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Maj Bazzani's Liaison Logon LAZZICode  
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1. "Foritorial HQ's for the NORTH : infd Luzzi of the latent developmen's and discussions in connection with the implementing of one third only of HQs for the NORTH. To meet emergency requirements in the event of HQ's not being able to find suitable offers when they reach their destination, a res pool of 70 offers will be set up to serve all six territorial HQ's, incl a complete range of ranks and arms of the service. I told Luzzi that GSD would like these offers concentrated at BROGGINA - he will look into this, but if there is no accn there, some other convenient centre can be found, such as Sta S VERA. Any other ranks required to fill last-minute gaps can be taken from BROGGINA.

Gen ROMEO

2. OJ NR offers ex PW : infd him that two Gambinieri offers had been added to short list for repatriation ex Egypt, and a more generous proportion to the more complete lists still under consideration. The first two offers are required urgently for CERANO and AFRAGOLA.

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3. TRIULI Gp : ROMEO plans to visit TRIULI Gp 5 Apr. CHIT (I) to please secure necessary authority.

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Col LOMBARDI

4. MATTEVA offers : following are already on the way :

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- Col SALVI, to replace LUCIANI
- Maj PALMETTI to replace LOMBARDI
- a second maj being sent down tomorrow as res.

5. Away offers with Patriot Branch Org : Following info supplied by Col FAVA (Patriot Branch AG) and confirmed by LOMBARDI :

- (a) First contacts with patriots are made through Italian Army offers working under comd AG org and under direction of Patriot Branch regns in fwd areas.
- (b) Task of these offers is to examine situation of individual patriots and direct them to best suited activities - i.e. civil camp, army, refugee camps, back to their homes etc.
- (c) This work was formerly done by supposedly non-political

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for GERAMO and APPAGOLA.

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Col LAMBERTI

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patriots and direct them to best suited activities - i.e. civil  
eng, army, refugee camps, back to their homes etc.
- (c) This work was formerly done by supposedly non-political  
civilians, who in fact caused much heart-burning because of  
their political activities, as referred to MIA on several  
occasions by War Ministry refs.
- (d) There are at present 18 such offrs employed. They are  
posted by War Ministry to Ministry for Occupied Territories.  
They wear uniforms and are paid their straight salary by the  
War Ministry. Their rations are supplied by AMG. They do  
NOT appear in the Army strength state.
- (e) A demand for a further 43 officers for Northern Italy  
is in process of being met by War Ministry.
- (f) Patriot Branch is understood to have "on the stocks"  
a gen directive for these offrs. Goy will be submitted to  
MIA. Patriot Branch consider the system as at present  
organised is working very well.

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## Carabinieri appointments:

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- (a) Inf'd Patriot Branch (Lt Col Wilson) that MMIA has no objection to appointments of senior offrs as listed in War Ministry letter 551/V of 22 Mar.
- (b) Wilson said that Public Safety could NOT agree that 2 i/c should also comd 2 Div. While pointing out that this was NOT the concern of MMIA, I said that in communicating to the War Ministry GOC's agreement with the four postings I would mention this other pt as well.
- (c) Phoned Lombardi and referred above details, reminding him also that C of S Carabinieri was one of the posns for which AFHQ approval was required. Therefore, when DELLA CHIESA's replacement was selected they must NOT forget to consult AC first.

Lt Col VALERI CURTI

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7.

- Pack Tpt Gps : The eight offrs posted to FOSSOMERONE as instructors for the two Gps (252/3) have been taken on the strength of the Gps themselves, necessitating the posting of further instructors for the rf'ts. War Ministry will try to find suitable replacements, but the standard is likely to be lower than that of the original instructors posted there.

Gen LIUZZIComd  
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## Commissions for Patriot Leaders :

- (a) So as to be able to implement the proposed decree as soon as it becomes law, SAHQ are considering the necessary machinery for investigating claims and granting commissions. The proposal is to set up

- (1) one central committee  
(ii) three sub-committees:

CESANO  
5 Army  
8 Army

- (b) Each committee will consist of three offrs and two

ORs 1.e. :

- one Gen offr
- two other offrs (incl one former patriot)
- one clerk CR
- one typist OR

- (c) The central committee will issue the directives to

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(c) The central committee will issue the directives to the sub-committees and will have the power of confirming or rejecting the decisions of the sub-committees. In point of fact this right of vets will be exercised only in border-line or doubtful cases.

(d) Discussed the above with GSD and A, and subsequently infd LIUZZI that all the personnel for these committees will have to be found from existing ests or from offr or CR rfts.

9.

Lt Col SANSONE

FOGGIA Call-up : For the fresh attempt to effect the call-up in the FOGGIA area SMRE are ordering extra district personnel to report from APULIA: 5 offrs, 30 CRs, and request that rations for this personnel be authorized between 28 Apr and 30 May, incl extended period for round-up. SMRE also request the assistance of local Allied authorities in FOGGIA area in ensuring that call-up posters are NOT torn down as soon as they are put up, as is alleged to have been done with Allied connivance or previous occasions.

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Brigata Maella : (Ref 26 BLU letter of 27 Mar) the posting of Italian Army officers to this patriot band would not present serious difficulties as regards availability or type of specialist (although they are not very certain about the Browning MG).

THE difficulty is over the status of the band, as the men are NOT Italian Army, therefore NOT subject to Mil law and discipline, or wearing official Italian Army badges and insignia. Posn of the oftrs would be very tricky, and under present circumstances SMRE NOT willing to play. Given the opportunity of regularising the posn of the personnel of the band, the situation would be very different.

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Mr J BACHMAN'S Liaison LogCol LOMBARDI

1. Gabriele PARESCO : ref log 25/26 Mar para 3. Paresce has been interviewed by Lombardi, re-commissioned with his former rank of Capt and posted as LO to CESANO. Comd "A"

2. Appointments: infd Lombardi that GOC approved appointments referred to in log 25/26 Mar para 4. Comd

Gen BRUNETTI

3. Brunetti phoned to request appointment with GOC for 30 Mar to convey Easter greetings and deliver the statistics discussed at previous meeting. Later conveyed message from GOC to Brunetti acknowledging the courtesy, but pointing out that procedure and channels of comd dictated that all official comms between CC RR and AC must be direct with Public Safety Sub Com. Brunetti will supply the figures in duplicate to latter branch. Comd

Lt Col WILSON (Public Safety)

4. Infd him of circumstances of earlier visit of BRUNETTI to GOC and today's phone conversations (3 above). Comd

Gen ROMCO

5. MANTOVA Op : Infd him of highly successful visit of GOC to this KP. Discussed following offr appointments: Comd "A"

(a) Col LUCIANO ) Agreed that they be replaced  
Lt Col LOMBARDI ) immediately.

(b) Col LOMBARDI-CATTOLICA

It appears that this offr has a mania for persecuting priests, and has now trumped up a bottomless charge against his present - and fifth - padre. The case is regarded as serious, but a report will be submitted to GOC before disciplinary action is taken.

(c) Three junior offrs to be transferred to ACSTA div.

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Gen RONCO

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Nothing is known of such an order at the War Ministry.  
Investigation continues. Meantime orders have been  
given that no such transfer is to take place.

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6. RONCO's programme : following trips are planned : Comd
- 29 Mar: 209 Div and 1 Dist
  - First week in April: FRIULI Gp
  - In between, a quick trip to FROSINONE.

Lt Col DI BITONTO

7. Low Med Category personnel : discussion of SAME letter  
13680/Mob of 4 Mar and MILIA letter A/17 of 13 Mar. The problem  
is in two parts : 2 1/c  
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(a) Men of low med category of 1921 - 24 classes who still  
have mil obligations. It is estimated that these number  
2000. He will obtain breakdown by adm divs. Requested him  
to have the necessary decree started, exempting these men  
from mil service.

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(b) Men of low med category of 1920 and older class as with no horses to go to, plus a proportion of similar cases included in para (a) above. All branches concerned at War Min and GARE are working on plans to dispose of these men, but the problem presents many difficulties and it will NOT be possible to implement by 1 Apr. Requested him to send written comm of gen intentions.

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"Q"Gen RONCO

8. CESANO : Lt Col MALAVASI has reported to RONCO prior to taking up his duties as C of S KTC ICF. Ronco's first impressions were good.

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Lt Col SAMPO

9. Sampo called to take leave on his posting to comd the ACQUILA Bn (LEGnano Gp).

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1. Par coys in 1 Dist: ref SURE letter of 22 Mar 11597, explained to Liuzzi that the question of regrouping of par coys and the r respective HQs was one which local adm div should discuss and settle with Allied HQ, in this case 209 Div and 1 Dist. Only in the unlikely event of no satisfactory solution being arrived at would it be necessary for 209 to refer the matter to SURE. Liuzzi will handle accordingly with 209; MEMIA to fwd SURE letter to MEMIA LO 1 Dist.

Lt Col ROCHONARSKI2 1/2  
OSD

2. Rfto for 808 CS Bn (IAI and SP): warned him of impending request via SMC for 10 or 20 CC BN personnel as rfts for above unit. Inf'd him that this matter had been subject of discussion between "Gabinetto" and Carabinieri GHO, and that Carabinieri are prepared to supply limited number of personnel.

Col LONGARDIComd  
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3. Gabriele PARUSCE: further to previous conversation on this subject, requested Lombardi to have someone get into touch with PARUSCE and arrange interview at War Ministry, with a view to posting an LO where best suited. Inf'd him of background and SAC's suggestion of RHC ICE.

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4. Territorial HQs: GOC's approval requested for following postings:

- Lt Gen GERICA to Territorial HQ BOLOGNA from FLORENCE.

This move alr adv discussed between GOC/Gasati and agreed in principle (see log 9 Mar para 4).

- Maj Gen IE BERNINI to Territorial HQ FLORENCE from CALABRIA.

Plan is to convert Delegazione "VI" into Territorial HQ FLORENCE effective 1 Apr and make above change at the same time.

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5. VI Territorial HQ designated for BOLOGNA has an adv det 30 strong at PESSARO, headed up by C of S. The remainder of HQ is being formed in ROME. GERICA's present intentions are either to join HQ in ROME, or preferably to mob his staff in or near FLORENCE, leaving the adv det in contact with 8 Army at PESSARO. At FLORENCE, Gerica would be well placed to move on to BOLOGNA, and at the same time could continue to be in touch with patriot orgs from the EMILIA region. MEMIA

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Gabriele PAVESCE : Further to previous conversation on this subject, requested Lombardi to have someone get into touch with PAVESCE and arrange interview at War Ministry, with a view to posting an LO where best suited. Infd him of background and SAC's suggestion of SIC ICF.

4.

Territorial HQ : SAC's approval requested for following postings :

- Lt Gen CARICA to Territorial HQ BOLOGNA from FLORENCE.
- This move already discussed between COG/Casati and agreed in principle (see log 9 for para 4).
- Maj Gen DE SORRE to Territorial HQ FLORENCE from CALABRIA.

Plan is to convert Delegazione "A" into Territorial HQ FLORENCE effective 1 Apr and make above change at the same time.

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VI Territorial HQ designated for BOLOGNA has an adv det 30 strong at IMBRO, headed up by C of S. The remainder of HQ is being formed in ROSE. CARICA's present intentions are either to join HQ in ROSE, or preferably to mob his staff in or near PAVESCE, leaving the adv det in contact with 8 Army at PAVESCE. At FLORENCE, Corica would be well placed to move on to BOLOGNA, and at the same time could continue to be in touch with patriot orgs from the EMILIA region. MILA approval requested please.

6.

Mil Hosp CATANZARO : discussed with LOMBARDI the letter sent to the Minister at the beginning of Mar by GIANFRANCO ENZO complaining of the state of affairs as regards HQ's at above hosp. The letter was traced to the office of the Minister's private secretary, who said that it had been treated as an anonymous comm and consequently NO action taken. LOMBARDI explained that CASATI had been receiving so many comm of this sort that he had had to make this rule. The letter was NOT signed, and Lombardi assumed that both name and address of sender were fictitious. In view of the circumstantial details supplied he agreed that it was a case in which action could be taken and he will give orders accordingly.

Count CASATI

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Back at his desk again after being unwell for 2 days.

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8. Territorial HQs for the MORRH: referred GOC's observations on CASATI's request for increase to "one-half" of proportion of HQ's to be implemented at once. Explained that GOC had already discussed the policy agreed between him and the Minister with AFHQ and AG, and the matter was too far gone now to permit of a change. GOC appreciated that in certain cases the Territorial commands might have difficulties and experience considerable delays in finding the right personnel. Against this contingency he was prepared to agree to the differences between "one-third" and "one-half" being set aside as a reserve, such personnel NOT to go forward unless called for by the Territorial HQs after they have arrived at destination and are unable to fill the est locally. In the meantime, therefore, the Ministry can create this run, which according to CASATI will be mostly technical Army and not personnel.
9. Handed to the Minister GOC's letter of 26 "as subject, "Discipline - Italian Army".
- Lt Col SANSONE
10. Ufficio Staccato di lavori del Genio, TARANTO: ref Capt PACINI's report No. 22, this office is said to be part of the est of the BARI Territorial HQ and to have plenty of work to do at TARANTO. According to info supplied, it would be most inconvenient to run the work from BARI.

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to be at Miamore. According to info supplied, it would be most  
inconvenient to run the work from BAH.

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Major BRAMAN's Liaison LogCount CASATI

## 1. Following subjects discussed :

- Palermo's visit to GOC earlier in the day and the form about his proposed visit to the front.
- GOC letter of 28 Feb in connection with Banda Usiella;
- Folgore GP comd - action taken by MIA;
- Chased Casati's reply to 'welfare' letter on Mobile Canteens.

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2. Casati raised the question of implementing one third only of the Territorial HQ's for the NORTH. He said that he had welcomed GOC's proposal and orders had at once been given to this effect. On further consideration, however, it appeared that there would be serious difficulties over implementing the policy exactly as it now stood.

As soon as the HQ's take over their respective regions and responsibilities they will have their hands very full from the word "go". They will need to have an experienced and well-organized staff that can start to function promptly and smoothly. The full ests are already small for the size of the job to be done. The Territorial comd and his senior ofrs will have no time in the first days to start screening and selecting ofrs to complete the est.

Therefore he recommends increasing the "one-third" to "one-half". This extra personnel can always be replaced by local people as soon as the first rush is over. The S i/c would in any event be left open. One of their major problems is how to staff Districts and Depots with only one-third of the staffs allotted.

Lt Col ROCCHOWANSKI

CSD

3. ITI-ITI rfts : Further discussion on rfts required for gd bns. SARE NOT in posn to produce up-to-date infm. Consequently 300 call-ups at SAL/PNC to be moved to PROSINONE under SARE arrangements. Strength of PROSINONE depot at 22 Mar 1700 rfts. Query : how many ANCL ?

CSD

4. Surplus of CALABRIA div : SARE request that out of next draft of CALABRIA div surplus to come to mainland, 200 men are sent direct

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Lt Col ROCCHOWANSKI

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3. ITI-ITI rfts : Further discussion on rfts required for gd bns. SMRE NOT in posn to produce up-to-date infm. Consequently 3CO call-ups at SALERNO to be moved to PROSINONE under SMRE arrangements. Strength of PROSINONE depot at 22 Mar 1700 rfts. Query : how many AWOL ?

GSD

4. Surplus of CALABRIA div : SMRE request that out of next draft of CALABRIA div surplus to come to mainland, 200 men are sent direct to ANAGNI.

Lt Col SANSONE

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5. Flashes for gd bns etc: collected sketch of revised proposals for gd bns and MP/TC units etc. Estimate for production is 15 - 20 days from when MAIA approval is given.

Col LOMBARDI

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6. Requested to see copy of SS HLU letter of 17 Mar addressed to comd FOLGORRE gp - subject "Discipline".

Col CRIMONESI

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7. SARDINIA call-up : latest infm is that recall of older classes will NOT produce the original target figure. Revised estimate is total of 15 - 16000 (compared with latest demand of 18000). Against this the young recruits can be slightly increased to give overall total of 22/23000 (instead of 24000).

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Lt Col MILLEFICCHINI

8. No! Territorial HQ : with ref to latest tpt request, infd him that :

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- (a) personnel strength OK - any adjustments can be made on mainland.
- (b) NO vehs to be moved ;
- (c) stores to be cut down to a more reasonable proportion.

Col CREMONESI

9. SARDINIA call-up : requested him to obtain latest infm on situation of phase II. Only 9000 men had been moved of phase I (out of the 12000 men enlisted) and although we were two-thirds of the way through phase II there appeared to be no men at all ready to be shipped. Cremonesi explained that approx 1700 of the first 12000 were in hosp or had gone home on short leave. He will phone CAGLIARI and submit infm later in the day.

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1. Delegation "FLORENCE": Infd him that there was now no longer any objection to converting the designation to FLORENCE Territorial HQ.

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Lt Col THACKERAN (Legal Sub Commission)

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2. Infd him that Professor Conti Giovanni PALLASTRELLI was NOT a member of the ITALIAN army and that MMIA had no objection to his being nominated Vice Comd of the National Association of Combattenti.

Col LOMBARDI

3. Infd him that following appointments were approved by COC: All branches

- Brig Gen BOGLIONE to be 2 1/c MANTOVA vice FAVA
- Div Gen SOLDARELLI to be transferred from Comd Territorial HQ NAPLES to ROME, vice BRUNETTI;
- Div Gen ROMANO to be comd NAPLES Territorial HQ.

Lt Col SANGONE

GSD

4. Inspector of Auxiliary Tps: up to the present, IR-ITI and US-ITI rft camp have NOT come within the terms of ref of the Inspector of Auxiliary Tps. Will discuss this further with ROMCO.

5. GARIBALDI Div: infd him of latest developments:

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- 100 adv party to move TARANTO/AFRAGLIA for special gd duties at 803 Italian HUD;
- 1/3 personnel with homes in BOT to move TARANTO/VITERBO 1st week Apr.
- 2/3 ditto 2nd week Apr.

Maj TAGLIONE

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6. ITI-ITI rfts: requested him to hurry fwd the plans for emp of rfts for categories 1 and 5. Infd him of urgent need to move nearly 300 men at 15 Inf depot SALERNO to make room for Milan Territorial HQ.

HQ NAPLES to ROME, vice BRUNETTI;

- Div Gen ROMANO to be comd NAPLES Territorial HQ.

Lt Col SANSONE

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Lt Col SANSONE

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621 Italian Increment to 1 Rd Remount Depot : Requested that an efficient and capable capt be posted to this unit in place of the present CC. 1874

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ITI-ITI rfts : spoke about 5 above. NO use them basing their calculations on situation at beginning of Mar, as several batches of rfts had since been sent up, and situation now quite changed. Requested that adm divs be contacted by phone and latest infm obtained that way.

Count CASATI

Comd

Following subjects discussed :

- All attache BERN
- SICILY call-up
- GARIBALDI Div
- Welfare org (especially mob canteens)
- SMC
- SIM
- FOLGORE GP (especially MORICI)

Referred to GCC.

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10. Lt Col SANSONE (and Maj ROSSI)

GARIBALDI Div : confirmed instrs on meeting of rep and Town Major for 24 Mar; party from CESSANO to take possession of buildings on 25 Mar; adv party 100 strong arriving 26 Mar.

11. 803 Italian LTD: infd him of proposal to move this depot to RAVISCANINA, while maintaining a small camp at AFRAGOLA for transit purpose.

Mario PALERMO

Comd

12. Palermo called on GOC to discuss the following :

- Repatriation of Italian tps in ALBANIA
- BASE GARIBALDI at Lecce
- Visit to the front by PALERMO at the beginning of April.

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Major BAUMANN's Liaison LogMajor GALATURIComd  
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1. Phoned him, and later spoke, about awaited War Ministry draft on transfer of SIM and new project of law on SMG.

Gen OXILIA

2. Just back from APULLA, where he assisted at the repatriation of the Garibaldi Div, of which he was the former comd. Most enthusiastic about the whole thing: morale and bearing of the men, their strong anti-communist and pro-monarchical sentiments, cooperation of local Allied authorities etc. Oxilia said he much regretted that there was no senior MIA rep present. He wished to thank CCG for his interest in the future of these men and hoped he had not minded the signal OXILIA had sent to CCG from Brindisi.

Maj ROMANO

spec sec

3. E/Lt MONETA: ref the posting of this offr, who had applied to spec sec for assistance in getting to one of the gruppi. ROMANO said that MONETA had a very bad past and they would like to get their hands onto him, since he was "wanted" for masquerading as a col and drawing col's pay. If he reappears, he should be referred to Maj ROMANO, of Offr Personnel Branch, or detained until he can be sent for.

Maj TAGLIONEGSD  
Spec Sec

4. GARIBALDI Div: saw TAGLIONE about details of this fm's strength by arms and services. Figures are not yet complete, but he is working on them. In the meantime instrs have been given to earmark the personnel for gd and escort duties. Those men who have somewhere to go for their leave will report back to Afragola - the others will be kept at St Andrews pending instrs.

Lt Col SANSONE

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5. Calabria call-up: Sansone requests confirmation that call-up is to take place 1 - 15 May. For infm, the projected intake can be expanded up to 16000 if desired. It is suggested better to wash out phase III SICILY, and take on the additional 2000 young soldiers from CALABRIA, if the larger number is needed.

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Lt Col SANSONE

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5. Calabria call-up: Sansone requests confirmation that call-up is to take place 1 - 15 May. For infm, the projected intake can be expanded up to 16000 if desired. It is suggested better to wash out phase III SICILY, and take on the additional 2000 young soldiers from CALABRIA, if the larger number is needed.

Capt DELLA CORNA

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6. Gd Bns: SMRE submits for consideration that after reorg of 518 Gd Bn by the transfer of 550 Train Gd Coy to the new 525 Gd Bn, the est of the two GRANATIERI coys under comd ROMAN Allied Area Comd be increased for the following reasons:

- to meet present commitments, which are said to be considerably in excess of their capacity,
- to enable Ministry of War to "borrow" a small det required from time to time for ceremonial purposes.

ROMCO himself is interested in coming to an arrangement of this sort, as the Army finds difficulty in being represented at the functions held in ROME, at which the other services are present.

7. 525 Gd Bn: discussed change of plan for forming this unit. Infm required as soon as possible as to strength and details of personnel to be made available from other bns to enable NCOs and offrs to be made up to strength.

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Col SANSONE (and Gen LIUZZI)

8. ITI-ITI rfts : requested that an immediate plan be worked out for emp of rfts now at SALERNO (200) and at FROSINONE, in view of the fact that gd bns were now all up to strength.

Major CRESCI

9. Surplus NCOs : there are reputed to be 2000 sgts surplus to est at present with units of all categories. A substantial proportion of these is with PRs. One proposal is to employ and/or train these men as Avrs in place of ptes, who would be released for CESANO or for emp in some other capacity. NOT a very satisfactory solution, but a difficult problem to solve.

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10. Men rounded up in SICILY and other out-lying districts : Italian Mil authorities are faced with the problem of conveying and escorting small parties of men rounded up from out-lying regions to the Rft Centres. The difficulties to be overcome are :

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- (a) Personnel for escort;  
(b) Rations and accn on the journey.

