactions. He has visited SARDINIA and is now going to SICILY to see for himself. He already knows the Mainland situation. The food is arriving and is being issued but there are a lot of loose ends as regards the checking and accounting. I wont worry you with details but we have some way to go yet before it is all buttoned up.

One aspect which may interest you is the "local purchase" part of the ration. Money issued to achieve this at once drives the purchaser into the black market at inflated prices. Also there are shortages of, e.g. Olive oil and wine in SARDINIA, with a surplus in APULIA.

We have asked for an increase in the ration scale from "Basic" scale to "Combat" scale because the doctors say that the basic scale is definitely below subsistence level. If this increase is refused and we are told to guess again, we have an intermediate scale which the doctors have vetted and say will do. This is all before WASHINGTON now.

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(iii) RELATIONSHIP AND DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN DISTRICTS, REGIONS AND A.M.I.A. 895

I am sure that this is not understood generally and we find all sorts of irregularities and by-passing going on via incorrect channels. The result is delay, duplication and sometimes even a cancellation of what has already been done.

I am having a treatise made out on the whole question and am submitting it to you for approval. Then perhaps we might get A.F.H.Q. AAI to issue it to everyone as their Bible on the procedure to be adopted.

(iv) INSPECTIONS OF ITALIAN UNITS.

This is done somewhat haphazard at present and as far as I can make out, no report goes forward to the British or U.S.

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formations who receive these Italian units from M.M.I.A. On the whole these units that we have formed and passed on to A.A.I. have been well reported on. There are occasional indifferent ones and when we hear about them we get C.M.P.E. to work to rejuvenate the Italian units themselves.

These are just a few examples of lack of Policy. I have started a proper Policy file, 'C' and 'Q', to which everyone in this Headquarters can refer and which will eventually build up into our Bible.

3. THE "TOOLS" TO DO THE JOB.

These are at the moment somewhat badly lacking ! We are very understaffed and I have not even got my GOCs car yet, though I believe it is on the way.

We have put in a new War Establishment for the British side of this Headquarters which has been passed by A.A.I. and there should be no difficulty about it at A.F.H.Q. because I saw them about this on my way through. But approval is still awaited and then we have to get the chaps to fill the vacancies.

The T/O for the American side of this Headquarters has been sent to WASHINGTON. It is the minimum necessary. In fact, in going into the supply question in SARDINIA and SICILY I found that the Inspection and Supervisory staff we required had not been included. So I sent off a cable asking for 4 Captains, 4 Staff Serjeants and 12 Serjeants more ! I think this may shatter WASHINGTON, who LEMNITZER says are

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I am afraid that the above will keep me tied to this Headquarters for a bit as I do feel that I must get the foundations right,before I start going around seeing people.

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4. SARDINIA.

We have had a gathering of Outstation I.Os here at LEQUILE this week-end and done a lot of useful business. Col. SIMMONS, our American Liaison Officer over there was present. I think he is doing a good job and he seems keen, intelligent and energetic. He was not clear that M.M.I.A. had taken over SARDINIA and was actually dealing direct with A.F.H.Q. which has caused a slight muddle. But he understands now and when we get out the Charter mentioned in sub para 2 (c) (iii) above, things will go smoothly.

I am sending over my R.E.M.E. officer from here to SARDINIA shortly to set up a repair workshop coy so that they can get to work on the Italian M.T. there. I am told that there are some 3,800 Italian M.T. vehicles in SARDINIA out of which by cannibilisation we should be able to produce about 1800 serviceable vehicles. The sooner we do this the better for every reason.

The shipping of Italian troops from SARDINIA is one of my biggest problems now, I think. We are down to 30,000 available Italian troops on the Mainland to provide new units and formations required by A.A.I. and if we drain the 30,000 to the dregs we should mature talent. So I want to get the troops from SARDINIA over to the Mainland as soon as I can for this reason. Moreover there would be other advantages such as : -

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(a) We would start getting them out before the bad Malarial season in June.

(b) They would be more under control and easier to equip and put into some kind of shape on the Mainland.

(c) The presence of this mass of "loungers" in SARDINIA is bad for morale and affects the food situation.

(d) We would get SARDINIA into its final form with a garrison of one Corps of 2 Divisions.

I am writing in a letter about this giving all the factors and saying what I want. At present 3 Italian cruisers are ferrying 10,000 a month. I shall probably want to ferry over some 110,000 in the not too distant future, so I may have to call on you or A.A.I. for help. to get more shipping. Otherwise creation of new Italian units stops ! Without these SARDINIAN troops I cannot produce the formations as

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required by A.A.I. or the Internal Security Divisions you require to keep order on the Mainland and provide a stable force behind Badoglio for Post-War, which may come as suddenly as it did in 1918.

You asked at the Conference the other day about forage for the animals dying of starvation in SARDINIA. This matter has been represented to A.F.H.Q. and they have agreed to provide forage at 2/3 Field scale with effect from 20th April.

5. CALABRIA.

The Liaison Officer with XXX Corps, one Lieut Colonel HOWARD, was at our gathering here. I would say he is first class. He has only been there 10 days, had got a good grip and was getting a move on. General CORONATI of 31 Corps came here and saw us. A good chap, aged 60 but looks at least ten years younger, is full of energy and has the right ideas. He is cleaning up barracks etc and generally making his personality felt. HOWARD tells me that it is amusing to go round inspections with CORONATI because the latter gives everyone "stick" from the beginning to the end of the day ! CORONATI pleaded very hard for clothing, boots and thread for repair etc., and I assured him that I fully realised the importance of this as affecting morale and that we were doing our damndest to get the stuff for him. Actually 4000 battledresses are in transit to this Corps at the moment.

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6. ADV. H.Q. M.M.I.A. SALERNO.

Lieut Colonel QUINNEITH was here also. Apparently all is going well there and he likes and gets on well with MESSE. No particular troubles. One point of interest was the matter of the supplies and parcels to Italian troops in MONTENEGRO. Complaints from both MESSE and CXILIA were that parcels sent to the Italians over the water did not get there. We have been sympathetic but have taken the line that this is a matter for Force 266 and we cannot butt in on their party.

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All we can do is to represent the matter and leave Force 266 to deal with it.

7. CONFERENCE AT 8th ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

I got a message on Saturday to say would I go to 8th Army H.Q. on 18th April to discuss with OLIVER LEESE and MESSE the provision of Italians for 8 Army. This was cancelled but is to come off shortly. I do not know what exactly they want to talk about.

A.A.I. has given us a programme of Units (outside Combat Divisions) for what they want and we are producing these and keeping them informed of progress. Also I do not see why MESSE is going because as you know we deal direct here with S.A.H.Q. Colonel KERR suggests to me that LEESE may have ideas about dilution, possibly on the lines of producing more than one Combat Division out of the Italians. He may be hoping for us to produce, perhaps 3 or 4 Combat Divisions with, say, Italian Infantry and Services but with British guns. I don't know but I just mention it to you in case A.A.I. say anything to you about it.

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(c) Our attitude towards the Italians. I think this is alright from the P.W.I.A. point of view but to make certain I am addressing my officers and telling them my views on the matter. I know you agree with these because we discussed this subject when I dined with you the other night. As you know I am prepared to go more than half way towards them so as to try and lift them out of the slough of despond~~ency~~ and restore their self respect, apart from the fact that it will pay !

(d) The Italian Combat Division. They are frightfully keen on

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this. BERARDI spoke with considerable vehemence recently to DUCHESNE on the matter. I gather that they are prepared to lose any number of men as so to show that they are really trying and so as to have a record for post-war Italy, showing that they did take a real part in the liberation of their Country.

9. CONCLUSION.

I seem to have been dictating for a long time and I think I have given you the major points as I see them at present. I hope this is the sort of thing you want.

I propose to write a personal letter to you like this every so often, sometimes bringing it in person, so as to keep you in the picture. Distances are great and I must get out and about and see for myself, so I hope you will forgive me if for the next few weeks I do not come over and see you personally as often as DUCHESNE did.

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ARM. SUB 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"

2. SUPPLY LIAISON

(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")

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

(b) RATIONS DEPOT INSPECTORATE.(Incl POL) in conjuction with Italian inspectors supervise distribution from Bulk Depots to consumption ; visit each distribution depot about once a week and make periodical visits to units; also supervise Port Liaison Detachments. See Appendix "A"

(c) CLOTHING (and EQUIPMENT) DEPOT INSPECTORATE. As above in conjuction with ITALIAN Inspectors See Appendix "A"

(d) MEDICAL STORES DEPOTS INSPECTORATE Similar duties to above and in addition tour Italian units in MAINLAND, SICILY, AND SARDINIA, to ensure

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(e) See Appendix "A"

2. SUPPLY LIAISON

(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")

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

(b) RATIONS DEPOT INSPECTORATE.(Incl POL) in conjuction with Italian inspectors supervise distribution from Bulk Depots to consumption ; visit each distribution depot about once a week and make periodical visits to units; also supervise Port Liaison Detachments. See Appendix "A"

(c) CLOTHING (and EQUIPMENT) DEPOT INSPECTORATE. As above in conjuction with Inspectors See Appendix "A"

(d) MEDICAL STORES DEPOTS INSPECTORATE Similar duties to above and in addition tour Italian units in MAINLAND, SICILY, AND SARDINIA, to ensure that proper and effective use is made of medical stores issued; and report to Hygiene Officers of Districts and Base Sectors any circumstances requiring their Co Operation. See Appendix "A"

(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 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"

MMIA SUPPLY LIAISON

INCREASES REQUIRED TO PRESENT AUTHORISED W.E. &T.O

	BRITISH			AMERICAN		
	OFFRS	O.R.	CARS	OFFRS	E.M.	VEHICLES
MMIA 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 (QM) (Medical)	2					
Clerks (Rations)		1			3	
" (Clothing and Equipment)		1				
" (Medical)		2				
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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 (QM) (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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Army Sub Commission (ACC)
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (LECCE)

G/6/1/30

31 Mar 44.

To: Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MACFARLANE.

HQ A.A.I. for (GSD)) For information
HQ A.A.I. (ADMECH))

Further to my G/6/1/30 of 25 March.

1. Chief of Staff Italian Army has forwarded for discussion.

(a) Estimated extra supply, Medical etc. personnel required up to line PISA - RIMINI at Appendix "A"

(b) Statment of fixed administrative organization for normal conscription at Appendix "B"

2. (a) The above are extra to the 377,070 quoted in a/m letter. As regards the conscriptive organisations, it appears that present conditions are too fluid and uncertain to deduce whether an advance North may not bring in sufficient Italian Soldiers to allow a policy of demobilization of the older age groups, rather than a mobilization of the young.

3. (b) There are however reported to be in Sicily a considerable number of disbanded Soldiers who are still legally liable for military service, who should for reasons of morale and discipline be rounded up to allow older men to be released in their place. Some form of organisation is required for this.

3. As regards longer range planning, it may well be that the numbers required for Italian Air Force and Italian Navy will diminish as their Aircraft and Ships wear out. If so the decreases so obtained could be off set against increases required for conscriptive organisations; and it is suggested that this problem be reviewed in a few months time.

4. For present purposes some administrative organisations are required for SICILY, where an Italian Corps HQ is now in process of being set up. A [illegible] would allow the district HQ and some of the depots set forth

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4. For present purposes some administrative organisations are required for SICILY, where an Italian Corps HQ is now in process of being set up. A total of 3000 would allow the district HQ and some of the depots set forth in Appendix "B". This would amend previously quoted figures to

Italian Army Proper	347,000
add as above	3,000
Carabinieri etc at present strength	30,000
Total	380,000

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Brigadier
Army Sub Commission (ACC)

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EXTRA SERVICES

APPENDIX "A"

	Supply	Med	Arty	Genio	Vet	MT
SICILY	600	300	300	300	50	300
LAZIO	250	500	300	300	50	200
ABRUZZI/MOLISE	150	300	200	200	50	100
TOSCANIA	250	300	250	250	50	200
UMBRIA/MARCHE	100	200	200	200	50	100
TOTALS	1350	1600	1250	1250	250	900

STATIC FORMATIONS

APPENDIX "B"

	District Hq B	Transit Camps C	Depots D	Remarks
SICILY	1980	200	3080	9B 4C 14D
LAZIO	1100	200	3300	5B 4C 15D
ABRUZZI/MOLISE	1100	150	1760	5B 3C 8D
TOSCANIA	2200	200	3520	10B 4C 16D
UMBRIA/MARCHE	1320	250	1980	6B 5C 9D
Plus Additional in SARDINIA			660	3D
CALABRIA			440	2D
APULIA			660	3D
CAMPANIA			2420	11D
TOTALS	7700	1000	17820	

TRANSLATION

From: SMRE Mob Dept Ref 30 /Mob

To : M.M.I.A. File_____ Date 27 3 44

Subject: Directive for the Army

Sir:

Replying to your G/6/1/29 of the 23rd inst.

1. It is the first time that the Allies have attempted a thorough break down of the Italian Army with the object of attaining a comprehensive programme, even if only from a "supply" point of view.

Up to now there had only b en requests as to the numbers and employment of troops on the mainland, which did NOT take into account present or future demands on Italian occupation troops.

The calculation to be made is quite simple: once the forces required for Italian interests have been established and the total arrived at of the forces already being used by the Allies in one way or another, it can be deduced from the margin within the pre-determined ceiling of 390,000 what part can still be made available as auxiliary troops for the Allies.

2. The letter of the Army Sub Commission divides the 366,840 men approximately who today constitute the Italian Army into 5 main categories:

1. Combatant (I - A plus III)
2. HQs and troops employed in Italian interests (I - B)
3. Auxiliary troops already employed in Allied interests (IIa plus IIc)
4. Additional auxiliary troops to be employed in the future in the interests of the Allies (IIb).
5. Admin troops for all the above categories (Districts and depots-services-CCRR-RGF) (IV).

Of these 5 categories: -

1 and 3 are known quantity, 2 and 5 have been fixed more or less arbitrarily and are subject to discussion bearing in mind present and future requirements.

4 should be the balance and therefore cannot be established beforehand.

3. The Sub Commission letter does not allow for the forces required for Sicily and other regions to be liberated as far as the line Pisa-Rimini (?adm services?-translators note) and gives no exact figures for the forces required for the coastal defense of Sardinia (which the local Allied HQ intends to maintain) and for Anti-aircraft defences.

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4. In order to solve the problem it is necessary, above all, to clarify certain figures. And this is what the SMRE has done in appx 2, which repeats in revised and corrected form the figures given in the Sub Commission's App 'A', for which the following factors have served as a basis:

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(a) Provision of the following corps HQ up to the Pisa-Rimini line: 1 Sicily, 1 Sardinia, 1 Puglie, 1 Campania Calabria, 1 Marche-Abruzzo, 1 Lazio, 1 Toscana. In total the seven already existing (13th, 12th, 9th, Armed Forces Campania, 31st, 51st and 7th).

(b) The Divisions required to garrison Italy up to the line Pisa-Rimini are the following: -
4 Sardinia , for as long as a Coastal Defence is required. (2 Coastal - 1 Inf and 1 Armoured).
2 Sicily
1 Calabria
1 Puglia
1 Campania
1 Abruzzo
1 Marche
1 Lazio
1 Toscana

13 instead of 10 foreseen by the Sub Commission.

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These Divs could be the following : CREMONA, FRIULI, BARI, CALABRIA, GRANATIERI, ARMOURED, PICENO, MANTOVA, SABAUDA, 211th (for Calabria), 205th(for Sicily), and 203rd and 204th (for Sardinia).

(c) The figures shown in the Sub Commission's letter should be modified as follows; -
Each Corps HQ 400 instead of 300.
Each Div has been calculated at 9000 instead of 10000 (on the same basis as the Piceno and Mantova Divs).
Administrative troops and Divisions which have been omitted by the Sub Commission have been taken into account (Sicily and regions not yet liberated) because they will be already in existence at the time of liberation, which would not be the case if the Allies were to employ them in their own way.

5. The suggestion of a reduction in the number of districts and depots is NOT acceptable both because their duties cannot be suppressed (as explained in appx 1) and also because the amalgamation of two or more districts and depots into one would not result in any appreciable reduction in personnel. In fact there would be no reduction in the number of men to be administered and consequently no reduction in the volume of clerical work to be done. Furthermore the staff required at each depot should be estimated at 500 and NOT 220, bearing in mind the garrison coy required by each depot.

6. When these figures are added up the results obtained are as follows: -

Cat 1 (A plus III)	21, 750 men)	
Cat 2 (I B)	133, 550 men)	Total 359, 203
Cat 3 (IIA plus IIC)	74,270 men)	
Cat 5 (IV)	129, 633 men)	

The approved total is	390,000 men
Deduct categories 1,2,3, and 5	359,203 men
Balance available for Cat 4	30,797 men

7. It is evident that the problem is a weighty one in which fundamental questions are involved. It cannot be dealt with by me with the head of the Army Sub Commission.

I will refer it to my Ministry and to the Chief of the Supreme Staff (General) with the suggestion that they should negotiate us in this matter with the head of the Allied Control Commission.

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TRANSLATION

Encl. 1

Districts and Depots

DISTRICTS Constitute the documentation and administrative centres through which citizens enter the Army or other Armed Forces.

Without Districts there would be no organised Armed Forces.

Their essential functions are:-

machinery of conscription and calling up of classes due for service.

records, control and recall and demobilisation of reserves.

various forms of assistance to families of men who are killed, taken prisoner or missing.

secondary duties such as guarding stores, RTOs, Censorship, garrison work.

A district today has a responsibility for up to 150,000 men, as of 100 districts which originally existed in ITALY, only 20 remain today, and including SICILY and territory up to the PISA - RIMINI line, 55.

Since the majority of citizens today are under arms, in one way or another, a slowing up of the work to be done by the districts would deprive thousands of citizens of any link with the state.

DEPOTS Constitute the organisation through which the Regiments (incl those taken prisoner or dispersed) are formed, administered and demobilised.

The rights of citizens under arms are recorded in the documentation and records held by the depots. This also applies to the administration of Army stores.

Only by availing themselves of the permanent organisation of the Depots can these Regiments continue to function which, owing to the turn of the war or the dispositions of the Allies have to live scattered around the countryside deprived of offices or stores.

For example the Depot of the 47th Inf Regt of LECCE has formed 60 units for a total of 3,000 officers and 90,000 ORs.

To slow down the work of these depots would entail depriving

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To slow down the work of these Depots would entail depriving both the fighting troops and those who work for the Allies of their means of livelihood and would create chaos for all.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Mobilitazione

SEGRETO

n° 3080 /Mob. di prot. P.M. 151, 27 marzo 1944

AL GENERALE DUCHESNE CAPO DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
ALLEATA PER L'ESERCITO LECUILE

OGGETTO: Direttive per l'Esercito.-

Allegati: 7.

Signor Generale,

Rispondo al suo G/6/1/29 del 23 c.m.-

1) - E' la prima volta che gli Alleati affrontano totalitariamente il problema della suddivisione delle forze dell'Esercito Italiano col tentativo di un programma completo sia pure a scopo logistico.
Sino ad ora c'erano state soltanto richieste sull'entità e sulla utilizzazione delle forze del continente che facevano astrazione dalle esigenze presenti e future delle forze italiane di occupazione del territorio.
Il calcolo da farsi è molto semplice: stabilito ciò che occorre per gli interessi italiani e quanto già agisce in un modo o nell'altro nell'interesse degli Alleati, dedurre per differenza dal totale (fissato in 390.000 uomini) ciò che è ancora possibile dare come truppe ausiliarie per gli Alleati.-

2) - Il foglio della Missione Alleata ripartisce sostanzialmente i 366.840 uomini a cui oggi approssimativamente assomma l'Esercito italiano in cinque categorie:

1 - combattenti (I-A + III)
2 - di comandi e occupazione nell'interesse dell'Italia (I B)
3 - ausiliarie già impiegate negli interessi degli Alleati (II a e II c)
4 - ausiliarie da impiegarsi in più in avvenire nell'interesse degli Alleati (II b)

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5 - di amministrazione di tutte le precedenti categorie (distretti e depositi - servizi - CC.RR. - R.C.F.) (IV).-

Delle cinque quantità:
- le categorie 1^ e 3^ sono quelle che sono;
- le categorie 2^ e 5^ sono state stabile più o meno arbitrariamente e debbono formare oggetto di discussione, tenendo conto dei bisogni presenti e dei bisogni futuri;
- la categoria 4^ è la rimanenza e non può essere fissata a priori.-

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3) - Il foglio della Missione lascia in bianco le forze interessanti la Sicilia e le altre regioni da liberare sino alla linea Pisa-Rimini, e non tiene conto esatto delle forze occorrenti alla difesa costiera della Sardegna (che il comando A.A. locale intende di tenere) e alle difese controaeree.-

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4) - Per la soluzione del problema occorre anzitutto chiarire le cifre. E' ciò che lo S.M. ha fatto con lo specchio allegato 2 che ripete, riveduto e corretto, lo specchio della Missione (appendice A) ed i cui criteri di compilazione sono stati i seguenti:

a) - provedere sino alla linea Pisa-Rimini i seguenti comandi di C.A.: 1 Sicilia - 1 Sardegna - 1 Puglie - 1 Campania Calabria - 1 Marche-Abruzzo - 1 Lazio - 1 Toscana. Totale i sette già esistenti (XIII - XII - IX - FF.AA. Campania - XXXI - LI - VII).

b) - le divisioni occorrenti per presidiare l'Italia fino alla linea Pisa-Rimini sono:
- 4 Sardegna fino a quando le occorre una difesa costiera (2 costiere - 1 di ftr. - 1 motocorazzata)
- 2 Sicilia
- 1 Calabria
- 1 Puglia
- 1 Campania
- 1 Abruzzo
- 1 Marche
- 1 Lazio
- 1 Toscana.

13, invece delle 10 previste dalla Missione.

Esse potrebbero essere: Cremona, Friuli, Bari, Calabria, Granatieri, motocorazzata, Piceno, Mantova, Sabauda, 211^ (per la Calabria), 205^ (per la Silia), 203^ e 204^ (Sardegna).

c) - le cifre della lettera della Missione vanno modificate come segue:

- ogni comando di corpo d'armata 400 invece di 300
- ogni divisione è stata calcolata non a 10.000 bensì a 9.000 (sulle cifre della Piceno e Mantova)
- si è tenuto conto delle divisioni e truppe, di amministrazione che la Missione ha lasciato in bianco (Sicilia e regioni ancora occupate) perchè esse dovranno già esistere al momento della liberazione, il che non accadrebbe se gli Alleati le impiegassero a modo loro.-

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- 1 Lazio
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5) - Non si può accettare la proposta di riduzione dei distretti e depositi sia perchè le loro funzioni non possono essere soppresse (esse sono chiarite nell'allegato n° 1), e sia perchè la fusione di alcuni distretti e depositi in uno non darebbe guadagno sensibile di personale: infatti non diminuirebbe il totale di uomini da amministrare e pertanto non diminuirebbe la somma di lavoro di scritturazione. Per ognuno dei depositi devesi però calcolare non la forza di 220 ma di 500, tenuto conto della compagnia presidiaria di cui ognuno ha bisogno.

