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APPENDIX "C"

To AQ

ADDITIONAL POINTS RAISED BY 59 AREA AT 2ND MEETING WITH GSOII 23/2/45

1. Points at Appx "A" gone through and agreed.
2. Local Purchase. This is purely an Italian affair arranged through 231 Div. Can we assist through Ministry of War?
3. ~~Some~~ Members of the 3 Gd Bns have Malaria. 59 Area are afraid that in the mosquito season this will be passed on to British or Allied tps. Have MMIA any suggestions.
4. All Bns & RHQ have M.O.s.
5. RHQ arrived afternoon 22 Feb 45; were visited by Brig Matthews and GSOII. They are in excellent acon at CENTINALE MR Q7417.
6. RHQ brought with them 5 load carriers (one broken down), 1 staff car and 2 M/Cs.
Incidentally, I passed 8 of the load carriers for the 3 Bns 100 miles North of ROME at 1430 hrs 23 Feb. The 9th had gone on the previous night. They appeared to be running satisfactorily. They had on board only 9 M/Cs and 15 push cycles. Am taking this up with ST.
7. Bns are located at
502 - MONTALCINO
503 - COLLEVAL D'ELSA
519 - VIGNANO

D.S.L. Gregson
D.S.L.GREGSON, Major.

24/2/45

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MMIA LO Br Inor 5 Army

Subject: Liaison visit to 59 Area and Br Inor 5 Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
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24 Feb 45.

To : AQ

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1. Enclosed are reports on the above visit.
2. At appx 'A' are notes on the first meeting at 59 Area on 21 Feb 45.
3. At appx 'B' are general points raised by MMIA LO Br Inor 5 Army.
4. At appx 'C' are additional points discussed with 59 Area on 2nd visit 23 Feb 45.

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M. M. I. A.

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26 Feb

Appx A.

REPORT ON VIS. TO 59 AREA and MIA L.O. BRIT. INCREMENT
FIFTH ARMY, 21st 22nd & 23rd FEBRUARY, 1945.

SUBJECT: (1) 502, 503 and 519 G.O. Bns

1. I arrived at HQ 59 Area at 1430 hrs, as I had been delayed by mechanical trouble. Immediately started a conference with Capt. NEWTON and Major WOODMAN GSO II 59 Area, who is the person directly interested in these BNS under the Brig. (Tel 59 Area extn 6).

2. We went through the notes in detail on the conference held at 59 Area on 9th Feb at which AQ and Capt. NEWTON were present (notes att'd to this report) *only he*

Ref Para 2(a) BHQ were due to arrive SIENA 21/2 or 22/2 they would be situated at SIENA. *AG copy*

502 503 519. ~~See notes to page 1~~

G.S.O. 1 MIA had this in hand but it would not be possible to provide special cavalry replacements for 502 Bn.

Para 2(b) GSO.1 dealing but probably difficulties in the way of promoting Major PUESCIA.

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only issue what we get.

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In most cases officers have no longer the dyed B.D. issued to them as they have given it away to OFs.

Para 4 (c) *Stans 8/8 ad 9/2.*
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Stans & Badges.

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Boots.

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Para 5 (c) ^{Grindery} Cannot be supplied through MIA 59 Area. RHQ and 231 Div will explore possibility of local purchase.

Para 6 Socks No reserve can be permitted. 231 Div will indent for foot cloths.

Para 7 Shirts. Lucky to have two shirts each.

Para 8 anklets. Anklets not yet available. MIA will supply 1 puttee per man to be cut into two and used instead of anklets.

Para 9 Soap. Very difficult and in short supply. ADPT MIA trying to straighten out now. Possibility of local purchase to be explored by Italians. Italian comdrs to indent for soap at once.

Boots/socks Supplied through MIA.

Oil and Flannellette for Weapons. 59 Area will ask District to sanction issue from Div Stocks as operationally necessary.

Towels. To be supplied to scale by MIA.

Dubbins. None available. None available. 7850

Para 10 No British webbing to be issued at any rate at present as weapons and
areas including LMGs etc to be Italian.

Para 11 Tables and forms have been requisitioned locally.

Will endeavour to purchase lanterns locally.

LANTERNS

MILIA will send forward any available - Candle lanterns not required.

WEAPONS

Para 12 See para 10. Cozr 59 Area held by G.C.C. 2 District that he is
trying to get Br rifles and LMGs issued to these Bns to save having two sorts of
ammunition if and when Bns are issued.

Para 13 A.M.O is purely an Italian affair, and should be indicated for through
231 Div. No shortage and reasonable demands will be met.

Para 14. General

Training for the moment should be with dummies, Bns to improvise.

Para 15 Transport. Horses. Explained that it was MILIA's intention to tell
Mn of War to issue disposal instructions for these horses. 59 Area very keen
that they should be left with Bns as they visualize several useful roles for them
later on.

Horses have improved considerably in condition. Are retained from

Local D.I.D.

Decision to be communicated.

Staff Carn None available at present.

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now, remainder with stores when collected in Rome.

M/On 5 per Bn coming forward now in load carriers.

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Para 17 ^{MED} DADMS. MIA arranging for MOs for Bns if not already there. Also for ample supplies of medical eqpt etc. These should be indented for through 231 Div and drawn from S.GALLO hospital FLORENCE.

Para 18 ^{WE LFARE} Handed over D.O letter from Lt.Col. MC.CANN to DADMS 59 Area.

Explained best channel of purchasing items.
HQ to apply for Welfare grant.
Suggested detail of a welfare officer per Bn.

Para 19 ^{Stationery} Three typewriters released from NAPLES stocks. If not collected by HQ will be forwarded with other stocks, not required instantly.
Comdr 59 Area will take a personal interest in the disbursement of the Lire 5000 per month allowed for Stationery.