Major GALATERI

11. Transfer of SIM : collected draft of letter from Bonomi to Casati. Discussed with GOC. Later sent him amended draft.

12. Discussed other projects of law and requested MILA be kept infd. Collected one draft (ref log 17 Mar para 5).

Gen LIUZZI

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Col LOMBARDI

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Col LOMBARDI

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- 15. 2 i/c MANTOVA : as an alternative candidate to FAVA, whose record did NOT particularly impress the Mission, they propose Brig Gen BOGLIONE. ROMA is definitely confirmed for BERN. Comd Spec Sec

- 16. GABRIEL PARESCO : the War Minister did NOT know of this man personally but after enquiries had been made he let it be known that there was no objection to his emp as IO, as he had an excellent record and connections. Lombardi said that if the Allies wished, there would be no difficulty over an honorary commission. 18 Spec Sec

Gen BRUNETTI

- 17. Brunetti called to pay his respects on taking up post as Comd Gen of Carabinieri. COC took the occasion to run over matters of common interest : Comd
  - org and ests of Carabinieri;
  - method of emp, incl use of mob bns;
  - arms on issue and required;
  - stocks and returns of clothing, MT etc.
  - situation in SARDINIA.

2 i/c and C-1 were also present.

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Major BARMANN'S LIAISON LOG.Gen. ROMCO

1.

IN offrs for repatriation for CESANO : discussions between ROMCO and CAMBERA have elicited following facts and proposals :-

- There are no gen offr or Col PWs left in England;
- The following Gen offrs are PWs in NGYPT :-

Brig Gen (Inf) PIALORSKI Guido - 304 PW Camp  
? Gen COITI - PORCINARI

- PIALORSKI enjoys their full confidence and ROMCO proposes that he be entrusted with the selection of Cols, Lt-Cols and other offrs.
- ROMCO has added two more Junior offrs to the list.

2.

PROSINONE IRI-ITI depot :- Infd him of yesterday's visit to PROSINONE and ANAGNI, as reported in log 16 Mar para 13. Told him that a deputation of 150 Sicilian volunteers for combat. These men started on their journey several weeks ago - one man said 8 weeks - and had moved from REGGIO to TRANI, where they had been waiting around quite a while - and a few days ago from TRANI to PROSINONE. They were entirely "browned off" with hanging about for so long - wanted to be sent to combat or more active duties - and pressed for change of clothing, etc.).

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terial HQ an' dealt with by them. The HOME HQ was NOT taking sufficient interest and action in the ITI-ITI depot. Gen. NICOLINI, the acting com' to whom I had spoken on the phone this morning, talked of going to see the place with Gen. ALBONCHETTI "one of these days". This was the biggest single responsibility of HOME HQ at the moment, and until the camp is running properly, the Gen. or some senior off'r from HOME should be out there every few days and giving it their full attention. Explained to RONCO that this was entirely an Italian commitment - the Italian Base Depot, in fact - and it was up to them to see that it compared favourably with CAVIETO and other Allied Camps. RONCO will speak to NICOLINI at once and visit PROINOME himself within 10 days or so.

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4. Tactical details of 50 BLU report : conveyed message from Col P. Among other things that "if offrs of FRULLI div would pay more attention to the advice and experience of CG BLU there would be less likelihood of these incidents and less need for circular instrs on tre". RONCO will postpone talk until after his visit to FOLLONE. Spec Sec

5. Lt. Col. SANSONE  
Campobasso Mil Dist : explained to him what had happened over the tpt of personnel from District to ASTRONI - i.e. all surplus BLU vehs had been placed at disposal of campobasso and had been used to ferry men daily to NAPLES. Consequently, when PBS tpt arrived there were no men ! Requested him to ascertain who was responsible for calling fwd the PBS vehs three times when there was no one to move.

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6. Caribbean Div. : ref gd and escort deta for three BR-ITI depots, requested him to warn St. Andrews Camp to earmark 250 all ranks for this purpose, consisting of men of 1915 and older classes of ALPINE regt with homes in EOT, and consequently NOT demobilizable. This will avoid dispersal of men if and when approval is received from AFHQ for forming the gd and escort deta.

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Col LOMBARDI

1. Medals for Italian type : discussed situation by phone and referred to GOC.

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2. Films for Italian units : no difficulty in making extra copies for the Italians, providing they supply the raw materials (film). Up to the present the following films on Italian Army etc have been made :

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- Cremona div
- Partisans (partisan day in Rome - BULON's band etc)
- GERANO (Field Marshal Alexander's visit).
- Italian contribution to war effort ("call-up" activities - presentation of medals by Gen Clark)

Gen LUZZI

3. Following subjects discussed :

- (a) Petition for over-drawing rations, unauthorized units, etc.

(In this connection it should be known that the new heads of SERS (RINCO and LUZZI) adopt a very different attitude to their predecessors on this subject. They are all for cutting out anything NOT approved by MSHA, and RINCO in particular seems to welcome the ultimate latoly rec'd from the Mission).

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(e) Trouble and incidents at MARZIANA.

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4. Gen RUEDO & Col LAMBRINI

Spoke independently with above on subject of visits to COG of comds of territorial HQs whenever they come to Rome.

Explained that while the courtesy nature of these return visits was appreciated by COG, they inevitably led to discussion of some official topic, if only in passing. This was difficult to avoid. On the other hand, official subjects ought NOT to be discussed unless someone from SAGE is present. In the circumstances, better that a one courtesy visits be taken for granted, and if at any time there is some fundamental reason for territorial comds wishing to see COG, such visits to be requested and sponsored by SAGE.

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Gen NCHOO

5.

Territorial HQ's in the NORTH: general discussion of the decision taken at recent meeting G.C/Casati to implement only one third of Territorial corps for the NORTH, and complete the remainder from local resources. Explained latest interpretation, i.e. this to apply only to HQ staff itself - (89 - 100 - 120, according to type). NCHOO does NOT agree with policy and feels strongly that all HQ's should be completed now. He affirmed that these HQ's will need to be able to function at full efficiency from the moment they set up shop, and will NOT be able to afford the time and deficiencies in staff while the command looks round the local resources to find reliable candidates who are quite clear of suspicion and capable of fitting in with present system of org elaborated by the Allies. By all means, he says, introduce local blood, but do this gradually by replacing, often sent up from the north as soon as the machine is working properly.

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Gen MORG

6.

Inspection of Auxiliary Tps (AMT): This post has been filled by MATTEOLI for the past twelve months. It is proposed to put MORG in his place. Function of the Inspector is to visit all auxiliary units (i.e. service tps), report on their work, discipline, conditions, morale etc to GCHQ, and deal with admin div cascade on all matters concerning these tps. When first created this post was of some importance to GCHQ, but now that service units are so well organized and everything goes smoothly the post has lost correspondingly in importance. The appointment in itself is of secondary interest to MCHQ.

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Lt Col BAYRO

7.

Raccoe Units (or Patriot Bands): Bampo enquiring about progress with the project of forming five Raccoe units. The five screening dots are quite ready.

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Gen RUMBO

8.

AM offers to be reposted for CHANO: RUMBO has been making every endeavour to fill the vacancies from present availabilities on the mainland. Following is progress to date (Col. R. infd 16 Mar):

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-- (Sapper) Col PLANO (now C of 8 BARI Territorial Bn) to be G.C. Engr Regt.

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7. Recco Units (ex Patriot Bands): Sampo enquiring about progress with the project of forming five Recco units. The five screening acts are quite ready.

Lt Col SAMP

8. Recco Units (ex Patriot Bands): Recco has been making every endeavour to fill the vacancies from present availabilities on the mainland. Following is progress to date (Oct 2, info 16 Mar):

- (Sapper) Col PIAZZO (now C of 8 BATT Territorial Hq) to be O.C. Regt Regt.

- Col FORTI, now C of II Regt CANTU, to be given another chance, for following reasons:

(a) II Regt has had the most difficult men at CANTU - i.e. patriots and other trouble makers;  
(b) II Regt has made very good progress during past week; GII try in said to be much happier; Italian try offer Lt Col SAMP also recommends retention.

(c) Zanussi served for two years as RECCO's staff in the Aegean. While not a brilliant officer, RECCO says he is reliable and capable, and will do what he is told.

(d) RECCO proposes the decision be delayed another week or ten days and CC British Cadre consulted at the end of this period.

- Lt Col MALAVASI, now at RIMINI awaiting posting, to be C of 3 vicos DUBBINI. MALAVASI has already been sent for.

- Lt Col DE MARINIS, now CC SIGS school MCARA, to be CC Regt Br. He will move up when the school moves.

- Still to be found: Lt Col to command the mixed bn - preferably an MT officer, of whom they are very short at the moment.

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5. ARMACIA : Ronco just back from his visit to the M-III camp, where he met Gen. SOLDAVILLI and ROSSI, as well as British G.C. camp. Ronco summed up his impressions by saying that while the men were NOT mutinous there was complete lack of control by the camp authorities. He recounted several incidents worthy of a place in Gilbertain Opera. Mundamental pts were

- (a) Camp too near NAPLES : subject to all bad local influences and too easy for men to get into the town;
- (b) insufficient gis : only 14 carabinieri on duty. Both RONCO and Italian Camp Comd anxious to have det of Alpini or Carabinieri Div (now at St Andrews) assigned for this purpose;
- (c) camp comd new to the post - says that if he is given the Alpini det he will get the place in order in fifteen days;
- (d) Gen ROSSI - comd 227 Div - has been taking too little interest in the camp. RONCO spoke to ROSSI during his visit and confirmed in writing on his return.

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10. Gen RONCO

10. PW offers to be repatriated : Ronco has now discussed with CAZZ RA (Italian High Commissioner for PWs). There are NO good or cols PWs in England. There are two gms in MERT, one of whom (PRALONSI) can be fully relied on to make selection of offers required. RONCO accordingly suggests that this gm offer be entrusted with the task of selecting the cols. It cols and other offers when it is desired to repatriate urgently.

Col LOMBARDI

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Carabinieri personnel required for 31st. Informed him of Bonignoro request of 20 CO HR HQ's and two offers of experience and good record to fill vacancies in their est. Assuming that proposed transfer of 31st goes through, asked him what would be the post if MILA recommended the request be implemented. Lombardi replied that Casati was undoubtedly in a post to order the transfer, but that such a move would be most unwise in view of the present state of the Carabinieri, and that their cadres could NOT stand being milked of 20 good HQ's. He will make further enquiries and report.

12.

ARACCHI further to yesterday's conversation, he has instructed Gen. CAZZARA to call on ZAMBELLI and inform this gentleman that

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10. Gen ROMEO

1st office to be repatriated: Hence has not discussed with GAZZ PA (Italian High Commissioner for RAs). There are 100 gona or cols (RA) in England. There are two gona in 1947, one of whom (PILASTI) can be fully relied on to make selection of firms required. RMO accordingly suggests that this gona offer be entrusted with the task of selecting the cols, it cols and other offers when it is desired to repatriate urgently.

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ANAGNI: Further to yesterday's conversation, he has instructed Gen OSTRELLA to call on SANBONI and inform this gentleman that the question of his taking over the Bonifred and Perodi premises for the refugees is off. No details of visit yet.

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ROBINSON RA Depot

13.

With GIII (I) and Lt Col GAMBINO to visit the MIL-III Base Depot. Detailed report on progress being submitted by GIII (I). General impressions:

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- that OC is NOT the right offer for the job. A younger, more active and energetic man needed. This also goes for the adjt and some of the staff;
- that RAEE Territorial HQ is NOT using enough push to get the thing organized;
- for instance, after one month the rifles required for try are NOT yet delivered;
- that reorg of HQ in Italian Army has still a very long way to go; Santomuro quoted 18 only out of over 80 lead carriers assigned RAEE Territorial HQ being on the rd.

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-- that ARACVI sub depot (Parodi and Bonprini Norton) officers excellent possibilities as a depot for gas, but not at present properly coordinated with their HQ depot at PROSINER. For instance, short of clothing and no petrol. They need 100 litres petrol per day; 40 for water carts, 30 for water pump and 30 for domestic use.

Have arranged to discuss above and other pts with INMCO 17 Mar.

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SECRETMaj RAUBANN's Liaison Log13 Mar 45Gen LIUZZI

1.

Meeting with Lt Cols GUIDA and CRECCIA of SMRE and SANTOMAURO of ROME Territorial HQ to discuss fin of three new gd bns at FROSINONE. Following pts emerged:

(a) SMRE considers that gd bns entirely composed of recruits with barely four weeks basic trg would NOT be very reliable.

They accordingly propose:

- (i) that a proportion of older men be included in the units, say 150 per bn, in addition to the cadres
- (ii) that some time each day, adequate facilities be allowed by the employing fm for continuing trg after the bn has been placed under its cmd.
- (b) (i) offr: the 75 offr required are going to be quite a problem. They have NOT yet found all the offr for the III and IV Bn cadres for FROSINONE depot.
- (ii) NCO's: 114 agts and 240 cpls or 1/cpls required. It is requested that these be moved to FROSINONE under MMIA arrangements from TRANI, AFRASOLA.
- (c) After deducting offr and NCOs (143) and older men (150), 500 young recruits will be needed for each bn.
- (d) 250 older inf men (recalled) ex SARDINIA are on their way to FROSINONE at the moment. It is proposed to employ these for the gd bns - further 300 required to complete, allowing for some selection.
- (e) accm: recruits already at FROSINONE or on the way (1000 plus 400) take up available accn up to 25 Mar, when further 1500 places become available. Older men must be included in these figures.
- (f) stores: weapons and rest items available. SMRE will submit list of any items short. Tpt to be provided by DADT.

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- (b) (1) offer the 75 offrs required are going to be quite a problem. They have NOT yet found all the offrs for the III and IV Bn cadres for FROSINONE depot.
- (11) MCC's 114 agts and 240 cpls or l/cpls required. It is requested that these be moved to FROSINONE under MILA arrangements from TRANI, AFRACOLA.
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- (f) stores: weapons and most items available. SARRS will submit list of any items short. Tpt to be provided by DADT.

Apart from pts mentioned above, no major difficulties are anticipated in getting the bns formed by the appointed dates.

2. Regt flashes: distinguishing flashes for gd bns are being considered as part of a gen plan for flashes for all auxiliary units. Requested Gen LUZZI to chase, as urgently required for the three bns under cord II Dist.

3. Tpt for FROSINONE: the six load carriers have now been assigned, but they are in very poor condition, according to SANTOAURO, and about half of them VCR all the time. Requested him to take the matter up through proper channels.

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SECRET11 Mar 45Maj BAUMANN's Liaison LogLt Col GRACEFFAGSD  
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1. PROSINONE ITI-ITI rft depot : following is latest seen post as reported by ROME Territorial HQ :

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| Already held at Prosinone | 1200 rfts        |
| Avagni                    | 800 rfts         |
|                           | <u>2000 rfts</u> |

by 15 Mar at Prosinone further 1300  
by 25 Mar at Prosinone further 1500  
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2. FOSSOMERONE : ref log 10 Mar para 11. Maj VIRGILIO, a regular offr, has been posted to 269 Pack Tpt Coy and ordered to report immediately.

3. AFRAGOLA : in answer to request for posting of ten capts, SANBONE stated that they were endeavouring to find ten capable regular offr to send there. He will notify progress.

4. Regimental flashes for 3d bns: personnel of these units is so mixed that a new flash is having to be devised. Sansone will speak to RONCO to get some quick action on design and production.

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5. Visit to CESANO and BRACCIANO on occasion of SAC's visit to RTC IOP. Afterwards attended conference at BLU HQ in connection with replacement of inefficient offr at the trg center.

13 Mar 45Lt Col GRACEFFAGSD  
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6. GARIBALDI Div : he requested urgent instrs on disposal of re-employable personnel of Garibaldi Div, which is estimated at 1500 - 2000. Discussed with C-1 and Spec Sec and promised info by tomorrow. This is needed at once so that men can be told where to report before they go on leave.

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Lt Col SANSONE

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7. Demobilization figures: further discussion of estimates on 1914/15 classes required by GSD.

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8. GARIBALDI Div : requested brief write-up for press release purposes on recent activities and back-ground of Garibaldi Div.

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9. ST ANDREWS Camp TARANTO: Gen Mannerini has been worrying about the breaking-up of the camp and where he is going to put the 35000 odd Italians still in the Balkans when they get back to the mainland. He submits for consideration whether some of the personnel now employed at ST ANDREWS and experienced in this sort of work (about 40 all ranks) cannot be retained for dealing with subsequent batches of repatriates. He also requests that the Taranto garrison (sic) be allowed to continue until the camp is broken up.

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10. Transformation of cooperators : assuming that personnel and units will be transferred to Italian Army "in situ" so as not to disturb the work, some form of commission will have to visit units to take down statements and do the usual work to regularize the posn of offrs and NCOs. This is the normal procedure in any army when men return from PW, and until it is completed they are NOT entitled to back pay - promotion etc.

Nineteen cooperator offrs and seven OAs have been released from their units within past fortnight for urgent employment in civilian posts. They were NOT replaced. Screening was done at the Territorial HQs, as in this instance offrs were able to report to the HQs in person.

Major TAGLIOME

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11. Manpower wastage : requested revision of wastage figures for various categories of Italian Army.

Lt Col SANTOMAURO

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12. Call-up in ABRUZZO : in view of delay in getting balance of personnel away from Teramo and Aquila, agreed that balance of rfts from all four districts should go to TRANI.

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13. FROSINONE ITI-ITI depot : Italian High Commissioner for refugees has initiated his intention to take over premises at ANAGNI on 31 Mar for the refugees now at SABAUDIA and formerly at CESANO. The buildings at ANAGNI were offered to the refugees (and turned down) before the tps were moved in. They now house 1000 rfts and SANTOMAURO says it will be impossible to receive the additional 1500 men at 25 Mar if the 1000 from ANAGNI have to be put up as well.

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14. Just back from very successful visit to group in the line.  
Discussed GP coms, SMO etc.

*Cat. D*

12.

Call-up in ABRUZZO : in view of delay in getting balance of personnel away from Teramo and Aquila, agreed that balance of rfts from all four districts should go to TRANI.

GSD

13.

FROSINONE ITI-ITI depot : Italian High Commissioner for refugees has initiated his intention to take over premises at ANAGNI on 31 Mar for the refugees now at SABAUDIA and formerly at CESSANO. The buildings at ANAGNI were offered to the refugees (and turned down) before the tps were moved in. They now house 1000 rfts and SANTOMAURO says it will be impossible to receive the additional 1500 men at 25 Mar if the 1000 from ANAGNI have to be put up as well.

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A/Q  
GSD

Count CASATI

14.

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Comd

*Col D  
I had this "Anagni" PAC  
"Map" stuff etc.  
no clear*

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To see para 6.

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SECRET9 Mar 45Major BAUMANN's Liaison LogCol PICCOLI

1. Loudspeaker for CESANO : made arrangements for installation of set for 12 Mar through local firm.

Gen RONCO

2. Accompanied Col WIDLEY for talk on following subjects :

- Confidential report from HLU on FRIULI combat GP;
- Org of rft system at CESANO incl conference to take place at RTC ICF 13 Mar.
- Gen BOLOGNA, comd of MANTOVA combat GP;
- Gen SCATTINI, comd of FRIULI combat GP.

Capt DELLA CORNA

3. Clear-out of CALABRIA : all arrangements have been made to move remaining personnel before 15 Mar, though this is, in some measure dependent on move of animals which is scheduled for 12 - 18 Mar. Should this latter move NOT take place until after the 15th, move of accompanying personnel will be correspondingly delayed.

Count CASATI

4. SMG and SIM : long talk on this subject; reported separately to GOC.
5. Accompanied GOC for talk on following pts :

- Transfer and reorg of SIM - AGRIFOGLIO
- ARPELLINI
- CELICA (and his C of S, PICCINI), CORRESI, NANNI;
- Comds and staffs for Northern Regions;
- CREMONA battle
- RONCO as DET
- VEGAI for CESANO
- Office for Territorial HQs
- Investigation in SARDINIA
- ROATA - hospital

Lt Col SANSONE10 Mar

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- CREMONA battle
- RONCO as DET
- VECNI for CERRANO
- Office Sns, Territorial Hqs
- Investigation in SARDINIA
- ROATTA - hospital

Lt Col BANSONE

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6. AFRAGOLA : infd him of the seriousness of the situation of the camp, complete lack of control by the local Italian comd, and details of the latest failure to get men away according to programme. Requested him to inform C of S as soon as he returned to his office. Sansone later phoned that RONCO would visit Afragola on Wed 14 Mar.

Comd  
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GSD

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7. Appointments : infd him that following postings were approved by GOC :-

All Branches

- Brig Gen CARASI to be 2 1/c BARI Territorial HQ;
- Col SICLARI to be President of the BARI Mil Tribunal;
- Brig Gen ALBORCHETTI to be 2 1/c ROMA Territorial HQ.

Also that the following changes had been noted by GOC:

- Gen OXILLA to replace AYACCHINO as head of the Guardia di Finanza;
- Gen BUTTA replaced by a civilian (CUGUSI Erisio) as head of the CRS Personnel Branch at the Ministry.

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Col LOMBARDI

8. Appointments for the NORTH: handed back the Minister's letter 404/V of 24 Feb, as agreed at previous evening's meeting. Comd
9. Meeting with SAC: requested him to warn Casati that SAC greatly regretted he would be unable to see the Minister on the occasion of this visit, owing to pressure of prior engagements, but that he hoped it could be arranged another time. Comd Spec Sec
10. GCFY: phoned LOMBARDI to point out that, as in the recent case of BRUNETTI, nobody appeared to have infd AC of OXILIA's appointment as head of the Guardia di Finanze. This is one of the key posts in which the Allies continue to maintain an interest - ref New Deal for Italy (4001/155/EC of 27 Feb 48). Lombardi said he would inform BONGI's Chef de Cabinet. Comd

Lt Col BANGONE

11. FOSSOMBRONE: requested him to arrange following posting most urgently:- CII SD
- one maj, coy comd, for 269 Pack Tpt Coy 252 Gp, to replace Maj ERBA who is only suitable for static emp.
12. AAFSC comm ref S-14357 of 6 Feb: infd him that there was no trace of this comm at MMIA. CII Ops
13. Offrs for Truck Bns of AC: requested him to amend request for 77 offrs, deleting one subaltern and adding one lt col.

Lt Col DI BITONTO

14. Surplus personnel in CALABRIA Div: an excess of 747 OKs over est is reported from SARDINIA. SMRE propose bringing them to mainland and assigning as follows: GSD
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|---------------------|-----|
| - to 3d bns 228 Div | 300 |
| - to 3d bns 212 Div | 447 |

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GOC -

I too think there is ~~is~~  
 surplus personnel. There  
 is a war on and these  
 people should understand it.

(K)

I'll speak to CASATI personally  
 L.B.

9th Jan

C/O note above.