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6) - Tirate le somme risulta:

- cat. 1^ (I A + III)	comporta	uomini	21.750	totale 359.203
- " 2^ (I B)	"	"	133.550	
- " 3^ (II A + II C)	"	"	74.270	
- " 5^ (IV)	"	"	129.633	

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Il totale consentito è di	390.000
deduconsi 1° + 2° + 3° + 5°	359.203
resta disponibile per 4°	30.797

7) - Come si vede il problema è grosso e coinvolge questioni fondamentali.- Esso non può essere trattato da me con il Capo della Sottocommissione Alleata per l'Esercito.-
Ne riferirò al mio Ministro e al Capo di S.M. Generale, proponendone la trattazione col Capo della Commissione Alleata di Centrollo.-

IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. MOB.

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S. M. R. E. M. CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO

ALLEGATO N° 1

DISTRETTI E DEPOSITI

DISTRETTI. Costituiscono la base matricolare ed amministrativa attraverso la quale i cittadini sono incasellati nell'esercito e nelle altre forze armate.

Senza distretti non esiste forza armata organizzata.

Loro funzioni essenziali:

- operazioni di leva e di chiamata delle classi di leva;
- tenuta, controllo, richiamo e smobilitazione delle forze in congedo;
- funzioni varie di assistenza alle famiglie dei caduti - prigionieri - dispersi;
- compiti secondari di guardia a magazzini - comandi stazione - organi di censura - lavori presidiari.

Un distretto ha oggi un carico fino a 150.000 uomini, poichè su 100 che ne aveva l'Italia, ne restano oggi solo 80 e, con Sicilia e territorio fino alla linea Pisa-Rimini, 55.

Dato che gran parte dei cittadini sotto una forma o un'altra oggi è alle armi, il ritmo rallentato di lavoro dei distretti priverebbe migliaia di cittadini dei legami con lo Stato.

DEPOSITI. Costituiscono gli enti dove i reggimenti (compresi quelli prigionieri o dispersi) si formano, si amministrano e si smobilitano.

I diritti dei cittadini chiamati alle armi figurano attraverso i documenti tenuti dai depositi. Così pure l'amministrazione dei materiali dell'Esercito.

Solo quando i reggimenti [illegible]

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- compiti secondari di guardie a magazzini - comandi stazione - organi di censura - lavori precidiari.

Un distretto ha oggi un carico fino a 150.000 uomini, poichè su 100 che ne aveva l'Italia, ne restano oggi soli 20 e, con Sicilia e territorio fino alla linea Pisa-Rimini, 55.

Dato che gran parte dei cittadini sotto una forma o un'altra oggi è alle armi, il ritmo rallentato di lavoro dei distretti priverebbe migliaia di cittadini dei legami con lo Stato.

DEPOSITI. Costituiscono gli enti dove i reggimenti (compresi quelli prigionieri o dispersi) si formano, si amministrano e si smobilitano.

I diritti dei cittadini chiamati alle armi figurano attraverso i documenti tenuti dai depositi. Così pure l'amministrazione dei materiali dell'Esercito.

Solo appoggiandosi alla stabile organizzazione dei depositi possono vivere i reggimenti che per eventi di guerra o per volontà degli alleati vivono sparsi nei paesi e nelle campagne privi di uffici e di magazzini.

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Come esempio, il dep.47° rgt.ftr. di Lecce ha costituito 60 enti per complessivi 3.000 ufficiali e 90.000 militari di truppa.

Il rallentarne il ritmo di lavoro significherebbe togliere la possibilità di vita tanto alle truppe che combattono quanto a quelle che lavorano per gli alleati e creare il caos per tutte.-

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APPENDICE "A" (modificata)

	Conteggiato da noi Our reckoning	Conteggiato da A.A. Allied reckoning	Differenza in meno conteggiato da A.A.
Combat fmns:			
I-A) - FORMAZIONI DI COMBATTIMENTO:			
- divisione combattente Combat div	18.650	12.000	Underestimated by Allies
- unità complementi rfr unit	2.000	2.000	
- base avanzata rifornimento RH depot	100	100	
Totale I-A) Fmns under corps cond SMRE	20.750	14.100	6.650
I-B) - FORMAZIONI DIPENDENTI DALLO S.M.:			
a) - nella penisola: on mainland			
- LI corpo d'armata	400	300	
Divisione "Mantova"	9.000	10.000	
Divisione "Piceno"	9.000	10.000	
- comando HQ FF.AA. Campania	400	=	
- comando HQ IX corpo d'armata	400	=	
- comando HQ XXXI corpo d'armata	400	=	
Div. A	9.000	10.000	
Div. B	9.000	10.000	
Div. C	9.000	10.000	
Div. H	9.000	=	
Div. I	9.000	=	
- comando HQ VII corpo d'armata	400	300	
Difesa AA def c.a. Calabria	500	500	
Totale	65.500	51.100	
b) - in Sicilia:			
- XII corpo d'armata	400		

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Divisione "Mantova"	9.000	10.000	
Divisione "Piceno"	9.000	10.000	
- comando FF.AA. Campania	400	=	
- comando IX corpo d'armata	400	=	
- comando XXXI corpo d'armata	400	=	
Div. A	9.000	10.000	
Div. B	9.000	10.000	
Div. C	9.000	10.000	
Div. H	9.000	=	
Div. I	9.000	=	
- comando VII corpo d'armata	400	300	
Difesa c.a. Calabria	500	500	
Totale	65.500	51.100	
b) - in Sicilia:			
- XII corpo d'armata	400	300	
Divisione "Sabauda"	9.000	10.000	
Divisione D	9.000	10.000	
Totale	18.400	20.300	
c) - in Sardegna:			
- XIII corpo d'armata	400	300	878
Divisione E	9.000	10.000	
Divisione F	9.000	10.000	
Divisione G	9.000	10.000	
Divisione L	9.000	=	
Difesa c.a.	8.000	2.000	
Totale	44.400	32.300	
d) - TRUPPE DI C.A. (per 7 C.A.) (v. allegato 5)			
- Artiglieria 350 x 7	2.450	=	
- genio 400 x 7	2.800	=	
Totale	5.250	=	
Totale I-B)	133.550	103.700	29.850

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	Conteggiato da noi (Own reckoning)	Conteggiato da A.A. (Allied reckoning)	Differenza in meno contegg. da A.A.
II) - UNITA' SOTTO IL COMANDO A.A.: (Units under Allied cond:)			(Underestimated by Allies)
a) attualmente impiegate (already employed) (v. allegato 3)	71.570	71.570	
b) da essere impiegate (to be employed) (v. allegato 4)	100.900	100.900	
c) controllo traffico (traffic control)	2.700	2.700	
Totale II	175.170	175.170	-
III) - PERSONALE IN REPARTI MISTI: (Mixed units)			
7° rgt.da montagna e 50^cp. salmerie	1.000	1.000	
IV) - AMMINISTRAZIONE: (Admin. central orgs (area comdo))			
- organizzazione centrale (appendice B invariata) (appx B unchanged)	4.470	4.470	
- formazioni fisse(terr.) (fixed forms (territorial)) (all.6 app.C modificata) (attachment 6 appx C modified)	65.163	15.000	50.163
- servizi(all.7 app.D modif.) (services. attachment 7 appx D modified)	30.000	23.400	6.600
- CC.RR. (app. E invariata) (appx E unchanged)	30.000	30.000	
Totale IV	129.633	72.870	56.763
TOTALE GEN.(inclusi CC.RR. e R.G.F.)	460.103	366.840	93.263
Per il R.E. il Comando Supremo (Comando Supremo has established for Army) ha stabilito	→ 390.000		
Differenza	70.103		

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7° rgt.da montagna e 50^cp. salmerie	1.000	1.000	
IV) - AMMINISTRAZIONE: Admn. central orgs (area comando)			
- organizzazione centrale (appendice B invariata) appx B unchanged	4.470	4.470	
- formazioni fisse(terr.) fixed forms (territorial)	65.163	15.000	50.163
- servizi(all.7 app.D modif.) attachment 6 appx C modified	30.000	23.400	6.600
- CC.RR. (app. E invariata) servizio. attachment 7 appx D modified (appx E unchanged)	30.000	30.000	
Totale IV	129.633	72.870	56.763
TOTALE GEN.(inclusi CC.RR. e R.G.F.)	460.103	366.840	93.263
Comando Supremo has established for Army Per il R.E. il Comando Supremo ha stabilito	390.000		
Differenza	70.103		

Present strength.
Forza attuale: 360.000

Forza massima ammessa dagli A.A. per R.E. - R.M. - R.A.: 500.000
maximum strength allowed by Allies for Army, Navy & AirForce:
At present the above three armed forces, according to the Allies, 877
Attualmente le tre forze anzidette sono - secondo le indicazioni

avute dagli A.A.:

Esercito	Army	360.000
Marina	Navy	73.000
Aeronautica	AirForce	32.000
		465.000

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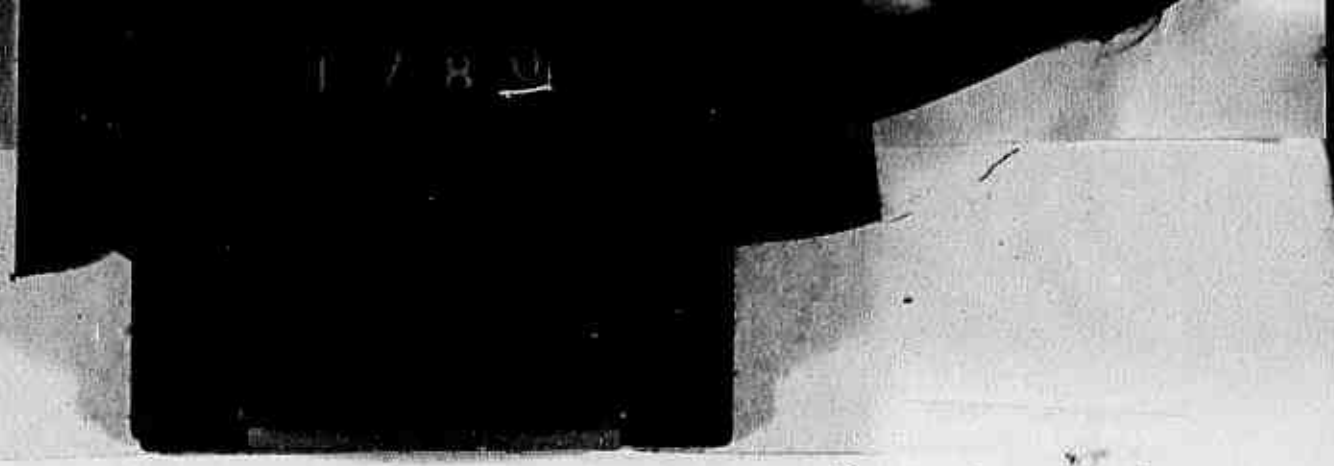

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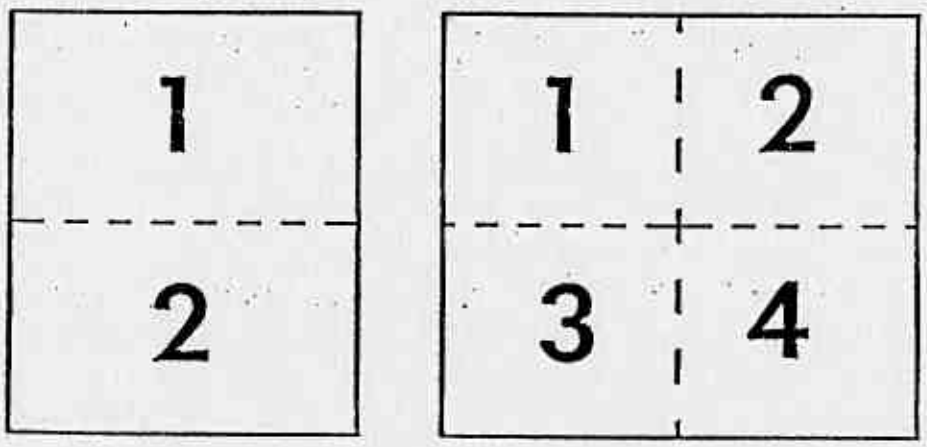

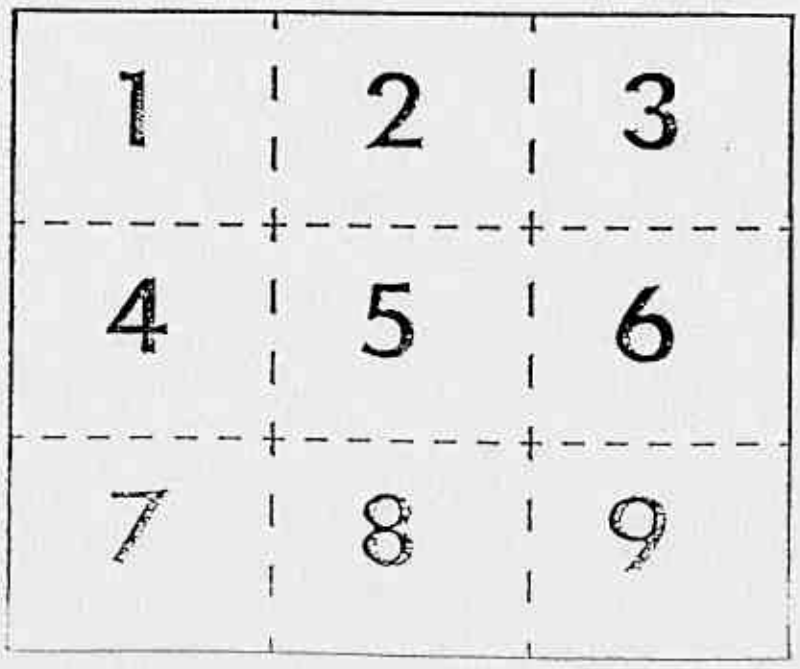

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ALLEGATO N. 3

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
-Ufficio Operazioni -

UNITA' IMPIEGATE DAGLI ALLEATI ALLA DATA DEL 15/3/194
Units employed by Allies as of 15 Mar

E L E M E N T I	FORZA strength S.M.R.E. Parziali sub-total	S.M.R.E. Totali Total	A. A.
FF.AA. CAMPANIA			
- 210ª DIVISIONE (compresa Brigata Speciale)	13.085		
- 212ª DIVISIONE	3.400		
- 227ª DIVISIONE	3.815		
- REPARTI VARI Sundry units			
• Reparti genio: Engr			
2° raggr.genio ferr.meno I btg. rly engrs 1.125			
XXIII btg.artieri 665			
Reparti minori 70			
• Reparti sanità: Med units			
231° - 865° ospedale da campo e 93ª sez.sanità in transito per Puglia 370	2.230	22.530	22.700
IX CORPO D'ARMATA			
- 209ª DIVISIONE	6.100		
- REPARTI VARI Sundry units			
• Reparti genio: Engr units			
I btg.ferr.del 2° raggr.ferr. rly engrs 570			
820 - 821 - 822 cp.telegr. / 810° plt.radiocontrollo / 905ª e 905ª cp.artieri 880			
• Reparti autieri:			
1001° autorep.speciale / 1000ª e 1002ª cp.autieri 1.030	2.530		
- LAVORATORI	21.220	29.850	29.675

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UNITA' IMPIEGATE DAGLI ALLEATI ALLA DATA DEL 15/3/1944
Units employed by Allies at 15 Mar

E N T I	FORZA Strength			NOTE
	S.M.R.E.		A. A.	
	Parziali sub-totale	Totali Totale		
NIA				I dati del presente specchio non comprendono: - Il I raggr.motorizzato, - il rep.ital.7° art.mont.ing) - le difese c.a.del XXXI C.A. - le difese c.a. Sardegna; - la div."Babauda"; perchè questi reparti sono considerati in altri specchi.
Brigata Speciale)	13.085			
	3.400			
	3.315			
nits				
I btg. rly engrs	1.125			
	665			
	70			
nits				
campo e				
to per Puglia 370	2.230	22.530	22.700	
				Non comprendono neppure: - la manovalanza del XXXI C.A. - la maggior forza della difesa c.a.della Sardegna(differenza fra i 10.800 effettivamente impiegati e i 2.000 considerati dagli alleati), perchè gli alleati considerano questi elementi come svincolabili.
LATA				
	6.100			
nits				
nits				
err. rly engrs 570				
	880			
	1.030			
	2.530			
	21.220	29.850	29.675	

In effetti, la forza totale impiegata a favore degli alleati al 15/3/44 è la seguente:

-forza del pres.specchio	71570
-I raggr.motorizzato	8540
-rep.ital.7°art.montagna	510
-difese c.a.XXXI C.A.	1000
-manovalanza XXXI C.A.	1500
-difese c.a. Sardegna	10800
-div."Babauda"	10900
Totale.....	104820

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• Reparti genio: Eugenio unito I btg.ferr.del 2° rgt r.ferr. rgt engrs 570 820 - 821 - 822 cp.telegr. 810° plt.radiocontrollo 880 905^ e 905^ cp.artieri • Reparti autieri: 1001° autorep.speciale 1000^ e 1002^ cp.autieri 1.080	2.530		
- LAVORATORI	21.220	29.850	29.675
COMANDO MILITARE SARDEGNA			
- DIFESA AEROPORTI E RADIOLOCALIZZATORI (Difesa d'artiglieria + DF Esit)	4.170		
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
- LAVORATORI(manovalanze e genio)	6.000	10.170	10.174
CORSICA			
- TRUPPE ITALIANE IN CORSICA		5.900	5.897
DIFESA CONTRAEREA CONTINENTE			
- DIFESA C.A. CAMPANIA	600		
- " " IX CORPO D'ARMATA	2.520	3.120	3.124
TOTALI GENERALI	- -	71.570	71.570

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Hy engrs 570			
880			
1.030	2.530		
	21.220	29.850	29.675
NA			
ZZATORI	4.170		
)	6.000	10.170	10.174
		5.900	5.837
INENTE			
	600		
	2.520	3.120	3.124
GENERALI	- -	71.570	71.570

In effetti, la forza totale impiegata a favore degli alleati al 15/3/44 è la seguente:

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-manovalanza XXXI C.A.	1500
-difesa c.a. Sardegna	10800
-div."Sabauda"	10900
Totale.....	104820

Figures in this table do NOT include:
Mot. Bde
7 Mixed Arty Regt
AA defs XXXI Corps
AA defs Sardinia
Sabauda div
as these items are included elsewhere.

They also do NOT include
- Lab units with XXXI Corps
- the greater strength of AA defs in Sardinia (difference between 10 800 actually employed & 2000 estimated by Allies)

as the above are considered by the Allies to be available for other employment

In fact the total strength employed by the Allies at 15 Mar is as follows

- Total of this table	71570
- 1 Mot Bde	8540
- 7 Mixed Alpine Regt	510
- AA defs XXXI Corps	1000
- Lab XXXI Corps	1500
- AA defs Sardinia	10800
- Sabauda div	10900
	104820

Allegato n. 4

Tps requested for Allied programme (revised list)

- Forze richieste dal programma A.A. (serie riveduta)	104.340
Units incl in above & already furnished:	
- Reparti compresi nel programma e già passati a disposizione degli A.A.:	
- XXIII btg. artieri	600
- III btg. ferrovieri	740
- 904^ e 905^ cp.lavoratori	500
- 921° - 922°-923° - 924° reparti lavoratori portuali	1600
Totale	3.440
Reparti che devono essere forniti	100.900

Units still to be furnished

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- 904° e 905° cp.lavoratori	500
- 921° - 922°-923° - 924° reparti lavoratori portuali	1600
Totale	3.440
Reparti che devono essere forniti Units still to be furnished	100.900

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Corps Tps.

ALLEGATO N. 5

REGGIMENTI ARTIGLIERIA E COMPAGNIE GENIO DI C.A. = UNITA' CHE POTREBBERO ESSERE UTILIZZATE

Corps Arty Regts + engr corps — units available for this purpose

1.- ARTIGLIERIA (')

C.A.	U N I T A'	FORZA	NOTE
VII C.A.	7° raggr.art.(1 gr.da 105/28)	350	
IX C.A.	13° " " (1 " 105/32)	350	dal raggr.art.XIII C.A.
FF.AA.CAMPANIA	13° " " (1 " 149/19)	350	" " " "
XII C.A.	13° " " (1 " 152/37)	350	" " " "
XIII C.A.	13° " " (1 " 105/28)	350	
XXXI C.A.	14° " " (LVI gr.da 105/32)	350	
LI C.A.	4° " " (CLXVI " 149/19)	350	
	TOTALE	2.450	

2.- G E N I O (*)

VII C.A.	32ª compagnia marcon.bis una compagnia artieri (°)	400	del genio XIII C.A..
IX C.A.	34ª compagnia mista una compagnia artieri (°)	400	
FF.AA.CAMPANIA	129ª compagnia collegamenti una compagnia artieri (°)	400	del genio LI C.A.
XII C.A.	99ª compagnia telegraf. una compagnia artieri (°)	400	del genio XIII C.A.
XIII C.A.	69ª compagnia telegrafisti 32ª compagnia marconisti	400	

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XIII C.A.	13° " " (1 " 105/28)	350	
XXXI C.A.	14° " " (LVI gr.da 105/32)	350	
LI C.A.	4° " " (CLXVI " 149/19)	350	
	TOTALE	2.450	

2.- G E N I O (*)

VII C.A.	32ª compagnia marcon.bis una compagnia artieri (°)	400	del genio XIII C.A..
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XII C.A.	99ª compagnia telegraf. una compagnia artieri (°)	400	del genio XIII C.A.
XIII C.A.	69ª compagnia telegrafisti 32ª compagnia marconisti	400	
XXXI C.A.	35ª compagnia mista 121ª compagnia telegrafisti	400	
LI C.A.	91ª compagnia telegrafisti 112ª compagnia marconisti	400	
	TOTALE	2.800	

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(')- Si utilizzano i gruppi oggi esistenti.
(")- Si utilizzano le cp.genio oggi esistenti,salvo le cp.segnate con (°) che sono da costituire.-

(1) Existing btys will be utilized
(11) Existing engr coys will be utilized, except for Coys marked (°) which have to be formed

