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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACTION SHEET

Date

Suspense

FROM	TO
C.G., A.M.G.	
C. of Staff	
D.C. of Staff for (O&SI)	
D.C. of Staff Admin.	
Industrial Plan	
Mil. Sec.	
Pol. Sec.	
✓ Econ & Admin Sec.	✓
Communications Sec.	
Economic Director	
Administrative Dir.	
Executive Off. Admin.	
G-1	
G-4	
Adjutant General	
Personnel	
Publications	
Miscellaneous	
Supply Officer	
Billeting Officer	
Transportation Off.	
Hq Commandant	
Camp Commandant	
Message Center	
Sub-Commission on;	
LEAD.	✓
✓ Public Safety	✓
For: Signature	
Recommendation	
Information	✓
Approval or Disapp.	
Appropriate Action	
Investig. & Report	
File	
② To Return to Sender	
Transmission	

Remarks:

May I be supplied
with letter to which this
signal refers please. It
is useless to send a signal
of this sort with the basic
letter. 2/2/45
1. chief of staff

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from Military Museum 14
to Genl Wilson
Rptd Adv Hq. AFHQ
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REF FREEDOM LETTER MSB/424 OF 19 JAN. *Terms upon which Italian*
Terms will cover
FIRST. PARA 2A NOT UNDERSTOOD. ACMF PLEASE ANSWER. PARA 4. "IF NO
SUCH EST IS IN EXISTENCE" THEN AN AGREED EST COMMON TO BRITISH AND
UK REQUIREMENTS TO BE FORMULATED BY MMIA. WED WILL BE THE AUTH
ONLY IN THE CASE OF UNITS DILUTED WITH ITALIAN PERSONNEL. PARA 5.
ALL PERSONNEL OF ITALIAN ARMY EMPLOYED UNDER ALLIED COMMAND WILL
REMAIN SUBJECT TO ITALIAN MILITARY LAW ADMINISTERED BY THEIR OWN
OFFRS. AWARDS WILL BE SUBJECT TO OVERRIDING POWER OF ALLIED FORM
OR UNIT COMD WHOSE ACTION WILL NORMALLY TAKE THE FORM OF REMOVAL
OF ITALIAN COS WHOSE ADM IS UNSATISFACTORY. SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION
TO ITALIAN MILITARY LAW WILL BE ISSUED TO COVER ESSENTIAL OMISSIONS
BETWEEN IT AND ALLIED MILITARY LAW AND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY ITALIAN
COMDS AS ABOVE. SUGGESTED THIS MIGHT BE COVERED BY CONCISE PARA
ENTITLED "CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND ALLIED MILITARY
DISCIPLINE". PARAS 6,7,8,9 DELETE BRITISH SUBSTITUTE ALLIED OTHER-
WISE NO COMMENTS. PARA 10A. AMEND HEADING TO "COMPLETE ITALIAN
UNITS AND DILUTED UNITS". FOR BRITISH COMD READ ALLIED COMD. 10B.
DELETE. 10C. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "RFTS ORG". ITALIAN ARMY WILL
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING UP TO STRENGTH ALL ITALIAN ARMY UNITS
SERVING WITH ALLIED FORCES. FOR THIS PURPOSE IT WILL MAINTAIN
SUITABLY PLACED RFTS DEPOTS POSITIONED BY ARRANGEMENTS MADE THROUGH
MMIA. THESE DEPOTS TO BE COMMANDED BY ITALIAN OFFRS. DEMANDS FOR
RFTS WILL BE THROUGH ITALIAN CHANNELS. DOCUMENTATION UNDER NORMAL
ITALIAN ARMY PROCEDURE. PARA 11. DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "ITALIAN
ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ITS OWN IPS WHEREVER SERVING".
PARA 12. NO COMMENTS. PARA 13A. PROVISION OF AMB CARS FROM ALLIED
SOURCES REQUIRED. 13B. SUFFICIENT CAMP HOSPITALS AVAILABLE FOR
PRESENT PROGRAMME. 13C. CONTINUE SUPPLY THROUGH EXISTING MED DEPOTS.
14. DELETE BRITISH INSERT ALLIED OTHERWISE NO COMMENTS. PARA 15.
DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE "ITALIAN UNITS SERVING IN ALLIED ARMY AREAS
TO DRAW SUPS FROM ALLIED SOURCES. IN REAR OF ARMY BOYS ITALIAN
ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RATIONING ALL ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN
BOTH COMPLETE ITALIAN AND DILUTED ALLIED UNITS. PARA 16. POST
ALREADY FUNCTIONING EXCEPT TO ITALIAN ARMY UNITS IN COMBAT ZONE
FROM CIVILIANS. PARA 17. FLAMBO TO ANSWER IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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ADM INSTR. NOW UNDER PREPARATION BY THEM.

SECOND. GENERALLY SPEAKING IT IS CONSIDERED THAT ONE MILITARY LAW, ONE SET OF REGULATIONS AND ONE SET OF WRG SHOULD APPLY TO ALL ITALIAN TROOPS UNDER ALLIED COMMAND WHETHER BRITISH, AMERICAN, FRENCH, POLISH, INDIAN OR ANY OTHER NATIONALITY. IT IS CONSIDERED A PRINCIPLE OF CO-BELLIGERENCY THAT ITALIAN SHOULD OPERATE UNDER THEIR OWN MILITARY LAW AND REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO SUITABLE OVER-RIDING POWERS BY ALLIED COMMANDS TO BE APPLIED ONLY IN CASES OF MILITARY NECESSITY. IT IS EMPHASISED THAT ITALIAN UNITS WILL PASS FROM BRITISH TO AMERICAN ETC. COMMAND FREQUENTLY ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF 5TH ARMY WHICH INCORPORATES AT PRESENT BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES. OVERLAP REGS SHOULD BE APPLICABLE TO MAINLAND OF ITALY, SICILY, SARDINIA AND CORSICA AND SHOULD BE AS SIMPLE AS FEASIBLE AND AS EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE TO THE ITALIAN AS POSSIBLE. SPECIAL REGS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR EPW UNITS TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN TERRITORIES BUT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THESE UNITS BE FREED ON ENTERING ITALIAN TERRITORY AND BE COVERED BY CONDITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW THEY SHOULD CONTAIN NO PERSONNEL LIABLE TO IMMEDIATE DEBILISATION.

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