(K)

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9th Jan 9 50.1. Note flank attack A/O

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PARTITO FASCISTA REPUBBLICANO  
FEDERAZIONE DI ROMA

UFFICIO TESSERAMENTO

Posizione N. \_\_\_\_\_

Alla Questura Centrale di  
ROMA

**Richiesta informazioni razziali, politiche e morali**

inerenti a \_\_\_\_\_ di o fu \_\_\_\_\_  
e di o fu \_\_\_\_\_ nato il \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ abitante in Via \_\_\_\_\_

**Motivo: Iscrizione al P. F. R.**

Si dichiara che da ricerche effettuate \_\_\_\_\_  
nel Casellario di questa Questura \_\_\_\_\_  
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C.O.S.

Ref Para 6.

If the offrs in these H&S  
 can get thru their work  
 properly in 62 or 7 hrs then  
 we have allowed

TOO MANY PEOPLE on  
 the WE/TO ?

SMA

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SECRET3 - 7 Mar 45Major BALMANN's Liaison LogGen LIUZZI

1. Attended meeting at SMRE to discuss details of ER-ITI  
rft plan. Present :

CSD

MMIAG II SDG II TrgMov repOC Brit Cadre ORVIELOOC Brit Cadre AFFRAGOLAOC Brit Cadre TRANISMREGen LIUZZI assistant to C of SLt Col DI BITONTOGen TOMASELLI GOC 298 DivLt Col SALINARI deputy C of S 209 DivLt Col VARRONE deputy C of S 231 DivCapt PORTA "G" branch 227 DivLt Col INSINNA deputy C of S 230 DivLt Col KOCHOWANSKI

2. Grenadier gd coys ROME : SMRE is trying to remove personnel surplus to est required as grenadier rfts at CESANO. RAAC reported to be making difficulties. Discussed with GII Ops and settled satisfactorily.

CSD

Gen RONCO

3. FRIULI Div : handed him comm from spec sec and arranged meeting to discuss same for 1130 hrs 4 Mar. Subsequently RONCO was unable to maintain appointment, which was postponed to 1100 hrs 8 Mar, and again later to 1100 hrs 9 Mar.

Spec Sec

Maj MAIOCCHI

4. Overall offr ests - called to discuss study he has prepared in order to determine how many offr's are needed to meet present requirements and ests. Later collected figures and passed to GSD.

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Lt Col GANZONE

5. Phase III SICILY call-up: made it quite clear that this call-up was definitely to take place on 1 - 15 Apr - vide log 1/2 Mar para 3.

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CSD

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Gen ROMCO

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Lt Col SAMSONE

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|                         |                                                                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ROME Territorial HQ     | ( 8 - 14<br>( 16,30 - 19 (1)                                                |
| BARI Territorial HQ     | ( 8 - 1230<br>(1530 - 18                                                    |
| SARDEGNA Territorial HQ | ( 8 - 1230<br>(15 - 1830                                                    |
| NAPOLI Territorial HQ   | (Official S.M.:<br>( 8 - 1230<br>(1530 - 18<br>(Other offices<br>( 8 - 1430 |
| PALEMO Territorial HQ   | ( 8 - 12<br>(14 - 17                                                        |
| CALABRIA Territorial HQ | ( 8 - 12<br>(16 - 19                                                        |

- (1) From 1630 to 1900 hrs each office has skeleton staff on duty for urgent business.

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Gen PALUGI

7. Introduced Cpt PACCINI; requested infm on cadets passed out from first course at LEONE Academy.

Lt Col MILLEFIORINIG  
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DADT

8. Territorial HQs for the NORTH (ref log 23 Feb para 4): owing to difficulties over accn (available buildings were badly damaged and have to be repaired), moves of CALABRIA and SARDINIA HQs have had to be postponed, and latest situation is as follows:

CALABRIA HQ will become No. 2 GENOVA moving to

SANTA SEVERA 20 Mar;

SARDINIA HQ will become No. 1 TURIN moving to

CIVITAVECCHIA 20 Mar;

Discussed also tpt and MT units, wksp, parks etc for these two HQs. SARDINIA leaves everything behind, CALABRIA HQ brings all vehs that can be spared from Calabria region. These will be dealt with by DADT on arrival NORTH and sufficient vehs allowed for each HQ for domestic requirements.

Lt Col SANTOMAURO2 1/c  
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DADT

9. PROSINONE ITI-ITI depot: with ref to delays in getting stores, arms, and reg eqpt to the new depot - asked him why no ~~effort~~ had been made to MMIA for special mov arrangements. He will do so now through SMRG. Discussed with DADT.

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

GSD

10. Call-up at CAMPOBASSO: Ref APHQ sig FX 38206 of 05 Mar, SMRE figures of recruits moved to ASTRONI, do NOT tally. Complete details of moves as notified by Campobasso are given below:

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N. 113

a Cesano

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Lt Col SANTOMAURO

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DADT

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|------|----|-----|------------|
| 15/2 | N. | 113 | a Cesano   |
| 17/2 | N. | 152 | ad Astroni |
| 19/2 | N. | 156 | ad Astroni |
| 20/2 | N. | 62  | a Cesano   |
| 20/2 | N. | 148 | ad Astroni |
| 21/2 | N. | 626 | "          |
| 22/2 | N. | 53  | "          |
| 23/2 | N. | 212 | "          |
| 24/2 | N. | 227 | "          |
| 26/2 | N. | 376 | "          |
| 28/2 | N. | 164 | "          |
| 1/3  | N. | 258 | "          |

Total 2,547

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Call-up figures for Feb: collected tables for:  
SICILY (REGGIO)  
ABRUZZI  
SALERNO (four districts)

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12. 210 Topo Pl: No difficulty over "militarizing" the specialist civilians. SMRE must first register the unit, which is a new one for them, and then assign the personnel to it. They will also try to complete the deficiencies.

G2 Ops

Capt DELLA CORNA

13. I.S. Divs: collected printed copy of SMRE est I.S. divs, incl details of pack and draft animals and carts.

G2 Ops

Lt Col DI BITONTO

14. Sardinia call-up: In view of failure to speed up tpt to mainland, Italian authorities request postponement of later phases of call-up as follows:

Comd  
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GSD  
A Q

- 1924 - 25 recruits to 15 - 31 Apr
- 1915 - 18 classes to 1 - 15 May

With an overflow from the first phase, it is stated that soon will otherwise become an insoluble problem.

Lt Col SANSONE

15. Possibilities of limited demobilization in near future; Requested him to produce if possible within next 48 hrs, approximate figures relating to:

Comd  
2 i/c  
GSD  
A Q

- a) numbers of men under arms with homes in liberated ITALY liable to demob, but NOT yet sent home for technical reasons, or awaiting Allied approval for their replacement.
- b) numbers of men of 1914 class with homes in liberated ITALY, divided into three EPS of 4 mos each, which is the method of sub-dividing the year in the Italian call-up procedure.
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- c) effect of excl the 1914 and 1915 classes from the recall in SICILY and SARDINIA.

Gen RONCO

16.

Discussed Field Marshal ALEXANDER's visit to CESANO and meeting at CESANO to implement rft plan.

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SECRETM. C. BURNETT's Liaison Log1/2 Mar 45Gen MANTUANI

1. Arrivals at TARANTO : 25 officers and 1254 ORs arrived  
ex V LO (Greece) 28 Feb.

GND

Lt Col SANSCHE

2. 212 Div : Col CIANCIO has been posted to one of the  
Territorial Hqs in the NORTH. His place is being taken by  
Col CAVALIERI Ferdinando, who is already with 212 Div.  
Interim are being issued that CIANCIO is NOT to leave until  
the new man has been doing the job for 15 days.

2 i/c

3. SICILY call-up, phase III : enquiry whether a decision  
had been reached regarding postponement since die of phase  
III. Ref recent conversation GOC/Mar Minister. Later info  
him that in view of good results of current call-ups else-  
where, it was agreed to postpone final decision until 1 Apr.

Comd  
2 i/c  
GND  
A/QLt Col GRACEREA

4. PROSPECTIVE III-III depot : following ORs required to  
complete cadres of III and IV bns :-

CII SD

- 57 agts
- 76 cols and 1/ops
- 8 ORs

GND to please arrange ex TRANI etc, as soon as possible.

Lt Col GRACEREA

5. PROSPECTIVE III-III depot : further soon possibilities  
are as follows

CII SD

- 6 Mar 1000
- 15 Mar 1000

Lt Col SANSCHE

6. CHEROKEE EP : new bn equals (Vice Log 14/15 Feb para 2);  
Maj SCHEITLIN has already arrived at the EP and has replaced  
LOSTIC ; Maj MULLOGLIO departed Rome 27 Feb; Maj SESSICH  
leaving in 2 1/2 days.

Spec Sec

Lt Col GRACEREA

4. PRAGMATIC III-III depot : following ORS required to complete cadres of III and IV bns :-

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Lt Col GRACEREA

5. PRAGMATIC III-III depot : further accn possibilities are as follows

- 6 Mar 1000  
- 15 Mar 1000

Lt Col SANCHEZ

6. CHERMA GP : new bn coms (vide log 14/15 Feb para 2) : Maj ROBERTINI has already arrived at the GP and has replaced LOSITO ; Maj MELICUO departed REGS 27 Feb; Maj SANCHEZ leaving in 2/3 days.

7. Internal Security divs : requested info on number of horses and carts required as est of I.S. divs.

8. 212 Div : ref para 2 above, SANCHEZ regretted that MILA authority had NOT been requested before CIACCIO was requested. The offer at the War Ministry who handled the case was under the impression that Allies had requested his removal. CIACCIO is being assigned to Territorial HQ near his home town on congressional grounds. Economic conditions are so difficult for Italian Army officers that whenever possible they try to reunite with their families to ease the financial strain.

9. New AC truck bns : info SANCHEZ of the following :

(a) PRS is loaning 2500 US-ITIS to AC for the truck bns;  
(b) H of W required to furnish following offers :  
- 3 bn coms )  
- 3 adjts, ) to be carried in US-III ceiling (PRS)  
- 3 sup officers,  
- 16 coy coms,  
- 52 junior officers

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9. (cont'd)

(c) needed at once

- 1 bn cmd
- 1 adjt
- 1 sup offr
- 48 offrs

GII Ops

He will advise soon later.

10.

Capt PACINI's reports on LEROE Depots: War Ministry state that NO new orders have been given about low-category men. Those reporting to LEROE depots are either:

- (a) men returning from hospital or convalescent and NOT yet able to undertake full duties.
- (b) men down-graded at their units and NOT employable by Allied units.

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At present these men can NOT report to Allied rpt centres, as they are NOT accepted there on account of their med category. This explains their turning up at the depots. Have requested Lt Col MORRA to insert in the "over 30 day circular" a new para, enabling low category men to be sent on renewable leave after they come out of camp or convalescence. This will remove them from circulation without disturbing the remainder of low category personnel of 1921-23, classes who are still liable by law for MIL service.

11.

Arty and engr personnel for SARDINIA: requested info in connection with SD/150 of 27 Feb.

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12.

CALABRIA call-up: requested SANDERS to have call-up postponed - probably until 1 Apr, decision later.

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SECRET27 Feb 45Major BAUMANN's Liaison LogGen MANNHART

1. Repatriations ex Balkens: 10 offrs and 1040 men arrived at TARANTO 25 Feb from VCLO. GSD

Lt Col DI BITONTO

2. SARDINIA call-up: Ref log 21/22 Feb para 5, following is latest posn (22 Feb) GSD

- Med personnel 523 (7 Gp SANITA FLORENCE)
- Sussistenza pers- 436 (8 Gp SUSSISTENZA ROME)

Confirmation is required that these men will be shipped on serial 5. Destinations are indicated above, and if they can be moved there direct from Naples, it will save double handling at FROSINONE, and taking up valuable accn required for young recruits.

3. Rfts ex SALERNO: Infd him of move arranged withing next few days of 500 rfts for gd bns 8 Army; a further 300 odd to be withdrawn by III Dist also for gd bns; balance to be emp for med or other rfts for cat 1 (c). GSD

4. BR-III rft procedure; further discussion of details and the new ~~plan~~ required. C of S's of Adm Divs concerned have been summoned to ROME for meeting at SMRE on Sat morning 3 Mar. GSD

Count CASATI

5. SANTA MARINELLA: conveyed mes age from GOC in connection with offrs rest villa. Casati very glad to be able to help. He will instruct CHIVARO to make arrangements. Later requested SAUSONE to org rep to visit the villa 28 Feb. Comd

Maj NICOLETTA28 Feb 45

6. BR-III rfts: Nicolette visited MAJA to settle details connected with "return" which will be made out by units and Adm Divs. Talked with G II SD. Meeting with C of S's and CC's Erit Camp cadres confirmed for 9 a.m. 3 Mar. GSD

Maj BUCHI

7. Sta MARINELLA: accompanied this offr of the Territorial Comd

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4. GSD  
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28 Feb 45
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- MAJ BUCHI
7. Comd  
BORE  
Sta MARINELLA: accompanied this offr of the Territorial HQ engr office and MMIA party to visit offr's rest villa. Buchi instructed the local contractors about work to be done. NO action of any kind to be taken until the project is confirmed by MMIA.
- Gen CHATRIAN
8. Comd  
Spec Sec  
Called at Chatrian's request in connection with confidential proposals for reorg of gen offr. Referred to GOC. Also ref to BOLOGNA and SCATTINI.
9. Comd  
A/R  
Reorg in SMRE:  
- Ops and Trg branches have been reorganized under Col QUERGLA, formerly head of "Servizi"  
- SD branch (Ordinamento and Mobilitazione): Col PIACENTINI is being brought down from FLORENCE to take over this branch from Col CHIARAVINO
10. Comd  
A/R  
AFRAGLIA Camp: New CO has been appointed - Col MUSSO, of the ALPINI. Chatrian says he is a good man. He took over from BORATTO on 20 Feb.

SECRET24 Feb 45Major BAUMANN's Liaison LogCol LOMBARDI

1. FOLCORE : infd him (0900 hrs) of contents of sig from Spec Sec  
53 BLU ref visit of DE COUTEN. Later handed him copy of  
the sig.

Maj TAGLIONE

2. Cffrs MANTOVA Div : infd him of complete text of sig from Spec Sec  
56 BLU. Following talk with C of S p.m. 23 Feb, Ronco had given  
instrs for the whole posn to be gone into by SD branch of SMRE  
and an offer to visit MANTOVA soonest to ascertain the actual  
posn. This may NOT now be necessary, in view of details in the  
sig.

3. Volunteers for combat : as a result of previous publicity GSD  
there are 80 men collected at COSENZA. Confirmed that they can  
NOT go to CASANO, but may be sent to ORVITO for exp with 228  
or 231. A further batch of 79 at REGGIO ex SICILY call-up will  
go through normal channels.

Count CASATI

4. Cooperators : arranged meeting with GCC for 1800 hrs 25 Feb. Comd

5. Ministry for Occupied Territory: Casati had attended meeting Comd  
this morning with BONOMI and STONE - at their invitation - to 2 i/c  
discuss terms of ref of new Ministry. It was decided to abolish  
the proposal for a mil sec - and to est instead two LO's (appointed  
by War Ministry) to maintain contact on mil matters between War  
Ministry and the Ministry of Occupied Territory. Revised terms  
of ref are being submitted to AFHQ.

Gen RONCO

6. CASANO disorders : (ref log 23 Feb, para 10). Ronco called Comd  
on GCC to report outcome of his visit to CASANO earlier in the 2 i/c  
day. He stated that trouble was confined to II Bn of the 2 Regt. Spec Sec  
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capable of dealing effectively with the men be sent in his place  
within 48 hrs. MATIOLI was suggested as suitable type. As re-  
gards the post of comd RTC ICF, VIGNI had been proposed. Ronco

Count CASATI

4. Cooperator : arranged meeting with GOC for 1800 hrs 25 Feb. Comd
5. Ministry for Occupied Territory: Casati had attended meeting this morning with BONOMI and STONE - at their invitation - to discuss terms of ref of new Ministry. It was decided to abolish the proposal for a mil sec - and to est instead two LO's (appointed by War Ministry) to maintain contact on mil matters between War Ministry and the Ministry of Occupied Territory. Revised terms of ref are being submitted to AFHQ. Comd 2 i/c

Gen RONCO

6. CESANO disorders : (ref log 23 Feb, para 10). Ronco called on GOC to report outcome of his visit to CESANO earlier in the day. He stated that trouble was confined to II Bn of the 2 Regt. The bn comd was ineffective and would be replaced immediately. Ronco had addressed the men, reasserted authority and afterwards talked to some of them individually. He had afterwards met Gen RICCARDI and was NOT satisfied that he was the man for the job. He had accepted his resignation. GOC urged that energetic officer capable of dealing effectively with the men be sent in his place within 48 hrs. MATTIOLI was suggested as suitable type. As regards the post of comd RTC ICT, VIGNI had been proposed. Ronco could NOT vouch for Vigni off-band, but knew him to be a good organizer and adm officer. He and Mattioli would make a good team. Comd 2 i/c Spec Sec A/Q C-1

Gen RONCO

25 Feb 45

7. Following subjects discussed :-

- Mantova offrs ;
- CESANO: Ronco confirmed that Mattioli was being posted 2 i/c Piceno Div - he welcomed the appointment;
- DI CASTIGLIONE: Inspectorate of trg.

Gens SANTI and LIUZZI

8. Repatriation of PW's: requested certain infm in amplification of scheme to repatriate 3000 offrs and 26000 ORs: Comd C-1
- (a) proposals on how each "block" of 4000 should be constituted;
  - (b) how Gazzera visualized the choice of individuals at the despatching end.

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Gens SANTI and LIUZZI

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9. Gen offrs and cols : discussed details of the figures they are to submit as a guide to their requirements.

Count CASATI

Comd

10. Accompanied GOC; following subjects discussed :
- GZANO: Gen situation and appointment of new comd and 2 i/c;
  - SMC
  - Cooperators: see Casati's letter of 26 Feb in confirmation.

26 Feb 45Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

G-1

11. Territorial org for the NORTH: further discussion of details regarding move of CAGLIARI and CATANZARO HQ's. CAGLIARI HQ going to CIVITA VECCHIA and CATANZARO to S. SEVERO.

Lt Col GRACEPTA2 i/c  
A/Q  
GSD  
ST

12. FREGINONE ITI-ITI depot : first batch of young soldiers duly arrived, but no boots or paillasses. Inf'd DAGMO. Also complained about lack of tpt and pet. Discussed with ST. Later inf'd GRACEPTA that ROME Territorial HQ was responsible for producing the six load carriers, one car and two m/c's, required for the camp. If ROME HQ was NOT in posn to comply, rep must report to ST MALIA with full particulars of how their vehs are employed and justify their NOT being available for the camp.

Maj MAIOCCHIComd  
2 i/c  
A/Q  
GSD

13. Estimate of requirements of offrs: he is busy on this job, and now that he has received ests of cat 1 (c) hopes to have the study completed by week-end 3 Mar.

Col LOMBARDIComd  
2 i/c  
A/Q  
GSD

14. Numbers of gens and cols required : suggested that broken down by branches and HQs would be more helpful than bare totals. He agreed. Later collected figures and passed to G-1.

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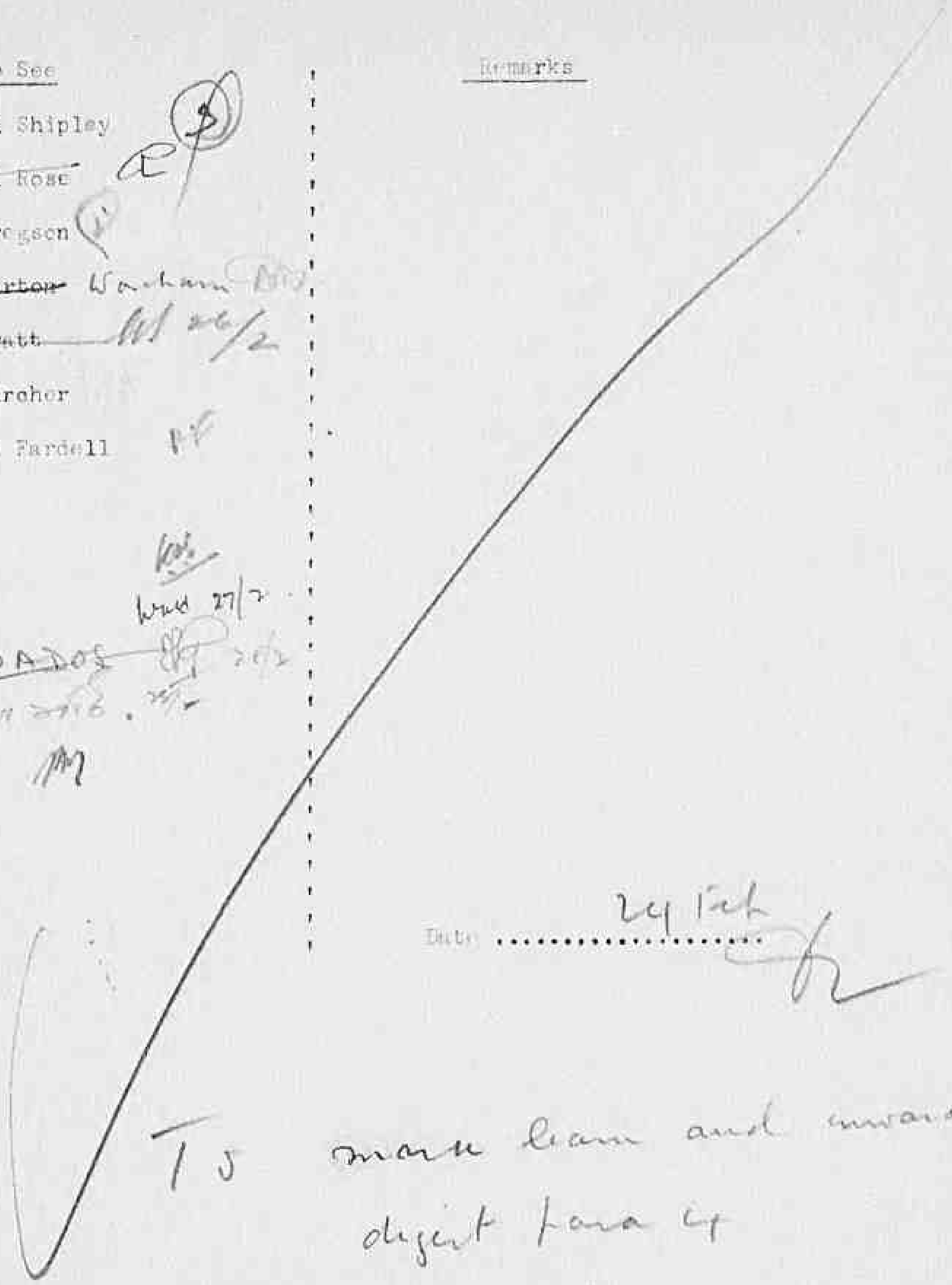
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SECRET23 Feb 45Major BAUMANN's Liaison LogCol LOMBARDI

1. FOLCORE : discussion on cmd of this gp; details referred separately.

Gen MARINERINI

GSD

2. CARIBALDI Div : he wished to be infd as soon as possible of further details, dates etc regarding arrival of this fm.

Gen FALUGI

G-1

3. Gen offrs and cols : requested infm on numbers of gens and cols they estimate will be required to implement the Army org for the whole of Italy, incl all Hqs and fms.

