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Ex Comm.

212-215 is Monthly Report MM12-
for October. Passages of interest
have been marked.

G. McM. 14/11. H.L. 14/11 MC

220.

Ex Comm.

Folios 217-219 for info please.
Passages of interest have
been marked.

G. McM. 13/12. H.L. 14/12 MC 19/12

225.

Ex Comm.

Folios 221-224 for info. H.L. 14/11
MC 14/11

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Folios 217-219 for info please.
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G. McGhee 13/12.

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Ex Comm.

Folios 221-224 for info. N.I. 141

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196.

Ex Comm.

Land Forces S/C Monthly report for July. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McC. M. 13/8 M.S. 14/8

205.

Ex Comm

Land Forces S/C monthly Report for August is at 200-204. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McC. M. 12/9 W.C. 12/9

M.S. 13/9.

210.

Ex Comm.

Land Forces S/C monthly Report for Sept. is at 206-209. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McC. M. 11/10. M.S. 12/10 MC 12/10

211.

C.S.C.

Please see that CC gets a copy of 209 and all future LFSC reports. The same applies to the Navy S/C reports. I believe that Air Forces S/C send a copy of their report direct to CC.

is at 200-204. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. mc M. 12/9 W.C 14/9

MS/13/9.

Ex Comm.

210.

Land Forces S/C monthly report for Sept. is at 206-209. Passages of interest have been marked. MC 12/10

G. mc M. 11/10. MS 12/10

211.

C.S.O.

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M Carr Brigadier

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

J. mc M

12 Oct 1946.

Noted
C.F. Leadbeater
14/10/46 Lgt

MS. 14/10

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CSO. A/C.C. 170.
Land Forces S/C report for March is at 169.
Passages of interest marked.
G. McM. 13/4. N.S. 13/4

MS/13/4

Ex Comm. 176
CSO. Land Forces S/C report is at 171-175. Passages of interest have been marked.
G. McM 11/5 N.S. 13/5

MS/2/6

CSO Ex Comm. 183.
179-182 is Land Forces S/C monthly Report for May. Passages of interest have been marked.
G. McM. 10/6. N.S. 14/6

~~184-187 is H.O.W. Monthly Report~~ MS/8/7

CSO. Ex Comm. 188.
184-187 is Land Forces S/C. monthly Report for June. Passages of interest have been marked.
G. McM. 11/7 N.S. 17/7

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of interest have been marked.

G. McM 11/5 No. 1315

MS/26

~~660~~ Ex Comm. 183.

179-182 is Land Sales S/C monthly Report for May. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McM. 18/6. No. 1416

~~184-185 is Row Monthly Report~~ MS/27

~~660.~~ Ex Comm. 188.

184-187 is Land Sales S/C. monthly Report for June. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McM. 16/7. No. 1717

MS/27

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~~184-190 is monthly Report for~~

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160.

~~A/CC~~ to Comm.

At 158-159 is L.F S/C report for February.
Passages of interest have been marked
M.I. 12/3

NS/13/3.

~~H/C~~
A/CC

~~A/CC~~ A/CC.
WMB 5/4 February report of Land Forces S/C is at 159.
(For attention E/C.)

Hm. G. a/c M. 5/4.

I should like to see the full report

NS/5/4.

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~~Extract~~
A/CC. Sir

V/C. reluctantly assures me that P. 159 is Land Forces' full report. You will notice that it has been greatly reduced in length in comparison with previous weeks.

Hm.

I am quite certain that AFHQ sends a full report to AFHQ! NS/6/4

165.

A/CC. AMIA states that they have issued no further report than that at folio 159 for the month of Feb. The only other report is the Intelligence Summary (copy enclosed) which is sent to AFHQ. We have not been included on the distribution list for this but if you wish I will arrange that

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Mr. L. McM. 5/4.

I should like to see the full report

MW 6/4.

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A/CC Sir

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I/C Int Sec

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L. McM 10/4.

Thank you. He has indeed made a discovery I got another Intelligence report, with external distribution, but not even a copy within the parent body the Allied Commission. 864

Letter to issue MW 11/4

see file 8281/EC.

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Executive Commissions

Please see L.F. S/C report at 107-110. Passages of interest have been sidelined.

F-mac 2/10. BS 2/10.

DS/C11/1

128.

Ex. Commissions

Please see L.F. S/C report at 115-127. Passages of interest have been marked.

F-mac 22/10. BS. 22/10.

DS/23/X

Ex Com.

130.

Please see L.F S/C report at 131. Passages of interest are marked.

F-mac 20/11 BS 19/11.

DS/4/XII

Ex. Com.

142.

Please see L.F S/C report at 140-141.

F-mac 20/12. BS 20/12.

DS/22/XII

Fur 24/1

155.

Please see L.F S/C report for December at 150-154. Passages of interest are marked.

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Please see L.F. S/C report at 115-127. Passages of interest have been marked.

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Ex Com. 23/x

130.

Please see L.F S/C report at 131. Passages of interest are marked.

19/11.

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Ex. Com. 142.

Please see L.F S/C report at 140-141.

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Please see L.F S/C report for December at 150-154. Passages of interest are marked. IPW Division report is at 150-148.

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158.

Please see L.F S/C report for January at 155-157. Passages of interest have been marked.

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ALLIED FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(A. M. F. A.)

Commander: Major General E.H. COLLISON, CBE

Report No 57 - Activities during the month of December

1. MGT. LIAISON

Main HQ - Rome (21 Offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Unit (5 Offrs) at [illegible], MILAN, BOLZANO, FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE

Type 'B' Liaison Unit (3 Offrs) at [illegible], BOLOGNA, NICE, PARIS, TRIESTE.

No 12 Liaison Unit (11 Offrs) at MILAN
(2 Offrs) on establishment

2. GARRISON TROOPS

Strength state of the Italian Army as at 1st Dec 46 is as follows:

	Actual Strength
HQ-VII	4,011
HQ-III	75
Italian Army	119,367
Carabinieri	65,694

3. CMO

There have been no alterations to Italian War establishments.

4. ENG

(a) Engineer Stores required for training at the Engineer School CIVITAVECCHIA have now been released by War Ministry from PAVIA and are being collected.
No further progress in obtaining the mine held stores at CERTOSELLO.

(b) The use of Italian Factory Equipment [illegible]

[illegible] to 1st Dec 46

Main HQ - Rome (51 Offrs)

Detachments

Type 'A' Liaison Unit (3 Offrs) at [illegible]

Type 'B' Liaison Unit (3 Offrs) at [illegible]

No 12 Liaison Unit (11 Offrs) at [illegible]
22 Offrs on attachment

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength state of the Italian Army as at 1st Dec 46 is as follows:

	Actual Strength
[illegible]	4,01[illegible]
[illegible]	79
[illegible]	119,367
[illegible]	65,494

3. ORG

There have been no alterations to [illegible] for re-publication.

4. RE

(a) Engineer Stores required for training at the Engineer School [illegible] have not been released by the Ministry from [illegible] and are being collected.
No further progress in obtaining the Army hall stores at [illegible].

(b) The set of [illegible] Pontoon Equipment released from [illegible] for the Engineer School is now being collected.

(c) There is no question now of moving the Specialist Co. of the Engineer School to Rome.

5. SIGS

(a) Training of Signal trainees at Italian School of Signal is progressing satisfactorily, as it is, the re-building and re-construction of class rooms etc. [illegible].

(b) Visits to Signal School by War Ministry have been successful and suggestions for improvement of training were made.

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6. CC.RR.

(a) Organisation.

The strength of CC.RR. on 30 November 46 was 65,[illegible], this increase being mainly due to a larger intake of recruits.
During November 4,120 recruits were enlisted and a further 1,300 are being enlisted. It is gratifying to note that recruiting is progressing more satisfactorily and it may be taken as an indication of the markedly improved prestige of the CC.RR. in the public eye.

(b) Epuration.

The Epuration Committees are working hard to complete their task and despite the difficulties of obtaining evidence, a considerable number of cases are dealt with. During October and November the following cases were dealt with:-

38 Officers: 36 Acquitted, 1 discharged, 1 referred to higher authority.
607 N.C.Os : 21 discharged, remainder acquitted.

It will be observed that the Committees decisions appear clement. However for the majority of cases active collaboration with the enemy did not exist.

(c) Training.

The course for would be NCOs commenced at FLORENCE on 15 Nov.46 and is being attended by 700 CC.RR.
2,400 recruits are undergoing training at,ROME,MURIN, BARI, and CAGLIARI.

(d) Transport.

During the month ending 25 Dec 46, 30 L/Cs, 3 M/Cs and 1 P/V were released to CC.RR.
The improvement in CC.RR. transport situation due to action taken by HQ[illegible] with the Ministry of War can be seen from the following table:-

	M/C	P/V	L/C	A/C	O/V
31 March 1945	1596	746	491	28	23
30 November 1946.	1925	910	1090	166	22
W.E.	2751	1006	2239	158	56

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(d) Transport.

During the month ending 29 Dec 46, 30 L/Cs, 3 M/Cs and 1 P/V were released to CC.RR.
The improvement in CC.RR. transport situation due to action taken by MMIA with the Ministry of War can be seen from the following table:-

	M/C	P/V	L/C	A/C	O/V
31 March 1946	1596	746	493	28	25
30 November 1946.	1925	916	1090	166	22
W.E.	2731	1096	2259	168	56

The figures do not give a true picture of the improvement because a number of the vehicles held on 31 March have since become BER or have been de-requisitioned. It is also pointed out that on 31 March, only 61.6% of the total vehicles were efficient. On 30 Nov ember, 80.9% were efficient. This is due not only to increased service being provided by Territorial Command workshops but also by the training of CC.RR. as mechanics and the installation of workshops in the legions themselves.
Although it will be seen that the WEs have not nearly been reached, at least CC.RR. have been enabled to break out of the impasse in which they were before MMIA took control and their almost dependence on civil transport has been greatly reduced and in some cases eliminated. CC.RR. greatly appreciate the improved situation which has strengthened their morale and added to their prestige.

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(e) Communications

GHQ ROME is now connected by wireless to the following Legion HQs:-

Turin
Milan
Bologna
Florence
Naples
Catanzaro
Messina

W/T equipment is now being installed at PALERMO. The high power transmitter and generator have now been brought from the ex Polish Depot at LESI and are being installed at GHQ.

(f) Arms and Ammunition.

The 3,300 BERETTA automatic pistols assigned to CC.RR have been allocated to various legions. They are at present being collected from the Detached Artillery Section at BRESCIA. A further assignment of 3,300 pistols has been made to CC.RR. The latter have already been despatched from the BERETTA factory to the Ministry of War.

(g) Public Safety.

The public safety situation in SICILIA has very greatly improved and this is largely due to the skilful employment of the Mobile Bns. under the command of Col.BORGA(CC.RR. POLONIA legion).

7. MEDICAL.

(a) The ITALIAN Medical Store at FLORENCE continues to receive quantities of captured stores from ALLIED sources.

(b) HEALTH

8 cases of Typhus fever were reported as having occurred amongst military personnel at PALERMO during November.
Of 10,047 hospital beds equipped, 5,244 were occupied on 30 NOV.46.

8. I.POW.

(a) Numerical state of repatriation

Country Holding	No. of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No. repatriated during December	No. still to be repatriated
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

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Messina

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(f) Arms and Ammunition.

The 5,300 BERETTA automatic pistols assigned to CC.RR have been allocated to various Legions. They are at present being collected from the Detached Artillery Section at BRESCIA. A further assignment of 5,300 pistols has been made to CC.RR. The latter have already been despatched from the BERETTA factory to the Ministry of War.

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8. I.POW.

(a) Numerical state of repatriation

Country Holding (a)	No.of IPW at beginning of repatriation (b)	No.repatriated during December (c)	No.still to be repatriated (d)
BRITISH	399,046	21,229	19,418
OTHERS	827,300	2,747	7,868
GRAND TOTAL	1,350,156+	23,976	27,286

+ Includes 123,751 US held - now repatriated.

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(b) Policy and Planning.