When the foregoing had been discussed at length, we went to see Brig. Matthews Comdr 59 Area, and gave him an outline of what had been accomplished.

The Brigadier raised the following points:-

(a) He stressed most strongly the urgent need for British training personnel.

(b) He wishes an ^{Italian} Capt who has been on 6 months leave posted to one of the Guard Bns. This officer speaks English well, and it is the Brig's intention to have this officer at Area HQ.

Name. Capt SERGARDI. Fabio 1909 class.

NEWTON has applied for this to Min of War through 234 Div. The Brig/1s considering having him to live in his Mess. Food rations or allow if he lives out.

(c) 3 Sgts were sent up by Min of War (thro MIA?) to teach these Bns street fighting and guerrilla warfare.

Only one of the threes has had personal experience of guerrilla warfare, and neither he nor the other two have ever done a course of either of these subjects. He would like them removed as they are useless to him and only if fully trained men. *He says he wishes them replaced.*

(d) The Brig pointed out that a large proportion of the men in these Bns were fairly old, came from the North of Italy and had not seen their families for a considerable time. He was afraid that there would be a lot of desertion on moving forward, in fact he has been told by Italian Officers that they have heard ORs say that it was their intention to desert when they advanced to districts in which their homes were situated.

(e) Capt. NEWTON is arranging a liaison visit of the Regtl Comdr and his various staff officers to 234 Div, as soon as possible after the arrival of RRQ.

D. S. L. G. P. S. S. Q. H.
D.S.L. G.P.S.S.Q.H, Major.
22/2/45.

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D.S.J. GIBSON, Major.

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SUBJECT: M.M.I.A. Conference.

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HQ 59 Area.

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M.M.I.A. 231 It Div.
(G) 2 District.
(A) 1 District (ref para 17).
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A 59 Area.
DADAWS 59 Area.

Herewith copy of points raised at M.M.I.A. Conference,
H.Q. 59 Area, 9 Feb 45.

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H. J. ...
Brigadier
Commander 7807

REPORTS ON M.M.I.A. CONFERENCE
4. Q. 59 Area, 9 Feb 45.

1. Present.

Brigadier MATTHEWS, Comd 59 Area,
Colonel MOKES, M.M.I.A. HOME.
Major WOODHAM, GII, 59 Area.
Captain NEWTON, M.M.I.A. 231 Div.

2. Deficiencies, Personnel.

(a) Regimental H.Q. not yet arrived. X

502 It Bn (S.G.). This was originally a Cavalry Regt and is still in possession of 42 horses. Replacements by Cavalry Officers and ORs is specially requested to maintain discipline and morale at present standard. NO.

Deficiencies. 5 Officers 176 ORs.

503 It Bn (S.G.)

Deficiencies. 1 Officer 176 ORs.

519 It Bn (S.G.)

Deficiencies. NIL 262 ORs.

Deficiencies are required to be made up at once at commencement of Training period.

(b) 502 and 503 Bns are commended by Majors. Recommended a Lt. Col. be posted to 503, and C.O. 502 Bn (Major BRESCIA) be promoted Lt. Col.

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(b) Officers all wear own Italian uniform. Would it not be possible for Officers to be issued with new B.D. suits? They cannot be expected to wear dyed R.S.D. issue. *Officers have given to men.*

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(c) There are great deficiencies in stellite (stars) and badges of all types. It is suggested that Bns should be made up to scale, a certificate of completion signed and thereafter such items should be available on repayment.

5. Boots.

(a) 502 Bn made up before leaving BARI and are in fairly good condition. Consider 20% need repair, and approx: 5% replacement, (approx: 25 prs).

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503 Bn in an extremely bad state. Two original coys issued with boots about October 44, and many boots now in holes. Two newly joined Coys not yet fully equipped and majority of men in very bad state. 190 prs indented for 8 Dec 44. None received. Consider at least 50% require new boots (approx: 300 prs) and at least 200 require repair.

519 Bn. Not so bad as 503, but standard very low. Consider approx 100 new pairs required, and repairs to approx 100 pairs.

(b) Reserve of Boots. Having only one pair man is completely barefoot during period of repair. Also no allowance for sizes. Many men wearing boots of wrong size, sometimes odd sizes.
Strongly recommended 10% reserve be held by Bn H.Q. for exchange with boots needing repair.

Have at this time

(c) Material. Each Bn has qualified Shoemaker but, with exception of 519 Bn., no tools, leather or grindery for repairs. Consider the establishment of a proper Shoemakers Shop complete with necessary materials, essential in each Bn.

6. Socks.

Again 503 Bn is far the worse equipped, about 30% of men having no socks at all. 502 and 519 Bns are little better. All men were issued with two pairs cotton and one pair wool socks, but issues were mostly in October and November, and no replacements since. With the bad state of boots, wet weather, and no repair facilities, the great majority of the men's feet are in a deplorable condition, and any question of marching or training is seriously jeopardized. What is the system of maintenance of socks? Can Bn hold a 50% reserve of socks for exchange? **NO**

7. Shirts.

2 per man of very inferior quality, and no soap for washing. See **NO** "Necessaries".

8. Anklets.

Nil issued. Will any be issued? **NO. No more.** Recommended that they should be issued to S.C. Bns for Field Training. **Pratt?**

9. Necessaries.

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To summarize, it is quite impossible to expect any reasonable standard of morale under such conditions, and it is considered that the most vital necessities are soap, towels, dubbin for boots, and cleaning material for weapons.

10. Equipment.

No webbing equipment issued. Italian equipment worn. Unsuitable for Bren magazines.