Lt Col MILLEFICINIComd  
2 i/c  
A/Q  
G-1

4. Territorial Org : further discussion on implementation of Territorial Hqs in the NORTH incl service units as detailed in SD/94 of 22 Feb. Following is situation regarding Territorial Hqs :-

No. 2 GENOVA :

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to be formed from scratch in NAPLES region.

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adv det (15 all ranks) already at PESARO. Remainder to be concentrated on Adriatic side south of S Army bdy.

Being reorg in FLORENCE (incl services).

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No. 7 FLORENCE

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

5.

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With G-1 : explained new plot for call-up in Sardinia, which corresponds generally with instrs already given by MAIA LO Sardinia to the local HQ, and of which they already have a copy.

6.

GSD

CALABRIA call-up : following additional personnel required to man districts :-

- 33 NCO's
- 54 ORs

Gens SANTI and LIUZZI

7.

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With G-1; following subjects discussed :-

- Caribaldi Div;
- Territorial org;
- Frosinone rft depot;
- CERSA and CERRETI

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Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

GSD

8. Ref para 4 above, latest info from NAPLES is that the CALABRIA HQ will be moving up by rd.

Count CASATIComd  
21/c

9. Following subjects discussed :

- Transformation of cooperators;
- Incidents at CESANO;
- BERARDO di PRELOREO designated comd TURIN Territorial HQ. In his place as comd RTC ICF the Minister is proposing to appoint Brig Gen VEGNI.

Gen RONCO

10. Following subjects discussed :-

- Incidents at CESANO. Ronco will visit CESANO 24 Feb am and report his findings to GOC in the afternoon;
- Mantova affrs;
- Di Castiglione.

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24 Feb am and report his findings to GOC in the  
afternoon;  
- Mantova office;  
- Di Castiglione.

SECRET21/22 Feb 45Major BAUMANN's Liaison LogLt Col SARGONEA/C  
C-1

1. PERUGIA Mil District: Inf'd SARGONES and Lt Col CUTILLO of UFF II of the situation, as reported by MAIA LO 1 Dist :-

(a) Mil District buildings indispensable for 209 Div HQ owing to lack of alternative accn;

(b) As soon as call-up is considered again, alternative accn will be found by 1 Dist either for the call-ups or for 209 Div H.Q.;

(c) O.C. Mil District to stop pressing for release of buildings which have been occupied for some time by the Allies and which are still operationally needed. Requested that this offer liaison more closely with MAIA LO.

A/C  
Spec Sec  
GIII (I)

2. Identity discs : further to previous discussion (ref log 1/3 Feb para 1), requested to be inf'd what action had been taken to meet immediate requirements of gruppi and other firms. There are over 50,000 discs in store in APULIA and he will find out how many have been distributed.

Lt Col DI RITONTO

GIII SD

3. Volunteers at CURTITI (RAME) : a further 80 volunteers have been persuaded to enlist for service units and have been moved to GRIVOTTO for exp in fed areas. GIII SD inf'd.

GIII SD

4. BR-TTI rft procedure : long session on details of new plan and SARGONE instrs to adm divs. Also instrs covering re-turn for OZZ. SARGONE favour meeting in RAME of Adm Div C of S's to discuss details before the scheme starts.

GIII SD

5. SARDINIA call-up : SARGONE urgently recommend that following personnel concentrated at one of the districts and required for category 1 (c) be allotted to serial 5 (1000 ITI-TTI rfts :-

- 404 assistenza  
- 370 medical

Inf'd GIII SD.

Gen LUZZI

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LA Col DI BIGNONE

GIII SD

Volunteers at CERNETI (ROME) : a further 80 volunteers have been persuaded to enlist for service units and have been moved to GRIVETO for exp in fwd areas. GIII SD info.

GII SD

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Info GIII SD.

Gen LIUZZI

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The assistant designate to G of S has arrived and will be working alongside SANTI for a few days. He was formerly G of S to Gen De Stefanis (Delegazione A)

Col LOMBARDI

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2 i/c MANTOVA : Brig Gen<sup>FAVA</sup> (Army) has been appointed to fill this post.

Office soon for CA (Central Liaison) Office : Under the reorg scheme now in progress this office was to be pushed upstairs to an out-of-the-way corridor in the SMOX sec. Pointed out to LOMBARDI that this office was performing most useful work for both MMIA and War Ministry, and that it was most essential that it should continue to function in a central post, where it could best fulfill its duties of coordinating SMOX and Directorates and at the same time be readily accessible to MMIA LO's. He later confirmed that it would be re-tained in the main corridor.

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Gen RONCO

9. San Marco Regt : pressed for a decision regarding 2 i/c -  
Ronco will be visiting Ministry of Marine later in the day. Spec Sec

10. Central Liaison (CA) Office : discussed its work, officers  
etc.

11. Increased responsibilities of adm divs in fwd areas : Ronco  
quite happy that comds of ~~adm~~ divs will be relieved of some of  
their responsibilities for tail units. Inf'd him that fuller de-  
tails are contained in new adm instr No. 22 about to be issued. A/Q

12. APRAGOLA camp : inf'd him of latest serious case of desertion  
during move out of camp; requested him to look into posn of camp  
comd who was earlier suspended for incompetence and is now rein-  
stated. G-1

Col LOMBARDI

13. LERICI : inf'd him that providing the new decree, which en-  
ables them to use all grades of offrs, is passed in the next 3/4  
weeks and LERICI disposed of within this period and NOT further  
employed, GOC agrees to postponing the action requested in his  
letter G/6 dated 21 Jul '44. Comd  
2 i/c  
A/Q

14. Certificate for Gen de PIERO : took up the question of  
certificate posted during Feb to this gen offr, confirming an  
award in the name of the "King Emperor and the Duce". Pointed  
out the incredible stupidity and/or inefficiency of this and  
possible repercussions. LOMBARDI excused himself by saying that  
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had been found in the Ministry. Queried whether any thought had  
been given to recalling all such dangerously worded diplomas and  
certificates now out and replacing them by something more topical.

Gen MANFERRINI

15. Repatriates ex GREECE : he phoned to say that serial 1 of  
memo 16 Feb had arrived TARANTO 21 Feb with 575 men on board -  
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22 Feb

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22 FebGen MANNERINI

15.

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Lt Col SARBONE

16.

Volunteers : requested him to inform all branches concerned and territorial orgs that, as long as the present flow continues, volunteers presenting themselves to recruiting centres must make up their minds straight away if they wish to join a service unit, or else return to where they come from. It is NOT permitted for them to remain at the recruiting centre for more than 24 hrs.

2 i/c

17.

Collected draft of "over-30 day" circular for "vetting" by MIA - vide log 14/15 Feb para 5.

2 i/c  
A/Q 1845

18.

Collected outstanding list of PWs still to be repatriated. War Ministry has no particular interest in having these offr back - they were all requested by SM. List passed to GOC.

Comd

19.

Call-up in APULIA : requested him to confirm reports reaching this HQ to the effect that large proportion of recruits at BARI and TARANTO were absent from the districts, having either gone AWOL or been sent home by the authorities. He phoned BARI, and later confirmed that this was so. The Mil districts had accepted many more men than they had room for, and when the buildings were full to overflowing had sent those living within a short distance back to their homes for 3/4 days.

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19. (cont'd)

Officers had gone off of their own accord, and steps were being taken to round them up. He confirmed that NO orders on this subject had been issued by War Ministry - and that these were emergency decisions taken on the spot. He also stated that the Territorial HQ were quite happy about the situation and had things under control. The first train out of BARI had left in an excellent atmosphere, with an organized "send-off" supported by local authorities and population.

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Count CASATI

20. Following subjects were discussed :

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- GOC's visit to CERSANO had gone off very successfully, according to reports reaching CASATI. GOC's address met the situation admirably;

- Certificates issued by previous regime: he confirmed LOMBARDI's story (vide para 14) and will raise the matter in the proper quarter.

- Numbers of Gen offr: general discussion of this subject. Plans are in hand for substantial cut in brig gens during March. Maj gens will also be cut down further. Those gen offr who have returned from PW during recent months were NOT asked for by War Ministry, to whom they are a source of embarrassment.

- S. MANCO Regt: (Gen RONCO also present) Navy are adamant that senior 2 i/c must be naval offr. Capitano di fregate (= Lt Col) ALBINI has been selected for this post; army 2 i/c will be Lt Col GERMALDI Bernardino, as proposed by MORIEL.

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Mad BARNETT's Liaison LtrGen MANNUCCI

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GHI (W3)  
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1. Acen centres for repatriated PM's : with ref to War Ministry letter 402608 of 8 Feb, infd him that MIA is prepared to authorize approx 100 all ranks as staff for the acen centres, organised into units all of the same strength. He will submit P.M.

Col PLOCHINI (C of 8 Delavations 'P')

GHI SD  
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2. Volunteers ex PLOCHINI: infd him by phone that rail move from ARDEJO for 16 Feb had been postponed until 18 Feb, and that the move for 20 Feb was cancelled. He stated that the party due in ARDEJO today had NOT yet left PLOCHINI. Requested him to contact MIA HQ to coordinate action.

Lt Col BAIPO

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GHI SD

3. Volunteers ex PLOCHINI: infd him of above.

4. Call-up in AULLA: further to the comm memo to this HQ last evening, he wished to confirm their anxiety over the situation in the rail districts of AULLA as the result of the failure to produce 1st to move the men away from the call-up centres. Acen was reaching saturation pt - would be quite crowded out by Monday. Bari Territorial Hq considered there was a real danger of large scale desertions if the poem was not remedied soon. Infd GHD.

Lt Col BANSUCCI

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5. Share of call-ups for CARABINIERI: infd him that arrangement whereby CC RR can pick up to 4% of the men recalled to the colours at each recruiting centre is suspended until further notice. Requested him to inform SARDINIA at once.

Gen BAIPO

Comd  
Spec Sec

6. Following subjects discussed :-

- Gen BAIPO is NOT to be 2 1/2 MANTOVA after all, since he is only two places lower than Gen BOLOGNA in order

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3. Volunteer ex prisoners: Infr him of above.

4. Call-up in Sardinia: further to the comm made to this HQ last evening, he wished to confirm their anxiety over the situation in the mid districts of APULIA as the result of the failure to produce tpt to move the men away from the call-up centres. A comm was reaching saturation pt - would be quite crowded out by Monday. Bari Territorial HQ considered there was a real danger of large scale desertions if the poem was not remedied soon. Infr GED.

Lt Col Sansone

5. Share of call-ups for CARABINIERI: Infr him that arrangement whereby CC HR can pick up to 4% of the men recalled to the colours at each recruiting centre is a splendid until further notice. Requested him to inform SARDINIA at once.

Gen Ruffo

6. Following subjects discussed:-

- Gen SANTI is NOT to be 2 i/c MANOVA after all, since he is only two places lower than Gen BOLLEA in order of seniority, and it is felt that a more junior gen should occupy the post. SANTI is said to be making a fresh choice today. SANTI himself is now designated as 2 i/c of one of the northern Territorial HQ's;

- Implementation of Territorial org for the NORTH;

- Liaison office (now raised under Carl SARE). RUFFO is taking a great deal of interest in this office - he seems to have underated its purposes very well.

Lt Col Sansone

7. CC for 3 Op Parco Campale del Genio: Capt SPERATI Pierangelo was posted some time ago, ex SARDINIA, but as usual the Officer Personnel Branch failed to follow the matter up. Sansone will close.

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Gen. CURTIS (Colonel's 'T')

CII SD

8. Volunteers ex. PLANTER (via para 2 above): He phoned through to say that train ex. AMERICO was in fact laid on for today. Told hi to go ahead, also to make enquiries locally about train for 15 or 20 Feb.

1st Col. SAISONIGSD  
Spec Sec  
DAMES

9. Ref complaint from CURANO that rfts ex. SICCHI had NOT been sent examined, it is confirmed that this is only too true. Requested that matter be taken up strongly with SICCHI Hq.

Gen. FALICEComd  
2 1/2  
GSD

10. Further Gen talk about offer situation and org of 1st Branch, followed by detailed discussion with Col. CROCEMANT (of the statistical sec) on system of calculating offer strengths. As soon as MILA has fixed hrs/Tues for services of col 1, HALOCCI will produce a complete study of offer requirements for all categories, to serve as basis for further discussion on offer ceilings.

Gen. RUCCIComd  
G-1

17 Feb

11. Campaign for volunteers for Italian Army and possibilities of acceptance into the Army: RUCCI had fully appreciated the implications of tomorrow's curfew and the policy laid down in our SD/41 of 8 Feb. Explained to him fully the background of the whole patriot question.

1st Col. MONTANARI

CII SD

12. Plan for exp of IRI-III rfts ex. SARDINIA :-

|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Mol rfts for ROM                          | 100  |
| 2. 1st rfts for 9 Regt anti-air              | 100  |
| 3. 1st rfts for ROM regain and recovery unit | 50   |
| 4. Rfts for 1st Div                          | 150  |
| 5. Rfts for 2nd Div                          | 250  |
| 6. Rfts for 3rd Div                          | 150  |
| 7. Rfts for 4th Div                          | 120  |
| 8. 3rd Div course Sardinia                   | 1000 |

CII SD to please bid for rail move ex. SARDINIA allowing margin for clothing and eating.

Gen. CURTIS

Gen BRUNO

11.

Campaign for volunteers for Italian Army and possibilities of acceptance into the Army. BRUNO had fully appreciated the implications of tomorrow's ceremony and the policy laid down in our MD/41 of 3 Feb. Explained to him fully the background of the whole patriot question.

Comd  
Col

Br Col BRUNO

CLII ED

12.

Plan for exp of 171-171 rfts ex SARDINIA 1-

1. Mod rfts for ROME

100

2. MT rfts for 9 Regs anti-air

100

3. MT rfts for ROME regain and recovery unit

50

4. Rfts for 209 div

150

5. Rfts for 228 div

230

6. 3rd Div course Giorgianni

150

7. 210 div

120

1000

CLII ED to place bill for rail move on FRANCHINI allowing margin for clothing and sorting.

Gen BRUNO

Comd

13.

Accompanied GOC for talk on GUSANO and volunteers.

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A/Q  
Spec Sec

1. Satellite camp at CESANO: Infd then of latest developments and plans for a tented camp for 3000 over- flow 20 miles north of CESANO on the via CLAUDIA. Col- lected their proposed est for such a camp, obtained GSD and Spec Sec approval and arranged for G III SD to call fwd 228 MCO's from TRANI on first train travelling to CESANO (21 Feb). SURE to find offrs (80) and ORs (33).

GSD  
A/Q

2. PROSYNONE ITI-ITI rft depot: discussed revised est required to cope with 4000 young soldiers in Mar. Collected their proposal, and subsequently obtained GSD approval. Infd G II (VE). Arranged with GIII SD for second block of cadre personnel to be called fwd on train leaving TRANI 23 Feb, with first 1000 rfts for PROSYNONE. There will then be at PROSYNONE:

- Camp cond's staff
- cadres for two bns young soldiers
- part of cadre for III bn to take care of 1000 rfts arriving from SARDINIA.

Balance of III En cadre and complete cadre for IV En to be ordered fwd by GSD in Mar.

Requested SURE proposal for tpt W/E.

Gen. RONCO/SANTI and Lt Col. DI BITONTO

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4. Volunteers for CESANO: Ronco submitted text of sig addressed to all Italian mil authorities regulating ac- ceptance of volunteers for Italian army, and confirming suspension of despatch volunteers to CESANO, already ordered by phone some days previously. These instra con- form with the policy agreed between GOC/Casati at previous evening's meeting. Volunteers will only be accepted hence- forth by the Italian Army and they will have the same

- cadres for two battalions young soldiers
- part of cadre for III Bn to take care of 1000
- rfts arriving from SARDINIA.

Balance of III Bn cadre and complete cadre for IV Bn to be ordered fwd by GSD in Mar.

Requested SOME proposal for tpt W/E.

Gen. RANCO/SANTI and Lt Col DI BITONTO

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Ranco said he had found the situation at CESANO quite normal when he visited the camp 18 Feb. There was, however, a shortage of spoons and tpt. Referred to Spec Sec.

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5.

Arising out of above subject, RANCO made special plea for 180 volunteers already in ROME. Local Carsetti cond had made every effort to induce these men to join service units, and had persuaded another batch of 125 men to go to ORVINO the previous day. These 180 men proving more difficult and insisting on going to combat units. Discussed with Spec Sec and later infd Maj TACCHONE that no exception could be made to the new ruling.

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6. San Marco Regt: communicated contents of sig from Morigi to SMPE recommending Lt Col GOMMARI as 2 i/c of the regt. Ronco and Santi agree. Ronco was already fully infd of the situation of the H.Q. and of the of this fm (vide EUU report) and was proposing to visit Italian Ministry of Marine 20 Feb to insist on 2 i/c being Army man. Comd  
Spec Sec
7. Asked him to find out who ordered Col FIORE VERMAZZA to proceed to FRANCE. Col
8. Infd him about supplementary pot ration for M of War MT pl. DADT
9. Sansone got into touch with SIN about Barberini Urbano - referred details to MA
10. Infd him of final details of GOC's visit to CESANO (20 Feb) and handed him copies of GOC's address in English and Italian. Comd
11. Gen LERICI: discussed certain aspects of this case - for ref to GOC. Comd
12. Visit to CESANO: requested his help in providing tpt and guide for loud-speaker eqpt in connection with GOC's visit 20 Feb. He cooperated very admirably, as usual. Comd
13. Satellite camp CESANO: infd him of conversation with OC EUU ref imminent arrival of new recruits. In view of new camp MT being ready for some days, the draft 1000 strong arriving 22 Feb will be accommodated at CESANO for 3/4 days. 38 ptes required on new est to be taken from CESANO. CSD  
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14. FROSINONE Depot: Infd him that first draft 1000 strong arriving FROSINONE 0730 hrs 23 Feb, together with second batch of cadre personnel ex TRANI. It is suggested that a rep of NMTA visit this camp within next few days to report on conditions. SRE assure that all is ready to receive men.

11.

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Lt Col CHECCIA

Visit to CESANO : requested his help in providing tpt and guide for loud-speaker eqpt in connection with GOC's visit 20 Feb. He cooperated very admirably, as usual.

13.

Lt Col GRACEPA

Satellite camp CESANO : infd him of conversation with OC BLU ref imminent arrival of new recruits. In view of new camp NOT being ready for some days, the draft 1000 strong arriving 22 Feb will be accommodated at CESANO for 3/4 days. 38 ptes required on new est to be taken from CESANO.

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15.

Lt Col ROCHOMANSKI

APULIA call-up : infd him of latest plot for assigning first part of the call-up; also details of first six lifts of 1000 each 21 - 24 Feb.

16.

Lt Col SANSONE

SARDINIA call-up : infd him of change of plan for Mar : phase II of '14 - '24 classes postponed to 1-15 Apr. Call-up of '24 - '25 classes 16-31 Mar stands. Also, that 1000 odd enlisted surplus to 10000 in first phase were being sent here temporarily on account of tpt difficulties.

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Mario PALERMO(20 Feb)

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17. CESANO : accompanied GOC and Civil Under Secretary to RTC ICP in connection with patriot/volunteer question. Addresses by GOC and Palermo well received by mixed assembly of patriots, volunteers and conscripted rfts (2/3000 men). Afterwards both GOC and Palermo spoke to many men individually. Men appeared very keen on the whole, but high proportion of those seen were still in civilian rags, some after 20 days in the camp, and many were suffering from the cold. A few had only one blanket. Shortage of water was another difficulty. A tour was made of billets and cook-houses; the men were not dissatisfied with their rations. Query emp of tpt, as more than one regt comd stated NOT possible to obtain vehs for straw and supplementary rations.

Lt Col RICHMANSKI

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18. AC request for instructors for Motor School : SHRS reported NIL results in their attempt to find 30 instructors of various trades for MT school.

Lt Col SANSOME

G II Ops

19. Call-up LITTORIA and PROSINONE : on account of very small numbers now coming in, requested him to discontinue full-scale ops at these two centres and recall special staffs drafted there for the purpose. Men rounded-up can be dealt with by local CC RR det.

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19. Lt Col SANSOME

Call-up LITTORIA and PROSIMME : on account of very small numbers now coming in, requested him to discontinue full-scale ops at these two centres and recall special staffs drafted there for the purpose. Men rounded-up can be dealt with by local CC RR det.

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SECRET14/15 Feb 45Maj BAUMANN's Liaison LogLt Col DI BERNATO and SANCHE

1.

Italian Int Liaison Unit :

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(a) on the assumption that the full number of 250 officers required by 8 Army will be in the GR-III category, there can be no objection by the War Ministry as to numbers, since the overall officer ceiling will be adjusted by MILA to meet requirements.

(b) In view of the very real shortage of Interpreters officers, the War Ministry is instructing SANC to take following action :

- instruct Gen Tomasselli to constitute a selection board, with one of his senior officers and a rep of SANC (Lt Col GRANDI)
- this board will have the power to grant Temp commissions (assimilazioni) to suitable types.
- men not suitable for commissions can be enrolled as WO's and agts.

(c) SANC await confirmation of above before implementing.

Lt Col SANCHE

Spec Sec

Offr replacements for CHERAMIA: Gen Frosioni's original letter of 14 Jan was addressed personally to BERARDI and cannot now be traced. One offr was posted 20 Jan, but it is NOT known whether he has arrived yet. Two further young majors have now been posted and will be moved to the gp as quickly as possible :

- Maj HELOGLI (ex MANTOVA)
- Maj SENSICH (ex CERRANO)

Prisoners sentenced and awaiting trial at FLORENCE : Delegazione "I" state arrangements already in hand with 5 Army to move these men down by rd from LE MURATE to SANC (for those awaiting trial) and to civil prisons for those already sentenced. Requested SANCHE to send instrs that prisoners will NOT be allowed to accumulate in future, but moved in small parties.

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- men NOT suitable for commissions can be enrolled as WO's and eqts.

(c) SMTS await confirmation of above before implementing.

Lt Col SANSONE

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2. Offer replacements for CUREMA: Gen Pionieri's original letter of 14 Jan was addressed personally to REMEDI and cannot now be traced. One offer was posted 20 Jan, but it is NOT known whether he has arrived yet. Two further young majors have now been posted and will be moved to the gp as quickly as possible:

- Maj HELOGLI {ex MANTOVA}
- Maj SERRICH {ex CREMA}

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3. Prisoners sentenced and awaiting trial at FLORENCE: Delegations "G" state arrangements already in hand with 5 ARV to move these men down by rd from LE MURATE to ROME (for those awaiting trial) and to civil prisons for those already sentenced. Requested SANSONE to send instrs that prisoners will NOT be allowed to accumulate in future, but moved in small parties.