Agreement was reached with GHQ.AEIF for the return of 2,300 IPOW who were voluntarily deferred for six months; these POW will be available at PORT SAID in early January and will be picked up by ITALIAN shipping in two lifts, probably 10 and 20 January.
Nearly 24,000 IPOW were repatriated during the month of December; most of these were from various parts of the BRITISH EMPIRE. It is estimated that only 20,000 IPOW are now in BRITISH hands and that they will be returned to ITALY by late February or early March.
A further 3,000 IPOW were returned from YUGOSLAVIA during December; it is reported that these men arrived in fairly good condition.

(c) Finance.

During the month of December 1945 the remittance passed through this office by IPOW held in BRITISH custody, to their families, totalled £1,266. Statements of Account in respect of ITALIAN PWs repatriated from BRITISH custody, amounting to £2,268, were forwarded to the ITALIAN Government for payment.
Following AFHQ orders since December 1st 45, no more matters concerning IPOWs ex US custody will be dealt with by this office.

1st Jan 46.

for Major.General.
CCC. MMIA.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(L. M. I. A.)

Commander: Major General E.E. GOULBURN. DSO

Report No 57 - Activities during the month of December

1. MOVEMENTS

Main HQ - Rome (51 offrs)

Detachments

Type 'A' Liaison Unit (5 offrs) at MILAN, TRIESTE, FLORENCE, NAPLES, BARI.

Type 'B' Liaison Unit (3 offrs) at GENOA, LEGHORN, NAPLES, BARI, PALERMO.

No 12 Liaison Unit (11 offrs) at ROME
22 offrs on establishment

2. STRENGTH RETURNS

Strength states of the Italian Army as at 1st Dec 45 is as follows:

	Actual Strength
CB-III	4,01
CB-III	75
INFANTRY	119,367
CAVALRY	65,494

3. ORG

There have been no alterations to ITALIAN War establishments.

4. MS

(a) Engineer Stores required for training at the Engineer School CIVITAVECCHIA have now been released by War Ministry from PAVIA and are being collected.
No further progress in obtaining the AMG held stores at CAPUZZO.

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1. MAIN LOCAL CMS

Main HQ - Irene (31 ports)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Unit (5 ports) at TARA, MILNE, MOLLENO, TOWNSEND, KAPLAN, CHRIS

Type 'B' Liaison Unit (3 ports) at SAMOA, BOUGAINVILLE, NEW BRITAIN, PHILIPPINES.

No 12 Liaison Unit (11 ports) at MANUS
21 ports on establishment

2. [redacted] Guard

Strength state of the Italian Army as at 1st Dec 45 is as follows:

	Actual Strength
[redacted]	4,01
[redacted]	75
[redacted]	119,367
[redacted]	65,494

3. CMS

There have been no alterations to [redacted] War Establishments.

4. RE

(a) Engineer Stores required for training at the Engineers School [redacted] have now been released by War Ministry from NAVY and are being collected.
No further progress in obtaining the A.I.F. held stores at [redacted].

(b) The set of BAILEY Pontoon Equipment released from [redacted] for the Engineer School is now being collected.

(c) There is no question now of moving the Specialist Pn. of the Engineer School to NEW.

5. SIGS

(a) Training of Signal Trainsmen at [redacted] School of Signal is progressing satisfactorily. It is hoped, the re-building and re-conditioning of other rooms and mess room.

(b) Visits to Signal School by War Ministry have been successful and suggestions for improvement of training were made.

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6. CC.RR.

(a) Organisation.

The strength of CC.RR. on 1st November 46 was 69,434, this increase being mainly due to a large intake of recruits.
During November 1,120 recruits were enlisted and a further 1,300 are being enlisted. It is gratifying to note that recruiting is progressing more satisfactorily and it may be taken as an indication of the markedly improved prestige of the CC.RR. in the public eye.

(b) Epuration.

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607 N.C.O. : 21 discharged, remainder acquitted.

It will be observed that the Committees decisions appear clement, however for the majority of cases active collaboration with the enemy did not exist.

(c) Training.

The course for would be NCOs commenced at FLORENCE on 15 Nov.46 and is being attended by 700 CC.RR.
2,400 recruits are undergoing training at,ROME,SUBIN, PARI, and CAGLIARI.

(d) Transport.

During the month ending 24 Dec 46, 30 L/Cs, 3 M/Cs and 1 P/T were released to CC.RR.
The improvement in CC.RR. transport situation due to action taken by AMZA with the Ministry of War can be seen from the following table:-

	M/C	P/T	L/C	A/C	O/V
31 March 1946	1596	766	493	28	23
30 November 1946.	1925	940	1050	166	22
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607 NCOs : 21 discharged, remainder committed.

It will be observed that the Committees decision appear clement. However for the majority of cases active collaboration with the enemy did not exist.

(c) Training.

The course for motor NCOs commenced at FLORENCE on 19 Nov.46 and is being attended by 700 CC.RR.
2,400 recruits are undergoing training at,BARI,EGRIM, BARI, and CAGLIARI.

(d) Transport.

During the month ending 25 Dec 46, 30 L/Cs, 3 L/Cs and 1 P/V were released to CC.RR.
The improvement in CC.RR. transport situation due to action taken by MMIA with the Ministry of War can be seen from the following table:-

	M/C	P/V	L/C	A/C	O/V
31 March 1946	1536	746	493	28	83
30 November 1946.	1925	910	1050	166	82
W.E.	2731	1006	2239	168	56

The figures do not give a true picture of the improvement because a number of the vehicles held on 31 March have since become BER or have been no-requisitioned. It is also pointed out that on 31 March, only 61.3% of the total vehicles were efficient. On 30 Nov 46, 80.9% were efficient. This is due now only to increased service being provided by Territorial Command workshops but also by the training of CC.RR. as mechanics and the installation of workshops in the Regiments themselves.
Although it will be seen that the MEs have not nearly been reached, at least CC.RR. have been enabled to break out of the impasse in which they were before MMIA took control and their almost dependence on civil transport has been greatly reduced and in some cases eliminated. CC.RR. greatly appreciate the improved situation which has strengthened their morale and added to their prestige.

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(f) Arms and Ammunition.

The 3,300 BERETTA automatic pistols assigned to CC.RR have been allocated to various Legions. They are at present being collected from the Detached Artillery Section at BRESCIA. A further assignment of 3,300 pistols has been made to CC.RR. The latter have already been despatched from the BERETTA factory to the Ministry of War.

(g) Public Safety.

The public safety situation in SICILIA has very greatly improved and this is largely due to the skilful employment of the Mobile Bns. under the command of Col.BORGA(CC.RR. BOLOGNA Legion).

7. MEDICAL.

(a) The ITALIAN Medical Store at FLORENCE continues to receive quantities of captured stores from ALLIED sources.

(b) HEALTH

8 cases of Typhus fever were reported as having occurred amongst military personnel at PALERMO during November.
Of 10,047 hospital beds equipped, 5,244 were occupied on 30 NOV.46.

8. I.P.O.W.

(a) Numerical state of repatriation

Country Holding	No. of IPW at beginning of repatriation	No. repatriated during December	No. still to be repatriated
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

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(f) Arms and Ammunition.

The 3,300 BERETTA automatic pistols assigned to OC.RR have been allocated to various Legions. They are at present being collected from the Detached Artillery Section at BRESCIA. A further assignment of 3,300 pistols has been made to CO.RR. The latter have already been despatched from the BERETTA factory to the Ministry of War.

(g) Public Safety.

The public safety situation in SICILIA has very greatly improved and this is largely due to the skilful employment of the Mobile Bns. under the command of Col.BOCCA(OC.RR. BOLOGNA Legion).

7. MEDICAL.

(a) The ITALIAN Medical Store at FLORENCE continues to receive quantities of captured stores from ALLIED sources.

(b) HEALTH

8 cases of Typhus fever were reported as having occurred amongst military personnel at PALERMO during November.
Of 10,047 hospital beds equipped, 5,284 were occupied on 30 NOV.46.

8. I.PCW.

(a) Numerical state of repatriation

Country Holding (a)	No.of IPW at beginning of repatriation (b)	No.repatriated during December (c)	No.still to be repatriated (d)
BRITISH	399,905	21,229	19,418
OTHERS	827,300	2,747	7,868
GRAND TOTAL	1,350,134+	23,976	27,286

+ Includes 120,751 US held - now repatriated.

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(b) Policy and Planning.

Agreement was reached with GHQ.MELF for the return of 2,500 IPOW who were voluntarily deferred for six months; these POW will be available at PORT SAID in early January and will be picked up by ITALIAN shipping in two lifts, probably 10 and 20 January.
Nearly 24,000 IPOW were repatriated during the month of December; most of these were from various parts of the BRITISH EMPIRE. It is estimated that only 20,000 IPOW are now in BRITISH hands and that they will be returned to ITALY by late February or early March.
A further 3,000 IPOW were returned from YUGOSLAVIA during December; it is reported that these men arrived in fairly good condition.

(c) Finance.

During the month of December 1945 the remittance passed through this office by IPOW held in BRITISH custody, to their families, totalled £1,266. Statements of Account in respect of ITALIAN PWs repatriated from BRITISH custody, amounting to £2,268, were forwarded to the ITALIAN Government for payment.
Following AFHQ orders since December 1st 45, no more matters concerning IPOWs ex US custody will be dealt with by this office.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION. A.C.

(M. M. I. A.)

Commander: Major General.E.H.COULBURN. DSO

Report No.36.- Activities during month of November

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME	(31 Offrs)	
Outstations		
Type 'A'Liaison Units	(6 Offrs)	at TURIN, MILAN,BOLZANO FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE.
Type 'B'Liaison Units	(3 Offrs)	at GENOA, BOLOGNA,ROME BARI, PALERMO.
No.12.Liaison Unit	(11 Offrs)	at ROME.
	93 Offrs	on establishment.

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st Nov is as follows:-

	Actual Strength
US - ITI	4,486
BR - ITI	102
INTERIM ARMY	139,292
CARABINIERI	63,828

3. ORG

(a) On 27 Nov., all MMIA War Establishments were reviewed at GHQ. The increment to MMIA was deleted in toto, and a few minor adjustments were,in consequence, made to the HQ Establishment. It was recommended to the War Office that establishments should otherwise remain unchanged.

(b) The following Italian War Establishments were approved:-

Inspectorate of Infantry
Increase to School of Administration

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Increase to Medical School.

4. RE.

(a) War Ministry were approached with list of stores to be released from PAVIA and obtained from ARAR's holding at CANCELLO. War Ministry have asked ARAR to quote prices for equipment, etc., required from CANCELLO. Action was taken to release stores at PAVIA.

(b) GHQ have now notified release of one set of Bailey Pontoon equipment for Italian Engineers. Arrangements for collecting and railing from MESTRE are now in hand.

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5. SIGS

(a) Works continue to make good progress at the Italian School of Signals, CECCHIGNOLA.

(b) The disposal of all communications from HQ MMLA to its SLUs and vice versa, of security classification CONFIDENTIAL and below, through Italian channels, is working satisfactorily.

(c) The Italian working party at PONTECAGNO has been engaged throughout November and is still engaged in identifying and concentrating material.

6. CC.RR.

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Carabinieri have under consideration a plan for reorganisation of the Mobile Bns. When and if normal conditions return to Italy the existence of the Battalions will be of doubtful value in their present form. 6,000 men are now wholly employed in the Battalions where they have little to do except in the rare cases of large scale disorders. The Carabinieri plan is to have a small Mobile Company with each Legion, thereby abolishing the Battalions and effecting a considerable saving in manpower. Under present circumstances no change is contemplated.

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W/T connection between GHQ and other HQs continues to make progress. The latest HQs to be brought within the network are BOLOGNA, MILAN, MESSINA and CATANZARO, although the latter two stations are still in the experimental stage.
Due to local disturbance, the TURIN station is being moved to another locality near the city. The keenness and energy displayed by Carabinieri in putting the W/T scheme into effect is highly encouraging. Courses of instruction for W/T operators are in full swing at GHQ.

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Transport released to Carabinieri from 4 November to 1 December inclusive is as follows:

	M/Cs.	P/V	L/C.	Jeeps.
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M/C.	P/V	L/C	Jeeps	A/C	Other Vehs.
366	25	655	267	168	6

Carabinieri have received the tyres and tubes they ordered from PIRELLI firm and the greater part has now been distributed to the Legions.

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(d) Armoured Cars.

The position has improved since the last report, owing to the arrival at CARE BOLOGNA, of a quantity of spare motors, etc., from the Polish Depot at IESI. Legion Commanders have been ordered to despatch all inefficient A/Cs to BOLOGNA without delay. Further good news is that 20 A/Cs are being prepared and checked at BOLOGNA by the Army for exchange with 20 inefficient Carabinieri vehicles. It is expected that three of these A/Cs will be handed over to ROME Mobile Battalion during the week.

(e) Arms and Ammunition.

3,300 BERETTA 9 mm pistols have now been assigned to CC.RR and they will be released as soon as GHQ have decided on the distribution. This allocation is particularly satisfactory in view of the pressing needs of the Carabinieri for this weapon.

(f) Pay.

Carabinieri pay has been increased but owing to the rapidly rising cost of living, little or no benefit is felt.

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About 50 tons were received during the month and are now being priced and handed over to the Italian Army.
No report has yet come to hand as to whether MERANO captured stores Depot has completed move to FLORENCE.

(b) Health.

There was nothing of special interest to note during the month in connection with the health of the Italian Army.
Of 10,578 beds available, 6,206 were occupied on 31st Oct 46.

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(b) Policy and Planning.

Plans were received during month to repatriate the remaining 48,000 Italian POW held in various parts of the BRITISH Empire. Less than 38,000 await repatriation as at 1st Dec 46 and it is estimated that the last Italian PW will have left BRITISH custody by 31st Jan 46. This means that the target date for the return of these POW to ITALY will be March 1st 1947. 8/9
Over 6,000 ITALIAN POW were returned from YUGOSLAVIA last week; they arrived at ANCONA and verbal reports indicate that they were in fairly good condition.

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(e) Finance.

Remittances forwarded by IPW held in BRITISH hands through this Division totalled 22,758 pounds.
In view of the proposal to hand over all work in connection with US held POW to PBS., it is interesting to note that during November, 40% of work related to US held POW, and 60% to BRITISH held POW(Finance only).

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Commander: Major General, E.H. GOULBURN, D.S.O.

REPORT No 35 - Activities during month of October

1. MMLA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME (39 Offrs)

Outstations

Type 'A' Liaison Units (6 Offrs) at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, FLORENCE, NAPLES, UDINE

Type 'B' Liaison Units (3 Offrs) at GENOA, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI, PALERMO

No 12 Liaison Unit (16 Offrs) at ROME

106 Offrs on Establishment

2. STRENGTH STATE

Strength State of the Italian Army as at 1st Oct is as follows:-

	Ceiling	WE	Actual Strength
US-ITI	83,600	4,651	4,433
BR-ITI	107,000	160	118
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	125,712	136,474
CARABINIERI	75,000	75,000	63,654

3. DISBANDMENT (BR-ITI)

(a) 471 Mobile Workshops have now been disbanded. This leaves three BR-ITI Units. Numbers of personnel have not altered, as those disbanded have been sent to 852 and 853 S/L detachments.
861 Pool of Liaison officers remains at a strength of 30.

(b) With effect from Nov 5, HQ Central Military Schools will cease to exist. The [illegible] will

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The School of Cooperation will come directly under S.M.E.

(c) W/Es
An Infantry Inspectorate has been formed - the Establishment has been decided on and passed, and will be issued when printed.

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4. G Branch

4. Developments and activities of this section during the month are as follows:

(a) All Engrs Stores in the E.S.D.D. at Cancello were handed over by G.H.Q. to A.R.A.R.

(b) An Italian Engrs Officer visited the Depot at Cancello and noted Engr equipment available. The War Ministry were given first list of stores etc. for which they should bid before disposal by A.R.A.R. begins

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6. CC.RR.

Organisation

(a) The strength of CC. at 30 Sep 46 was 63,654, a decrease of nearly 400 on the previous month's figure. The hope of reaching anything in the neighbourhood of the W/E is very faint, and it becomes more and more obvious that under the present circumstances the maximum figure likely to be achieved is 65,000, the old W/E. Despite unemployment and poverty, this service which offers free food and clothing still only attracts the poor peasant class of Southern Italy, whose standard of living is very low. Unless the pay is substantially increased, it seems probable that the loss due to releases etc., will soon exceed the intake of new recruits.

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(c) Of all transport held by CC., 80.2% are efficient. Of those inefficient, the chief cause is lack of tyres and tubes. CC. are now purchasing tyres direct from Pirelli. An order has been placed for 900 tyres and tubes and it is expected that they will be received shortly

Armoured Cars

(d) The 20 Staghounds in workshops are still off the road.

Arms and Ammunition

(e) 1100 Beretta pistols have been assigned to CC. by the War Ministry. This still leaves a deficiency of 50.328 against entitlement.
Ammunition generally is in short supply.
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Morale

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BRITISH			
England & Scotland	158,029	-	35
North Africa	45,152	-	-
East Africa	42,857	4,946	13,031
West Africa	1,000	-	-
South Africa	40,285	581	14,741
Middle East	58,526	-	-
India	33,302	499	5,924
Australia	17,657	2,796	13,728
Gibraltar	541	-	15
Persia	2,000	-	-
TOTAL	397,343	8,922	47,474

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(Contd) TOTAL	397.343	8.922	47.474
OTHERS			
French N. Africe	37.300	-	-
Russia	20.000	8	7.487
Germany & Switzerland	655.000	-	-
France	35.000	-	-
Balkans	100.000	35	9.560
TOTAL	827.300	43	17.047
GRAND TOTAL	1.348,394 +	8,965	64.521

+ Includes 123,751 U.S. held - now repatriated.

(b) (i) Although ports in the Med are now closed to Allied shipping generally, authority has been obtained for all ships carrying Italian PW to off-load at Naples

(ii) Reports received through Italian reps in London indicate that a plan has been formed for the mass repatriation of the remaining 48,000 IPW.
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General

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Arms and Ammunition

(c) During the month, 1170 Beretta SMG have been received and distributed to units. Of 1,000 pistols produced by the Beretta factory for CC.RR., 500 are defective, the remainder have been handed over to Venezia Giulia Police.

Armoured Cars

(e) The position is deteriorating. Over 20 Staghounds are in Army Workshops and there is no prospect of their return unless, and until, spares are forthcoming. The Ministry of War has been requested to replace these Armd Cs under repair, but have not done so.

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11. PG.

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West Africa	1,000	17	—
South Africa	40,285	52	13,747
Middle East	95,520	6,996	—
India	33,302	52	6,423
Australia	17,657	509	16,524
Gibraltar	341	—	15
Persia	2,000	—	—
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REPORT NO 33 - Activities during month of August

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This now leaves four Br-Iti Units in existence.

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(c) General
A new Orbat has now been completed, and is expected to be issued in the very near future.
On Aug 8 and 9 the "six monthly" BLW conference was held - full minutes were published and sent to all concerned.

4. TRG

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(c) Comn
196 No 19 LP Sets with accumulators etc have now arrived and the W/T eqpt is at last complete. Courses have been started and 48 men are under instruction.

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(d) Tpt
Since the last monthly report a considerable improvement of releases of tpt has been made. 112 vehicles of all classes were released in July, and up to 25 Aug 46, 62 have been released. Some Legions, notably Milan, has MT in excess of W/E. These Legions will have to surrender their surplus to other Legions with little MT, and arrangements are being made to this end.

(e) Arms and Amn
No Beretta pistols Mod. 34 have been received but 5,000 have been delivered to the Ministry of War and assigned to CC.
1,800 Beretta Mitra have been received and are being distributed.
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7. SIGNALS

Good progress continues to be made at the Italian School of Signals, Cecchignola.

The Signal Controlled Stores situation is still in process of being sorted out. Full details will be given when a complete census is available of the stores received from BOD and subsequently issued to the various subordinate formations. It can be stated now, however, that no serious shortages are anticipated.

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7. SIGNALS (cont'd)

The question of nomenclature of signal trades has been discussed with the Ispettorato del Genio and full agreement has been reached.

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(a) Representation was made by Comd S.M.E. concerning the inadequate state of MT at the School for fulfilling administrative and trg needs. This resulted in the School being allotted 3 more Italian lorries and the situation has now improved.

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From other sources.....	499
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(b) India
Nearly 8,000 prisoners were returned during the month. Only 19% of the original number held in India now await repat.

(c) UK
1,445 PW out of 158,029 are left in the UK. This virtually completes the UK repat programme, since some hundreds of IPW have voluntarily deferred their repat to assist in agriculture.

(d) Australia
The "MORETON BAY" arrived at the end of Aug in Naples with 500 PW (sick and compassionate cases). The "KATOOMBA" is expected shortly with 600. No further information has been received regarding repat in large numbers.

(e) Middle East
All co-operators have now been returned; repat of non-co-operators is progressing and should be completed by mid-Sept.

(f) Others
The position in S. Africa and E. Africa is unchanged. PW continue to return at the rate of 2,000 a month from each country, but no plans for mass repat exist. With the completion of Middle East repat it is hoped to speed up this comparatively slow rate. A few IPW have been sent through Vienna from Russia.

(g) Compassionate & Welfare
Correspondence involving 150 compassionate and welfare cases were dealt with during the month. Authority for release was given in 65 cases. 512 Welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and enquiries re IPW from their families and vice versa.

(h) Specialists & Neo Fascists
445 letters, dealing with release of Fascists and Germans in Italy and repat of Specialists, were received, and issued. 821 S. Tyroleans were released from LATERINA Camp during Aug.

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All co-operators have now been returned; repat of non-co-operators is progressing and should be completed by mid-Sept.

(f) Others
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Correspondence involving 150 compassionate and welfare cases were dealt with during the month. Authority for release was given in 65 cases. 512 Welfare cases were investigated, covering the forwarding of mail and enquiries re IPW from their families and vice versa.

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(b) Disbandments

Disbandment of BR-ITI units has been proceeding satisfactorily. The following have been disbanded during the month:-

1051	Maintenance Pl	(w.e.f. 15 July)
60	Incr to 60 Forestry Gp	(w.e.f. 15 July)
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(c) Comn
With the exception of 148 LP Sets, and electrolyte, CC. have their full wireless equipment. CC. are purchasing electrolyte direct from Montecatini as none is available from Allied sources.
Instructor courses are shortly being started for selected men from mobile bns. Experiments have been made with No 52 Sets all over Italy with varying results, reception being poor in mountainous districts. 19 petrol driven charging sets have been received and a further 36 are being made available.
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During July, 618 recruits finished their trg and were posted to various Comds.

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(a) Legal Policy

The draft decree on regtl Courts Martial and a letter explaining the plan and purpose of the decree to the Council of Ministers, has been received and examined by this HQ.

It is felt that, although the proposed decree goes a very long way towards implementing the plan originally put forward by the Mission in 1945, certain provisions, particularly those relating to appeals, might jeopardise the functioning of the system.

A further meeting is to be held to discuss those points.

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(b) Public Relations

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For the first fortnight of the month, training at the various schools was interrupted by the absence of recruits and permanent staff on security measures required for the election and referendum period. The outcome of the referendum was gree ted with great disappointment by many of the officers, whose initial thoughts favoured resignation of their commissions. Training, however, has recommenced and is progressing favourably.

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4. CC.RR

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REPORT NO 31 - Activities during month of JUNE

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For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.
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" LAA Regt
} for Inf Div

All Medical Units of Inf Div
CC.RR Coy for Inf Div
Survey Bty for Inf Div

(b) Disbandments

Disbandments of BR-ITI units continue satisfactorily but there have been no further US-ITI disbandments during the month.
It is anticipated that there will be only 6 or 7 BR-ITI units in existence by the end of July. These units will probably be required indefinitely.

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(c) Conversions

(i) Instructions have been issued by the Italian Ministry of War for the conversion of the Infantry in Independent Regt to the same WE as that of the Infantry in Inf Divs.
Conversion is expected to be completed by 1 Aug 46.

(ii) 3 Inf Regt has been re-designated 3 Bersaglieri Regt.