None issued

11. Accommodations.

Cooking equipment improvised but adequate.
No tables or forms.
Greatest need is for Lamps, hurricane, as if no electricity available or broken down, units have no light whatever.

None issued

12. Weapons.

Every man in each Bn has a rifle or carbine and 18 rds am. Am in knot at Bn H.Q. complete. For lack of cleaning material arms are in a bad condition. A small percentage of men have fired from 6 to 18 rds at a target about 3 years ago (to the best of their memory). A few have fired their rifles on service. Very few have ever fired the Italian Breda M.G. or any form of Tommy-Gun. The state of M.T. is, in fact, practically NIL.
32 Bren I.M.G. and 48 T.S.M.Gs are included in the establishment of the Bn but none have yet been received.
It is essential that British Training Teams should be attached to Bns for training personnel in these weapons.

13. Ammunition.

It is considered that the 18 rds Italian arm per man is inadequate and that the No of rds per man should be increased to 50.

An additional amount of approx 25 rds per man should be added for training.

When British L.M.Gs and T.S.M.Gs are issued, a scale of service and training arm for these weapons will also be required.

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14. Grenades.

If Bns are to be trained in street-fighting it is essential that they should also be trained with grenades, either British or Italian. There are none of either kind available at present.

Italian Grenades

15. Transport.

502 Bn has 43 saddle-horses being an ex-Cavalry Regt. The horses are in poor condition and the harness is in a bad state of repair. Three light horse-drawn carts are available.

OO 503 Bn has 1 saddle-horse, 4 draught horses and 4 carts.

519 Bn has no tpt whatever.

The authorised scale is 2 passenger cars, 5 Autocarri, and 5 bicycles. per Bn.

None of the above vehicles have been issued, and each Bn has, at present, 2 x 3 tonners on loan from R.A.S.C.

It is considered that an absolute minimum of 1 passenger car to enable the C.O. to visit his Coys, Regtl H.Q. etc. and 2 x 3 tonners for drawing and distribution of rations should be issued to each Bn on the highest possible priority.

An issue of the 5 bicycles would also be of the greatest value for intercom within the Bns, which are normally billeted by Coys some distance apart.

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16. Tools.

At present the Bns have very few picks or shovels, and these are mostly broken. It is considered that these should be issued on a scale of 4 shovels and 2 picks to each Bn and Coy H.Q. for the digging of latrines, refuse

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In all units the percentage of Malaria is very high due to service in SARDINIA.

Unit medical orderlies are mostly untrained.

The percentage of men inoculated against typhoid, etc is also low.

The AMS 59 Area is attending to these matters.

18. Welfare.

Non-existent.

The Provincial Commissioner, SIENA (Lt. Col NICOLLS) has organised a Civilian Welfare Committee on a Provincial basis. The objects of this Committee are:-

- (a) To raise funds from Civilian population throughout the Province.
- (b) With the assistance of DADMS 59 Area to purchase games, cards, dominoes, wireless or gramophone sets, footballs, boxing gloves, etc on open market, and issue the actual goods to the units rather than the money.
- (c) To visit unit locations and arrange for large rooms to be opened in villages for use as recreation rooms.
A general meeting of Sindaco, Prefect and reps of principal political and religious bodies has already been convened, and an Italian Colonel CROCE has undertaken to visit all units with the assistance of A.M.G. tpt.

19. Office Equipment.

Each Bn receives a grant of 5,000 lire a month for stationery which is considered fully adequate.

502 Bn has been issued with a typewriter but 503 and 519 Bns have not received an issue.

It is considered that it is essential for one typewriter to be issued to each Bn.

Issue 1 however Bn from Bn in Naples.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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28 Feb 45

**MINUTES OF MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED
ORGANISATION ETC OF PATRIOT RECCE UNITS
HELD AT HQ M.M. I.A. ON 26 FEB 45**

1. PRESENT

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|--------|-----------|------|----------------------|
| Lt-Col | Ingladew | MMIA | Chairman |
| Col | Kerr | MMIA | |
| Col | Pidsley | MMIA | |
| Col | Noakes | MMIA | |
| Major | Baumann | MMIA | |
| Capt | Selby | MMIA | |
| Major | Calabrini | MMIA | |
| Lt-Col | Craig | | Patriot Branch, A.C. |
| Lt-Col | Sampo | | S.M.R.E. |
| Lt-Col | Grati | | S.M.R.E. |
| Lt-Col | D'Alonta | | S.M.R.E. |
| Major | Holt | MMIA | Secretary |

2. OBJECT

It was explained that the object of the meeting was to discuss the method of implementation of AFHQs proposal to incorporate five Patriot bands approx 500 all ranks into the Italian Army as Recce Units on the basis initially of one per Combat Group.

3. ROLE

It was stated that the role of these units would be:

(a) close reconnaissance

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- Col Fidsley
- Col Noakes
- Major Baumann
- Capt Selby
- Major Calabrini
- Lt-Col Craig
- Lt-Col Sampo
- Lt-Col Grati
- Lt-Col DiGenta
- Major Holt
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- (a) close reconnaissance
- (b) light patrol work
- (c) liaison with partisans/civilians
- (d) occupation of positions abandoned by enemy, etc.
- (e) guides
- (f) ~~Major~~ demolitions

4. AGREED ACTION

The following action was agreed:-

- (a) SERT would submit detailed WE of unit (to be called Recce Bns) based on:
 - (i) Approx four inf coys, co-ord Bn HQ and small sig det
 - (ii) personal arms and equipment only (NO mortars or LMGs)
 - (iii) one or two vehs per coy only, but proportion of D/cs and bicycles to be incl
- (b) No training would be given other than by Combat Gps themselves.
- (c) Personnel would be enrolled into the Italian Army on the same basis as any other member of the Army, i.e. liable to Army discipline and liable to be sent where required.