4. O.C. for 3 Op Parco Campole del Genio :- Dufà him that this officer had NOT yet reported to the MANTOVA div and must do so at once. Spec Sec  
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5. War Ministry circular 8038 of 12 Sep :- he confirmed that this is the current adm instr regulating strength returns as regards personnel absent from units over 30 days, their movements, reporting for duty afterwards etc. This instr is incorrect in two main pts:

- men are being struck off unit strengths after 5 days ANGL;
- men are being instructed to report back to depts

Had sign sent out to all addressees putting this in order - the branch concerned got it right the third attempt!! A new instr is being prepared and will be submitted in draft.

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SECRETMajor RACCHINI's Liaison Log13 Feb 45Lt Col SAMPLO

Patriot parade for 13 Feb: Sampo had rec'd instrs from Welfare Branch M of W to organize party 200 strong from OSSANO. Infd him that this det was NOT authorized and that no tps from OSSANO will take part.

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GLII (I)

Volunteers ex FLORENCE: confirmed train ex AREZZO for 16 Feb. Infd him that further train might be available 18 Feb - promised to advise him later in the day.

GLI SD

Lt Col GUIDA

58 Transit Camp (Gruppi): this camp was formerly at RAVENHURST, where it was administered by HANNOVA Div, and is now at PESARO. After consultation with Spec Sec, infd him that adm will in future be done by local British Area (61)

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Col LOMBARDI

Man management course: further chaser for answer to COO's letter of 3 Feb. Reply had just been signed by CASATI and will be delivered to-day.

Lt Col SAMPLO

Col MESSORI Luigi, comd 541 inf re: this offr is urgently required for posting to MS branch M of W - in order to bolster-up the org of this branch. Infd him no objection providing replacement is on the ground first.

GLI SD

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Replacements for two GENOVA offrs: passed on to him text of 51 HJ sig with request for infrm today as to action taken on Premieri's comd of 14 Jan. He later stated that MS branch had NOT received Premieri's letter and was investigating with SUSA.

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Lt Col DI BONTONTO

ROME Territorial HQ has infd M of W of deficiencies in org. Post Co. 960m are being detached to complete but

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Col. [illegible]

4. Man management course : further chance for answer to COG's letter of 3 Feb. Reply had just been signed by GABATI and will be delivered to-day.

Lt Col SAMUEL

GII 3D

5. Col MESSIAS Luigi, comd 541 inf re t: this offer in urgently required for posting to 1st branch M of W - in order to bolster-up the org of this branch. Infd him no objection providing replacement is on the ground first.

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6. Replacements for two GABATI offrs: passed on to him text of 51 HQ sig with request for info today as to action taken on Premieri's com of 14 Jan. He later stated that 1st branch had NOT received Premieri's letter and was investigating with GABATI.

Lt Col DI BONTINO

GII 3D

7. ROMS Territorial HQ has infd M of W of deficiencies in 252 Pack Co. Offrs are being despatched to complete, but following Offs are NOT available :-

|              |    |               |           |
|--------------|----|---------------|-----------|
| W.O.'s       | 2  | cpls farriers | 10        |
| Sgt farriers | 15 | farriers      | 10        |
| " corporals  | 2  | cpls cobblers | 2         |
| " saddlers   | 2  | cobblers      | 11        |
|              |    | cpls cooks    | 14        |
|              |    | saddlers      | 10        |
|              |    | interpreters  | 13        |
|              |    |               | <u>70</u> |

Lt Col NORIMANUSKI

GII 3D

8. SICILY call-up : arrivals and departures at 1800:10 :-

|        |     |                    |         |
|--------|-----|--------------------|---------|
|        | in  | out                | on hand |
| 8 Feb  | 55  | -                  | 1221    |
| 9 Feb  | 197 | -                  | 1418    |
| 10 Feb | 43  | -                  |         |
|        |     | 304 TRANTI         |         |
|        |     | 308 BARI (TEL-INT) | 849     |

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Lt Col. BARRENE

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9. BICITY call-up phase III : saw War Ministry sig 203585 of 9 Feb ordering phase III to start 1 Mar. He confirmed that this meant that men would commence reporting on 1 Mar.

Lt Col. SAMPO

GII SD

10. Volunteers ex PLAMMUN : clarified that train from AREZZO for 18 Feb is cancelled.

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Maj. SARMAGNI's Liaison Log

Gen. SANTI

Spec Sec

1. Infd him that MIA would NOT oppose the visit to ROME of Gen ZANUSI (now in the line as 2 1/0 CHASSA) who, it was understood, was urgently required as an important witness in the ROYAL trial, providing the War Ministry considered it essential and gave the necessary orders.

Col SCARMAGNI (Welfare Offr - ROME Territorial HQ)

2. He confirmed that as soon as the Rest Camp starts to function it will come under comd ROME Terr HQ. The comd (Maj AMATUCCI) will have disciplinary powers over personnel of all three services. Staff planned is three officers and about 50 civilians.

Lt Col ROCHONANKI

3. III-III refs at SALUNO : chased the report on men who absented themselves during recent despatch of rfts for 209 Div 3d bus (250 due to leave - 177 left). Infd him that rail move ordered for period 19-25 Feb for 300 men to SALUNO for 8 Army Gd bus. Rochonanki to issue necessary instrs to ROME.

Lt Col CAPO (Mil Sec, Ministry for Occupied Territory)

4. CAPO called to discuss projected parade of patriots and military personnel on 18 Feb. Details in separate memo to CINI (I).

Gen. ROMEO

12 Feb

5. ROMEO called on GAO, on taking up new post as C of 8 BARS.

Gen. FALLAI (Director of Offr Personnel Branch M of War)

6. Method of reporting on Italian offrs : general discussion on present system; collected copies of appropriate forms for Col FIDUR.

7. Strength of offrs Italian Army : in anticipation of re-view of offr ceiling by MIA (vide log 6 Jan para 11), requested

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ITI-IVI rftg at SALERNO : chased the report on men who presented themselves during recent despatch of rfts for 209 Div GI bnc (250 due to leave - 177 left). Infd him that rail move ordered for period 19-25 Feb for 300 men to SALERNO for 8 Army GI bna. Raczowski to issue necessary instrs to NAPLES.

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Lt Col CANO (Mil Sec, Ministry for Occupied Territory)

CANO called to discuss projected parade of patriots and military personnel on 18 Feb. Details in separate memo to GIII (I).

Gen ROMDO

12 Feb

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ROMDO called on GEC, on taking up new post as C of S BNA.

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Gen FALLAI (Director of Offr Personnel Branch M of War)

Method of reporting on Italian offrs : general discussion on present system; collected copies of appropriate forms for Col FIDELNY.

7.

Strength of offrs Italian Army : in anticipation of re-view of offr ceiling by MIA (vide log 6 Jan para 11), requested to be infd of present situation. Details referred to GEC.

Lt Col SANCOS (and Maj CALABRESE)

8.

Org of mil tribunals : collected certain details, but only part of the general info requested. From subsequent follow-up SANCOS/BORGARI it transpires that the latter has taken fright and gone into a huddle with GIG and they are busy thinking out the best answer. BORGARI has promised to convey the full story to the War Minister on 15 Feb.

9.

Lt Col SANCOS

Infd him that the sign ordering all Territorial and Idm Div HQs to fly flag on 11 Feb (Anniversary of Vatican Treaty) had been held back because :

{a} incorrectly made out  
{b} handed in at 2135 on 10 Feb, hence too late to correct.

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SECRETMajor BAUMAN's liaison log9/10 Feb 45Lt VANZETTIG2 SD  
DADMS

1. 44 trained med personnel for 8 Army: Ref SD 2193 of 27 Jan, arranged for priority to be given to these rfts over other med rfts now pending. They will be taken from drafts arriving in ROME shortly from the SOUTH.

Lt Col DI BITONTO

G2 SD

2. Discussed provision of above personnel ref his letter of 4 Feb, and requested him to coordinate with Vanzetti.

Lt Cols GUIDA/ DI BITONTO/ GRACEFFA

GSD

3. Cadres for CESANO: approved est for RTC ICF caters for 7000/9000 men. To take care of maximum rfts expected in Feb following additional personnel required. Sgts 60; Cpls and I/Cpls 100. Will SD please arrange ex TRANI or AFRAGOLA.

GII SD

4. 3 NCO's for weapon trg of 502 - 503 - 519 gd bns: Requested him to provide as soon as possible and notify date and location.

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5. SABAUDA I.S. Div: further discussion about the 300 undesirable types subject of para 15 log 5 Feb. Di Bitonto will ascertain from Territorial HQ PALERMO what sort of duties these men are suited for, with a view to reposting them to other ITI-ITI units. It is considered that it might be most unwise to send certain types to gd bns.

Gen SANTI

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Gen SANTI

6. Infd him of results of latest decisions on.  
CESANO : (a) maximum rfts planned for Feb (at any one time) 11250;  
(b) maximum cadre and trg staffs will be those planned by SMRE/MMIA. Additional cadres are NOT authorised;  
(c) rfts will be accepted from following sources only:

- assigned in call-up programmes;
  - volunteers specifically authorised by MMIA from time to time;
  - personnel from one of the combat gps reporing back from hosp etc ;
  - individual rfts (specialists etc) assigned to CESANO by MMIA from time to time.
- (d) requested SANTI to issue urgent orders suspending acceptance of volunteers from all other sources.

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Lt Col GRACEFFA

7. Ref para 3 above, infd him of decision at  
6 b above.

Maj NICOLETTI10 Feb

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8. SICILY call-up: up to 7 Feb incl 11679 men  
had arrived at REGGIO and 1166 were in the camp there.

GIII SD

9. S/A. Instructors for three gd bns for 2 Dist:  
Following NCO's have been detailed and are awaiting  
collection at MACAO Barracks, ROME:  
Sgt Maj VERUSO Alfredo  
Sgt MAZZUCCATO Ottorino  
Sgt PARAVENTO Michele

Count CASATI

Comd

10. Repatriated PW's: CASATI stated GOC's letter  
meets the case admirably. List of outstanding requests  
now in his hands. He will add his comments for most  
senior ofrs and pass list to MMIA.

Comd

11. Man management courses: CASATI had passed  
MMIA proposals to SMRE for their comment. He will  
hasten reply.

Comd

12. Recently epurated generals: collected CASATI's  
reply, which contains names and very general comments.  
He will be gald to supply further details in specific  
cases if required.

Comd

13. Gen MARIOTTI: CASATI confirmed that Mariotti  
has been placed on the reserve and will NOT be re-  
employed.

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13. Gen MARIOTTI: CASATI confirmed that Mariotti has been placed on the reserve and will NOT be re-employed. Comd

Lt Col DI BITONTO

14. SARDINIA call-up: modified assignment programme as follows: GII SD

Item 7: +1000 +500 +500 - -3000 +1000  
Item 9: - 400 -- -- -400+1200 - 400

Lt Col SANSONE

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15. SARDINIA:  
following are depots in the island:

|                |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| IGLESIAS       | 1 | ) |
| CAGLIARI       | 2 | ) |
| CAGLIARI       | 3 | ) |
| TEMPO TAUSANIA | 4 | ) |
| SASSARI        | 5 | ) |
| SASSARI        | 6 | ) |
| MACOMER        | 7 | ) |

strength  
each  
5  
all ranks

Requested that all depots planned in Territorial lay-

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out be numbered and that the numbers be quoted in  
future and NOT regimental or other designations.  
First seven numbers allotted as above.

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SECRET6/7 Feb 45Major Baumann's liaison logLt Col GUIDA2 i/c  
G2 Ops

1. 1 Regt HQ for 3d bns : he had Maj TROISI phone to NAPLES and is infd that authority for release of stores is still held up by MMIA NAPLES.

2 i/c

2. Personnel for ASIRONI cadres for new recruits: Requested him to hasten posting of offrs - he promised to advise posn later.

Col LEMER

2 i/c

3. Capt MACINA Nicola of 23 Engr bn 210 Div :- This offr was taken on by Delegazione "T" and posted locally to 210 Div. Subsequently it was discovered that he had worked for the TODDI org and he is consequently being released from the Army.

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4. Call-up posters in AMG territory: infd him of the need to have these posters approved by competent AC authorities and also to inform Regional Commissioners before the posters are distributed. Copies of both posters (call-up and recall) will be submitted for this purpose.

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5. Exemption of rly employees : he will advise as to the posn of rly personnel, method of exemption etc. with particular ref to forthcoming call-up in A-ULIA.

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6. Delegazione "A" - designated for Territorial HQ BOLIGNA :- infd him that the rep ordered to report to 228 Div HQ and MMIA LO 8 Army over one month ago had NO1 yet reported. Requested him to enquire into the non-compliance with this order.

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7. Nominal role of gen of rs and C of S's, Italian Army : requested him to hasten the provision of this list of current postings, together with personal record of each offr.

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

8. ITI-ITI lifts ex call-up in CALABRIA: infd him of proposal to send 4000 recruits of '24 and '25 classes to FROSINONE in last week of Mar. Requested him to investigate :

(a) seen for 4000 men at FROSINONE - taking into

also to inform Regional Commissioners before the posters are distributed. Copies of both posters (call-up and recall) will be submitted for this purpose.

SCRE

5. Exemption of rly employees : he will advise as to the post of rly personnel, method of exemption etc. with particular ref to forthcoming call-up in ARULIA.

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6. Delegazione "A" - designated for Territorial HQ BOLOGNA :- infd him that the rep ordered to report to 228 Div HQ and MACIA LO 6 Army over one month ago had NOT yet reported. Requested him to enquire into the non-compliance with this order.

Comd  
GIII(I)

7. Nominal role of gen ofrs and C of S's, Italian Army : requested him to hasten the provision of this list of current postings, together with personal record of each ofr.

Lt Col RICHMOND

8. ITI-ITI lfts ex call-up in CALLERIA: infd him of proposal to send 4000 recruits of '24 and '25 classes to FROSINONE in last week of Mar. Requested him to investigate :

- (a) seen for 4000 men at FROSINONE - taking into account that the 2000 men training there in Feb will be away by the time the new draft arrives  
(b) additional cadres to cope with 4000 men.

Count CASATIComd  
Spec Sec  
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9. Col SILVESTRI : no reply recd yet from CREMONA Div, where investigation is taking place as to alleged granting of leave to 800 men of this ofr's regt, immediately prior to his being relieved of his comd.

Gen SANTI

10. Introduced Lt Col Gibbons. Santi will be reporting for duty with MANTOVA Div in about two weeks time.

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Divisione Generale di Sanita'

11.

General situation of med rfts : -

- (a) now approx 2200 under strength;  
 (b) 500 men in process of being transferred from mil hosps in SOUTH to mil hosps further NORTH:  
 - 150 leaving CATANZARO 7 Feb destined S.GALLO hosp FLORENCE;  
 - 18 NCOs and 98 men departed ROME for LUGGERN end JAN;  
 - 20 NCOs leaving NAPLES in two days time;  
 - 17 NCOs and 83 men leaving BARI ditto  
 - 14 NCOs and 100 men leaving SARDINIA in ten days time

Above movements do NOT alter overall strength of med category.

- (c) Recoverable from over 60 day hosps : estimated max 800 all ranks; date of availability NOT yet known.  
 (d) Low med category rfts ex IRANI: 300 moving shortly and destined as follows

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| FLORENCE | 100 |
| ROME     | 100 |
| NAPLES   | 50  |
| BARI     | 50  |

(following arranged with SD Branch SMRE)

Lt Col ROCHENASKI

- (e) Med personnel in ITI-ITI rfts ex SALEMNC and SARDINIA to be allotted to med category (Ref log 5 Feb para 16 - in place of 200 men for Mine Lifting Coy now to be taken from 10 Engr Depot SMCV).

Maj TAGLIONE

- (f) 100 med rfts for combat gps to be selected if possible from rfts already at CESANO.

Lt Col SAMPO'

12. Spanish Mil Attache' : Infd SAMPO' that AFHQ is NOT prepared GII (I)

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(d) Low med category rfts ex ITALY: 200 moving to Italy and destined as follows

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| FLORENCE | 100 |
| ROME     | 100 |
| NAPLES   | 50  |
| BARI     | 50  |

(following arranged with SD Branch SMRE)

Lt Col ROCHMANIAKSI

(e) Med personnel in ITI-ITI rfts ex SALERNO and SARDINIA to be allotted to med category (Ref log 5 Feb para 16 - in place of 200 men for Mine Lifting Coy now to be taken from 10 Mgr Depot SMCV).

Maj TAGLIONE

(f) 100 med rfts for combat gps to be selected if possible from rfts already at CESANO.

Lt Col SAMPO'

12. Spanish Mil Attache': infd SAMPO' that AFHQ is NOT prepared CIII (I) to authorise visit to combat gps, so as NOT to create precedent for visits of this sort.

Lt Col ROCHMANIAKSI

13. ITI-ITI rfts ex SALERNO: 177 men entrained for 209 Div. CIII(SD) NOT known at SMRE why full number of 250 did NOT leave. Making enquiries.

1830

Capt DELLA CORRA

Spec Sec

14. CC RR HQ for each combat gp: follow-up enquiry about their proposal to institute such a HQ consisting of 1 Capt, 1 NCO, 1 clerk, 1 dvr. Later infd him that the proposal had been turned down as NOT necessary. Can this be confirmed in writing.

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| To Sec                    | Remarks                                                           |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <del>Lt Col Shipley</del> | <div>10/1/74</div> <div>Speak re Para 11 + closed me letter</div> |
| <del>Lt Col Rose</del>    |                                                                   |
| Maj Gregson               |                                                                   |
| <del>Maj Barton</del>     |                                                                   |
| <del>Maj Byatt</del>      |                                                                   |
| <del>Capt Archer</del>    | <div>1/75</div>                                                   |
| J/Comd Fardell            |                                                                   |
| 'G'                       |                                                                   |
| ST.                       |                                                                   |
| Med.                      |                                                                   |
| Ord.                      | <div>What's the Jellybelly form?</div> <div>Date .....</div>      |
| Home                      |                                                                   |
| Lit.                      |                                                                   |
| Camp                      |                                                                   |
| B even again              |                                                                   |

10 Feb A/Q

~~Out of his old job and at proposal of SMC a SMC for re-employment~~  
12 Feb  
ARL

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SECRET

BFAGs on Return A/D

Liaison With War Ministry etc

5 Feb 45

Major GROSSE

1. NAMES and BARI first coys: TROISI called to discuss order for 2 i/c - 01  
disbandment of these units.

Col. FIORE-VERNAZZA

2. Ufficio Assistenza (MAE): in reply to enquiry FIORE stated 2 i/c  
that the lodged here were in transit on duty, i.e. on the way to A/C, C-1  
report to units of moving from one unit to another. He said the C-III (Ops)  
rations were all chargeable to the men's respective units.

Lt. Col. GRANELI

3. Graneli phoned to say that Lt. PRINCIPAL had failed to report 0-1.  
to him, as instructed two days ago. Later informed him that he  
had been sent on leave and would be instructed to report on his  
return (about 14th).

Col. LEMER

4. 212 Div (FES):-

- (a) Brig Gen FERRER Ernesto takes over from DEBOUT v.o.f.  
15 Feb 45.  
(b) no change in 2 i/c or C of S. 2 i/c

Capt. DELLA CORNA

5. Surplus the ex CALABRIA: ref his info of 4 Feb that the first 250  
men would be at VICO VALENTIA by 7 Feb, info him that the 1st could  
not be arranged earlier than period 12 - 18 Feb. C-11 - 01

Col. FIORE

6. In answer to his enquiry, info him that the "CAMELO" was docking  
at CIVITAVECCHIA ex SARDINIA on 5 Feb. He is interested because  
of ~~unit~~ personnel on board. 0-11

Lt. Col. ROCH WANSKI

7. Recruiting in Jan by screening agencies: he confirmed that the  
figures shown in his table already include the men enrolled by  
the agencies. 0-11 01

4. 212 Day (IPS):-

- (a) Brig Gen FEMME Ernesto takes over from ROBERT W.O.F.  
15 Feb 45.  
(b) no change in 2 i/c or C of S.

Comd DELLA CORNA

5. Surplus tps ex CALABRIA: ref his info of 4 Feb that the first 250 men would be at VIBO VALENTIA by 7 Feb, info his that tpt could NOT be arranged earlier than period 12 - 18 Feb.

Col FIORE

6. In answer to his enquiry, info him that the "CHERSON" was docking at CIVITAVECCHIA ex SARDINIA on 5 Feb. He is interested because of ~~unit~~ <sup>171</sup> personnel on board.

Lt. Col. RICHMANSKI

7. Recruiting in Jan by screening agencies: he confirmed that the figures shown in his table already include the men enrolled by Cerretti deta - i.e. under headings "6" and "7".

Col. LEVER

8. Temp commissions of civilian LAs with 8 Army: info him of text of MIA Sig C/686 to Main 8th and requested urgent action on their part to implement authority for TUNASELLI.

9. Identity discs for Combat Gps etc: CRANVA Cp was supplied with 2500 discs in December. It would appear that they still have some on hand as they have asked for sups of the special marking ink, which are awaiting collection in B.O.E. plus further 2700 discs. FULVI recd 10,000 in Oct and has NOT requested further sups since.

Count CASATI

10. New appointments:

Maj Gen EMBELLI to comd Territorial HQ BARI, vice Gen DI NISIO, who becomes available for possible further employment elsewhere.

11. Handed to the Minister two letters from GOC ref "Adm Instr No 18" and "MAFIES M T Unit."

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COL LEMER

12. Requested info about future org of MT Branch at War Ministry, with particular ref to requirements of Repair and Recovery Div, which needs to have first class cfr at its head. DADT  
DAMES

13. General talk on cfr Personnel Branch.

14. Col DE ANGELIS has been appointed to cnd 10 Autieri Depot NAFLIS. 2 i/c

Lt Col DI BATTISTO

15. SARANDA I.S. Div: This fm is reported to contain 300 unreliable elements - men who are none of a menace than a help in maintaining public order. Can they be disposed of in ones and twos to auxiliary units and replaced ex call-up rfts? C-1

16. Programme for emp of Sardinian ITI-ITI rfts: OII (SD)

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| - For 3 Mine Lifting Coy          | 200         |
| - 9 Raggruppamento autieri (rfts) | 150         |
| - Rfts for gc line                |             |
| 209 div                           | 100         |
| 228 div                           | 300         |
| 210 div                           | 100         |
| - Dvr course RME                  | 500         |
|                                   | <u>120</u>  |
|                                   | <u>1000</u> |

Above assignment takes into account likely deficiencies of SALERNO call-up.

Maj TAGLIOME and Lt Col SAMPOL

17. VOLUNTEERS for combat: as a result of press and party campaigns there is an ever-growing number of volunteers from all directions: FIORENCE, LECORNE, ANCONA, SICILY, PUGLIA, ROMI, the LAZIO and CAMPANIA call-ups etc. Present plans are to accept 500 every four days from FIORENCE, where there are up to 6000 men waiting to join for combat. In addition, up to 500 per month can be accepted from local sources for direct assignment to "P" and "C" combat grps. Both schemes will need only a fraction of the state of volunteers. Decision is urgently required on future policy. Local orgs are pressing for acceptance of their volunteers. Cord  
2 i/c  
A/C  
G.L  
Spec Sec

- 9 Reggimentate antieri (rfts)

- Rfts for gd bas

209 div

223 div

210 div

100

220

100

- Per course RME

530

120

1000

Above assignment takes into account likely deficiencies of  
SALENTO call-up.