4. C.A.R.s

(a) A consolidated report on the inspections carried out by Staff Offrs of this HQ has been forwarded to the Ministry of War for their comments and action.

(b) Suggested amendments to the WE of a CAR will be considered by the Italian WE Committee during the early part of July. These amendments are based on the experience of handling the first intake of 40,000 recruits.

5. SCHOOLS

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(a) Organisation.
Of the classes recently recalled for military service 1,350 have already returned and are in service with CC.RR. A further 250 reservists have also offered their services and their cases are being examined. By the 15 July 46 1,000 recruits will be leaving CC.RR schools to enter the service, and it is anticipated that by 15 July the effective strength will be approximately 64,200. Recruitment exceeds wastage due to retirement, non re-engagement, etc by an appreciable margin. On 1 Aug 46, 1,000 recruits will be taken into the schools.

(b) Transport
The release of tpt to CC.RR by the War Ministry is most unsatisfactory. During the past month no load carrying vehicles have been released. The matter is being investigated.
A WE for Mobile Bn Workshops has been produced and forwarded to BLUs. As CC.RR possess very few mechanics, all Legions have been asked to make a return of suitable personnel. ROME Legion has sent 10 men for

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(c) Arms and Ammn
The position appears to be satisfactory. By now every CC.RR station should have its quota of 2 Beretta carbines, and visits made to stations show that this distribution has been carried out promptly.

(d) Morale
The fall of the Monarchy, although unwelcome to CC.RR has had no appreciable effect on morale and it can be said that all personnel remain loyal to their [illegible].

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7. SIGNALS

(a) Stores
The Signal controlled stores for the Italian Interim Army have now been received and are in the hands of the Ministry of War who are accepting this HQs advice regarding distribution. Up to now it has not been possible to commence distribution owing to the slowness of some of the Divs in rendering returns of stores held, but these have now all been received and issues will begin in the very near future.

(b) Brit Signal Facilities
The system of Brit military communications in Italy continued to degenerate throughout the month, and communications to Sicily have ceased to exist. In consequence this HQ has to rely on the Ministry of War for the despaton of official mail to Sicily. The whole question of external communications for this Mission will be reviewed as soon as possible.

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(ii) GHQ are producing a statement on establishments and organisation of the British Army Cinema Services for the information of the Ministry of War.

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(c) P.R.O.
The Public Relations Office is now established and functioning. Good use is being made of the press, and a full explanation of the purpose of this office and its set up was recently published as a front page article.

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On the administrative side the work is chiefly centred round the issue of equipment and maintenance stores for the Italian Army from Allied surplusses. Releases of suitable vehicles, armament, tyres and spare parts having been provided in principle, are taking a long time in practice and a certain lack of efficiency is to be expected in the meantime.
The sorting out of men as between the Italian Army, the Allied Army and PWs and refugees is proceeding slowly and exchanges have taken place during the month in accordance with the main plan.
The issues of arm suitable for Allied weapons in the hands of the Italian Army and required for training purposes, have been approved by GHQ and are now being made.

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10. MEDICAL

(a) Medical Stores
The Medical Stores at FLORENCE continues to receive stores from CMF, MEF and East Africa Command.
During the month approximately 40 tons of stores were received and are in the process of being checked and handed over to the Italian Army. Vouchers for a further 105 tons (approx) are in possession of this HQ and stores awaited. Advice notes for 5 tons of stores were received during June.
Medical stores and machinery continue to arrive at FLORENCE from MERANO. UNRRA replaced the balance of medical stores loaned to them in SARDINIA.

(b) Health Notes
There has been nothing of note in the health picture of the Italian Army during the month.
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(c) Australia
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(d) Others
Small parties continue to arrive from the Balkans. A party of 860 IPW (including 600 Offrs) is expected to arrive shortly from Russia.

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(iii) Remittances forwarded by IPW held in Brit hands through this Div totalled £19,973. Statements of Credit Balance in respect of IPW repatriated from Brit and US custody, totalling 49,740 were forwarded to the Italian Gov't for payment.

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3. ORG OF HQ MMLA

W.e.f. 1 Apr the CC.RR Section of MMLA is redesignated "Police Increment to Military Mission to the Italian Army (for Carabinieri)" and has a seperate WE CM/1279/1 as a para military organisation.

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Engineer Bn Applicable to Inf Divs only.
Signals Bn " " " " ".

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(b) Disbandments
Disbandments of US-ITI and BR-ITI units continue satisfactorily.

5. EQPT

GHQ CMF have now authorised the release of all outstanding eqpt demands for the Interim Italian Army.

6. TRAINING

(a) CARs (Territorial Trg Centres)
During the month Nos 1,2,9 and 10 CARs were visited by Staff Offrs of this HQ and were found to be generally satisfactory.

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7. COMD

The following changes of Comd have been made, wef 3 May:-

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The actual increase of strength since the authorised Establishment was raised has not been noticeable, as retirements etc have balanced enlistments, but the 1,000 volunteers will be an actual increase when they are taken onto effective strength. HQ CC.RR are still confident that when the recruiting propaganda is more mature, and the result of the elections are known, that further volunteers will be forthcoming.

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(b) Comm

A little progress is being reported from various Legions of repairs to telephone installations, but the overall situation is still very far from satisfactory

The release of the wireless sets to scale has been made and they are now being off loaded at ROME.-

(c) Tpt

The tpt situation continues to improve, but new vehicles from the Italian motor industry are not being distributed in the anticipated numbers. There is still about a 66% deficiency in load carrying vehs in the Legions. Shortage of load carriers is the biggest deficiency at present. This matter is receiving active attention.

MCs are also in short supply, but it is hoped to start taking delivery in July of 500 new MCs from the Italian motor industry.

During May 2,000 new bicycles have been distributed to Legions, and another 4,000 new bicycles are expected during the course of the next few months from the Italian cycle industry.

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Though much remains to be achieved, what has been done in providing arms, tpt, clothing, etc during the past few weeks has become evident in an improved standard of morale throughout the CC.RR.

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x For reasons for surplus to authorised ceiling see para 2 Report No 29, "Activities during month of April".

Owing to improved conditions of service wastage has not been as high as usual.

3. ORG OF MMIA

W.e.f. 1 Apr the CC.RR Section of MMIA is redesignated "Police Increment to Military Mission to the Italian Army (for Carabinieri)" and has a separate WE CM/1279/1 as a para military organisation.

4. EQPT

GHQ CMF have now authorised the release of all outstanding eqpt demands for the Interim Italian Army.

5. TRAINING

Schools

During the latter part of the month trg was stopped on account of the elections as it was found necessary to use the recruits for security duties.

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6. CCMD

The following changes of Comd have been made, wef 3 May:-

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Brig CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO replaces Brig BOLOGNA as GOC

CREMONA Inf Div
Brig PIZZORNO replaces Brig PRIMIERE as GOC

FRIULI Inf Div
Brig BERNARDI replaces Maj Gen SCAFTINI as GOC

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Brig RICHIERI replaces Maj Gen UFILI as GOC

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Note ii Average monthly wastage is 5,000+. The Interim Army by 1 May is therefore already again within ceiling.

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1 - EC
6 - PA Br
1 - Br Lt Cdn Emb
1 - French Rep.
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Note iii As a result of proportion of permanent cadre to conscripts and of conscript intakes numbering 40,000, it is impossible to keep strengths at all times as nearly as possible 140,000 without minor temporary variations above and below exact ceiling.

Note iv CC.RR are at present some 13,000 below authorised ceiling of 75,000.
Total authorised ceiling for Army including CC.RR has not therefore been exceeded at any time.

5. INFANTRY DIVISIONS

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(a) A conference was held at GHQ on 9 April to discuss the provision of training equipment urgently required for training at the Central Military Schools. This resulted in the release of the major portion of equipment most urgently required.

(b) Discussions with GHQ have taken place over the supply of British equipment to the Italian Army. A consolidated Equipment Staff Table of all items required is at present in preparation.
The CARs (Recruit Training Centres) have received their equipment and weapons and although certain deficiencies exist, such as 2" Mortars and also certain items of Weapon Training Stores the progress of training has not been affected.

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(c) BRITISH signal equipment with W/T sets has been released for CC.RR on scales demanded by this HQ, to a total of some 490 sets.

8. TRAINING

All C/Rs have been visited by Staff Officers of this HQ during April, and generally were found to be functioning satisfactorily.

The call-up was completely successful, the full number of recruits (40,000) was obtained, and there were few incidents.

A great deal of work was necessary to get the accommodation at each C/R ready in time for the arrival of the recruits, and though in some instances there is slight overcrowding still, the accommodation generally is satisfactory.

The discipline of the recruits seemed quite good and they appeared to be cheerful and contented. Much work had been done by the Permanent and Instructional Staff to make the best possible arrangements for the recruits in the short time available, and in this respect much interest and keeness had obviously been shown.

The main difficulties are:-

(a) shortage of NCO instructors, and the poor standard of the junior NCO instructors.

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(c) shortage of transport, and the poor quality of the vehicles that are available at the C/Rs.

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Further work has been accomplished on a new Order of Battle as a result of the 10,000 increase of strength. The new Order of Battle provides for an approximate 20% increase of strength in Legions, and the employment of the TRIESTE Legion as Mobile Units with Legions, where there is no Mobile Bns. The War Ministry has promulgated a decree callin back into service, CC.RR of the 1915-22 Classes, at present in "Congedo". Many of these men have expressed a desire to return to service. It is estimated that 7,000 - 8,000 extra men will be available for duty by the end of May. There are a total of 1,905 recruits in training.

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(d) TRANSPORT

A total of 96 Load Carriers, 91 Jeeps and 1 M/C have been released ex EWPs during the month. In view of the poor condition of the Jeeps on arrival at ROME, it was arranged that they should go to ROME Workshops for inspection and repair as necessary before issue to Legions. Priority for this work was obtained, and the Jeeps are now being turned out in good condition, complete with spare wheels and tools. However it can be seen that the target of 250 Jeeps promised will not be reached.

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(c) ARMS
Distribution has been made to Legions of 7,000 new automatic rifles Model 38 from the BERETTA Arms Factory BRESCIA. Delay is occasioned with the remaining 3,000 promised, owing to lack of cartridge magazines.

(f) CLOTHING
NAPLES Legion was visited and inspected with special reference to clothing supplies. Following representations, the Ministry of War has made assignments of certain quantities of clothing and equipment to the NAPLES Legion.

(g) TRAINING
An inspection has just been completed of the TURIN and FLORENCE Training Schools. The accommodation of the school at TURIN has recently been increased by the transfer of several refugees, and it will be capable of doubling the intake of students within a short time. There is a marked improvement in training, particularly in the practical police duties, a policy which has been stressed by this HQ coupled with close personal liaison with School Commandants and instructors. The general appearance of the recruits is better and discipline good. 'Refresher' courses are being given in some Legions, by organised classes at Group Level, a system advocated by this HQ, being much more efficacious than the CC.RR system of Marescialli giving instruction to 2 or 3 CC.RR at each station.

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Ministry of War have allotted the sum of three million lire for the purchase of sports kit. An agreement has been made with C.E.F.I. GHQ, to sell sport kit of this value to the Italian Army. A meeting has been arranged between Chief Supply Officer, EFI and a Ministry of War representative to complete the purchase. In addition to this, purchases of sports kit have been made by BOLOGNA Military Command and CAR, CERVETO from EFI.

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11. SUPPLIES

Food supplies for the Interim Army have been provided regularly by the High Commissioner for Food of the Italian Government. Monthly allocations have been made by the Federation dei Consorzi Agrari to the Ministry of War.

No supplies (foodstuffs) have been declared available from the Allied Disposal Agencies.

The preparations for the provisioning of the Italian Navy and Air Force by the Italian Government w.e.f. 1 June 1946 are well under way and no difficulties are anticipated.

Continued efforts were made during the month to obtain GHQ approval for the direct release to the Italian Army of military surplus stores required for maintenance. A limited quantity of MT spares were received for Allied vehicles held by the Italian Army.