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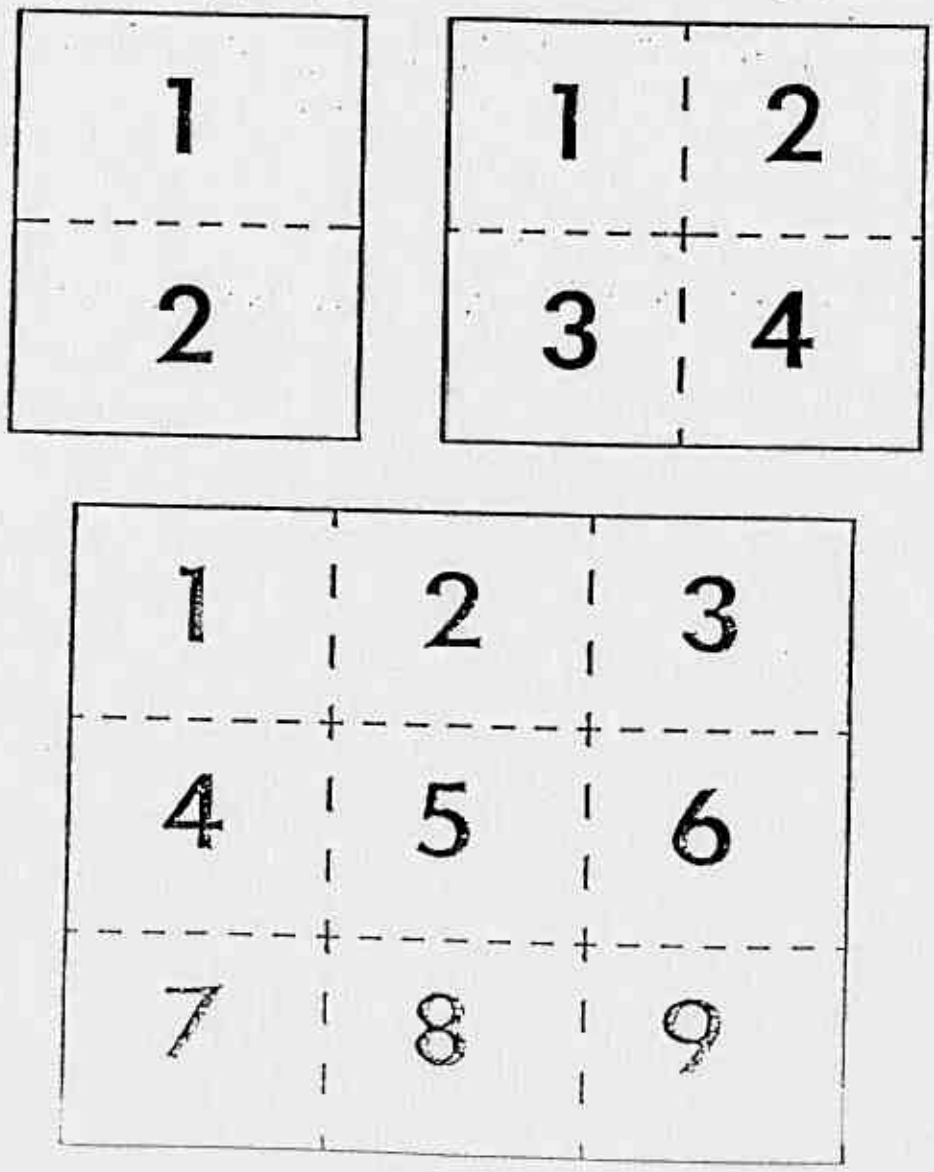

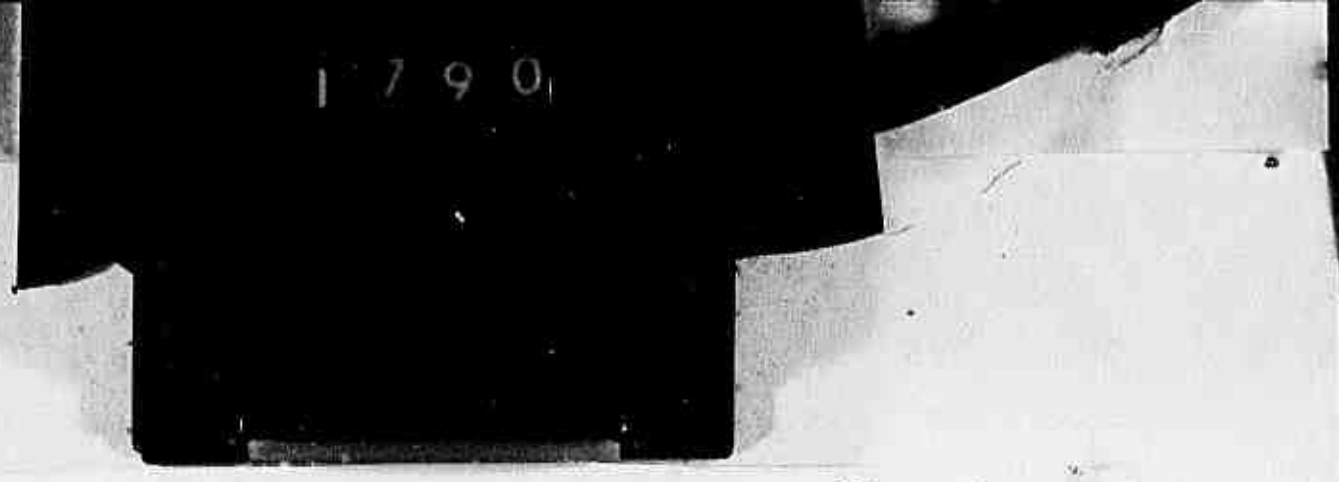

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APPENDICE "C

FORMAZIONI FISSE ESISTENTI AL 1° MARZO E DA COSTITUIRE
Territorial units existing at 1 Mar and those to be

Area HQs District HQs Transit Camps (Mil)

	Comandi di zona		COMANDI DI DISTRETTO			TAPPE PER BISOGNI MILITARI			
(A) Reduced by Allies (B) Reckoned by us	Cont. da A.A. (A)	Cont. da noi (B)	Conteggiati dagli A.A. (A)	Conteggiati da noi (B)	Differenza in meno cont. dagli A.A. (underestimated by Allies)	Conteggiate dagli A.A. (A)	Conteggiate da noi (B)	Differenza in meno cont. dagli A.A. (underestimated by Allies)	Conteggiati dagli A/A/ (A)
			1	2		4	5		7
Sardegna	350	–	3	600	3	660	–	–	8	400	8	400	–	–	12	26
Sicilia	–	–	–	–	9	1980	9	1980	–	–	4	200	4	200	–	–
Calabria	350	–	3	660	3	660	–	–	3	150	3	150	–	–	6	13
Puglia e Lucania	350	–	7	1540	7	1540	–	–	7	350	7	350	–	–	11	24
Campania	350	–	7	1540	7	1540	–	–	3	150	3	150	–	–	8	17
Lazio	–	–	–	–	5	1100	5	1100	–	–	4	200	4	200	–	–
Abruzzo e Molise	–	–	–	–	5	1100	5	1100	–	–	3	150	3	150	–	–
Toscana	–	–	–	–	10	2200	10	2200	–	–	4	200	4	200	–	–
Umbria e Marche	–	–	–	–	6	1320	6	1320	–	–	5	250	5	250	–	–
Organizzazione A.P.C.																
	1.400	–	20	4400	55	12100	35	7700	21	1050	41	2050	20	1000	37	81
														Compagnie presidiarie	–	–

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APPENDICE "C" (modificata)

ZIONI FISSE ESISTENTI AL 1º MARZO E DA COSTITUIRE
tional ests existing at 1 mar and those to be constituted
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Transit Camps (Mil) — Depots

Replaces ago not amended by 4 Allies

Total increase by 4 Allies

DISTRETTO			TAPPE PER BISOGNI MILITARI				DEPOSITI				Organizz. A.P.C. non cont. dagli A/A.	Totale Differenza in meno cont. dagli A.A.
Conteggiati da noi (B)	Differenza in meno cont. dagli A.A.	Conteggiati dagli A.A. (A)	Conteggiati da noi (B)	Differenza in meno cont. dagli A.A.	Conteggiati dagli A/A/ (A)	Conteggiati da noi (B)	Differenza in meno cont. dagli A.A.				
2	under estimated by 3 Allies	4	5	under estimated by 4 Allies	7	8	under estimated by 4 Allies	9		10	3+6+9
660	–	–	8	400	8	400	–	–	12	2640	15	3300	3	660	–	310
1980	9	1980	–	–	4	200	4	200	–	–	14	3080	14	3080	–	5260
660	–	–	3	150	3	150	–	–	6	1320	8	1760	2	440	–	90
1540	–	–	7	350	7	350	–	–	11	2420	14	3080	3	660	–	310
1540	–	–	3	150	3	150	–	–	8	1760	19	4180	11	2420	–	2070
1100	5	1100	–	–	4	200	4	200	–	–	15	3300	15	3300	–	4600
1100	5	1100	–	–	3	150	3	150	–	–	8	1760	8	1760	–	3010
2200	10	2200	–	–	4	200	4	200	–	–	16	3520	16	3520	–	5920
1320	6	1320	–	–	5	250	5	250	–	–	9	1980	9	1980	–	3550
															1453	1453
12100	35	7700	21	1050	41	2050	20	1000	37	8140	118	25960	81	17820	1453	26573
									–	–	118 (x200)	23600	118	23600		

Compagnie presidiarie

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Compagnie presidiarie | -

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garrison corps

- Compagnie presidiarie		23.600
- Distretti	district	12.100
- Depositi	depot	25.960
mid transit camps - Tappe per esigenze militari		2.050
- Comandi di zona	area HQs	-
- Organizzazione A.P.C.	refugee camps	1453
TOTALE		65.163

Differenza in meno conteggiata dagli A.A.

Difference underestimated by Allies

S.M.R.E. U.F. D.O. e A.O.B.

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Compagnie presidiarie	–	–	118 (x200)	23600	118	23600

Summary

R I E P I L O G O

	our reckoning conteggiato da noi	Allied reckoning conteggiato dagli A.A.
corps		
sidiarie	23.600	--
diatamente	12.100	4.400
dusto	25.960	8.140
genze militari	2.050	1.050
na area H Qs	-	1.400
e A.P.C. camps	1453	--
ALE	65.163	14.990
a in meno conteggiata dagli A.A.		50.173

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Allegato n.7

Services of Italian Army

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

S E R V I Z I D E L L ' E S E R C I T O I T A L I A N O

A) Previsti dagli alleati.- Foreseen by allies

REGIONI	SPECIE DEI SERVIZI						
	Commissariato	Sanitari	Artigl.	Genio	Veterin.	Autom.	Tr
SARDEGNA	1600	1000	950	1250	150	1500	12
CALABRIA	330	2100	-	-	-	-	
PUGLIE LUCANIA	1400	3600	450	850	200	1500	2
CAMPANIA	320	3000	850	200	150	-	
TOTALI	3650	9700	2250	2300	500	3000	14

B) Non previsti dagli alleati NOT foreseen by

SICILIA	600	300	300	300	50	300
LAZIO	250	500	300	300	50	200
BRUZZO-MOLISE	150	300	200	200	50	100
TOSCANA	250	300	250	250	50	200
UMBRIA-MARCHE	100	200	200	200	50	100
TOTALI	1350	1600	1250	1250	250	900
TOTALE GENERALE	5000	11300	3500	3550	750	5300

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

Allegato n.7

DELL'ESERCITO ITALIANO

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agli alleati.- Foreseen by allies

SPECIE DEI SERVIZI							TOTALI GENERALI	
Sanitari	Artigl.	Genio	Veterin.	Autom.	Trasp.	Lavoratori porto	ALLEATI	S.M.R.E.
1000	950	1250	150	1500	1200	600	8.250	8.250
2100	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.430	2.430
3600	450	350	200	1500	200	-	8.200	8.200
3000	850	200	150	-	-	-	4.520	4.520
9700	2250	2300	500	3000	1400	600	23.400	23.400

sti dagli alleati NOT foreseen by allies

300	300	300	50	300	-	-	1.850
500	300	300	50	200	-	-	1.600
300	200	200	50	100	-	-	1.000
300	250	250	50	200	-	-	1.300
200	200	200	50	100	-	-	850
1600	1250	1250	250	900	-	-	6.600
11300	3500	3550	750	5300	600	23.400	30.000

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Subject:- POLICY ITALIAN ARMY

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MALTA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/I/30
23 Mar 44

HQ AAI
Lt Gen Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
HQ ACC NAPLES
} for information

1. Ref your I605/50/3/I/G (SDI) of I4 March. I forward herewith copy of my G/6/I/29 of 23 March addressed to Chief of Italian Army Staff. It is based on estimated requirements up to the line PISA RIMINI and the following are the salient points:

(a) It follows the general lines of AFHQ letter P/I09 of 3 October I943 addressed to Deputy President Allied Military Mission (now ACC) which were communicated generally to Italian Supreme Command under their memorandum of I7 Oct to General AMBROSIO.

(b) The only essential difference from the distribution of internal security divisions set forth in above is that one more is allotted to SICILY and one less to the Mainland South of the line NAPLES - FOGGIA. No change in total.

(c) The figure of I0,000 for internal security divisions includes all arms, as in the case of the MANTOVA and PICENO divisions already authorised at this strength.

(d) SICILY is being taken over and an Italian Corps HQ is now being established in PALERMO. The next step will be to set up administrative organisations.

(e) The same process of setting up administrative organisations will be progressively necessary up to the line PISA - RIMINI as indicated in Appendix C.

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3. When completed Parts I to IV will be forwarded to HQ ACC for incorporation of CARABINIERI figures and for marrying with Parts V and VI on Italian Navy and Air Force.

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Army Sub Comm ACC

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SECRET and PERSONAL

SUBJECT:- POLICY - ITALIAN ARMY

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LE QUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/29
13 Mar 44

H.E. GENERAL BERARDI, CHIEF OF STAFF S.M.R.E.

H.E. MARSHAL MESSE, COMANDO SUPREMO
H.E. GENERAL ORLANDO, MINISTER of WAR
Lt General SIR NOEL MASON MACFARLANE, HQ A.C.C. NAPLES
HQ A.A.I. (for G(SD)

} for information

Your Excellency,

1. POLICY In conformation of our conversation I have to inform you that policy instructions have been received from the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff to the effect that Allied supplies are to be limited to those Italian troops who are in fact effective for the prosecution of the war. With this in view they instruct that a list of effective Italian troops be furnished setting forth justification and method of employment. They stress that the fact that troops may be available does not justify their inclusion in the list: and require that an Order of Battle, shewing proposed method of employment, be forwarded to them under the following sub heads:-

PART I (A) COMBAT DIVISION (incl non divisional troops).
I (B) FORMATIONS to be employed under SMRE on internal security duties in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA.

PART II ITALIAN UNITS to be employed by HQ A.A.I.

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PART IV ITALIAN UNITS required for the administration of the Italian Army: including all CARABINIERI.

2. FRAMEWORK I forward herewith at Appendices 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'E' the draft framework of proposed policy statement, under the above sub heads, designed to cover up to the line PISA - RIMINI. Part I(A) is self explanatory.

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3. PART I(B) follows the general policy for ten divisions of L of C troops set forth in Allied Control Commission Memorandum of 17 October addressed to General AMBROSIO. Allotting NEMBO to the Combat Div as already agreed, this will utilise seven out of the nine divisions now in SARDINIA, leaving the surplus available for bringing existing divisions up to strength. Token figures are included for Anti Aircraft defence in CALABRIA and SARDINIA, the policy for which is now under review.

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4. (a) PART II is based on the units now actually under Allied command: plus those to be formed on the programme forwarded under my G/6/19 of 17 Feb as amended to date.

(b) For employment on Allied L of C under Italian control are included an estimate of seven Road Traffic control units of 300 each, on scale of one per Mainland area set forth in Appendix 'C': and Train Guards on scale of two units of 300 South of the line NAPLES - FOGGIA and two units North of it.

(c) So far as it is defined to date, future policy is for troops under Allied command to remain as such; at any rate up to the line PISA - RIMINI.

/5. PART III ....

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5. PART III is self explanatory.

6. (a) PART IV should contain all units required for the administration of the Italian Army, as listed in Parts I to III listed above. The necessary Corps HQ for the internal security divisions have been included in PART I(B). Now that the coastal defence divisions have moved to other work it is suggested that static headquarters like IX and XXXI Corps should merge with Territorial Commands (Comando Territoriale) under some such name as Area Headquarters: Appendix 'C' is framed with this in view.

(b) It would be difficult to justify that all personnel of districts and depots is effectively employed for the prosecution of the war effort. A full peace time organisation is at this stage of the war too expensive in manpower and a more economical system will have to be devised.

The substitution for depots of one or more central record offices and moving reinforcement units is for consideration. Men recalled to the Army and new classes eventually to be called up should only be documented at districts and posted forthwith for equipping and training to the formation in which they are going to serve.

(c) Appendix 'D' shews services at their present strengths. Would you please define how these should be redistributed to provide requirements in SICILY. And recommend in what measure the remainder can be reduced to be in fact effective for the active prosecution of the war.

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7. NEW CLASSES

(a) No account is taken in this letter of the call up of new classes and the question of their training. Conditions are too fluid and uncertain and it may well be that during the advance North sufficient Italian soldiers will be acquired to allow a policy of demobilisation of the older age groups rather than a mobilisation of the young.

8. I shall be glad to have Your Excellency's views for transmission to Lt Gen Sir NOEL MASON MACFARLANE. In view of the time these messages will take to reach the Combined Chiefs of Staff through

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ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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APPENDIX 'A'
to G/6/1/29 of 23 Mar 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 SMRE		
	(a) ON MAINLAND		
	51 Corps HQ	300	South of line NAPLES FOGGIA and all now there.
	MANTOVA Division	10,000	
	PICENO 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 CALABRIA	500	Token figure. Now there.
	(b) IN SICILY		
	Y CORPS HQ	300	now forming
	SABAUDA Division	10,000	now there
	D Division	10,000	now in SARDINIA
	(c) IN SARDINIA		
	Z CORPS HQ	300	
	E Division	10,000	now there
	F Division	10,000	
	G Division	10,000	
	Anti-Aircraft	2,000	Token figure. Now there
II	UNITS under HQ AAI		
	(a) At present employed	81,800	Order of Battle dated 15 Mar
	(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		

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	A Division	10,000	North of the River Po
	B Division	10,000	and all new in SARDINIA
	C Division	10,000	
	Anti-Aircraft CALABRIA	500	Token figure. Now there.
	(b) IN SICILY		
	Y CORPS HQ	300	new forming
	SABAUDA Division	10,000	now there
	D Division	10,000	new in SARDINIA
	(c) IN SARDINIA		
	Z CORPS HQ	300	
	E Division	10,000	now there
	F Division	10,000	
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III	PERSONNEL in mixed units		
	7 Mtn Regt: 50 Pack Tpt Coy:CSDIC	1,000	
IV	ADMINISTRATION		For Parts I, II and III
	Central organisations	4,470	App B at present strengths
	Static formations	15,000	App C
	Services	23,400	App D at present strengths
	CARABINIERI etc	30,000	App E at present strengths
	TOTAL	377,070	incl CARABINIERI

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APPENDIX 'B' to G/6/I/29 dated 23 Mar 44

CENTRAL ORGANISATIONS (strengths on I March 1944)

	Off	Enlisted Men	REMARKS
COMANDO SUPREMO	72	563	SALERNO
MINISTRY of WAR	310	1239	LECCE
ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF	159	1086	LECCE
KING'S BODYGUARD	18	254	
1st GUIDE GROUP	34	730	SALERNO. Guards to Govt Depts
MILITARY ACADEMY	-	-	Cadet officers. Not yet reconstituted
	593	3872	

TOTAL 4465

APPENDIX 'C' to G/6/I/29 dated 23 Mar 44

STATIC FORMATIONS EXISTING I MARCH (NOT at present strengths)

	AREA HQ (A)	DISTRICT HQ (B)	TRANSIT CAMP (C)	DEPOTS (D)	REMARKS
SARDINIA	350	660	400	2640	1A 3B 8C 12D
SICILY					
CALABRIA	350	660	150	1320	1A 3B 3C 6D
APULIA/LUCANIA	350	1540	350	2420	1A 7B 7C 11D
CAMPANIA	350	1540	150	1760	1A 7B 3C 8D
LAZIO					
ABRUZZI/MOLISE					
TOSCANIA					
UMBRIA/MARCHE					
TOTALS	1400	4400	1050	8140	

TOTAL 14,990

STRENGTHS AREA HQ at 350; District HQ at 220; Transit Camps at 50
Depots at 220 all ranks.

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CAMPANIA	350	1540	150	1760	IA 7B 3C 8D
LAZIO					
ABRUZZI/MOLISE					
TOSCANIA					
UMBRIA/MARCHE					
TOTALS	1400	4400	1050	8140	

TOTAL 14,990

STRENGTHS AREA HQ at 350: District HQ at 220: Transit Camps at 50
Depots at 220 all ranks.

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APPENDIX 'D'
to G/6/1/29 of
23 March 44

ITALIAN ARMY SERVICES (strengths on 1 March 1944)

	Supply	Medical	Arty	Genie	Vet & Remount	M. T.	TPT	Part Working
SARDINIA	1,600	1,000	950	1,250	150	1,500	1,200	600
SICILY		NIL	AT	PRESENT				
CALABRIA	330	2,100						
APULIA/LUCANIA	1,400	3,600	450	850	200	1,500	200	
CAMPANIA	320	3,000	850	200	150			
LAZIO		NIL	ENEMY	OCCUPIED				
ABRUZZI/MOLISE		"	"	"				
TOSCANIA		"	"	"				
UMBRIA/MARCHE		"	"	"				
TOTALS	3,650	9,700	2,250	2,300	500	3,000	1,400	600

TOTAL 23,400

APPENDIX 'E' to

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CAMPANIA	320	3,000	850	200	150			
LAZIO		NIL		ENEMY		OCCUPIED		
ABRUZZI/MOLISE		"		"		"		
TOSCANIA		"		"		"		
UMBRIA/MARCHE		"		"		"		
TOTALS	3,650	9,700	2,250	2,300	500	3,000	1,400	600

TOTAL 23,400

APPENDIX 'E' to
G/6/1/29 of
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CARABINIERI and GUARDIA FINANZA (strength on 1 March 1944)

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	CARABINIERI		GUARDIA FINANZA	
	Offr	E. M.	Offr	E. M.
MAINLAND	194	10,848	111	4,383
SARDINIA	51	3,105	31	1,049
SICILY	118	9,046	19	1,040
TOTALS	363	22,999	161	6,472

TOTAL 29,995

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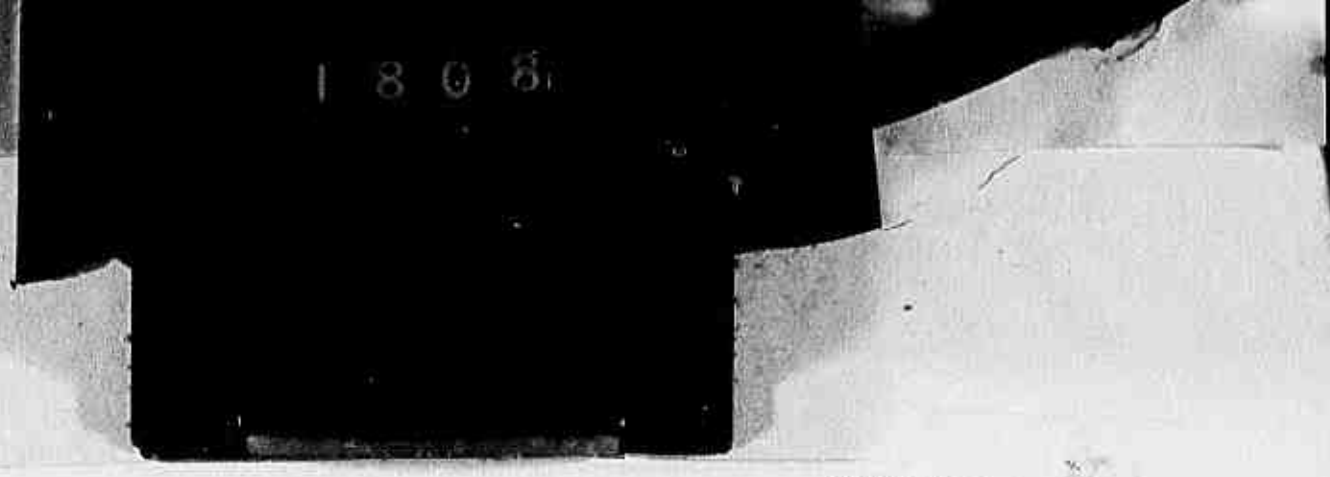

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3 May 1944

MEMORANDUM:

The following paraphrased radio from AFHQ is published for the information and guidance of all concerned

This is Cite FHCDS and MIGOT, Number F 39246 dated 29 April. Within the limitations prescribed by CCS neither the Italian Security Police nor the Fire Brigades are considered as Effectives. They will not repeat not be furnished any supplies which are carmarked for the Italian armed forces. They will be supplied only thru ACC/MGS channels. This refers to AAI letters dated 3 April and 25 April 1944 dealing with employment of Italian Army.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
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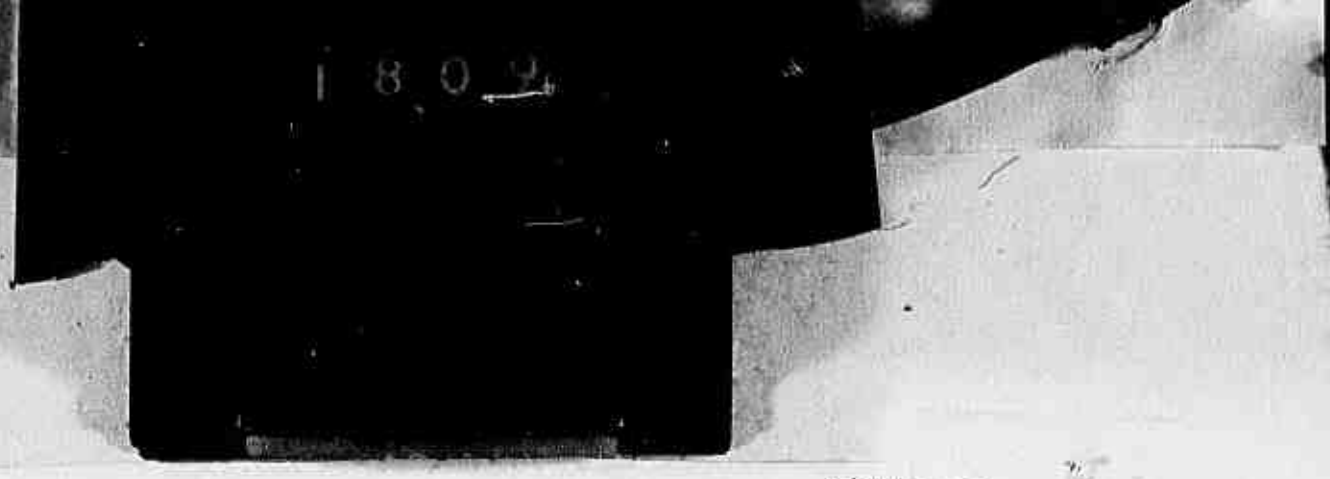

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IN OUTER MESSAGE IN 29 APRIL 44. 8250

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SECURITY POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES ARE NOT CONSIDERED EFFECTIVE ITALIAN TROOPS OTHER THAN LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED IN THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF MAY 12TH MEMO OF 2ND APRIL AND 25TH APRIL SUBJECT: "EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY."
SECURITY POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES WILL BE SUPPLIED ONLY THROUGH ACC/MGS CHANNELS AND WILL NOT BE FURNISHED ANY SUPPLIES WHICH ARE EARMARKED FOR ITALIAN ARMY.
NO NEED FOR ACKNOWLEDGE THIS SIGNAL.

A.C.C. Dept

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CONFIDENTIAL FNM/rj

Ref. CC/G/256 27th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Vice-President,
Administrative Section.

Reference memorandum ACC/14601/8/PS of 18th. April from Colonel Kirk forwarded by you to me.

1. I have forwarded yet another urgent request to A.F.H.Q. for the return as soon as possible of all Carabinieri P.O.W. personnel. I have secured verbally the support of both General Alexander and General Wilson in this matter.

2. I have taken up with Badoglio the question of ensuring that the Italian War Ministry complies urgently with the Carabinieri's requirements in clothing, equipment, etc.. Badoglio has promised me that he will speak strongly to Messe and Orlando on this subject.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Chief Comm (main)

Subject:- Officer Strength of Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/42
23 Apr 44

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

Copy to:- Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.
A.A.I. for General Hamblen

1. According to yourstrength state of 1 Apr 44, the number of officers in the Italian Army is 21263 and the number of other ranks is 317522. Therefore there is one officer for each 15 men.

2. The approved organisation of the Internal Security Divisions (Piceno) provides for one officer for each 21 men. On this basis the excess number of officers in the Italian Army is approximately 6000 at the present time.

3. It is understood that in the final organisation of the Italian Army a certain number of officers in excess of those troop units must be provided.

4. The present excess of officers will be further increased when cadet officers now included in the C.I.L. are commissioned.

5. In order to arrive at a definite policy regarding the number of officers to be retained in the Italian Army, it is desired that you advise me of your proposal as to the number of officers to be retained in the Italian Army and your plan for the elimination of such officers as are in excess of the number required.

L. Browning

Maj General.,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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(Navy Sub-Commission)

Pass to Fatima Rear. This a reencypherment of Fotali's 211253. Begins.

AAI's G\ 30362 of 817 and MEDIA's AQ 987 of 18th Italian dockyard workers are mobilized and subject to military discipline but are not naval ratings.

Fowit pass to AAI and Fatima Rear.

INCOMING ACC.
23 APR P.M.

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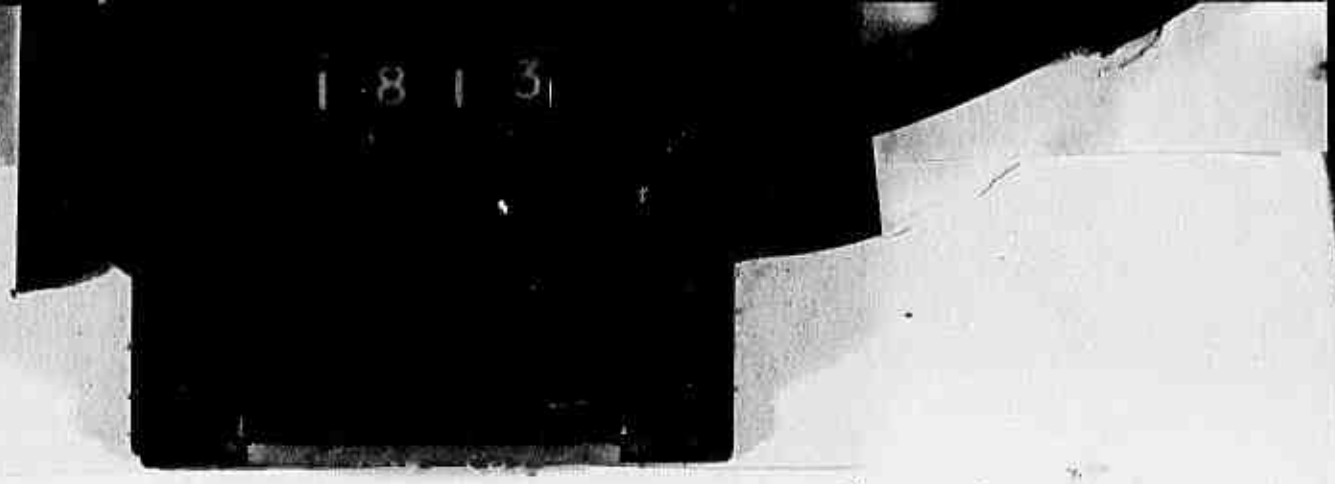

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : 26/22
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : PRIORITY
From : FREEDOM SGD CINC
To : ~~AFF~~ ADDSD AAI INFO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

By 23 Apr. 1150

Date | Time Rec'd : APR221440
Date | Time Sent : APR221201
Reference NR : F35788
Cite : FHGCT

DATED 19 APRIL YOUR SD/322. IT IS DESIRED THAT NO COMMITMENT BE MADE AS TO THE SIZE OF THE ITALIAN ARMY TO BE SUPPLIED UNDER THE TERMS OF F338 OR AS TO DETAILS OF COMPONENT PARTS OF THE ARMY UNTIL APPROVED BY COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. SUPPLY SHOULD CONTINUE ALONG THE LINES ON THE INTERIM PLAN UNDER WHICH YOU HAD BEEN WORKING PRIOR TO DUCHESNES LETTER. THEREFORE IT IS DESIRED THAT THE DUCHESNE LETTER BE WITHDRAWN

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FNMM/rj

22nd. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Army Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Political Propaganda in Italian Army.

1. Your No. I/112 of 18th. April.

2. I am taking up this matter with Marshal Messe personally. You can so inform Headquarters, No.2. District.

3. In the meantime, you can inform Orlando and Berardi that we are certain that they share our strong disapproval of political activity within the army of this kind and that they will doubtless be hearing from Marshal Messe on the subject. I do not want to issue definite orders on the subject without speaking first to Marshal Messe but you can make it very clear that we disapprove extremely strongly of this type of thing.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Political Propaganda in ITALIAN Army

SECRET S-1770

HEADQUARTERS
21 APR 1944
A. C. C.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIR)
LECCE (LECCE)
I/112
18 Apr 44

HQ ACC, APO 374
Secy Gen
Received 21 Apr 1717
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HQ ACC(2)

Copy to (less pamphlet): Adv HQ Army Sub Commission ACC SALERNO

1. HQ 2 District have referred the matter outlined in paras 2 to 6 below to this Sub Commission.

no further action

2. Gen LERICI, GOC 9 Italian Corps, BARI, last year issued instructions that Italian Army personnel would not engage in politics. Copies of these instructions are held by 2 District.

Number 21

3. On 12 Mar 44 Gen PIRZIO-BIROLI, President of the National League of Reserve Officers, distributed about 100 pamphlets (one example attached) in MATERA when he addressed a meeting of demobilised Italian officers. During his address BIROLI said that at all costs power must not be allowed to fall into the hands of the so-called Anti-Fascist parties, which were recruited from jail-birds and ex-political prisoners. The classes which had risen to positions of responsibility under the Fascist regime, and were still in power, represented the only solid, reliable, political elements in the country.

4. The pamphlets are a defence of the King against CROCE and SFORZA, and were written about 29 Nov 43 by a Lieut Giuseppe RISPOLI as propaganda (apparently not distributed) for 210 Coastal Division.

5. They were permitted to be printed recently by Gen LERICI on an Army printing press in his HQ.

6. HQ 2 Dist in forwarding the matter to us state that they consider it to be undesirable for Italian Senior Officers to engage in this kind of political activity.

7. The matter is now referred to you for your instructions. Will you please inform us what action you wish us to take, and what orders, if any, you wish us to pass on to the Italian Army in connection with indulging in this type of political propaganda.

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HEADQUARTERS
21 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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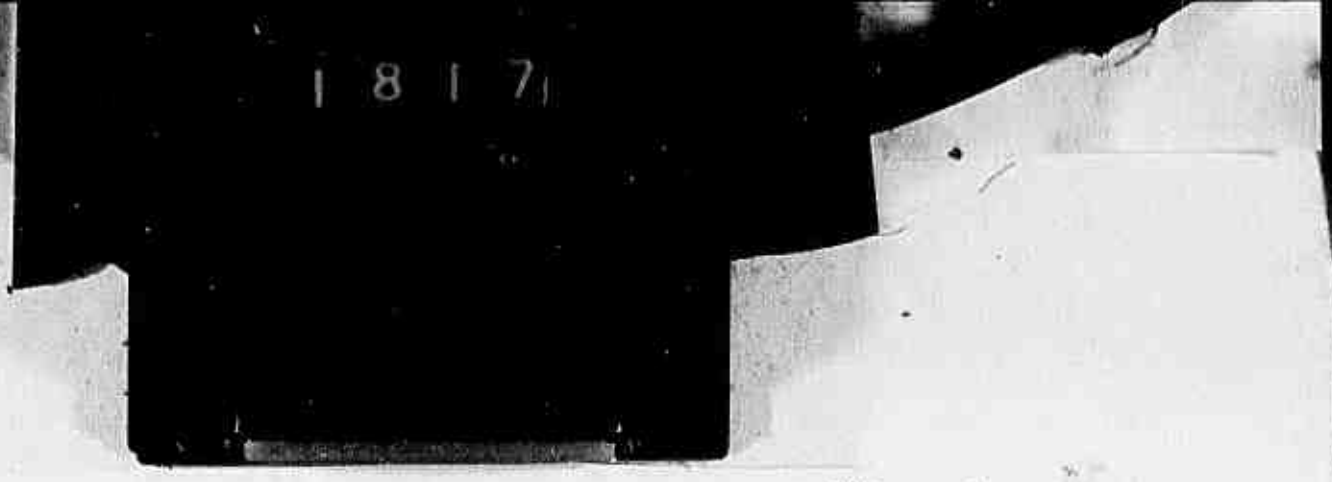

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Secy General

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN QJR2 5208

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MG ACC, APO 304

Secy Gen

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26 Sept 1020 DFE

TO MMIA info ACC

FROM AAI

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD1439	242200.	

In accordance with instructions from AFHQ please confirm ? DUCHESNE letter will be ~~done~~ withdrawn ? the ⊙ Please inform the SIMRE accordingly

ACC DIST
(INF) SEC GEN 1
DCC 1
MMIA 40 1

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

Signed

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

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Signed

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY 1

TIME OF ORIGIN

T.H.I.

T.O.R. 855

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SG 091.711 27 April 1944

Subject: Italian Armed Forces - Channels of Communication and Control.

To: Hq Army Sub-Commission, Lequile (Lecce).

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to say that he agrees with the draft instruction attached to your G/G/1/39 of 19 Apr 44 with one addition; namely, Region VII comes within the command of No. 2 District and should so be shown in paragraph 1.

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

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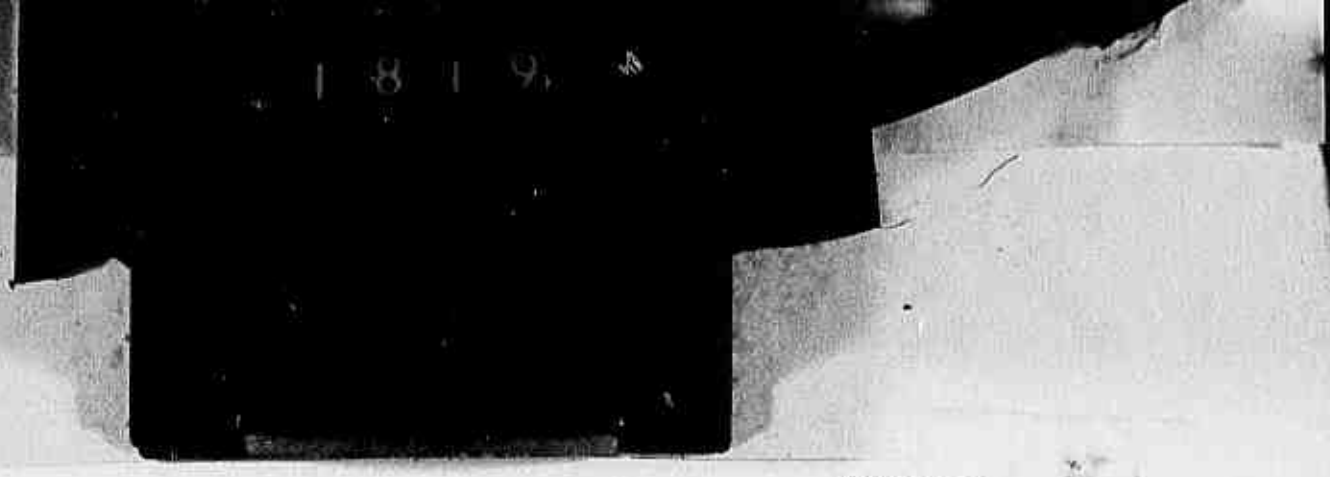

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Chief Commissioner

Region VII comes within command of No 2 District. (When entered this on f. 1.)

Otherwise 9 here no comments.

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Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 26 Apr 1730
By DFE

Draft reply in order.

M.S. 26/4/44

Secy. General

Action Asp on receipt of this: 1852 4

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H.Q.

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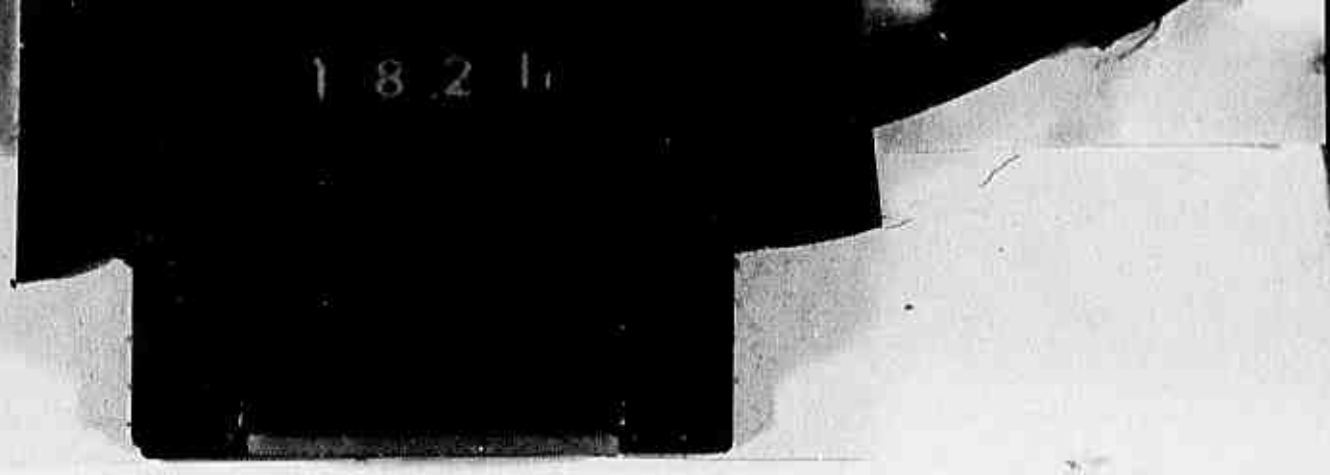

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SEC GEN

U/R- 5028

Dist Commissioner

Rec'd 4/22-1720
By SW

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MEIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/39
19 Apr 44

HQ ACC

I feel that the channels of communication and control of the Italian Army should be defined and issued as an instruction to all concerned.

This will obviate incorrect procedure and waste of effort.

Will you please say whether you agree that I should send attached paper to HQ AAI and ask them to issue.

Brig Lush

I have gone through this carefully & it seems O.K. Please act it as you see fit.

L. Brownjohn

GSH

Major General
Army Sub Comm ACC

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Subject:- Italian Armed Forces - Channels of Communication and Control

1. OBJECT OF THIS INSTRUCTION

This Instruction is issued to define the various channels of communication and control for dealing with the Italian Armed Forces situated on the Mainland of ITALY, in SICILY, in SARDINIA and in CORSICA.

The map at Appendix 'A' shews the areas of military and civil administration involved as follows:-

MILITARY		CIVIL	
under HQ A A I			
A	No 1 District and Island Base Section	Z	ACC Region 1
B	No 2 District and Adriatic Base Depot	Y	do 2
C	No 3 District	X	do 3
D	Peninsular Base Section	W	do 5
E	Allied Garrison SARDINIA	V	do 6
-	No 2 District	U	do 7
under A.F.H.Q.			
F	Northern Base Section	T	French Administration

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(c) AFHQ direct to F and T.

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3. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

(a) HQ AAI direct to Army Sub Commission (MMIA) on all questions of supply and control of issues to the Italian Armed Forces; also all questions of organisation, creation and transfer of units and formations of the Italian Army, except in so far as these affect policy with the Italian Government. Policy matters involving negotiations with the Italian Government will be addressed to Chief Commissioner ACC with copy to MMIA.

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3. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION(Contd)

(b) DISTRICT, BASE SECTION and ALLIED GARRISON HQ

The Italian Army is responsible for the discipline, pay, clothing and general administration of Italian units and formations wherever situated: and for their rationing, except in the Combat Zone where responsibility devolves on HQ AAI and HQ of Armies. Operational control, local administration and policy will be dealt with by District, Base Section and Allied Garrison HQs as follows:-

(i) Direct, for operational control and local administration, for all Italian units and formations shown as under command of District, Base Section and Allied Garrison HQ in Order of Battle G/11/32 issued fortnightly by MMIA.

(ii) To Italian Formation Commander through MMIA Liaison Officer, for local administration, for all other Italian units and formations within their boundaries.

(iii) To Army Sub Commission(MMIA)for all major matters and questions of policy: or emergency operational control.

4. CREATION AND TRANSFER OF ITALIAN UNITS AND FORMATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER COMMAND OF ALLIED FORMATIONS

HQ AAI decide and control priority in connection with this. All applications will therefore be addressed to HQ AAI, with copy to MMIA.

5. AOC REGIONS are concerned with the Italian Army only in so far as it affects civil government. Regional Commissioners will deal direct with the appropriate District, Base Section or Allied Garrison HQ on all questions; except in respect of general administration of such CARABINIERI

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6. CORSICA is under AFHQ. MMLA therefore will hold merely a "watching brief"(by means of visits)as the liaison intermediary between the Italian troops in CORSICA on the one hand and the Italian General Staff and /or AFHQ on the other.

7. DISTRIBUTION

Sufficient copies of this Instruction are forwarded to allow for distribution to Sub Area HQ and equivalent.

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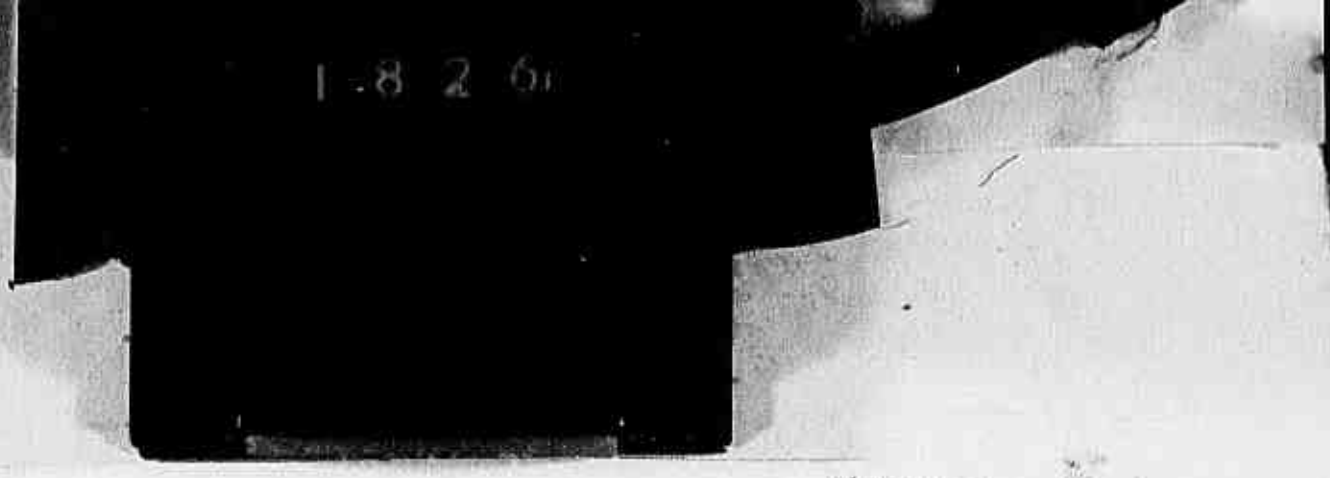

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HQ ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

NORTHERN BASE SECTION

ISLAND BASE SECTION

ADRIATIC BASE DEPOT

HQ No 1 Region ACC

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APPENDIX 'A'.

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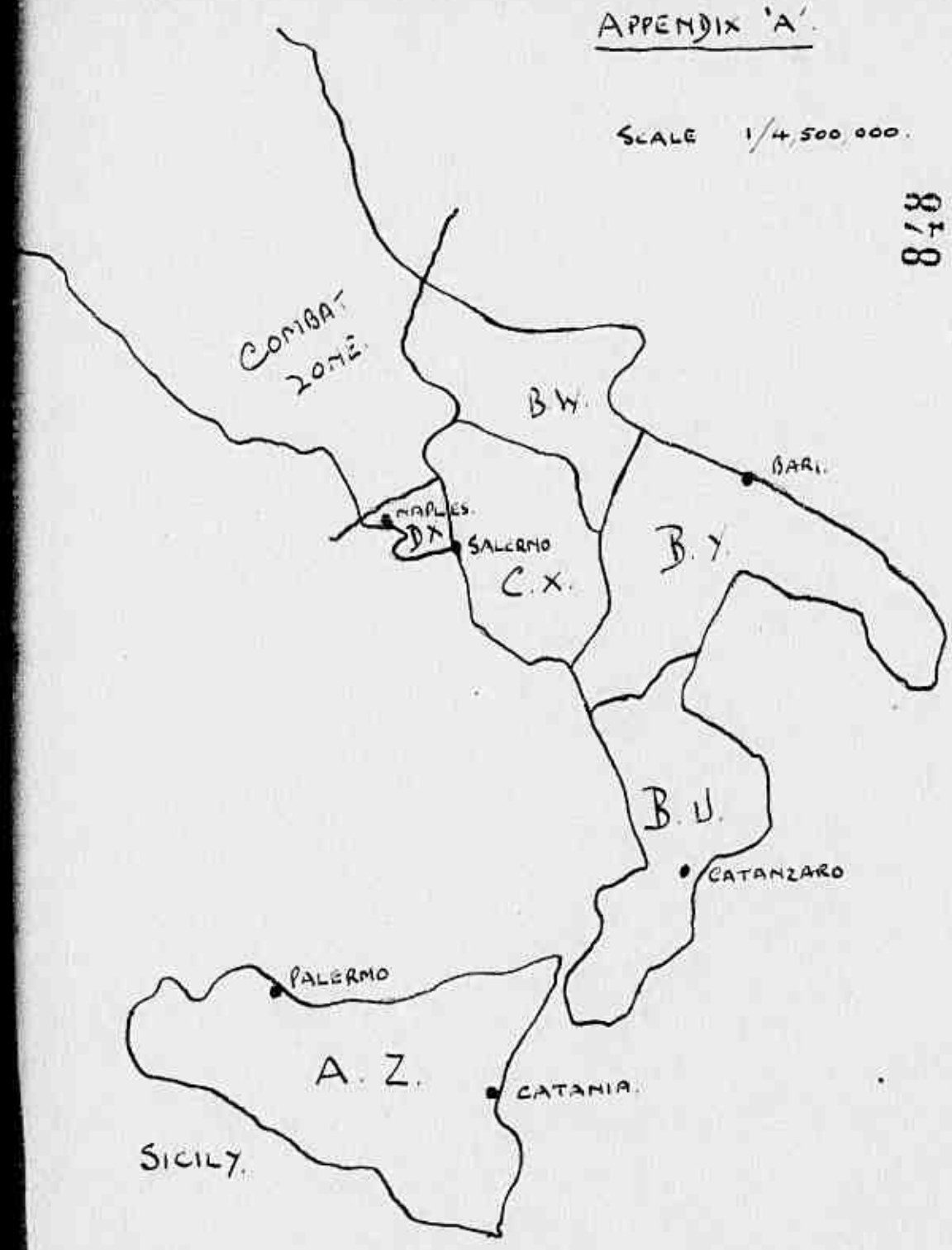

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2nd. April, 1944.

Very many thanks for your letter of the 19th. putting me on my guard regarding Berardi's reactions to the A.A.I. letter of 3rd. April. I will watch this.

2. Thank you also very much for your confidential note of the 17th.. I was very glad to get this. I have had a very trying time over the political reshuffle and other connected problems but I do hope to be able to visit you at Lequile in the fairly near future.

3. I have only had time to read rather rapidly through your excellent D.O. letter of April 18th..

4. I am very much in agreement in principle right through and we have got to do quite a lot of clear thinking as rapidly as possible.

5. I am pretty certain that we will be up against all sorts of problems in the very near future as a result of the change of government and of pressure from the Russian side.

6. I hope you will be able to come up here again in the very near future. What I want to do is to get together with you, explain to you the way in which I think political and other pressure is likely to affect the Army question in the near future, and to draw up with you a brief statement of the case and our recommendations regarding the line we ought to take. It wont be very easy because we want to ensure its being read in the highest quarters and, as you know, for that purpose about two pages of foolscap is the maximum.

7. To give you something to "chew" on in the meantime, I think there is a strong possibility that the new government may urge a fairly drastic clean-up among

existing ....."..

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existing senior Italian Officers, and I know that there will be strong pressure from certain quarters to reorganise the entire Army on a smaller and largely voluntary basis. Furthermore, there will, I think, be a very strong request to release Prisoners of War from their present status.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Major-General Langley Browning, CB, OBE, MC,
Director,
Army Sub-Commission, ACC.,
LECUILLE. (LECCE)

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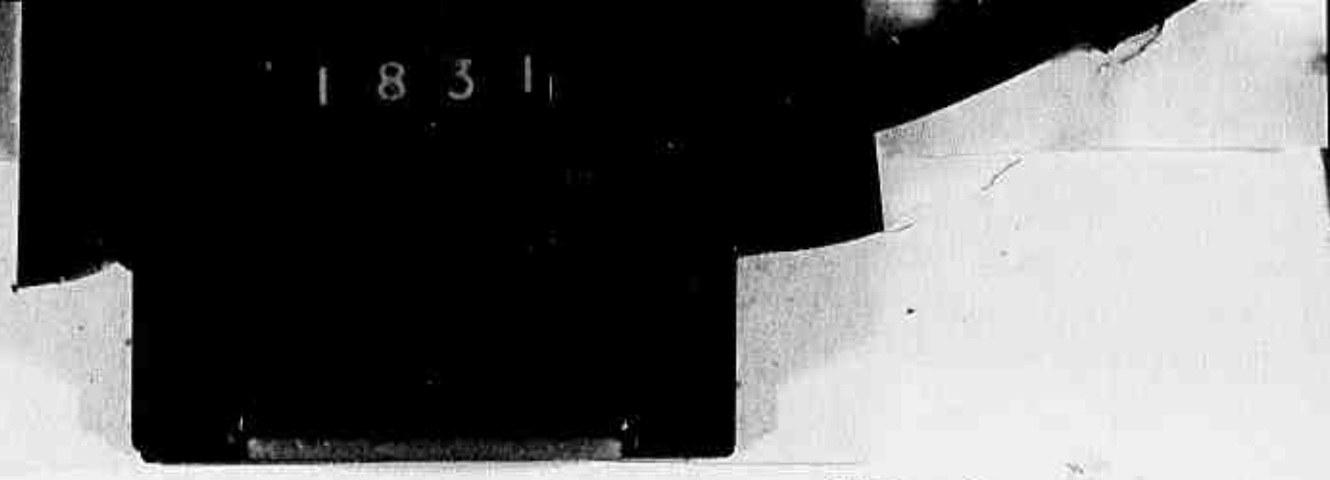

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Precedence : NONE
From : FREEDOM SGD CINC
To : AAI INFO MMIA FATIMA

Date | Time Rec'd APR200900
Date | Time Sent : "
Reference NR F34854
Cite FHGCT

DATED 16TH APRIL YOUR SD1274. 250 ITALIAN OFFICERS ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED BY MIDEAST AS BEING SURPLUS AFTER EMPLOYMENT IN MIDEAST OF CUNEO DIV EX SAMOS. CONSIDERED THESE OFFICERS OF GREATER VALUE IN ITALY UNDER JURISDICTION ITALIAN ARMY AND POSSIBLY EMPLOYED BY ALLIED COMDS THAN REMAINING SURPLUS IN MIDDLE EAST. AGREED THEREFORE TO THEIR SHIPMENT TO ITALY. SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED ONLY PORTION WERE EX CUNEO DIV REMAINDER BEING FROM OTHER UNITS BUT FOR SAME REASONS AGREED TO THEIR SHIPMENT TO ITALY

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SEC GEN
U-4983

FROM:- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARI.

22 Apr 1410
OFE

TO:- HEADQUARTERS, M.A.A.F.
COPY: HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION. √

DATE:- 20th April 1944.

REF:- 29/AIR.

CONFIDENTIAL.

RATIONS - ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL AIRCREWS.

The existing rations Scale "A" which are issued to operational aircrews of the I.A.F. are equivalent to approximately one third of the normal rations issued to British operational aircrews.

2. The Italian aircrews are being employed on operations against the common enemy which entail flying under similar conditions as Allied aircrews, but in inferior aircraft with very limited navigational aids, and with the additional strain that they know that if they are shot down or are forced to land in enemy occupied territory, they will be shot out of hand.

3. It is considered that the present scale of rations is quite insufficient for men to fly and fight on, and it is very strongly recommended that these should be brought up to the full British scale and provision made to suit Italian tastes as far as possible.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet.

W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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HQ ACC, AFHQ
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By DFE

MSG Center No	:N23/26/2D	Date | Time Rec'd	:APRIL 21
Classification	:SECRET	Date | Time Sent	:APRIL 19/1608
Precedence	:~~NONE~~ Op. Priority	Reference NR	:AQ 993
From	:MMIA SIGNED BROWNING COMD MMIA	Cite	:NONE
To	:AAI REPEATED FATIMA		

SMRE WERE INFORMED PERSONAL BY DUCHESNE AND UNDERSTAND PENDING APPROVAL BY CCS OF EXACT FIGURES TO RATION STRENGTH OF THE ITALIAN ARMY PURELY AS AN ITERIM BASIS TO WORK ON IS LIMITED TO 341170 UNDER CATEGORIES RECOMMENDED BY AAI TO AFHQ. THIS NECESSARY IN ORDER NOT REPEAT NOT TO EXCEED THE 500000 RATIONS CEILING FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES AS NOW IN OPERATION AND BEING SHIPPED FOR THEIR USE. LIMITATION ON ISSUES TO ITALIANS AS PRESCRIBED BY DUCHESNE NECESSARY AS INTERIUM BASIS TO WORK ON PENDING DECISION ON THE FIGURES BY CCS. CONSIDER ABOVE ACTION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT COMMIT ALLIES TO FURNISH SUPPLIES FOR SPECIFC NUMBERS OF ITALIANS ON A PERMANENT BASIS. EXPLAINING SIUTATION AGAIN IN WRITING TODAY TO ALL RECIPIENTS DUCHESNE'S G/6/1/35 DATED 6 APRIL.

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WITH REFERENCE TO Q993 NOTE ORIGINATORS NUMBER NOW CHANGED TO 0353. PLEASE CORRECT.

IN VIEW OF ALL ABOVE SHALL I WITHDRAW DUCHESNE'S LETTER AS DESIGNED BY AFHQ. IF SO ON WHAT BASIS CAN RATIONS CONTINUE TO BE ISSUED TO ITALIANS ARMED FORCES. MY AQ LIEUT COL NOAKES ARRIVES CASERTA THURSDAY 20TH MORNING. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS WITH HIM

HEADQUARTERS

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HQ ACC. APO 394

Sec'y Gen

Rec'd 2 Apr. 11th

By

Apr. 19

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Sec Gen 7602

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FROM....ALLIED ARMIES

TO....ALLIED FORCES HQ REPD ACC 57 AREA PASS. MIMICO /322 Y 191245

SECRET. FIRST. REF YOUR F32903 OF 15th APRIL. DO NOT REPEAT NOT PROCEED
WITH DUCHESNE LETTER BE WRITTEN(?) SINCE IT IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH DETAILS
WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF POLICY ALREADY NOTIFIED TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR AGOS 7 1- of 10th FEB AND P/S 05 OF 3rd OCT. SECOND.
CONSIDER IT WILL BEST PRESERVE SITUATION(?) IF ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE
INFORMED THAT ARRANGEMENTS AS OUTLINED IN(?) DUCHESNE LETTER REPRESENTS
AT PRESENT POLICY SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND REVISION FROM TIME TO TIME.
SOME SUCH REVISION MAY BE NECESSARY ON RECEIPT OF LETTER REFERRED TO IN PARA 3
OF YOUR AGOS 7 - 1 of 5th APRIL.

IMPORTANT.

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21 APR 1944

QS/mms

In reply refer to:
DCC 091.711

19 April 1944

Subject: Billeting of Troops in the Campania Province.

Dear General Infante:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the above subject, No. 02338/AV dated 13 April 1944.

I am arranging to represent the facts you quote in regard to difficulties of accommodation of Italian troops in Campania Province to Army Sub-Commission at Lecce.

I will communicate with you further on this subject as soon as I get a reply from Major General L. Browning, who as you know, has just taken over command of the Sub-Commission from Brigadier Duchesne.

I understand General Browning is shortly coming to Salerno with the intention of visiting the Comando Supremo.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante,
Deputy Chief of the General Staff,
Comando Supremo

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HQ ACC MED SEC
Rec'd 22 Apr 1945
By DFE

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SUBJECT:- Policy - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/6/1/41
12 April 44

Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore R Esercito

H.E. Marshal MESSE, Comando Supremo
H.E. General ORLANDO, Minister of War
Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
HQ A.C.C., NAPLES (2)
HQ A.A.I. for G(SD) (2)
HQ A.A.I. (Adm Ech) (2)
HQ Allied Garrison SARDINIA (2)
HQ No 1 District (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, SALERNO
Public Security Sub Commission, A.C.C., SALERNO

for information

Your Excellency,

1. In continuation of my G/6/1/35 dated 6 April 44, I am directed to inform you again that the figures for the strength of the Italian Army (341,170) must not be exceeded and must be considered merely as a provisional basis to work on as an interim arrangement for issue of rations.

2. The decision as to what the exact figures, by categories, will be has NOT yet been decided by the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff, who may or may not order a reduction.

3. You will be informed of these exact figures when the decision of the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff is received.

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Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, SALERNO
Public Security Sub Commission, A.C.C., SALERNO

Your Excellency,

1. In continuation of my G/6/1/35 dated 6 April 44, I am directed to inform you again that the figures for the strength of the Italian Army (341,170) must not be exceeded and must be considered merely as a provisional basis to work on as an interim arrangement for issue of rations.

2. The decision as to what the exact figures, by categories, will be has NOT yet been decided by the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff, who may or may not order a reduction.

3. You will be informed of these exact figures when the decision of the Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff is received.

L. Browning 840

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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18th. April, 1944.

I enclose herewith copy of AFHQ No. AG091.711-4(Italian) P/COS-O of 15th. April 1944 together with two copies of the enclosures referred to.

2. As you will see, these are for distribution to the Italian Government and Ministry of Marine.

3. I hardly think that it can be the intention that the whole enclosure should be passed to the Italians and it seems to me that the Appendix, Italian Naval Vessels, is all that should be given to them.

4. I suggest that you give this or copies of it to Admiral De Courten for himself and for the Italian Government.

5. I am still unlikely to get down to Taranto in the immediate future and hope you may be up this way yourself ere long.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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Rear Admiral C.E. Morgan, DSO.
F.C.T.A.L.I.,
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AG 091.711-4 (Italian) D/COS-O

Date 15 April 1944

SUBJECT: Policies Regarding Italian Naval Vessels.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission.

Attached are copies of Policies Regarding Italian Naval Vessels, Combined Chiefs of Staff, for distribution to the Italian Government and Ministry of Marine.

By command of General WILSON:

A. B. KING,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
Policies Regarding Italian
Naval Vessels (quadruplicate)

No T-312

Political Section

I have read this to our Navy (for your command) before issue them.

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Capt. Stone

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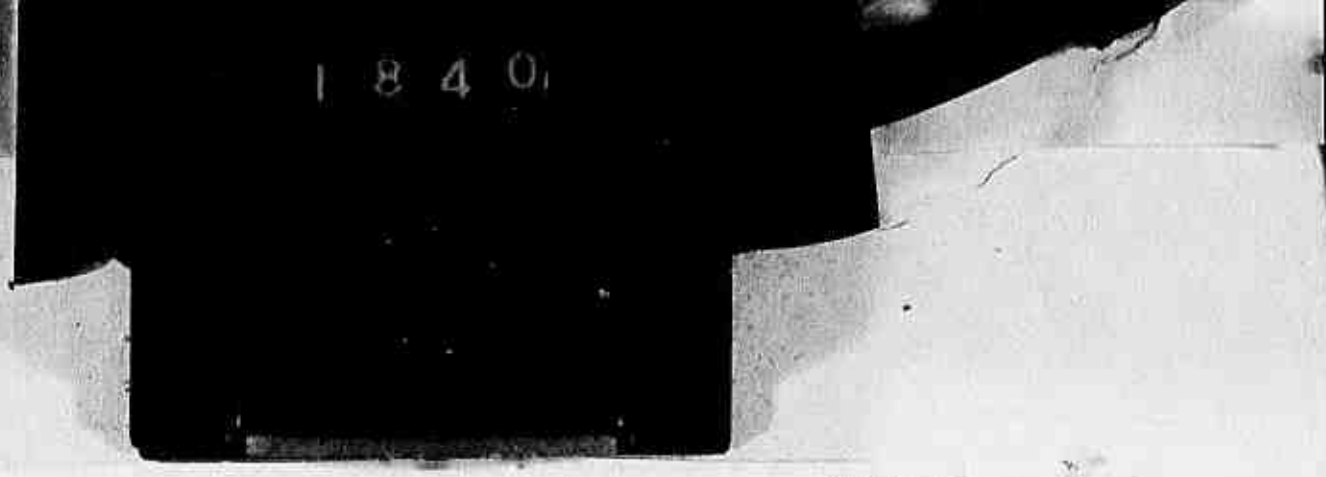

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19 March 1944

COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

POLICIES REGARDING ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS

References: a. C.C.S. 448 series.
b. C.C.S. 378.
c. C.C.S. 150th Mtg., Item 7

Note by the Secretaries.

In their 150th Meeting the Combined Chiefs of Staff approved the detailed recommendations of the Combined Staff Planners as contained in C.C.S. 515 subject to certain amendments agreed to during the discussion. The report of the Combined Staff Planners as so amended is enclosed for information.

H. REDMAN,

A. J. McFARLAND,

Combined Secretariat.

Copies to:
Pol. Sec.
Capt. Stone

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ENCLOSURE

POLICIES REGARDING ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS
References: a. C.C.S. 448 series.
b. C.C.S. 378.

Report by the Combined Staff Planners

THE PROBLEM

1. To establish a policy within the terms of the Cunningham de Courten Agreement for the employment, maintenance and repair of Italian naval units under Allied control in furtherance of the Allied war effort.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

2. Following the Armistice with the Italian (Badoglio) Government, a large number of Italian naval vessels surrendered and are now in Allied hands. The Italian (Badoglio) Government subsequently declared war on Germany.

3. The original agreement known as the Cunningham Agreement which dealt with the employment and disposition of the Italian Fleet and Mercantile Marine has been amended, vidi, C.C.S. Memorandum for Information No. 172 (Cunningham-de Courten Agreement).

4. The overall picture of Allied resources and facilities for repair, overhaul and maintenance of combatant ships is such that none should be devoted to ships which will not contribute immediately and profitably to the war effort.

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CONCLUSIONS

5. A statement of policy by the Combined Chiefs of Staff relative to Italian naval units is an urgent necessity.

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6. It is essential to safeguard the right of the United Nations to dispose freely and without restriction of all Italian naval vessels as the needs of the United Nations may ultimately direct.

7. The employment of Italian naval vessels manned with Italian crews must be considered on the merits of each case with particular regard to any improvement in Italian morale.

8. Recommendations in this paper can only cover those Italian naval vessels remaining under Combined Chiefs of Staff control.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is recommended that:

a. Italian naval vessels be primarily employed in the Mediterranean except on specific tasks approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

b. Overhauls and repair be conducted primarily in Italian yards or in Allied yards in the assigned theater of operations.

c. No rearmament or modernization of Italian naval units be undertaken at the expense of Allied ships.

d. All Italian naval vessels for which no immediate employment has already been, or can be found, be laid up as arranged by the Allied Naval area commander.

e. The Combined Chiefs of Staff approve the proposed detailed instructions attached as Appendix, page 3, to implement the above broad recommendations.

f. The Combined Chiefs of Staff be requested to remove from their agenda C.C.S. 378.

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APPENDIX

ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS

GENERAL CONTROL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Future handling and control of changes in employment of Italian naval units while under the control of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, their overhaul and requests for material will be handled by the designated executive agency of the Combined Chiefs of Staff as outlined below.

EXECUTIVE AGENCY OF THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

2. The Admiralty, in collaboration with the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, through the head of the British Admiralty Delegation, Washington, D.C., will act as the executive agency to carry out the decisions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Action by the executive agency will conform with the policies laid down in this paper or such specific instructions as may be issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff from time to time.

EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS

3. All Italian naval vessels for which no immediate employment has already been, or can be, found will be laid up as arranged by the Allied Naval area commander.

4. Initially, the Italian naval vessels will be employed primarily in the Mediterranean except on specific tasks approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Future changes in employment of Italian ships will be made by the Combined Chiefs of Staff as required for the most effective prosecution of the war effort.

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OPERATIONAL COMMAND

5. Italian ships assigned to any duty or operation will operate under the operational command of the Allied Naval area commander. They will be manned by their own crews with such Allied Naval liaison personnel on board as required.

POLICY IN REGARD TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS

6. The policy in regard to the employment of specific classes of Italian naval vessels will be:

a. Battleships.

That as there appears to be no immediate employment for the battleships, they remain for the present laid up in such a state of care and maintenance as is decided by the Naval area commander.

b. Cruisers.

Employ primarily in the Mediterranean in support of local operations and in transport of troops and supplies. Two Italian cruisers are now in the Atlantic on blockade runner patrols from Freetown, such employment having been agreed upon by the Admiralty and the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet.

c. Destroyers, Minesweepers and Other Small Craft Suitable for Anti-Submarine Work.

Employ in the Mediterranean on escort duty to the fullest extent of their capabilities.

d. Submarines.

(1) Employ primarily and to the maximum extent possible on anti-submarine training duties.

(2) Employ those submarines, whose characteristics are particularly suitable, as troops and cargo carriers and on other special missions.

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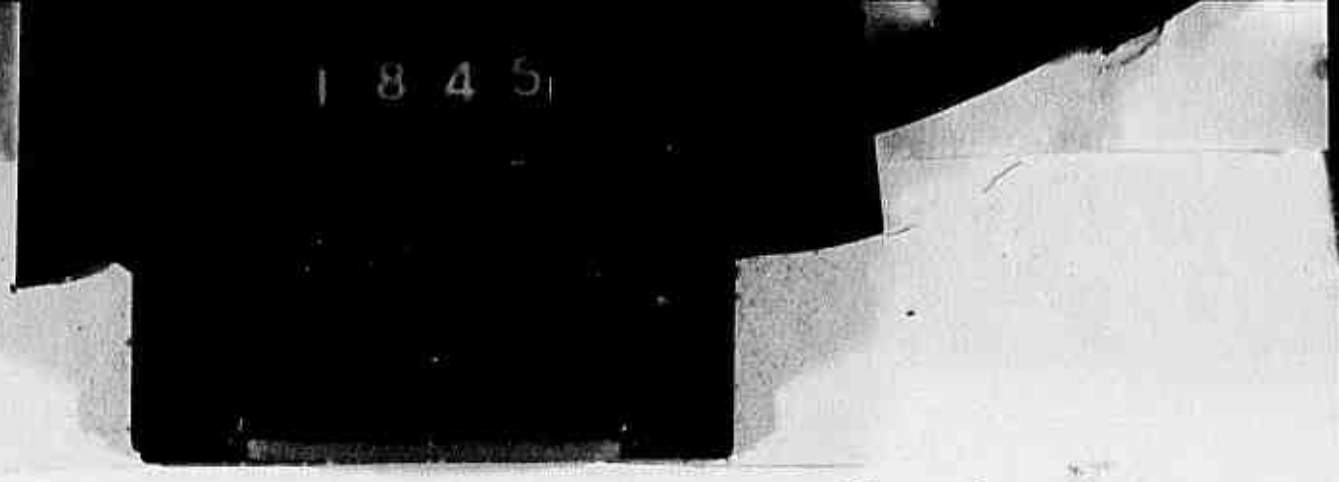

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e. Aircraft Transport "MIRAGLIA".

Employ as a depot ship initially in the Mediterranean.

f. Auxiliaries.

Employ to give best contribution to Allied war effort.

ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL

7. The employment of Italian naval personnel in positions of command and responsibility and in replacement of Allied naval personnel will be at the discretion of the Allied Naval area commander. Allied Naval units or personnel should not be placed under the command of Italian Naval authorities.

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION

8. The internal administration of naval vessels operated by Italian personnel will remain with the Italian naval authorities whose actions will be subject to the approval of the Allied Naval area commander.

REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY

9. a. As the Mediterranean is an area of British operational responsibility, the United Kingdom will be primarily responsible on behalf of the United Nations for the necessary repair, maintenance and supply of Italian naval vessels in that area.

b. Issues of supplies from U.S. stocks direct to Italian naval vessels in the Mediterranean will be made only to meet minimum essential operational requirements of those Italian naval vessels operating from U.S. controlled ports.

c. Maintenance of Italian naval vessels is in all cases subject to the provisos that:

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(1) Italian resources and stores are used to the maximum extent of their availability.

(2) No facilities or stores are used which would prejudice U.S.-British operational requirements.

REQUEST FOR OVERHAUL AND REPAIR

10. All requests from the Italian Navy for overhaul or repair, or for new equipment to enable its ships to carry out their duties in areas where it is operationally desirable that they should be so fitted will be submitted to the Allied Naval area commander under whom the ship concerned is operating, who will carry out such needed items as he may approve within the capacity of the facilities he controls. Items beyond the capacity of the repair facilities under his control will be forwarded with his recommendation for further action to the executive agency of the Combined Chiefs of Staff via the chain of command.

VESSELS OPERATING OUTSIDE THE MEDITERRANEAN

11. Maintenance, overhaul, repair and supply of Italian naval vessels employed outside the Mediterranean will be the responsibility of the country having operational control of those particular vessels.

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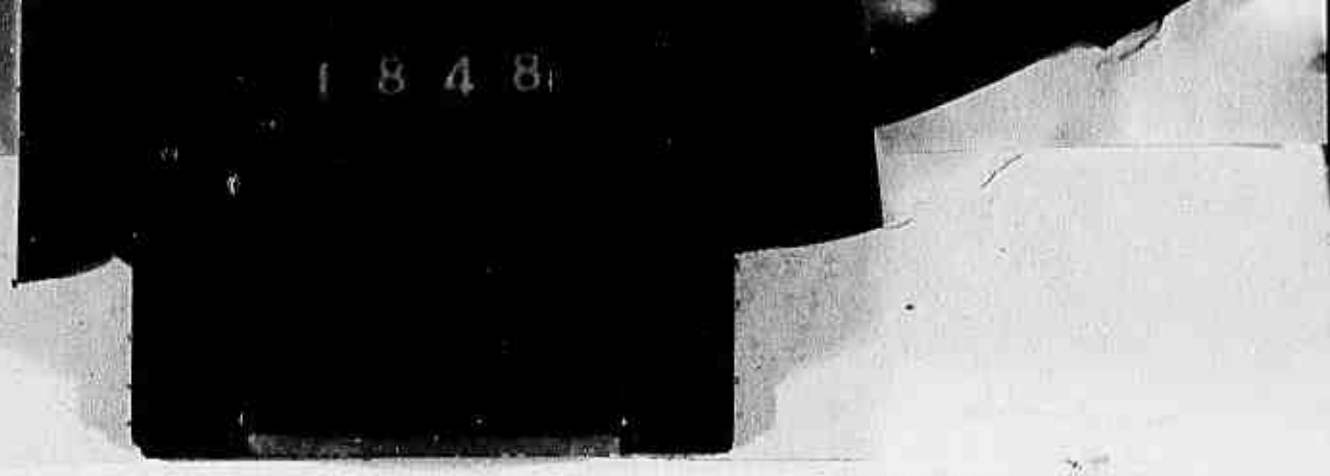

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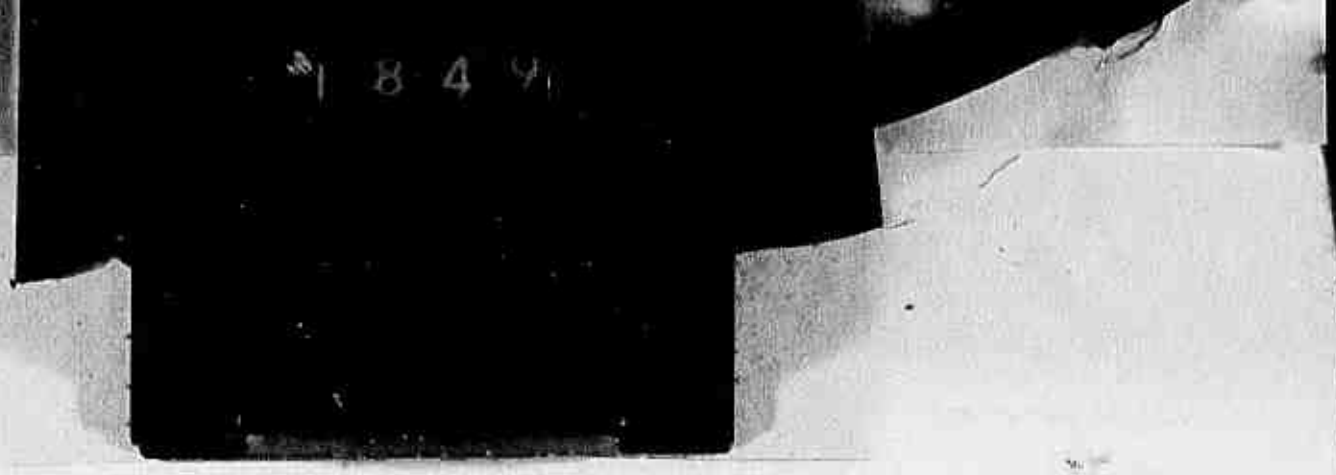

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18th. April. 1944.

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Thank you very much for yours of April 17th. enclosing the Intelligence Summary.

I was most interested and would much like to go on receiving them.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Director,
Air Sub-Commission,
A.C.C., BARI.

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Copy to: Wing Commander W.L. Minter,
Air Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
C. M. F.

WABB/DO.

17th April 1944.

My Dear General,

I find that we are not passing our Intelligence Summaries to you. You may like to know what your Air Force is doing, so I have told Wing Commander Minter to pass them to you on their arrival here.

If you have not the time to read them, would you ask Monfort to let Minter know, and in any case we would like to have them back when you have read them.

I start with the latest arrival, April 13th, which is full of interest.

Yours sincerely,

W.A.B. Bourne-Buscarlet

Lt. General Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane, K.C.B; D.S.O; M.C.,
Allied Control Commission.

NOTE - Summary sent to W/Comdr. Minter - also answer to this (CC-P-205). Summaries to be returned back to them for onward transmission. HD - 19/4/44.

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SECY GEN
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SUBJECT: Italian soldiers in Albania and Greece

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G.19/5
20 Apr 44

Army Sub Commission (ACC) Adv HQ
SALERNO

HQ ACC APO 394
Rec'd 25 Apr. 1944
By

Copy to: HQ ACC

1. Attached letter, MGS: 091.711 of 12 Apr 44, from Military Government Section AFHQ, is passed to you for action since it concerns the Supreme Command, and it is possible that all three Italian services are involved.

2. If there is no objection, please cable agreement to AFHQ vide para 5 of attached letter.

3. Since writing above, HQ ACC have informed us that MGS AFHQ have signalled for an urgent cable reply to their letter. Will you therefore take action as quickly as possible.

L. Hamilton L'Col.
for Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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MGS: 091.711

12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers in Albania and Greece.

TO : HQ A.C.C.

1. This Section has received from Mid-east an appreciation concerning Italians (soldiers) known to be in Greece and Albania which has been prepared with a view to exploring the practicability of relieving the Allied Military Missions in the field of responsibility for maintaining such Italians which are said to number some 10,100 in Greece and some 20,000 in Albania.

2. The appreciation has been considered by G-3, "A" Force and the Ministers here and the following points appear:-

a). That no large scale evacuation of the soldiers is practicable or from the security point of view desirable nor would the food situation in Italy allow of the present repatriation of large numbers of troops.

b). That small numbers of specialists, however from such forces could usefully be repatriated to Italy for duty with the Italian army units.

c). That it is necessary that it be impressed on such forces in Greece that they must not drift into Albania, as to do so without hope of repatriation adds materially to the difficulties of the situation there.

d). That as it is impossible to repatriate large numbers it is the duty of the soldiers to do all they can in the countries in which they at present find themselves to help the war effort in the most expedient manner, e.g., by formation of guerilla bands, and not to concentrate in areas where they cause embarrassment to forces which are fighting on the allied side.

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3. It is understood that General Infante and four staff officers who have come out of Greece through Albania are in Italy and that Force 266 are willing to make available Major de Salis for a Liaison visit to the Italian Government. The latter officer is stated "to be 'persona grata" with the King of Italy and could with the proper authority and in conjunction with General Infante greatly assist in the necessary organization for repatriating such as it is practicable to deal with.

4. It appears therefore that the matter should be tackled on the following lines:-

a). The visit of Major de Salis should be approved.

b). That General Infante and his staff should stay until after Major de Salis' arrival.

c). That lists should be prepared forthwith of the specialists whose repatriation could be accepted and arranged and that arrangements for this be worked out in conjunction with Major de Salis and General Infante.

d). That the points made in 2 above be impressed on General Infante and that he go back ultimately to see that they are implemented in conjunction with the appropriate Allied Military authorities.

5. Will you please indicate by cable whether you concur in the above in order that Mideast may be informed and arrangements be made for Major de Salis to come over to you.

T B Jackman Major

for HENRY PARKMAN, JR.
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.
Acting Chief of Section.

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17 APRIL 1944

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TO (ACTION) : CINC

(INFORMATION): CG SOS NATOUSA, AGS SARDINIA, ANP ACC NAPLES

FROM : ALLIED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN CG FRENCH AND ALLIED GROUND FORCES IN CORSICA AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CORSICA AND CO NORBASE TO RELEASE APPROXIMATELY 4500 ITALIAN TROOPS. RELEASE WILL BE IN FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY: 17 APRIL, 2 COMPANIES ENGINEERS, TOTAL 354 MEN, 1 FIRE FIGHTING COMPANY, 205 MEN, 2 BRIDGE PLATOONS, TOTAL 114 MEN. 22 APRIL, 1 MULE CENTER, 230 MEN, 1 LABOR DETACHMENT, 97 MEN, 2 FORESTRY COMPANIES, TOTAL 176 MEN, 1 WATER COMPANY, 180 MEN. 26 APRIL, 2 COMPANIES ENGINEERS, TOTAL 360 MEN, 1 RAILROAD ENGINEER COMPANY, 96 MEN , 1 ANTI AIRCRAFT BATTERY, 235 MEN. 30 APRIL, 3 COMPANIES OF ENGINEERS TOTAL 559 MEN. 4 MAY, 1 CAMP HOSPITAL, 163 MEN, 2 INFANTRY BATTALION, 711 MEN. 8 MAY, 1 INFANTRY BATTALION, 497 MEN, 1 BASE GROUP, 73 MEN. 12 MAY, 1 UNIT ARTILLERY (AIRCRAFT SPOTTERS), 118 MEN. 30 MAY, 1 TRUCK GROUP, 364 MEN. ABOVE UNITS ARE NOMINATED FOR TRANSFER FROM CORSICA. COMMANDING GENERAL ITALIAN TROOPS IN CORSICA CONCURS. REPRESENTATIVE OF ALLIED CONTROL COMMINNSION IS TRANSMITTING INFORMATION TO HIS HEADQUARTERS TODAY. ITALIAN SOLDIERS OF

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TO : AAI ACC MMIA

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LETTER SIGNED BY BRIGADIER E C DUCHESNE REFERENCE POLICY-ITALIAN ARMY ACC G6/1/35 DATED 6TH APRIL AND ADDRESSED C.O.S. STATO MAGGIORE R. ESSERCITO HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED IN THIS HQ. ON 11TH MARCH OUR CABLEGRAM 63286 WAS SENT TO AAI REQUESTING ORDER OF BATTLE AND PROPOSED METHOD EMPLOYMENT ITALIAN UNITS WHICH COULD BE RECOMMENDED TO COS UNDER TERMS OF FAN 338. THE TERMS SPECIFIED BY THE COS GOVERNING SUPPLY OF THE ITALIAN ARMY STAND AMPLIFIED IN OUR LETTER AG400-? (ITALIAN) GDS-AGM OF 14TH MARCH. THIS WAS FOLLOWED UP ON 22ND MARCH BY CABLE NUMBER 12449. REPORT FROM AAI. 1605/50/31 (3DR) POSITION EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY DATED 3RD QUERY APRIL WAS RECEIVED. THIS REPORT GAVE AAI RECOMMENDATION ON THE NUMBER OF ITALIAN TROOPS WHICH THEY CONSIDERED SHOULD BE EMPLOYED, (HOWEVER), IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT CLEAR THAT THIS IS THE NUMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS IN RETRANSMITTED CABLE UNDER THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED. THE DIVISIONS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY TO BE SUPPLIED UNDER TERMS SPECIFIED BY COS IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THIS HQ AND NO REPEAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED AS YET. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT AT THIS TIME KNOWN WHETHER THE TOTAL STRENGTH TO BE AUTHORIZED WILL REACH ANY SUCH FIGURES AS ARE CONTAINED IN BRIG DUCHESNE MEMORANDUM REFERRED ABOVE. SAID LETTER PURPORTS TO ADVISE THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND OF DECISIONS WHICH HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN MADE AND WHICH REST FINALLY WITH THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. IT IS DESIRED THAT DUCHESNE LETTER BE WITHDRAWN AND NO ACTION BE TAKEN BY AAI, ACC OR MMIA,

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12449. REPORT FROM AAI. 1605/50/31 (SDI) POSITION EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY DATED 3RD QUERY APRIL WAS RECEIVED. THIS REPORT GAVE AAI RECOMMENDATION ON THE NUMBER OF ITALIAN TROOPS WHICH THEY CONSIDERED SHOULD BE EMPLOYED. (HOWEVER), IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT CLEAR THAT THIS IS THE NUMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS IN RETRANSMITTED CABLE UNDER THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED. THE DIVISIONS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY TO BE SUPPLIED UNDER TERMS SPECIFIED BY COS IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THIS HQ AND NO REPEAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED AS YET. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT AT THIS TIME KNOWN WHETHER THE TOTAL STRENGTH TO BE AUTHORIZED WILL REACH ANY SUCH FIGURES AS ARE CONTAINED IN BRIG DUCHESNE MEMORANDUM REFERRED ABOVE. SAID LETTER PURPORTS TO ADVISE THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND OF DECISIONS WHICH HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN MADE AND WHICH REST FINALLY WITH THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. IT IS DESIRED THAT DUCHESNE LETTER BE WITHDRAWN AND NO ACTION BE TAKEN BY AAI, ACC OR MMIA, WHICH WILL COMMIT THIS HQ TO FURNISH SUPPLIES AS AUTHORIZED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR ANY SPECIFIC NUMBER OF ITALIAN TROOPS TILL A DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED.

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HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
16 Apr. 1500

Comment by C.C.
Thank you
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In reply refer to:
DCS 091.711

4 May 1944

Folio 131

Dear General Infante:

With further reference to your letter No. 02338/AV of the 18th of April, a reply has now been received from the Army Sub-Commission at LECCE the substance of which is as follows:

"1. Billeting of Italian Troops in Campania falls under two headings:
(a) Italian troops under Allied Command.
(b) Italian Administration.

2. The billeting of troops under Allied Command is a responsibility of the Allied Commander concerned and is not a matter for discussion by this Sub-Commission, unless the Italian Command desires to have this Sub-Commission represent any views it may have to the Allied Commanders in those cases where the Italian Command considers the billets alloted to such Italian troops are inadequate in size or otherwise inappropriate.
The majority of Italian troops in Campania are under direct Allied Command.

3. Accommodations in Campania for Italian troops used for Italian Administration can only be considered when the Combined Chief of Staff has decided on the exact number to be allowed, and this has not been decided as yet. Such troops as are alloted to Campania must be within the total ceiling for the entire Italian Army. Obviously the required number will not reach a figure as mentioned by General Infante. Therefore any discussion on this matter is out of place until the decision of the Combined Chief of Staff is received and implemented by

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instructions from the Allied Commander in Chief, who is also the Commander in Chief of the entire Italian Army.

4. Information is requested with reference to the "Military School" mentioned by General Infante. No such school is authorised."

I should be glad to have your reply to the question raised in sub paragraph 4 above.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of the General Staff
Comando Supremo

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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15 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Col. G. W. Quin-Smith

The Deputy Chief Commissioner desires you to prepare acknowledgement of this on the DCC's stationery and for his signature. Then take proper action.

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General

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TRANSLATION

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15 APR 1944

The Supreme Command PM 151, 13 April 1944

Office of Miscellaneous Affairs

Ref. No. ;02338/AV

Subject: Billeting of Troops in the Campania Province.

To : Allied Control Commission,
Att. Capt. Ellery Stone,
APO 394.

My dear Captain Stone,

1. Among the measures that should be taken in order to obtain more efficiency from the Italian forces in face of the increasing Allied demands, the problem of their billeting in Campania is one that should be taken into serious consideration.

The solution of this problem does not only concern the better efficiency of units, but also the more even functioning of Commands, garrisons, depots, stores, field hospitals, which are indispensable to the smooth working of units in the field.

This Command deems it necessary therefore to present the problem in its present phase with suggestions as to its solution by the Allied authorities.

2. The exigencies of billeting of Commands, garrisons, depots, stores, and hospitals in Campania were faced by the Allied Authorities sometime ago when last September they occupied totally all barracks still inhabitable and all buildings adaptable to billeting.

The Allied Commands (5th Army, AFHQ, PBS) have shown that they understood the importance of the problem, but in reality only the problem of billeting those units in Campania, which are being directly used by the Allied, has been solved.

For all the requirements of a territorial character the above Commands have provided for differently in the conviction that these questions are not intimately connected with their needs.

Lately however the P. B. S. has shown better understanding. The solution of the problem has not however been faced squarely as demanded by the exigencies of the situation and in the common interest of the Allies and of ourselves.

3. At the present moment Italian troops possess in Naples:

The Palazzo Salerno, where are stationed the Command of the Campania Forces and nearly all offices and sections belonging to it; a few modest "lodges" next to the Giorgio Ercolee, the Paisiello, and feminine schools occupied respectively by the Militar Police 3400 and M. P. office 120; by the sanitary company and by the administrative office of the Naples garrison;

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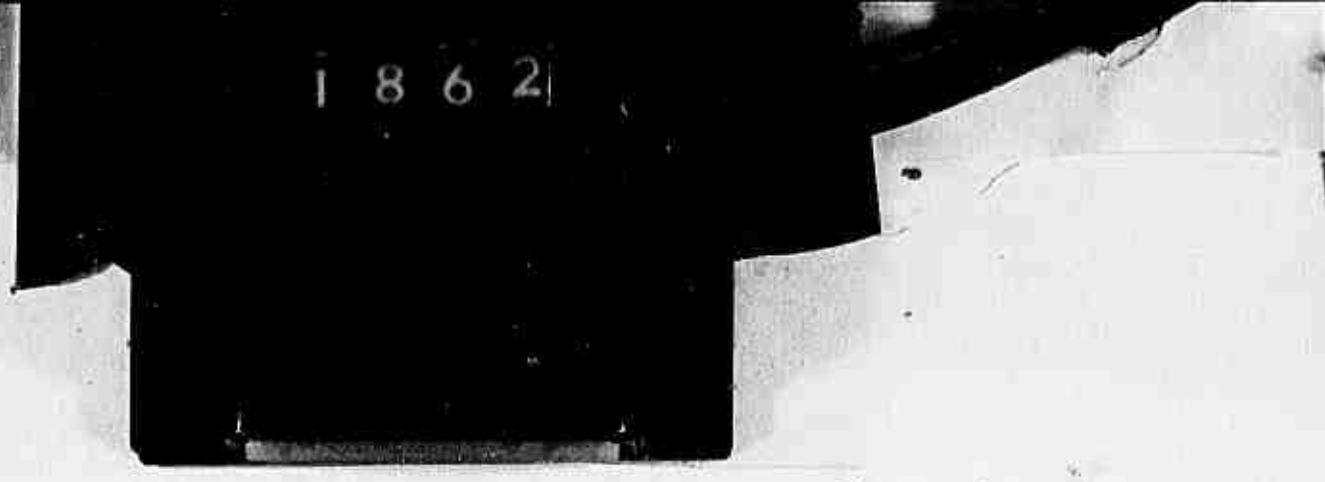

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by the Naples military hospital. The Transit Camp occupies a few private premises in Via Morghen 31 which holds approx. 150 men. The 10th Motor Group occupies a few premises at "Largo Ferrandino, Chiaia (holds approx. 60 men). The 31 Infantry and 10 Artillery are housed in insufficient premises of the S. Martino museum. The Naples military garrison occupies the only room of the Garrison Officers Club at Pizzofalcone.

In S. Maria Capua Vetere:

The 10th Engineers regiment depot occupy an exiguous portion of that regimentIs own barracks.

In Salerno, Venevento, Aversa, Avellino, Caserta, Nola, commands of garrisons and depots possess a few small rooms hardly sufficient for their office space.

4. In order to insure the normal working of garrisons and depots in accordance with the exigencies determined by enlisting, recruiting, the recovery of stragglers, etc. it is necessary that each garrison in Naples, Avellino, Benevento, Aversa, Salerno, Nola and Caserta be able to possess premises to hold at least 300 to 500 men and that the following depots: the 31st Infantry (Naples), 10th Artillery AA (Naples), 10th Artillery df. (Caserta), 15th Inf (Salerno), 39th Inf (Caserta), 12th Artillery (Nola), might also be able to possess living space for 300 to 400 men to be equipped, for discharge, or who are not apt to war conditions, etc.

Furthermore the Naples Transit Command should be able to dispose of a "locale" to hold at least 1000 men which is, in general, the number of soldiers to be billeted.

Lately the Allied Authorities have granted us a bombed building which was once the seat of the "Ischirogeno" works and which once repaired will hold approx. 1500 men. It was intended to place the Transit camp in this Building and also the 31st Infantry depot. But in these last few days following the arrival of the 212 division the Allied Command has occupied this building in part and making it impossible to arrange for the Transit Camp, as the work is being delayed.

However if the "Ischirogeno" Building were returned totally to the Italian Armed Forces the problem of the transit camp and of the 31st Inf Regt would then be solved.

5. So that if we consider the problem of housing the Transit Camp and 31st Inf Regt in the "Ischirogeno" building, the following exigencies will still have to be met.

In Naples:

Premises for the 10th Motorized Group, for the military garrison and for the 10th Artillery Regt (a total of about 1200 to 1500 men).

In Salerno:

Premises for the garrison and 15th Inf Depot (Approx 600-1000 men).

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In Caserta:

Premises for the garrison and 39th Inf and 10th Artillery Depots (about 1000 to 1500 men).

In Nola:

Premises for the garrison and 12th Artillery Depot (about 800-1000 men)

In Benevento, Aversa and Avellino, premises in each locality for about 100 to 150 men.

To above exigencies it will be necessary to add a few modest rooms of the "Annunziatella" in Naples for the exigencies of the Military School.

If necessary this Command will be able to furnish detailed information regarding the above suggestions by putting at the disposal of the competent Allied Organs a few officers of the Campania Armed Forces.

This Command trusts that the Allied Commission will examine this billeting problem in order to give it a satisfactory solution.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff.

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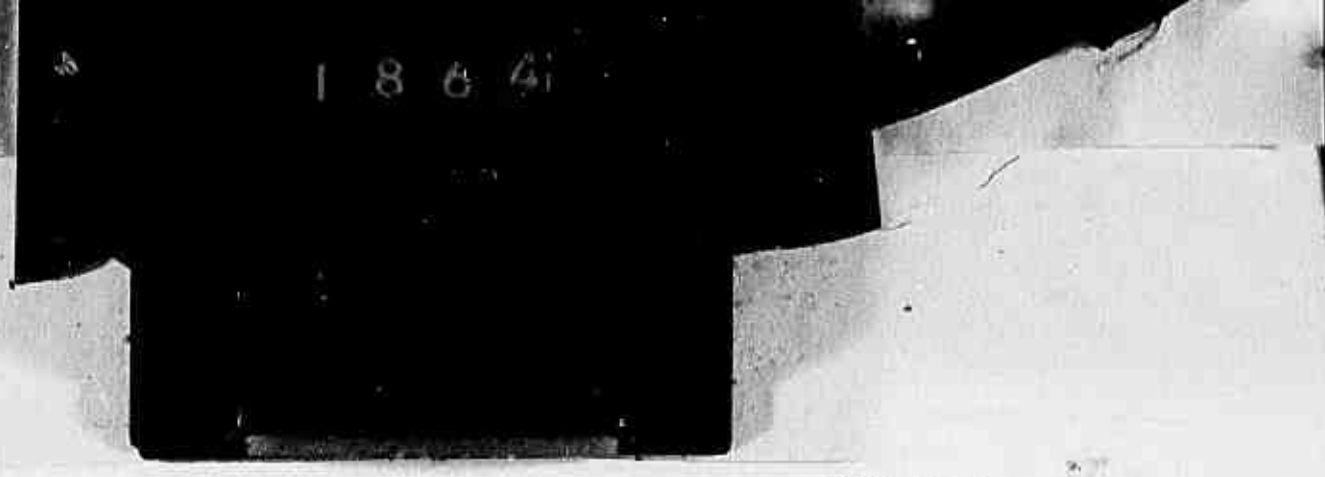

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TRANSLATION

File No. 1142

16 Apr. 1620

CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

Salerno, 15 April 1944.

TO: GENERAL SIR NOEL MASON MACFARBANE
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Naples

Dear General MacFarlane:

In reply to the letter of the Allied Control Commission dated 14.1.1944, I wish to inform you that I have ordered that the wearing of Albanian ribbons and medals, given in the Campaign against Greece, be stopped by Italian officers and soldiers.

Very cordially and sincerely,

/s/ BADOGLIO

TO → Political Section

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Deputy Chief Commissioner

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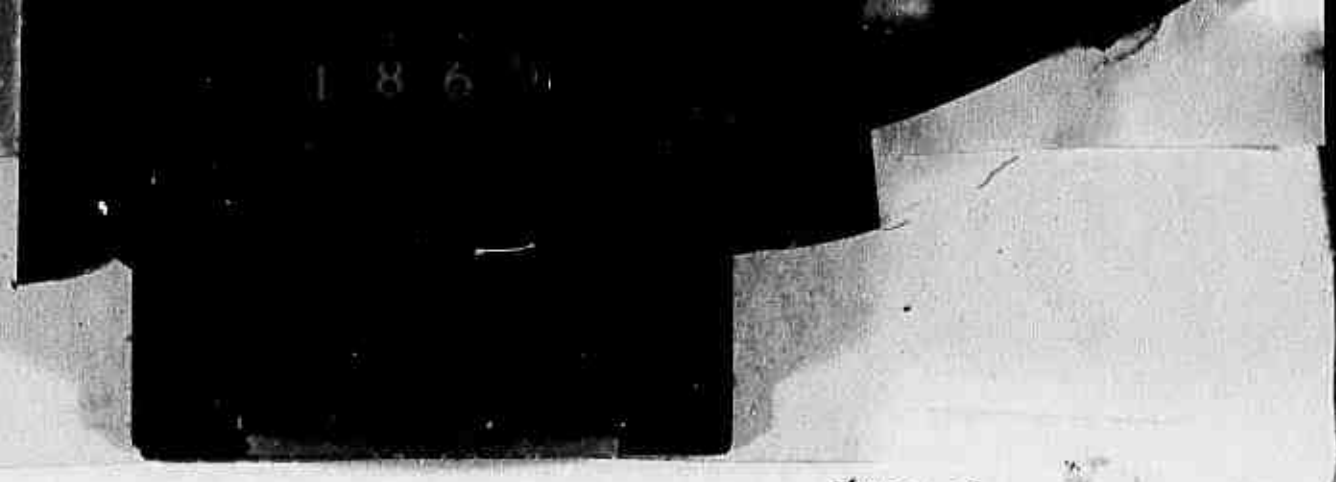

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

SALERNO, LÌ 15 APRILE 1944

16 Apr. 1500

AL SIGNOR GENERALE
SIR NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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CARO GENERALE MACFARLANE,

IN RISPOSTA ALLA LETTERA DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO IN DATA 14.1.1944 DESIDERO COMUNICARLE CHE HO DISPOSTO PERCHÉ DA PARTE DEGLI UFFICIALI E SOLDATI ITALIANI SIA SOSPESO L'USO DEI NASTRINI E MEDAGLIE ALBANESI CONCESSI NELLA COMPAGNA CONTRO LA GRECIA.

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18 APR P.M.

FURTHER YOUR SIX ZERO ZERO EIGHT EIGHT DATED FIVE MARCH CITE FHEGS AND OUR TWO FOUR SIX ONE DATED MARCH ELEVEN PAREN TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA REAR FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN BADOGLIO HAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED US THAT HE HAD ORDERED THAT THE WEARING OF ALBANIAN RIBBONS AND MEDALS GIVEN IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE BE STOPPED BY ITALIAN OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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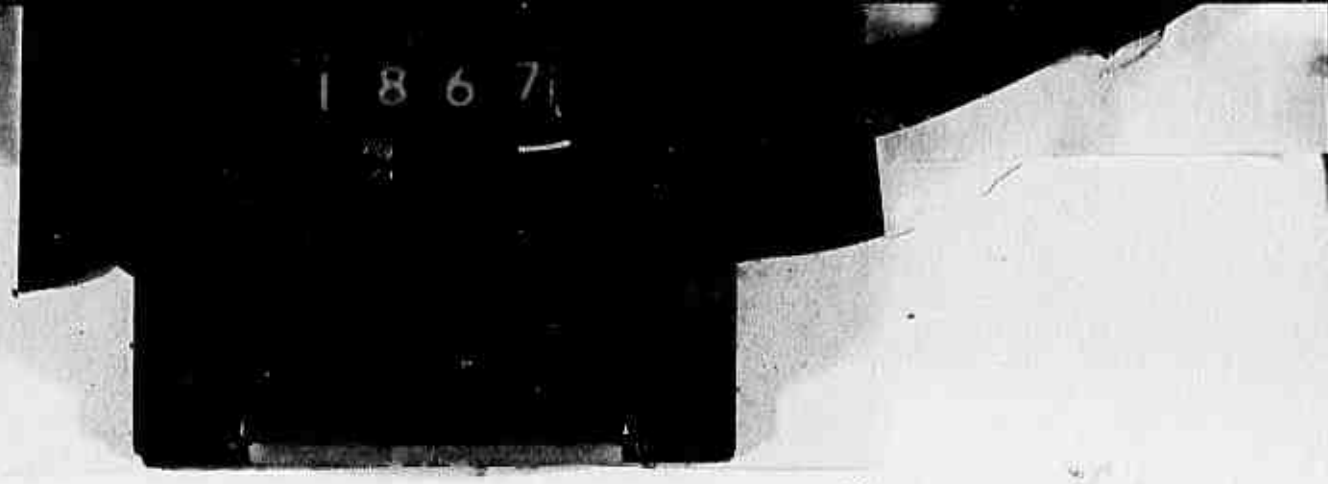

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Lt. Gen. U-4458

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SUBJECT:- Replacement of Cadets awaiting Promotion in the 1st Mobile Brigade

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (ROMA)
LECCE
SD/2/1/2
12 Apr 44

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Copy to:- HQ ACC NAPLES (for Lt Gen Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane)
Ministry of War
Adv HQ Army Sub Comm ACC SALERNO

1. With reference to your letter 3061/Mob of 26 March 44 on the above quoted subject. An answer has been received from HQ Allied Armies in the following terms.

a) The standard of training which has been reached by the replacement personnel is not known. It is not considered therefore, that the eight hundred officer cadets can be released until it is certain that the suggested replacements provide adequate substitutes.

b) The majority of the officer cadets are now with Bersaglieri Bns, and it is preferable that Bersaglieri should be posted in replacement.

c) The proposal, therefore, to post personnel of the Reinforcement Bn of 68 Regt of SARDINIA and four hundred from the mixed Reinforcement Bn of 1 Mot Bde, is not considered entirely satisfactory.

It is suggested that replacement personnel should be drawn from 71 Regt Bersaglieri, now located in SARDINIA.

2. May this proposal be considered please, and if it proves impossible to obtain Bersaglieri from SARDINIA, it is suggested that a representative of 1st Raggruppamento Motorizzato should be authorised to obtain first hand information about the replacements referred to in Sub para c above and that EIGHTH Army should be satisfied in this respect before a decision is taken.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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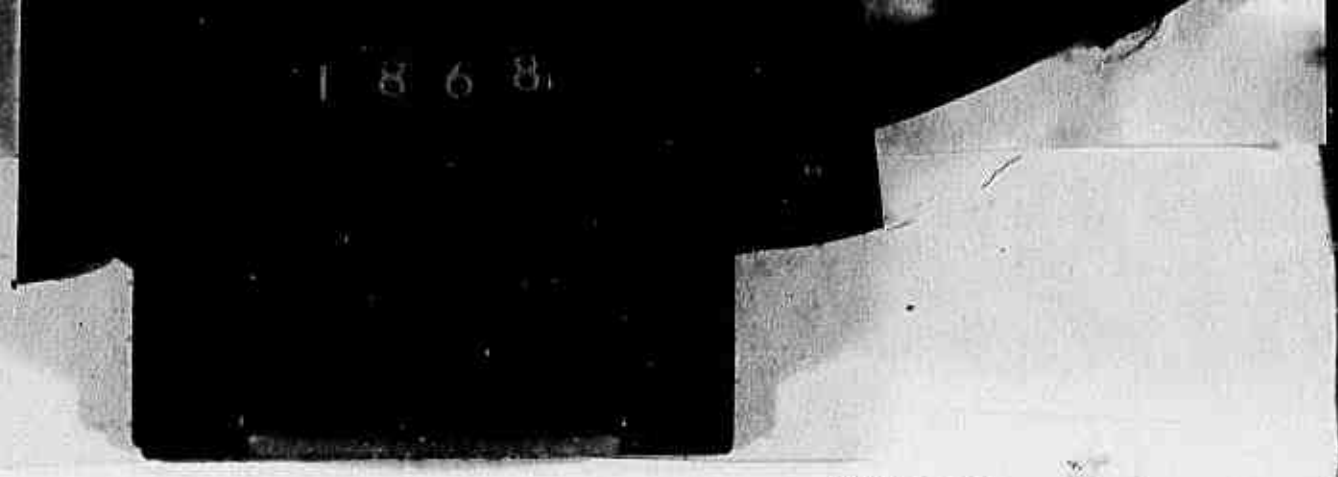

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YOUR 319.1 OF 19 JAN. SITREP PERIOD 7-13 APRIL 44. POLICY LETTER ITALIAN ARMY (G/G/1/35 OR OF 6 APRIL) SENT TO ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF MARSHALL BESSE FILPOT FATIMA AND OTHER INTERESTED ADDRESSEES. BRIG C C DUCHESNE HANDING OVER COMMAND ARMY SUB COMMISSION TO MAJOR GENL BROWNING GB OBE MC WHO ARRIVED LEQUIDE 11 APRIL. 21/C VISITS FILPOT TO DISCUSS AMMUNITION FOR ITALIAN ARMY INCLUDING CIL. PROPOSAL WE (BRITISH) AND TO (AMERICAN) FOR SUBCOMMISSION SENT TO FATIMA AND FILPOT

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ITALIAN NAVAL STRENGTH

FROM.. FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE.. 12th. April 1944. No. T.A. 1156

TO .. HEAD OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

With reference to your letter No. 101/44 of 31st. March, it is requested you will inform the Commission that I do not consider any reduction in the strength of the Italian Navy is justified. The percentage of the Italian Navy employed operationally is far greater than that of the other two services which greatly outnumber the Navy. Even so the Italian Navy has been called upon to provide port labour and I.W.T. companies. The latter has been made possible by drawing men from Naval A/A and coastal defence batteries on the mainland which are at present being substantially reduced. The reduction of batteries in Sardinia is now under review.

2. Apart from these commitments, the Italians are gradually taking over certain duties at present carried out by Allied Naval personnel and are opening up minor ports in Sicily.

3. At first sight it may appear that the number of personnel victualled on shore in Taranto is excessive. It is pointed out however that Taranto is a Military Maritime Province and all military administrative work is carried out by the Navy. If the number were to be reduced, it would merely mean that essential military services such as guard and local dfence duties would have to be taken over by the Army.

4. The Minister of Marine is being requested to prepare a detailed statement, but until this is received and studied, no forecast of Italian naval strength can be given. In fact, it may well be necessary to effect an increase in the present numbers as we advance northwards.

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(Signed) C.E. Morgan,
REAR-ADMIRAL.

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Chief Commissioner. Forwarded. Palmer 15.4.44.

A copy of this should be sent to Head of Land Forces Sub-commission (Cover)

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Captain E.W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Reference your note of 4th. April regarding the employment of the San Marco Battalion with the 8th. Army.

I have represented the views of the Comando Supremo on this question to A.A.I. with the request that they should be passed on to 8th. Army.

6th. April, 1944.

F.N.M.M.

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FIEMS/rj

6th. April, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A. A. I..

1. I enclose herewith copies of two memoranda received from the Army Sub-Commission representative in Salerno.

2. If Headquarters, 8th. Army are not already in possession of this information I think it might be well to pass it on to them. I have no personal knowledge of the Italian unit involved but the Comando Supremo seem to be definitely of the opinion that it is not fit to go into action right away.

3. I suggest that 8th. Army should get into touch with Brigadier Duchesne on this question.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Use of Bn. of SAN MARCO Regt. 4 April 1944

TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Reference QS190 addressed to M.M.I.A., copy to D.C.C. dated 3 April.

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General INFANTE phoned at 1115 hours:-

SAN MARCO Bn. leaving vicinity TARANTO today for 8 Army. Col. NEGRONI, Comando Supremo, L.O. at CASERTA has come to CAVA and states that 8 Army have decided to use the Bn. in the line during the "change of front". Marshal MESSE is very up-set at idea of Bn. put into XIII Corps with no preliminary service.

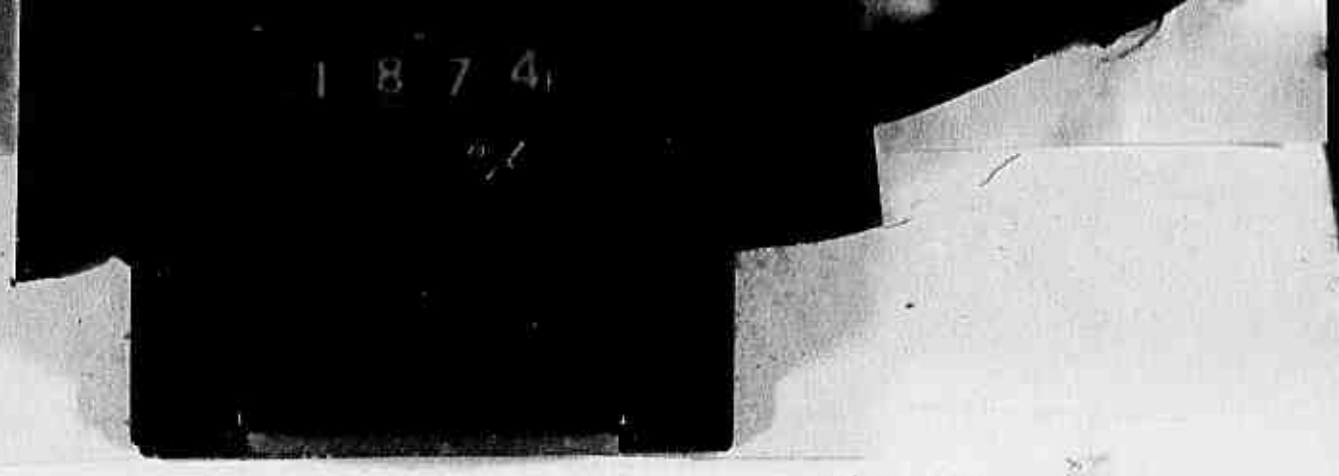
Bn. is by no means ready either by training or morale until they have been a reasonable time with their compatriots (the UTILE Group). He stressed that C.C. and Brig. DUCHESNE had both agreed to this type of preparation when the unit was first offered. INFANTE states, if necessary, he will go and see Gen. ALEXANDER. NEGRONI'S opinion is that CASERTA is not interested enough to influence 8 Army decision and so, asks that C.C. intervene on their behalf.

Lt. Col. MORIARTY (MMIA) who has been visiting CASERTA tells me that AAI have put the unit on arrival under 8 Army and that they have decided it is to go to XIII Corps. If this is so and C.C. feels the Italian point of view is to be maintained, I can only suggest the President, A.C.C. be approached by the C.C.

Gen. INFANTE has asked me to let him know the result of such action.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission



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Q5190

3 April 1944

SUBJECT: Use of Battalion of SAN MARCO Regiment.

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

For information: Gen. INFANTE told me today that Comando Supremo had heard that the Bn. of the SAN MARCO Regt. which is going up to the line is to be placed in reserve of XIII Corps.

While most satisfied to know that Italian Marines are being used in combat, Marshal MESSE requests that their period of acclimatisation would be more suitable from every point of view, if they were placed with the UTILE Group. This would ensure that the operational methods and administrative organisation current in 8th Army would be most easily absorbed by the Commander and Staff concerned.

This point of view of the Comando Supremo has been passed to Major FIELDMAN to represent to the British authorities concerned.

Lt. Col.

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

Copy to: D.C.C. for info. [redacted]

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SG 091.711 11 April 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Hq, AAI

1. Reference conversation between Brigadier Monnering and Brigadier Lush, I am enclosing a copy of a cable from General MacFarlane to Force 266 concerning General Oxilia.

2. Please note that classification of this cable is "Top Secret."

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

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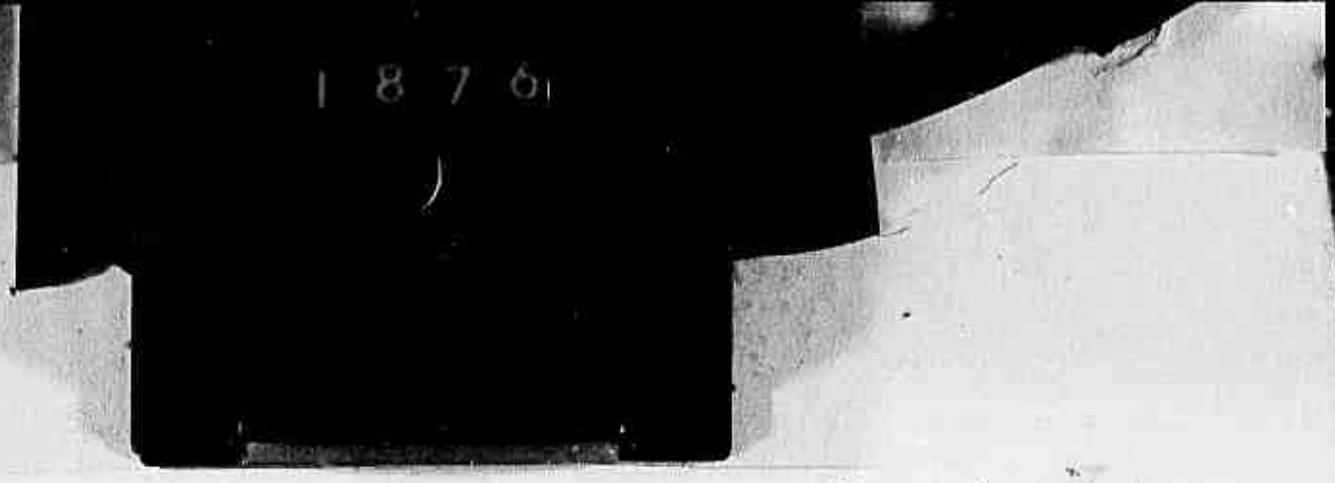

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YOUR NUMBER FOUR SIX ZERO FOUR PD PAREN TO FORCE TWO SIX SIX FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN YOUR PARAS ONE TO FIVE NOTED PD I AM QUITE READY TO SEE OXILIA BUT HIS SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS WILL BE HANDLED BEST BY BRIGADIER DUCHESNE WORKING WITH AAI WHO WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO REFER TO AFHQ PD YOUR PARA SIX PD THIS IS A QUESTION FOR AIR COMMODORE BOWEN DASH BUSCARLET AT BARI

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General.
Chief Commissioner.

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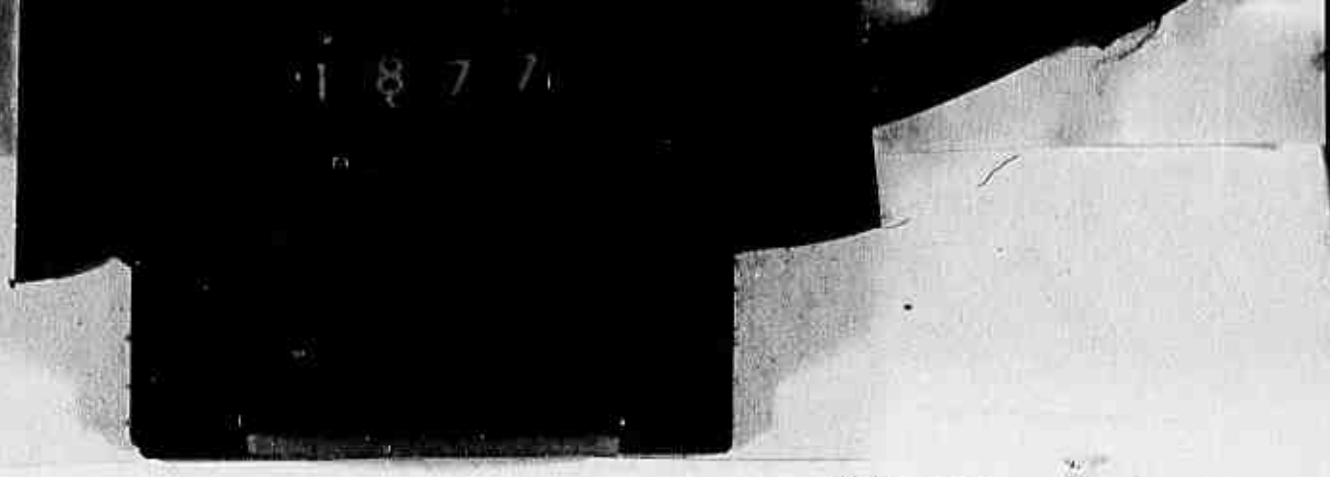

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FROM FORCE 266

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TOPSEC FOR GEN MASON MACFARLANE.

ONE. GEN OXILIA ARRIVED HERE ASKING FOR SUPPLIES TO BE DROPPED TO GARIBALDI DIV AND OTHER ITALIAN DETS IN BALKANS.

TWO. INFORMED HIM THAT WE HAVE NOT THE POWER TO DO THIS AND THAT THE MATTER IS ONE FOR POLICY DECISION BY HIGHER AUTHORITY.

THREE. OWN SUPPLIES AND AIRCRAFT BARELY SUFFICIENT TO COVER EXISTING COMMITMENTS.

FOUR. OXILIA WISHED TO KNOW THROUGH WHAT CHANNELS HE SHOULD MAKE HIS APPLICATION AND I INSTRUCTED HIM TO SEE YOU.

FIVE. GARIBALDI DIV REGARDED AS PART OF PARTISAN TWO CORPS AND SUPPL(GROUP MISSING) E ALLOCATED BY CORPS COMD.

SIX. CONSIDER MOST UNDESIRABLE ITALIANS USE OWN W/T LINK FOR OWN AIR SORTIES AS IT IS NOT SECURE.

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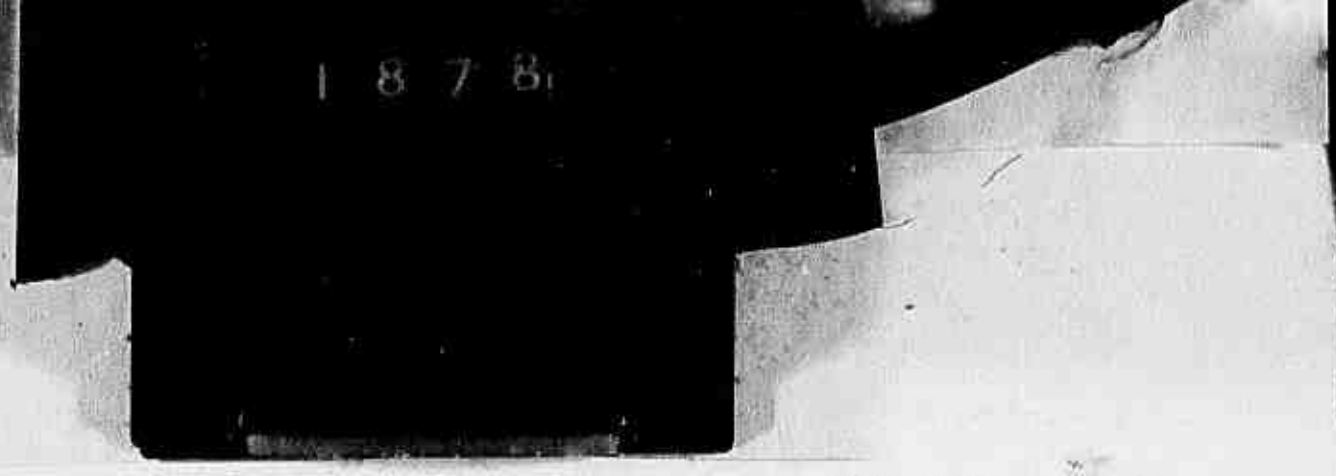

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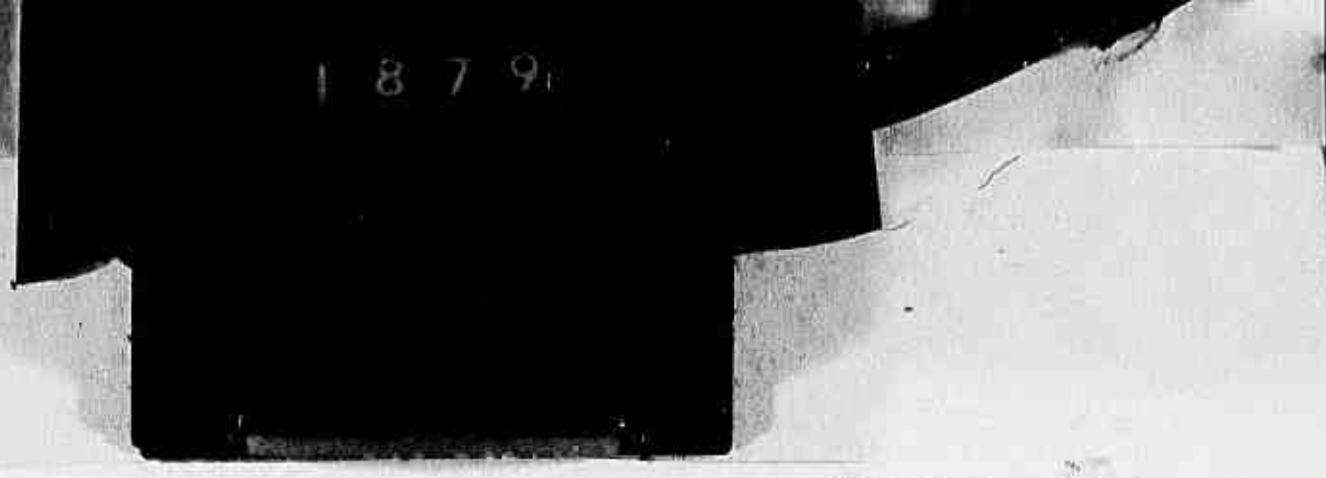

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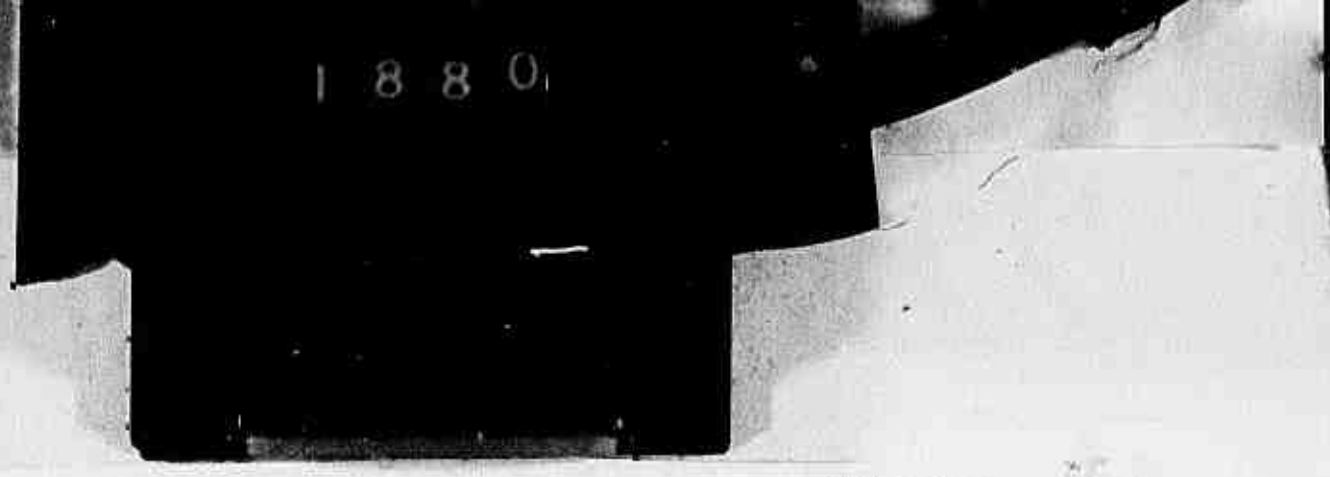

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7 Apr 1400 DFE

YOUR XXX 319.1 OF 19 JAN. SITREP PERIOD 28 MAR- 6 APR 44. STATIONS FIGHTING WITH ALLIED DESIGNATED ITALIAN CORPS OF LIBERATION. LIAISON OFFICER MAJOR BODLEY GOES CORSICA AS SUB COMMISSION REP. SUB-S COMMISSION OFFICERS VISITING UNITS PICENODIV. COMD RETURNS FROM SARDINIA ACCOMPANIED BY COLONEL PIDSLEY. ITALIANS GRANTED PERMISSION RE-ESTABLISH ROYAL MILITARY ACODEMY.

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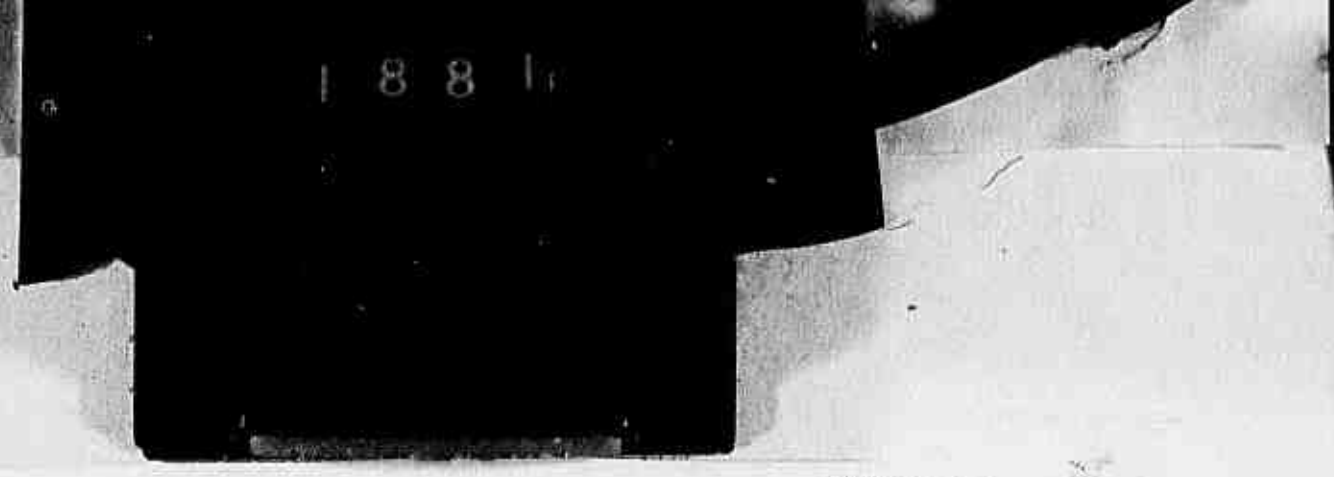

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FROM : AAI

TO : AFHQ

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REF AFHQ F28367 DATED 6 APRIL. FIRST. REVISED WAR ESTABLISHMENT 3 MILITARY MISSION INCORPORATING SUPPLY CONTROL AND ACCOUNTANCY STAFF WAS APPROVED BY AAI WAR ESTABLISHMENTS COMMITTEE 6 PAR. NEW WAR ESTABLISHMENT BEING FORWARDED TO AFHQ TODAY FOR AUTHORIZATION. SECOND. PROPOSED US TABLE OF ORGANIZATION RECOMMENDED BY MMIA TO INCLUDE SUPPLY CONTROL AND ACCOUNTANCY STAFF NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY US CONTINGENT AAI WITH ACC AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO AFHQ SHORTLY

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AGNECY TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING PROBLEM OF REQUIREMENTS, ISSUES AND RECORD KEEPING OF SUPPLIES TO BE FURNISHED TO EFFECTIVE ITALIAN TROOPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAN 338. DURING CONFERENCE AT FLAMBO ON 31 MARCH IT WAS CONCEDED THAT MMIA SHOULD ASSUME THIS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SHOULD OPERATE DIRECTLY UNDER AAI ON SUPPLY MATTERS.

REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONA AS TO WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF BRITISH OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS AND TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN REQUIRED BY MMIA IN ORDER TO PERFORM EXISTING AND PROPOSED DUTIES. IN PREPARING AND RECOMMENDING THE WAR ESTABLISHMENT AND TABLE OF ORGANIZATION IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTRY OF OWNERSHIP MUST CONCUR IN ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS AND DISPOSITION OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO ITALIAN TROOPS.

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Subject:- Policy - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
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3 April 44

Chief of Staff, Stato Maggiore R Esercito

H.E. Marshal MESSE, Comando Supremo
H.E. General ORLANDO, Minister of War
Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, HQ ACC, NAPLES
HQ, ACC, NAPLES (2)
HQ, AAI for G(SD) (2)
HQ, AAI(Adm Ech) (2)
HQ Allied Garrison SARDINIA (2)
HQ, No 1 District (2)
Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, SALERNO
Public Security Sub Commission, ACC, SALERNO

for

information

Your Excellency

1. I am directed to inform you that the ration strength of the Italian Army, as defined below, shall be limited to three hundred and forty one thousand one hundred and seventy all ranks. This figure of 341,170 EXCLUDES:-

(a) CARABINIERI and GUARDIA DI FINANZA in civil employ(as opposed to those in Italian Army formations) whose ration strength on MAINLAND, SICILY and SARDINIA will be decided from time to time by discussion with HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

(b) ITALIAN ARMY required for Anti Aircraft Artillery and any Coast Defence Artillery in SICILY and SARDINIA. Also ITALIAN ARMY required in CORSICA. Both these categories are under review by Allied Force Headquarters who will announce a policy in due course.

2. For your information I am to say that a proposal has been forwarded to AFHQ to extend the authorised ration ceiling to include Security Police(Polizia di Pubblica Sicurezza) and Fire Brigades(Reparti Pompieri). If this is approved it

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3. Attached hereto are details of the authorised breakdown of the figures given in para one as follows:- 794

Appendix 'A'	Summary of Principal Categories	(341,170)
Appendix 'B'	Details of Combat & Internal Security Formations	(115,300)
Appendix 'C'	Details of Italian Army Administration	(45,870)

4. I am to say that future strength states should be organised under the headings shown in Appendix 'A'. A separate letter on this subject will follow.

Cancelled by Fdsc 170

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Army Sub Comm, ACC

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APPENDIX 'A'

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SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CATEGORIES

(ALL figures include Officers and ORs (E.M.)

			Notes
1.	COMBAT DIVISION (CIL)	14,100	Appx 'B'
2.	INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS	101,200	Appx 'B'
3.	UNITS EMPLOYED OR TO BE EMPLOYED BY ALLIES	180,000	
4.	ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION		Appx 'C'
	a) Central Organisation 4,470		
	b) Static Formation 15,000		
	c) Services 26,400		
		45,870	
	TOTAL ITALIAN ARMY PROPER	341,170 all ranks	

Note A - The above applies to MAINLAND, SICILY and SARDINIA and includes only those CC.SS. who are an integral part of formations.

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APPENDIX "B".

COMBAT AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS (115,300) — S E C R E T

I MAINLAND

1. COMBAT DIV (CIL) — 14,100

2. Internal Security Formations -
NAPLES and to SOUTH -

ONE CORPS HQ	300	
ONE DIV - PICENO	10,000	
ONE DIV - MANTOVA	10,000	
		20,300

TOTAL CIL & INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS ON MAINLAND (NAPLES AND TO SOUTH) (including CCRR in formations) — 34,400

NOTE B. The total for CIL, PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions will include:-
(1) replacement units for all three
(2) units earmarked for inclusion in all three wherever placed, e.g. SARDINIA.
(3) formations assigned to all three.

NOTE C. Whenever personnel in excess of the approved W/E (T/O) is attached to or earmarked for CIL, this excess will reduce the strength of PICENO or MANTOVA Div accordingly.

NOTE D. The present agreed W/E (T/O) are as follows:-

COMBAT DIV (CIL)	15,674
PICENO DIV	9,607
MANTOVA DIV	9,415
Replacement Unit	1,404
	34,100

NOTE E. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE F. Corps HQ in 2, above, to command CIL when CIL is not under direct operational command of an Allied Formation.

II MAINLAND

3. North of NAPLES.

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SARDINIA.

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II MAINLAND

3. North of NAPLES.

ONE CORPS HQ	300	Now in SARDINIA.
A Division	10,000	To be transferred to Mainland as required. Should be organised now in SARDINIA.
B Division	10,000	
C Division	10,000	
TOTAL FOR INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS ON MAINLAND (NORTH OF NAPLES) (including CCRR in formations)	30,300	

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NOTE G. Organisation of Units -

Corps HQ	300
Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each)	28,821
Corps Replacement Unit	1,179
	30,300

NOTE H. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

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III SICILY

4. XII CORPS HQ	300	
SABAUDA DIVISION	10,000	
D Division	10,000	(see note L)
E Division	10,000	(see note L)
TOTAL for Internal Security formations in SICILY (including CORPS formations)	30,300	

NOTE J. Organization of Units -

XII Corps HQ	300
Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each)	28,821
Corps Replacement Unit	1,179
	30,300

NOTE K. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE L. Divisions now in SARDINIA.
To be sent to SICILY as required.
Should be organised now in SARDINIA.

IV SARDINIA

5. ONE CORPS HQ	300	Personnel in SARDINIA
F Division	10,000	and to be organised
G Division	10,000	there.
TOTAL for Internal Security Formations in SARDINIA (including CORPS formations)	20,300	

NOTE M. Organisation of Units -

CORPS HQ	300
Present approved W/E (T/O) of Divisions (9,607 each)	19,214
Corps Replacement Unit	786
	20,300

NOTE N. Changes in W/E (T/O) as agreed to from time to time within the total ceiling.

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total ceiling.

NOTE L. Divisions now in SARDINIA.
To be sent to SICILY as required.
Should be organised now in SARDINIA.

IV SARDINIA

5. ONE CORPS HQ	300	Personnel in SARDINIA
F Division	10,000	and to be organised
G Division	10,000	there.
TOTAL for Internal Security Formations in SARDINIA (including CORPS HQ formations)	20,300	

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V TOTALS

Para I	34,400
Para II	50,300
Para III	30,300
Para IV	20,300
	115,300

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ANNEX "C"

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(Reference to [illegible] Appendix 'A'. All figures include Officers and CRs/EM)

I. [illegible]

1. The Italian Administrative Organization shown in this Appendix is to be examined in detail from time to time in order to effect all possible reduction of personnel employed in formations in this category

2. A total ration ceiling for Italian Administration is 45,870 and changes in strength of formations shown in the Annex may be permitted on application within the ration ceiling of 45,870.

II. GENERAL ORGANIZATION.

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		Officers.	E.M.	
(a)	Comando Supremo	72	563	
(b)	Ministry of War	510	1259	
(c)	Italian General Staff	159	1091	
(d)	King's Bodyguard	18	254	
(e)	1st Guide Group	34	730	
(f)	Royal Military Academy	(40)	(430)	Note (C)
		593	3877	

TOTAL 4470.

NOTE (C).

Officers, Staff, Instructors, cadets and other personnel, not to exceed 70 Officers, 150 cadets, and 180 ORs, (Total 470) to be included in Italian Administration formations with total ceiling of 45,870. To be shown on strength return under [illegible] and deducted from strength figures of units from which drawn.

III. [illegible]

Variations of strengths of elements in para 1 above, as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

IV. STATIC FORMATIONS.

4. Total Ration Ceiling of personnel to be employed in Static formation is 15,000

(c)	12th Cadre Camp	34	750	
(d)	[illegible] Military Academy	(40)	(450)	Note (c)
		595	3877	

TOTAL 4470.

NOTE (c).

Officers, S.N.C.O's, instructors, cadets and other personnel, required currently 3 Officers, 250 cadets, and 180 ORs, (Total 470) to be included in Indian Administration formations with total ceiling of 42,770. To be shown on strength return under "Combined Organisation" and deducted from strength figures of units from which drawn.

NOTE 2.

Variations of strengths of elements in para 1 above, as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

III STATIC FORMATIONS.

4. Total Station Staff (a) of personnel to be employed in Static formation is 15,000

NOTE (a):

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

Sardinia.
Sicily.
Calabria
Apulia/Lucania.
Campania.

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NOTE (b):

Organisation and maximum strengths :-

Area Headquarters	each	350
District	"	220
Cadre	"	220
Security Corps	"	50

NOTE (c):

Indian General Staff to designate (a) number of each organisation.
(b) Location of each organization.

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NOTE 'T'

Variations in strengths, and locations from Notes R, and S above as agreed from time to time within the total ceiling.

NOTE 'U'

Organizations for other territories will be considered as required.

III SERVICES.

5. Total Ration ceiling of personnel to be employed in Services is 26,400.

NOTE V.

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

Sardinia.
Sicily.
Calabria.
Apulia/Lucania.
Campania.

NOTE W.

Strength of Services and location to be designated by Italian General Staff. Variations from time to time within ration ceiling.

NOTE X.

Services include :-

Supply.
Medical (including Hospitals for units shown in Annex 'B' 1
Artillery.
Engineers.
Vet and Remount.
Motor Transport.
Transportation.

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NOTE V.

Includes all personnel to be assigned on this duty in :-

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Sicily.
Calabria.
Apulia/Lucania.
Campania.

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Strength of Services and location to be designated by Italian General Staff. Variations from time to time within ration ceiling.

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Services include :-

Supply.
Medical (including Hospitals for units shown in Annex 'B' 1
Artillery.
Engineers.
Vet and Remount.
Motor Transport.
Transportation.
Port Operation.

NOTE Y.

1. Service units organically assigned to Corps and Division are not included.

NOTE Z.

/ (1) Personnel for operation of hospitals (Nuns) may be included in Services.

(2) All hospitals for Italian Army personnel of all categories are included

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