#### MAI TAGLIOME and Lt Col SANTO

17.

VOLUNTEERS for combat: as a result of press and party campaigns there is an ever-growing number of volunteers from all divisions: FLORENCE, LECORNO, ANCONA, SICILY, PUGLIA, VENETI, the LAZIO and CAMPANIA call-ups etc. Present plans are to accept 500 every four days from FLORENCE, where there are up to 6000 men waiting to join for combat. In addition, up to 500 per month can be accepted from local sources for direct assignment to ups and up combat gps. Both schemes will not only a fraction of this state of volunteers. Decision is urgently required on future policy. Local orgs are pressing for acceptance of their volunteers.

Cord  
2 i/c  
A/Q  
G-1  
Spec Sec

#### Lt Col GUIDA and Lt Col VITTORE

18.

CESANO (HTC ICF): Much concern being expressed over the numbers of rfts already at or destined for CESANO, the total planned being allegedly considerably higher than capacity. Poem as seen by SWE is as follows:-

Cord  
2 i/c  
A/Q  
G-1

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- already at CESANO (5 Feb), nearly 6000

- rfts ex PICELO (CC RR) 3000

- volunteers ex FLORENCE (500 each 4th day in Feb) 3500

- volunteers ex PUGLIA etc 1000

- 1924 and 25 recruits ex APULIA 6000

19400

Discussed with GII SD and Spec Sec by phone - arranged for rep SWE to attend meeting at CESANO 1000 hrs 6 Feb for necessary decisions and action. Vide para 17 above which also refers.

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Count CASATI

Cond  
2 1/c  
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C.1

19. Rpts ex SICILY attempting themselves en route from AFRACOLA and TRAME : Casati greatly regretted that so many men had deserted, particularly after all the efforts made in SICILY to make the call-up a success. Orders had been given to intercept as many as possible before they got back to SICILY, but the straits will not offer much of an obstacle to the deserters as there are fishing boats and other small craft continually crossing. Casati stated that the men are alluding wretched conditions at the camps to justify their deserting (vide log 4 Feb). He feels that if these men get back to SICILY and talk in this way it will have a most injurious effect on the third phase of the call-up there and give the men another excuse for not presenting themselves.

Col SORRENTI

Cond

20. BARI Territorial HQ: conveyed GAC's approval of appointment of Gen ROSELLI in place of Gen DI NISIO. Infd him that the question of the latter's reemployment would be subject at next meeting with the Minister.

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SECRET4 Feb 45Liaison with War Ministry etc.Col FARACHE

1. Italian offers (promotions and removal) :- Attended meeting  
Col FIDOLEY/FARACHE to discuss procedure on appointments and report-  
ing on Italian offers. Spec Dec

Gen CHATRIAN

2. Accompanied G-1 for discussion of following subjects:-  
Comd  
21/c  
A/R  
G-1

(a) Sardinia call-up - new policy with regard to clothing men in situ and consequent change in allotment of 3000 formerly destined to CEBANO.

(b) March call-up: Chatrian foresaw no difficulties over the plans worked out for March, both the recall in SARDINIA and the call-up of new classes in SARDINIA and CALABRIA.

(c) 500 offers being recalled in SARDINIA: these are part of the 1000 additional offers lately authorized. They are needed in the first place to accompany rifts to the mainland. Subsequently will be allotted to categories where required.

(d) Men due for demobilization and still with units: G-1 explained policy, which was appreciated and accepted by Chatrian.

(e) Territorial org: Chatrian stated he would shortly be making a detailed study of this subject. Ultimately he felt the personnel of some of the districts and depots would need to be strengthened. He will be making a special plan for retention of a Territorial Hq in SARDINIA, as he considers the island requires something more than a det of the RMA Hq. Both for adm and strategic reasons. To sp his case, he made a comparison of the arrangements planned for SICILY, with its two IS divs and full Territorial Hq, and the arrangements for SARDINIA, with less than one div and no Territorial Hq.

(f) Volunteers versus new recruits for the group:- Chatrian agreed that in present circumstances the policy ought to be to accept volunteers of the right sort, who were keen men and already had basic mil trg, in preference over the raw recruits. However, he considered that a proportion of the latter should be sent to CEBANO and trained for assigning to groups later

land. Subsequently will be allotted to categories where required.

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(f) Volunteers versus new recruits for the Gruppi:- Chatrlian agreed that in present circumstances the policy ought to be to accept volunteers of the right sort, who were keen men and already had basic mil trg, in preference over the raw recruits. However, he considered that a proportion of the latter should be sent to CHSANO and trained for assigning to Gruppi later in place of some of the older men of the 1915/16 classes who have done many years consecutive service.

(g) Officers ex LECCHE Academy: G-1 stated that it would NOT be possible to attach new officers to Gruppi in excess of est, except in the case of Mantova. 25 new officers may be assigned to the latter GP. A proportion of these new officers should be sent to CHSANO in the ordinary way as officer rfts and will be sent on to the Gruppi, when trained for combat as and when vacancies occur.

(h) Temporary commissions for civilian interpreters :- Chatrlian saw no difficulty in giving temporary commissions to suitable types and will arrange for the men to be interviewed by Gen Torreselli, who will be empowered to make decisions in the fd.

(i) AFRAGGOLA and TRANI camps: G-1 infd Chatrlian that energetic action was being taken by MMIA to obtain the required improvements in these two camps. GOC 3 Dist had spoken to Comd 227 Div about the discipline of the camp at AFRAGGOLA, and had ordered that certain engn work be undertaken by 227. Chatrlian promised to follow the matter personally and will advise if in his opinion 227 Div has been ordered to undertake work beyond its capabilities.

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Lt Col DI BITONTO

Comd  
A/Q  
C-1

3. Following is text of sig sent to Territorial HQ Palermo  
by a senior cfr who escorted a party of SICILIAN call-ups to  
AFRAGOLA :-

"The Sicilian call-ups escorted to Afragola Camp have  
been neglected by both Italian and Allied authorities. These  
men, without any real clothing and almost barefoot have been  
rotting for five days under canvas in a rd almost under water  
as the result of continuous rains. The cold weather and only  
two worn fd blankets make morale and hygiene conditions worse.  
I appeal for an immediate intervention with the competent Allied  
authority to obtain the immediate departure of the recruits to  
their units."

This was shown to me "off the record".

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SECRETLiaison with War Ministry1/3 Feb 45Col LENERSpec Sec  
CIII(I)

1. Identity discs for Italian tps - especially combat gps: There is no stock and production is extremely limited owing to shortage of metal. There is an outstanding request for 5000 for CROMONA Gp, which they are unable to meet. He is having the post looked into urgently.

2. Length of service by age gps: requested up-to-date infm showing approx length of service and strength of each "class".

C-1

Lt Col GUIDA

CII SD

3. TROSCIONE IRI-III Rft Depot: instead of sending the complete cadres planned for 2000 recruits immediately, he will arrange for 40 of rs and 100 ORs to report by 10 Feb, and the remainder at a later date, according to how the call-up is proceeding.

CIII SD

4. 252 Pack Gp FUSCOBARRONE: infd GUIDA that at 29 Jan there were still the following oftr deficiencies:

|      |       |   |
|------|-------|---|
| Cpts | 2 i/c | 2 |
| Cpts | Adm   | 3 |
| Cpts | Vet   | 1 |
| Subs |       | 2 |

GUIDA stated that some of the above are probably on the way - he will advise post later.

Gen FALUGI

Spec Sec

5. procedure for removal of of rs from "gruppi" and other units: Col MARONE will report to Spec Sec 0930 hrs 4 Feb to provide infm on current procedure and technical matters relating to posting and removal of oftrs.

Lt Col GUIDA

G 1

6. Cadres for recruits at ASTRONI: requested him to hasten the provision of oftrs requested in MALA lett r bf 1 Feb.

Capt DELLA CORNA

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Cpts Adm 3  
Cpts Vet 1  
Subs 2

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Spec Sec

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Lt Col GUIDA

C 1

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provision of ofrs requested in MILA letter of 1 Feb.

Capt DELLA CORNA

CII (SD)

7. Surplus personnel ex CALABRIA: infd him that rail tpt had  
been requested for 400 men ex VIBO VALENTIA between 12 and 18  
Feb - and stressed importance of all the men being there in time.

Count CASATI

(2 Feb)

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8. Conveyed GOC's authority and/or approval of the following  
proposals:

- Col TESI's appointment as LO to VOLGORE HQ, Lt Col FOSCARI  
to comd S. M.ICO Regt with two 2 i/c's - one mil., one naval
- Appointment of VANDER HEUVEL to comd AGSTA  
LAZZARINI to comd SABAUDA  
SANTI to 2 i/c MANTOVA  
LIUZZI to Assistant Gen to C of S SREE
- OXILLA's future
- SICILY call-up to restart 1 Mar (i.e. men to start reporting  
on that date).

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8. (cont'd)

## Other matters discussed:-

Comd

- Ministry of Occupied Territories (Mil Sec):
- Casati will keep GOG infd of developments
- Casati will supply list of gens epurated and grounds for epuration.
- Press conference which the War Ministry should hold (as opposed to President of the Council's office) on the recent epuration and other matters.
- Write up for Gen FERROUX - proposed as replacement for REISOLI
- Welfare matters

Lt Col SAMPO

9. Spanish Mil Attache's request to be allowed to visit gruppi - referred to G-1 for action. C-1

Lt Col GUIDA

10. 252 Pack Cp FOSSOMBRONE: further to para 4 above, Guida stated that War Ministry rep had visited FOSSOMBRONE 1 Feb and had found only the following deficiencies, which are being filled: CIII (SD)

|         |            |   |
|---------|------------|---|
| 268 Coy | Capt 2 i/o | 1 |
| 269 Coy | Capt Adm   | 1 |
| 269 Coy | Capt Vet   | 1 |

Lt Col SAMPO

11. Volunteers ex FLORENCE: infd him that the date of the third train from AREZZO is confirmed for 8 Feb. CII (SD)  
MOV

Col FIORE VENTURA

12. FROSINONE call-up: 87 men have been waiting to move to 212 Div for several days. FIORE was promised tpt some days ago, but when the men want to the sta they were turned back. CII(ops)

Lt Col GRACEFFA

13. NCO's for ORVIETO and FROSINONE:- following are requirements ex AFRAGOLA: CIII(SD)

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| 289 Coy | Capt Adm   | 1 |
| 269 Coy | Capt Vet   | 1 |

Lt Col SAMPO

11. Volunteers ex FLORENCE: infd him that the date of the third train from AREZZO is confirmed for 6 Feb. GII (SD)  
Mov

Col FLORE VERNAZZA

12. FROSINONE call-up: 87 men have been waiting to move to 212 Div for several days. FICHE was promised tpt some days ago, but when the men went to the sta they were turned back. GII (Ops)

Lt Col GRACINFA

13. NCO's for ORVIETO and FROSINONE:- following are requirements ex AFRAGOLA: GIII (SD)

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| ORVIETO   | 150 cpls and 1/cpls |
| FROSINONE | 45 sgts             |
|           | 42 cpls and 1/cpls  |
|           | 13 ptes             |

Maj TROSI

14. 1 Regt HQ for 2d bns: personnel has been ready at NARLES for some days - eqpt reported to be still short. GII (Ops)  
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SECRET29 Jan 45Liaison DutiesLt Col SANSONE

GIII(I)

A.ULLA call-up: he confirmed that the notices had been posted up in most districts. The only exceptions were outlying villages of Potenza and Campobasso where there are considerable communication difficulties to be overcome. Requested a copy of the proclamation for our info.

ABAMS

Seen?

Welfare channels: asked him to circulate all branches (and also bring to attention of higher-ups) that there is now a properly constituted Welfare Branch and all matters relating to welfare should go through proper channels.

Gen CERICA

Cmd  
2 i/c  
A/R  
G-1

CERICA visited MMA to discuss various aspects of patriot activities and requirements. Explained policy and procedure. Owing to the patriot situation in Tuscany NOT being under proper control, CERICA has been called upon for assistance on various occasions, both by the Prefect and by 5 Army. CERICA asserted that patriot bands are still in the line with 5 Army in more than one sector and that they were in urgent need of certain items of clothing during recent cold spell which 5 Army were NOT able to supply. Infd GII Ops for discussion during visit to 5 Army. Arranged appointment for CERICA with Patriot Branch HQ AG.

Count CASATI

Cmd

Following subjects discussed:

- refugees ex CZECH
- Gen SANTI
- comds of 15 Divs SICILY
- FOLGO.E SP: 2 i/c and C of S
- Mil attache BERN
- CASTELLANO
- Epuration: REISOLI

30 Jan 45

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Comd

Count CASATI

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- CASTELLANO
- Epuration: REISOLI

30 Jan 45

Lt Col SANSONE

Mil districts just SOUTH of Security Line: District offices and staffs are in process of organization in MARCHE and UMBRIA and call-up can be started there any time after the weather clears with 2 weeks notice. Only districts NOT organized are:

- ANCONA: in the process of moving from IESI where there is no accn
- GROSSETO: no possibility of accn, which is being sought elsewhere.

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Comd

Count CASATI

31 Jan 45

Following subjects discussed:

- comds of 15 divs SICILY
- assistant gen to C of S SMRE
- reactions to ROMEO's appointment
- SAG
- OXILIA
- SICILY call-up
- Ministry of Occupied Territories
- Press reaction to army changes

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Gen. CHATRIAN

Following subjects discussed:

- Alberti - Properal - Mennerini
- Reorg of Gen staff
- Mil Tribunals: Functions, dependencies, and appointments
- MARINA situation: Lt Col
- Deputation
- Functions of SMG
- Press

Count CASATI

LASIO-and CAMPANIA call-ups :- Chatrian has just returned from tour of mil districts in those regions where call-ups are in progress. Because of difficulties of tpt and comms caused by weather etc, the full effects of the org for the call-up have NOT yet been felt. Casati and Chatrian accordingly strongly recommend extension of call-up by further 10 days - until 10 Feb. Discussed with GSD and approved verbally with Chatrian.

C-1  
CIBDLt Col CHECCIA and Lt Col ALORA

Following upon discussion at MVA of MT programme, and emp of Italian Army vehs, requested to have their proposals for assignment of minimum veh requirements to Cat I units and MAs. Explained roughly basis on which these should be calculated.

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0281Lt Col CHECCHIA and Lt Col ALARA

Following upon discussion at ANIA of M2 programme, and camp of Italian Army units, requested to have their proposals for assignment of minimum veh requirements to Cat I units and M2s. Explained roughly basis on which these should be calculated.

SECRET24 Jan 45Liaison DutiesCol SAMPO

1. Volunteers ex FLORENCE: Infd him that rail tpt will be available AMELIO for 500 men on 30 Jan and 4 Feb. He is setting machinery in motion for first 1000 men. Most important that dates of subsequent departures be notified earliest. If possible they should follow at 4-day intervals as originally planned.

A/Q  
G-1  
Spec Sec  
G-2(SD)  
NovGen SANTI

2. Volunteers ex TERMI (NOT RIETI) 200 men will be moved to CESANO within next few days under SMRE arrangements. Spec Sec infd.
3. Men AMCL ex FRILLI: passed to SANTI 50 HLU list of names for period 26 Dec - 10 Jan. He will compare with SMRE records, and has asked to see copies of future lists.

G-2(SD)  
Spec Sec

Spec Sec

Count CASATI25 Jan 45

4. CASATI called on GOC: following subjects were discussed:
- Forthcoming important expiration programme;
  - Proposed change of C of 5 SMRE
  - Candidates proposed for the post
  - changes in SICILY (incl CASTELLANO)
  - reorganisation of War Ministry

Comd

Col LAMER

5. Age limits for regular offrs: following are age-limits for regular army offrs of inf, arty and engr branches:

Comd  
A/Q

Lt 48  
Capt 48  
Maj 50  
Lt Col 52  
Col 55  
Brig 58  
Maj Gen 60  
Lt Gen 63  
Gen 64

Count CASATI

25 Jan 45

4. CASATI called on GOC: following subjects were discussed: Comd
- Forthcoming important repatriation programme;
  - Proposed change of C of S SMRE
  - Candidates proposed for the post
  - changes in SICILY (incl CASTELLANO)
  - reorganisation at War Ministry

Col LAMER

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Lt 48  
Capt 48  
Maj 50  
Lt Col 52  
Col 55  
Brig 58  
Maj Gen 60  
Lt Gen 63  
Gen 64

Gen SANTI

6. Vo unteers ex FLORENCE: discussed various aspects of first CII(SD)  
move of 500 volunteers, incl provision of blankets, rations, tpt  
FLORENCE/AREZZO - subsequently arranged with branches concerned.

Count CASATI

27 Jan 45

7. Accompanied GOC: following subjects were discussed:

- SICILY call-up
- combat volunteers
- press publicity for Italian Army
- appointment of new C of S SMRE
- refugees ex CLEANO
- Garibaldi Div: sig to TITO
- Cooperators
- Repatriated PW's
- Man management courses
- St Andrews Camp
- Commissions for Patriot leaders
- Offrs removed from Gruppi
- Col SILVASTRI
- Gen SOLDARELLI

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SECRET

LIAISON with SMRE21/23 JanCourt CASATI21 Jan 45

1. LECIANO and POLICORE march through ROME, conveyed following reply from COC. While it was appreciated that a march part of these two gps was desirable because of

- (a) Propaganda value for Italian Army, particularly during the period of the ROME call-up and at a time when efforts are being made in press and other ways to enhance prestige and morale of the Army.
- (b) To avoid disappointment of these men of the two gps who were in action with the CIL and knew that the first two gps paraded through ROME while they are NOT allowed to do so;

On the other hand, the following are sound reasons against the parades:-

- (a) Although a fire reply was given to SMRE 10 days ago, the matter is raised again at the last minute, when all arrangements for the move have already been made. Representative detts can only be arranged by rush change of movement orders or by cutting out one day's valuable trg.
- (b) The march past of first two gps was never intended to constitute a precedent. At that time it was felt that the publicity would be valuable, but since then very much had been done in the press in the way of propaganda for the Army, and more would be done in future. Allied fans do NOT parade through the streets on their way to the front - and there is no reason why this should become a regular habit with Italian fans. Propaganda value would be of purely local character - insufficient justification for going to so much trouble and waste of petrol, tyres etc for the benefit of the Roman population.
- (c)
- (d) Minister would remember the incidents which occurred during the second parade, in themselves a grave discourtesy towards the Allies, and because they brought politics into play, demonstrated the wrong spirit and outlook of certain sections of the public towards the Italian Army. It was felt that at that time that it would be unwise to run the risk of a repetition of such incidents and because of this it was generally agreed at that time that such parades would

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2. Arranged appointments for Gen MCE with CASATI, BERARDI, CHATRIAN, PALERMO and PULICIA for Friday 22 Jan pm and collected brief notes on each. G-3

Info CASATI that on balance GAC considered there was no case for reversing original decision. Casati accepted this without comment.

- (b) The search past of first two gpa was never intended to constitute a precedent. At that time it was felt that the publicity would be valuable, but since then very much had been done in the press in the way of propaganda for the Army, and more would be done in future. Allied fms do NOT parade through the streets on their way to the front - and there is no reason why this should become a regular habit with Italian fms.
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- (e) This policy had been communicated to AFHQ and was agreed by them.

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3. Move of rfts from REGGIO to CESANO :- Referred to him the report received from MIA LO RUDICF and requested an explanation of following pts :-

- why men were NOT redicolly examined at Mil Districts in SICILY,
- why men were despatched from REGGIO without blankets
- why straw was NOT provided in the rly trucks.

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4. LAZIO call-up: info him of MIA concern over very poor results for first two days. He promised to draw Chatrlian's attention to the matter immediately.

5. Accompanied Gen NOCE, 2 1/c MIA, and Maj RAYNES on visit to the following :-

Count CASATI  
Gen BERARDI  
Gen CHATRIAN  
FALLESO  
Gen PRILLERA

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6. New decrees and cabinet decisions affecting Italian Army :- pointed out to him that important announcement had just appeared in the press of considerable interest to Italian Army without MIA being informed officially by the War Ministry that any of the measures were being put into force. Important that Mission be info at least simultaneously with the press release. He will arrange for the future.

Gen MANNERINI23 Jan

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7. Back from recent visit to AVERSA refugee camp, which he reports will be closing down shortly. This will leave no such available for handling returned PWs, or stragglers from FRANCE, who are put ashore at NAPLES. No matter how rapidly they are dealt with, these men must have somewhere to put up for a night or two, while their papers are put in order, and they are red examined and receive their pay. Some of the men have nowhere to go until they are taken into the Army or find civilian jobs, as their homes are in ECT. Mannerini quite understands the policy aspect and that MIA is precluded from dealing with ex PWs on account of their civilian status. On the other hand the Italian civil authorities and relief orgs are stated to be in-essable of handling the situation. The Italian Army is still morally responsible for dealing with these men and Mannerini requests MIA advice on who to approach in the

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Gen. KANNERINI

22 Jan

Cord

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8. Cooperators: Further talk on this subject with Gen Kannerini, who promised M of W's opinion very shortly. He is greatly interested in the question, but was under the impression that the issue had already been settled between Gazzera and PW Sub Commission.

Gen. GATTI

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9. Accompanied G-1 - various subjects discussed:-

- CHERETTI data in fwd areas employed on screening of volunteers and patriots.
- (a) Patriots Branch will organize more active employment of the data in future with a view to stimulating recruitment to the utmost.
- (b) SMRE to ensure that only keen and active offers are assigned to the data, preferably of rs with recent combat experience.
- (c) SMRE to consider putting all screening det personnel into BD (green) - which will be authorized by MIA on request.

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- Rpts for CESANO: discussion of strengths and rfts due to arrive. Maj TAGLIANTE to visit GSD MMIA for comparison of figures.
- BR-ITI rft plan: consideration of forms to be used for reporting and consolidating casualties and reporting movements at rft centres. SURE recommends combat gp forms be used for uniformity.

Count CASATI

10. Handed in letters on  
(a) delays in NAPLES port discharge  
(b) reply to ROMNEY (SICILY call-up)
11. CARIBALDI Div: Italian sig for TITO still under consideration by cabinet. Casati will submit draft for GOC's approval. Info that sig would be sent through AC. He is concerned over assaults recently made on personnel of Caribaldi Div by local partisans - they may want to make ref to this in sig. He stated two of their officers shot (war criminal proceedings) and others on trial.

12. Refugees at CESANO: GOC's letter was duly laid before cabinet and CASATI is writing a third time, but for the moment he has no progress to report.

Lt. Col. ROCHOWANSKI

13. SICILY call-up: moves at REGGIO

|        | in  | out          | balance |
|--------|-----|--------------|---------|
| 19 Jan | 371 | 46 CC RR     | 1587    |
|        |     | Catanzaro    |         |
| 20 Jan | 131 | 717 Astroni  | 392     |
|        |     | 600 Afragola |         |
| 21 Jan | 40  |              | 432     |

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1. ARDLIA call-up: infd aim that in consideration of circumstances start of call-up would now be on 10 Feb - to finish 25 Feb. The 10 day postponement would be used to complete all arrangements, cadres etc.