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- | | <u>Action</u> |
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| (d) To accept S.M.R.Es plan for temporary commissioning of officers and temporary promotion of same. | M.M.I.A. |
| (e) MIA would signal 15 Army Group asking for nomination of five existing patriot bands (incl names of leaders and locations of units) suitable for incorporation into Army. | S.M.R.E. |
| (f) S.M.R.E. would withdraw five screening agencies from ceiling authorised which, when briefed by Ministry of War, would be sent to screen and organise the selected bands. Del T (FLORENCE) would handle the detailed enrolment on behalf of Ministry of War. | S.M.R.E. |
| (g) Recco Bns would be numbered and would NOT be known after their leaders who were liable to change or be killed. S.M.R.E. to submit. | M.M.I.A. |
| (h) Equipment and clothing would be sent to Combat Groups. | S.M.R.E. |
| (i) Badges and/or headgear. S.M.R.E. would submit recommendations. | S.M.R.E. |
| (j) Pay would be as for Combat Groups. | S.M.R.E. |
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MEETING BEING HELD IN G(G) OFFICES HQ LAND FORCES SUB-COM
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APPENDIX 'A'

SCHEDULE OF PERSONNEL MOVEMENT ACCEPTED AT MILANO RAIL PCH
CONFERENCE FOR PERIOD 22 - 28 JANUARY, 1945.

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>STRENGTH</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| Triuli Group Reinforcements | CESLHO | PESARO | 200 | |
| Cremona Group Reinforcements | CESLHO | PESARO | 200 | |
| Italian Muleteers | CESLHO | CAVIERO | 220 | |
| | | | | 7800 |

APPENDIX A


E.O.I. Conference No. 19
Held 8th Jan, 1945

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|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | | | 7800 |
| Triuli Group Reinforcements | CESANO | PTISARO | 200 | |
| Cremona Group Reinforcements | CESANO | PTISARO | 200 | |
| Italian Muleteers | CESANO | ORVIETIO | 220 | |
| Sicilian call-up | VICHO | NAPLES | 1300 | |
| Sicilian call-up | REGGIO | CASORIA | 1000 | |
| Italian Reinforcements | MARTINA FRANCA | CESANO | 1460 | |
| Italian Farriers | TALANTO | PARA SLEINA | 75 | |
| Italian Specialists | CASORIA | PARA SLEINA | 49 | |
| Italian Labour Reinforcements | CASORIA | AREZZO | 200 | |
| Italian Labour Reinforcements | TRIMI | AREZZO | 300 | |
| Italian Engineers | TRIMI | AREZZO | 100 | |
| Italian Specialists | CASORIA | AREZZO | 42 | |
| Italian Engineers | TRIMI | STESIV | 120 | |
| Legnano Group | CESANO | AREZZO | 8 Trains | |
| Italian Muleteers | PARANO | COLLE SALVETTI | 175 | |

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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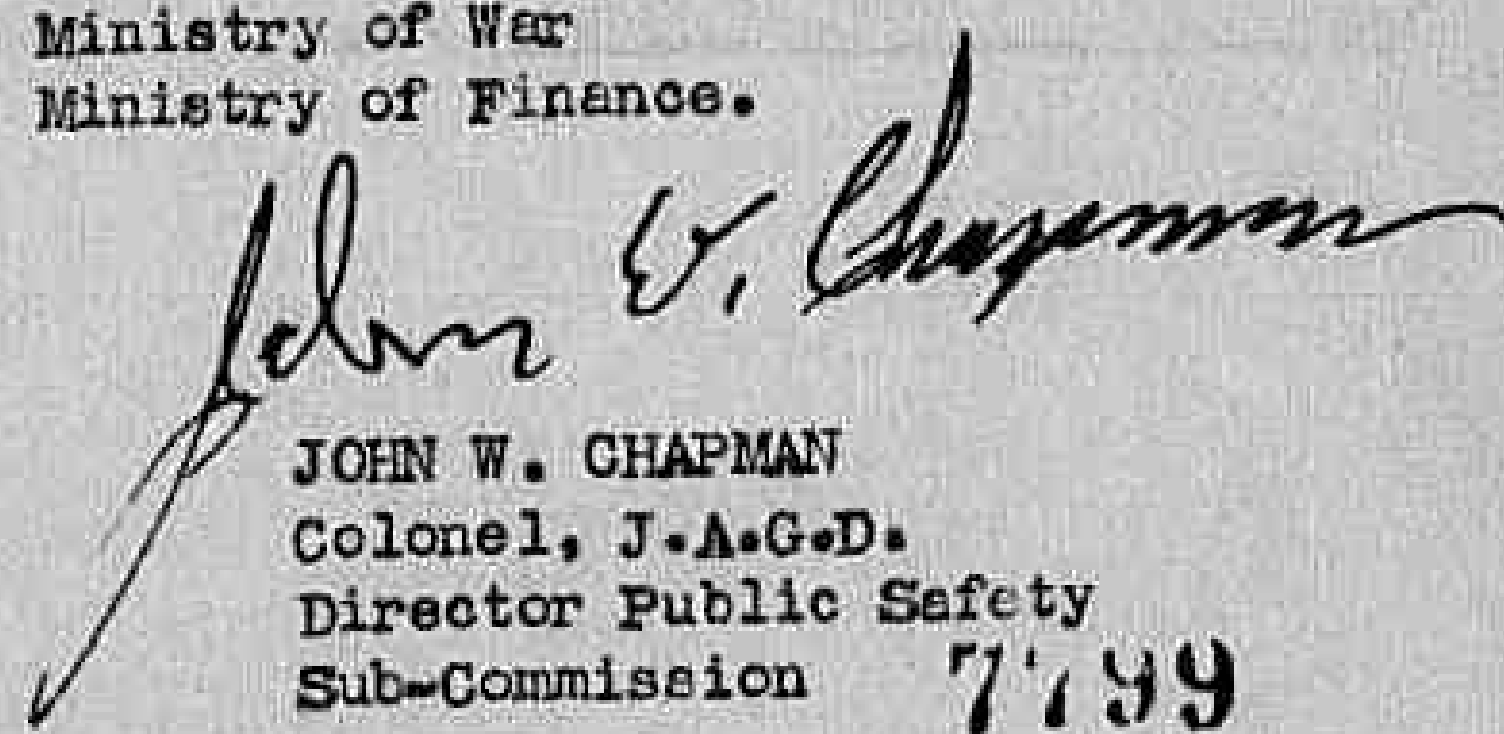
SUBJECT : Royal Finance Guards.

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TO : MMIA
Finance Sub-Commission

At 2.30 p.m. 4 January, 1945, a meeting will be held in the office of the Director of Public Safety, fifth floor, Allied Commission Headquarters, to discuss the extent to which the Royal Finance Guards come under the control of the Ministry of War. The following will be present:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| Director of Public Safety | Colonel Chapman |
| MMIA | Major Gregson |
| Finance Sub-Commission | Major Price |
| Royal Finance Guards | Colonel Giombino |
| Representative of the Ministry of War | |
| Representative of the Ministry of Finance. | |


JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission 7799

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R E S T R I C T E D

Land Forces Sub-Com, A.C.
(O.I.I.A.)

e/2
15 Nov 44

SUBJECT:- Conference at HQ MIA

ALL MIA LO's through Senior
MIA LO's Outstations

1. A meeting will be held as under for all MIA LO's, less those whose attendance their senior offrs consider operations do not permit.

- (a) Sunday 3rd Dec Travel to RM E
- (b) Monday 4th Dec 0900 hrs) conference at HQ MIA. Draft agenda attached at Appx "A"
- 1100 hrs) morning tea in office
- 1100 hrs) Interdepartmental discussions
- 1130 hrs) Lunch at FARA
- 1300 hrs) Interdepartmental discussions
1430 hrs) MIA LO's dine as individual guests of members of HQ MIA RM E
- (c) ~~Monday~~ ^{Tuesday} 5th Dec Return (remain until ~~Wed.~~ ^{Wed.} 6th Dec if necessary)

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2. The object is:-

Travel to HME

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2. The object is :-
 - (a) to promote an even better understanding between members of the staff and members of outstations.
 - (b) to give members of outstations the latest MIA picture and to help solve some of the day to day problems.
3. Will addressees please forward additional points for the agenda for the conference to reach this HQ by Fri 1st Dec 44.
4. Will addressees please state :-
 - (a) how many of them, and/or the offrs when they control will be able to attend, as at present envisaged.
 - (b) how many require accommodation to be arranged by this office.

See the case of MIA 203

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It Col.
General Staff
Land Forces Sub-Com, AC
(Lt. M. I. A.)

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Appx "A" to
MIA letter
~~5/2~~ dated ~~8~~ Nov 44

AC Conference Room First Floor AC Bldg
PROPOSED AG MDA

- | | | |
|-----|--|---------|
| 11. | Opening address by G.C.C. | 10 mins |
| 2. | Address by 2 /c <i>Chief of Staff</i> | 10 mins |
| 3. | G Policy and "futures" by G 1 | 10 mins |
| 4. | AG Policy and "futures" by AA Col 'A' | 10 mins |
| 5. | Q " " " " Col 'Q' | 10 mins |
| 6 | 8. Combat Cp Policy and "Futures" by Col PIDSLEY | 10 mins |
| 7 | 6. Questions from Outstations | |

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Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with Lt. Col. ALBERT at PALERMO on 7th November 1944

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ACTION

I. CLOTHING

Ministry of War are very slow in passing out instructions re Lt. Col. SHIPLEY's releases of clothing. MEMA to make them get a move on.

Lt. Col. ALBERT has indents in for (a) emergency clothing and (b) 10% emergency stock. Lt. Col. SHIPLEY to expedite these.

The MO of AC wants clothing issued to 21 Italian personnel (8 officers and 13 ORs) in PANTELLARIA. These are not part of the official Italian Army, so G.O.C. instructed Lt. Col. ALBERT not to authorise the issue.

Ministry of War states that officers can draw on the stock of clothing for their own use on repayment. Lt. Col. ALBERT has been issuing accordingly and the G.O.C. agreed to this being continued.

The Italian Military Authorities in SICILY told Lt. Col. ALBERT that they had M of W authority to issue 2,000 sets of clothing to Italians returning from the Balkans. He cabled MEMA and their refusal to issue was passed on by him. The M of W had asked for a report on the numbers of necessities required for these men and Lt. Col. ALBERT instructed the local Military Authorities to give this information, but to say that no Italians returning from the Balkans or Prisoners of War may have clothing issued to them. He has given the local Military Authorities a written order to this effect.

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II. BOOTS

Check on footwear

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II. BOOTS

There is a boot repair workshop employing about 50 men which could employ another 100 if repair materials were available. Leather has been frozen by A.C.. Lt. Col. ALBERT has instructed Units to do their own repairs so far as material is available (practically none is)

Many of the Italians here have 2 pairs of boots and M of W has given instructions for the second pairs to be handed in. Lt. Col. ALBERT has told Units to keep at least 25% (and up to 50%) of the second pairs to allow for repairs being done before the boots become irreparable.

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III. RATION RELEASES

Every 2 weeks Lt. Col. ALBERT gets information from MIA as to the ration ceiling for all Italy and has to wire back for the ceiling for SICILY.

A/Q of MIA (ref 27-6) to wire Lt. Col. ALBERT the ceiling for SICILY at the same time as it sends him the ceiling for all Italy, unless any particular reason against this procedure.

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IV. SABAUDIA DIVISION

Lt. Col. ALBERT reported that the HQ of this Division was moving from ENNA to MESSINA on 8th November.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: G-1B/35/1/A.

1st October 1944.

SUBJECT: Manpower and Reorganisation Committee Report.

- TO :
- V.P., Administrative Section.
 - V.P., Economic Section.
 - V.P., Political Section.
 - Deputy Executive Commissioner.
 - Navy Sub-Commission.
 - Army Sub-Commission.
 - Air Force Sub-Commission.
 - Communications Sub-Commission.
 - War Materials & Italian POW Sub-Com.
 - Public Relations Branch.
 - Secretary General.

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I refer to General Order No.43.

2. I forward herewith Appendix "B" to the Manpower and Re-organisation Committee Report, with sufficient copies for Heads of Sub-Commissions, modified in accordance with the directions of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APPENDIX "B"

Increase or
Decrease

Officers EI/ORs Officers EI/ORs

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|--|----|
| <u>1. CHIEF COMMISSIONER</u> | | | | |
| Present actual strength | 4 | 1 | | |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | | | | |
| Chief Commissioner | 1 | | | |
| A.D.C. | 1 | | | |
| P.A. | 1 | | | |
| Private Secretary | 1 | | | |
| | 4 | 3 | | 2 |
| <u>2. DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER</u> | | | | |
| Present actual strength | 2 | 1 | | |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | | | | |
| D.C.C. | 1 | | | |
| A.D.C. | 1 | | | |
| P.A. | 1 | | | |
| | 3 | 2 | | 1 |
| <u>3. SECRETARY GENERAL AND ARCHIVES</u> | | | | |
| Present actual strength | 3 | 10 | | |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | | | | |
| | NIL | NIL | | 10 |
| | | | | 3 |

The Committee recommends that this Branch be abolished and that the Archivist Section with 1 Offr. and 1 clerk be absorbed by P.R.B. The files of the Secretary General to be transferred to C.of S. Office.

4. CHIEF OF STAFF A.C.C.

Present strength

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Recommendation

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|---|---|----|--|
| D.C.C. | 1 | | | | | |
| A.D.C. | 1 | | | | | |
| P.A. | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | | | | |
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| <u>Recommendation</u> | MIL | NIL | | 3 | 10 | |

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4. CHIEF OF STAFF A.C.C.

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|----|---|----|
| Present strength | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | | | | | |
| C. of Staff | 1 | | | | |
| P.A. | 1 | | | | |
| Staff Offrs. | 4 | | | | |
| Liaison Offrs. | 2 | 8 | 43 | 8 | 42 |

The Committee is of the opinion that the following Sections of the Adjutant's Dept. are more "operational" than "routine" and recommend that they be placed under the direct control of the Chief of Staff and be called Mess- age Centre.

- Duplicating Section
- Files Section
- Reception and Sorting
- Registry
- Cables
- Internal Distribution

The figures underlined in the two right hand columns indicate increases. 2... This will involve....

Increase or
Decrease

Officers EM/ORs Officers EM/ORs

This will involve a transfer of 37 EM/ORs.

The remaining Ofprs. and EM/ORs of Adj. Dept. are dealt with under D.C. of Staff (Estab).

Civil Affairs Officer.

5. DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (CIVIL AFFAIRS)

Present Strength

Recommendation

Deputy Chief of Staff ^{Civil Aff. Off.} 1
Staff Officers 4
Liaison Ofpr. MAI (Tee) 1 6

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
INFORMATION BRANCH
ARCHIVIST

Present Strength

P.R.B. 5 2
Information Branch 4 8
Archivist 1 1 10 11

Recommended

The Committee recommends that the functions of these three offices be amalgamated under the Public Relations Branch. Reduction in strength of the Information Division is thought possible if the news bulletin is discontinued, the translators pool is broken up and only that information considered of use to the Commission is collected.

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6 4

4 5

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
INFORMATION BRANCH
ARCHIVIST

Amalgamation
 recommended

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 Information Branch 4 8
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7. R.C. & M.G. SECTION (less Establishment Branch)

Present Strength

10 10

Recommendation

NIL NIL 10 10

8. POLITICAL SECTION

Present Strength

2 2

Recommendation

2 2 - -

No change.

3... CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.....

The figures underlined in the 2 right hand columns indicate increases.

- 3 -

Increase or
Decrease

Officers FM/ORS Officers EM/ORS

9. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Present Strength

Recommendation

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|---|----------|
| D.C. of Staff | 1 | | |
| Chief Staff Offr. | 1 | | |
| P.A. Staff | 1 | | |
| | <u>3</u> | 6 | 3 |
| | | | <u>2</u> |

10. INTERNEES & DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
AND ITALIAN REFUGEE'S BRANCH

Present Combined Strength HQs

Recommendation

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----|----------|
| Director | 1 | | |
| Deputy Director | 1 | | |
| Staff | <u>10</u> | 12 | 10 |
| | | | 5 |
| | | | <u>7</u> |

At the present moment there is a great deal of overlapping in the work of the Displaced Persons Sub-Comm. and Italian Refugee Branch. This is particularly noticeable in the field and leads to waste of staff and material.

The Committee recommends :

- (a) The amalgamation of Displaced Persons and Italian Refugee Branch into one Sub-Commission.

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Recommendation

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----|----|---|---|
| Director | 1 | | | | |
| Deputy Director | 1 | | | | |
| Staff | <u>10</u> | 12 | 10 | 5 | 7 |

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- (b) That the Sub-Commission should have a standing Committee of the Director, two officers of the Sub-Commission, Major Knight of the British Red Cross, the Resident Representative of the I.C.C.R. and the Italian High Commissioner for Refugees. It is recommended that the functions of this Committee should be to decide matters of policy. Distribution of functions should be run as combined organizations.

(c) The Committee recommends that the field strength of the new Sub-Commission should be :

| | |
|----------|----|
| Officers | 45 |
| EL/ORS | 90 |

4. 11. EDUCATION SUB-COMMISSION...

The figures underlined in the two right hand columns indicate increases.

Increase or
Decrease

Officers E/ORS Officers E/ORS

11. EDUCATION SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

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Recommendation

Director
Staff

1 1
3 2 1 1

12. LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

9 7

Recommendation

Director
(Chief Legal Adviser)
Deputy Director
Staff

1 1
1 6
7 1 1

13. LOCAL GOVT. SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

6 2

Recommendation

Director
Staff

1 1
5 6 2 2

No change

14. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS & ARCHIVES SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

5 2

Recommendation

Director 1
(Chief Legal Advisor) 1
Deputy Director 1
Staff 7 9 6 1

13. LOCAL GOVT. SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength 6 2

Recommendation

Director 1
Staff 5 6 2 -

No change

14. MONUMENTS, FILM ARTS & ARCHIVES SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength 5 2

Recommendation

Director 1
Deputy Director 1
Staff 3 5 2 -

The Committee considered the question of amalgamation of this Sub-Commission and Education Sub-Commission but owing to the tactical nature of the functions of M.F.A. & A. Sub-Commission the Committee decided against.

15. PATRIOTS BRANCH

Present Strength 4 3

Recommendation

Director 1
Staff 3 4 3 5..PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMM.....

No change.

Increase or
Decrease
Officers EM/ORs

Officers EM/ORs

16. PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength 22 17

Recommendation

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----|----|
| Director | 1 | | |
| Director | 1 | | |
| Public Health | 2 | | |
| Veterinary | 1 | | |
| Public Welfare | 1 | | |
| Typhus Control | 1 (Attd) | 7 | 4 |
| | | 15 | 13 |

On the advice of the Director, Public Health Sub-Comm, the Committee recommend the removal of officers from the following branches :

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Malaria Control | 6 Offrs. |
| Typhus Control | 2 " |

The Committee recommend the transfer of the Medical Supply Branch to Economic Section (Warehousing Section).

The Committee point out that the number of officers they recommend for this Sub-Commission is dependent on the continued attachment of the 4 officers from the Rockefeller Foundation.

17. PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION AND SECURITY BRANCH

Present Strength (Combined) 19 9

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17. PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION AND SECURITY BRANCH

Present Strength (Combined) 19 9

Recommendation

Amalgamation recommended with HQ
Staff consisting of

- Director 1
- Deputy Director 1
- Public Safety 6
- Security (incl. 2 6
- Public Investigators) 14 7 5 2

The Committee recommend the follow-
ing reductions in the combined
strength of Public Safety Sub-Comm.
and Security Branch.

- 1 Offr. Garabiniere
- 1 " P.A.D.
- 3 " Security Branch

6...Although Security Officers....

Increase or
Decrease

Officers EM/ORs Officers EM/ORs

Although Security Officers are shown at HQs their duties are largely in the field. It is possible that on reduction in strength they will have to be relieved of the duties of screening Italian Officials.

18. ECONOMIC SECTION

Present Strength

8

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Recommendation

Deputy Chief of Staff 1
Exec. Director
(Allied Civilian)
Staff (not including
2 Allied Civillians) 6

6

7

6

1

4

19. AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

12

7

Recommendation

Director 1
Staff 3

1

3

9

4

3

3

The Committee recommends the amalgamation of the appointment of Deputy Director with that of the Chief of Agriculture Division.

20. COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

13

5

Recommendation

Staff (not including
2 Allied Civilians) 6 7 6 1 4

19. AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength 12 7

Recommendation

Director 1 3 4 3 3
Staff 3 4 4 3 3

The Committee recommends the amalgamation of the appointment of Deputy Director with that of the Chief of Agriculture Division.

20. COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength 13 5

Recommendation

Director 1 3 9 4 -
Staff 3 4 5 4 -

The Petrol Section together with Warehousing, Tpta, etc., is under investigation by Econ. Section.

The Committee recommends reduction by 4 Officers as follows :

1. Combine duties of Deputy Director and Chief of Materials Section.
2. Abolish Price Section.
3. Transfer Petrol Section to Tptn. Sub-Comm.
4. Abolish appointment of Administrative Officer.

7...21. COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMM.

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Increase or
Decrease
Officers EM/ORS

Officers EM/ORS

21. COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

7 3

Recommendation

Director
Staff

1 6 3
5

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Sub-Commission remains independent.

22. FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

38 28

Recommendation

33 24

If, however, it is agreed that Property Control Sub-Commission is to be absorbed, see para 28, the strength will be increased by

3 2
36 26

The Committee recommends a reduction of 5 Officers and 4 EM/ORS with an indication that reduction of functions should be made in accountancy, (by substitution of Italians), Reports, Insurance and Revenue Sections.

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22. FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Present Strength | 38 | 28 |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | 33 | 24 |

If, however, it is agreed that Property Control Sub-Commission is to be absorbed, see para 28, the strength will be increased by

| | |
|----------|----------|
| <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> |
| 36 | 26 |

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23. FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Present Strength | 15 | 4 |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | | |
| Director | 1 | |
| Deputy Director | 1 | |
| Staff | 10 | 12 |
| | | 4 |

If it is agreed that the Medical Supply Branch of Public Health Sub-Commission shall be transferred to Warehousing Branch of this Sub-Commissions, see para 16, the recommended strength will be increased by

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| <u>6</u> | <u>11</u> |
| 18 | 15 |

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8... The Committee recommends.....

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Increase or
Decrease

Officers EM/ORs

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The Committee recommends that the Officer at present appointed as Statistician be replaced by an Italian civilian during the next 3 months.

The Committee recommends abolition of following posts :

- Liaison Offr. 1
- Olive Oil Collection 1
- Rationing Enforcement 1

The question of Warehousing (Food, Medical Supplies, etc.) together with problems of transportation of these stores to other areas is the subject of a separate investigation by Econ. Sect. who will report to the Committee.

24. INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| Industry Sub-Comm. | 7 | 5 |
| Mining Section | 6 | 2 |
| | <u>13</u> | <u>7</u> |

Recommendation

| | | | |
|----------|----------|----|---|
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| Staff | <u>2</u> | 10 | 4 |
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The Committee discussed re-assignment with Commerce Sub-Commission. In spite of a certain amount of overlapping it was felt that separate Sub-Commissions are justified as we approach the industrial regions in the North.

25. LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength

| | | |
|--|----|---|
| | 12 | 3 |
|--|----|---|

Recommendation

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|----|
| Director | 1 | - |
| Deputy Director | 1 | - |
| Unskilled Civilians | (4) 2 | 10 |

9... The duties of each.....

Increase or
Decrease

Officers EM/ORs

The duties of each Branch of this Sub-Commission were reviewed and it was agreed that they could operate with 6 Officers, 4 of whom are Allied Civilians. Many of the Military Officers are reported to be inexperienced and their replacement by Allied Civilian Labour Specialists allows a useful reduction.

26. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength 9 8

Recommendation.

Director 1
Deputy Director 1
Staff 6 8 6 2

The Committee recommends that the strength of the Electric Power Survey team in the field (1 Lt. Col. and 4 Majors) be reviewed in 3 months time.

27. TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Present Strength 25 8

If Petrol Section is transferred from Commerce Sub-Commission, see para 20 the strength will be increased by

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Recommendation

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Recommendation 26 8

The Committee was informed that re-organization of Tptn. Sub-Commission probably amalgamating therewith the Warehousing Division of Food Sub-Comm. and the Medical Supply Section of Public Health Sub-Comm. was presently under review by Econ. Section.

Econ. Section were also examining the existence of various separate transport pools held by other Sub-Commissions and incorporation of HQ Tpt. Pool now under command of HQ Comdt. The Committee therefore decided to postpone any recommendation for reduction of strength in Tptn. Sub-Comm. until this review was completed. They would recommend that the proposals of Econ. Sec. be referred to this Committee when completed.

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10...28, PROPERTY CONTROL.....

Increase or
Decrease
Officers EM/CRs

28. PROPERTY CONTROL SUB-COMMISSION

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|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <u>Present Strength</u> | 4 | 3 | | 3 |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | - | - | - | 4 |

It is recommended that this Sub-Commission be reduced by 1 Offr. and 1 EM/CR and absorbed by Finance Sub-Commission, see para 28. The Committee believe a revision after 3 months will lead to further reduction.

29. ESTABLISHMENT SECTION (INCLUDING HQ GCHQ & ADJUT'S DEPT.)

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|-----|---|----|-----|
| <u>Present Strength</u> | 51 | 205 | | 23 | 105 |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | 25 | 100 | - | - | - |

The Committee's recommendations are shown in the attached chart.

The Adjutant's Department of this Section has been referred to under Chief of Staff, A.C.C., see para 4, and it is recommended that the "operational" sub-sections be transferred to the direct control of Chief of Staff.

Should this be approved the remainder of the Adjutant's Department will consist of:

- Adjutant & Postal 2 Offrs
- Assistant Adjutant 1 W.O. (A)
- Courier and A.D.L.S.
- Orders & Bulletin Section
- A.P.O. 394
- British Mail Room

12 EM/CRs
7 " "
9 " "
4 " "

28 100 29 100

Recommendation

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| A.P.O. 394 | | 9 " |
| British Mail Room | | 4 " |
| | | <hr/> |
| | 2 Offrs. | 32 EM/ORs |
| | 1 W.O. (A) | |

The Committee understand that already there are parallels in the Regt. for many of the functions of the above staff and their recommendations are :

(a) That the following shall be absorbed by 2675 Regt. -

- Adjutant
- Asst. Adjutant
- Postal Officer
- Courier & A.D.L. Service
- Orders & Bulletin Sec.
- A.P.O. 394

(b) That the O.C. 2675 Regt. shall assure the commitment of furnishing to HQs. A.C.C. all the services for which these sub-sections are responsible at present.

11... (c). That, on transfer....

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Increase or
Decrease

Officers EI/ORs Officers EI/ORs

- (c) That, on transfer, the strength should be reduced by 2 Offrs. and 6 EI/ORs.
- (d) That the British Mail Room be transferred to HQ Comdt.

30. WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND ITALIAN PRISONERS
OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|---|---|
| <u>Present Strength</u> | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| <u>Recommendation</u> | NIL | NIL | 4 | 4 |

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1. Conferences will be held at 0845 hrs weekdays and 0915 hrs Sundays.
2. ALL Officers unless out of ROME on duty or on authorised leave will attend at the correct time.

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The meeting will be held at 0930 hrs, Monday, 21 Aug, NOT at 1100 hrs as previously stated.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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