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LANGUAGE STUDIES  
DEC. 1944 - MAR. 1945

Ref: 9263/6/EO.

Tel : 289

31 March 1945

SUBJECT : Proficiency in Italian.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

1. Reference 109/PRB dated 5 January 1945.
2. Four officers are adequately skilled in the Italian language and four officers are in need of further instruction.

Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel : 239

27 Feb 1945

Ref/9263/5/EC.

SUBJECT : Insertion for Daily Bulletin.


TO : Adjutant.

Please insert the following in Daily Bulletin:

" PROFICIENCY IN ITALIAN.

Reference is made to Executive Commissioner's letter  
109/PRB dated 5 Jan 45.

The monthly returns called for in para 3 thereof will  
be rendered to Public Relations Branch, this Headquarters, and  
not to the office of the Executive Commissioner. "

  
Chief Staff Officer,  
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : 990/EC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 504  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 289.

Ref: 9263/4/EC.

26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Proficiency in Italian.  
TO : Public Relations Branch.

1. Reference 109/HB dated 5 January 1945.
2. Five officers are adequately skilled in the Italian language and four officers are in need of further instruction.

Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 9263/3/008

Tel: 289

31 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Proficiency in Italian.

TO : Public Relations Branch.

1. Reference 109/PRB dated 5 January 1945.
2. Five officers are adequately skilled in the Italian language and three officers are in need of further instruction.

Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

Noted J. BU 25/2  
(SSM PICKET)

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*Chief of Staff*(2)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Chief of Staff  
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109/PTG.

5 January 1945

SUBJECT : Proficiency in Italian.

TO : Distribution below.

1. It is clearly desirable that all officers of the Allied Commission should have a working knowledge of the Italian language. It is felt that the number of Italian speaking officers is far too small considering the length of time most officers have spent in this country.
2. Regional Commissioners and Heads of Subcommissions will ensure that all officers under their command take advantage of opportunities afforded to learn the language and will impress on all the importance of such action. Where necessary classes may be set up for formal instruction. There is a sufficient number of bilingual officers in the various Regions and Subcommissions to make such a procedure easy and efficacious.
3. Regional Commissioners and Heads of Subcommissions will submit at the end of January, 1945 a report indicating the number of officers under their command adequately skilled in the language and the number still in need of instruction. Similar reports will be made at the end of each month until further notice.

*See 5*

*[Signature]*  
Brigadier,  
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION : Group I - List 'D'  
Group II - List 'A'

Will OFFERS PLEASE INDICATE  
BELOW WHETHER THEY HAVE A  
WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF ITALIAN:

LT COL SHIPP Yes 4511

MAJOR TALBOT No

MAJOR STEARNS No

MAJOR RIVELY Yes

CAPT MORDEN Yes

CAPT RANFURLY Yes

2/COR MASON Yes

CAPT ARNOLDY Yes

*BU 29/1*  
*Noted*

*[Signature]*  
MAJ. STEWART

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For File No. 9263 ①

JAN - 8 1945

Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting - 30 December.

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Study of the Italian Language. PRO said little progress had been made on the question of tuition. COS stated the matter was of importance. It should be discussed between CA Sec and PRO and brought up at the next meeting.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting - 3 January.

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Study of the Italian Language. CA Sec suggested it was not advisable to make promotion dependent upon a working knowledge of Italian; it would be better to try and arrange tuition on a voluntary basis. PRO had prepared a note on the matter. COS agreed that study should be voluntary, and stated he would write to Headquarters and Regions on these lines after he had seen PRO's note.

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