2. Italian Army Bns - Type III Metallic tubular: Requested infm as to (a) numbers produced (b) location Later passed available details to GIII (I)

3. Lt Col Giulio Viverci: through a misunderstanding War Ministry reply (dated 16 Jan) sent direct to Special Force Reg AC. Reply was in any event incorrectly worded. Requested fresh reply to MILA.

4. Cooperators: in view of intention of ARMQ to transfer Bns on parole in ITALY from cooperator status to normal Italian Army status, requested War Ministry and SHRE opinion on  
(a) official point of view of such a transfer incl legal status of men concerned.  
(b) reaction of the men themselves to reduced scale of rations, pay, clothing and other amenities.  
Checked the draft enquiry he is circulating to War Ministry and SHRE.

5. Conveyed CCC's approval of appointment of Gen. BRUNETTI to comd ROMA Territorial HQ.

Lt Col Sarno

6. Volunteers for Italian Army :-  
Following infm to hand from Delegazione "T" FLORENCE:  
(a) could be made available by 20 Jan in FLORENCE area: 2500 men  
(b) could be made available with 10 days notice in the following areas:  
ANCONA 500 - 700 men

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Lt Col SAMPO

6. Volunteers for Italian Army :-

Following info to hand from Delegazione "T" FLORENCE:

(a) could be made available by 30 Jan in FLORENCE area: 2500 men

(b) could be made available with 10 days notice in the following areas:

|        |               |
|--------|---------------|
| ANCONA | 600 - 700 men |
| FORLI  | 300 men       |
| AREZZO | 150 men       |
| SIENA  | 400 - 500 men |

After discussion with GSD it was decided that maximum rate of acceptance would be 500 men every four days, incl all sources and destinations. Governing factor for initiation of scheme: rail move from AREZZO which will NOT be available before 29 Jan. (Excl 500 men for RADIA who are being moved under Italian arrangements as soon as it can be arranged).

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Gen SANTI

7.

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Col SPADA (CO ORVIETIO camp): experience of British cadre is that this offer is NOT satisfactory, whereas the acting CC, Lt Col PARADIA has done very good work. Infid SANTI accordingly and requested that PARADIA's appointment be confirmed and SPADA posted elsewhere.

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6. Accn at CEBANO: infd him that Col FIDSLAY had just returned from visit to CEBANO and that it was his considered opinion that there was ample accn there for 10,000 men. Assurances had also been received as to clothing and the necessary accn stores.

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9. Rf's for MANUOVA: in reply to his request that volunteers ex FLORENCE etc be moved direct to this GI, infd him that other arrangements had already been made, namely: 1st 1000: 5/500 volunteers ex AFRAGOLA

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2nd 1000: 400 volunteers ex CURENTI  
500 volunteers ex AFRAGOLA  
500 ex PICANO (ex CC RR) *for Florence*

It was NOT considered practicable to move volunteers, all the way down to RENEVENTO when they were needed further north, and while other volunteers were already available close at hand.

10. Double tier bunks: apart from bunks in Allied-occupied barracks in ROMA (which are presumably untouched) there are only a few hundred available. SAME are therefore considering constructing continuous shelves along the sides of the CEBANO buildings, a practice previously followed in the Italian Army. Main difficulty is likely to be tpt.

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Capt DELLA CORNA

11. SAME have been requested to post offre to new pack tpt coys being formed by 5 Army, but are still without info as to designations of coys and other mobilization details (ests etc). Infm awaited for over one month.

CSD

Col LEMER

20 Jan

12. Lt Giuse de MANZETTI: Stato Maggiore Generale (S.M.) has no objection to the posting of this offr to BARI and has infd BARI Territorial Hq accordingly.

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Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

13. SICILY call-up: *REGGIE moves*

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|        | in  | out | on hand |
|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| 17 Jan | 350 | -   | 977     |
| 18 Jan | 285 | -   | 1262    |

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etc). Info awaited for over one month. GSD

Col LEMER

20 Jan

12. Lt Giuseppe MANZETTI: Stato Maggiore Generale (SIM)  
has no objection to the posting of this offer to BARI and  
has infd BARI Territorial HQ accordingly. GIII(SD)

Lt Col ROCHONANSKI

13. SICILY call-up: in out on hand GIII(SD)  
REGGIC moves  
17 Jan 350 977  
18 Jan 285 1562

Count CASATI

14. FOLGORE and LEGNANO: representation for permission  
to march through Rome. Referred to GCG. Comd
15. CARIBALDI Div.: Cabinet has agreed to send sig direct  
to TITO on similar lines to their previous message through  
AFHQ. Casati working on draft. C-1  
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17 Jan

M. E. CASATI1. Situation in SICILY

Further talk on suspension of call-up, from which it appears that:-

(a) Direct order from BONOMI to ALDISIO was issued on 6 Jan; \*

(b) CASATI had NOT been consulted. He was in'd of action taken on 7 Jan and immediately wrote letter of protest to BONOMI.

(c) MARIOTTI wired on 12 Jan informing of BONOMI/ALDISIO order on which he had already acted by suspending the mailing of the call-up notice for Phase III.

(d) CASATI replied by taking cognisance of MARIOTTI's action.

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Lt. Col. BOCHOWANSKI2. Movs at REGGIO

In On Hand

15 Jan 206  
(NOT 30 as previously reported)

1581

Out

16 Jan 469  
390 ASTRONI  
502 AFFAGOLA  
31 CC.HR  
CATANZARO

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G III SD

Col LENSE

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ing of the call-up notice for these ill.

(d) CASATI replied by taking cognizance of MARIOTTI's action.

Lt. Col. POCHOMANSKI

Movs at REGGIO

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In

On Hand

15 Jan

205

1361

(NOT 30 as previously reported)

Out

16 Jan

469

890 ASTRONI

502 AFRAGOLA

31 CC.HR

CATANZARO

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G III SD

Col LENER

3. Delegazione "A" (Territorial HQ designated for BOLOGNA)

An offer has been ordered to report ahead to 226 Div HQ and an adv party of 15 to be ready to move into S ARMY Area as soon as arrangements are made with MMIA LC & ARMY.

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4. Requested certain details with regard to strengths of Italian Army before and after Armistice.

H. E. CASATI

G III (I)

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5. Busy all day with Cabinet meetings. Saw him for a moment at lunch-time and handed him SICILY letter of 16 Jan. He will see that a copy of this goes to BONOMI.

6. Gen BRUNETTI's appointment to Comd ROME Territorial HQ

CASATI particularly requested a reply by 19 Jan.

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Gen. SANTI (and Lt. Col. CESANO)

7. Volunteers for Italian Army in FLORENCE (and other) regions - see log 15/16 Jan para 7

Inf'd SANTI that in view of improved situation at CESANO it would now be possible to accept volunteers for Combat Gps. At least 45 hrs notice required. SANTI will obtain from Delegazione further particulars of numbers and dates. Meanwhile, following action is requested of MMIA:-

- (a) 231 Div HQ be authorised to ration volunteers after induction and acceptance in FLORENCE;
- (b) Rail tpt be investigated from RH AREZZO to ROME.

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8. Rfts for Combat Gps

As a result of urgent representations by SANTI for despatch of volunteers to "F" and "C" Gps, later inf'd him that:-

- (a) Authority was granted to move soonest ex FLORENCE 500 volunteers direct to RADIA, "F" to provide tpt.
- (b) "C" Gp had already collected 500 rfts ex volunteers in I District Area.
- (c) Despatch of rfts ex CESANO was being accelerated as fast as tpt arrangements would permit.

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9. Two-tier Bunk

Left message (through Col CHIARINIO) to hasten transfer of two-tier bunks from ROME to CESANO to increase accn there.

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Lt. Col. SANTOMAURO

10. AREZZO Call-up

Balance of personnel awaiting move to TRANI and Combat Rft Centre has all gone home and owing to rd conditions NOT possible to get them back again at present. Will be recovered as soon as circumstances permit.

G II SD

LAZIO Call-up

Message for SANTOMAURO to call 19 Jan on G II Ops to dis-

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9.

Two-tier Banks

Left message (through Col CHIARINO) to hasten transfer of two-tier banks from ROME to CESANO to increase soon there.

Lt. Col. SANTOMAURO

10.

AREZZI Call-up

Balance of personnel awaiting move to TRAMI and Combat Rft Centre has all gone home and owing to rd conditions NOT possible to get them back again at present. Will be recovered as soon as circumstances permit.

LAZIO Call-up

Arranged for SANTOMAURO to call 19 Jan on G II Ops to discuss move of PES personnel during forthcoming Call-up at ROME, FROSINONE and LITTORIA Mil Districts.

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| <u>To See:</u>                  | <u>Remarks</u>  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Lt. Col. Shipley                | (S)             |
| Maj. <del>Cato</del> Ba. Lu     |                 |
| Maj. <del>Pinkley</del> Freeman | a. h. u. 2(a)   |
| Maj. Byatt.                     |                 |
| Maj. Rose                       |                 |
| Capt. Bird Farwell. PPF         |                 |
| Capt. Archer                    |                 |
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| Maj.                            |                 |
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| Camp                            |                 |
| Date .....                      |                 |

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LITTON with SUBRE

H. L. CASATI

1. As arranged at meeting on previous evening, conveyed letter from GOC in connection with refugees at CESANO camp and copy of GOC's message to clothing and boot factories.

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Lt Col BARDINI (for Gen MANZONI)

2. Leave for SARDINIA for men ex BALKANS: There are 21 men in St Andrews Camp plus 20 at TRAMI and six ex PWs at BCCO waiting for permission to proceed on leave to SARDINIA. There are also over 200 men due for leave in SICILY in the three centres. Reminded him that there is nothing to prevent the latter from going home immediately - he will issue orders accordingly.

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3. (a) Maj Gen Cesare BARDINI: requested info as to whereabouts etc of this gen ofr.  
(b) Col Giulio VITERBI: chased reply to enquiry of 11 Jan-

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- (c) Call-up of recruits in APULIA: reminded him that we had yet to receive their detailed plan, without which WITA could not issue their orders.

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- (d) Repeat of recall of "14-24" classes in FUGGIA district: informed him that Commissariat Branch were indenting for stores for 2,000 men before the matter had been discussed on the 'C' side.

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- (e) REGINA MARCHESITA Barracks - ROMA: Rome Territorial HQ is enquiring whether all or part of these barracks can be turned over to the Italian Army. Required for accom of detainees to be rounded up during forthcoming call-up. Stated at present to be housing only small numbers of French tps.

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- (f) Personal records of Gen Ofprs and Cols: enquired into progress.

Lt Col RICHMANSKI

4. SICILY call-up: movement at REGGIO:-

Balance in Camp

975

Departure

698 ASTRINI

586 GILIE SALVETTI

196 CHIVISTO

Arrivals

139

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(b) Col Giulio VITERBI: chased reply to enquiry of "Tan"

(c) Call-up of recruits in APULIA: reminded him that we had yet to receive their detailed plan, without which MIA could not issue their orders.

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(f) Personal records of Gen Offrs and Cols: enquired into progress.

#### Lt Col RICHMANSKI

#### 4. SICILY call-up; movement at REGGIO:-

|        | Arrivals | Departure          | Balance in Camp |
|--------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 12 Jan | 339      | 698 ASTRONI        | 975             |
|        |          | 586 COLLE SALVETTI |                 |
|        |          | 196 CRIVETO        |                 |
|        |          | 1 AFRACOLA         |                 |
| 13 Jan | 224      |                    | 1199            |
| 14 Jan | 274      | 97 CORR CATAZZARO  | 1376            |
| 15 Jan | 30       |                    | 1406            |

5. 212 Div volunteers for combat:- following earlier negotiations, SARE have received three lists of personnel wishing to join combat gps. They request that details be worked out soonest to enable men to proceed to rift camp.

#### 6. Cant DELLA CORNA

New pack tpt coys being formed by 5 Army:- SARE still without copies of mob orders.

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7. Volunteers for Italian Army in FLORENCE region:-  
Following call from AMG 5 Army, infd SAME of following situation:-  
- as result of CLM action in FLORENCE, a certain number of volunteers are coming fwd for the army. AMG have list of 200 names to date.  
- AMG are in touch with MMIA LG 5 Army  
- subject to their capacity to absorb and equip rfts, 210 and 231 divs can accept such volunteers after screening by local CERSETI screening dets.  
- volunteers will only be accepted for posting to whatever branch of the army requires them at the moment. No volunteers for combat gps will be accepted until situation at CERANO permits (Revised 18 Jan - see log).  
- AMG 5 Army, MMIA LG 5 Army and SAME will all keep MMIA infd as situation develops and more men come fwd.  
G-1 infd.

Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

8. Offr deficiencies: informed him of the following offr requirements to complete ests of BR-ITI units:

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| 5 Army British Increment | 13 offr |
| 1 District               | 60 offr |
| 3 District               | 9 offr  |

Col LEMER

CII SD

9. Lt MANZETTI Giuseppe :- in correction of previous infm, informed him that this offr was reported to be with SMC.

10. Call-up in APULIA :- collected plan for call-up in Feb of '24 - '25 class recruits  
CII SD

11. Col TIBERIO TIBERI :- handed back to him War Ministry's credential letter endorsed by MMIA.  
Staff Capt A  
C II Ops

H.E. CASATI

12. (a) Call-up in SICILY: requested infm on suspension of call-up after phase II. Referred results to GOC.  
(b) Appointments: handed to the Minister AQ/11 of 16 Jan. Relayed on case of Col BASHK.  
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3 District 9 offrs

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Staff Capt A  
3 II Ops

H.E. CASATI

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(b) Appointments: handed to the Minister AG/II of 16 Jan. Enlarged on case of Col BASILE.  
(c) FOLGONE : infd the Minister that proposals discussed with GOC 14 Jan were approved. He will submit names for new 2 i/c and 3 of S.  
(d) ALIBERTI has been warned of impending change.  
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Gen INFANTE

13. Called at his request for talk on general matters.  
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LIAISON with SMRE

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Col FIOREVERNAZZA

1.

LAZIO call-up: he confirmed that

(a) there are NO Allied tps in S. BIANCHI barracks in VIA MONTANA.

(b) S. FRANCESCO barracks VITERBO is location of mil district, with accn for 100 men.

(c) plan for ROME is to effect call-up in VIA MONTANA (A) as seconded men there and use FORTE BRASCHI (B) as overflow accn. ROME Territorial HQ tpt will be used for ferrying from A to B.

(d) it is requested that PMS rep assigned for call-up at ROME, FRUSINONE and LITTORIA contact Col FIORE or CANTOAURO in Via 40 within next few days to arrange move details.

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G II(SD)Lt Col TURRINI (for Col LEMER)

2.

SARDINIA call-up:

(a) collected War Ministry draft plans for

(i) Recall of exempted men and men on leave in Feb and Mar.

(ii) calling-up of '24 and '25 recruits in SARDINIA (and CALABRIA) in Mar to give 20,000 men.

(b) Turriani confirmed that warning orders for recall (2a (i) above) have not been issued.

3.

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4.

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Lt Col SRACEREA

5.

ORFETO Camp: to overcome difficulties of long distances calls through Allied exchange, SMRE wish to est comes through civil exchange, which is said to be working to CIVI TO. Extension to camp from civil exchange will be

SD sigs

A/12

(a) collected War Ministry draft plans for

(i) Recall of exempted men and men on leave in Feb and Mar

(ii) calling-up of '24 and '25 recruits in SARDINIA (and CALABRIA) in Mar to give 20,000 men;

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Lt Col GRACIEFFA

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Lt Col GEMMA

6. ORVIENTO camp: explained situation with regard to offre and requested that immediate action be taken to  
(a) discontinue camp comm's practice of diverting offre assigned to coys to camp cadres.  
(b) complete postings and reporting both for pack coys and cadres.

Gen SANTI

7. "I" offre for CARMONA Gp: no objection by SMRE to appointment of Lt Col BERLETTANO; SM have asked for authority of 3 Army. Discussed with Spec Sec and arranged accordingly.

Lt Col BOCHOWANSKI

8. 3 GILLO Camp:  
10 Jan arrivals NIL  
11 Jan arrivals 1034 in camp 2117

SO SIGS

O II(SD)

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Spec Sec

G II(SD)

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CII(SD)

9. ITI-ITI rfts; infd him that his plan for cap rfts  
ITI-ITI category is approved - vide log 9-10 Jan para 13.

Gen MANNERINI

10. (a) Mannerini has left on his trip to Taranto and  
Aversa;  
(b) Requested numbers of men in St Andrews camp  
waiting to go on leave to SICILY and SARDINIA;  
(c) Requested that orders be given for screening  
of men in St Andrews back from FRANCE. NOT understood  
why screening det stating NOT within their terms of reference  
in view of action already taken by Mannerini - vide log  
5 - 7 Jan para 5.

H.E. PALERMOComd  
A/4  
ALANS

11. Hostel for Italian tps in ROZZ; further discussions  
following talk with A/Q and ALANS. Requested him to put fwd  
his scheme in writing via War Ministry Welfare Branch. Original  
plan modified as follows:-  
(a) Hostel to be used for normal privilege leave - NOT  
good conduct leave.  
(b) Accn to be reserved for men with homes in enemy  
occupied Territory.  
(c) Suggestion that Italian hostel be attached Allied  
Rest Camp for issue and control of rations.

14 JanH.E. CASATI

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(a) Morigi and HQ Staff FOLGORE.  
(b) Galliani stay at St Andrews Camp  
(c) Beletti not to interfere in Arty Trg of Ops  
(d) Regional Org - telling everyone  
(e) San Marco - control by M of Marines? Role -  
also of REMED.  
(f) Director of Personnel - ofrs still required  
and not sent (MANTOVA and FOLGORE).  
(g) SAN MARCO Lt Col on FOLGORE H. G. Staff.  
(h) Maintenance and misuse of equipment, of vehicles  
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(i) Production - clothes and boots - propaganda.  
(j) CASANO - refugees to go  
ORVILETO  
ST ANDREWS CAMP  
(k) GARIBOLDI Div

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H.R. CASATI14 Jan

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- ORVETO
- ST ANDREWS CAMP
- (k) GARIBOLDI Div
- (l) Appointments - various
- M.A. BENE
- (m) 2 i/c PIGNO
- Corps H.Q. for Combat Ops - not permitted
- (n) Personal records of Gen ofrs and cols
- (o) action taken by War Minister to improve call-up - he will send in details in writing.

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Gen SANTI15 Jan

13.

CROMON Div: Passed on to him contents of sig dated 12 Jan from Gen PREMIGHI to MARE on occasion of his being into the line.

SECRETLIAISON WITH S.M.R.E.

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11 Jan

Col LENER

CII SD

1. Left with him enquiry in respect of Col Guilio VITERBI - who recently arrived in France from Northern ITALY and is anxious to proceed to Rome for reemployment in army or other official capacity.

2. SARDINIA Call-upO-1  
A/Q  
CII SD

Further discussions, from which it emerged that:-

- (a) War Ministry calculate numbers of exempted men available for recall at 7 - 8,000.

(b) Neither War Ministry nor CIMA has any idea of the number of men still on indefinite leave available for immediate recall to the colours.

Arranged with Col CREMONESI for sig to be sent via MIA requesting Mil HQ CAGLIARI to supply necessary info. Urged LENER to see that warning orders are issued to SARDINIA for implementing Call-up.

3. Red Cross Nurses requested LENER to speed up <sup>recommitment</sup> ~~recommitment~~ of 150 Volunteer nurses for "Gruppi" units and others. This demand was put fwd by MIA some time ago. 40 needed at once for first two Ups.

DADAS

Lt. Col. DI BITONTO

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CII SD

Lt. Col. GUIDA

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Lt. Col. GUIDA

5. Six offers for FOSSEMERONE Camp Staff: Arranged with SD Branch for tpt to pick up this party 0900 hrs 12 Jan at ROMA Territorial HQ. This refers Log 5-7 Jan para 6. CII SD

Lt. Col. ROCCHOWANSKI

6. Movement at REGGIO:-

|       |     |                   |   |                      |
|-------|-----|-------------------|---|----------------------|
| 4 Jan | 556 | Arrived ex SICILY |   |                      |
| 5 Jan | 423 | "                 | " |                      |
| 6 Jan | 170 | "                 | " |                      |
| 7 Jan | 942 | "                 | " | 1382 departed        |
| 8 Jan | 369 | "                 | " |                      |
| 8 Jan |     |                   |   | 1039 waiting to move |

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CII SD

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7. PICENO Personnel on Loan to CARABINIERI

Carabinieri H. have asked for 60 rfts to replace some of the 3,000 who have deserted or gone to hospital etc.. Infd him that no replacements were to be made - this is part of the agreement.

G-1  
GII SD8. 100 NCO's and 46 OR's ex TRIANI

Arranged with GIII(SD) for this personnel to be made available for III-ITF Category for assignment to Mil Districts in connection with Call-up of recruits in APULIA. This replaces projected move of 53 clerks to 8 Med Coy.

GII SD

COL LENER

9. RE for War Ministry: He is having a copy made of summary of RE.

GII SD  
SOREM.E. PALERMO

10. Called at his request - Subject: Hostel in ROME for Italian tps on leave.

Address : Via Guido BALDI 24  
 Ready to function : About 15 Jan  
 Object : Accn for men on good conduct leave. PALERMO has in mind a special 7-day leave additional to normal leave laid down in policy.  
 Accn : 200 beds immediately, can be expanded to 500.  
 PALERMO's request to : (a) to be allowed to draw 200 rations per day.  
 EMIA : (b) assistance in obtaining electric light.

*Where was  
 Italian to come  
 from?*

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A/R  
ADAMS  
Spec SecGen BERARDI

Subjects discussed:

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Gen BERARDI

11.

Called at his request: subjects discussed:-

CHVIRIO: BERARDI estimates all accn available in the town will be ~~used~~ <sup>required</sup> to expand capacity to 8,000.

He stated that rifts from IRANI and ATRAGOLA ought to be in properly escorted parties; Orders have already been given for one Cinema at CHVIRIO to be requisitioned, and prices of seats in others are being reduced.

Some Footballs are also being sent up.

Two Padres have been attached, and the following additions made to the Camp Staff:-

- 1 Senior and 1 Junior Med Ofcr
- 1 Commissariat Ofcr (for bread supply)
- 1 Adm Subaltern

Value of supplementary rations being increased from 5 lire to 20 lire per head; Town Major's intervention sought for local purchases; Phone connection needed with local Mil Prison (discussed with SO Sigs).

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ADAMS  
Spec Sec

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Berardi's gene. - impression of the camp was quite favourable. he spoke well of the OC British Cadre.

12. CESANO. General repairs held up by refugees who show no sign of moving for the present. In particular, 60-70 persons are housed in CASERMA del PETTINIA and preventing work being started. (Later discussed with Maj BROWN - Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Trouble is that no alternative accommodation yet found for the 1000 odd refugees in the camp. Pressed for immediate action, particularly with regard to small group in Pettine barracks)

13. LEGMANO & FOLGORE parade through ROME.  
(Confirmed later in the day that the parade is off - definitely)

14. BERARDI's car - top overhaul at Lancia garage ( DADT has fixed this)

15. SMRE est: BERARDI had heard of MMIA request for copy of est and hoped it did NOT presage further reduction as he is already down to the bone. Assured him on this fact.

Comd  
2 1/c  
A/Q  
Spec Sec  
50 Sigs

16. Gen BERARDI  
Officers of FOLGORE: referred to ~~some~~ Col PIDSLEY's observations following visit to FOLGORE, as affecting the Div Comd, 2 1/c and C of S. Informed him that this would be subject at forthcoming meeting GOC/Casati. BERARDI rather taken aback as regards 2 1/c and C of S.

Col DE MICHELIS

17. Drivers for tanks and armoured cars for SICILY: he requested permission to send small parties of army personnel to drive these armoured vehicles as Carabinieri had none trained for the job - requiring 42 all ranks all told. Discussed with G-I and informed him later that army personnel all earmarked and can NOT be spared. Surely the few drivers required can be found from the thousands of men already in SICILY.

G-I

H.E. COUNT CASATI.

18. Called at his request. He wishes to put up for GOC's approval appointment of Col DE MICHELIS to 2 1/c 210 Div H<sub>4</sub> - a position at present vacant. DE MICHELIS considered particularly suited for this job because of his experience with patriots prior to 4 Jun. He has five years seniority in his present rank - would have been promoted under ordinary circumstances.

Comd  
G-I

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A/Q  
Spec Sec  
G-480 1/2

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CARIMBALDI Div: left copy of AFHQ signal for his examination - will call in the morning (13 Jan) to discuss.

Gen SANTI

CESANO camp: called at his request. Both SANTI and Col DOMENICONI (Camp Comd) in despair over situation at camp and plight of men. Discussed later with A/Q, Col FIDSELY and G-I and informed SANTI of steps taken to rectify the matter. (Among other things, it transpires that rfts from REGGIO are arriving without blankets or straw in rly trucks on 3 day journey).

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SECRET

9 - 10 Jan 45

LIAISON with SMHE

Col LEVER

G III SD

1. Lt VANSANTI Giuseppe: Inquired whether this offer can be spared by SMHE for assignment to HQ Force 299 on account of his special knowledge of conditions in the BALKANS.

Lt Col GUIDAG III SD  
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2. 101 Lt Web Wray: requested that an est and job order be issued for this new unit in accordance with details supplied by NWIA. This is category I unit. Similar requests in future should be routed through Italian service channels.

G III SD

3. Offers for ROSSIGNOL: ref log 5-7 Jan para 6, six offers will be ready to leave RUE 11 Jan. Referred SD for rpt.

G III SD  
SOME

4. Category I ests: requested summarized est for SMHE - re-draft is just now being completed. Also requested certain details in connection with CERENTI and CHERSA ests.

I DISTRICTSpec Sec  
G III (I)

5. G I phoned with regard to identity cards for PRIMI. Infd his 7000 being despatched p. 10 Jan. He stressed need for all Italian tps being in possession, incl ed bus and service units. Will take up with War Ministry.

Gen SANTI

Spec Sec

6. Replacement of Bn Comds PRIMI: Lt Col SCAROLA Giuseppe and Maj MAZZEO Giovanni have been appointed to replace VISARA and ROSCINI. Leaving RUE 10 Jan.

Lt Col GUIDA

G III SD

7. Liaison of rs for Pack Tpt Coy: none available at the moment. In view of large numbers of I.I.L.O.s employed by 8 Army, query whether high priority of pack tpt coys would not justify eight of them being transferred.

Gen PANNERINI

A/Q

8. St And-ews Camp Taranto: Immediate solution be proposed (see log 5-7 Jan para 1), is erection of large shelters constructed of birch-bark halves and beated, where men can get some

G I  
G -2 (SD)

1 DISTRICT

5.

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Spec Sec  
G 111 (7)

6.

Replacement of Bn Cords PRULLI: Lt Col SCAROTIA Causappo and Maj MAZZEO Giovanni have been appointed to replace VISIARA and PUSCINI. Leaving MONTE 10 Jan.

Spec Sec

7.

Lt Col CUTDA

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G 11 SD

8.

Gen LANHERINI

St Andrews Camp Taranto: Immediate solution be proposed (see log 5-7 Jan para 1), is erection of large shelters constructed of bivouac halves and heated, where men can get some warmth and dry out. For this purpose Q authority sought and given for release of 1000 shelter halves and 15 wood stoves, on loan to the Camp.

A/Q  
G 1

G -2 (SP)

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Col LENER

SARDINIA call-up: the question of numbers involved in the forthcoming recall still under discussion between SARE and War Ministry. Reply promised for 11 Jan.

*Letter written 17 Jan. 1944  
states there are 171*

10.

G-1 I DISTRICT

Phoned 11 Jan to inform him that C of S PRULLI Op had signed for 10000 OR identity cards on 2 Jan - consequently 7000 ref para 5 despatched 10 Jan to CROZONA.

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Mr. HOPKINSON (Political Sec A.C.)

11. Infd him with regard to room of Gen BIANCHI - Italian  
Mil Attache in BERN - also name of his successor Brig Gen  
RODA Alberto. Cond  
2 i/c  
GII (SD)

12. Returned suggested PEB report on AZZI case with 2 i/c's  
comments.

Lt Col ROCHOVANSKI

13. ITI-ITI rfts: the following is plan for exp of rfts  
shortly to be made available: G II (SD)

| Gd Bns.     | Now under strength | To be assigned                    |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 212 Div     | 885                | 890 ex 1st & 3rd<br>SICILY detts. |
| 230 Div     | 287                | 390 ex 2nd<br>SICILY det.         |
| A-3 209 Div | 581                | 240 ex SALERNO<br>296 ex TIRANO   |
| A-2 210 Div | 254                | 200 ex SALERNO                    |
| A-1 228 Div | 720                | 440 ex SALERNO<br>120 ex SALERNO  |

(A - order of priority ex SALERNO)

Lt Col SANTO

14. Communicated for SURE infm contents of sig 15 Army Gp  
to Freedom SD 1123 of 8 Jan. Spec Sec

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296 ex TRAWO  
200 ex SALERNO  
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A-2 210 Div  
A-1 228 Div  
for ITI-ITI dvr course in HOME

(A - order of priority ex SALERNO)

Lt Col SAMPO

14. Communicated for SURE info contents of sig 15 Army Gp  
to Freedom SD 1123 of 8 Jan. Spec Sec

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To See.  
Lt. Col. Shipley *(S)*  
Maj. ~~Head~~ *in*  
Maj. ~~Binkley~~ *Grayson (S)*  
Maj. Byatt. *M. 10/1*  
~~Lt. Col.~~ Rose *Rose*  
Capt. ~~Bird~~ *Fundell. PNF*  
Capt. Archer *PA*  
~~1st~~  
St. *S*  
Med. *[scribble]*  
~~QPR~~  
~~Reco~~  
~~Lab.~~  
~~Camp~~

Remarks

*[Signature]*  
Date .....

*9 Dec*

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SECRET8 Jan 45LIASON with EMRECol LAMER1. CC PI RA Amb: Capt RIPA FrancescoMAJ WILSON (Public Safety)

2. Mobile Carabinieri Bn for SARDINIA: he will forward immediately to EMRE proposals for mobile unit/s for SARDINIA, as already authorized for SICILY.

3. Tpt for mobile Carabinieri bns in SICILY: up to 7 Jan only 6 of the 24 5 tonners had departed NAPLES. Referred to DADP for action with War Ministry. Subsequently arranged that balance will depart 8 Jan.

Lt Col DI BRONTO

4. 500 IMI-III rfts ex REGGIO: requested him to ensure all adequate arrangements are made for dealing with these men on arrival at NAPLES. Plan is to send them direct to 8d bns. ETA in about 7 days time. Similar arrangements for subsequent drafts of 300 each for BARI and NAPLES.

G II SD

5. 1000IMI-III rfts ex SALERNO call-up: requested him to prepare plan for allocation of these men to various units in sub-categories of categories 1 and 2.

C II SD

Gen BERARDI

6. CASANO Rft Depot: clarified that seen requirement within next month would be up to 10,000 men - i.e. envelope for 6000 recruits ex APULIA plus 3/4000 normal combat rfts. Also complete cadres required for camp and trg of the new recruits. He will give matter his immediate attention.

C I  
GII SD  
Spec Sec

7. Refugees now in ORSANO area: Berardi is having difficulty in getting these people out - about 1500 in number. Italian refugee authorities are making difficulties. Berardi requests EMRE intervention with competent AC authorities.

C I  
Spec SecLt Col SAMPO

8. Transmitted sig for EMRE from Gen FASLERI re: move of ORSANO etc.

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C II SD

5. 1000TH-1TH rfts ex GALLARO call-up: requested him to prepare plan for allocation of these men to various units in sub-categories of categories 1 and 5.

Gen BERARDI

C I  
CII SD  
Spec Sec

6. GELANO Rft Depot: clarified that accn requirement within next month would be up to 10,000 men - i.e. enclaves for 6000 recruits ex ARULIA plus 3/4000 normal combat rfts. Also complete cadres required for camp and trg of the new recruits. He will give matter his immediate attention.

C I  
Spec Sec

7. Refugees now in GELANO area: Berardi is having difficulty in getting these people out - about 1600 in number. Italian refugee authorities are making difficulties. Berardi requests MILA intervention with competent AC authorities.

Lt Col SAMPO

8. Transmitted SIG for SIRE from Gen RUMILMI re: move of CHEROHA etc.

9. Arranged for visit of two US Army personnel (Lt MAULO and E.B. ESPERCHADE) in connection with infm on maps.

Col LEMER

10. Call-up programme:-

|      |                                                  |                                        |         |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Feb: | SARDINIA                                         | recall '14 - '24                       | 10000   |
|      | ARULIA                                           | recruits '24-'25                       | 50000   |
| Mar: | SARDINIA                                         | recall '14 - '24                       | 10000   |
|      | ?                                                | recruits '24 - '25                     | 20000   |
| Mar: | (depending on results of call-up in Jan and Feb) |                                        |         |
|      | ARULIA                                           | recall of exempted personnel '14 - '24 | 6/10000 |

UMBRINA/MARONE call-up postponed since die but can be organized any time after Feb with 14 days notice.

Spec Sec

11. Identity cards and discs for CR's: he is looking into the posn and will advise tomorrow.

1500  
E I/c  
A/Q  
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SECRETALLISON WITH SMR

5-7 Jan 45

Gen MANNERINI

1. St ANDREWS Camp TARANTO: called at Mannerini's request. Situation at camp considered to be very bad and Mannerini makes urgent representations

A/C  
C I

(a) to accelerate departure for various destinations

(b) to move camp to more sheltered and better drained site

(c) to provide better tents.

Informed him that (c) is out of the question. Men are in bivouac tents, some have two and others only one blanket. My rains have made conditions in camp very bad - no possibility of heating tents. Mannerini appreciates that Allied troops at the front ~~are~~ are undergoing similar hardships all the time, but makes special plea because morale of ~~men~~ men is already very low and in view of reemployment most important not to allow situation to worsen. Referred to GII(SD)

Col LINER

2. Notice in RIME papers of 30 Dec calling for Army engneers of the res to report to War Ministry: asked him for more info and future map of these offrs.

GIII (I)

3. AFRAGOLA camp: requested him to hurry the release of materials and authority for local purchase of materials required for improvements at Afragola Camp.

GIII (SD)

Gen MANNERINI

4. Going to TARANTO 8 Jan and thence later to AVERSA. Can AVERSA camp be info of his proposed visit: object - to arrange for similar org for handling men repatriated from FRANCE to that working at St Andrews.

GII (SD)

5. 6 offrs 422 men ex FRANCE arriving TARANTO 6 Jan: agreed that these shall go to St ANDREWS and handled in same way as men ex Balkans. He is advising the camp personnel.

GIII (SD)

Lt Col GUILL

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Lt Col GUIN

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6. ORVITO and FOSCOMERONE; investigations into situation of camp personnel required and ordered for both these camps. Arranged for cadres for two further bus at ORVITO (twice 36 all ranks). While WCO's end of originally ordered were on their way to FOSCOMERONE on the dates arranged. NO ofrs had left by 6 Jan. Requested that same ofrs be produced immediately if only on temporary basis. Arranged for 209 Div to loan four ofrs - order to be given through MIL. Chased the provision of med personnel on camp set and return of HYS sec to ORVITO with disinfecter. As a result of all this it is apparent that there is a serious shortage of ofrs.

Gen BUTTA'

7. Recall in Campania; BUTTA' confirmed 7 Jan p.m. that there is no difficulty about seen for the men to be recalled at the Campania districts later in the month.

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Gen CHATRIAN(5 Jan)

8.

Following pts were dealt with

- shortage of offrs
- delay in offrs following posting instrs
- situation of mil prisoners generally and 3000 BOCCHI in particular
- appointment and agenda for meeting with GOC 6 Jan
- title of new paper for Italian tps
- trg and accn for new recruits of '24 and '25 classes.

Gen BERARDI(6 Jan)

9.

Discussed agenda for meeting with GOC later in the day.

10.

Attended meeting at MUIA - present GOC, Col PIRELLI,

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- CESANO and ORVETO camps
- Col LOMBARDI and his successor as C of S LIGNANO Gp
- MORIGI
- C of S FRIULI Gp (VIGEVATI) and new instrs on chain of comd for group, definition of responsibilities of MUIA and SMRL. Memorandum handed to BERARDI.
- Comd of SAN MARCO Regt - Berardi to discuss with M of Marine
- Patriote and Alpini.

Comd  
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Gen CHATRIAN(6 Jan)

11.

Attended meeting at MUIA - present GOC, 2 I/c, G1, Maj GALATERRI. Follow up pts were discussed :-

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- Mil attache BERN
- Brig Gen TAMASSIA approved as head of new Welfare Branch
- Brig Gen IMPERIALI approved as 2 I/c LIGNANO Gp vice MORIGI
- PARIJA approved as title for new daily paper for Italian tps
- Chatrian gave assurances that mil prisoners at FONTE BOCCA would all be dealt with within first week in Feb. He has requested Col. BORSARI to investigate situation of all mil prisoners in liberated ITALY.
- shortage of Italian offrs - GOC gave authority for increasing officers ceiling by further 1000 offrs forthwith. Seen to be reviewed after two mos. Meantime pr-per appreciation to be prepared by War Ministry and efforts made to repost LOS and other offrs at present held by Allied units without authority. Chatrian requested that ceiling for com offrs be increased.

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- C of S FRUIT GP (VENEZIANI) and new insts on chain of comm for group, definition of responsibilities of MILA and BERG.
- Memorandum handed to BERG.
- C of S SAN MARCO Regt - Berardi to discuss with M of Marine
- Patriots and Alpini.

Gen CHATRIAN

(6 Jan)

11.

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2 1/0  
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GI

Attended meeting at MILA - present COO, 2 1/0, GI, M of  
CHATRIAN. Follow up pts were discussed :-

- Mil attache BRN
- Brig Gen TAMASSIA approved as head of new Bellere Branch
- Brig Gen IMPERIALI approved as 2 1/0 LUNARO GP vice MORICCA
- CHATRIAN approved as title for new daily paper for Italian Lps
- Chetrian gave assurances that all prisoners at FORT SUCORA would all be dealt with within first week in Feb. He has requested Col. BORGARI to investigate situation of all mil prisons in liberated ITALY.
- Shortage of Italian offrs - COO gave authority for increasing officers ceiling by further 1000 offrs forthwith. Seen to be reviewed after two mos. Meantime pr-per appreciation to be prepared by War Ministry and efforts made to recruit Lps and other offrs at present held by Allied Units without authority. Chetrian requested that ceiling for gen offrs be stated in writing to War Minister.
- Delay in offrs following posting insts and investigation of head of offr Personnel Branch at War Ministry.
- ALIBERTI - previous situation confirmed.
- Chetrian stated M of W case for
  - (a) accn and trg of new recruits
  - (b) subsequent exp of new recruits.
 Accepted in principle by MILA who will investigate possibilities of meeting the case whenever practicable.
- Central office : Chetrian has given the new col 5 days to set reorganized. Col will have two other offrs with him, but no departmental responsibilities. Approved.

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Gen BERARDI

3 Jan

Spas Sec

12. Left message with his secretary re warnings orders for moves of gruppi with instrs to treat as secret and NOT to be repeated.

Col LENER

6 Jan

GII (ad)

13. VITERBO call-up; in view of difficulties of econ at VITERBO infd him that arrangements will be made to move men daily to CESANO thus obviating the need to put them up at VITERBO.

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3 - 4 Jan 45

Gen BERARDI

1. Appointment of Chief de Cabinet: Berardi does NOT oppose choice of Lombardi. There are two other suitable offers under consideration to replace him. Cond Spec Sec

2. Berardi off to visit CREMONA Gp 3 Jan. Rd blocked by snow at AQUILA. Visited FOLGORE instead 4 Jan. Expected back 5 Jan 1700 hrs. Word

Col FIORE-VERNAZZA (Territorial HQ ROME)

3. Paused in connection with UMBRIA/MARCHE call-up.

(a) NO news yet from his rep for ASCOLI PICENO who was held up by deep snow at AQUILA. FIORE very pessimistic about effect of present weather and road conditions on results of call-up. He foresees difficulties in getting rations etc to the districts, putting up the proclamations, and conveying the men from the villages to the district centres. Put him on Divm Div AC for news of rd conditions in Adriatic sector. G 1 G 2 SD

(b) Capt Orsini - the official liaison offr for FIORE's HQ. Will be loaned to ORVINO for a further week. ASIA to arrange rpt. FIORE said please be sure to send him back after a week as they are lost without him.

Col LEGER

4. Maj NELLI : This offr has been requested by name for 4 Vet Hosp. At present assigned to 210 Div, but ill in bed and has NOT yet taken up post. Enquiring whether he cannot be re-placed in 210 Div. GIII SD

5. Gd rfts at AQUILA and TERAMO ; requested him to ensure through ROME HQ that rfts destined for gd bns in fwd areas are moved soonest under Italian arrangements. Also men for TRANI. GIII SD

6. 1 District rfts at AQUILA and TERAMO : Requested him to warn ROME HQ that 1 District will be collecting its rfts within next few days. Men to be held in readiness to move. GIII SD

Major ROMANO

(b) Capt Orsini - the official liaison officer for FICOR's HQ. Will be loaned to CHVING for a further week. MIA to arrange rpt. FICOR said please be sure to send him back after a week as they are lost without him.

Col LEAR

GIII SD

4. Maj NELLI : This officer has been requested by name for 4 Vet Hosp. At present assigned to 210 Div, but ill in bed and has not yet taken up post. Enquiring whether he cannot be re-placed in 210 Div.

GIII SD

5. Col rifts at AQUILA and TERAMO : requested him to ensure through ROME H. that rifts destined for 3d bus in fwd areas are moved soonest under Italian arrangements. Also men for TRANI.

GIII SD

6. 1 District rifts at AQUILA and TERAMO : Requested him to warn ROME HQ that 1 District will be collecting its rifts within next few days. Men to be held in readiness to move.

GII SD

Major ROMANO

7. AFRAGOLA Camp : requested that following deficiencies in camp est be made good, possibly with regular officers:  
3 Capts 8 subalterns

GII SD

8. REGGIO : requested copy of their figures of men arriving from SICILY call-up and departures by destinations.

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9. 211/12/13 DID increments and 552 Service Bty: requested disbanding order for these ~~three~~ units, no longer required. Personnel awaiting reemployment at AFRAGOLA.

Comd  
# 1/c

Count CABATI

10. Following matters discussed and referred to GOC :  
- appointment of new Chef de Cabinet;  
- men detained in FORT BOCCIA mill prison and general situation of mil detainees awaiting trial.

Lt Col CAMPBELL (PW Sub Commission)

Comd  
C 1

11. Gazzera's proposals for repatriating a block of officers and specialist ORs from PW camps to strength cadres and units in ITALY was only received during the course of 3 Jan. Now under consideration. Infd him of MMLA interest in the project. He will maintain contact.

Lt Col GUIDA

C 1

12. Proposed to assign MONTICOMERO Bn to ACSTA Div and ACSTA personnel to Carabinieri; infd him that this proposal was NOT acceptable as the ALPINI were all of demobilizable classes and might have to be sent home within very few months.

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LIAISON with GMRH

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1 - 2 Jan 45

1 Jan 45

Gen. MAMMERT

1. (a) Concerned about problem of clothing, rations and soon for returned PWs arriving at HAPLES or NORTH AFRICA. These men are at present lodged in St. Martino barracks, NAPLES, are fed on a lower than normal scale civilian ration. Reminded him that under current policy these men are civilians, therefore outside WIA tent. Italian Gov't must cope or apply to AG on their own level. He was Gov't insisting that War Ministry continue working WIA.

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(b) Among PWs returning HAPLES are many strongmen from FRANCE (i.e. M. P. H.) who are being shipped via NORTH AFRICA. These are being dealt with the very adverse civilian camp and suitable personnel for Army passed to Afrango. Mammert will shortly visit Aviano to see how the process is working and ensure suitable screening det and documentation arrangements are available.

(c) Mammert proposes seeking more suitable area in HAPLES area for returning PWs and will call at 3 Dist on his next visit south during first half of Jan. May 3 Dist please be warned.

Gen. MAMMERTCard  
2 1/0

2. (a) A variety of human and exonerations by the Italian Gov't to Allied forces: past and present man gone over in some detail - referred verbally to GOC and 2 1/0.

(b) Difante also raised the question of future appointment for Orilla. Explained to him WIA point of view.

Gen. ORILLA

Card

3. Private call at his request. He raised question of future appointment. Referred verbally to GOC.

Gen. CASATI

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(c) Mammertini proposes meeting more suitable soon in NAPLES area for returning him and will call at 3 Dist on his next visit south during first half of Jan. May 3 Dist please be warned.

Gen MAMMERTINI

Card  
2 1/0

(c) A variety of honors and decorations by the Italian Gov't to Allied Forces: past and present poem goes over in some detail - referred verbally to GAO and 2 1/0.

(b) Infante also raised the question of future appointment for Gullio. Explained to him MIA point of view.

Card

Gen GULLIO

Card

Private call at his request. He raised question of future appointment. Referred verbally to GAO.

2 Jan 45

Comdt CASATI

Military detainees at PIREA DUCHAI-

(1) Explained object of visit of MIA offer as initiated by GAO.

Card

(2) Discussed very unsatisfactory poem of 120 deserters awaiting trial.

(3) Suggested that commission be formed to investigate situation of prisoners, with a view to getting these men back to their units as soon as possible. Casati in full agreement; promised written proposals for 4 Jan. It is confirmed that under existing Italian law these cases can NOT be dealt with summarily by GAOs. The new decree may under consideration will enable div order to try desertion cases and take awards.

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Further discussion of GULLIO's case - details referred to GAO.

Card

Casati indicated that following appointments would shortly be proposed to GAO:

Gen of R in charge of soldiers: Brig Gen SAMANHA  
2 1/0 PIREA DUCHAI ; Brig Gen DESERRALI

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General CHATREAU

7. