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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
310) 091.711	Capt Stone	4 August	Various	"Italian Army" - explanation of work of MIA, etc.
311) 421.4	Capt Stone	7 "	AFHQ	Italian medal for campaign in Greece.
312) #15/00264	Prunas	4 "	Capt Stone	Repatriation of Italian troops fighting in Yugoslavia (Garibaldi Division) and need of military mission therefor.
313) IPW/22/70	WED & IFW S/C	9 "	Messe	"Comando Supremo" changed to "General Staff": relinquishes epuration and command and operational functions in respect to Italian Army, Navy and Air Forces.
314) 14634/op	P. Broad	10 July	MIA	Mission to Ital Army in Yugoslavia
314) 091.711	P. Broad	22 July	Mr Caccia	Re Ital ships APOLLO, HERMAD, etc. to be scuttled by Allies.
	Messe	9 Aug	Capt Stone	Proposed reduction of Carabinieri in all rear regions.
	Capt Stone	12 "	Messe	Soldiers of CUNEO Division.
315) F 82845	AFHQ G-3	11 "	ACC	On alleged death of Lieut. Tiber-
316) 6/220/108	Ital For. Affrs.	10 "	Capt Stone	to Brandolin, Italian Liaison
317) 091.711	Capt Stone	12 "	Naval S/C	Officer with New Zealand Corps, Eighth Army.
317) ACC 1129	Public Safety	29 July	Region VI	Ministers haerd report of Minister of War.
318) ACC 035	Region 6	1 Aug	ACC	
318) ASC/29/67	Col Campbell	13 July	AFHQ	
319) - -	Maj Quayle	10 "	Maj Houston, 5/A	
319) - -	Maj Houston	19 "	Maj Quayle	
319) - -	W/Comdr Beer	29 "	Maj Quayle	
319) 091.711	Maj Quayle	3 Aug	Gen Infante	
320) - - -	- -	26 July	- -	

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314)	14634/09	P. Broad	22 July	Mr Caccia	Re Ital ships APOLLO, HERMAD, etc. to be scuttled by Allies.
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317)	ACC 1129	Public Safety	29 July	Region VI	Ministers haerd report of
	ACC 035	Region 6	1 Aug	ACC	Minister of War.
318)	ASC/29/67	Col Cambell	13 July	AFHQ	
319)	- -	Maj Quayle	10 "	Maj Houston, 5/A	
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285) 7175	Brig Lush	6 July	MMIA	Increase Ital Military in Sicily for grain collection.
SD 1136	MMIA	7 "	ACC	Palmer my representative in Rome.
286) R/581/08	POTALI	8 "	ACC Adv	Ital Army - Rome Organization.
287) G/109	MMIA	10 "	M of W	Call up Ital Military - Posters.
288) AQ/204	MMIA	10 "	M of W	Italian Forces ceiling. (Air)
289) E-126-G	AFSC/ MTO	10 "	AAI, MMIA	"Armata Rossa" recruiting.
290) R4/091.711	Region 4	8 "	RC & MG Section	(Red Army partisans in Italy)
6/201/CA	Brig Lush	11 "	A/CC	Status of Ital admirals in Rome.
291) NSC/539	Commo Palmer	14 "	A/CC	Command and reorganization of Royal Carabinieri.
292) 014.13	Capt Stone	16 "	Bonomi	Functions of Comando Supremo (& abolishment thereof)
014.13	Capt Stone	23 "	Bonomi	Arditi Air Force Bn (See 213-198)
293) 14193/Op	Messe	16 "	Capt Stone	Italian troops fighting in Yugo-
091.711	Capt Stone	18 "	Messe	slavia and need of military mis-
294) 091.711	Capt Stone	21 "	Messe	sion therefor. (See also 313 & 315)
295) 135/28/Op	Messe	7 June	ACC	Castellano's Italian Military
G/6/1	MMIA	19 "	Force 266	Mission at AFHQ and dispersal thereof.
- -	P. Broad	10 July	Mr Caccia	
S-297	Capt Stone	22 "	AFHQ	
00150/2	Min For. Affrs.	31 "	Capt Stone	
296) F-51746	AFHQ	28 May	ACC	
F-63549	AFHQ	28 June	ACC	
S-265	Capt Stone	1 July	AFHQ	
FX 67600	AFHQ	3 "	ACC	
S-268	Capt Stone	6 "	AFHQ	
014.13	Capt Stone	6 "	Bonomi	
5532	Bonomi	6 "	Capt Stone	
- -	Gen Gammell	11 "	Capt Stone-Messe	
014.13	Capt Stone	25 "	AFHQ	
297) 2086/1/Q2	AAI	ETC	ETC	
298) 091.711-1	AFHQ G5	17 "	Various	Release of Ital Naval personnel.
421.4	Capt Stone	11 "	ACC	Italian medal for campaign in Greece.
091.711-1	G-5 AFHQ	26 "	AFHQ G5	
299) G4 382	AAI	30 "	ACC	
910	Air S/C, ACC	20 "	ACC MMIA MAAF	Total authorized Ration Strength for Italian Armed Forces.
300) 4/GSI	5 District	24 "	Air S/C Bari	Promotions of certain CC.PP NCOs for gallantry at Salerno (270)
14601/17/298	Admin Sec	25 "	ACC	
			3 District	

SD	1136	MIA	7	ACC	for grain collection.
286)	R/581/08	FOTALI	8	ACC Adv	Palmer my representative in Rome.
287)	G/109	MIA	10	M of W	Ital Army - Rome Organization.
288)	AQ/204	MIA	10	M of W	Call up Ital Military - Posters.
289)	E-126-G	AAFSO/ MVO	10	AAI, MIA	Italian Forces ceiling. (Air)
290)	R4/091.711	Region 4	8	EC & MG Section	"Annata Rossa" recruiting.
291)	6/201/CA	Brig Lush	11	4/CC	(Red Army partisans in Italy)
292)	NSC/539	Commo Palmer	14	A/CC	Status of Ital admirals in Rome.
293)	014.13	Capt Stone	16	Bonomi	Command and reorganization of
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295)	14193/Op	Messe	16	Capt Stone	Functions of Comando Supremo
296)	091.711	Capt Stone	18	Messe	(& abolishment thereof)
297)	091.711	Capt Stone	21	Messe	Arditi Air Force Bn (See 213-198)
298)	135/28/Op	Messe	7 June	ACC	Italian troops fighting in Yugo-
299)	G/6/1	MIA	19	Force 266	slavia and need of military mis-
300)	S-297	P. Broad	10 July	Mr Caccia	sion therefor. (See also 313 &
301)	00150/2	Capt Stone	22	AFHQ	315)
302)	R-51746	Min For. Affrs.	31	Capt Stone	Castellano's Italian Military
303)	F-63549	AFHQ	28 May	ACC	Mission at AFHQ and dispersal
304)	S-265	Capt Stone	28 June	ACC	thereof.
305)	FX 67600	AFHQ	1 July	AFHQ	
306)	S-268	Capt Stone	3	ACC	
307)	014.13	Capt Stone	6	AFHQ	
308)	5532	Bonomi	6	Bonomi	
309)	- -	Gen Gammell	6	Capt Stone	
310)	014.13	Capt Stone	11	Capt Stone-Messe	
311)	2086/1/Q2	AAI	25	AFHQ	
312)	091.711-1	AFHQ G5	17	Various	Release of Ital Naval personnel.
313)	421.4	Capt Stone	11	ACC	Italian medal for campaign in
314)	091.711-1	G-5 AFHQ	26	AFHQ G5	Greece.
315)	G4 382	AAI	30	ACC	Total authorized Ration Strength
316)	4/GSI	Air S/C, ACC	20	ACC MIA MAAF	for Italian Armed Forces.
317)	14601/17/2PS	3 District	24	Air S/C Bari	Promotions of certain CC.RR NCOs
318)	ASC/1/119	Col Campbell	25	3 District	for gallantry at Salerno (270)
319)	14279/Op	Messe	27	AFHQ	Italian troops from Aegean Islands
320)	091.711	Capt Stone	21	ACC	now in Egypt.
321)	091.711	Capt Stone	29	- -	Memo on Functions: Comando Supremo.
322)	091.711	Capt Stone	4 Aug	Gen Browning	Fwds copy of 302.
323)	091.711	Independence Sicily	20 June	Gen MacFarlane	Disturbance at Regaluto.
324)	AQ 1719	MIA	21 July	Various	Ration scale, Ital Armed Forces.
325)	AFSC/S.15/AFR	Air S/C Bari	25	Minister	Regrouping of Ital Air Forces.
326)	O. 802	Air S/C Bari	27	Air S/C Rome	Breakdown of Ital Air Forces.
327)	G/30	Gen Browning	29	A/CC	Abolishment of Comando Supremo.
328)	FX 76867	AFHQ	30	AAI	IAF ceiling raised to 31,000.
329)	014.13	Capt Stone	1 Aug	AAI	Strength of Carabinieri 1246

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256) 13492/Op	Messe	6 June	ACC	Transfer of 2d Div to Sicily.
257) CC/G/379	MIA Gen MacFarlane	8 "	Chief Comm.	See folio 246.
258) 13611	Messe	10 "	MIA	Speeding up of int. security troops for Sicily. Take up with AAI
259) DO/2	Gen Browning	11 "	Chief Comm.	Choice of personnel for PBS.
260) SD 943	MIA	13 "	Gen MacFarlane	Abolishment of Comando Supremo.
261) - -	MIA	15 "	ACC Rear	Parachute Bn to aid resistance groups in Northern Italy.
262) G/26	MIA	16 "	Chief Comm.	MIA matters in hand June 44.
263) - -	MIA	16 "	SIRE	Discussion with CC.
264) 5022/CAO	Commo. Palmer	18 "	Chief Comm.	Fwds communication fr Gen AZZI, comdr Firenze Div & mountain Tps comd in Albania.
265) Wn 792	AAI	19 "	Hq ACC	Naval activities in Rome area.
266) AQ/17	Allied Garrison Sardinia	22 "	AHQ, AAI, etc.	"Behavior Italian Military" (251)
267) 339/Org	Army S/C	20 "	SIRE, Min of War	Italian personnel being loaded on SS Giuseppe Garibaldi.
268) 091.711	Col Denmore	27 "	Lt Apostolo	Demobilisation & leave-Italian trs under comd of Allied formations.
269) 5134/IC	AVM Buscarlet	22 "	Hq ACC	Tangible recognition of services of secret front - by giving them booth and clothing.
270) SEC/19	Col Desmore	26 "	Economic Sec	Behavior Italian Military (251)
271) 091.711	Industry S/C	28 "	Air Forces S/C	Further Ital participation. (239)
272) 4/CSI	Capt Stone	24 "	MIA	Emergency promotion of certain CC. PR NCOs.
273) 014.13	Capt Stone	29 "	Messe	Pation ceiling Italian Army.
274) SD 993	3 District PSS	7 April	CSI (b) 3 District	Payment to members of secret front
275) 13052/F	Comd 3 District	25 June	Gen MacFarlane	Suggested clothing scale - Navy.
276) - -	Maj Quayle	29 "	Admin Sec	Pation ceiling & maximum total of Ital troops recommended.
277) F-61329	Capt Stone	29 "	Comd 3 District	Strength of CC. PR & CC. FF
278) G/6/1	MIA	22 "	AAI, ADMAP, ACC	ACC/ANG certificates of employ-
279) 169/25/CA	Finance S/C	27 "	Air Forces S/C	ment (for deferment fr draft)
280) - -	CinC MED	27 "	Admiralty, POTALI	
281) - -	AHQ G-3	19 "	AAI ADMAP ACC MIA	
282) G/6/1	MIA	27 "	Public Safety S/C	
283) 169/25/CA	PC & MG Sec	28 "	Various	
284) SD 1020	AAI	1 July	MIA, Sardinia, ACC	Internal security formation. See 1

257)	CC/G/379	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Chief Comm. MIA	Speeding up of int. security troops for Sicily. Take up with AAI
258)	13611	Messe	11 "	Chief Comm.	Choice of personnel for PBS.
259)	DO/2	Gen Browning	13 "	Gen MacFarlane	Abolishment of Comando Supremo.
260)	SD 943	MIA	15 "	ACC Rear	Parachute Bn to aid resistance groups in Northern Italy.
261)	- -	MIA	16 "	Chief Comm.	MIA matters in hand June 44.
262)	G/26	MIA	16 "	SURE	Discussion with CC. Pwds communication fr Gen AZZI, comdr Firenze Div & mountain Tps comd in Albania.
263)	- -	Commo. Palmer	18 "	Chief Comm.	Naval activities in Rome area.
264)	5022/CAO	AAI	19 "	Hq ACC	"Behavior Italian Military" (251)
265)	Wm 792 F-728	Allied Garrison Sardinia	22 "	AFHQ, AAI, etc.	Italian personnel being loaded on SS Giuseppe Garibaldi.
266)	AQ/17	Army S/C	20 "	SURE, Min of War	Demobilisation & leave-Italian tps under comd of Allied formations.
267)	339/Org 091.711 5134/IC	Col Denstone AVM Buscarlet Col Desmore Industry S/C	27 " 22 " 26 " 28 "	Lt Apostolo Hq ACC Economic Sec Air Forces S/C	Tangible recognition of services of secret front - by giving them booth and clothing.
268)	- -	Capt Stone	24 "	MIA	Behavior Italian Military (251)
269)	091.711	Capt Stone	29 "	Messe	Further Ital participation. (239)
270)	SEC/19 4/CSI	3 District FSS Comd 3 District	7 April 25 June	GSI(b) 3 District Gen MacFarlane	Emergency promotion of certain CC.PP NCOs.
271)	SD 993	Maj Quayle	29 "	Admin Sec	
272)	13052/F	Capt Stone	29 "	Comd 3 District	
273)	- -	MIA	22 "	AAI, ADNAP, ACC	Pation ceiling Italian Army.
274)	- -	Finance S/C	27 "	Air Forces S/C	Payment to members of secret front
275)	R-61329	Cinc MED	27 "	Admiralty, FOTALLI	Suggested clothing scale - Navy.
276)	G/6/1	AFHQ G-3	19 "	AAI ADNAP ACC MIA	Ration ceiling & maximum total of Ital troops recommended.
277)	169/25/CA	PC & MG Sec	27 " 28 "	Public Safety S/C Various	Strength of CC.PP & GG.FF ACC/AMC certificates of employment (for deferment fr draft)
278)	SD 1020	AAI	1 July	MIA, Sardinia, ACC	Internal security formations' ceiling. Also re personnel exSardinia.
279)	04 345	Hq AAI	2 "	PES MIA ACC	Strength Ital military in Rome.
280)	AQ/2	MIA	23 June	100W, C/S SURE	Issue of rations to Ital Army.
281)	G 109	MIA Adv	25 "	Ital Mil Auth ROME	Ital Armed Forces in Rome.
282)	G/6/1	MIA	27 "	Hq AAI	Ceiling of Italian Army.
283)	G4 346	Hq AAI	3 July	MIA	More Ital armed forces in forward than can be maintained. Strength of CC.PP should be reduced.
259a)	091.711	Capt Stone	5 "	Messe	Functions of Comando Supremo.
284)	14005/Op	Infante	3 "	ACC	Italian soldiers of CUNEO Div not to be regarded as PW.
	- -	Capt Stone	10 "	AFHQ	

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228) DO/2	Gen Browning	25 May	Gen MacFarlane	Rations for Italian Army.
229) 13403	Messe	31 "	Gen MacFarlane	Italian military laborers captured with Germans.
230) 13374/Op	Messe	30 "	Gen MacFarlane	Re Italian Troops entering Rome.
231) CC/G/360	Gen MacFarlane	2 June	AAI	
231) G/19	MIA	3 "	Various	Italian military personnel from enemy-occupied Italy.
232) CC 000.1	Gen MacFarlane	3 "	AFHQ	Poor quality Mil. Academy cadets.
233) 13393	Gen Infante	31 May	Capt Stone	24th Ry Eng. Co. now with Military Railway Service.
234) - -	Capt Stone	3 June	Infante	Party cannot proceed by sea (Rome)
235) C3S/269	Commo. Palmer	4 "	Adm de Courten	Ital tps included in Rome garrison
236) 02879	Gen. Harding	5 "	CC	Ital tps to be in Rome Garrison.
237) CC/P/365	AAI	5 "	ACC	130th Anniversary of CC.RR.
238) 601/1/E2	Gen MacFarlane	5 "	Gen. Pieche	Ration scale for Ital military.
239) 13375/Op	Air Forces S/C	6 "	Gen MacFarlane	Further Ital participation in operations - Cremona Division.
240) CC/G/358	Messe	30 May	Gen MacFarlane	If asked, advise against (239)
241) G/6/1	Gen MacFarlane	2 June	MIA	Navy Mission to Rome.
241) CC/G/382	Army S/C	26 "	CC	
242) 13593	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Hq AAI	
243) 41161/P/PM	Messe ?	10 "	Gen MacFarlane ?	
243) 091.711	Gen Infante	7 "	Capt Stone	Enlistment of Italians in French Foreign Legion.
244) SD/25	Capt Stone	13 "	Gen Infante	Transfer of a Division from Sardinia to Sicily.
245) ASC/18/18	MIA	10 "	SURE	Italian Air Force Cadet College - Brindisi.
245) 11/AIR	Army S/C Adv	13 "	CC Secy Gen	Re 13492/Op 6 Jun. Speeding up of internal security tps for Sicily.
245) CC/G/377	Air Forces S/C	5 "	Hq ACC, Hq MAAF	Reductions in rations for I.A.F.
246) CC/G/379	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Air Forces S/C	Military Commission to Rome to vet officers (Ital) wishing join us.
247) CC/P/381	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Army S/C	Ration scale, Ital Air Forces Military Commission to Rome to vet (Ital) soldiers wishing join up.
248) CC/G/385	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Air Forces S/C	"Behavior Ital Military" using arms against Allied soldiers
249) 16/1/G(Ops)	Hq AAI	11 "	Hq ACC	Transferred to file 250-1, ff 77.
249) 601/1/E2	Air Forces S/C	11 "	Hq MAAF, Hq ACC	
250) CC/G/388	Gen MacFarlane	12 "	Army S/C	
251) AQ/6	MIA	7 "	AAI thru ACC	
251) CC/G/391	Gen MacFarlane	12 "	AAI	

231)	CC/G/360 G/19	Gen MacFarlane MIA	30 "	Gen MacFarlane AAI Various	Re Italian Troops entering Rome. Italian military personnel from enemy-occupied Italy. Poor quality Mil. Academy cadets. 24th Ry Eng. Co. now with Military Railway Service. Party cannot proceed by sea (Rome) Ital tps included in Rome garrison Ital tps to be in Rome Garrison. 130th Anniversary of CC.RR. Ration scale for Ital military. Further Ital participation in operations - Cremona Division. If asked, advise against (239) Navy Mission to Rome.
232)	CC 000.1	Gen MacFarlane	3 "	AFHQ	
233)	13393	Gen Infante	31 May	Capt Stone	
234)	091.711	Capt Stone	3 June	Infante	
235)	-	Commo. Palmer	4 "	Adm de Courten	
236)	093/269	Gen. Harding	5 "	CC	
237)	02879	AAI	5 "	ACC	
238)	CC/P/365	Gen MacFarlane	5 "	Gen. Pieche	
239)	601/1/EQ	Air Forces S/C	6 "	Gen MacFarlane	
240)	13375/Op	Messe	30 May	Gen MacFarlane	
241)	CC/G/358	Gen MacFarlane	2 June	MIA	
242)	G/6/1	Army S/C	2 June	CC	
243)	CC/G/382	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Hq AAI	
244)	13593	Messe ?	10 "	Gen MacFarlane ?	
245)	41161/B/PM	Gen Infante	7 "	Capt Stone	
246)	091.711	Capt Stone	13 "	Gen Infante	
247)	SD/25	MIA	10 "	SMRE	
248)	ASC/18/18	Army S/C Adv	13 "	CC Secy Gen	
249)	11/AIR	Air Forces S/C	5 "	Hq ACC, Hq MAAF	
250)	CC/G/377	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Air Forces S/C	
251)	CC/G/379	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Army S/C	
252)	CC/P/381	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Air Forces S/C	
253)	CC/G/385	Gen MacFarlane	10 "	Hq AAI	
254)	16/1/G(Ops)	Hq AAI	11 "	Hq ACC	
255)	601/1/EQ	Air Forces S/C	11 "	Hq MAAF, Hq ACC	
256)	CC/G/388	Gen MacFarlane	12 "	Army S/C	
257)	CC/P/391	MIA	7 "	AAI thru ACC	
258)	CC/G/392	Gen MacFarlane	12 "	AAI	
259)	CC/P/392	Gen MacFarlane	12 "	Army S/C	
260)	CC/G/291	Gen MacFarlane	13 May	Hq AAI	
261)	1605/50/1	GSD4 Hq AAI	15 "	Hq ACC	
262)	DO/20	AVM Buscarlet	28 "	CC	
263)	G/6/1	MIA	23 Apr	C/S SMRE	
264)	4066	Gen Berardi	18 May	MIA	
265)	G/6/1	MIA	16 "	AAI	
266)	G/6/1	MIA	28 "	Orlando-Berardi	
267)	DO/2	Gen Browning	2 June	Gen MacFarlane	

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26 July 47?

TRANSLATION - of what?

In its meetings of Saturday 15th and Monday 17th, The Council of Ministers has heard the Minister of War's account of the military effort of the country for participation in the war.

The Minister has made references to the present state of the Army, to the problem of cadres, and to the necessity of an epuration and selection, to the admission of the volunteers in the ranks of the Army and also to the necessary liaison between the Army and the bands of patriots,

The Council has approved the account of the Minister of War and has encouraged him to proceed with his effort.

The Council interpreting the feelings of the country, and trusting the Allies for overcoming every difficulty of material order, which mark the limits of the deployment line of Italian troops, has examined the concrete forms for intensifying the contribution of our arms to the war of liberation.

The Council has decided to make use of the spirit of voluntarism so widely spread in the country, and especially ardent in the regions which get freed by and by, to put at the disposal of the aims of the common cause the greatest possible number of fighters.

The Council of Ministers after having amply discussed the possibilities of helping every form of resistance in the occupied regions, has acknowledged that the armed bands of partisans who fight against the German invader must be considered as integral part of the war effort of the nation. Therefore, the Minister of War, making the necessary agreements with the Allies, will take the necessary steps to establish regular liaison with these bands, to better their cadres, to increase the material and moral support of which they are in need. To the patriots who fought in band and who will find themselves on this side of the front, will be given the possibility to go on fighting like volunteers in the cadres of special units.

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3 August 1944

Concerning your inquiry regarding Lieutenant Tiberto Brandolin, I am happy to repeat the following information which has been received from Army Headquarters:

"It has been ascertained from G.S.I.(C.L.) Main Eighth Army, that the above named officer is still with the 2nd H.Q. Division and is quite well. A rumour had been received by G.S.I. Main Army to the extent that the above named officer had been killed, but it has been confirmed by Divisional H.Q. that he is perfectly safe and in the best of health."

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

Amo e CC Secy Gen	(B)
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Main H.Q., 2nd M.C.
Eight Army

29 Jul 44

Dear

Reference your D.C. letter to Group Captain Benson on 25th July 44, in relation to Lieutenant Tiberto Brandolin, and his whereabouts.

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Major J.A. Queyle,
Personal Assistant to
Acting Chief Commissioner,
H.Q., A.C.S.
A.P.C. 384

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
 A.P.O. # 464, U.S. ARMY

19 July 1944

Major Tony Quayle,
 Office of the Chief Commissioner,
 Headquarters Allied Control Commission,
 A.P.O. #394, U.S. Army.

Dear Tony ;

I received your letter of July 10 regarding the death of Lt. Tiberio Brandolin, Italian, Liaison officer. I am afraid that your informant made a slight geographical error as Perugia is well within the Fifth Army sector as are all of the New Zealand troops. Hence this time I will be unable to be of much assistance to you.

I certainly did enjoy your visit with us in Rome and look back upon the brandy sessions with a great deal of longing. If I ever get back to that fair city you can be assured that I will look up immediately.

Be sure and come see us if you have an opportunity, and get your feet firmly in the good earth.

Sincerely,

REGAN HOUSTON,
 Major, Infantry,
 Asst. Secy. Gen. Staff.

P.S.: "General Al" has returned from three weeks in the States and is attacking any and all problems with renewed vigor.

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10 July 1944

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I have been asked by the Italians to corroborate whether Lieutenant Tiberto Brandolin, Italian Liaison Officer with the New Zealand troops of the 5th Army, has been killed during the recent fighting in the Perugia area. If this is true, I should also be very grateful for any news you can give me on this officer's death, so that I may pass it on to the Comando Supremo.

As you will see, I am still in this country. General Mason Mac has returned to England. His back, I think, is pretty bad. However we are hoping to see him in Italy again before very long. Meanwhile I have been left behind, acting as a sort of Aide to Captain Stone, his Deputy.

Our HQ is moving up to Rome in a couple of days, and I hope there may be a chance of seeing you. Should any of you come to Rome, be sure to let me know at the Grand Hotel. I would hate to miss you.

Very best wishes to yourself and Ridgeway, and please remember me to General "Al".

Major Reagan Huston
Chief of Staff section
HQ 5th Army

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JAQ/afe

10 July 1944

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10 JUL 1944

With reference to your letter number 71/GI, I am making inquiries from 5th Army Headquarters as to the death of Lieutenant Brandolin, and I will let you know as soon as I have definite news.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

HQ AGC 220-72
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Rec'd 14 Jul
By [Signature]
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Subject: Soldiers of the Gunco Division.

ASD/29/67

To : A.F.H.Q., C-5 Section, APO 512.

15 July 1944

1. Ref your 091.711 -1 dated 7 July 1944.
2. I have informed the Comando Supremo that you have agreed that a Colonel should remain in charge of the small staff of the Gunco Division, and have asked if they have any preference as to which Colonel should remain.
3. Ref para. 5 the Memo of 7 March referred to was one addressed to Allied Control Commission signed by Lt. General J.A.H. CAMPBELL, Chief of Staff.

For Acting Chief Commissioner:

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lt. Colonel,
Army Sub-Commission.

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Copy to : (2) Secretary General, H.Q. A.C.C. (for information)

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R.C. Region VI for R.P.S.O.

HQ ACC Public Safety S/C
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PRIORITY
P.S. Sub-Commission.

29 July.

PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY TO THIS HQ SIGNAL NUMBER ⁷ ⁴ ⁹ SEVEN FOUR NINE DATED TWO
ZERO JULY PD PAREN TO RC REGION SIX FOR RPSO FROM HQ ACC PAREN PD WHICH
READS ^A DITTO STRENGTH GCRR IS SUBJECT PD PRESENT CEILING INTENDED TO SUFFICE
WHOLE ITALY PD RESULT COLON IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REDUCE STRENGTH OF GCRR
IN ALL REGION IN ORDER TO MEET NEEDS IN NEWLY CAPTURED TERRITORY PD WHOLE
MATTER NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION PLEASE STATE BY CABLE YOUR VIEWS ON REDUCTION
IN YOUR REGION AND CONFIRM IN MORE DETAIL BY LETTER ^A DITTO.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

To: ACC MAIN

From: ACC REGION 6

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CITE ACC 035

REFERENCE YOUR CABLE 1129 DATED 29 JULY. YOUR 749 OF 20 JULY CANNOT BE TRACED.
DUE TO PREVALENCE CRIMES OF VIOLENCE IN RURAL DISTRICTS DO NOT RECOMMEND ANY
FURTHER REDUCTION CC RR STRENGTH HERE. 1220 CC RR HAVE ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 091.711

Naval Sub-Commission, Hq ACC

12 August 4

1. Reference is made to attached copy of memorandum Nr. 6/220/108 dated 10 Aug 44 from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, relative to the ships "Apollo", "Bernada", "Turiddu", and the tanker "Cesco".

2. It will be appreciated if appropriate reply be drafted for my signature.

MILFORD W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
as stated above

Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
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C O P Y

Nr. 6/220/108

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL STONE

H.E. the President of the Council of Ministers wishes to call Admiral Stone's personal attention on the following matter:

The Italian Navy has recently been able to refloat the ships "Apollo", "Hemads", "Turiddu" and the tanker "Cosco", which were scuttled at the time of the armistice. These units can be repaired and put into commission within a brief space of time.

The Allied Naval Authorities, however, have informed the Italian Ministry for the Navy that, in case of need, they intend making use of these ships, scuttling them, to substitute partly destroyed moles or wharves in the ports recently liberated.

It is hardly necessary to emphasize how important for the Country's supplies would be the use of the not inconsiderable tonnage represented by the four ships in question.

However, all dealings on the matter between our Ministry for the Navy and the Allied Authorities have remained without effect.

Bearing in mind that not one single merchant ship has been left to Italian economy; that our major islands (Sicily and Sardinia) are completely isolated; that Italy is not allowed one single ton of autonomous foreign trade, it would be much appreciated if the foregoing ships were placed at the disposal of the Italian Merchant Marine.

Rome, 10th August 1944.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

Army Sub-Commission, Hq ACC

12 August 4

Reference attached signal, please co-ordinate with Political Section and deal with this.

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Incoming Message from AFHQ
F-81845, 12 August 1944

cc: Political Section

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12 August 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 9th advising that, according to orders by R.E. the President of the Council of Ministers and by agreement with the Allied Control Commission, the name of the Comando Supremo has been changed to that of Stato Maggiore Generale (Italian General Staff), effective August 10th, 1944.

This will confirm our further understanding that the Stato Maggiore Generale will relinquish its functions of operation to the Ministries of Navy, War, and Aeronautics.

This will also confirm our understanding that the Stato Maggiore Generale will exercise no command or operational functions with respect to the Italian Army, Navy, and Air Forces.

Very truly yours,

CLAYTON R. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of Italian General Staff
Stato Maggiore Generale

cc: Army S/C
Naval S/C
Air S/C

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P.M. 125, Aug. 9th 1918

COMANDO SUPREMO
1st Branch-Cas. Office

To :
CHIEF COMMISSIONER A.C.C.

R O M E .

14624 C.

SUBJECT : Change of denomination of Comando Supremo.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of our letter 14600/C.
By which, according to day's agreements, I have informed
all institutions concerned of the change of denomination
of, Comando Supremo.

Yours sincerely,

GIULIO D'AMICO
MASSIMO D'ITALIA
CHIEF OF ITALIAN SUPPLY STAFF

14624 C.

by which, according to my's arguments, I have informed
all Institutions concerned of the change of designation
of, Comando Supremo.

Yours sincerely,

GIORGIO LUCINI
MAFESCIANO D'ITALIA
CHIEF OF ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF

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COMANT SUPREMO
1st Branch - Cr. Office.

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P.M. 11.15, Aug 9th 44

To:

Stato Maggiore H. Esercito
Stato Maggiore H. Marina
Stato Maggiore H. Aeronautica

and for information to:

The President of Cabinet Council
Ministero delle guerre
Ministero della Marina
Ministero dell'Aeronautica

Refer to:

14600/CP.

Subject: Disarmament of Comando Supremo.

According to orders by H.E. the President of Cabinet Council and to agreements with Allied Control Commission, since August 10th 44 the Comando Supremo will take the denomination of Stato Maggiore Generale, (Italian General Staff).

GIOVANNI MESSI
MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CHIEF OF ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF.

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According to orders by P.T. the President of Cabinet Council and to
agreements with Allied Control Commission, since august 10th 44 the Comando
Supremo will take the denomination of Stato Maggiore Generale. (Italian General
Staff).

GIOVANNI RESE
MARCELLO D'UTILLA
CHIEF OF ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WLD/ 00261

Rome, August 4th 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
423 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 6 Aug 12 00
By one

Dear Admiral,

After the letter no. 00130/2 of July 31st last, I take the liberty to draw your attention on the article "What is the Government doing?" which was printed on the daily paper "Unità" of the 2nd inst., the cutting of which I enclose.

Such an article - which won't fail to interest public opinion - confirms the sad situation in which are the combatants of the Garibaldi Division, and the necessity to relieve their sufferings and want without delay.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ R. Franas

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

Rome

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TRANSLATION

WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT DOING?

We received a letter from an Italian soldier who, after having been for three years in the Balkans, had the rare fortune of reaching our Adriatic shore and is now wounded and ill in a military hospital. It is a document of such importance, that it is a duty for us to publish it, or at least its most salient part.

Is it possible, with you at least, comrades, to call bread bread and wine wine? For eleven months, strong Italian contingents have been fighting with Marshal Tito's heroic army. For eleven months, these soldiers have been making life difficult to the Germans in the Balkans. And what has the Government been doing for us, for these our brothers who first raised the flag of resistance and rebellion against Hitlerian oppressors? What is the Italian State doing to-day for these regular troops, the only ones who are still fighting abroad?

You know that when Badoglio's armistice routed our units scattered out of Italy, two of our divisions which were in Yugoslavia, after opposing separately the Germans, got together again and formed what is to-day the Garibaldi division. From that day, in close and brotherly collaboration with Tito's soldiers, our soldiers have fought dozens of fights, have prepared hundreds of ambushes to the nazis and their partisans, have had hundreds of encounters. The seasons change, the trees which were loaded with snow are now loaded with fruit, the heat has taken the place of the frost of last winter, war goes on, but our Government has not had time to think of us, to face the question of systematic supply for this great fighting unit."

For obvious reasons, we leave out the part dealing with war episodes, giving some still unofficial details, but we will publish the following passage:

"Of course, we too realized the difficult situation of the Government. We are the first to know what and how many difficulties interfere with a systematic supply organization, the sea, the steep mountains, the lack of transportation. We know that the Government has but few means and that for this and other reasons, it cannot do what it wants and ought to do. But these difficulties ought to have been tackled. For instance, if the question of the partisans who are fighting on national ground is strictly connected with the plans of the Allied army, and can because of the heterogeneousness of the fighting forces, suscite in them reserve and caution, why haven't the Allies been made to realize that in our case, they are dealing with perfectly regular troops, and that there is no reason whatever for reserve and caution? Why haven't the Allies been made to see that a direct and regular line of supply, between the

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The days of fascism are over and we are not obliged to give a rosy hue to everything. To-day we may call bread and wine wine. Therefore I will tell you that the living conditions that our fighting brothers have to put up with are extremely serious, almost unbearable. Typhic fever has made many victims last winter, and this could have been evitated if our Government had sent in time some cases of serum. Other epidemics penetrate our ranks, where they find a favourable ground because of our soldiers being under-fed, and because of their weakness. Tired by so many months of fighting, exhausted and ragged, we have the pride to say that we have fought and still fight shoeless against the Germans, on these devilish stones, shoeless like the basci-buzuk....

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I believe, comrade, that it is my duty towards the brothers I left there, with your help, to bring to the knowledge of the Italian nation, these details which give but a faint idea of the sufferings they have to endure. Officers and soldiers have well served their Country and deserve to be listened to by the authorities and the people. Nowadays, the Minister of war is a man who during the months of the German occupation in Rome showed he was a patriot. He must take the necessary steps; the people must see to it that he takes the necessary steps.

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A/CC 421.4

7 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Medal for Campaign in Greece

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.
(Attention: Colonel Spofford)

1. This is with reference to my letter A/CC 421.4 of 26 July, subject as above.
2. It has developed that contrary to the impression of the Prime Minister, the Greek campaign medal was never considered an official medal of the Italian Armed Forces. Therefore the Government was unable to take official action to strike it from the official list.
3. However, the Prime Minister has forwarded me a letter dealing with this subject, dated 4 August, of which a copy is enclosed, together with the translation of the Circular of 18 June referred to therein.
4. I am unofficially advised that the action taken is satisfactory with the Greek member of the Advisory Council.

ELBERT H. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr, Prime Minister Bonomi,
11494/11442 12/5, 4 Aug 44,
with Circular of 18 June

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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

No. 11494/11442 12/5

Rome, 1 August 1944

Dear Admiral Stone,

With relation to what you have had occasion to bring to my attention, I wish to assure you that the medal distributed to several units, bearing the inscription "We will reach the mountains, etc.", and known unofficially as the Greek campaign medal, is not recognized by the government, insofar as it has no official standing and the wearing of it is absolutely prohibited.

On 18 June of this year the Ministry of War, with the circular a copy of which is enclosed, gave orders in the most energetic manner that the use of any award whatsoever referring to the campaign in Albania and Greece should cease forthwith.

In addition to this the Comando Supremo has received instructions to issue more strict vigorous regulations on this subject and to assure that they are obeyed. To the same end this Presidency will issue to the Royal Carabinieri instructions to the effect that the orders promulgated will be rigorously executed and that the unlawful use of the abovementioned decorations, to whatever extent it has not been given up, will cease immediately.

With most cordial greetings, believe me

/s/ I. Muscati

Admiral Henry S. Stone
A/President
of the Allied Control Commission

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WAR DEPARTMENT
CABINET

N. 561/8-1-15 Ric.

Iscce, June 18th 1944

SUBJECT: Insignia for merit; honorary insignia, commemorative insignia for the occupation of Albania and the Italo-Greek campaign.

- To the Command of Armed Forces of Germania
- To the Military Command of Sardinia
- To the Command of VII Army Corps
- To the Command of IX Army Corps
- To the Command XII Army Corps
- To the Command XXI Army Corps
- To the Command of CC. RR. Corps of Freed Italy
- To the Command R. Guardia Finanza of Freed Italy

- Naples
- P. M. 50
- P. M. 112
- P. M. 67
- P. M. 126
- P. M. 114
- P. M. 151/A
- Salerno

and, for information:

- To H. Ex. The First Aide de Camp of H. M. the King of Italy
- To H. Ex. The First Aide de Camp of H. R. H. the Prince of Piedmont
- To the Comando Supremo
- To the General Staff of the Royal Army
- To the General Inspectorship of the Army
- To the Office of the Commissioner Extraordinary U.M.U.C.I.
- To the Office of H. Ex. General of Army Pietro Gazzera
- To the Office of H. Ex. General of Army Mario Arisio
- To the Section of the Supreme Military Tribunal for freed regions
- To the Commission for the examination of Prisoners of War
- To the Inspectorship of the Artillery Corps
- To the Inspectorship of the Corps of Engineers
- To the Commission for the Dissolution of the Militia
- To the A. P. C. Office (with FF. AA. Campania)
- To the General Management & Autonomous Offices of the Ministry
- To the Balancing of accounts, Book-keeping & Control Office for 7 Army

- P. M. 151/A
- Naples
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- Cava dei Tirr.
- Monteroni
- Ostuni
- Meglie
- P. M. 151
- Cede
- Bari
- Napoli
- Cede
- P. M. 107

- To H. Ex. The First Aide de Camp of H. M. the King of Italy
- To E. Ex. The First Aide de Camp of H. R. H. the Prince of Piedmont
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The circular n. 6100/1/20-2-6 of April 10th brought to an end the custom of wearing insignia.

I have been told that this order has not been obeyed by everyone and that some military men wear insignia, badges, medals (it seems 1934, one of these medals has the motto "We will break Greece's back") etc., which had been coined by order of the U. U. Commands, but not authorized by this Ministry.

This infraction must stop; the decorations and insignia which can be worn by military men are those which have been regularly instituted therefore I ask the Commands to exercise a strict surveillance to prevent the above mentioned infractions to take place again.

THE MINISTER
Giuseppe Orlando

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

A/CC 091.711

4 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army

TO : Distribution Below

1. Under the Short Armistice Terms the Commander-in-Chief has the full right to impose measures of disarmament, demobilization and demilitarization on the Italian armed forces. The re-organization of the Italian Army under these terms is under the control of the Army Sub-Commission (ASMA) acting under direct orders of the Commander-in-Chief.
2. The strength of the Italian Army has, since the Armistice, been fixed at a certain reduced figure which the Italian Ministry of War will NOT exceed, and all members of the Italian Army who may be found on the progress of the Allies Northwards are therefore being treated as either demobilized but entitled to volunteer again for service if the ceiling permits, or demobilized but liable to conscription in areas where the conscription law is in force.
3. Arrangements have been made by M.M.I.A. for representatives of the Ministry of War and the General Staff to be attached to Armies and to other newly liberated Regions for the following purposes:
 - a. To locate, inventory, and arrange for the safeguarding of Italian Army property and records. Civilian guards, except members of the Carabinieri or CC. IT. are to be employed for safeguarding military installations, as necessary. No Italian Army personnel will be stationed at such installations.
 - b. To screen members of the Italian Army who volunteer for service, and to return such personnel to recognized enlistment centers through refugee channels.
4. It is NOT the policy of the ALLIES to open up any military headquarters, depots, district headquarters, or other Italian Army installations in newly liberated areas on the basis of the pre-war layout. Such installations will only be authorized on a basis of military necessity, depending on the present distribution of the Italian Army.
5. Certain units of the Italian Army are operating under Allied Command in the newly liberated areas. The Italian parties specified in para. 3 above are attached to these units, and operate under Allied Command. M.M.I.A. has liaison officers with 5 and 8 Armies and Polcorps.

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6. Members of the Italian Army met on our progress Northwards must therefore be informed that they are treated as demobilized and therefore as civilians, but are entitled to volunteer for service in accordance with para 2 hereof. Such members must NOT be dealt with as soldiers and must not be allowed to set up or renew any military installations of any nature in liberated territory.

7. The above excludes the question of Patriots, for dealing with whom a special and comprehensive policy has already been issued.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Patriots Branch	(1)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EWS/dfe

31 July 1944

TO: Vice President, Administrative Section
Vice President, Political Section
Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section

1. Will you please review the attached directive and put in shape for issuance.

2. I have some question as to the legal correctness of the first sentence, but perhaps it can be reworded to reflect what General Browning has in mind. I should like to see the final draft.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

*In reply to communication dated
22 July 1944 from the
Executive Commissioner*

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EWS/dfe

A/CC 014.13

1 August 1944

Subject: Strength of Carabinieri Reali

To: HQ, AAI

1. By signal dated 22 Jul 44, and transmitted to Public Safety Sub-Commission on 24 July, the following information was received:

"RESTRICTED (.) spoke HAMPTON McQUEEN (.) as decided at meeting of 14.30 hrs 17 Jun and recommended subsequently to AFHQ total strength CARABINIERI will not exceed fifty-five thousand (.) 1605/50/3/6 (SDI) of 19 Jun refers."

The office of origin was Main AAI: the addressee was MBIA.

2. The agreement referred to on 17 Jun at AAI Hq was not entered into by the Public Safety Sub-Commission, who within this Hq are charged with responsibility for the CCRA nor by anyone on its behalf. The only representation of ACG at that meeting was by officers whose mission was to discuss the number of Italian soldiers to be employed in the ACG organization.

3. The view of the Allied Control Commission is that the ceiling of 55,000 Carabinieri as the total strength of all Italy is totally inadequate, and in support thereof the following facts are cited:

a. The normal peacetime strength of the Carabinieri Reali, exclusive of colonial detachments, was 55,000.

b. The strength of the Carabinieri Reali, as fixed by Marshal Badoglio by decree dated 25 Jul 43 was 65,000, exclusive of colonial detachments. This still is the legally authorized strength.

c. Since the occupation of Italy by the Allied Armies, the Fascist Police Militias (Road, Port and Railway) have been disbanded and the duties hitherto performed by them have been undertaken by the Carabinieri Reali. The strength of these special police agencies totaled 16,300.

d. In addition to the foregoing, the following duties, coincident with the presence of Allied troops and the administration of the

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occupation of the country, are performed by the Carabinieri Reali:

- (1) Checking the movement of civilians, especially at Army Control Lines and at other critical points.
- (2) Dealing with refugees.
- (3) Guarding and escorting civilian supplies provided by the Allied Nations.
- (4) Joint patrolling with Allied Military Police in congested areas because of sporadic affrays between civilians and troops.
- (5) Apprehending prostitutes in an effort to reduce the incidence of venereal disease among troops.
- (6) Maintaining check posts to prevent black market activities, and to reduce illegal use of petrol.
- (7) Enforcing harvest regulations (an important undertaking hitherto not performed by Carabinieri Reali).

e. The uncertain state of public discipline, following in the wake of war and the overthrow of the Fascist government, coupled with economic difficulties and accentuated political differences and activities, warrants a substantial increase over the strength provided for normal peacetime conditions.

f. Should the number of security divisions of the Italian Army be reduced, a not unlikely prospect, a corresponding greater burden will fall upon the Carabinieri Reali in the Communications Zone.

4. Just how the figure of 55,000 was arrived at on 17 Jan is not entirely clear. If it is based upon the peacetime figure, then it is submitted the changes of circumstances recited in para 3 above make an upward revision of the figure imperative. If it is based on a ration ceiling, then it is suggested:

- a. that the ration ceiling be lifted, or if that is impossible,
- b. that the personnel in excess of 55,000 be authorized a cash allowance in lieu of rations.

5. In the opinion of the Allied Control Commission, it is imperative that the situation be reviewed immediately, not merely in the light of rations, but in view of the actual requirements of the situation as it exists, or can with reasonable probability be foreseen. At least the total present strength of the Carabinieri Reali, namely 41,892, making maximum use of

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the available manpower, will be needed to police the area south of the FISA-ALBANI line. Beyond that line the normal peacetime dispositions of the Carabinieri Regali were approximately 23,000. That area is largely industrial and is thickly populated. It has been long under German domination. It is of urgent importance therefore that provision be made now to have a police organization of tested reliability in readiness to maintain public order.

6. If the ceiling be increased to 65,000 then approximately 23,000 will be available north of the FISA-ALBANI line, i.e., the normal peacetime strength. Bearing in mind the considerations set out in para 3 of this letter, this is the minimum strength necessary to maintain order.

7. It is the considered judgment of the Allied Control Commission that the irreducible minimum strength for the Carabinieri Regali for all of Italy be fixed at 65,000. Furthermore, authority is requested, if and when circumstances warrant, to increase the figure to 70,000.

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: C-5, AFHQ

cc: Admin. Section
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

To: ACTION AAI INFO HQ MAAP, ACC FOR LAND AND AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED

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CITE: FHCCT

ONE. FOLLOWING NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSION AT THIS HQ THE FIGURE FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCES TO BE CONSIDERED AS EFFECTIVE AND SUPPLIED UNDER THE TERMS OF CCS PAN 338 IS RAISED TO 31000.

TWO. IN CONSEQUENCE OF ABOVE DECISION AND TO KEEP WITHIN THE FIGURE OF 470000 RECOMMENDED AS EFFECTIVE TO THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF THE FIGURE OF 53300 SHOWN IN APPENDIX B OF YOUR 1605/50/3/G (SD1) OF 19 JUNE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISIONS WILL BE REDUCED TO 44300.

THREE. AS MAAP HAVE AS YET EFFECTED NO DEMOBILISATION YOU ARE AUTHORISED TO ISSUE SUPPLIES TO A FIGURE OF 470000 ITALIAN ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL UNTIL 31 AUGUST 1944 OR UNTIL DEMOBILISATION TO THE FIGURE OF 470000 IS EFFECTED, WHICHEVER IS THE EARLIER

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Dear Captain Stone,

Mr. Mac Millan sent for me this morning to discuss various military matters. Amongst others we discussed "Comando Supremo". I gave him my views and he said he was seeing you p. m. today and would talk to you about it.

I have crystalized my views in the attached letter and naturally abide by any decision given by higher authority after weighing all the factors.

Yours sincerely

/s/ Langley Browning

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ NWIA

ROME.

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29 July 44.

Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. Some weeks ago I recommended to Gen. MACFARLANE the abolition of Comando Supremo. He agreed on the advisability but did not wish to act while a brother Marshal, BADOGLIO, was Prime Minister. This situation exists no longer. I therefore request that a decision be given at the earliest moment in this matter.

2. My reasons are: -

(a) All Italian military forces in ITALY are under the command of General ALEXANDER under whose orders Army Sub Commission acts in executive control of the Italian Army.

(b) Early this year Army Sub Commission was ordered to deal direct with Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. on all matters. This has been done and no reference to Comando Supremo has been necessary.

(c) Comando Supremo is thus the "fifth wheel of the coach", outside the direct channel of control but with ability to interfere or hinder. The situation is similar to that in ENGLAND in the last century where a C.-in.-C Horse Guards and a War Office existed so unsatisfactorily side by side.

(d) It seems to me impossible for a Marshal of ITALY to exist at all in any official position without having considerable unofficial control behind the scenes. For example, looking not alone to the present but to post-war, Italian officers must be apprehensive as to their future unless they obey the wishes of Comando Supremo, which may be contrary to Allied policy and of which, if given verbally, there is no trace or indication to

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It will be difficult to devise a formula or Charter to obviate this control behind the scenes, which tends to militate against executive control by Army Sub Commission.

(e) Moreover, my Staff and I have long suspected this "hidden hand", and I could mention 3 specific instances where Marshal MESSE has interfered in military matters without any reference to or consultation with Army Sub Commission, who were directly interested and responsible. In each case I had to take action to remove the interference.

(f) The crux of the matter is in fact, the existence of a Supreme Italian Commander with the Allies exercising executive Control of his forces.

3. I understand that the functions of Comando Supremo are fourfold:-

(a) SIM (Military Intelligence Service) and civil censorship.

(b) Military Law and Justice.

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- (c) General Administration.
- (d) Epuration and defascistization of officers.

Details and your views thereon are at App "A".

4. I would like to make the following observations on these functions: -

(a) SIM and CIVIL CENSORSHIP.

SIM is a purely military organisation placed at the disposal of the Allies. Comando Supremo merely administers SIM and has nothing to do with its main operational activities, which are directly under British officers in I.S.L.D., and No. 1 S.C.I. Unit. There is no political direction and consequently there would be no political effect in transferring SIM en bloc from Comando Supremo to the Ministry of War, with detachments to the other two Services.

AAI in their 1605/50/52/G/(S.D.1.) dated 21 Jul have ordered Army Sub Commission to detach the above two operational sections from SIM and that these "will not be considered part of the Comando Supremo" in future.

As regards CIVIL CENSORSHIP - the Italian Cabinet paper authorising this states: "The fallen fascist regime had taken away war censorship from the control of the military authorities in order to turn it into a political instrument agreements have been reached between the interested Ministries and the Supreme Command to return such Services to the military authorities." Naturally the Government dealt with Comando Supremo as the senior military authority in this matter. But I can see no reason why the arrangement is invalidated if Comando Supremo is abolished. The Minister of War as head of the "Military Authorities" (through whom he must act) can equally well undertake this duty. If necessary, the task could be delegated to Generals OXILIA or BERARDI under the general direction of Count CASATI. There is an "Inspectorate of the Offices of military censorship" and the "Allied authorities have reserved the right of making inspections of the censorship work." Surely there are enough safeguards here against Civil Censorship becoming a political instrument.

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(b) Military Law and Justice.

Internally this could perfectly simply be made the responsibility of the respective Ministries in their own spheres, coordination where necessary being achieved by discussion between the Service Ministers or by decision of the Cabinet as a whole.

Externally, in-so-far as this affects the allies, this is a matter for AAI/ACC. **1214**

(c) General Administration.

This could equally well be left to the Service Ministries with control by the ACC Service Sub Commissions, under orders of their respective Service Commanders. This in fact is the case now. Power of nomination or promotion of senior officers, as I have said above, gives Marshal MEISE the power to influence all policy.

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(d) Evolution and defascistization of Officers.

The test of this is whether an officer was or is a Fascist, or not. Presumably all Ministers are anti-Fascist. If they are not, they should not be Ministers.

It follows, therefore, that Ministries could run their own committees in this connection.

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(a) I have written the above from my military angle. I fully realise that political factors such as stability in a shifting Italian political world may have much weight; and that political and military factors must be weighed together in the final decision by higher authority.

(b) I consider that the views of the other two Service Sub Commissions should be obtained before a decision is arrived at, as they are also intimately concerned.

(c) In any event, I request that my views as above be represented and a decision be given at an early date.

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/s/ L. Browning

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

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Air Force Sub Commission, A.C.C.

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From: AIR FORCES SUBCOMM BARI

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FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL BOWEN BISCARLET FROM WALTON)
REFERENCE YOUR AIR/R/40 OF JULY 27. BREAKDOWN OF IAF OF 22,000 GIVEN TO MAAF
YESTERDAY AS FOLLOWS. ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ALL OPERATIONAL
COMMITMENTS SEAPLANE BOMBER BOMBER TRANSPORT AND FIGHTERS 8,500. BALANCE
13, 5000 REQUIRED FOR MANNING AIRFIELDS STORES DEPOTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN
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Captain Stone,

The Air Vice Marshal thought you might like to
look through this before your meeting with him tomorrow.

It is his latest directive to the Italian
Air Force.

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FROM:

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

TO:

THE MINISTER.

COPY: HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F. C.M.F.

DATE:

25th JULY 1944.

REF:

AFSC/S. 15/AIR.

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I have to inform you that authority has been given by H.Q. M.A.A.F. to regroup the Italian Air Force as follows :-

(i) ITALIAN FIGHTER WING.

No. 155 I.A.F. Squadron.	16 a/c Macchi 205.	} Organised into one Stormo, the number of which can be chosen by the I.A.F.
No. 102 I.A.F. Squadron.	16 a/c Macchi 202.	

No. 9 I.A.F. Squadron.	16 a/c Airacobra.	} Ditto.
No. 10 I.A.F. Squadron.	16 a/c Airacobra.	
No. 12 I.A.F. Squadron.	16 a/c Airacobra.	

This Wing is to come under the operational control of Headquarters, Balkan Air Force, and for this purpose a British Liaison Section, consisting of a Wing Commander, Operational and Intelligence Officers, and an appropriate staff will be provided. This Wing will have to provide its own Maintenance and Equipment backing. To assist in the maintenance and equipment organization to be set up by the I.A.F. a British liaison section (under the Command of A.F.S.C.) will be provided, consisting of a British Technical Officer and technical N.C.O.'s and a British Equipment Officer and N.C.O. The Wing will be entirely responsible for its own organization, administration and discipline, which, for the present, may be organised on Italian lines. It is, however, the intention of B.A.F. that all these squadrons shall be fully mobile to British standards, and it is hoped, eventually, to allot sufficient transport from Allied sources for this purpose. A proposed establishment for the Maintenance and Equipment backing for the Wing will be forwarded to you very shortly.

(ii) ITALIAN LIGHT BOMBER STORMO.

No. 28 I.A.F. Squadron 16 a/c Baltimore.
No. 132 I.A.F. Squadron 16 a/c Baltimore.

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No. 28 I.A.F. Squadron 16 a/c Baltimore.
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This Stormo will come under the operational, technical and day-to-day administrative control of No. 254 Wing, Balkan Air Force. The personnel, administration and discipline of the Stormo will come under the Italian Stormo Commander. Maintenance will be carried out through an R.S.U. and an A.S.P. These will be composite Units manned by Allied and Italian personnel. Details of the numbers of Italian personnel, by ranks and trades, to form the Italian increment to these Units will be forwarded to you very shortly. These personnel should be held in readiness to join the Units as soon as B.A.F. can accept them, as they will acquire invaluable experience in the Maintenance and supply of Baltimore aircraft while actually awaiting the arrival of the I.A.F. Baltimore squadrons.

(iii) ITALIAN POMBER/TRANSPORT STORMO.

No. 88 I.A.F. Squadron 16 a/c Cant 1007.
No. 1 I.A.F. Squadron 16 a/c SM. 82

This Stormo will come under the operational control of No. 324 Wing, Balkan Air Force. The administration, organization and discipline of the Stormo will come under the Italian Stormo Commander. Maintenance arrangements will continue as at present in the I.A.F. S.R.A. M.'s.

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(iv) ITALIAN SEAPLANE WING.

This Wing will remain unaltered, and will continue to operate under No. 242 Group, Royal Air Force.

(v) OPERATIONAL TRAINING UNIT - VESUVIUS.

This Unit is required for the conversion of Italian pilots and aircrew, onto the new types of aircraft. The unit will still be required after the 3 Airacobras and 2 Pallimores Squadrons become operational, as a supply of pilots and aircrew, to replace wastage, will always be necessary.

The present establishment in aircraft of this Unit is :-

Pallimores	12 a/c
Airacobras	12 a/c

It can be considered later as to whether any further changes in the establishment of aircraft will be necessary when the Unit has to provide replacements for wastage only.

In addition to its O.T.U. commitments, this Unit will provide training for maintenance personnel on Airacobras and Pallimores. If large numbers of either type of aircraft are received, additional to those required for the Squadrons and the operational training unit, Vesuvius should become the holding unit for reserve aircraft.

It is possible that this Unit may be moved to Lavenham or elsewhere, at a later date.

(vi) FACTORY FOR MAJOR OVERHAULS OF ALLISON ENGINES AND AIR COBRA AIRFRAMES.

A factory will be required for the major overhaul of Allison engines and Airacobra airframes. It is understood that you are already considering a suitable factory in the home area. It is calculated that an output of 48 overhauled Allison engines and 24 overhauled Airacobra airframes per month will be required.

2. PROGRESS.

(1) It is understood that, except for bombing and air firing the first Fighter Squadron trained on Airacobras will be ready for operations as soon as equipment and spares are available. It is also understood that the remaining squadrons will successively be ready for operation at intervals of two weeks following the first squadron, subject always to the satisfactory provision of

In addition to its C.T.U. commitments, this Unit will provide training for maintenance personnel on Airacobras and Baltimore. If large numbers of either type of aircraft are received, additional to those required for the Squadrons and the operational training unit, Tusumius should become the holding unit for reserve aircraft.

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(ii) Baltimore training is entirely held up at the moment owing to the lack of tools, equipment and spares. Advantage is being taken of this period of inactivity to fit brakes and additional flying instruments into the front cockpits of dual Baltimores. It is understood that the first ¹²⁶⁹ squadron will be operationally ready within 6 weeks of the provision of adequate tools, equipment and spares, and that the second squadron will be operationally ready about 2 weeks after the first one.. It is requested that you will confirm this.

3. GENERAL.

(i) The Italian increment to the R.S.N. and A.S.P. supporting No. 254 Squadron should be got ready at once.

(ii) The Wing Maintenance and Equipment organisation for the Italian Fighter Wing should be formed at once, so that it can be ready to take on the maintenance of the Macchi and Airacobras.

(iii) The factory for the overhaul of Allison engines and Airacobras airframes should be got going without delay.

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(iv) Is agreed previously the establishments of all Italian Squadrons should be revised to bring them as closely as possible into line with Allied establishments. This is particularly important on the Maintenance side, but steps should also be taken to bring the logistical side of the Squadrons as far as possible onto Allied lines, in so far as lack of transport and other facilities will allow.

(v) It is agreed that Italian aircraft, whether of Italian or Allied types, may carry the distinguishing badges of their Stormo.

(vi) It is agreed that Italian aircraft, whether of Italian or Allied types, may carry the I.A.F. identification roundels.

(vii) It is agreed that the Italian flag may be flown at all Headquarters and Camps of the Italian Air Force, even though they may be stationed on Allied airfields.

(viii) Any alterations to the Italian organization or system of administration which may seem necessary to the Air Officer Commanding, Balkan Air Ministry, through the Air Forces Sub-Commission.

4. It is requested that if any of the above points are not quite clear, I may be informed at once, as I shall be very pleased to answer any queries.

/s/ W. A. B. Bowen-Buscarlet
/t/ W. A. B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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THE SCALE IS AS FOLLOWS TO BE FURNISHED FROM EXTERNAL RESOURCES

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→ FLOUR 12 OUNCES ~~14 OUNCES~~ ^{DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES 1 oz.} CANNED MEAT OR PRESERVED FISH
 3 OUNCES CHEESE 1 OUNCE SUGAR 1 OUNCE MACARONI 3 OUNCES
 RICE 1 OUNCE TOMATO CATSUP OR TOMATO PASTE 1/2 (HALF) OUNCE
 COFFEE 1/2 (HALF) OUNCE PEPPER 1/200 (ONE TWO HUNDREDTH) OUNCE
 MATCHES, WEEKLY ISSUE 2 BOOKS OR 1 BOX TO BE FURNISHED BY
 ITALIAN MILITARY FROM LOCAL RESOURCES AND AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE
 FRUIT 1/4 OUNCES FRESH VEGETABLES 6 OUNCES OLIVE OIL 1 OUNCE
 NUTS 1/2 (HALF) OUNCE SALT 1/2 (HALF) OUNCE WINE 1/2 (HALF)
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FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF SICILY

Palermo, 20 June 1944.

30 JUN 1944

To: General Sir Noel Mason Macpherson
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commissionand for information to, The Regional Commissioner for Sicily
Allied Control Commission

Following the disturbances at Regalbuto (Catania), where two communists who had come there with a group of evildoers to assassinate the director of the movement for the independence of Sicily were killed, the journalist Concetto Battisto of Catania felt compelled to warn, knowing well that among the assassins there had been two officers of the Sabauda Division, dressed in civilian clothes, who had come in a military automobile and equipped with machine-guns, that these officers, before making eyes at the women, would do better to go out on the field of battle and fulfill their duty.

Following a denunciation made by the headquarters of the Division Battisto, with manifest violence and violation of the law, has been arrested and referred to the incompetent Military Tribunal of Palermo.

While we call the attention of the Allied Control Commission to this arbitrary act, I cannot conceal the fact that no measures have been taken against the two unworthy officers of the Sabauda Division who should not have associated themselves with such an evil and criminal action.

I take this occasion to renew the invitation to the Allied Control Commission to be kind enough to make a careful examination of the Regalbuto incidences which, if they should be repeated, could not fail to hinder the legitimate and necessary revolt of the separatists.

Respectfully,

/s/ A. Pinocchiaro - Aprile

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Trans - Sgt Shenfield/lws

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 091.711

4 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: General Browning

1. There is attached for your files a copy of the memorandum on the Comando Supremo, which General Alexander approved on August 1st.
2. I had a conference with Marshal Messe yesterday, and he clearly understands that he is not to interfere in any way on matters coming under the jurisdiction of your Sub-Commission.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Encl. ref para 1 above

cc: Sir Noel Charles (with Encl.)

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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MEMORANDUM:

29 July 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

The Italian Comando Supremo is the organ through which certain functions of the three Armed Forces, Army, Navy and Air, are coordinated.

The Comando Supremo today has four main functions: 1. SIM (Military Intelligence Service); 2. Military Law and Justice; 3. General Administration; 4. Epuration.

The operations undertaken by SIM, (Intelligence, Counter-Intelligence, Security, Sabotage) which is directly under the command of the Comando Supremo, are so well known to Allied Military Intelligence and Security Authorities that no purpose is served here in discussing this service in detail. It does not seem desirable to separate SIM into three separate intelligence services--Army, Navy and Air. It should remain under coordinated direction, but there may be grave repercussions if this organization were to come under political direction of any Ministry, through the abolition of the Comando Supremo, rather than under its present military direction.

Recognizing this same principle, ACC with AAI concurrence, recently transferred Italian civil censorship (mails, telegraph and telephone) from the political control of the Minister of Interior to the Comando Supremo, where it had been before Mussolini transferred it to the Ministry of Interior for political intelligence purposes. Public reaction was excellent. It is believed that if the Comando Supremo were abolished and civil censorship were restored to the Minister of Interior or to the Army, the public reaction would not be good.

Military Law and Justice. The Comando Supremo exercises control of wartime military penal justice. The institution, modification, the suppression of wartime military courts and the designation of the highest officials of such bodies is a function of the Comando Supremo. The Comando Supremo also issues, through proclamations, regulations having the force of law on matters concerning laws and penal procedure in wartime as well as judicial military organization.

General Administration. The Comando Supremo coordinates policy as to disciplinary measures, general personnel rules, promotions, and, in particular, the nomination of general and flag officers. At the moment, the Comando Supremo has adopted a policy of opposing the creation of additional admirals and generals, notwithstanding, apparently, the strong desire on the part of the Navy to create new admirals. It is believed that if the Comando Supremo were abolished, there would be considerable pressure on the government by the services, and by members of the **1300**

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ment itself, to create a number of unnecessary general and flag officers.

Epuraton and Defascistization of Officers. This is a new function recently delegated by the Government to the Comando Supremo, and it seems obvious that something of the kind is desirable to insure that epuration is carried on in an identical manner in all three Armed Forces, free of political favoritism. If the Comando Supremo were abolished under Allied pressure, the public and press might feel that we desired to hinder the work of epuration. This function, however, could quite properly be assigned to each of the services - the Comando Supremo relinquishing entirely its work in this field.

Elimination of the Comando Supremo, in my judgment, would therefore have three unfortunate results:

- a. It would tend to make the administration of the Army, Navy, and Air political rather than military.
- b. It would make the Italian services more acutely a political problem than they are today with damage to the war effort.
- c. At a time when the Italian public is clamoring for greater military effort by Italy, the announcement of the abolition of the Comando Supremo would have a disquieting effect in all moderate circles.

In present circumstances, however, there is no doubt that General Browning is correct in contending that, as a matter of logic, the Comando Supremo is a "fifth wheel" so far as operational functions are concerned. It is therefore recommended that:

- (1) The name of the Comando Supremo be changed to "Stato Maggiore Generale", its pre-war designation.
- (2) It relinquish its functions of epuration to the three service Ministries.
- (3) It be issued a clear directive that it is to exercise no command or operational functions with respect to the Italian Armed Forces.

Based on informal discussions with the Prime Minister, I am certain that the foregoing recommendations would be acceptable to the Italian Government without undue Allied pressure.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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27 July 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Subject: Italian troops from the Aegean Islands now
in Egypt.

- 1/. The attached translation of letter No. 14279/OP
dated 21 July 1944, from the Comando Supremo is
forwarded.
- 2/. I shall be pleased if you will provide me with
sufficient information to enable me to reply to
Marshal Messe.

For the Chief Commissioner:

JAC
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt.-Colonel

Encl. as above.

Copy to:- Secretary General (2° - ✓)

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Supreme Command
Office of Operations.
File No. 14279 OP

P.M. 135
TO: A.C.C.

21 July 1944

Subject: Italian troops from the Aegean Islands now in Egypt.

According to a report sent by the Swiss Legation of Cairo, some Italian troops who after the 8th of September have fought against the Germans in the Aegean Islands and, escaping capture, have subsequently reached the coast of Palestine and Syria, are detained in PW camps in Egypt. They are considered and treated as PW, while evidently they should not be considered as such. I believe this is a voluntary mistake of the Allied authorities of Egypt.

Therefore I request to this Commission to kindly bring this matter up to the interested authorities with the aim of obtaining that above mentioned troops be repatriated as soon as possible or at least attached to the units of "Cuneo" Div.

Marshal of Italy
/s/ Giovanni Messe

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SEC.
APO 394

Tel: 489081
Ext: 502

ACC/14601/17/2/IS

25 July 1944

SUBJECT : Promotion, CC.RR

TO : GOC, No 3 District CMF

With reference to letter 4/GSI dated 25 June 1944, respecting promotion of 3 CC.RR NCO's at Salerno, this matter has been again referred to the Minister of War.

The Ministry is eager to regularise the promotions, but has asked that an individual "Citation" in respect of each NCO be procured.

May these Citations be obtained please.

GERALD R. UPJOHN
Acting Head
Admin. Section

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3 District
Ext 9
4/GSI

SUBJECT:- Promotion - CORR

HQ Allied Control Commission

25 Jul 44

Ref my 4/GSI dated 25 June and your reply reference A/CC 014.13 dated 29 June.

Would you please say whether you have received the necessary information from the Italian authorities with regard to these promotions?

/s/ E. P. Warren

(E. P. WARNER) Lt Col GS
for Maj Gen
Comd
(absent on duty)

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HQ ACC

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GENERAL WILSON TO COUNTERMAND ORDER PD BELIEVE EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5 091.711-1 (Italy)

30 July 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Medal for Campaign in Greece.

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

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter on the above subject, A/CC 421.4 of 26 July, conveying the information that the Prime Minister has agreed that action be taken by his Government to strike the Greek Campaign Medals of the Italian Government. This is noted with satisfaction.

2. When this action has been taken, you will please so advise the Advisory Council on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, inasmuch as this Headquarters, in a letter of 11 July, informed M. Bogomoly, their President in office of the Council, that in due course reply would be made to the Council's inquiry as to what steps were being taken in the matter.

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

Hold for report from
Apostolo.

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26 July 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Medal for Campaign in Greece

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attention: Colonel Spofford)

1. This is with reference to your letter G-5: 091.711-1 (Italy) of 11 July, subject as above.

2. You are advised that Prime Minister Donomi agreed today that official action is to be taken by the Ministry of War this week to strike the Greek Campaign Medal from the official list of medals of the Italian Government.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.711-1 (Italy)

11 July 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Medal for Campaign in Greece.

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

1. Attention is drawn to the letter of 24 May from this Headquarters, subject as above (091.711-1 (Italy)), wherein the view is expressed that the Italian Government should be caused to meet the objections to its Greek Campaign Medal by a formal act striking it from its official list of medals. This Headquarters is not advised of any further action on the matter.

2. There has now been received from the President in office of the Advisory Council a request in the name of the Council, that it be informed what steps have been taken to put into effect the recommendation as to the withdrawal of the Greek Campaign Medal which the Council adopted at its 10th meeting. You are requested to consider the matter and advise this Headquarters in order that it may reply to the Advisory Council's request.

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

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16 July 1944

Captain Stone:

General Mason Mac's views are clearly expressed at (9) viz., not to press the Italian Government further even after its return to Rome.

In view of this pressure from Advisory Council you may wish to do more - especially since Badoglio is no longer head of the government.

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Subject:- Release Italian Naval Personnel.

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HQ AAI
C.M.P.

2086/1/Q2

17 July 44.

1. This HQ 2086/1/Q2 dated 5 May, 44, is cancelled.
2. "A" Branch this HQ are issuing shortly a comprehensive instruction covering the procedure for demobilisation of all Italian personnel employed by Allied Armed Forces.

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 334-50

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16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Naval Mission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

1. Following on receipt of your A/CG
014.33 of 25 July a copy was sent to C-in-C
Med for information.

2. Attached for your information is a
copy of C-in-C Med 0060/6 of 13 Aug stating
the present position from the point of view
of the Royal Navy.

Amal S/C
to note A/CC

Noted late msc
Incl: 25/8
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For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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13th August, 1944.

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G-5 SECTION, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

ITALIAN NAVAL MISSION TO COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN

With reference to your letter No. G5.334-50 dated 3rd August, 1944, an Italian Liaison Organisation - as distinct from a Naval Mission - remains in Algiers, accredited to Flag Officer, Western Mediterranean, and is composed as follows:-

- 1 Senior Officer (head of the organisation)
- 1 Paymaster Officer
- 2 Petty Officer Clerks
- 1 Seaman Orderly
- 1 Seaman Driver
- 1 Petty Officer Messman
- 1 Cook
- 1 Mess Attendant

The Italian Transit Camp at Chemin Vauban 8 also remains in existence with a staff of one Petty Officer and four Seamen.

2. The Italian Naval Mission to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, which now consists of:-

- Captain E. Giuriati (head of the Mission)
- Lieutenant A. Cippico
- 1 Petty Officer Clerk
- 1 Seaman Orderly
- 1 Seaman Driver

remains with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. Office accommodation has been provided at Allied Force Headquarters.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN

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A/CC 014.33

7 August 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

Thank you for your letter No. 1/172 of 5 August concerning the Italian Naval Liaison Mission. I have forwarded the information contained therein to Allied Force Headquarters.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Prunas
Secretary General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome

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A/CC 014.33

6 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Military Mission

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Reference is made to letter A/CC 014.33, Hq ACC to AFHQ, dated 29 July 1944, above subject.

2. Attached for your information is:

a. Copy letter A/CC 014.33, Hq ACC to Dr. Renato Frumus, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 29 July 1944, same subject.

b. Copy letter N 1/172, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 5 August 1944, with particular reference to the Naval Liaison Mission.

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
as in para 2 above

cc: Naval Sub-Commission

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29 July 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter 1/121 of 27 July 1944 relative to the Military Mission, Algiers. Your statement with respect to the Office of the Royal Navy in Algiers has been sent to Allied Force Headquarters.

Yours very truly,

ELMERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Prunas
Secretary General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
Il Segretario Generale

Rome, 5 August 1944

N: 1/172

Dear Admiral,

I refer to your letter dated 29th ult., A.S.C. 614/33.

The Royal Ministry of Marine has been duly acquainted with the correspondence between this Ministry and the Allied Control Commission regarding the withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission in Algiers, and now informs me, under date 1st inst. that, as is known, in accordance with art. 4 of the Cunningham-De Courten agreement of September 23, 1943, a Naval Liaison Mission with the General Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean was then appointed.

The following are members of the said Mission: Captain Ernesto Giorati and Lieutenant Aldo Cippico.

The above officers were also members, as representatives of the Royal Navy, of the disbanded Italian Military Mission in Algiers.

Following agreement with the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, the Naval Liaison Mission will continue to function at the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, whilst an Office for the assistance to our warships and merchant ships will continue to function at Algiers.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

Very cordially yours

/s/ R. Franas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
R.G.M.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff

29 July 1944

Dear Captain Stone:

I am addressing you in the interest of Brig. General G. Castellano, who is now leaving his position as Italian Liaison officer at this Headquarters to return to duty with the Italian Army. I first met General Castellano during the negotiations which preceded the signing of the Armistice with Italy. Previously he had met General Smith, our Chief of Staff, and General Strong, our G-2, in Spain for preliminary negotiations on behalf of Badoglio and then came to Sicily where we conducted the staff conferences dealing with action to be taken by the Italian forces and with the ultimate acceptance of the Short Armistice Terms. I was present during these days of negotiations and can state it is my firm opinion that without the strong support of General Castellano, the negotiations would probably have broken down. He was most cooperative throughout the period while at the same time extracting from us as much as seemed possible.

During his tenure of office at this Headquarters, his attitude also has been cooperative in the extreme. While there has been no great amount of business conducted through his office, I am convinced that he has done what was possible to secure Italian cooperation. I consider that he is a very clever man and further that he was actuated solely by what he considered to be the best interests of Italy.

I believe that he would welcome an assignment as Liaison Officer at your Headquarters, and I believe that you would find him useful in that capacity. I should be very happy to see him located in some such capacity, as in the past I have had reason to believe that he had come under great criticism by certain factions in Italy upon the charge that he had misled the Badoglio government as to the Allied ability to act offensively at the time of the Armistice. Through G-2, I had reports of the possibility that he might even suffer death at the hands of some of these critics. That was sometime ago, however, when the offensive in Italy had bogged down in front of Cassino and I do not give much credence to any such possibility at the moment in the light of the existing situation.

I write this letter not with any idea of bringing pressure to bear on you, but merely that you may know the facts and give his case due consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Capt. Ellery Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
APO 394
US Army

S E C R E T

LOWELL W. ROOKS,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACTION ACC PERSONAL FOR STONE

SIG. M/C NO. 29/28

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

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Would be grateful for any information regarding action taken on letters from Chief of Staff to you and Marshal Messe dated 11 July on subject of future employment General Castellano. As General Castellano is departing AFHQ on Saturday afternoon, 29 July, it is desired to inform him before his departure as to what has been done in the matter.

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HQ ACC, APO 394
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By 288

COMANDO SUPREMO

Chief of Supreme General Staff
No. 582/PT/AV.

29 July 1944.

Dear Captain Stone:

This morning General Castellano left for Caserta for a
farewell visit to General Wilson and General Gammell.

I took advantage of this to send a card to General Wilson
and a letter - copy of which is enclosed herein - to General
Gammell.

Therefore will you please consider cancelled the letter
I handed you on the occasion of our meeting on the 28th inst.

The settlement of General Castellano, in the sense
suggested by General Gammell, might be studied in a meeting
with you, General Browning and myself.

I await your decision.

Truly yours,

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

/s/ G. Messe

To: Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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TRANSLATION

File No. 566/RP/AV.

COMANDO SUPREMO

Chief of the Supreme General Staff

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 Recd. 31 July 0910
 By DRR

28 July 1944

Dear General:

With much pleasure I received your letter dated 11th inst., sent through Captain Stone, relative to General Castellano.

With warm pleasure I learned that the work of the above mentioned General, during the period he has cooperated with you, has met with your full satisfaction.

I agree with you on the necessity to strengthen ever more the cooperation of the Italian Authorities with the Allied ones, using persons of such high capacity and efficiency as General Castellano has proved to be.

I am now considering what post I might in future entrust to said General, with a view to embetter ever more that cooperation I cherish so much.

As soon as a decision will be reached I will hasten to inform you.

Best thanks and best wishes,

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

To: Lieutenant General
 J.A.H. GARDNER
 Chief of Staff of the
 Supreme Allied Command - Mediterranean

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A/CC 014.33

29 July 1944

Subject: Italian Military Mission

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. For your information attached is copy of letter 1/121 from Ministero Degli Affari Esteri dated 27 July 1944, above subject.

2. Attention is directed to statement relative to Office of the Royal Navy in Algiers.

3. Our letter 25 July 1944, same reference and subject, refers.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

1 Incl: Ltr 1/121, 27 Jul 44
fr Min. Degli Affari Esteri

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C O P Y

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
Il Segretario Generale

1/121

Rome, 27 Lug. 1944

Dear Admiral,

I refer to your letter of 6th inst., addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers, and to my communication of the same date.

The Supreme Command now informs me of the repatriation of the members of the Military Mission in Algiers, which took place on the 18th inst. The Mission in question will be dissolved on the 31st inst., and the personnel, as per enclosed list, will return to their respective Ministries.

The above arrangements however do not affect, as I informed you in my preceding letter, the Office of the Royal Navy in Algiers, concerning which direct agreement could be reached between Admiral De Courten and the competent Allied Naval Authorities.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

Very cordially yours,

R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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MISSIONE MILITARE ITALIANA PRESSO IL COMANDO
IN CAPO DELLE FORZE ALLEATE AD ALGERI

Generale di Brigata (s.p.)	CASTELLANO GIUSEPPE
Ten. Col. A.A.pil. (s.p.)	TIOLI GIORGIO
Capitano autieri (compl.)	GUARRASI Vito
S. Tenente cavalleria (compl.)	LANZA GALVANO

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29 July 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter 1/121 of 27 July 1944 relative to the Military Mission, Algiers. Your statement with respect to the Office of the Royal Navy in Algiers has been sent to Allied Force Headquarters.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Prunas
Secretary General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome

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25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Military Mission

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Reference is made to:

- a. Freedom Message W 72/28, PHLIA, 28 May 1944 - F 51746, May 28
- b. " " F 63549 " 23 June 1944
- c. ACC " S-265, 1 July 1944
- d. Freedom " FK 67600, PHLIA, 3 July 1944
- e. ACC " S-268, 6 July 1944

2. With respect to above subject, on 6 July the Italian Government informed the Commission:

"The Italian Government has no objection in principle to withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission from Algiers - always without prejudice to the measures which may be made directly by Admiral De Courten with the competent Allied naval authorities as concerning the Office of the Royal Navy in that city."

3. On 22 July 1944, the Italian Government directed a letter to the Commission as follows:

"As the Italian Government informed ACC on July 6th, the proposed repatriation of the Italian Military Mission in Algiers has been willingly agreed upon, whereas the transfer to Italy of several Allied Headquarters has caused the ends, for which the mission has been instituted, to cease."

"The last members of the Mission have arrived here on the 18th of July."

"On July 31st the Mission will be disbanded and its personnel will be employed in other duties."

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 ELLERY W. STONE
 Captain, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

HQ ACC, APO 394
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Rec'd 2 July 1944
By SPR

Supreme Command

The Chief of H. M. General

P.M. 135. 27 July 1944

No. 562 R. P.

Dear Commander Stone:

Thank you for having granted me at once the appointment requested.

Tomorrow, 28th inst, at 1530 Hrs I will call on you to discuss the following matters:

1. Employment of General Castellano, according to the request of General Connell.
2. Comando Supremo.

It is with pleasure that I avail myself of this occasion to extend to you my most cordial greetings.

Sincerely yours,

The Marshal of Italy, Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

(Giovanni Messe)

/s/ Giovanni Messe

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USAR,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

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P.M. 135, 22 July 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

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File n. 14310

SUBJECT : Repatriation and disbanding of IIM with AFHQ

As the Italian Government informed AGC on July 6th, the proposed repatriation of the Italian Military Mission in Algeria has been willingly agreed upon, whereas the transfer to Italy of several allied HQs has caused the ends, for which the mission has been instituted, to cease.

The last members of the Mission have arrived here on the 18th inst.

On July 31st the Mission will be disbanded & its personnel will be employed in other duties.

by order

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(Arturo Scattini)

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ACTING CHIEF COM.

YOUR FOX SEVEN SIX TWO ONE ZERO JULY TWO EIGHT CITE FISSGS PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR
SACRED FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN LETTERS OF JULY ELEVENTH RECEIVED
JULY TWENTY SECOND PD LETTER FOR MESSER DELIVERED TO HIM UPON HIS RETURN THIS WEEK
AND IS SEEING ME THIS AFTERNOON ON THIS SUBJECT

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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23 July 1944

My dear Marshal Messe:

I am sending to you with this letter a letter addressed to you from General Gammell which, I believe, you will find self explanatory. I shall be glad to discuss it with you if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

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Date - time <i>25 Jul 1140</i>
Via <i>By hand of Lt. Apotola</i>
Initials <i>[Signature]</i>

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23 July 1944

23 JUL 1944

Dear General Gamell:

I received yesterday your letter of 11 July with reference to General Castellano. Apparently, your letter was delayed in reaching me through having been sent to Naples.

I have handed on to Marshal Messe the enclosed letter to him and will keep you advised if there should be any developments contrary to your wishes.

Very truly yours,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General J.A.H. Gamell,
Chief of Staff
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

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11 July 1944

Dear Captain Stone:

I should be glad if you would hand on to Marshal MESSE the enclosed letter on the subject of General CASTELLANO's future.

For your own information my reasons for writing to MESSE are these. CASTELLANO, as you know, is shortly to be recalled from the Italian Military Mission here, as his mission is now being withdrawn. While he is quite willing to leave ALGERIA, he has expressed in confidence not a little concern for his future should he return to ITALY. He believes that in certain Italian quarters, especially in Naval circles, he is thought to have allowed himself to be deceived as to Allied potentialities at the time of the pre-Armistice discussions, and that feeling on this point is so strong that certain elements in ITALY, more especially in the Navy, regard him as a traitor to his country. CASTELLANO is convinced that his removal from ALGERIA is to get him away from close contact with the Allies with a view to taking more drastic action against him at some later date and turning him into a scapegoat. At the same time he feels that if it were known that the Allied authorities were interested in his future, the Italian Government could not dare to take any steps against him; and he has suggested that if MESSE were written to and asked to give him a post which would keep him in close contact with the Allies, the Italian authorities would accede to our wishes and he would be safe for some time longer at least.

General Castellano played a very important role in arriving at the Armistice and since the signing has shown himself to be loyal to the Allied cause. His example has gone far to convince others whose adherence to the Allies' aims was perhaps less whole-hearted.

In these circumstances I feel strongly that we should accord him our protection and I have therefore written to MESSE on the lines suggested.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre

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

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Captain Ellery Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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11 July 1944

Dear Marshal,

I understand that General CASTELLANO is leaving ALGIERS shortly in order to take up new duties elsewhere, and I want to take this opportunity of writing to tell you how greatly I value the very special services which he has rendered to the Allied cause during the whole period of his cooperation with us. Both before and at the time of Armistice no man could have done more worked harder in the interests of his country than General. CASTELLANO, and I am particularly conscious of the great personal sacrifice he made in taking the course he did. His subsequent work as Chief of the Italian Military Mission here in ALGIERS has only confirmed the high opinion of this which I had already formed.

I should be very reluctant to think that General Castellano's departure means the end of an association to which I attach such importance. But, before he left, General STRONG suggested to me - and it is a suggestion which I readily endorse - that it might be possible for you to find a post for Gen CASTELLANO in which he would continue to work in close touch and cooperation with the Allied authorities, while we, on our side, would continue to enjoy the very real benefit of his services. If you would consider his future employment from that point of view, I should be most grateful.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre

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

Marshal Giovanni Messe.
Chief of the Supreme Italian General Staff.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS

Salerno, 6 July 1944

N. 5532

Dear Admiral,

With reference to the telephone conversation between you and Dr. Montanari yesterday, I confirm the statement that the Italian Government has no objection in principle to withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission from Algiers - always without prejudice to the measures which may be made directly by Admiral De Courten with the competent Allied naval authorities as concerning the Office of the Royal Navy in that city.

Believe me, dear Admiral, yours most cordially.

/s/ I. Bonomi

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.,
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
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6 July 1944

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Dear Prime Minister Bonomi:

In accordance with telephone conversation with Dr. Montanari on 5 July, I have informed Allied Force Headquarters: "The Italian Government has agreed to the withdrawal of the Italian Military Mission and order to that effect will be issued". Also that we will advise them when the orders have been issued.

Will you therefore please send me a copy of such orders as soon as they are issued. It will be appreciated if the matter can be expedited.

Yours very truly,

KENNETH W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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WILL INFORM YOU WHEN ORDERS ISSUED

AUTHENTICATED:

L. D. PERSHORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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We refer your S 265 of 1 July 44.

Due imminent move AFHQ decision of future of Castellano's Italian Military Mission is extremely urgent. It has more than fulfilled its need and retention is redundant. This is specially so in ITALY as Italian matters are adequately covered by ACC and AAI. We wish to dissolve this Mission and ask you to secure very early agreement of Italian government to this action.

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SIGNED FROM ACC MAIN FROM STONE PAREN SUBJECT DISCUSSED WITH MORONI YESTERDAY
WHO IS SYMPATHETIC TO REGALL OF KENSTON AND WILL GIVE FINAL ANSWER IN FEW DAYS

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HQ ACC, APO 394

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TO: ACC MAIN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 11/24

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

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REFERENCE No: F63549

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 232011

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE..FHLIA

SUBJECT IS OUR F51746 OF 28 MAY AND OUR F-56051 DATED 7 JUNE.
IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUIRED AS ITALIAN MILITARY MISSION DOING PRACTICALLY
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TO: GENERAL HASON MANTARIANE (PATRIA)

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER NO: 1172/28

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SAC

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REFERENCE NO.: F 51745

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: MAY281020

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: ITALIA

WE REFER YOUR LETTER CO/C/289 OF 13 MAY. AGREE TO RELEASE TO PARLORNO FOR CROWN PRINCES STAFF AND WE WILL ASCERTAIN SUITABILITY OF FRATTINI THROUGH WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, BEFORE ACCEPTANCE FOR MISSION HERE. AS THERE IS NO LONGER NEED FROM OUR VIEWPOINT OF GENERAL OFFICER OF ITALIAN MILITARY MISSION HERE WE REQUEST YOU TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AGREE. IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD LIKE TO SECURE IMMEDIATE RECALL OF CASTELLANO AS HE IS IDLE.

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21 July 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

With reference to our conference of July 19th on the subject of employment of the Arditi Air Force Battalion in the Italian Army for combat purposes which we reopened at the request of Premier Bonomi, I regret to have to inform you that the position remains unchanged from that set forth in General MacFarlane's letter to you, CC/G/325 of 23 May. Accordingly, I am not in a position to alter the decision set forth in that letter.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

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18 July 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

I shall be very happy to see you at 10 o'clock on the 19th.

I am hopeful that on the occasion of our meeting you will
 be able to bring with you the answer to my letter to you of 5 July
 concerning the exact functions now being performed by the Comando
 Supremo.

Yours very truly,

ELERY W. STONE
 Captain, USMR
 Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
 Chief of Supreme General Staff
 Comando Supremo

*This letter given to
 Italian Liaison Section at
 1225 hours, 18 July for
 delivery by hand to
 Marshal Messe.*

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file N° I4I93/OP

Dear Captain,

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with reference to your request No A/CC091.711 dated 5th inst., hereby I enclose a memorandum on the main activities carried out by Comando Supremo both in relation to the functions assigned by the Italian Law to the General Chief of Staff and to the special situation depending from the status of cobelligerency.

Yours sincerely

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
Marshal Messe

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1st Branch - Operation Office

ATTRIBUTION OF COMANDO SUPREMO

A) - Activities devolved by law to the Chief of General Staff (Comando Supremo) :

- 1° - Consultation by the Presidency of Council of Ministers for the most important questions concerning political and military problems.
- 2° - Coordination in the activity of the three Armed Forces both for the war effort (now under the point of view of cobelligerency) and for their organization.
- 3° - Coordination in the activity of the three Armed Forces for all that concerns discipline measures, rules regarding personnel, promotions, nomination of upper rank C.O.
- 4° - High inspection on the service of wartime military penal justice. Therefore institution, amendments, suppression of wartime military Tribunals as well as nomination of the highest officials of such bodies are under jurisdiction of Comando Supremo; some of the offices existing in such tribunals (like military procure, Public Prosecutor offices etc) also depend from Comando Supremo. Comando Supremo does also issue, through proclamations, rules having force of law for what concerns matters regarding penal law and procedure in wartime as well as judicial military organization.
- 5° - Awarding of military honours " on the field" (war crosses bronze and silver medals).

B) - Activities devolved to Comando Supremo, besides those referred to in para A), according to the present situation :

- 1° - High liaison with the Allied Control Commission for definition of military questions which fall under Comando Supremo responsibility, or which outstand the normal appurtenances of Military Staffs, or which direct resolution between the Military Staffs and corresponding Sub-commissions might have been not possible.
- 2° - Military information Service (S.I.M.)
 - a) - information activity and counter-intelligence
 - b) - liaison and support to the "patriots" bands, their employment, in collaboration with Allied Armed Forces;
 - c) - training and employment - in accordance with Allied Intelligence service branches- of saboteurs and special envoies to be dropped in occupied territory.
 - d) - examination of personnel purging in from occupied zones.
- 3° - Topographic, operational and organizing work for the three

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Armed Forces: situation of the three Armed Forces -
collection of documents and historic recording of facts.

4. - Coordination and employment, within the Allied requirements, of all means of communication available to the three Armed Forces; direct liaison and cooperation with the Ministry of Communications as far as radiotelecommunications are concerned.
5. - Issuing to the three Armed Forces of directions concerning the ascertainment of officers' and NCOs' behaviour on and after the proclamation of armistice on September 8th, 1943, and for the period of German occupation for those of them found in the territory later liberated.
The final judgement on the behaviour of high-ranking ~~officers~~ officers is as well devolved to the General Chief of Staff.
All the above to the end of separation and choice of officers.
6. - Issuing of combined single instructions to all three Armed Forces in those fields of activity (morale, services etc.) whose problems have to be ~~settled~~ settled in a combined basis in order to avoid differences between the abovesaid Armed Forces.

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HQ AGC, APO 394

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By W.R.TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

No. 11524/10447.1.19

Rome, 3 August 1944

Dear Admiral,

I received your letter A/CC 01413 dated 23 inst.

I wish to assure you that I have myself shown it to
General Orlando.

Please accept, dear Admiral, my most cordial greetings

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone USA
A/President
Allied Control Commission

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BWS/hjp

A/CC 014.13

23 July 1944

Subject: Command of Carabinieri Reali

23 JUL 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In my letter to you of 16 July, file A/CC 014.13, subject as above, I indicated to you the concern which the Allied Control Commission has in the Command and organization of the Carabinieri Reali. Since then, following consultation with me, General Taddeo Orlando has been designated Commanding General.

*See file 315
file 0001*

It is quite probable that General Orlando with the approval of the Minister of War has under consideration plans for the re-organization of the CCRI. As this Commission is so vitally interested in the maintenance of law and order behind the fighting line, I am sure you will agree that such plans should be discussed fully with the Allied Control Commission before they become operative.

Furthermore, under our agreement regarding the appointment of higher officials, the names of any proposed changes (appointments, dismissals, transfers, etc.) in the officer personnel of CCRI in the rank of Colonel and above will of course be communicated to the Commission.

I suggest that initially, these matters be communicated to the Public Safety Sub-Commission of which Colonel Paul G. Kirk is the Director.

Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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cc: Army Sub-Com.
Public Safety S/C

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File A (B)

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16 July 1944

Subject: Command of Carabinieri Reali

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It is to be expected that the Council of Ministers will shortly give consideration to the designation of a Commanding General for the Carabinieri Reali.

In view of the many important technical and personnel problems involved, and the intimate connection between the work of the CC.RR. and the military operations of the Allied Armies, I have no doubt that you will wish to confer with the Allied Control Commission before any decision is made.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

cc: Col. Upjohn

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

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14 July 1944.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC.
SUBJECT : Italian Admirals in Rome, Status of.

File A-(B)

1. For your information the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean has agreed to recognize officially the following named Italian admirals who were in Rome prior to Allied occupation :

Senior Rear Admiral	Angelo PARONA
Senior Rear Admiral	Emilio FERRERI
Senior Rear Admiral	Carlo GIARTOSIO
Rear Admiral	Francesco MAUGERI

2. In addition Admiral FERRERI has been authorized to act for the Italian Minister until he arrives in Rome. Admirals PARONA, GIARTOSIO and MAUGERI are acting as Capo dell'Ufficio Stralcio di Maripera; Capo dell'Ufficio Stralcio di Maristat and Capo dell'Ufficio Stralcio del Reparto Informazioni respectively. The appointments of the latter three admirals have not yet been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

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Commodore,
S.B.N.O., ROME.

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File A + B

Ref: 6/201/CA

11 July 1944

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Attached letter from Region IV on the Armata Rossa
is submitted. I am obtaining a report from ROME Region on the alleged
HQ in ROME.

/s/ M. S. L.

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TO : HQ ACC (RC & MG Section)
SUBJECT : Recruiting of Italian Army
FILE NO. : R4/191.711

8 July 1944

1. Reference your Adv 6CA of 4 July 1944, accompanied by Capt. Hoelscher, I made a personal call yesterday on the alleged recruiting station for the "Armata Rossa" in Terracina. I arrived at a time when a small Committee Meeting was in process, and so had the opportunity of explaining to the Committee the policy laid down by ACC. I told them that we were not concerned with the repression of any Party activities, but that any form of enrolment for an unauthorized Army, or the use of any recruiting posters for such an Army, was absolutely prohibited. I am bound to say that I found complete comprehension and sympathy, and received a direct promise that all "Armata Rossa" notices would be taken down at once. I have instructed Provincial Commissioner, Littoria, to follow the matter up, and see that the notices are in fact removed.

2. I attach one typical placard which I took down from the wall, and I certainly gained the general impression that there was a somewhat inchoate desire to do some fighting alongside the Allies, in order to get the Germans out of the country. The whole office or organization, books, posters, etc., had a somewhat amateurish aspect, and I do not think the Terracina Group is at all a large one.

Regional Commissioner

Copy to:-
Provincial Commissioner, Littoria.

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Representative of
Ministry of War - ROME
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-----Jul 44
-----Copy to:- Rome Allied Area Comd (with translation of proclamation)
HQ ROAL Region
Secretary General, A.C.C. ←

Authority is hereby given for the posting in public places
in the ROAL Area on 13 July and subsequently, of the proclamation
signed by the Minister of War on the above subject. Please take
the necessary steps to have this authority made effective.

ABC

W. P. Delaney
+ Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA - ADV)

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MINISTRY OF WAR

The Ministry of War, in agreement with the Allied Control Commission, orders:-

1. All members of the Italian Army of the 1914 and younger classes, up to the rank of Sergeant Major inclusive, who were under arms on September 8th 1943 and who are in ROME at the time of this proclamation, must present themselves, in the manner described below, to the Italian Military Organisation formed for the purpose, with a view to eventual enrolment.
2. The following are excluded:-
 - Those belonging to the Royal Carabinieri or the Royal Finance Guards for whom special orders are in force;
 - Those who before the 4th Jun 1944 belonged to regular corps or units of the Italian Army and who are in ROME on leave or under command of regular units on duty.
 - Separate instructions will be issued by the Italian Ministry of War for officers and N.O's.
3. Those who are not covered by para 1 and who wish to enrol as volunteers in combatant units of the Italian Army will present themselves for enrolment to the Italian Military authorities in the manner described in the following paragraphs.
4. The Italian Military Organisation referred to in para 1 is known as the CUCCHI, and is located in the BLANCHI barracks, 276 Via Nomentana.
5. Those concerned will present themselves between 8 and 15 hours on the following days:-
 - 18 July for 1923 and 1924 classes
 - 19 July for 1921 and 1922 classes
 - 21 July for 1919 and 1920 classes
 - 22 July for 1917 and 1918 classes
 - 24 July for 1915 and 1916 classes
 - 25 July for 1914 class
 - 27 July for those of 1914 - 1924 classes who for proven reasons of family or health were not able to report on the day fixed for their class.
6. Orders will be issued later for the compulsory presentation of military of the classes described above, who are now domiciled in the remainder of Lacio territory or other regions or districts to be advised.

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6. Orders will be issued later for the compulsory presentation of military of the classes described above, who are now domiciled in the remainder of LALIC territory or other regions or districts to be advised.

7. All those under obligation to present themselves are forbidden to leave ROMA as from the date of this proclamation.

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8. Special instructions

(a) all soldiers obliged to present themselves must produce a document of identity (if possible including photograph) besides any documents which may be in their possession, left to them by the military unit to which they last belonged (demobilisation papers, travel permits etc).

(b) those who were or still are members of patriot bands, will show in addition the document proving such membership.

(c) soldiers belonging to units stationed in ROMA and still employed will present themselves in uniform, as a parade under their unit commanders, on the day fixed for the class to which they belong. For parties commanded by an officer and more than 20 strong, the party commander will present a nominal roll of the men with him, on which will be shown for each man:-

Rank, personal particulars, class, profession or trade, nature of employment in unit. The nominal roll must be stamped and signed by the CC.

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9. All those who are newly incorporated in the Italian Army, from the day on which their service begins, will receive the rations, pay and allowances laid down for the other members of the Italian Army already similarly employed.

10. Legal proceedings will be taken against those who fail to conform.

P.M. 107

13 July 1944

The Minister

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army - ROME Organisation

Army Sub Commission MIA (ADV)
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10 Jul 44

Ministry of War (Representative in ROME)
Italian Military Authority in ROME

Copy to:- A.A.I. (Main)
A.C.C. (Adv)
ROME Allied Area Command
ROME Region
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1. The Ministry of War is assuming responsibility for units of the Italian Army in ROME at 1200 noon on 11th July in place of the Italian Military Authority in ROME" authorised in MIA memorandum No. G 109 of 19th June.

2. The Ministry of War advanced representative in ROME will be General CALLIA, who will take over, as far as the Italian Army is concerned, the responsibility of General BENCIVENGA (I.M.A.R.). Responsibility for marine and air are similarly being transferred to their respective ministries.

3. The primary tasks of General CALLIA will be:-

(a) To organise and operate (through S.M.R.A. rep) calling up and screening agencies in ROME for enlisting and assigning to units such numbers of men as are authorised.

(b) To control the numbers of men mobilised and demobilised so that the ceiling is NOT exceeded.

(c) To re-organise personnel in ROME formerly in the Ministry of War

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(b) To control the numbers of men mobilised and demobilised so that the ceiling is NOT exceeded.

(c) To re-organise personnel in ROME, formerly in the Ministry of War staff and directorates in accordance with the agreement reached at LECOB on 6 July.

(d) To re-organise the Praesidium of ROME (under its commander) reducing its strength to the absolute minimum necessary. **11/6**

(e) To prepare accommodation and administrative arrangements for all Italian Army and Ministry of War personnel expected in ROME.

4. General OLLIA will deal with M.M.I.A. (Adv Echelon) in ROME in the same way as the Ministry deals with M.M.I.A. (Main) in LECOB.

5. The Praesidium Commander will be directly under the orders of the Ministry of War representative for general administration and matters affecting his troops as an integral part of the Italian Army. He will conform to the orders of the C.G. ROME Allied Area Command (General JOHNSTON) on matters of local administration and matters affecting his troops due to their presence in the ROME area.

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FROM: FOTALI

TO: ACC ADV HQ ROME
ACC REAR SALERNO, FOWIT, AAI

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C IN C MED HAS AGREED THAT IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AS MY
REPRESENTATIVE IN ROME ON THE NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION OF THE
ACC COMMODORE I.M. PALMER DSC WILL REPRESENT ME ON ALL
QUESTIONS OF LIAISON WITH THE ITALIAN NAVY IN ROME.
ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE ITALIAN NAVY AT ROME SHOULD
THEREFORE BE REFERRED TO COMMODORE PALMER. REQUEST YOU
WILL PROMULGATE TO ALL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED UNDER YOUR
ORDERS. ACC ADV HQ ROME PASS TO COMMODORE PALMER.

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FOR PIDSLEY. FOR CAPT STONE FROM GEN BROWNING. REF YOUR 7175 OF 6 JULY NOT TO ALL FIRST. REFER AAI/3072/A(0) OF 25 APRIL CONCERNING PW. PW RELEASED REVERT STATUS OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS. PAROLED PW WOULD HAVE NO (NO) LEGAL STANDING AS MEMBERS OF ITALIAN ARMY. ITALIAN ARMY CANNOT (NOT) ABSORB 7,000 MEN IN DIV IN SICILY AS ARMY IS ALREADY OVER STRENGTH AND RATION POSITION FOR SARDAIA DIV IN SICILY IS SERIOUS. RATIONS FOR PRESENT STRENGTH IN SICILY WILL LAST ONLY 5 DAYS AND TRANSHIPMENT IS NECESSARY FROM MAINLAND AS SHIPS DESTINED SICILIAN PORTS HAVE NOT (NOT) ARRIVED. THEREFORE EVEN IF 7,000 (7,000) PW WERE RELEASED AND ABSORBED IN SARDAIA DIV RATIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE NOW. CONSIDER IMPROBABLE TO ABSORB PW IN SARDAIA ALSO FROM STANDPOINT OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES AND PROVIDING WITH ARMS. SECOND. 2 BATTAL MANTOVA DIVISION IN CALABRIA APPROXIMATELY 2,000 (2,000) STRENGTH CAN BE MADE READY IF ORDERED BY 17TH AI. THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO SICILY AND TRANSPORT FOR RATIONS ON BASIS 24(24) TONS FOR 1000 (1000) MEN FOR 30 (30) DAYS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE PROVIDED

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M.P.
ROGER B. DERRY,
CAPTAIN, AGO.,
DEUTY ADJUTANT.

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10 July 1944

Subject: Italian Soldiers of the Cuneo Division

11 JUL 1944

To: Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. The attached translation of a letter from the Italian Comando Supremo, No. 14005/CP dated 3 July 1944, is forwarded.

2. The letter DCC 091.711 of 16 March referred to in para 2 passed on the information contained in para 3 of General Gammell's letter of 7 March to A.C.C.

3. Since from General Gammell's letter above referred to it is clear that the personnel of the Cuneo Division are not to be treated or considered as prisoners of war, may I be given such particulars as will enable me to explain the situation to the Comando Supremo.

EMERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Lt. Col. Campbell,
Army Sub-Commission

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GROUP I - Office of Operations

3 July 1944

File No. 14005/OP

Re: A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Italian Soldiers of the Cuneo Division.

11 JUL 1944

According to information which has come to this Command, it seems that the English Command of Cairo has issued an order according to which the Italian soldiers already belonging to the Cuneo Division, and at present assigned to the companies of pioneers in Egypt, must be considered as "cooperating prisoners".

We think this must be an error, since it is a well known fact that these soldiers cannot be considered prisoners of war. The Commission's letter ECC 09 .711 dated 16 March 1944 clearly states that:

"Those belonging to the division are employed in Egypt under the same conditions as those units of the Italian Army which are behind the Allies' armies, and are in no way considered as 'prisoners of war.'"

Hence I wish to ask the Commission to kindly clarify this error, in order to permit this Supreme Command to reassure the soldiers of the Cuneo Division who in this last few months have given their service to the common cause with enthusiasm despite their bitterness at the fact that greater needs for transport have not permitted them to fight on their Fatherland.

The General of Division

/s/ Adolfo Infante

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YOU HAVE SEEN MY 345 TO PBS. IT IS CLEAR THAT MORE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES NOW FORWARD THAN CAN BE MAINTAINED UNTIL ITALIAN SET UP MACHINERY FOR SUPPLYING. THE 10,000 CEILING TOO HIGH AT PRESENT. BELIEVE STRENGTH CORR ALL OUT PROPORTION AND SHOULD BE REDUCED AT ONCE. STRENGTH NOW EQUAL AUTHORIZATION FOR ALL ITALY. UNITS UNDER COMMAND BEING CARED FOR BUT OTHER MOST UNTIDY. FEAR COMPLETE BREAK DOWN FEEDING IF ARRANGEMENTS NOT MADE SOONEST. PERSONAL HAMBLEN TO BROWNING.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main Hq (AMIA)
LEQULE (LECCE)
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27 June 1944.

H.Q. AAI

8 JUL 1944

1. At the conference at AAI on 17 June, it was agreed that if, despite the opinion of Supreme Allied Commander, C.C.S. insist on a reduction of the Italian Army to 347,000, the distribution should be:

- (a) C.I.L. 25,000
- (b) Tps employed by Allies164,000
- (c) Italian Administration
Actual 27,000)
Reinfts 13,000) 40,000
- (d) I.S. 53,300
- (e) Carabinieri 55,000
- (f) A.A. & G.D. 5,000
- (g) CORSICA 5,000

347,300

- 2. (a) We estimate that at 31 July there will be 91,500 tps still left in SARDINIA. These must be borne on the ration strength of the Italian Army as we cannot demobilise them in SARDINIA.
- (b) Assuming reduction to 347,300 on above basis is ordered to be made by July 31, estimated figures on that date will be:-

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(Incl AA & CD, 5,000 picked	
up in ROME and C.I.L.).....	165,000
Carabinieri.....	55,000

	329,150

(c) This leaves only 18,150 to cover all Italian Administration (central admin, static formations and services) including reinforcements, and all I.S. formations on the Mainland. This potentially may have to cover all ITALY if we break the PISA-RIMINI line. 1139

3. If therefore reduction to 347,300 is enforced by 31 July:

(a) The SICILY Garrison, which also does guard and labour duties must remain. Chief Commissioner considered 2 I.S. Divs (20,000) necessary in that turbulent island.

(b) All I.S. formations on the Mainland, except 4 Bns now on guard duties under command of the Allies, will have to be demobilised irrespective of age (classes). Apart from the I.S. aspect, there will be NO men for other guard duties. Such as, for instance, two Bns to guard the vital power installation at the SILAN LAKES. Allied manpower would have to replace.

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(c) Some 55,000 all told would have to be demobilised, Italian Administration on Mainland, incl reinforcements, being reduced to 18,150.

(d) From July 31 onwards, I.S. Divs on Mainland will have to be built up afresh, (as tps can be shipped from SARDINIA) the older classes being demobilised and the younger ones recently demobilised as in 3 (b) brought back to the Colours again.

(e) From July 31 onwards, Italian administration will have to be built up again to 40,000 with the same difficulties as in 3 (d) after having broken up a working and intricate organisation.

(f) The transport question in respect of 3 (b) and (c) appears to be quite impossible in the time available.

4. (a) Apart from the I.S. and guard duties aspect, I need hardly emphasize the complete chaos that would ensue in this colossal turnover (involving tps working for the Allies) - a turnover I do not consider possible in terms of transport alone.

(b) The effect on the Italian Army and people would be lamentable.

(c) All this would be happening at a time when we may be breaking the PISA-RIMINI line and advancing to the ALPS through NORTH ITALY where there is a far more turbulent population than the agrarian people of the South.

5. (a) The factor which has caused all this impasse is of course the shipping one. I have repeatedly stressed this over the last 2 months, though apparently, provision of more shipping has not been possible.

(b) Yet the fact remains that insistence on a fixed ration ceiling of 347,300 after July 31 would:

(i) defeat CCS own policy that rations are to be issued only to those who are "in fact effective". We would be demobilising effectives on the Mainland while retaining ineffectives in SARDINIA.

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(iii) necessitate substitution of Allied manpower in the midst of an enormous pool of Italian manpower available and desirous to be used.

6. There appears to be 2 alternatives:-

(a) acceptance of your proposals in AAI 1605/50/3 G (SDI) dated 19 ¹¹ ~~11~~ ²⁸ ~~28~~ which Supreme Allied Commander agrees with.

(b) acceptance of AFHQ figure of 347,300 for the Italian Army, postponing the date of enforcement to permit of one month to carry out rearrangement on Mainland after all surplus tps in SARDINIA have been shipped to the Mainland. This would, of course, be dependent on shipping provided which as I have mentioned above, is the vital factor in the whole business.

7. I cannot believe that all the practical implications and repercussions of this problem have been realised and I therefore feel it necessary to point out, as above, the harmful military and political results that would accrue if a rigid enforcement of a reduction to 347,300 in the ration ceiling by July 31 were made. A decision is obviously a matter of extreme urgency, since rations must be shipped from the United States accordingly.

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copy to: Chief Commissioner, ACC

/s/ L. Browning
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Army Sub Commission,
M.M.I.A. (Adv),
HQ A.C.C.
Ref: G.109.
25 Jun 44.

Italian Military Authority in Rome.
(Palazzo Capiare).

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. (Main).
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A.C.C. (See Gen).
Navy Sub Commission (Adv).
Air Sub Commission (Adv).

DS.Y 1326
8 JUL 1944

Subject:- Italian Armed Forces in ROME.

Reference M.M.I.A. G.109 of June.

1. The authority of Gen BENCIVENGA, as defined in the above quoted letter, will apply to all "military" personnel who were in ROME before 4 Jun 44 (i.e. including Italian Army, Navy and Air Force) or who have since come under I.M.A.R. control. His authority over Navy and Air Force personnel will be confined to local administration.
2. Similarly Gen BENCIVENGA's authority over representatives of War Ministry and S.M.R.E. now in ROME will be confined to matters of local administration affecting the Italian Armed Forces in the ROME Area.

/s/ W. Pidsley

Colonel, for
Major General, Director,
Army Sub Commission (MMIA).

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SUBJECT: Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MILIA)
LEQUILE (LECCO)
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23 June 44.

To: H.E. The Minister for War
H.E. The Chief of Staff, SMFE.

1. The following final instructions regarding certain elements of the Italian Army Forces have been received from higher authority and will be effective 15 July. These instructions supersede all instructions heretofore issued which are in conflict with the instructions contained herein.

2. The issue of rations furnished the Italian Armed Forces to personnel of the following units will be limited as shown under each unit,

(1) War Ministry. Authorized 'B' Scale Rations only. Rations will be issued only to bona-fide members of the Armed Forces and the civil officials whose duties are executive to the extent that they may be classified as having the equivalent of officer grades, and for actual mess attendants at general messes where military rations are consumed. Military rations will not be issued for private messes for civil officials, or for private messes for officers below the grade of Brigadier General, and will then be issued only for the military members of the mess. The number of rations issued to the War Ministry will not exceed 1300 without prior approval, and will be reduced to conform with this instruction.

A roster showing the names of all civil officials having the equivalent of officer rank, and the equivalent rank, will be submitted to this Headquarters.

A table showing the number of actual mess attendants authorized to draw rations will be submitted to this Hq.

The strength state of the Italian Army will hereafter show the following under the heading: "War Ministry."

- (1) Officers and men of the Italian Army issued rations, (Excluding CC.RR)
- (2) Civil officials

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- (2) Civil officials issued rations.
- (3) Mess attendants issued rations.
- (4) CC.RR

The total of the first three sub-divisions of the War Ministry will not exceed 1300.

Officers or men of the Italian Army in excess of the number authorized herein now attached to this unit will either:

- (1) Be demobilized and dropped from the rolls of the Army, and hereafter not issued Army rations under any conditions, or
- (2) Be reported to this Headquarters and be made available for assignment by this Headquarters to a unit of the Italian Army working under Allied command. When assigned to such a unit by this Headquarters such personnel will be required to report to the unit to which assigned before any rations are issued to them.

Report will be rendered this Hq forthwith as to disposition of this excess personnel.

- (b) 11 Rep Auton, Minister. Authorized 'B' Scale Rations only. Rations to be issued only to personnel employed in the Royal Household, and not to exceed 15 officers and 50 other ranks. All other personnel, either military or civil, attached to this unit are not authorized to draw any Army

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The strength state of the Italian Army will carry not to exceed 15 officers and 50 other ranks under this heading. Civilians now carried on the strength of this unit will be dropped, and will not hereafter be issued rations by the Italian Army under any conditions.

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- (c) Granatieri Battalion. This is the battalion on duty as guard and escort for the Royal Household. Authorised 'B' Scale Rations only. Not to exceed 25 officers and 250 other ranks.

The strength state of the Italian Army will show this battalion separately, and not as a part of any Division.

- (d) Royal Military Academy. Authorised 'B' Scale Rations only. Not to exceed 40 officers, 250 cadets and 180 other ranks.
- (e) Royal Naval Academy. Authorised 'B' Scale Rations only. Not to exceed 450 all ranks including officers and cadets.

A table of organisation of this Academy, showing all personnel employed therein, will be submitted forthwith to this Headquarters. The Table of organisation will include a certificate that no other personnel of the Italian Armed Forces is employed in any capacity in the Royal Naval Academy.

The strength state of the Italian Navy will hereafter show the personnel of this Academy under a separate heading.

- (f) Comando Supremo. Authorised 'A' Scale Rations as a special exception; the 'A' scale is subject to withdrawal at any time. The total ration will not exceed 600 all ranks, including officers, civil officials of officer rank and mess attendants in general messes.

escort for the Royal Household. Authorized 'B' Scale Rations only. Not to exceed 25 officers and 250 other ranks.

The strength state of the Italian Army will show this battalion separately, and not as a part of any Division.

(d) Royal Military Academy. Authorized 'B' Scale Rations only. Not to exceed 40 officers, 250 cadets and 180 other ranks.

(e) Royal Naval Academy. Authorized 'B' Scale Rations only. Not to exceed 450 all ranks including officers and cadets.

A table of organisation of this Academy, showing all personnel employed therein, will be submitted forthwith to this Headquarters. The Table of organisation will include a certificate that no other personnel of the Italian Armed Forces is employed in any capacity in the Royal Naval Academy.

The strength state of the Italian Navy will hereafter show the personnel of this Academy under a separate heading.

(f) Comando Supremo. Authorized 'A' Scale Rations as a special exception; the 'A' scale is subject to withdrawal at any time. The total ration will not exceed 600 all ranks, including officers, civil officials of officer rank and mess attendants in general messes.

The personnel included herein include the personnel shown in Parts 1 and 2 of the letter of the Comando Supremo dated 9 May 1944, No. 12936/Op di prot. signed by General INFANTE. The total personnel authorised for all of Parts 1 and 2 shown in said letter will not exceed 600 all ranks, regardless of where rationed.

Officers or men of the Italian Army in excess of the number authorised herein now attached to this unit will either:

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(1) Be demobilised and dropped from the rolls of the Army, and hereafter not issued Army rations under any conditions, or

(2) Be reported to this Headquarters and be made available for assignment by this Headquarters to a unit of the Italian Army working under Allied command. When assigned to such a unit by this Headquarters such personnel will be required to report to the unit to which assigned before any rations are issued to them.

Report will be rendered to the Hq forthwith as to disposition of this excess personnel.

Sheet 2.

(f) Comando Supremo (Contd.)

A roster showing the names of all civil officials having the equivalent of officer rank, and the equivalent rank, will be submitted to this Hq.

A table showing the number of actual mess attendants authorised to draw rations will be submitted to this Hq.

Military rations will not be issued for private messes for civil officials, or for private messes for officers below the grade of Brigadier General, and will then be issued only for the military members of the mess.

The Comando Supremo is authorised to draw from Allied depots that part of the 'A' Scale Ration authorised from Allied sources. Repayment in kind will be made to the Allied Depot only on authority of this Headquarters. The Allied Depot will demand on M.M.I.A. for repayment, showing the exact quantity of each commodity issued, the ration strength covered by the repayment demand, and a certificate by the responsible Italian officer that no additional rations have been drawn from Italian Army Depots. If the Comando Supremo elects to draw from Allied Depots that part of the ration authorised from Allied sources, the entire part must be drawn from the Allied Depot, and Italian Army Depots will only issue to the Comando Supremo that part of the ration authorised to be issued from Italian sources.

The strength state of the Italian Army will hereafter show the following under the heading: "Comando Supremo."

- (1) Officers and men of the Italian Army (excl. CC.RR) issued rations.

Part 1 - office of the Chief of Supremo General Staff, including Ops Branch, Comms Branch and Ufficio Affari Vari.

Part 2 - Ufficio Informazione.

- (2) Civilian officials by name, issued rations.

- (3) Mess attendants issued rations.

- (4) CC.RR

The total of (1), (2), (3), above will not exceed 600.

A new table of organization of the Comando Supremo in accordance

The strength state of the Italian Army will hereafter show the following under the heading: "Comando Supremo," :

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Part 1 - office of the Chief of Supreme General Staff, including Ops Branch, Comms Branch and Ufficio Affari Vari.

Part 2. - Ufficio Informazioni.

- (2) Civilian officials by name, issued rations.
- (3) Mess attendants issued rations.
- (4) CC.RE

The total of (1), (2), (3), above will not exceed 600.

A new table of organisation of the Comando Supremo in accordance with the limitations herein prescribed will be submitted to this Hq forthwith.

(g) 1st Guide Group.

No rations will be issued to any member of this group while employed on its present duty. The personnel of this Group will either:

- (1) Be demobilised and dropped from the rolls of the Army, and hereafter not issued Army rations under any conditions, or

- (2) Be reported to this Headquarters for assignment ~~of 137~~ ¹¹³⁷ Headquarters to some unit of the Italian Army working under Allied command.

The strength returns of the Italian Army will not carry this unit or any member thereof until the employment of the group or the individual members is authorised by this Headquarters.

3. None of the personnel in excess of the authorised numbers in para. 2 above, will be transferred, attached, detailed, hospitalised, or otherwise be made eligible for rations in another organisation except as specifically provided herein.

Shedding.

4. All units mentioned in para 2 above, except the Comando Supremo, will draw all rations from Italian Army Depots. Repayment for rations drawn by the Comando Supremo from Allied Depots will be made only on authority issued by this H.Q. No other repayment of rations will be made by Italian Army Depots without prior approval of this Headquarters for the issue to be made by the Allied Depot.

5. Italian Army Depots will not issue any rations, either Allied or Italian, to any Italian Military personnel which is not shown on the Italian Army strength state, or which is not employed on duties as shown on the strength state.

6. Except as specified herein for civil officials and mess attendants Italian Army Depots will not issue any rations, either Allied or Italian, to civilians, nor will any Army rations be sold or otherwise conveyed to civilians. (Italian civilians employed by Allied formations are furnished rations by such formations or are on the same ration status as other civilians.)

7. The strength states of the Italian Army will hereafter show under a separate sub heading the CC.RR attached to military formations or Headquarters of the Italian Army. The CC.RR attached to military formations is not included in the Army ceiling, but in the ceiling for the entire CC.RR.

8. No officer or man in hospital or convalescent camp will be carried on the strength state of I.A.F. for rations for a period of over 30 days, except personnel who are in hospital as a result of wounds received in combat against the common enemy since 1 Sept. 1943.

A roster showing Name, Rank, Nature of Wounds, when and where wounded, Date of hospitalisation, and approximate length of confinement in hospital or convalescent camp, of all personnel issued rations for a period of over 30 days in hospital or convalescent camp will be submitted to this Hq on the 1st day of each month.

Personnel, other than combat casualties, who have been in hospital or convalescent camp, over 30 days will either:

(1) Be demobilised, discharged from the hospital or convalescent camp, and hereafter be issued no Army rations, or

(2) Be transferred to civil hospitals and dropped from the strength state of the Army and issued no Army rations until they return to full duty with the Army, or

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- (3) Be returned to full duty with the Army.

It is the policy that any member of the Italian Army, except combat casualties as defined herein, absent on account of injury or sickness from his unit for a period of over 30 days is considered as non-effective and not entitled to Army rations.

Officers and men employed under direct Allied command who are injured during such employment, other than by combat action against the common enemy, and who require hospitalisation in excess of 30 days will be reported to this Headquarters, with full particulars, and this Headquarters may authorise such personnel to remain in military hospitals over 30 days on Army Ration scale. **14133** will be the subject of a separate report and action by this Hq.

9. It is desired that a copy of the orders issued by you to ensure that these instructions are carried out be furnished this Headquarters.

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All M.M.I.A. IOs.
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L. Brading
Major General,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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REFERENCE PHONE CALL BERRY TO HAMBLEN. STRENGTH ITALIAN MILITARY IN ROME:} CORR 8650 CEILING BUT ACTUAL MUCH LESS AND BEING DETERMINED, SHRE 250, INAR (ADJUNCT OF MMIA) 150, RECRUITING PARTY AND RECRUITS FOR PBS CEILING 1000 BUT ACTUAL SOME LESS, NAVY 150, AIRFORCE 150. ACTUAL TOTAL IS UNDER 10000. ALL HAVE BEEN DRAWING ON YOUR ANZIO STOCK PILE. ITALIANS ARE SLOW IN SETTING UP MACHINERY TO CALL FORWARD AND HANDLE OWN STORES. AM PUSHING THEM. APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE TO ASSURE FORWARDING RATIONS TO MAINTAIN 10000 UNTIL MATTER CAN BE MADE MORE TIDY

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CITE..SD 1020

1. INFORM ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF THAT INTERNAL SECURITY FORMATIONS CEILING WILL NOT EXCEED 53300 IRRESPECTIVE OF DECISION ON REDUCTION OF ITALIAN ARMY TOTAL CEILING STILL AWAITED.
2. POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER LIST FOR 11000 PERSONNEL FROM SARDINIA ABOUT 7 JULY MAKES IT ESSENTIAL THAT UNITS FOR SERIALS 161 165 180 202 260 301 ON LIST 7 BE NOMINATED AND ALERTED IMMEDIATELY. PERSONNEL FOR DEMOBILIZATION WILL NOT BE SHIPPED UNTIL SPECIFIC ORDERS ISSUED.
3. SERIALS AT PARA 2 WILL BE FILLED BY EXISTING FORMED UNITS LESS PERSONNEL FOR DEMOBILIZATION.

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- 2 JUL 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 594

Ref /169/25/CA

26 June 1944

SUBJECT: ACC/AMG Certificates of Employment.

TO : Distribution below.

1. The classes of person liable to call-up for service with the Italian Armed Forces are, at present, those males born between 1913-1924 (inclusive).

2. The mechanics of call-up are as follows:

a. The Italian Military District (of which a list is given in Appendix "A") sends a post-card (Cartolina di Proetto) to the address of the person concerned, directing him to report to the Comando Forze Armate (located in the same areas.)

b. If a person fails to report he is technically a deserter and the Carabinieri are informed and make the necessary enquiries.

c. Persons who can prove that they are working for Allied Services are exempted with some exceptions.

3. This system has lent itself to abuse in that persons within the prescribed classes obtain employment with Allied Authorities, work for a few days, are granted a certificate of employment whereby they secure exemption from call-up and then leave their employment and the purpose of this directive is to put a stop to this abuse.

4. A. Branch, Hq. A.A.I. have requested that a monthly report be made to them, showing the number of persons exempted, and the trades in which they are employed. In order that this can be done Regional Commissioners and Headquarters Commandant will submit to this Hq. at once on Pro-forma attached, a return of such persons to whom a certificate of exemption has been given, and the trades in which they are employed.

5. When a male person within the prescribed ages leaves the employment of ACC/AMG his particulars will be immediately reported to the local Italian Military District who will take steps to withdraw his exemption certificate and will institute enquiries through the local Carabinieri to ensure that the person is conscripted into service.

6. It is suggested that this matter could best be handled in Regions through the

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5. When a male person within the prescribed ages leaves the employment of AOC/AMG his particulars will be immediately reported to the local Italian Military District who will take steps to withdraw his exemption certificate and will institute enquiries through the local Carabinieri to ensure that the person is conscripted into service.

6. It is suggested that this matter could best be handled in Regions through the office of the Provincial Police Officer and at Headquarters through the Employment of the Hq. Commandant.

7. A thorough check should now be made to ensure that Italian Military Districts are informed of any person who has been issued a certificate of employment in AOC/AMG service, but is now no longer in such.

8. In future such certificates of employment will be issued only in very exceptional circumstances, i.e. where the person concerned is irreplaceable. A return will be submitted to this Hq. on the 30th of each month of all amendments to the original list. The first return will be made on the 15 July 1944.

9. While this procedure is designed to cover only those persons who fall within the call-up categories, it is obviously inadvisable that any person who has left the service of AOC/AMG should be in possession of any type of current employment certificate, badge or pass and, therefore, every step should be taken to withdraw such certificates, badges or passes as soon as employment terminates. When any person leaves the service of AOC/AMG and fails to surrender his certificate, badge or passes, enquiries should be instituted for their recovery by the local police agencies, and the matter reported direct to the Italian Military District concerned.

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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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APPENDIX "A"

Military Districts in Liberated Italy

AGRIGENTO	CATANIA	NOLA
AVELLINO	CATANZARO	ORISTANO
AVERSA	COSENZA	PALERMO
BARI	ENNA	POTENZA
BARLETTA	FOGGIA	RAGUSA
BENEVENTO	FROSINONE	REGGIO CALABRIA
CAGLIARI	LECCE	SALERNO
CALTANISSETTA	LITTORIA	SASSARI
CALPOBASSO	MESSINA	STRACUSA
CASERTA	NAPOLI	TRAPANI

This appendix will, of course, change with the advance of the Armies, and the location of Italian Military Districts can easily be obtained by local enquiry.

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PRO-FORMA

PARTICULARS OF ALL ITALIAN MALE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED

By..... (unit of Hq. of formation)
and liable for Military Service

<u>1</u> <u>SURNAME</u>	<u>2</u> <u>CHRISTIAN</u> <u>NAME</u>	<u>3</u> <u>MILITARY</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>4</u> <u>MILITARY</u> <u>CLASS</u>	<u>5</u> <u>NAME OF LAST</u> <u>UNIT WHICH -</u> <u>SOLDIER SERVED</u>	<u>6</u> <u>MILITARY DIS-</u> <u>TRICT TO WHICH</u> <u>SOLDIER BELONGS</u>	<u>CLASS</u> <u>(a) of</u>

Note: Col 7 will be completed where applicable by inserting (a) or (b) denoting:
 (a) Skilled men to be retained and for whom exemption is required.
 (b) Unskilled men who are usefull but who could be recalled to Military Service or
Col 8 Will only be completed in respect of personnel classified in col. 7

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ITALIAN MALE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED

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SUBJECT: Strength of CC.PP and GG.FF

Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Main Hq (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1
27 June 44

To: Public Safety Sub Commission, ACC

copy to: HQ ACC
HQ AAI (2)
Minister for War
Chief of Staff, SMRE

15 JUL 1944
3 JUL 1944

Reference -- your ACC/14622/PS of 20 June 1944.

1. Attention is invited to letter 1605/50/3 (SDI) HQ AAI dated 19 June 1944, addressed to ANHQ. This letter recommends that the ceiling of the CC.PP and the GG.FF shall be 55,000 in case the total ceiling for the Italian Armed Forces is maintained at 444,300.

2. Paragraph 5 of above letter is quoted for your information:

"Personnel in excess of ceiling. 5. The question as to whether part of the administrative establishments, sick, reinforcements and personnel in transit could be carried in excess of the ceiling was considered. In view of the difficulties of implementation and the lack of clothing and other stores it was not found practicable for such personnel to exist on the strength of the Italian Army and be a charge against the Italian Government Administration."

3. The CC.PP and GG.FF are a part of the Italian Armed Forces, and the total strength of these units cannot, in accordance with this letter, exceed 55,000.

4. The strength return submitted by you indicates that as of 1 May the total strength of the CC.PP and GG.FF, including the personnel assigned to military formations was 47,282. It is understood that another seven or eight thousand will be picked up in Rome. The ration strength is, of course, somewhat under this figure inasmuch as some men are given an allowance of money in lieu of rations. However, it is believed that the total figure should be held within 55,000, regardless of the ration strength, for the following reasons:

- (a) The Italian Government cannot be allowed to maintain a private Army of any size which is not carried on the strength returns submitted to the Allies.
- (b) The maintenance of a private army would further drain Italian resources which should be used to assist in maintaining the authorized army and decrease the amount of food imported by the Allies. This applies whether or not the personnel

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(b) The maintenance of a private army would further drain Italian resources which should be used to assist in maintaining the authorized army and decrease the amount of food imported by the Allies. This applies whether or not the personnel is issued army rations or civilian rations.

5. Instructions are in the course of preparation covering the reports to be submitted by the Minister for War on the strength of the Italian Armed Forces. These instructions will provide that all members of the Italian Armed Forces be reported on the strength returns, and that proper deduction be made on the ration demands for personnel not issued rations for any reason.

6. In order to stabilize the strength of the Italian Armed Forces as quickly as possible, it is requested that you issue necessary instructions to the CC.RR. and CG.FF that the total combined strength of the two units does not exceed 55,000 and that hereafter the returns submitted to Minister for War will show:

- (a) Total strength of the Forces, regardless of how rationed, in two parts as follows:
 - 1. Assigned to and operating under the command of Army formations, and Hdqs.
 - 2. Operating under command of CC.RR and CG.FF
- (b) Number of personnel of (2) above to be issued Army rations.

/s/ L. Browning
Major General
Army Sub-Comm, A.C.C.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: AAI ADNAP FOR HAMBLEN FOR ACTION AND TO FOR INFO ACC, LIMA AND CG SOS NATUSA
2 JUL 1944
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N 82/19
FROM: AFHQ
CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
REFERENCE No: F 61329
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 19/1023 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FHCOT

DECISION TO RECOMMEND A MAXIMUM. A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF 444300 ITALIAN TROOPS AS EFFECTIVE.
SIGNED FHCIG CITE FHCDS AND FHCOT FOR HAMBLEN. REFERENCE OUR F 58747 OF 13 JUNE.
INCLUDED IN MAXIMUM TOTAL IS 75000 FOR ITALIAN NAVY LEAVING 369300 ITALIAN ARMY AND
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BE FURNISHED IN EXCESS OF NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES. REQUEST ACTION BE TAKEN TO DEMOBILIZE
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JUNE 27 1944

URGENTLY R. FORTALE FOR IT VAM ACC (NAVY) BALZANO

1. NAV 687 suggested clothing scale for Italian Navy and requested source of supply be indicated.
2. Combined Chiefs of Staff state in FAN 365 that in the first instance it is the responsibility of the Royal Navy to obtain all supplies.
3. Request Admiralty arrange supply of clothing for 75,000 men for delivery direct to Italian Navy in Italy who will be required to warehouse and issue under control of Military Mission to Italian Army.
4. No supply action by Admiralty required for provisions and medical stores.
5. FAN (3657)
6. Passed by letter to FORTALE FOR IT VAM and ACC (1 group)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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DSB 1469 27 June 1944
- 1 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Payments to members of the Secret Front in Rome.

TO: Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. I refer to your letter 339/ORG of 22 June, 1944, relating to the use of certain funds for payments to members of the secret front in Rome.

2. It is suggested that representatives of your Sub-Commission and of General Cappa discuss this question with Colonel A. P. Grafftey-Smith, Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission, who is presently at ACC Advance HQ, Rome. When Col. Grafftey-Smith is in possession of more information as to the ownership of the 50 million lire in question and amounts and types of payments General Cappa wishes to effect, he will be in a better position to express an opinion as to the possibility of releasing the blocked funds.

(Signed) E. H. Foley Jr.

Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

Copy to: Acting Chief Commissioner
(ref. your A/CC 100 of 26 June, 1944).

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REFERENCE AFHQ F61329 CITE FHCCT OF 19TH JUNE. SUBJECT RATION
 CEILING OF ITALIAN ARMY AND DEMOBILIZATION OF EXCESS PERSONNEL. IN VIEW
 AAI LETTER 1605/5/3/G(SD1) OF 19TH JUNE THAT THE CEILING MAY NOT BE
 REDUCED PROPOSE TO TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL DECISION IS RECEIVED. HOWEVER
 IF THE CEILING IS REDUCED AND REDUCTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY 13TH JULY
 PROPOSE ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEDUCTING CCRR AND AIR FORCE THE TOTAL RATION CEILING ALLOWED
 LEAVES THE TOTAL RATION AUGUST OF ITALIAN ARMY PROPER AT 292300.
2. THIS RATION CEILING MUST NOT BE EXCEEDED AFTER THE 13TH JULY
 AND ALL EXCESS PERSONNEL MUST BE DEMOBILIZED.
3. ESTIMATES OF STRENGTH ITALIAN ARMY ON 13TH JULY BASED ON
 PRESENT SHIPPING SCHEDULE BEING MAINTAINED FROM SARDINIA ARE AS FOLLOWS.
 LOCATED ON CORSICA 4868. LOCATED ON SARDINIA 108409. LOCATED ON SICILY
 10800. ON MAINLAND UNDER ALLIED COMMAND, INCLUDING COMBAT TROOPS
 147478.
4. TOTAL OF ITALIAN ARMY IN ABOVE PARA 3 IS 271555.
5. DEDUCT FROM RATION?(CEILING STRENGTH WHICH??) LEAVES 20745
 TOTAL NUMBER WHICH CAN BE ALLOWED TO DRAW RATIONS ON THE MAINLAND IN
 ADDITION TO TROOPS LISTED IN PARA 3. OF THIS NUMBER 8000 ARE NOW
 PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.
6. THIS PRESUMABLY LEAVES NUMBER OF EFFECTIVES TO OPERATE 1124 ALL
 ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION ON MAINLAND AT 12745. IT IS PROPOSED TO ABROT
 THESE AS FOLLOWS: TO OPERATE ITALIAN HOSPITALS AND ALL ITALIAN MEDICAL

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SERVICES NOT ASSIGNED TO UNITS LISTED IN PARA 3 A TOTAL OF 3000. TO OPERATE CLOTHING WAREHOUSES, AMMUNITION DUMPS, AND FURNISH NECESSARY GUARDS A TOTAL OF 2530. TO OPERATE RAILROAD AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 2000. TO ITALIAN GENERAL STAFF INCLUDE M.T. AND SIGNAL PERSONNEL 500. TO OPERATE COMMANDO SUPREMO 50. FOR THE NECESSARY ALTERATION KINGS SERVICE TOTAL 65. FOR THE KINGS BODY GUARDS 275. TRANSIT CAMPS AND PERSONNEL DEPOTS 355, ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY 470 IS AS FOLLOWS:

7. THE BALANCE OF THE ITALIAN ARMY ON THE MAINLAND WHICH NUMBERS 55600 WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOBILIZED.

8. THE EFFECT WILL BE, FIRST, THAT ANY ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO BE PLACED UNDER ALLIED COMMAND WILL BE DEPENDENT ON STREAMS SHIPPING FROM SARDINIA AFTER 13TH JULY. SECOND, THAT THE 3 INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISIONS PLANNED FOR THE MAINLAND WILL HAVE TO BE SHIPPED FROM SARDINIA. THIRD, THAT WHILE ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION IS SERIOUSLY CUT AND CAN ONLY BE REINFORCED BY SHIPMENT OF TROOPS FROM SARDINIA THE CUT WILL SERVE TO REMOVE FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY A LARGE NUMBER OF INEFFECTIVES WHICH HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ROOT OUT FOR A LONG PERIOD.

9. ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED THAT NO PERSONNEL BELONGING TO UNITS UNDER COMMAND OF THE ALLIES WILL BE DEMOBILIZED TILL A REPLACEMENT IS ACTUALLY PRESENT TO TAKE OVER. THIS WILL SERVE TO STABILIZE SUCH UNITS AT PRESENT STRENGTH. HOWEVER, ON ACCOUNT OF DEMOBILIZATION OF 1 P25 AND PICK UPS OF MILITARY AGE PERSONS DURING ADVANCE THERE WILL BE A

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TURNOVER OF PERSONNEL EXTENDING OVER A
PERIOD OF MONTHS.

10. IN VIEW OF THE REDUCTION AND TO PRODUCE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
EFFECTIVES WITHIN THE CEILING TO DIRECT THE DEMOBILIZATION OF ALL
ITALIAN GENERALS IN EXCESS OF 25 SERVING IN ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICE. THE 45 GENERALS ACTUALLY COMMANDING TROOPS WILL BE RETAINED
ON PRESENT ASSIGNMENT.

11. SINCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS BEFORE 13 JULY ARE FAR AND ITALIAN
ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY IS SLOW IN STARTING, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE
MATTER BE TREATED AS IMMEDIATE IN ORDER THAT THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS
CAN BE ISSUED BY EMIA, OTHERWISE IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE
RATION STRENGTH TO THE PROPER STRENGTH HOWEVER CENTRED BY THIS.



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A/CC 014.13

29 June 1944

SUBJECT: Promotions - CC.100.

DSN 411
30 JUN 1944

TO : General A. L. Collier, 3 District

1. Your Personal and Confidential letter h/GSI dated 23 June 1944 is noted.

2. I am taking the matter up with the Italian authorities and hope soon to be able to inform you that the promotions are confirmed.

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Promotions - CC.HR.

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Administrative Section, Hq ACC

29 June 4

Attached correspondence is passed to you for action. The Chief Commissioner supports the request of General Collier.

Please inform me in due course what result is achieved so that a reply may be sent to General Collier.

J.A.Q.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015C O P YSubject: Promotions - CC.RR.PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL3 District.
Ext 10.
4/GSI.25 Jun 44.Lt Gen Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, KCB, DSO, MC,
HQ, Allied Control Commission

1. I wish to bring to your attention the case of certain Carabinieri who showed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to the Allied Cause under critical conditions during the landings at SALERNO. A detailed report, addressed to this HQ, by CC 276 FS Section is attached.

2. These men were promoted in the field by the British commander, and Colonel HOWARD GRAHAM who was present at the time and still commands at SALERNO (now under my command) has confirmed to me that these men did indeed render most conspicuous service, and he supports 100% the recommendation that the promotions of these men be now confirmed.

3. It cannot be disputed that the original action of the British commander was ultra vires, but I feel very strongly, both for reasons of our own prestige and also to reward justly those who gave us real support when the issue of the landings still hung in the balance, that it is most desirable that these promotions be properly confirmed with the appropriate ante-dates. If you agree with this I hope that you will be able to arrange accordingly with the Italian authorities.

/s/ A. L. Collier
Maj Gen,
Comd.
(A. L. COLLIER).

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Phone 2306
Ref: SEC/19
7 Apr 44.TO: GSI(b), HQ 3 District.Subject: Emergency Promotions, CC.RR. SALERNO.

1. During the fighting around SALERNO city, immediately following landing operations on 8 Sep 43, at a time when all local authorities except one CC.RR officer and a handful of men had fled into the hills, CC 35 FSS in conjunction with G.3 I(b) IG Corps, requested and obtained from the above CC.RR officer the assistance of three suitable CC.RR HQs with good local knowledge for attachment to FS. After a trial period of about a week during which they gave excellent service, and after consultation with the CC.RR officer these men were promoted as shown under:-

Brigadiere LOMORO Quinto to be Tenente.
V/Brigadiere ZAZZARO Vincenzo to be Sotto Tenente.
V/Brigadiere CALVINO to be Maresciallo Maggiore.

2. These promotions were made principally for meritorious conduct under fire, as not only had the above named actively resisted the Germans who tried to disarm them and carry them off by force, but were also of extreme value to FS while the city was under heavy enemy mortar fire. These promotions were also necessary at the time in order to reinforce the authority of the CC.RR who had remained, and to make an example of their loyalty to the Allies. They were made on the understanding that as soon as NAPLES was taken, and CC.RR Legion HQ re-established the matter would be regularised there and the promotions confirmed.

3. In actual practice this has not yet occurred as passive resistance has been encountered on all sides in AMG Region 3 and in CC.RR Legion HQ, who persist in quoting the CC.RR regulations with regard to promotions, apparently overlooking the fact of the unique circumstances in which they were made and the fact that while these men were assisting the Allies actively in SALERNO, the senior officers of Legion HQ, NAPLES were more concerned about their own safety than CC.RR regulations or the success of the Allied cause.

4. In Nov 43, matters reached the point where Legion HQ not only refused to confirm the promotions but actually ordered these men to be posted away from SALERNO in their original ranks, to what were little more than punishment stations in remote mountain communities. At this point, this Sec, in the interests of Allied prestige and authority managed to obtain from HE Marshal BADUOLIO a written order to the effect that these men would remain working with the Allies where they were, in the same conditions, until such time as a proper inquiry was made into the matter. This order was passed to HQ Region 3 Public Safety Division, but apparently had little effect.

5. The position is now that LOMORO and CALVINO who left SALERNO with 56 Div, and S/Ten ZAZZARO who has been working with this Sec since it took over the present area have still not had their promotions confirmed. This Sec has adjusted the salary of ZAZZARO by paying the difference (1607 lire per month) between his pay as V/Brigadiere and the salary he should receive as S/Tenente.

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Apart, however, from this unwarranted drain on I(b) funds, the question of Allied prestige is still at stake in the matter.

6. It has been pointed out to various CC.RR officers and to Public Safety, Region 3 that it is fully realized by this Sec, as it was fully realized by the original officers who made the promotions, that it would be unwise to indulge in indiscriminate promotions of this nature, and indeed there was never any intention of doing anything of the sort. What it has not been possible to impress on any AMB or CC.RR official so far is that the promotions were made in most extraordinary circumstances for work which was definitely of extreme value in the SALAMCO operation.

7. It is therefore requested that this matter may be taken up with the appropriate CC.RR authority and the position finally clarified.

(BB RAFTIN)
Capt
Int Corps

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EWS/hjp

4/CC 091.711

29 June 1944

29 JUN 1944

Subject: Further Italian participation in operations

Dear Marshal Messe:

Reference is made to your letter No. 13375/OP of 30 May 1944, above subject.

I believe this matter was discussed personally between yourself and General Alexander when lunching with General MacFarlane on June 3rd.

I have now passed your letter to Major General Browning so that he may deal with the matter direct with General Alexander.

Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of Supreme General Staff
Commando Supremo

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24 June 1944

SUBJECT: Behavior of Italian Military

TO : Headquarters, M.M.I.A.

1. Your memorandum AQ/6 of 7 June 1944 was forwarded to A.A.I. with memorandum, copy of which is attached. In reply I have received the inclosed instructions which appear to be clear.

2. Will you kindly convey them to General BERARDI.

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
A/G Chief Commissioner

Inc: cy. Ltr. CG/G/391
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
A/C 394

ETRK/edg

Ref. ACC/5134/IC

28 June 1944

SUBJECT: Tangible Recognition of the Services of the Secret Front

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission

DSJ 1438
28 Jun 1944

1. Your 339/ORG dated 22 June 44 has been passed to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission for observation on paras. 3 & 4 - boots and clothing.

2. An allocation of, say, 1,000 pairs of repaired Army Boots could be made starting at once and spread over 2 or 3 weeks.

3. As, however, it is necessary to charge 100 lire per pair for these boots, can you please say by whom payment would be effected and what arrangements would be made for collection.

4. No clothing other than British Battle Dress dyed blue is at the disposal of this Sub-Commission. This is not immediately available but is expected to become so within a few days. Price has not yet been fixed but will be from 300 - 400 lire per uniform (Blouse & Trousers). Will you please advise if this type of clothing would be suitable for the purpose under reference, when a similar quantity could be allocated.

/s/ Illegible

for W. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry and
Commerce Sub-Commission.

Copy To:

Acting Chief Commissioner -
(your A/CC 091.711 of 26 June refers)
File ACC/5156/IC

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 091.711

26 June 1944

TO: Economic section, HQ ACC

NF 0531408
28 JUN 1944

1. Reference 333/ORG, Air Forces Sub-Commission, dated 22 June 1944, to HQ ACC, relative clothing and boots for "Secret Front Forces Rome", attached.

2. Note paras 3 and 4.

3. Will you take charge of this matter and reply direct to Air Forces Sub-Commission, copy to A/CC.

L. D. DENGORE
Colonel, Sig O
PA to A/CC

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FROM: - AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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TO: - HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
NAPLES.

DATE: - 22nd JUNE 1944.

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REF: - 339/ORG.

During a recent conversation with General Cappa who was head of the secret front in Rome during the enemy occupation, he informed me that the members of the secret front totalled about 2,500 who were actually active.

2. He was naturally very concerned that some recognition should be given to these individuals who carried out a dangerous task under extremely difficult conditions. This however will be the subject of a later communication.

3. Meanwhile he stressed the importance of keeping up morale, as the members of the secret front apparently expected some immediate and tangible reward for their services, and this had not, as yet, been forthcoming. He said that one of the best ways to do this would be to give them some clothing and boots as they are practically all of them in rags and tatters.

4. May I have early information please as to whether some allocation of clothing and boots could be made to these persons. If this is not considered as an A.C.C. responsibility, may I also be informed of this as soon as possible, so that I can take it up with the Military Authorities.

/s/ W. A. Bowen-Buscarlet.
/t/ W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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27 June 1944

Dear Lieut. Apostolo:

27 JUN 1944

Enclosed are two copies of letter A/17 Army sub-Commission, ACC Main HQ (2012) Legione (Lecce) to S.M.R.E. Ministry of War, dated 20 June 1944, subject "demobilisation and leave - Italian troops under command of Allied Formations".

Will you please deliver one copy of the above letter to the Comando Supremo for their information. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

L. D. WESSON
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

Lieut. P. Apostolo
Italian Liaison Section
Near HQ ACC

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Subject: demobilisation and leave - Italian
troops under command of Allied Formations.

Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
 Main HQ (MIA)
 LEQUIL (LECCE)
 AQ/17.

20 June 44.

To: S.M.R.E.
 Ministry of War.

1. No Italian officers or other ranks serving in formations or units under command of the Allies will be removed or demobilised until their replacement is on the spot and ready for duty.
2. No leave will be granted without the agreement of the Allied Commander concerned.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Colonel
 for Major General,
 Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

FWJ/h.

Copy to: AAI
 Fifth Army
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 5 Corps
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 1 District
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 Allied Garrison Comd SARDINIA
 HQ 56 Area
 All MIA Liaison Offrs.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

CINC AFHQ ATTN COT, FOR INFO PBS, FATIMA, MMIA, FILPOT ADNAP,
5TH ARMY, CINC AFHQ ATTN MGS, ACTF (AAI PASS TO MMIA)

TO:

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 6/23
FROM: AGS SIGNED WEBSTER
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PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
REFERENCE No: WM 792
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 22 1736 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE..F-728

INTEND TO LOAD ON 23 JUNE ON ITALIAN CRUISER GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI,
ETA DUKO 24 JUNE, FOLLOWING ITALIAN PERSONNEL PRIORITY LIST 7:
PRIORITY 123, FIRST BATTALION (LESS BATTALION QQS?) 414 LABOR REGT,
1297 PERSONNEL, 24 TONS EQUIPMENT; PRIORITY 91, DET BERSAGLIERI
BATTALION, 6 PERSONNEL, 9 TONS EQUIPMENT INCLUDING 24 MOTORCYCLES AND
1 MOTORCYCLE. ALSO ON THE GARIBALDI WILL BE COLONEL SIMMONS, ACC
SARDINIA; 1 AMERICAN ENLISTED MAN (CHAUFFEUR) AND 1 STAFF CAR.

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Subject :- Behaviour of Italian Military.

Tac Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.

5022/CAO.

19. Jun. 44.

H.Q., Allied Control Commission (2)

Reference your CC/C/391 of 12 Jun. 44.

The Commander-in-Chief agrees that the action taken by General Browning was correct.

He wishes it to be made quite clear to the Italian Military Authorities that the ruling given by him against the use of firearms by Italian troops on Allied troops will obtain. He will not tolerate any order by the Italian Military Authorities contrary to this ruling. He requests confirmation that the order issued by General Berardi has been cancelled.

He is not aware that circumstances justify the opening paragraph of General Berardi's order, and he considers, therefore, that it should not be necessary for General Berardi to issue any instruction in substitution for the one which is to be cancelled. On the other hand, he wishes you to assure General Berardi that drastic action will be taken in all cases where misbehaviour by Allied troops towards Italian troops is substantiated.

BHR/cmb

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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20 May 44

Sgt A (Rtd. Robinson)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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18 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Naval Activities in Rome Area, Report of.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. I am at present Flag Officer Liaison with Italian Ministry representing C.inC. and F.O.W.I.T.
2. First objective is to raise necessary officers and men for northern ports and allocate as desired by F.O.W.I.T.
3. Commander Butler is with me representing Commodore Zirotti. General Johnson, Area Commander has informed me that the Caserma Regia Marina-Italian Naval Barracks is required as an American hospital. At a meeting yesterday I pointed out it was our Drafting Centre and if taken would completely disorganise our present plans for the early manning of the ports now urgently required for meeting Army Transport supplies.
4. Owing to the urgency of the needs of the wounded, I agreed that I required therefore alternative accommodation for at least 600 officers and men. This has not yet been found.
5. To ensure that in the future no dislocation should occur and to encourage the Italian personnel, a ruling re: paras. 19-20 of Hq.AAI TOP SECRET letter 66/G(ops) of 3 June 1944, as it appears to me that no planning can be arranged for future administration if operational requirements still override and it is pointed out that manning of the ports is very much an operational requirement.
6. In order to guard against the many authorities that visit the Italian Naval Authorities in the Ministry, I have set up an office there to insure close contact.
7. I have called on General Johnson and Brigadier Sub-Area.

J. Salmer
COMMODORE.

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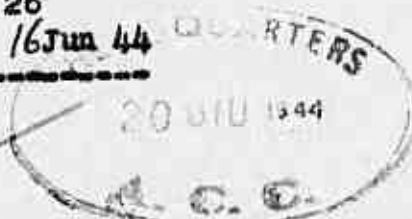
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 SUBJECT:- Italians in ALBANIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
 Main H.Q. (SMIA)
 LEQUILE (LIDCE)
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16 Jun 44

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Copy to:- HQ A.C.C.



1. The attached letter addressed to the British Military Mission in ALBANIA by General AZZI, Comd "FIRENZE" Division and "Mountain Troops Command" is passed to you for your information.

2. General AZZI arrived in ITALY on 11 June.

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Pelley. Cap
 Maj Gen.
 Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Jun 20 44

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Translation

ITALIAN MILITARY COMAND
MOUNTAIN TROOPS

29 February, 1944.

To: Commander of British Military Mission,
STARAVECIA.

In reply to your kind communication of the 27th inst I beg to inform you that I feel it my moral duty to remain in ALBANIA to watch over the interests of the 12,000 officers and men who, as ordered by the Italian Government, I lead into the mountains and who are now forgotten by God and man.

Please convey my decision to the Italian Government.

Cordial greetings and thanks.

Il Generale di Divisione Comandante.

(Signed) ARNALDO AZZI.

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Discussion with Chief Commissioner A.C.C. 16 June 44

(M.M.I.A. matters in hand, June 44)

1. Employment of Italian Army - rearrangement of Area HQ's and I.S. Divs (Item 29)
2. Italian Army prisoners in jails (Item 22)
3. C.C.R.R. Clothing etc (Item 24)
4. Reorganisation of It Central Adm, depots etc. (Item 37)
5. Reduction in officers (Item 33)
6. Rations for certain categories of Italian Army (Item 35)
7. It. AA & CD (Item 38)
8. Visit to 5 Corps - C.I.L. Organisation
9. Morale raising Italian Army - M. of W. circulars
10. Talk to MARIO PALERMO
11. Breaches of postal censorship (Item 34)
12. Harvest labour for FOGGIA
13. Policy re prisoners captured during advance (Item 39)
14. Repair of Italian Army clothing and boots (Item 41)
15. Postal service and leave to ROME for Italian Army (Item 42)
16. Behaviour of Italian military (Item 43) ✓
17. Attitude towards Italians (Item 46) ✓
18. Leave to ROME (Item 47) *not yet*
19. Italian troops and garrison in ROME - talk with OXILIA (Item 48)
20. Comando Supremo - HQ/2 of 13 June.
21. Italian Army Ceiling (Item 49) ✓

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20. *Commando Supremo* - NO/2 of 13 June. ✓
21. Italian Army Ceiling (Item 49) ✓
22. Replacement of ~~NEMBO~~ *Bn* - and incident. ✓

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A/OS 091.711

5 July 1944

6 JUL 1944

Dear Marshal Messe:

Questions have arisen from time to time as to the exact functions now being performed by the Comando Supremo. In order to permit me to deal with such questions satisfactorily, I should be grateful if you would write me a summary of the activities and functions of the Comando Supremo, specifically indicating those which it is required to perform under Italian law.

In reporting on the functions of the Comando Supremo, will you also include those of any attached or subsidiary units such as S.I.M.

Yours very truly,

BERRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc: Army Sub-commission

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Army Suo Commission, AGC
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUITE (LECCCE)
DO/2
13 June 44

HQ AGC APO 394
Rec'd 17 June 44 (after
17 June 44 had
been
seen)

My Dear General

I hope I am not overstepping bounds in writing the following but I know you like me to write frankly to you.

It is about the "Comando Supremo". I think the greatest step forward we could take would be to abolish it. Both my staff and I have come definitely to the opinion that this would be much welcomed by the Ministry of War also. Comando Supremo is the fifth wheel of the coach and numbers no less than 102 officers and 553 O.R.'s as at 10 June. HQ, AAI applied to C.C.S. for an establishment of 4470 all ranks for Comando Supremo, M. of W. and S.M.R.E. combined. The total as at 10 June is 902 above this. Something will have to go, so as to reduce to 4470. The obvious answer is Comando Supremo, particularly as C.C.S. may (probably will, I understand) reduce H.Q., A.A.I.'s figures of establishment.

Moreover, now that the new Civilian Minister of War is Minister of Air also, the Navy is directly under CINCLANT and the Air Force under M.A.A.F., there is no function for Comando Supremo. MARIO PALERMO entirely agrees.

Apart from this, MESSE is constantly butting in and causing difficulties. The case of the ARDITI Air Force Battalion that you scotched and of the CREMONA Div. as Combat troops are cases in point. I have explained ad nauseam to S.M.R.E. and M. of W. the impossibility of producing another Italian Combat Div. They understand the situation and MESSE must have done so too. So he side-tracked M.M.I.A. and went to Gen. ALEXANDER and you direct!

The whole political situation is in a state of flux and it seems to me that now is the golden opportunity to abolish Comando Supremo and have all dealings through one channel, the Civilian Minister - M. of W. or S.M.R.E.

I do hope you can see your way to press for this.

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ministry of War also, Comando Supremo is the fifth wheel of the coach and numbers no less than 102 officers and 553 O.R.'s as at 10 June. HQ, AAI applied to C.C.S. for an establishment of 4470 all ranks for Comando Supremo, M. of W. and S.M.R.E. combined. The total as at 10 June is 902 above this. Something will have to go, so as to reduce to 4470. The obvious answer is Comando Supremo, particularly as C.C.S. may (probably will, I understand) reduce H.Q., A.A.I.'s figures of establishment.

Moreover, now that the new Civilian Minister of War is Minister of Air also, the Navy is directly under CLINCHED and the Air Force under M.A.A.F., there is no function for Comando Supremo. MARIO PALEMMO entirely agrees.

Apart from this, MESSE is constantly butting in and causing difficulties. The case of the ARDITI Air Force Battalion that you scotched and of the CREMONA Div. as Combat troops are cases in point. I have explained ad nauseam to S.M.R.E. and M. of W. the impossibility of producing another Italian Combat Div. They understand the situation and MESSE must have done so too. So he side-tracked M.M.I.A. and went to Gen. ALEXANDER and you direct!

The whole political situation is in a state of flux and it seems to me that now is the golden opportunity to abolish Comando Supremo and have all dealings through one channel, the Civilian Minister - M. of W. or S.M.R.E.

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Yours

Very Sincerely
Langley Browning

P.S. I think the Civilian Minister of War will be much welcomed by the lower ranks of the Army as it portends the breaking of the ring of "generals of the old gang"!

Lieut General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

I Unit - Operations Office

No. 13611

To: General Sir Noel MacFarlane
President of the A.C.C.

Subject: Choice of personnel for P.R.S.

From the Chief of Staff of the Army, I am informed that General MacFarlane, Commander of the P.R.S. in Campania, is to go to Sardinia to accompany General Wilson, Commander of the P.R.S. and to assist him in the choice of the personnel to be transferred to the continent.

General Bassac who left the command of the Armed Forces of Sardinia many months ago cannot be well informed regarding the situation of the island inasmuch as a large number of forces have been taken away after his departure.

The troops on the island are under the orders of General Magli who, with his better knowledge of the situation, could furnish all the necessary information to General Wilson.

The fact remains, however, that the program relative to the transfer of the personnel to the continent was drawn up in common agreement among the Italian Staff, the ACC Sub-Commission of the Army, and the Chief of the Allied Military Mission of Sardinia. Therefore, every direct or one-sided intervention in favor of one of the enti for which the personnel of Sardinia is destined creates a crisis in the execution of the agreed program and harms the other enti (Allied or Italian) which should receive units and complements from Sardinia.

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At any rate, I will be very grateful if you will issue directives so that in the choice of the personnel necessary for P.D.S., no cuts will be made to those divisions ("Granatieri", "Fucilieri", "Pavia") which, on the basis of the program conceded, must be destined for tasks of security in the communication lines and for public order and consequently, must remain intact.

The Marshal of Italy
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
(Giovanni Messe)
/s/ G. Messe

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all signed
Magli

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P.M.135, 12 Giugno 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

AL SIGNOR GENERALE SIR NOEL MAC FARLANE

I Reparto - Uff. Operazioni

PRESIDENTE DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Nº 12611 / Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O: Scelta del personale per la P.B.S.

Dal Capo di S.M. dell'Esercito apprendo che il Generale BASSO - Comandante delle FF.AA. in Campania - dovrebbe recarsi in Sardegna per accompagnarvi il Generale WILSON, comandante della P.B.S. ed asse-
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Il Generale BASSO - che ha lasciato il Comando delle Forze Armate della Sardegna molti mesi orsono - non può essere al corrente della situazione dell'Isola in quanto numerosissime sottrazioni di forze sono state effettuate dopo la sua partenza.

Le truppe dell'Isola sono invece agli ordini del Generale MAGLI il quale potrebbe, con la sua migliore conoscenza della situazione, fornire al Generale WILSON tutte le indicazioni di cui abbisogna.

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ogni intervento diretto ed unilaterale in favore di uno degli ¹¹enti cui
il personale della Sardegna è destinato determina una crisi nell'esecu-
zione del programma concordato e danneggia gli altri enti (alleati e
italiani) che devono ricevere reparti o complementi dalla Sardegna.

Sarebbe pertanto desiderabile che venisse evitato il diretto
intervento del Generale WILSON nella scelta del personale destinato al-

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la P.B.S.; comunque sarebbe utile - nell'interesse complessivo - che il Generale WILSON facesse direttamente capo all'attuale Comandante Militare della Sardegna, Generale MAGLI, che meglio del Generale BASSO conosce il programma concordato con la Sottocommissione dell'A.C.C. ed è perfettamente al corrente della situazione del personale esistente in Sardegna e del previsto impiego di esso.

Ad ogni modo sarò vivamente grato se Ella vorrà impartire direttive perchè nella scelta del personale necessario alla P.B.S. non venga no intaccate quelle divisioni ("Cremona" - "Friuli" - "Bari") che, in base al programma concordato, dovranno essere destinate a compiti di sicurezza delle linee di comunicazione e di ordine pubblico e devono pertanto mantenere integra la loro efficienza.



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

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Ref. CO/G/379.

10th. June. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
LEQUIL.

- Folio 256*
1. Reference Marshal Messe's letter No. 13492/OP of 6th. June regarding speeding up of internal troops for Sicily.
 2. I understand that you have already had a copy of this. Please take the matter up with A.A.I. and ask A.A.I. to press for the necessary shipping facilities if they can be made available.
 3. I am taking up the question verbally myself with Chief of General Staff, A.A.I..

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General. 1098
Chief Commissioner.

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Note for the Chief Commissioner.

Reference attached letter 1349/OP, dated 6 June, from Marshall Messe.

1. I understand from Col. Spicer, that Gen Macfarlane knows of the conditions to which Para. 3 refers.
2. I have spoken with Hq. MMIA, who state the question is purely one of shipping. Gen Macfarlane knows the position.
3. A similar letter to the attached has been received by MMIA from SMRE., and MMIA are dealing with the question.

8 June '44
no further action
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D.A. Campbell Lt Col
Army Sub Commission 1097

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SUPREME COMMAND

PM 135 6 June 44

File No. 13492/CP

TO:- A.C.C.

SUBJECT:* TRANSFER OF A SECOND DIVISION TO SICILY

1. Refer to files:-

10371 dated 15 Jan from Supreme Command to ACC
 G/6/1/29 dated 23 Mar from Army SC, ACC, to Gen. Berardi,
 Chief of Staff, Royal Army, sent to me for information.

2. The first letter stated the necessity of sending to Sicily, especially to maintain public order, for which the "SABAUDA" Division alone is not sufficient, another infantry division from Sardinia.

The second letter from Army SC foresaw the establishment of an Army Corps, the "SABAUDA" Division and another division from among those in Sardinia at present.

3. According to information from the Minister of the Interior, public order on the Island gives rise to ever-increasing anxiety. Grave agitations begin to be noticed and serious manifestations have occurred in SICATA, REGALBUTO and S. CATERINA VILLARMOSA.

Criminals roam the countryside, sometimes operating in gangs up to 100 members.

It is my opinion that it is necessary to hasten, if possible sending into SICILY the second division already proposed for the Island, the 226th Division, now in Sardinia.

I therefore submit the matter to the Commission, that it may, even in the midst of many urgent matters of the moment, do its best to speed up the transfer of said 226th Division to SICILY.

MARSHAL OF ITALY
 CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
 (GIOVANNI MESSE)
 /s/ G. Messe

8 June 44.
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COMANDO SUPREMO

I Reparto - Uff. Operazioni

N° 13492 / Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Trasferimento in Sicilia di una seconda divisione.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

P.M. 135, 6 giugno 1944

1°) - Mi riferisco ai fogli:

10371 del 15 gennaio c.a. di questo Comando Supremo diretto a code=
sta Commissione;

G/6/1/29 del 23 marzo c.a. della Sottocommissione Esercito di code=
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2°) - Con il primo rappresentavo la necessità che fosse inviata in Sicilia,
specie per il mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico, per il quale non è suf-
ficiente la sola divisione "Sabauda", un'altra divisione di fanteria
da trarre dalla Sardegna.

Con il secondo dei fogli a riferimento la Sottocommissione Esercito
prevedeva per la Sicilia un Comando di C.A., la div. "Sabauda", ed
un'altra divisione, di quelle attualmente in Sardegna.

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me manifestazioni si sono avute a Licata, Regalbuto e Santa Caterina
Villarmosa.

Per le campagne si aggirano malviventi, che talvolta agiscono in nuclei
che raggiungono il centinaio.

Riterrei pertanto molto necessario affrettare, se possibile, l'in-
vio in Sicilia della seconda divisione prevista per l'Isola, cioè la 226^a
divisione, attualmente in Sardegna.

Rappresento quindi la questione a codesta Commissione affinché voglia, pur in mezzo ai molti problemi che urgono in questi momenti, fare quanto è possibile per affrettare il trasferimento della citata 226^a divisione in Sicilia.



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

G. Messe

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UFFICIO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)
G. Messe



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ARMY SUB COMMISSION, AGC
Main Bn. (MIA)
Lequile (Lecco)
DC/2

2 June 44

My Dear *General*

Ref. our conversation yesterday:-

1. Herewith:-

- (a) my G/5/1 dated 16 May on the matter of rearrangement of Area M.O's, I.S. Divs. etc.

This, presumably, will have to be considered from the point of view of new Districts, ARHE garrison etc. It is an endeavour to plan the broad framework ahead.

- (b) my G/5/1 dated 28 May on the matter of reducing Italian Central Administration to the figure of 450/0 proposed by Gen. ALEXANDER to C.C.S.

The Italians are going to have a squeeze to do all their central administration within the figure of 450/0 up to the PISA - RIMINI line. Therefore, they must use civilians, as we do. There is one great possible saving for them viz. Comando Supremo, strength, as per returns, 71 officers and 512 men. We deal direct with M. of W. and C.C.S. The Comando Supremo (as MARIO PALERMO has said) does not command the Italian Navy or Air Force, and is redundant - in fact, at times, a nuisance! I would advise its abolition forthwith.

For the simplest "Set up" would be to have a civilian Minister of War (PALERMO) with a General as Under Secretary. All matters could then flow through that channel.

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2. I will send you copies of important letters, such as the above, to keep you in the picture. I think you would like this, even at the risk of overburdening you with paper, which I have been loath to do!

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Yours Very Sincerely

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Answer 64
Langley 76

Lt. Gen. Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
K.C.B., C.C.C., M.C.
Chief Commissioner, S.C.C.

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Subject: RESTRUCTURE OF MILITARY

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1. In your 1055/50/1/4/1 dated 3 Nov you proposed in App "Y" a certain distribution of Internal Security Div. This, of course, is still subject to approval by C.C.S.

2. I have been going into all this question recently and would like to state my view on possibilities for the future.

3. We must consider the future layout right up to the 1960 - 1970 time, not only of the Internal Security Div., but also of the Italian Army. These latter (C.C.S.) can also in 1960 will control all Italian troops in their area, such as Egypt, Afghanistan, etc., Italian Military Districts, French camps etc. etc. The general administrative set-up to provide troops for the Allies and to maintain the connection for the Italian Army. These must continue.

4. According to App "Y" to your letter of 3 Apr, two existing Corps I.L. in become relevant. It is proposed to utilize them on the basis of two Area I.L. is still to be set up, and to give each the end of our Internal Security Div, in addition to their territorial duties.

5. Attached Appendix "A" shows, in tabular form, present proposals and my new suggestions, to be implemented as occasion demands.

6. As you will give your approval in principle, it would help I.L. of C.C.S. and as to plan ahead, and would prevent one Italian Division being moved to SOUTH AFRICA and then having to move it again to North of ITALY. However, my new suggestions are controversial, in that they allow the Internal Security Corps I.L. and Area I.L. being combined in one I.L., thus reducing a single bilateral layout.

6. According to App "2" to your letter of 1 Apr, two existing Corps I.L. are being reorganized. It is proposed to utilize these on the basis of two Area I.L.s still to be set up, and to give each the credit of one Internal Security Div, in addition to their territorial duties.

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Adj Gen
Army and Corps, AGU

Copy to: Chief Commissioner A.C.C. ✓

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Appendix "A" to NSA letter 6/6/4 of
NSA New Significance
(to be implemented as occasion demands).

1. ITALY

- (a) NAPLES and South
One Corps HQ
Two Internal Security Divs
Three Area HQs ⑤

- (b) North of NAPLES
One Corps HQ
Three Internal Security Divs

2. SICILY

- One Corps HQ
Three Internal Security Divs

3. SARDINIA

- One Corps HQ
Two Internal Security Divs

1. ITALY

- (a) NAPLES and South
1 Area HQ CALABRIA ①
One Internal Security Div
11 Area HQ APULIA ②
One Internal Security Div
111 Area HQ CANTABRIA
One Internal Security Div

- (b) North of NAPLES
1 Western Corps HQ ROM ③
Two Internal Security Divs
12 Eastern Corps HQ FIVERRA ④
One Internal Security Div

SICILY

- One Corps HQ
Two Internal Security Divs

SARDINIA

- One Corps HQ
Two Internal Security Divs

- ① To be formed from XXXI Corps HQ.
- ② To be formed from IX Corps HQ.
- ③ One Corps HQ and one div required in the densely populated region of ROM; a second div for to the North.
- ④ One Corps HQ required for Adriatic Sector with one div for regions between PUGLIA and ROM.
- ⑤ Included in Appx "A" to your letter of 3 Apr under "4" (static formations).

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Appendix "A" to NSA Letter 9/6/5 of NSA 44 SECRET

NSA New Suggestions
(to be implemented as occasion demands).

Possible
Designations

Present
Locations

1. ITALY

(a) NAUVE and South

- 1 Area HQ CALABRIA ①
One Internal Security Div
11 Area HQ APULIA ②
One Internal Security Div
111 Area HQ SARDINIA
One Internal Security Div

NAUVE Div

CALABRIA

PEOPLE Div

APULIA

BOM Div

SARDINIA

(b) North of NAUVE

- 1 Western Corps HQ ROMA ③
Two Internal Security Divs
11 Eastern Corps HQ FIRENZE ④
One Internal Security Div

VII Corps
GRANATIERI Div
MILITARI "

SARDINIA

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LI Corps
GRANATIERI Div

APULIA

SARDINIA

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- One Corps HQ
Two Internal Security Divs

KXI Corps
SARDINIA Div
206 Div

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- One Corps HQ
Two Internal Security Divs

XIII Corps
CALABRIA Div
204 Div

SARDINIA

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most populated region of ITALY; a second div for this Corps required eventually for regions
and one div for regions between PUGLIA and NAUVE.
under "A" (static formations).

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Administration.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
 Main HQ (MELA)
 LEQUILE (LECCE)
 G/6/1
 28 May 44.

H.E. General Orlando, Minister of War
 H.E. General Berardi, Chief of Staff,

1. The Commander in Chief has recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff certain personnel to be used for Italian Army administration. While no decision has been received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, it is believed that certain aspects of Italian Army administration should be examined in order that any decision can be implemented without delay.
2. Attention is invited to the fact that the present personnel shown on strength states as employed by the Italian Army for administration is (as of Apr 25) 5,756 officers and 52,861 men, a total of 58,617. This figure does not include some 3,500 officers and men in transit camps awaiting assignment. The total figure of Italian Army personnel recommended to the Combined Chiefs of Staff is 45,870. It must be understood that this is a maximum figure, and is subject to review and readjustment in order to effect all possible economy of man-power used for this purpose.
3. In order to make effective plans, and to fill the urgent needs of the Allies for Italian Army personnel for the Allied programme, the entire matter of Italian Army administration should be considered. Without prejudice to any decision by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in regard to this matter, every effort must be taken at this time to effect economy of man-power.
4. It will be noted that a large part of the clerical work in Army administration in the War Office and the War Department is performed by civilians. Any plan or proposal should include the maximum use of civilian employees to perform administrative work in the Italian Army. This applies principally to labour in Depots, documentation and administration of personnel which can be performed by civilians under army supervision.
5. It is well understood that the figures given in para 2 above include certain Italian military personnel confined in hospitals, and in jails. The personnel in jails has been discussed in a previous communication, and prompt action on your part will therefore take care of that category.
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6. It appears that the functions of area headquarters, district headquarters, depots, transit camps, and services can be rearranged and consolidated in order to reduce the number of people employed.
7. It is desired that you study the entire problem and submit proposals covering the entire subject for the Mainland, and the Islands.
8. Your proposals should include the location, function, personnel requirements (Military and civilian) and the organisation of each establishment. **1099**
9. Please let me have your proposals within two weeks.

ABC..

Sgd: L. BROWNING.
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Officer Strength in Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
REDAZIONE (MIA)
G/6/1

2 June 44.

To: M.E. General ULLINO, Minister for War.
M.E. General ENRIKO, Chief of Staff.

1. I am pleased to note that a reduction of surplus officer personnel has been made between 1 April and 15 May. This reduction, according to the strength returns submitted by you, amounts to 105% officers.
2. Considering the large surplus of officers remaining in the Army, it appears, however, that the program should be accelerated.
3. Reports have reached the Headquarters that a large number of officers are assigned to depots, just waiting for assignment or orders, and that these officers, having no responsibility or work to do, are discontented. It has also been reported that some few such officers have been dreaming up conspiracies against the present Italian Government. You will agree that idle hands and minds breed idle thoughts. I am told that there are about a hundred such officers in CALABRIA alone.
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5. It is also desired that you advise me the exact number of officers, by grade, now on the active rolls of the Army, who are not assigned to a particular position of trust and responsibility within your War establishment. This applies to all officers held on depot strength above the actual and necessary assigned overhead of the depot, as well as all officers now carried on the active rolls of the Army who are absent with leave for any cause, performing duty other than military duty, or absent without leave.
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V. Brown

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

(Copy for Chief of Staff)

Subject: Officer Strength of Italian Army

From: Stato Maggiore R. Esercito Ref: M.4086/Mob di prot
To: M.M.E.A. Date: 18 May 44

Your G/6/1/42 of 23 Apr 44.

I agree with the necessity to reduce the number of officers.

This reduction has, in effect, been going on for sometime. From January till the end of March 3,400 officers were removed, 1,100 more in April. Your Signal refers to the time up to the end of March.

When this prospectus is approved by Washington, we shall be able to fix definite reductions. The reckoning is underway, based on the proper policy as indicated by the Sub Commission by adopting different percentages according to the varied units. Further, it would be well to agree on certain fixed percentages for small units as well in order that the scheme may work out well.

Once the programme and plan are agreed the rapid elimination of excess numbers will be rapidly carried out.

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Subject:- Officer Strength of Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, ASC
Main B. (MMA)
Leguille (Lecco)
B/S/1
23 Apr 44

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

Copy to:- Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.
A.A.I. for General Leguille

1. According to your strength state of 1 Apr 44, the number of officers in the Italian Army is 21203 and the number of other ranks is 317522. Therefore there is one officer for each 15 men.
2. The approved organization of the Internal Security Divisions (PICO) 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 organization 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.

(Sd) I. Browning

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Major Gen
Army Sub Comm, ASC

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Maj Gen
ARMY SUB COM, ACO

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BARI.

TOP SECRET.

DO/WABB/20.

29 May 0910 28th May 1944.
DFE

My dear General,

I am attaching a copy of a note which I have sent to Air Marshal Sir John Linnell recalling General Piacentini's reactions to what I told him about his future position and the re-equipment and re-organisation of the Italian Air Force. ✓

Of course I did not tell him that he was going to be Minister, and while he may guess this, I think that he only expects to be turned into some kind of over-Lord of the Italian Air Force, and to remain apart from politics. ✓

I may have given the impression in the note that General Piacentini is more concerned with his personal reputation in the I.A.F. than anything else. This is ~~not~~ ^{not} he merely feels ^{that} any advancement which he may receive may be misunderstood, and may result in the lowering of morale in the I.A.F. ✓

Unfortunately it is too late now to do anything about another Minister leaving General Piacentini free to run the practical side of the I.A.F., but provided we do not lose him with ~~the~~ change of Government, and providing he does not become politically minded, I think he will do the job very well. ✓

Yours sincerely,

W. E. Brown-Bennett.

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

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Note for Air Marshal Sir John Linnell by Air Vice-Marshal
Bowen-Juscarlet, on conversation with General Piacentini
on 26th May 1944.

29 May 0910
DFE

1. I told General Piacentini that I hoped that within a few days he would be in a far better position to organise the I.A.F. in a manner which would make it efficient, and that he would be able to get rid of the dead-wood and "go-slow" element in the Italian Air Ministry. Following this I outlined the proposals for re-organising the Italian Air Force, and re-equipping certain squadrons with Allied types of aircraft. ✓
2. After nearly 24 hours he asked my P.S.O. to visit him, and said that he wished to make some comments on my proposals, and that he felt that these would be made better in Italian because he could express himself more freely, and asked my P.S.O. to pass what he had to say on to me. ✓
3. While appreciating our confidence in him, he felt that by accepting a higher position in the Italian Air Force he might be accused by the Air Force of furthering his own interests. He had always kept in most intimate touch with his Units, and particularly with the operational side, and he felt that with the assistance of A.V.-M Foster and myself, he had been responsible to a great extent for the maintenance of the morale of the Italian Air Force.
4. Under the new scheme the Italian Command was going to lose the operational control of the Squadrons and this would at once become apparent to the personnel in the Squadrons. He felt that even though they appreciated the necessity for this, they might consider that he had sacrificed the operational control of the I.A.F. in order to better his own position. His own opinion was that the operational control of the Squadrons by the Allies was a necessity, but he was rather afraid of the consequences if this took place simultaneously with his change of status.
5. He also referred to the Prime Minister's speech which he said had been read eagerly by the whole Italian Air Force.
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7. With regard to General Piacentini's position vis-a-vis the Italian Air Force, I am inclined to sympathise with him, and if the Government had not already made their decision to replace Sandalli by Piacentini, and should ~~have made~~ strong representations that somebody else should be found to take over the political end of the job, and that Piacentini should be kept as a sort of Chief of the I.A.F. over the C.A.S. and the A.&S.O. Probably the difficulty in this respect lies in the fact that they have no-one who could take on the job of Minister. Provided that Piacentini does not become involved in politics, and has the same amount of time away from Government Circles that Sandalli seemed to be able to take, I think that by personal visits to his Units (which Sandalli often undertook), he should be able to dispel any doubts as to his integrity.

8. The General appeared extremely pleased with our proposals, and assured me again and again that he would take every step to clear the "go-slow" element from the Air Ministry, and would make it his personal business to see that the re-equipment went on quickly and smoothly.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet

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

Air Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C.C. 28th May 1944.

For despatch by D.N. ✓

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015SUBJECT:- Employment of NEMBO DivSECRETHEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/1/G(SD1)

/5 May 44

HQ ACC, APO 394

Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 16 May 1900

By *[Signature]*

HQ ACC

In reply to your CC/G/291 of 13 May 44.

We are most anxious to have another Italian regt to take over a defensive sector on Eighth Army front so we have fixed up a regt of Nembo Div with the odds and ends it needs for that task and are sending it to Eighth Army.

This is a temporary arrangement to help out Eighth Army in the present battle, and the question of comd and grouping must rest with Eighth Army. As soon as the operational situation permits we will extract the Italian troops from the line and reorganise them properly. At present we are too fully occupied to do so.

I should be most grateful if you could explain the position on these lines to Marshal Messe, and temporise with him over the 14100 bugbear until we have a suitable opportunity to sort the whole matter out.

HEADQUARTERS

16 MAG 1944

A. C. C.

*[Signature]*Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.Copy to:- Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC,
Director, Air Sub-Commission.

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Ref. CC/G/291.

13th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

1. Marshal Messe brought up on Thursday last the question of the employment of the Nambu Division.

The inclusion of the Nambu Division in the C.I.L. would naturally bring the strength of the C.I.L. considerably above the ceiling of 14,100.

Messe hoped, however, that the whole Nambu Division might be kept intact and armed and equipped for combat. This would ensure a permanent and efficient first reserve for C.I.L. and would enable units and formations of C.I.L. to be relieved in the line as necessary for rest or other purposes while not exceeding the permitted ceiling in the line.

2. Should this arrangement be permitted, Messe was most anxious that both C.I.L. in the line and its first reserves should be under the command of one General Officer. He was prepared to nominate General Utile for this appointment in which case in addition to commanding C.I.L. in the line he would also have under his command its first reserves. Alternatively, he was prepared to appoint a General senior to General Utile to the appointment leaving Utile in command of C.I.L. in the line only.

I told him that I would refer both his requests and that he would be given an answer in due course. As regards command, I told him that there could be no question of interposing operationally another Italian Commander between an Allied Army ~~the~~ Corps Commander and the Commander of C.I.L. in the line.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

COPY TO: Maj or-General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC,
Director, Air Sub-Commission.

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Ref. CC/1/392.

12th. June, 1944.

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Thank you for your C/6/1 of 6th. June.

I agree that if approached you should advise against Marshal Messe's proposal.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC,
DIRECTOR, ARMY SUB-COMMISSION,
LEQUILE.

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RATION RETURN

UNIT _____ DATE _____

PBS _____ ARMY _____ AIR CORPS _____ OTHERS 81

ACTUAL NUMBER U.S. PERSONNEL (As shown on I/R) _____

ACTUAL RATIONS REQUIRED U. S. PERSONNEL _____

ACTUAL NUMBER U.S. NAVY, COAST GUARD AND MERCHANT MARINE _____

ACTUAL RATIONS REQUIRED U.S. NAVY, COAST GUARD and MERCHANT MARINE _____

ACTUAL NUMBER BRITISH TROOPS (Including RAF and ROYAL NAVY) _____

ACTUAL NUMBER FRENCH TROOPS _____

ACTUAL NUMBER DOGLEN TROOPS _____

NATIVE LABOR --
(include ITALIAN CIVILIANS, 3 MEN, on ITALIAN RATION SCALE.) _____

(include ITALIAN CIVILIANS, 1 MEN per PHS CIRCULAR #24) _____

P. O. W. _____

CIVILIANS and ALL OTHERS NOT INCLUDED ABOVE _____

ITALIAN TROOPS (for 2 oz. Meat Ration Only) _____

(Signature)

(Rank)

NOTE - UNITS DRAWING FOR MORE THAN ONE UNIT MUST INCLUDE ALL UNITS AND STRENGTH FOR EACH UNIT ON BACK OF THIS RETURN.

AIR CORPS SQUAD CREWS _____

HOSPITAL PATIENTS _____

Feb/29/44

RATIONS WILL BE DRAWN FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY.

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Ref. CC/C/388.

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12th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Army sub-Commission, A.C.C.
LEQUITE

1. Will you please arrange with Italian General Staff to send a small Italian military commission, including Naval, and Air representatives, to Rome to "vet" the many Italian officers and other ranks now in the city and desirous of joining their appropriate services. An officer of your Sub-commission should accompany the commission.
2. I have discussed this with Marshal Messe and arrangements will have to be made to evacuate all personnel found suitable to Italian base establishments for incorporation.
3. Please make arrangements direct through AAI for the provision of any accommodation required in Rome by the commission.
4. A.A.I. have approved.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

Copies Army S/C, Salerno

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:: Date - Time 15 Jun 1025 ::
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HQ ACC, AND 374
13 June 1944
By *[Signature]*

From: Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Euscarlet,
CBE.DFC.
Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission, Bari.

14th June, 1944.

Ref: 601/1/Eq.

My Dear General,

I have received your letter saying that in your opinion my only course is to take the matter of I.A.F. rations up with Air Marshal Sir John Slessor.

I have also had a letter in reply to the one which I wrote to A.V.M. McEntegart on the subject, a copy of which I attached to my last letter to you. This letter says that my only course is to take the matter up with the A.C.C. I have returned to the charge, and attach a copy of my letter to MAAF.

I must apologise for troubling you at a time when I know you must be desperately busy.

I should like to have a short talk with you in Naples on June 14th or if you are not there, in Rome on June 15th. Should you be returning to Naples on June 14th I will delay my departure to Rome until I have seen you.

Yours, sincerely,
William Euscarlet

General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, K.C.B., D.S.O. M.C.
A.C.C. H.Q. Naples.

No answer

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From Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, CBE, DFC,
Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission, Bari.

Ref: 601/1/Eq.

11th June, 1944.

Dear

With reference to your DO letter to me 1507/4 of 8th June 1944.
At the risk of becoming tedious to you I feel that I must return to the change over
the question of the new Ration Scale.

2. We are about to use the Italian Air Force in an offensive
role to a far greater extent than it has been used heretofore. The maintenance
of its efficiency and morale must therefore be of the greatest interest to your
Headquarters, and I do feel that we ought to have your backing in an attempt to
put this question of rations on a proper footing.

3. At the moment the morale of the I.A.F. is pretty severely
shaken. You must realise that, unlike ourselves, they are extremely sensitive
to political developments, and it would take years of education to rid them of
this peculiar trait.

4. The factors affecting their morale at the moment are:-
(1) The departure of Marshal Badoglio from the Government.
He was liked and trusted by the Italian Armed Forces.

(ii) The alteration of the Oath of Allegiance of the Government.
Formerly it was an oath of loyalty to the dynasty, now it is loyalty to
Italy. The I.A.F. in particular is intensely royalist.

(iii) The combination in one office of the Minister of War and
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we were to come under the Army. It may well be that the nomination of
definite Under-Secretaries for Navy, Army and Air Force, and possible future
pronouncements as to policy may do something to allay the fears of the I.A.F.
But I can assure you that the above is the present feeling of the Regia
Aeronautica on this subject.

5. If and when we announce the new ration scales to the I.A.F.,
there is no doubt at all that it will have a most serious effect on morale,
particularly when added to the other factors.

6. The factors I have mentioned in para 4 above are, of course,
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7. With regard to the question of rations, for some time we had known that there would probably be a recommendation that all the Italian Armed Forces should be put onto the same scale of rations, but it was on the understanding that this would be a scale in most respects similar to the old A or Combat scale. The new scale is, in many respects inferior even to the old B scale, in particular the dried peas or beans are not suited to Italian tastes and are very difficult to cook properly. The Joz of macaroni is excellent of course, but does not compensate for the lack of variety and sparseness of the rest of the ration. I had no intention of differentiating between the Air Force and Army, and I quite agree that the matter affects all the Italian Military Forces.

8. I do, however, think that we must take into consideration the actual work which is being done by the Army or Air Force personnel concerned. Had the new ration been approximately equal to the old "A" scale, I should have had no complaint, but I do think it is unreasonable to expect men who are doing manual labour in the open to have to subsist on the same scale as those who are doing more or less sedentary work. I cannot imagine that the Commander of the Italian land forces now actually fighting in the line will accept the reduced

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scale, and without casting any aspersions on the Italian Army, I am quite sure that the I.A.F. have a far greater percentage of men actively and usefully employed in support of the Allied war effort, than the Italian Army.

9. Quite apart from the above is the question of the ration for aircrew actually engaged on active operations. I have discussed this at length with you, Air Marshal Sir John Linnell and various Army Officers at A.A.I., and there has been general agreement that we must give them something approximating to our scale of rations. I was able to say that aircrew doing a sortie in the morning had to go out with nothing more than a cup of coffee inside them, now the new ration even does away with the coffee.

I regard this question as being of the very utmost importance and must continue to press for this as strongly as I possibly can.

With the re-equipment by Allied types of aircraft, the I.A.F. will shortly be operating at a very much increased tempo, and will be carrying out exactly the same work as other Allied Units based on the same airfields. It is most unreasonable that there should be any great discrepancy between the Italian ration scales and those of other Units.

10. You will see from the HQ. WAAF (near) letter S/7179/4/55 of 30th May 1944, para 2 (e), that certain provisions are made for an increase if the Theatre Commander considers it desirable. It seems to me that, to some extent at any rate, the onus of any increase is thrown on the Military Commander rather than on the A.C.C. I shall, however, take it up at once with them as suggested by you in your letter, as a matter of fact I had already done so. I think that probably Air Marshal Linnell would like to see this letter, particularly paras 2 to 5, so I enclose a spare copy. I shall probably have to discuss this with him on my next visit to M.A.A.F., which I think will be on 14th June.

Yours,

W. G. S. Bennett

A.V.M. B. McEntegart, C.B., C.B.E.
H.Q. M.A.A.F.

Copy to: General Mason MacFarlane.
HQ. WAAF

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H.Q. M.A.A.F.

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HQ. MAAF.
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P.S. Since writing the above I have heard from General Mason MacFarlane who says that as far as he can see it the only course open to me is to take the matter up with Air Marshal Slessof. This seems to put the ball back in your court again.

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SUBJECT: Italian Military Commission

TO : Hq Allied Control Commission HQ ACC, APO 394 16/1/G(Ops)

Ref CC/G/385 dated 10 June.

1. Your proposal has been considered and it is agreed that the Italian Military Commission with a representative of MMIA be sent to Rome for the purpose you outline.

11 June 44
VLO/ab

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

HQ ACC, APO 394 16/1/G(Ops)

Rec'd 12 June 1960
By [Signature]

H. H. Harbord
To Lieut-General
Chief of General Staff.

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Ref. CC/G/385.

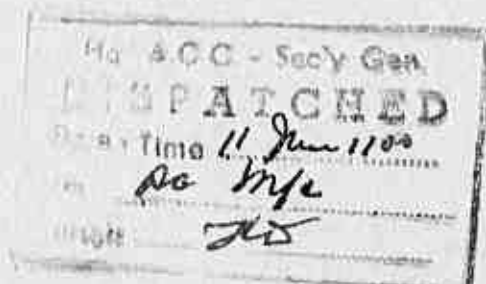
10th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

- Italian*
1. There are reported to be several thousand officers and numerous soldiers in Rome who are most anxious to join the Italian Army.
 2. If you agree I would propose sending a small Italian military commission with a representative of M.M.I.A. to Rome to "vet" them and to arrange for sending back acceptable personnel to Italian depots South of Rome.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General?
Chief Commissioner.



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Ref. CC/P/381.

10th. June, 1944.

Reference your D.O. letter No. AFSC/601/1/EQ of 6th. June.

2. I agree with you that it is very unfortunate that a reduction in the ration of your fighting people should be taking place.
3. The letter from M.A.A.F. seems to be a difficult hurdle to surmount.
4. I suggest that the only course open to you is to interest Air Chief Marshal Slessor or some other senior Air Force Officer in the question and get him to fight it with A.F.H.Q..

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Mr. E.C.C. - Sec'y Gen.
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Re Time <i>11 June 1100</i>
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C O P Y

HQ ACC APO 394
Secy Gen
Rec'd 24 June 1430FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BARIVS 1470
1 JUL 1944TO: HEADQUARTERS, M.A.A.F., C.M.F.
COPY TO : HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, CMF

DATE: 21 June 1944

REF: 11/AIR/

With reference to my letter 11/AIR of the 5th June 1944 addressed to H. Q. Allied Control Commission, I have now received a reply from General Mason MacFarlane to the effect that he has no objection to the competitive examinations being held, nor to the continuance of courses at the Cadet College.

2. On the other hand he points out that a question of higher policy is involved as the continuance of the Cadet College would certainly give the impression that the Allies contemplated allowing Italy to possess an Air Force after the war. He suggests that you take it up with the S.A.C. at A.F.H.Q.

/s/ W.A.B. BOWEN-BUSCARLET

AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Ref. CC/G/371.

10th. June, 1944.

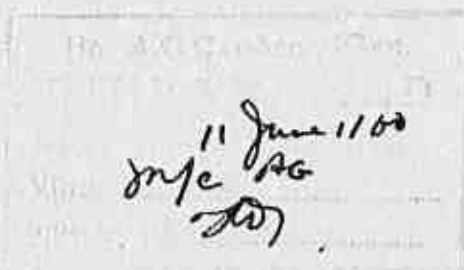
MEMORANDUM:

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

Your No. 11/AIR of 5th. June.

1. As far as the A.C.C. is concerned there is no objection to the proposal in your Para 1..
2. Neither is there any control objection to the continuance of courses at the Cadet College.
3. On the other hand a question of higher policy is involved as the continuance of this Cadet College would certainly give the impression that the Allies contemplated allowing Italy to possess an Air Force after the war. As far as I know no decision on this question has yet been taken.
4. I suggest, therefore, that this is a question for M.A.A.F. to take up with the S.A.C. at A.F.H.Q..

NORL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.



Copy of 12 June

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
E.A.R.

TO: - HEAD-QUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, C.M.F. ✓
COPY: - HEAD-QUARTERS I.A.A.F. C.I.F.
COPY: - MINISTERIO.

DATE: - 5th June 1944.

REF: - 11/AIR.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE CADET COLLEGE - BRINDISI.

I have been approached by the Italian Air Ministry for permission to be given for competition examinations to be held for the entry of a new batch of cadets into the Italian Air Force Cadet College at Brindisi.

2. The school was formed at the time of the Armistice, and was made up of 15/20 pupils (now full Officers) who escaped from Caserta, where the college was situated at that time. These pupils had finished their course and were ready to begin practice flying. As this was not possible the graduates were dispersed among various Italian Air Force Units in occupied Italy. It seems to be the intention to reassemble these graduates at Leverano for flying training - when opportunity offers. From the above it will be seen that no flying is done at the college at the moment.

3. The present number of pupils is :-

Course 1	-	1
Course 2	-	35
Course 3	-	38

The 55 pupils of Course 2, having taken their final examinations, are to be dispersed among I.A.F. Units.

4. The intention is to admit 25 pupils for the next course and 10 pupils for the succeeding course.

5. I have been unable to find any policy laid down for this institution, but presume that permission must have been given for it to continue its activities by the Allied Control Commission.

8 June 1944
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Course 3	-	38

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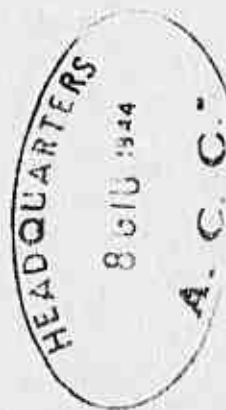
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5. I have been unable to find any policy laid down for the institution, but presume that permission must have been given for it to continue its activities by the Allied Control Commission.

6. It is requested that I may be informed as to whether there is any objection to these examinations being held, which would imply also that if permission is given, we would also agree to the continuance of the courses at the Cadet College.

7. In so far as this Sub-Commission is concerned, it is recommended, that permission should be given.

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W. B. B. B. B. B.

M.A.D. DOWEN-BUSCARLEN,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Ref. CC/G/379.

10th. June. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.,
LEQUILE.

1. Reference Marshal Messe's letter No. 13492/OP of 6th. June regarding speeding up of internal troops for Sicily.
2. I understand that you have already had a copy of this. Please take the matter up with A.A.I. and ask A.A.I. to press for the necessary shipping facilities if they can be made available.
3. I am taking up the question verbally myself with Chief of General Staff, A.A.I..

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Hd ACC - Sec'y Gen. DISPATCHED Date: 11 June 11 00 Via: Adm. Sec. Initials: JS
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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
 REAR H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Transfer of a Division to SICILY

ASC/18/12

TO : Secretary General, H.Q. A.C.C.

13 June 1944

- 13492 → 1. Ref my note to Chief Commissioner (re letter 1349/OP dated 6 June 1944, from Marshal Messe).
2. I attach copy of IMIA reply to S.M.R.E. on the same question.

15 June 1944
 By *J.A.C.*

J.A.Campbell

J.A. CAMPBELL,
 Lt. Colonel,
 Army Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
 14 JUNE 1944
 A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Transfer of a Division to SICILY

Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MHA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/25
10 June 1944

S.M.R.E.

Copy to:- AAI (for G(SD))
Adv HQ SALERNO
MHA LO c/o IBS SICILY

Ref your 6105/OP of 6 June subject as above.

1. The HQ of Allied Armies in ITALY are fully aware of the Internal Security situation in SICILY. In addition to the reports which have been forwarded by this sub commission, the Commander in Chief is directly represented there by the General Officer Commanding No 1 District and the Commanding General of I.B.S.
2. It must be assumed therefore that another Division from SARDINIA will only be shipped there earlier than is at present planned if it is considered necessary.
3. On the basis of present availability of shipping it appears unlikely that shipment will be effected before the end of July.

(SND)

Colonel,
for Maj Gen,
Army Sub-Comm A.C.C.

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DSN 352
13 JUN 1944

LEWS/hjp

DCC 091.711

13 June 1944

Dear General Infante:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 41161/B/PM of 7 June, reference "Enlistment of Italians in the French Foreign Legion".

Action by this Commission is being withheld pending receipt of further information as indicated by the last paragraph of your letter.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE *ES*
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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TRANSLATION

DSJ 1116
13 JUN 1944

SUPREME COMMAND

Unit I - Information Office
"Bonsignore" Section

Prot. No. 41161/B/PM

PM.135 7 June 1944

SUBJECT: Enlistment of Italians in the French Foreign Legion.

TO: Allied Control Commission,
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner.

With reference to letter DCC 091.711 dated 28 May 1944 from the Allied Control Commission, I can now inform you, pending further information, of the following:

1) Recruiting for the French Foreign Legion has occurred particularly in Campania and in Puglia, insofar as it has concerned soldiers belonging to the Royal Army.

It happens that the center for the instruction and organization of soldiers sworn into the Foreign Legion is located in Bagnoli on the premises formerly belonging to the now defunct Fascist district group "Casare Battisti". The recruiting office can be found in Bagnoli, and is probably located next to the Cumana railroad.

Two Italian soldiers have had occasion to report to their respective headquarters that they were approached by ranking soldiers of the French army who offered them enlistment in the Foreign Legion with compensation of 120 lire per day. Of the two, one enlisted. When, with the 150 Italian soldiers, he was about to be transferred to Bari, he jumped from the automobile in which he had taken a seat and presented himself before his proper commander to relate the facts of the case.

2) Concerning the parent unit of the Italian soldiers who left Naples on 15 May 1944 and their new destination in Bari, I shall undertake to give a fuller report as soon as further information is available.

/s/ Illegible for:
ADOLFO INFANTE
MAJOR GENERAL, FGS

* Translator's Note: literally translated.

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FMOM/rj

Ref. CC/G/382.

10th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

1. I enclose copy of a memorandum from the Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.C..
2. I recommend that this Italian advance party for the Ministry of Marine in Rome should be allowed to proceed.
3. I suggest that a party of up to twelve should be allowed to go as soon as can be arranged and that the remainder should follow in about one week's time.
4. Will you please say if you agree, in which case I will give you the particulars of the first party so that you may be able to issue the necessary movement order.

NOEL MATON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.C..

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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9 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Navy Mission to Rome.

TO : Chief Commissioner, ACC(Main).

1. Attached is list of Italian Advance Party of 50 under Admiral Biancheri, who are now ready to proceed to Rome when you approve. They are complete with stores, money and medical stores.

2. There are many Italian officers now in Rome who would be most useful to assist in present operations and it is desirable to get them to Naples as early as possible. Can this be arranged?

(Sgd) I. M. PALMER

COMMODORE

Copy to,
Executive Commissioner.

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HQ ACC, APO 304
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 10 Jun 1945
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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUIL (LECCCE)
G/6/1

6 June 1944.

My Dear General

Cy St. 16 June

1. Reference your CC/G/358 of 2 June - for information I would mention that :-

(a) 5 Corps Group (which now has Combat Div under command) is putting proposals to AAI which would involve a large increase over the figure of 14,100 proposed by General ALEXANDER. The object of 5 Corps Groups' proposals is to make Combat Div into a "reasonably mobile" and properly administered fighting force.

(b) If AAI approve this or any other increase in Combat Troops, it will be at the expense of the remaining categories of the Italian Army.

(c) The C.C.S. may not authorise the full figure for Italian Army requested by General ALEXANDER.

(d) Combat Troops have broadly speaking to fight with captured Italian stocks on the Mainland, which are not very large. It is the policy that except for a few items, Allied arms and equipment will not be issued to Italian Combat Troops.

(e) In view of the above and despite Italian aspirations it seems unlikely that AAI will approve of a further formation such as CREMONA Div being created for Combat.

2. I think you know most of the above. This is merely a recapitulation. AAI will, of course, decide but if I am asked, I should advise against Marshal MESSE's proposal.

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Yours Very Sincerely
Langley Browning

Lt. Gen. Sir Noel MASON MACFARLANE, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

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EWS/hjc

A/CC 091.711

29 June 1944

29 JUN 1944

Subject: Further Italian participation in operations

Dear Marshal Messe:

Reference is made to your letter No. 13375/OP of 30 May 1944, above subject.

I believe this matter was discussed personally between yourself and General Alexander when lunching with General MacFarlane on June 3rd.

I have now passed your letter to Major General Browning so that he may deal with the matter direct with General Alexander.

Yours very truly,

ELIJAH W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo

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2nd. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: M.M.I.A.
(ATTENTION: Maj-Gen. L. Browning)

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I send you herewith copy of a letter from Marshal Messe.

I am going to talk to A.A.I. on this question but as far as I know, there is little prospect of our doing anything for the Cremona Division in the near future.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Date - Time	4 June 10/15
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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
 APO 394

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A/CC 091.711

29 June 1944

SUBJECT: Further Italian participation in operations

29 JUN 1944

TO : Major General L. Browning, Main Hq Army Sub-Commission,
 (Lequillo), Lecce.

1. Reference is made to the attached copies of correspondence with Marshal Messe.

2. On June 3rd both General Alexander and Marshal Messe lunched with General MacFarlane and the matter was discussed then - General Alexander saying that he would find out the situation re armament for further Italian Divisions.

3. I think this is now a matter to be handled by you direct with General Alexander and Marshal Messe.

4. Please inform me in due course of developments.

ELLERY W. STONE
 Captain, USMR
 Acting Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr, Supreme Command
 No. 13375/OP, 30 May 44
 Incl 2 - Ltr, Hq ACC, A/CC 091.711
 to Marshal Messe, 29 Jun 44

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

I Dept - Operations Office

To: General Noel Mason MacFarlane
President of the Allied Control Commission

No. 13375/CP.

Subject: Further Italian participation in operations.

P.M. 135, 30 May 1944

NO ACC, AND 394

Gen.

Rec'd 31 May 1715

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With the sending of the "Dembo" Division into the line, there are practically no Italian units at disposal, ready to go into action.

For this, not only are the units lacking, but the means (ammunitions, means of transportation, communication materials) adequate for use in modern warfare.

There are rather some large Units which, if suitably armed and equipped, would be in position within a very short time to participate in operations, which is the warm desire on the part of the Italians. Whenever the allies consent to authorize an increase of our contribution to the fight, such authorization would meet with our full satisfaction.

It would then be necessary to distribute to these units at least a part of the above means for the necessary training of the personnel.

In such an event I would intend, in agreement with the views of the Army Chief of Staff, to destine as the first large Unit of these new troops, the "Cremona" Division, which morally and materially is the most advanced in readiness.

I do not emphasize the value which such authorization and help would have because it is well known. Kindly take this proposal under favourable consideration and furnish me some indication so as to keep me informed as to the preparation of the mentioned units, and in particular the "Cremona", at the present time stationed in Sardinia.

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

/s/ G. Messe

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Comunicato T. 1000
P.N. 135, 30 maggio 1944

AL SIGNOR GENERALE

NORR HAZON MAC FARLANE

PRESIDENTE DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CON-
TROLLO

I Reparto - Uff. Operazioni

M. 13375 / op. di prot. -

HQ AGC, APO 324

31 May 44
JHO

O G G E T T O : Ulteriore partecipazione italiana alle operazioni. -

Con l'invio in linea della divisione "Nembo" non rimangono praticamente a disposizione unità italiane pronte ad entrare in azione.

Mancano per questo non già i reparti, ma i mezzi (armamento, mezzi di trasporto, materiali di collegamento) adeguati per l'impiego nella guerra moderna.

Vi sono anzi alcune Grandi Unità che, convenientemente armate ed equipaggiate, sarebbero in grado, in brevissimo tempo, di poter partecipare alle operazioni, come è vivo desiderio della parte italiana. Qualora la parte alleata entrasse nell'ordine di idee di autorizzare un aumento nel nostro contributo al combattimento, tale autorizzazione verrebbe accolta con viva soddisfazione.

Occorrerebbe allora che venisse distribuita a tali unità, almeno una parte dei suddetti mezzi per il necessario addestramento del personale.

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In tale eventualità sarei orientato, concordemente a quanto prevede il Capo di Stato Maggiore dell'Esercito, a destinare ¹⁰⁵⁷le prima Grande Unità di queste nuove truppe, la divisione "Cremona", che, moralmente e materialmente, è quella più avanzata nell'approntamento.

Non insisto sul valore che avrebbero una tale autorizzazione ed un tale aiuto, perchè è ben noto: prego di voler prendere in buona considerazione la proposta e volermi fornire qualche indicazione per orientarmi nella preparazione delle citate unità, ed in particolare della "Cremona" attualmente dislocata in Sardegna.

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



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AIR FORCES COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, 711

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AFSC/601/1/30.

6th June 1944.

My dear General,

9 June 1944
JTB

I am attaching a letter which I have just written to the Air Officer in Charge Administration at H.Q. M.A.A.F. which is self-explanatory, and I also attach for easy reference a copy of the comparative table of the ration scales.

I think that it is particularly unfortunate that this reduction should take place at the present moment. I was under the impression that the scales were being revised and that we could hope for something very much better.

I also attach a copy of the letter which I received from H.Q. M.A.A.F. as I think you would like to see it.

Yours sincerely,

W.A. Bowen-Barnard.

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Lt/General Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane, KCB., D.S.O., MC.,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,MARL.

AFSC/601/1/EO.

6th June 1944.

Dear

I have received a severe setback in the shape of a letter from your Headquarters, MAAF/1307/14/QMG of the 2nd June 1944 which attaches a letter from M.A.A.P. Rear telling us that our combat ration scale has gone by the Board, and that there is to be a new standard ration for the Italian Military. So that you need not bother to hunt through the files, I am attaching a comparison of the existing "A" and "B" scales, together with the new scale. You will see that in many respects the new scale is inferior even to the existing scale "B", and it simply comes nowhere at all near the existing "A".

I think that this is a very serious matter, especially as we have been, together with the Army Sub-Commission, clamouring for an increase even in the "A" ration scale. I do not know who the Combined Administrative Committee were, but my experience of these sort of Committee's is that they spend a short time on the spot and disappear with an entirely wrong conception of the problem - I may of course be wrong; also I have a deep seated distrust of calories.

I do hope that you are not going to let the matter rest where it is, as I am afraid that it will have a very serious effect on the morale of the Italian Air Force when the fact becomes known, just at a time when it is on the up-and-up.

Yours

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Yours

W.B.

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Air Vice-Marshal B. McEntegart, C.B.E.,
Headquarters,
M.A.A.F.
C.M.F.

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COMPARISON OF RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

	A	B	NEW	
FLOUR	18	12	12	(1) Or Herrings tinned 4/7ths
PULSES	2	2	1	Or Sardines tinned 2/7ths
CANNED MEAT	1/4 (1)	2 (2)	3	Or Salmon tinned 3/7ths
HERRINGS ETC.	-	4/7ths	-	and Cheese tinned 1 and Sausage 1 1/2 and Sugar 1
CHEESE	1	1	1	or Fish tinned 4 oz
SAUSAGE	-	1 1/2	-	
SUGAR	1	1	1	(2) Or Herrings tinned 4/7ths
PEPPER	1/200	1/200	-	Or Sardines tinned 4/7ths
MATCHES		1 box per week.		Or Salmon tinned 3/7ths
COFFEE	1/2	1/2	-	and Cheese 1 and Sausage 1 1/2 and Sugar 1
MACARONI	3	-	3	
RICE	2	-	1	
TOMATO CATSUP OR PASTE	1 1/2	-	1 1/2	
DRIED VEGETABLES	1 1/2	-	-	
DRIED ONIONS	2	-	-	
BEANS OR PEAS, DRIED	-	-	2	
TOBACCO OR CIGARETTES	1 1/2 oz per week	-		

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SUGAR	1	1	1	(2) Or Herring tinned 4/7ths	1
PEPPER	1/200	1/200	-	Or Sardines tinned 4/7ths	-
MATCHES		1 box per week.		Or Salmon tinned 3/7ths	1
COFFEE	1	1	-	and Cheese and Sausage and Sugar	1 1/2
MACARONI	3	-	3		1
RICE	2	-	1		
TOMATO CATSUP OR PASTE	1 1/2	-	1 1/2		
DRIED VEGETABLES	1 1/2	-	-		
DRIED ONIONS	2	-	-		
BEANS OR PEAS, DRIED	-	-	2		
TOBACCO OR CIGARETTES	1 1/2 oz per week				

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COPY.

CONFIDENTIAL.HEADQUARTERS, MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES.

To : Air Officer Commanding,
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Bari.
Headquarters, M.A.A.F.

Date: 2 June 44.
Ref: MAAF/1507/W/ORG.

Subject: RATIONS - ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

Further to this Headquarters' letter of even reference, dated 3rd May 1944, a report has now been received from the Director of Maintenance and Supply notifying that representations to Allied Force Headquarters regarding increased rations for the Italian Armed Forces have met with no success.

2. For information, appended is a copy of the report received from the Director of Maintenance and Supply, MAAF/S.7179/4/E.5, Cat dated 30th May 1944.

(Sgd). H.T. Wicks, S/Ldr.
for Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer i/c Administration,
M.A.A.F.

From: Headquarters, M.A.A.F. Rear.
To: Headquarters, M.A.A.F. C.M.F.
Date: 30th May 1944.
Ref: MAAF/S/7179/4/E.50st.

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- (b) A ration of 4,000 calories as proposed by the North African Theatre of Operations is excessive and the items requested would unduly strain external resources.
- (c) The Italian Military can be subsisted satisfactorily on approximately 3,500 (3,289) Calories, which is in excess of the amount consumed by the average Italian adult male labourer.
- (d) These 3,289 Calories should be made up from the 924 Calories already being provided locally plus the 2,368 calories herein proposed.
- (e) If the Theatre Commander considers that any increase in this recommended ration is desirable he must look to local resources to provide the necessary items. The components listed below are the maximum which can be furnished from external resources. Further augmentation must come from local resources and at Italian expense.

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In view of the above, the following scale has been approved for all Italian troops whether in forward or rear areas.

Approved Single Ration Scale.

Part A. To be furnished from external resources.

	12 ozs.	Approx. Calories.
Flour	1	1211.25
Pulses	3	117.8
Canned Meat or Dress Meat	1	186.3
Cheese	1	109.2
Sugar	1	112.8
Macaroni	3	306
Rice	1	99.25
Beans or Peas, Dried	2	211
Tomatoe Catsup	$\frac{1}{2}$	15
		2368 Calories.

Part B. From Italian Military Local sources at their own expense.

	4 ozs	74.3	Calories
Fruit	3 "	195	
Fresh Veg.	1 "	255	
Olive Oil.	1 "	95	
Nuts.	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	300	
Wine.	$\frac{1}{4}$ litre		
			921
			Total Calories A and B = 3289

(Sgd) S. CADIER,
Squadron Leader,
for Director of Maintenance & Supply.

Fruit	4 ozs	74.3
Fresh Veg.	8 "	195
Olive Oil.	1 "	255
Nuts.	1 "	95
Wine.	1/2 litre	300
		924
		Calories

Total Calories A and B = 3289

(Sgd) S. CADIE,
Squadron Leader,
for Director of Maintenance & Supply.

Copy to: H.Q. M.A.C.A.F. (for S.E.S.O.).

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Ref. CC/P/365.

5th. June. 1944.

Dear General,

I am extremely sorry but I am unable to get away to attend your Anniversary Ceremony this morning. As you will readily understand, I am terribly busy now that we are on the threshold of Rome.

2. On this 130th. Anniversary of the Royal Carabinieri I send to you and to them my best wishes. I send also my great appreciation of the loyal cooperation which I have always been given by the Royal Carabinieri since first I arrived in Italy. I am glad to know that a detachment of the Corps is even now preparing to enter Rome and I know that I can count on the Corps' performing its duty in Rome as elsewhere in accordance with its old and fine traditions.

NOEL WASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner.

General Picche,
Commanding the Royal Carabinieri.

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SEC ET . CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION GEN LEMNITZER AND COL WOOD IT IS AGREED
 BY THIS HQ AND REPRESENTATIVE OF MARSHAL MESSE THAT INITIAL DETACHMENT OF CORPS
 OF ITALIAN LIBERATION TROOPS TO JOIN ROME GARRISON WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 210 ?
 DIVISION NOW WITH 5 ARMY . AT A LATER DATE WHEN CG 5 ARMY IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT
 THEM AN ADDITIONAL COMPANY WILL BE PROVIDED WHICH WILL BE MADE UP OF ELEMENTS OF
 FORMER UTILI ? GROUP PREVIOUSLY IN COMBAT UNDER 5 ARMY COMMAND

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H.Q., A.A.I.

5 June 44.

The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

In reply to your CG/G/360
dated 2 June, arrangements are
in hand for a contingent of
Italian troops to form part of
the garrison in ROME.

Details were discussed
yesterday with General INFANTE,
Chief of Staff to Marshal MESSE.

W. D. Dunning

Lieut-General,
C.G.S.

W. D. Dunning
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HQ ACC. 100-100
 Rec'd 5 June 1930
 By DFE

REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
 APO 394

P/tum

4 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Navy Mission to Rome.

TO : Admiral De Courten, Minister of Marine.

Reference your letter of 31 May 1944, I referred this to
 Chief Commissioner and FOWIT.

Following decision has been given:

- 1) It is not approved for this party to proceed by sea.
- 2) The Chief Commissioner is prepared to ask General Alexander's permission for a small advanced party to be prepared to leave for Rome when AAI decides on a suitable date.
- 3) AAI will give all orders, time of starting and route to be followed.
- 4) You are requested to forward the names and identity cards numbers to FOTALI for forwarding to Chief Commissioner.
- 5) You are requested to make all the necessary arrangements, re: road transports and rations.
- 6) It is considered that this advanced party should not exceed 50 and it is unlikely that they will proceed under three weeks.

COMMODORE

Ref. Copy to: Commodore Palmer.

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HQ ACC, APO 394
 Sec'y v. Gen.
 Rec'd 3 June 1130
 By DFE

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 Chief Commissioner

Reference, ^{letter} ~~minutes~~ 31 May 44.

F.O.W.I.T. regrets that this Party cannot
 be transported by sea.

Para (4) If approval is given by Chief
 Commissioner and A.A.I. and size of
 Party approved. (humans stated appear
 large) I will forward list of names
 and Identity numbers to you for
 approval.

I will inform Ministers he must provide
 Cars and necessary horses, and
 bring their nations.

W. H. H. H.

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4 JUN 1944

Dear General Infante:

I find on investigation that the 24th Railway Engineering Company was transferred from PES to the Military Railway Service about the 15 May 1944.

The Military Railway Service is entirely technical and the Company should now be employed only on technical duties.

Yours very truly,

MILBY W. STON
Captain, USMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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1 June 1944

Dear General Infante:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 13393/OP of Prot. dated 31 May 1944 relative to employment of the 24th Railway Engineering Company. This matter has been referred to the military authorities concerned.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

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TRANSLATION

Supreme Command

P. M. 135, 31 May 1944

12 JUN 1944

Section I, Office of Operation.

056-873

File No. 13393/OP of Prot.

Subject: 24th Railway Engineers Company.

Dear Commander Stone:

I am informed that the 24th Railway Engineering Company (3 Officers & 90 EM), recently arrived in Campania, is employed by the Command of the P. B. in non technical work for which some other unit not composed of specialized personnel could be used.

Besides, it would be most desirable, as the Ministry of Communications has pointed out to me, that this particular unit be placed under the 2nd Railway Engineers Group and assigned to urgent repair works on the network of the State Railways.

May I beg you, dear sir, to look into this matter in order to meet the needs of the Ministry of Communications and thus suitably employ the members of the 24th Railway Eng. Co., who are specialists?

Very sincerely,

/s/ Adolfo Infante,
Division General, P. C. S.

To: Captain Ellery W. Stone,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

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3 June 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: C-2, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. I spoke to Indragio last night on the subject of the poor quality of the officer cadets at the recently reopened Military Academy. My information is that many of them are of a type which is unlikely to produce good leaders.

2. Indragio promised to take up the question at once, and I understand that Indragio, the new Undersecretary for War, is already taking action.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS
Lieutenant General
Chief of Communications

Copies to:

British Resident Minister
American Political Adviser
S.A.C.

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SECRET
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Subject: - Italian military personnel from enemy occupied ITALY

Army Sub Commission, ACC

Main HQ (MILIA)

Lequile (Lecco)

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3 June 44

HQ AGG, ATO 304

Sec. Gen. 1730

6 June 1730

HEADQUARTERS

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Adv HQ Army Sub Commission, SALERNO

Army Sub Comm. LO, Naples

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8 Army

HQ, ACC
Army Sub Comm, LO 1 District
2 District
3 District
5 Corps HQ

Ministry of War

1 Copy to: - HQ, AAI

S.M.P.B.

1. The following categories of Italian military personnel may fall into our hands as a result of successful operations:-

- (a) Men in uniform who are being treated initially as enemy prisoners of war in the ordinary way.
- (b) Men who claim to have been serving soldiers, to have evaded (or even to have actively opposed) German authority, and who wish to rejoin the Italian Army.
- (c) Men of military age, liable to service in the Italian Army but who do not voluntarily come forward.

The numbers in categories (b) and (c) are not likely to be large, especially in the early stages, as most of the able bodied men will probably have been deported by the Germans.

2. Category (b) are being evacuated along normal refugee channels to the refugee camps at present at FOGGIA and AVERSA. The Ministry of War will at once attach representatives to these camps to assist in investigating and checking their statements, and will arrange to transfer to appropriate Italian Army Depots those accepted for service in the army.

3. Category (c) will be dealt with in due course by the normal Italian Army administrative organization. Deserters or absentees will be apprehended and dealt with by Italian Military Courts. Those liable for military service will be called up by classes in the normal way.

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4. Although the reorganisation of these men, particularly in newly liberated territories, will take some time, their inclusion in the Italian Army may tend temporarily to raise its strength above that which has been authorised unless an adjustment is made by demobilisation of older age groups. The Ministry of War will control this and will make timely recommendations to MILA so as to keep strength within the approved ceiling and assure that young men of military age do not avoid service while older soldiers are retained.

5. In fairness to the returning personnel and to give more time for re-adjusting in units, the Ministry of War will authorise leave of absence of from 14 to 28 days duration (depending on travelling time) to men who have relatives or homes in liberated territory as soon as adequate documentation and means to ensure their punctual return have been effected.

6. In giving detailed orders to effect this, the Ministry of War will ensure that men are not amassed at depots to the detriment of working units. As far as possible numbers for discharge from units concerned should be selected in advance. Replacements should be assigned to these units before being granted leave from refugee camps and ordered to report direct to their units at the end of their leave. The corresponding number of men should then be immediately discharged.

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7. A copy of orders issued by Ministry of War to give effect to the above directive will be sent to PMA.

L. Br...

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, ACC

WP/cc

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2nd. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.
(ATTENTION: Chief of General Staff)13374/OP
of 30 May

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from Marshal Messe.

You will remember that we have told the Italian Government that a representative detachment of Italian troops would be permitted to enter Rome at the earliest possible moment and I hope that for psychological reasons it may be possible to ensure this.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date - Time 4 June 1010
Via AG M/C
Initials J.F.

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SUPREME COMMAND

P.M. 135, 30 May 1944

I Dept - Operations Office

No. 13374/OP.

Subject: Italian troops at Rome

To: General Noel Mason MacFarlane
President of the Allied Control Commission

At present the transfer of the Italian Corps of Liberation from the high valley of the Volturno to the Adriatic Sector is being carried out. I am well aware that the movement has been ordered by the High Allied Authorities for operational reasons.

Unfortunately, however, it appears that with this transfer the possibility of participating in the entry with the Allies into the Capital, which had been considered in the conversation of the 24th inst., fades away.

I am certain that on the Anglo-American side the high moral and political influence, which the participation of the Italian troops in the Allied entry into Rome could have not only in all of liberated Italy, but also, and above all, in that part of Italy still occupied, will not be overlooked.

Nevertheless, I beg of you, dear General, to kindly take this matter particularly to heart, so that, in spite of the difficulty produced by the removal of the Italian Corps of Liberation from the direction of Rome, at least a part of this Corps, or if this is not possible, some other Italian unit be enabled to participate in the above mentioned entry of the Allies into the Capital.

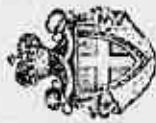
I know that I can depend on your authoritative interest in the matter, for the fulfillment of this desire which is so close to my heart, and I thank you in advance, dear General, for what you will do in the matter.

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

/s/ G. Messe

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P.M.135, 30 maggio 1944

HQ ACC, APO 324

31 May 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

AL SIGNOR GENERALE

NOEL MASON MAC FARLANE

I Reparto - Uff. Operazioni

PRESIDENTE DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CON-

TROLLO

N. 13524 /OP. di prot.-

O G G E T T O : Truppe italiane a Roma.-

Si sta compiendo in questi giorni il trasferimento del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione dall'alta valle del Volturno al settore adriatico: mi rendo pienamente conto che il movimento è stato disposto dalle Alte Autorità Alleate per ragioni di ordine operativo.

Purtroppo però, con tale trasferimento sembra che si allontanino, per ragioni di dislocazione del citato Corpo, quella possibilità di partecipazione all'ingresso degli Alleati nella Capitale, che era stata prevista nel colloquio del 24 corrente.-

Sono sicuro che non sfugge alla parte anglo-americana l'alta influenza d'ordine morale e politico che la partecipazione delle truppe italiane all'ingresso degli Alleati in Roma potrebbe avere non solo in tutta l'Italia liberata, ma anche e soprattutto, nell'Italia ancora occupata.

Desidero tuttavia pregarla, Signor Generale, di voler prendere particolarmente a cuore la questione, affinché, malgrado questa difficoltà,

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Desidero tuttavia pregarla, Signor Generale, di voler prendere particolarmente a cuore la questione, affinché, malgrado questa difficoltà dell'allontanamento del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione dalla direttrice di Roma, almeno una aliquota di tale Corpo o, se questo non è possibile, qualche altro reparto italiano, sia messo in condizioni di partecipare al predetto ingresso degli Alleati nella Capitale.

So di poter contare sul Suo autorevole interessamento al riguardo, per l'adempimento di tale desiderio che mi sta tanto a cuore, e ringrazio sin d'ora per quanto Lei, Signor Generale, vorrà fare in proposito.-

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

G. Messe 230

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TRANSLATION

P.M. 135, 31 May 1944

SUPREME COMMAND
I Unit--Office of Operations

No. 13403 (file)

TO: General Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane
President of ACC

SUBJECT: Italian laborers (ex-military personnel) captured with the
Germans by the Allies.

According to information coming from Aversa, in the P.W.E. 326
23 Italians are locked up taken prisoners together with German units.

These prisoners, military personnel at the time of the Armistice,
were at the time captured by the Germans and compelled to go along with
the units as laborers.

Inasmuch as we are dealing with elements who did not belong to
the Republican Army, but were already practically prisoners of the Germans,
before their capture by the Anglo-American troops, I believe that they
should not be considered by the Allies as prisoners of war.

In this connection the Camp Commander would be disposed not to
consider them as such, but he is not authorized to take any decision in
the matter.

On the other hand, the definition of their position is urgent
in view of the forthcoming departure of prisoners of war for the camps
in North Africa.

Complementing the agreement reached in the conference which I
had with you on the 24th inst., I would ask you, dear General, to kindly
arrange so that the individuals who find themselves in the position of
the above mentioned 23 be not considered as prisoners, but placed, as
the other civilians who are gradually liberated, at the disposal of the
Italian Authorities who will proceed as arranged in the mentioned con-
ference.

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

/s/ G. MESSE

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Copy to Comandante 1700

P.M. 135, 31 maggio 1944

AL SIGNOR GENERALE
HOEL MASON MAC FARLANE
PRESIDENTE DELLA COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

I Reparto - Uff. Operazioni

No 13403 /Op. di prot.

O G G E T T O : Lavoratori italiani (ex militari) catturati dagli Alleati coi germanici.

HQ ACC, 1700

1 June 1944
JMS

Secondo informazione pervenuta da Aversa nel P.M. 326 sono racchiusi n. 23 italiani fatti prigionieri assieme a reparti germanici.

Questi prigionieri, già militari all'atto dell'armistizio, furono a suo tempo catturati dai tedeschi e costretti a seguire i reparti in qualità di lavoratori.

Poiché trattasi di elementi che non appartenevano all'Esercito Repubblicano, ma erano già praticamente prigionieri dei germanici prima della cattura da parte delle truppe anglo-americane, ritengo che non devono essere considerati dagli Alleati alla stregua di prigionieri di guerra.

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D'altra parte è urgente la definizione della loro posizione in vista di prossima partenza di prigionieri di guerra per i campi del Nord Africa.

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A complemento di quanto concordato nel colloquio che ho avuto con Lei il 24 corrente, La pregherei, Signor Generale, di voler stabilire che gli individui che si trovano nelle condizioni dei pre

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detti 23 non vengano considerati come prigionieri, ma messi, come gli altri civili man mano recuperati, a disposizione della parte italiana che si regolerà come convenuto nel citato colloquio.



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Subject:- Rations for Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
 Main Hq (MCA)
 Leguile (Lecce)
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25 May 44

H.Q., A.A.I. (through H.Q., A.C.C.)

1. I forward attached letter for your consideration and decision please.
2. (a) The inclusion of certain categories of Army personnel receiving rations on Army Scale under the terms of FAN 338 may be questioned.
- (b) My personal opinion is that, from the wider aspect of goodwill and co-operation on the part of the Italian Government and its Armed Forces personnel (including cadets but excluding civilians) of the categories specified in Appx. "B" should continue to draw rations on Army Scale.
- (c) The actual numbers involved, however, should, I think, be subject to examination.

LB/cc

SG 091.711
 HQ A.C.C., APO 394, 3 June 1944.

TO: HQ, A.A.I.

1st Ind.

L. Browning
 Maj Gen
 Army Sub Comm, ACC

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Note: Chief Commissioner had no comments on this matter.
 2 complete sets of attached correspondence were forwarded to A.A.I.

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MAIN HEADQUARTERS
ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.
APO 394 U S ARMY

22 May 1944

SUBJECT: Rations for Italian Army

TO : Director, Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

1. Certain phrases of directives (pertinent extracts attached as Appendix A) concerning the issue of rations to the Italian Armed Forces have been interpreted as follows;

a. "In fact effective" to mean "in fact effective for the Allied War effort, and now so employed or being prepared for employment therein".

b. "Bona-fide members of the Italian Armed Forces" to mean that "bona-fide members of the Italian Armed Forces are Officers, Warrant Officers and enlisted men duly commissioned, enrolled or enlisted in the Army, Navy or Air Force, and subject to Italian Military Law and Hague Convention".

2. a. The strength return of the Italian Armed Forces is the basis on which the issue of rations is authorized.

b. As the U S Officer at this Headquarters appointed to supervise the issue of U S Commodities to the Italian Armed Forces I am doubtful as to the effectiveness of certain units, personnel, and establishments carried on the strength return of the Italian Armed Forces. These various elements are shown in detail in Appendix B.

3. Consideration of these listed elements involves political and practical aspects effecting Allied Policy. All of the listed personnel must be furnished Allied rations, either military or civil. Authority for the issue of Italian Armed Force rations obviously cannot be withdrawn until arrangements for the issue of civilian rations are completed as this would result only in chaos, confusion and ill will.

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4. Acting on what I believe to be the intention of the directives received, and realizing that the considered decision from higher authority must take time, I have therefore provisionally decided to exclude all civilians and (in the best interests of Italian cooperation) to allow the bona-fide military personnel concerned to continue to count as effective.

5. Confirmation requested.

CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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APPENDIX "A"

1. a. FAN 338, of 26 44:
 "(1) Only those classes of Italian Troops who are in will be supplied.....Within the above limitations the number of troops and their scale of supply will be as recommended by the Theater Commander and approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff."
- b. Paragraph 10, Adm Inst No 24, AAI, of 20 May 44:
 "None of the supplies or stores may be issued except to those who are bona-fide members of the Italian Armed Forces in every sense, and who are borne on the rosters of the Ministry concerned, and who are within the list of those who have been approved as effective by the CCS."
2. a. Paragraph 3, Adm Inst No 24, AAI, of 20 May 44:
 "The Army Sub-Commission (short title MMIA) has been designated as the agency for the supervision, distribution, allocation, and accounting for all the supplies and stores presently authorized by the CCS to any or all of the Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force). For all matters pertaining to these supplies and stores MMIA will operate directly under the supervision of Headquarters AAI. No other agency has authority to issue or allocate any of these commodities to any of the Italian Armed Forces."
- b. Paragraph 4, Adm Inst No 24, AAI, of 20 May 44:
 "To comply with the directive of the CCS that the nation of ownership shall exercise controlling authority over issues the following will apply, subject to policy control by..... DCAO, AAI,.....for.....United States Commodities..... The senior United States Officer at Headquarters will supervise the supply of subsistence....."

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AF ADIX "B"

<u>Unit or Establishment</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. <u>War Ministry</u> Strength: 330 officers 1108 men	a. Included in total are a number of civilian employees. b. Minister of War asked to give details.
2. <u>"Il Rep Auton. Minister"</u> Strength: 119 officers 1431 men	a. Includes 84 officers, 531 men, and 935 civilian employees. b. Officers and enlisted men working for civil government on such duties as: Aides, cooks, orderlies, etc for the King, Queen, and Prince, 9 officers, 45 men; In mess operated for Civilian Ministers at Salerno, 1 officer, 84 men; In Ministry of Communications, 28 officers, 73 men.
3. <u>Granatieri Battalion</u> Strength: 21 officers 248 men	a. Employed as guard and escort for Royal Household.
4. <u>Royal Military Academy</u> Strength: 40 officers 180 men 250 cadets	a. Authorized by Chief Commissioner b. Army rations issued to all personnel and necessary for operations of school. c. About 6 of Cadets are serving Soldiers, remainder are civilians selected for training, some under 18 years of age. d. Course of study 1 and 2 years.
5. <u>Royal Naval Academy</u> Strength: 433 cadets	a. This academy has never ceased to function. b. Number of officers and ratings employed will not be known until returns are received from Naval Sub-Commission. c. Army rations on combat scale issued to all personnel.
6. <u>Comando Supremo</u> Strength: 71 officers 512 men	a. Detailed information has been requested from Marshal Messe. b. This establishment does not actually command the Armed Forces. Sub-Commissions deal with the Ministers and Chiefs of Staff. c. Appears to be a civil government installation concerned principally with PW's and government policy. d. Now on Combat rations scale, drawn from British depots and repaid from Italian Depots, as directed by Chief Commissioner.

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APPENDIX "B"

7. 1st Guide Group
Strength: 44 officers
657 men

- a. Employed as guards for Civil government at Salerno.
- b. Can be used for Allied program, if released by Italian Government.

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