12. MEDICAL

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(a) HQ MMIA (CM/241/5)

Wef 11 Mar 46 add Deputy Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering..... 1

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(b) Increment to HQ MMLA (CM/1111/2)

Wef 11 Apr 44	delete General Staff Officer 2nd Grade	1
	General Staff Officer 3rd Grade	2
	Staff Captain 'A'	1
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Wef 15 Apr 44	delete Deputy Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport	1

4. ORGANISATION

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A new allocation of 10[illegible] SKUGHOUND Armd Cars for Mobile Bns has been made, complete delivery being expected by the end of May.

The G.C. CC.RR has issued instrs to Legions on the use and deployment of the bns.

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7. ARMS AMN

On 22 Mar 46 G.Q.Q(AF) release for the 60-day maint pack was received. This will enable outstanding repairs to be made to a great number of arms that have become inefficient since the Italian Army reverted to the Italian Government on 15 Nov 45.

A large quantity of arm has also been released for the C.A.Rs (Recruit Training Centres); this arm should reach the C.A.Rs about the middle of Apr.

8. MEDICAL

Italian Medical Stores, MASSILANO, closed for the receipt of stores wef 28 Feb 46. All captured stores still to be checked were transferred to the Medical Stores at FLORENCE. All concerned have been informed of the change of location of this medical store.

The MERANO Medical Plant has been handed back to the Italian Government. A start has been made in transferring drugs and machinery to FLORENCE - 40 truckloads received out of about 400 due.

Arrangements have been made whereby all medical stores released to UNRRA in SARDINIA are to be returned to FLORENCE.

During Mar, 25 tons of medical stores passed through the Central Depot of Medical Stores. Approximately 100 tons are still outstanding. Vouchers for 30 tons, ex MEF etc, received during the month.

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MEDICAL

Italian Medical Stores, MASSA CARRO, closed for the receipt of stores wef 28 Feb 46. All captured stores still to be checked were transferred to the Medical Stores at FLORENCE. All concerned have been informed of the change of location of this medical store.

The MEPAMO Medical Plant has been handed back to the Italian Government. A start has been made in transferring drugs and machinery to FLORENCE - 40 truckloads received out of about 400 due.

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Commander: Major General L. BROWNING, C.B. O.B.E. M.C.

REPORT NO 27 - Activities during the month of FEBRUARY.

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

Ref Maps: 1/250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27-28.

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7467

Outstations

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Type 'B' Liaison Units (2 Offrs) at GENOA, UDINE, BOLOGNA, ROME, BARI, PALERMO

No. 12 Liaison Unit (16 Offrs) at CESANO

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTHS

As at 1 Feb 46:-

	CEILING	W.E.	ACTUAL STRENGTH
US-ITI	83,500	5,425	5,256
BR-ITI	107,000	4,310	4,281
INTERIM ARMY	140,000	119,332	124,864
CC.RR	65,000	65,000	62,419

3. GUARD DUTIES

Particular attention has been given to the release of MAI-ITI troops from Guard duties at Allied installations and their concentration for training.

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Particular attention has been given to the release of BRI-ITI troops from Guard duties at Allied installations and their concentration for training.

4. INFANTRY DIVISIONS

GARIBALDI Regt (FOLGORE Div) arrived in SICILY at the beginning of the month and was deployed in an anti-bandit role in the MONTELEPRE and CALTAGIRONE areas.

5. ORGANISATION

(a) WEs of all Adm Units and of C.I.Rs passed the ITALIAN W.E.C. and are now in the press.

(b) Disbandment of US-ITI and BRI-ITI units continued satisfactorily.

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6. CC.RR

Remain seriously deficient of transport. Mobile brs are still in most cases in fact not mobile.

7. FOOD SUPPLY

The full ration has been maintained for the Interim Army with the exception of rice and cheese.

A loan of flour was made from BRIT Army stocks on assurance of repayment in kind from YT financed imports by 28 Feb.

There are signs of better consideration for the War Ministry on the part of the Food Ministry. The supply of foodstuffs for the ITALIAN Army is improving.

8. MEDICAL

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ITALY, Sheets 27-28

1. MMIA LOCATIONS

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BR-ITI	107,000	5,519	7,452
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CC.RR	65,000	65,000	66,028

NOTE: + = In view of reorganisation of Interim Army, WE strengths are liable to fluctuate during transition period.

3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS

The concentration of the Infantry Divisions for training has been under active consideration. Accommodation difficulties in Northern Italy make large scale moves difficult; however, the Ministry of War has ordered recce of the GENOA area in order to move 114 Infantry Regiment south nearer the [illegible] Division.

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4. ALPINE AND INFANTRY REGIMENTS

The AOSTA Alpine Battalion took over Internal Security duties from 530 Guard Battalion at AOSTA and the latter battalion moved to join the LEGNANO Division. FELTRE Alpine Battalion was released by 7 Territorial Command from duty in AREZZO area and moved to ESTE to join 5 Alpine Regiment.

In general efforts have been made to concentrate Alpine and Infantry Battalions.

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1 - Attached unit
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5. EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN ARMY

Verbal agreement has been given by GHQ, CMF that the Italian Army, less CC.RR, shall be equipped throughout with BRITISH weapons. The necessary weapons, with the exception of Pistols and 2" Mortars, are available in this theatre. Priority of issue is being made to C...R.s (Recruit Training Centres).

CC.RR will be equipped substantially with weapons of Italian pattern. The policy regarding vehicles is not yet firm. Negotiations are in progress between GHQ and MTOUSA.

6. C...R.s (Recruit Training Centres)

(a) General

The proposed Training Directive and Training Syllabus has been received from Ministry of War and with one minor adjustment the latter has been approved.

(b) Accommodation

Work is progressing favourably and despite difficulties in the following areas it is anticipated that all C...R.s will be ready for the first intake:-

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7. SCHOOLS

Considerable difficulty has been experienced with reconciling the proposed WEs of Schools with the estimated number of students to be trained annually. Consequently each establishment is now being reconsidered in detail by a mixed British and Italian Committee and it is hoped that by early February all est-ablishments will have been passed by the WE Committee.

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9. RETURNED P.W.

Progress is now being made with the return of Italian prisoners of war in British hands, some 32,000 being repatriated during January together with some 19,000 from other hands.

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10. CC.RR

The Carabinieri have been given a high priority in the provision of arms, transport and clothing, and although stocks of these items are not large considerable quantities have been issued during the month towards the new scales approved.

11. PERSONAL SERVICES

The conditions of pay, privileges, discipline and legal procedure are constantly under review and some progress is being made towards standardisation and improved conditions.

12. ACCOMMODATION

Efforts towards recovery by the Italian Army of War Ministry Barracks and other buildings have been pursued to meet with some success. Allied troops are slowly vacating these buildings all over Italy. The principal Italian Army requirements, i.e. Training Centres, have now been met com-pletely.

13. SUPPLIES

The food situation has been precarious and only met by loans from Allied stocks; negotiations are still proceeding to ensure adequate government allo-cation. The ration scale is being modified as necessary.

14. TRANSPORT

The vehicle situation remains serious and difficulty is being encountered in release of M.T. spares and tyres from C.M.M. stocks. Negotiations regard-ing maintenance of British vehicles held by the Italian Army are proceeding. Additional motor cycles have been issued to the CC.RR from British sources.

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For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

Ref Maps: 1/250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27-28

1. MMLA LOCATIONS

Main HQ - ROME 7467

Outstations:

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Adjustment of certain British Liaison Unit personnel was made necessary by the move of the FOLGORE Inf Div to FLORENCE, 7 BLU at FLORENCE becoming an 'A' Type BLU counterbalanced by 5 BLU at UDINE becoming a 'B' Type BLU.

2. ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTH

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US-ITI	83,500	6,632	7,333	
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Disposition of Infantry Divs:

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CREMONA HQ	TURIN	7/J 0330
LEGNANO HQ	BERGAMO	5/K 6587
FOLGORE HQ	FLORENCE	Q 8068
MANTOVA HQ	VARALLO	10/O 6844

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1 - RC
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1 - Mil Attache an Embassy
1 - Fr Rep

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4. ALPINE AND INFANTRY REGIMENTS

The Italian Ministry of War renamed the Internal Security Regts as ALPINE and INFANTRY Regts. The position is now as follows:-

LOCATION	REGIMENT
TURIN area	1 Alpine Regt
GENOA area	2 Inf Regt
MILAN area	3 Inf Regt
BOLZANO area	4 Alpine Regt
UDINE area	5 Alpine Regt
BOLOGNA area	6 Inf Regt
FLORENCE area	7 Inf Regt
ROME area	8 Inf Regt
BARI area	9 Inf Regt
NAPLES area	10 Inf Regt

5. TRAINING

(a) Centri Addestramento Reclute (Territorial Trg Centre)

There has been considerable difficulty experienced during December over finding suitable sites for the C.A.Rs. This applies particularly to NORTH ITALY where the most suitable acco is still occupied by ALLIED tps. The posi-ition at the end of the month was that two territories have still to be finally settled, UDINE and BOLZANO:-

UDINE: It has been proposed by Ministry of War that the C.A.R (TTC) be divided between SACILE and MODENA. This division is against the principles as laid down by this HQ but offers the only solution until more accommodation is released.

BOLZANO: MONTORIO VERONESE Barracks (near VERONA) is the ideal site for this C.A.R (TTC). It is still hoped that the barracks will be released in time for the first intake.

(b) Schools

The organisation and siting of schools has progressed favourably during the month and much headway has been made in preparing for the arrival of the sel-ected recruits for specialist training.

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(c) Cadet Training

This has been discussed fully during the month and it is expected that in early January a decision will be reached as to the method by which this important training will be carried out.

6. SIGNALS EQUIPMENT

Captured Enemy Material

CEM dumps in N. ITALY were visited in Dec and found to contain a large amount of German and Italian signal equipment.

The possibility of equipping the CC.RR with CEM wireless sets is now being investigated.

Arrangements have already been made for the issue of Italian signal equipment from the CEM dumps in N. ITALY to the Italian Army, and this work will commence within the next few days.

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7. CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT

(a) Interim Army

The Italian Commissariato have submitted to their New Establishment Committee their proposal for clothing and equipment installations for the Interim Army, after previous agreement with G (ITA).

(b) Carabinieri

The CC.RR continue to receive priority in distribution of clothing and equipment.

8. ARMS and AMMUNITION

Survey of stocks

On request from AFHQ a survey of all British and Italian arms and ammunition held by all categories of the Italian Army has been made. This survey brought to light several discrepancies between holdings of arms and relative holdings of ammunition, which will eventually be adjusted when further stocks are released.

9. R.E.M.E.

(a) Base Repair Workshops

CMQ have approved in principle the installing of Base Repair Workshops by Italian Army in O.A.R.E. at BOLOGNA. This will handle all Allied vehicles held by the Italian Army.

Armoured Replacement Group are in occupation of Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito at BOLOGNA. 2 District and this HQ are looking for accommodation for A.R.G. vehicle parks etc in order to permit a "phased" de-requisitioning of the O.A.R.E. which will enable the Base Repair Workshops to commence operation.

(b) Artillery and Motorizzazione Directorate

COC MMIA has proposed to War Ministry that the Artillery Directorate and Motorizzazione Directorate now be definitely separated and operate independently.

10. ACCOMMODATION

(a) Officina Automobilistica Regio Esercito

See 9(a) above.

(b) Centri Addestramento Reclute (territorial Training Centres)

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(i) Territorial HQs 1,2,7,8,9,10 and 11 have no further important difficulties and preparations are in hand.

(ii) Territorial HQs 3,4 and 5. Accommodation for C/Rs (TTCs) not yet fixed because of Allied occupation of barracks required. CMF support in principle Italian Army claims to barracks concerned but final de-requisitions have not yet been made owing to various Allied commitments which require the barracks concerned. Matter under negotiation.

(iii) No. 6 Territorial HQ is to be fixed shortly in barracks not occupied by Allies.

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(c) Cecchignola

The schools are now operating. Conditions of occupancy during the period of negotiation by C.C.C.C. and A.R.A.R. (Italian Government) have been conveyed to the War Ministry.

(d) Cerano

The clearance of PESCARO Camp of all civilians is being pressed with higher authority. Existing plans may continue if War Ministry agree.

11. POSTAL

With effect from 31 Dec 45 all control of distribution of Italian Army mail passed over to the civilian postal authorities.

12. ARMY and PERMANENT

Numbers of horses are still being allotted to CC.AR - the full entitlement has not yet been received.

13. SUPPLIES

(a) Rations

Maintenance ration is being obtained from indigenous sources and Ministry of Food stocks; the exception was flour and P. Meat/Fish which were obtained from British and American depots.

(b) Forage

Ministry of War is experiencing difficulty in obtaining forage. An additional allotment of bran has been obtained.

14. TRANSPORT

(a) Recovery of Italian Army vehicles

Good progress has been made in the recovery of Italian Army vehicles from those recaptured in the North of Italy. It has been possible to remedy the serious deficiency in Main Transport Coys but the general situation is still unsatisfactory.

1,500 Army vehicles have been lent to civilian transport agencies and are not yet been replaced by the Italian Government.

(b) Motorcycles

The Carabinieri are receiving priority release in respect of motor-cycles and vehicles for the mobile Bns.

(c) Civilian vehicles

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11. POSTAL

With effect from 31 Dec 45 all control of distribution of Italian Army mail passed over to the civilian postal authorities.

12. MT and FORAGE

Numbers of horses are still being allotted to CO.NR - the full entitlement has not yet been received.

13. SUPPLIES

(a) Stocks

Maintenance Rations being obtained from indigenous sources and Ministry of Food stocks; the exception was Flour and P. Meat/Fish which were obtained from British and American depots.

(b) Forage

Ministry of War is experiencing difficulty in obtaining forage. An additional allotment of barley has been obtained.

14. TRANSPORT

(a) Recovery of Italian Army vehicles

Good progress has been made in the recovery of Italian Army vehicles from those recaptured in the North of Italy. It has been possible to remedy the serious deficiency in Main Transport Corps but the general situation is still unsatisfactory.

1,500 Army vehicles have been lent to civilian transport agencies and have not yet been replaced by the Italian Government.

(b) Motorcycles

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(c) War Establishments

War Establishments have now been agreed and are waiting approval by the War Establishment Committee.

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15. P.O.L.

(a) Bids for POL

POL for December was bid for through Q Branch, and the same procedure will apply for January 45. The Ministry of War now bid for the Carabinieri Mobile Bns.

(b) Distribution

An improvement in the C.I.P. distribution system was noted during the month.

16. NUMERICAL STATE OF REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN P.O.W.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NO. OF IPW AT BEGINNING OF REPATRIATION	NO. OF IPW REPATRIATED AT 31 DEC 45	NO. TO BE REPATRIATED
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BRITISH HELD IN:			
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EAST AFRICA	39,000	9,331	29,669
WEST AFRICA	1,000	1,017	-
SOUTH AFRICA	39,500	4,079	35,421
MIDDLE EAST	62,000	9,921	52,079
INDIA	33,500	2,616	30,884
AUSTRALIA	17,000	630	16,370
GIBRALTAR	600	-	600
PERSIA	2,000	-	2,000
U.S.A.	51,000	25,123	25,877
U.S. HELD IN:			
FRANCE & GERMANY	43,000	34,998	8,002
ITALY	20,000	20,000	-
NORTH AFRICA	7,000	7,000	-
FRENCH NORTH AFRICA	37,500	7,665	29,835
RUSSIA	20,000 +	10,432	9,568
TOTAL	553,400	164,662	388,755
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GRAND TOTAL	1,248,400	902,093	410,238

The present situation refers to personnel already registered at the Lodging Centres and Commands in ITALY.

+ = The number 20,000 corresponds to the number given by the Russian Government. The Ministry of War states that 60,000 is the correct number.

// = Estimated figure only.

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17. GENERAL POLICY AND PLANNING, ITALIAN PW.

(a) French North Africa

The French authorities have agreed to release their total of 29,600 Italian PW still held in French North Africa.

However, 12,000 of these will have to be replaced by German PW. We have been notified by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it is planned to exchange healthy German PW now held in America, for sick German PW from France.

A proposal has been put forward to AFHQ that 12,000 German PW from America be taken to French North Africa, thus releasing the 12,000 Italian PW held there. No decision has yet been made on this proposal.

Following the visit of the Chief of IPW Division to French North Africa arrangements were made to ship 11 tons of Red Cross Stores to IPW in French hands in North Africa. This was shipped on the Italian cruiser Duca d'Aosta on Dec 6th '45 for consignment to the International Red Cross representative at Oran.

(b) Yugoslavia

Reports are constantly being received of alleged ill-treatment of IPW in Jugoslavia.

The Chief of IPW is awaiting clearance permission to make a personal visit to clear up these allegations.

Food for IPW has been sent to the base at Rhguse.

(c) Europe

USFET report that all IPW have been repatriated from their area. Date of completion was about 12 Dec 45.

(d) "T" Camp Taranto

The conditions of this camp have been causing great concern to the Italian authorities in the recent bad weather owing to the lack of adequate drainage on the site, and shortage of suitable tents.

Sufficient 180 lb tents to accomodate 3,000 have been requested, and additional accomodation has been obtained in the ROSSAROL and GALESE Barracks, Taranto, each holding about 1,000.

18. I.P.W. FINANCE

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(b) Forwarding of personal effects

560 envelopes, parcels and suitcases containing impounded valuables and personal effects were forwarded to the Italian Red Cross for distribution to the owners.

(c) Claims

166 claims for non-receipt of remittances and a few for non-receipt of family allowances were received and passed to the Italian Ministry of Post War .ssistance for inspection and payment where possible. 108 claims against the .llied authorities either for restitution of impounded properties or for statements of final Credit Balance were dealt with.

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19. COMPASSIONATE AND WELFARE, IPW

Correspondence involving 576 Compassionate cases was dealt with, resulting in authority being given for release in 66 cases.

806 Welfare cases were dealt with covering forwarding of mail and enquiries re IPW from their families.

20. INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION, IPW DIVISION

Headquarters A.C. Executive Order No. 85 attaches IPW Division to Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) for duty.

21. MEDICAL

(a) Disbandment of Medical Units Not Required for Interim Army

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Disbandments of 231, 331 and 429 Italian Evacuation Hospitals and 290 Italian Medical Company were agreed and instructions have been issued accordingly.

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3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

The five Italian Inf. Divs continued in their role of internal security in the North. Their latest dispositions are as follows:-

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H.Q. "LEGNANO" Inf. Div at BERGAMO, with Regts at BERGAMO, SONDRIO, & BRESCIA.

H.Q. "FOLGORE" Inf. Div at BRESSANONE, with Regts at DOBBIACO, BOLZANO and COLLE ISARCO.

("FOLGORE" Inf. Div will be moving as soon as possible into area south of the Appenines in the Northern part of British 5 District).

Ex DIST - 21 Pzr
1 - RC
6 - PRR
1 - Rd attd Ambulance
1 - Tk Bn

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H.Q. "MANTOVA" Inf Div at VARAZZE with Regts at SAVONA, COMO and PIACENZA.

4. INTERNAL SECURITY REGIMENTS.

The formation and regrouping of internal security regts continues and the position is now as follows:-

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MILAN	3 " "	502 520 527	
BOLZANO	4 " "	505 508 514	
UDINE	5 " "	513 516 517	On loan to 7 Terr HQ FLORENCE under comd 13 Corps
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5. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

1. New system of supply of clothing for BR-ITIS in Italian Army introduced in Adm. Instruction No. 29 - control of stocks now for Italian Army rests with the War Ministry, less quantities frozen for issue to BR-ITI. Further inter-category provision of clothing is not to take place.

2. Italian Army to be still issued with M.T. spares and controlled stores temporarily - G.H.Q. authority. Final directive on all equipment ex British ORD. held by War Ministry transferred from BR-ITI still awaited from G.H.Q.

3. Manufacture of uniforms by War Ministry for Italian Army is well under way.

4. The CC.RR have now priority in boots and clothing and should already be feeling the benefit of releases now made.

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10. ACCOMMODATION.

1. A.F.H.Q. Adm. Memo. No. 48 of 2 Nov, 45 set out policy re return of Italian Army Barracks to Italian Army.

2. Accommodation for T.T.C's 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 Territorial Comds has not yet been found owing to Allied occupation of barracks.

3. Cecchignola Barracks. Blocks handed over are now occupied by the Italians and Schools are being set up.

4. Mobilisation Transit Centres are being set up in all towns - accommodation may require B.L.U. assistance in many instances.

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11. CHEMICAL WARFARE STORES.

1. An expert from War Ministry has visited all dumps of chemical warfare stores North of ROME. Arrangements have been made for a similar tour South of ROME (including SICILY), after which G.H.Q. will give disposal instructions

12. B.F.I.

1. System now operating whereby entitled categories of BR-ITI personnel may purchase supplies ex B.F.I. - payment in cash.

13. SUPPLIES.

1. In pursuance of the policy already laid down, the Italian War Ministry in conjunction with the Ministry of Food are arranging maintenance on the Interim Army from indigenous resources and imports for the month of December. The Allies are however providing flour and preserved meats and fish, which are due to be repayed from imports in the New Year.

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2. The procedure already in force for the preparation of acceptance notes (Forms ST/3) or Issue Vouchers AFG 1033 for Bulk issues from Allied Depots to Italian Depots will continue and B.I.Us are asked to ensure that these documents are despatched to this H.Q. with the minimum delay.

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Allocations for the month of November were on a similiar scale to those of the previous month and supplies, though difficulty has been experienced in obtaining them from time to time owing to strikes, have been just sufficient. Owing to the shortage of lubricants in CIP Depots particularly in the North it was necessary to obtain a substantial quantity through Allied Sources. Efforts have been made to obtain an increased allocation of POL and the allotment for December is slightly higher.

As far as can be ascertained it will be the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to bid on the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in December for the Army's January requirements, and then any requests for supplementary allotments should be made through Italian channels by the Territorial Command concerned to the SACMED.

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Allocation will be made to SMRE to Territorial Commands and not by this office. Supervision to sub-allocation within Territorial Commands should be given by BLUs as it is anticipated that supplies will be very strictly limited. The coupon system inaugurated this month has been found satisfactory.
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The 450 vehicles at Leghorn are still in the process of being taken over, and approximately 50 of these have been moved to Florence for repairs prior to distribution.
The anticipated hardover by A.C. of a large number of vehicles of Allied manufacture has not yet taken place.

15. MEDICAL

1. A request was made to GHQ for a wider supply of publications of professional interest for inclusion in the Italian 'Giornale di Sanita', which has just resumed publication after two years silence. This request is receiving attention.

2. Territorial Directorates were informed in a circular of the latest position regrading supplies of penicillin. Whilst supplies to the Italian Army can not yet be made, applications to the nearest British authorities for help can be made where life is at stake. Against the time when penicillin would be available to the Italian Military, application was made to GHQ for three Italian surgeons to receive training in its use at British Hospitals and an opportunity given for studying the latest developments in British Surgical Technique.

3. ADMS visited Florence and Bolzano Territorial Command HQs. At Merano a tour of inspection was made of the Feltre German Depot of Medical Stores which, it was understood, contained much of the machinery, stores and equipment of the Italian Military Pharmaceutical Institute removed to Merano from Florence by the Germans. An application on behalf of the Italian War Ministry

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The anticipated handover by A.C. of a large number of vehicles of Allied manufacture has not yet taken place.

15. MEDICAL

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6. One military case of smallpox was reported during the month from Averlino. The case, a Carabinieri, has been isolated and all precautionary measures have been taken.

7. Ceiling figures of the Medical Services of the Italian Army in the Interim Army were agreed with the Italian War Ministry as being 5,447 all ranks.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
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TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION (2) DEC 20 1945

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Commander, Major-General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

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ITALIAN ARMY	140,000
CARABINIERI	65,000
TOTAL	230,000

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3. ITALIAN INFANTRY DIVISIONS.

The five Italian Inf. Divs (formerly Combat Groups) continued in their role of Internal Security in the North. Their latest dispositions are as follows:-

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		530	
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		519	
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		527	
BOLZANO	4 " "	505	
		506	
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UDINE	5 " "	516	513 att. FLORENCE for duty. 517 will not pass to SMRE until UDINE Area handed back to Italian Government.
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INTERNAL MOBILITY UNITS (contd)

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BARI	9 I.S. Regt	501 510 524	
NAPLES	10 " "	506 525	504 not yet available

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10. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Italian Ministry of War Signal Battalion has started setting up a wireless network between ROME and its Territorial H.Q. Most of the Italian traffic from these H.Q. is handled by the civilian postal system, and this network when working will considerably facilitate communications with the more distant Territorial H.Q.

11. WEEKLY ARMY NEWSPAPER.

The first copy of the Weekly News Bulletin for the Italian Armed Forces (NOTIZIARIO dell' ESERCITO) was published on 25 October.

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12. ACCOMMODATION.

Since last report, a number of Italian Army Barracks have been handed back to the War Ministry. However, the problem is far from being solved, as there are still a large number of Italian Army buildings held by either A.C. or Allied Military Authorities, which are in many cases, urgently required by the War Ministry for their own use.

13. POSTAL.

Now that the Italian Civil Post Offices are operating efficiently, the War Ministry is gradually disbanding all P.Ms and transferring the responsibility of delivery of Italian Army Mail to the Civil Post Offices.

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"	185	"	209	"	"	PADUA
"	15	"	228	"	"	MTRA
"	112	"	230	"	"	[illegible]
"	167	"	231	"	"	[illegible]
"	181	"	-			[illegible]
"	3400					[illegible]

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For November a ceiling of 205,000 ITI-ITI is allocated as a US and BR responsibility for maintenance, 124,000 being supplied from US sources and 81,000 from BR sources.

For the month of December ITI-ITI categories will be supplied according to availabilities in the following priority:-

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(2) By purchase or loan from Allied surplus stocks;
(3) Through Italian Government import programme.

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Forage.

The Ministry of War will assume responsibility for procurement of forage w.e.f. 1 November 45.

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(f) Some confusion was caused among the Combat Divs at the beginning of the month by the change over from Allied sources to C.I.P. As the decision to make Combat Divs draw from C.I.P. and BR-ITI Service troops continue to draw from Allied sources was taken late in the month it was not possible to inform the gruppi of this allocation until 27 Sept.

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TRANSPORT (cont'd)

(g) A coupon system has now been introduced to obviate the difficulties involved in carrying P.O.L. requirements on long journeys. Books of coupons are being distributed to the C.I.P. depots concerned by C.I.P. ROME, and the system will operate w.e.f. 1 November.

(h) A.F.H.Q. Pet Sec have made a considerable reduction in the quantities of P.O.L. allocated for November basing their figures on ½, 2½, 4½ gals per day per motor-cycle, car, and load-carrier respectively instead of the previous basis of 1, 3½ and 6.

It is anticipated that difficulty will be experienced in operating satisfactorily on this allotment, and the question of obtaining an increased allotment has been taken up by this H.Q. with G.H.Q. CMF.

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(c) There are 100 I.P.W. awaiting shipment in NAPLES and arrangements are being made for shipment.

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By agreement with A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission 500 tons of dried fruits will be shipped from CAGLIARI to NAPLES over a period of approximately 10 weeks.

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On the 25th Oct 45 I.P.W. Division was placed under control of MMIA. This action together with the assistance of the Delegazioni Trasporti has greatly facilitated the movement of I.P.W.

I.P.W. repatriations from 25 - 31 October were as follows:-

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		5784

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DISTRIBUTION:

Executive Commissioner, A.C. - 45.
Soviet Representative, A.C. - 1.
Brig-Gen BRADY, Military Attache, US Embassy - 1.

INTERNAL:

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
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TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION (2).

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		526	
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		503	
		518(moving in period 12 - 18 Nov.)	
		519	
MILAN	3 " "	502	
		520(move to MANTUA	
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BOLZANO	4 " "	505	
		508	
		514 (Moving to VERONA from BARI)	

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Commander, Major General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

Report No. 22 - Activities during the month of Sept 1945.

Ref Maps: 1: 250,000 ITALY, Sheets 27-28.

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings.

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MAIN HQ - ROME 7467

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E. & D. I.S.T.
1 - Ex Comm
2 - Pres
1 - Mil Att

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HQ "MANTOVA" Group at VARAZZE with Regts at CUNEO, SAVONA and PIACENZA.

4. War Ministry Outlook.

Relations between HQ MMIA and the Italian War Ministry are excellent. The liaison between the two HQ is running so smoothly that it was decided to abolish the Ufficio Collegamento Alleati as being no longer necessary in that branches of MMIA take their problems direct to their opposite numbers at the War Ministry and vice versa.

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402 Italian Fwr Regt

Railway Engr Units:

III and VI Bns forthwith; remainder are the subject of discussion between Ministry of Communications who want to retain them and Ministry of War who contend (rightly we think) that they must be replaced by civilians.

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6. FORMATIONS

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3 District	287 Adm Div	NAPLES
	716 Adm Regt	FLORENCE
	plus Adm Regts at	ROME NAPLES BARI ANCONA LIVORNO

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7. TRAINING.

During September training staff has been mostly occupied with the problem of the new army and its' training. Barracks have been inspected and accomodation sought for various new establishments.

The problem of training 3,000 instructors for the New Year has got under weigh. In this matter it is understood that Italian Infantry Divs are really playing and have promised help. This is very satisfactory as it points to more trust between them and CESAMO.

The new Man Management courses have proved very successful.

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SUPPLIES - continued

(iii) National supply responsibilities have been established, assistance ex-British sources is being received in Bari, Taranto, (Dep for ITALY, Sicily and Forli) and Mestre (for NE ITALY). Assistance ex U.S. sources is being received in Naples and Leghorn.

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(b) Recovery of Tpt.

The number of efficient vehicles recovered was still disappointingly low, and transport units in the North are still considerably under strength in load-carriers. This it appears is mainly due to the failure of the North commands to secure tpt of Italian Army type in the hands of ex-partisan civilians, and partly to the acute shortage of tyres.

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(c) P.O.L.

Instructions were received that, w.e.f. 1 October 45, Italian Combat Groups would no longer obtain their P.O.L. from Allied sources, but though the C.I.P. organisation. Bids were prepared accordingly, on the basic of demands from the British authorities concerned. Amounts actually made available by AFHQ Petrol Sec were between 20% and 25% lower than quantities [illegible]sted. It is understood from AFHQ Petrol Sec that allocation [illegible] November will be still further reduced.

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Details of traffic dealt with during the month:-

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Stores:	12,743 (Tons)
Vehicles:	105
Animals:	60
Stores Shipped:	565 (Tons)

Small moves of personnel and stores not travelling over controlled lines are not included in the above figures.

The principal movement continues to be leave personnel. 766 this connection, the following journeys were made:-

Privilege Leave:	193,900
Liberation Leave:	26,300
Total	220,200

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17. Shipment of Personnel to and from SARDINIA.

The "Abbazia" and "Campidoglio" continue to transport 350 Italian Military leave personnel to SARDINIA each month. An Italian destroyer has also continued to make 3 trips during the month, conveying a total of 500.

In addition to the above, 1,100 discharged Sardinians were shipped from NAPLES to SARDINIA on the cruiser "Garibaldi". This was arranged through FOIL, and agreed with Displaced Persons Sub Commission of A.C., who had chartered the vessel for this trip.

The "Garibaldi" will load 350 Italian Military personnel from SARDINIA to GENOA on her return voyage.

There are 200 discharged Sardinian Military personnel awaiting shipment in PALERMO, and FOIL are in communication with COMMOB PALERMO, regarding the provision of a light vessel for this shipment.

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AMIAHQ. - ROME 7467.

Outstations: Naples, Bari, Milan (Mind), Turin, Florence, Bologna, Lt-Col ALBERT in Cagliari, SARDINIA; Major [illegible] in Palermo, SICILY. Also AMIA LOs with 13 Corps, HQ 3 District, 54 Area.

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	Total	124000	x	111979	
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3. COMBAT GROUPS.

The five Italian Combat Groups continued in their role of Internal Security in the NORTH. Their latest dispositions are as follows:-

H.Q. "FRIULI" Group at LEVICO with regts at BASSANO di GRAPPA and S. BONIFACIO and TRENTO.

H.Q. "FOLGORE" Group at BRESSANONE with regts at DOBBIACO, BOLZANO and COLLE ISARCO.

H.Q. "LEGNANO" Group at BERGAMO with two regts at BERGAMO and one at SONDRIO.

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The Italian War Ministry at the instigation of MMIA held a meeting of all the Italian Combat Group Commanders and Territorial Commanders for an exchange of views. They then visited the Italian Reinforcements Training Centre at CREMONA. It was felt that the meeting and the inspection of the Training Centre had been well worth while and that all had benefitted by the exchange of views.

Major-General WARD and Brigadier General MEEKLE of A.F.H.Q. also inspected the R.T.C. during the month.

The Cadet Academy at LIVORNO and the Cadets' Summer Camp at POTENZA were inspected by MMIA.

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7. ITALIAN OFFICERS.

The Italian War Ministry, upon the recommendation and continued interest of MMIA, have prepared a study, which it is proposed will be enacted into law, for a more careful selection, promotion, removal and training of Italian officers. This is in conformity with the spirit of reducing the number but increasing the quality of all Italian Military personnel particularly officers and non-commissioned officers.

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10. REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

It has been decided not to apply for repatriation of any further personnel for immediate employment in the Italian Army. This question is therefore handled entirely by IPW Sub-Commission.

11. ITALIAN ARMY ANIMALS.

(a) MTOUSA stated that there will be no charge to the Italian Government for mules returned from Pack Coys of the Fifth Army.

(b) AFHQ were informed that the future Italian Army requirements are 1100 horses for the Carabinieri and 2500 mules for Animal Pack Tpt Groups.

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12. POSTAL SERVICES.

The Italian War Ministry has informed all Italian HQs concerned that official correspondence of an urgent nature may be sent by air to Territorial HQ Milan, Turin, and Bologna, and laying down the procedure to be adopted.

13. CLOTHING.

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15. SUPPLIES.

(a) The final arrangements for the opening on 6 Aug of MB-ITI Distribution Depots in North Western Italy were checked by MMIA, and also the preparations for the opening of further depots in the North East on 21 Aug.

Bulk and Distribution Depots were inspected at GENOA and Italian provided items were arriving slowly from Leghorn. The lack of supervision and organisation of the two Pls of 3 CE Gp was deplorable and many hours were wasted as no senior officer from the Gp was present to iron out the small difficulties. Although this unit has practically no vehicles they were only operating 8 vehicles from Pl available each day and later in the week it was learnt that they had dodged below this figure.

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15 (a) (contd)

ANCONA Depot will commence to issue on 1 Sept as 61 Sub Area were unable to release premises to the Distribution Depot until 20 Aug.

(b) Application has been made and granted for the formation of a forage increment to each Terr. Command and to be attached to the most suitable depot within the Comd. Ministry of War will demand through MMIA for such quantities of forage as they are unable to obtain locally and this will be supplied from Allied sources for approximately 3 months, after which period Ministry of War will be expected to provide all their own forage requirements.

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16. RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY PROPERTY.

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(b) The Chief Commissioner A.C. was requested by MMIA on 31 Aug to instruct AMG to return forthwith to the Italian Army in MILAN the 153 Italian Army vehicles which were handed over by AMG to civilians or partisans in the Milan area.

17. VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND RELEASES.

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(b) It was agreed that the responsibilty for maintaining detailed records of individual vehicle holdings, and for the issue of Italian Army vehicle circulation permits ("Windshield Labels") should be taken over by the Ministry of War. Similarly, that the detailed preparation of Vehicle Release Notes should become a War Ministry responsibility, but that all proposed vehicle issues must be agreed by this HQ before being implemented.

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18. M.T. TYRES AND SPARES.

(a) The proposal made to the Combined Chief of Staff to transfer tyres and tubes from British and US Theatre stocks to the Italian Army has not received favourable consideration. Italian Army requirements will not be mingled with requirements for the Italian civilian economy. Material furnished to meet civilian needs for manufacture or repair of tyres and tubes must not be used by the Italian Army. The source of supply for the Italian Army will be indicated when decisions are reached on the responsibility for the supply of the Italian Army.

(b) On 29 Aug Commerce Sub Commission were requested by MMLA that some assistance be forthcoming from stocks of tyres under A.C. control, taken over for Northern Italy, pending provision from Allied sources, because the situation as regards tyres for the Italian Army is critical.

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19. SURPLUS SPARE PARTS.

The Italian War Ministry was informed on 21 Aug that the disposal of spare parts surplus to the requirements of the Italian Army can now be effected by them provided the required MMIA approval is obtained.

20. P.O.L.

Allied H.Q. were informed on 4 Aug that all work tickets of vehicles belonging to US-ITI and BR-ITI units must be endorsed "Entitled to draw P.O.L. from Allied Military Sources" and signed by the Allied officer responsible or the unit sponsoring the journey. Failure to do this will result in vehicles being unable to obtain P.O.L. as Allied fmns or individuals not directly concerned with the operation of the units involved will not be in a position to make the necessary endorsement.

21. UNAUTHORISED CIRCULATION.

The Italian War Ministry on 11 Aug informed Territorial HQs that instructions issued regarding the use of windscreen labels are not being carried out. The COs concerned are informed that this disobedience shows entire lack of discipline and might prejudice Allied collaboration in the reorganization of Military transport or cause it to be withdrawn from the Italian authorities. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in future against anyone disobeying these instructions.

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A.F.H.Q. agreed to postpone the disbandment of 3 G.T. Coy (BR-ITI) which was to have originally taken place on 1 Sept because the number of efficient vehicles made available from those recovered in the North was low and Tpt units in the North are still only in possession of about one third of their authorised holdings.

23. SYNOPSIS OF MOVEMENTS.

Details of Italian traffic dealt with during the month:-

Personnel:	273,805
Movement of Stores by rail:	15,578 (Tons)
Vehicles:	278
Animals:	510
Movement of Stores by ship:	1,693 (Tons)

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24. TRAIN SERVICE FROM ROME TO CESANO DI ROMA AND RETURN.

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With effect from Monday 20 Aug 45, a workers train service came into operation from ROME to CESANO and return. This train runs each day of the week except Sundays. Accommodation is provided for 600 workmen engaged on barrack construction at CESANO Camp. One coach on the train is for exclusive use of Italian Military Personnel.

As the Sunday train service between ROME and CESANO, and its dependent camps at MANZIANA and BRACCIANO continues to operate successfully, it is felt that good facilities have been provided between ROME and these training camps.

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25. SHIPMENT OF PERSONNEL TO AND FROM SARDINIA.

(a) In addition to the 190 places allotted to MMIA for each trip of ARBAZIA and CAMPIDOGLIO, a destroyer has been made available for approx 5 round trips in the month, between NAPLES and CAGLIARI. This arrangement has been made between FOIL and Mov LO MMIA. Close liaison is kept between MMIA, Tn Sub Commission, and Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission of Allied Commission, and a weekly conference is held at which the SARDINIA Shipping Service is brought under review. MMIA LO NAPLES obtains all details of sailing dates direct from Italian Naval Liaison Officer, Navy House, NAPLES.

(b) SHIPMENT OF STORES TO AND FROM SARDINIA.

Shipment of short term maintenance stores continues to be made on CAMPIDOGLIO and ARBAZIA. By agreement with Tn Sub Commission, small shipments of stores may also be made on ships plying between OLBIA and CIVITAVECCHIA.

26. ITALIAN MOVEMENT CONTROL.

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Personnel from these posts were transferred to Delegazione at BOLOGNA, to enable new posts to be set up at PISA, VERONA and BOLZANO.

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(c) A map is attached as Appendix "A" showing places where Italian Movement Control is now represented.

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29. POINTS FROM MEDICAL BRANCH.

(a) During the month 100 tons of Medical supplies were received from the Middle East and 3 C ot from the U.K.

(b) Five Italian Evacuation Hospitals which were released to ALOOM for the use of repatriates in North Italy are no longer required.

(c) One case of small-pox occured among the Italian Military. The soldier was a repatriate from Germany.

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30. WELFARE OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

(a) During the month progress has been made with the provisions for the welfare of demobilised soldiers. Monetary grants have been authorised and decrees are in the process of conferring other benefits.

(b) The Italian Ministry of War proposed the discontinuation of the army daily newspaper "La Patria" on the grounds of expense.
This was opposed and the costs of production are being examined.

(c) MMIA recommended that canteen rations cease to be issued with effect from 1 Oct 45.

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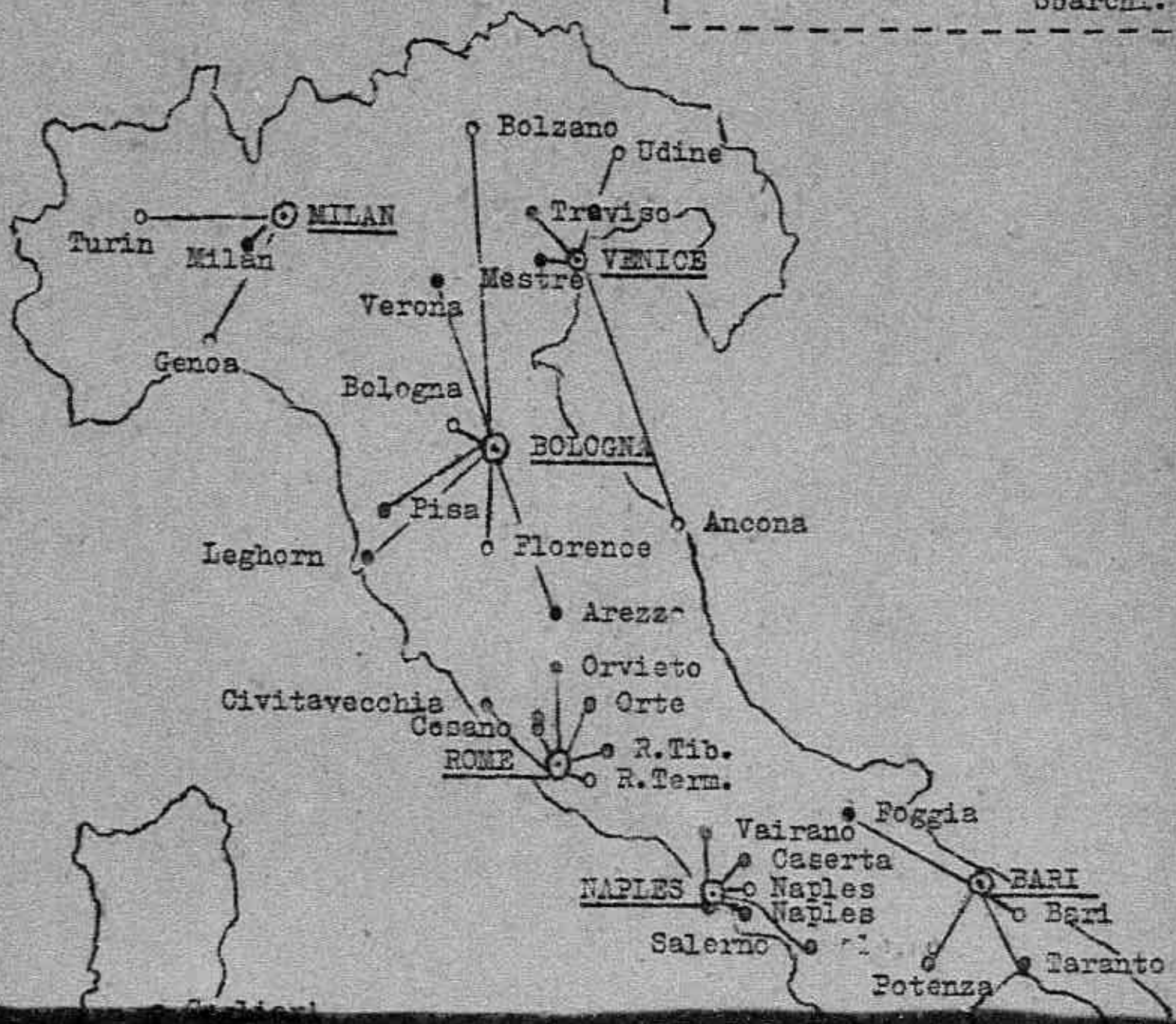
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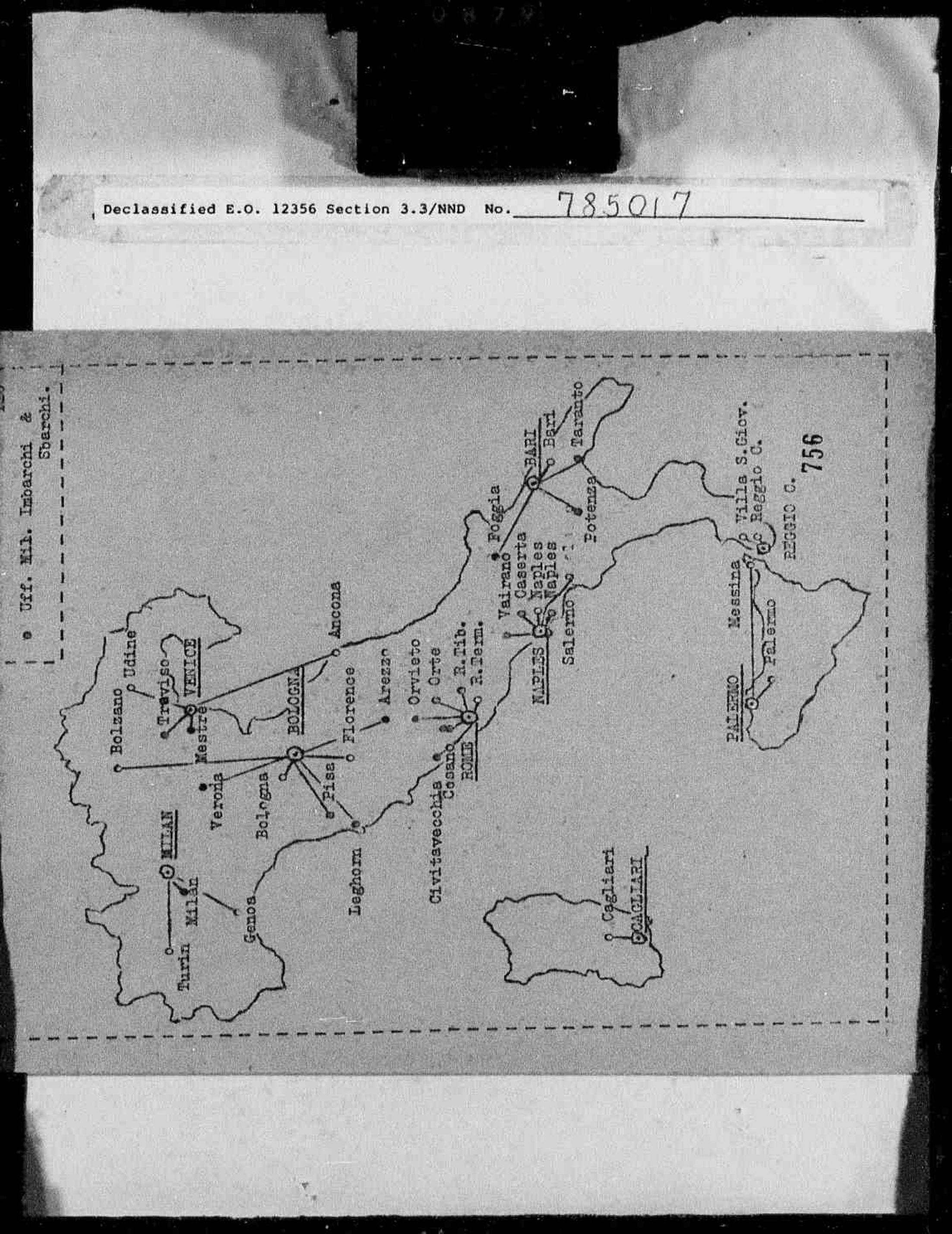
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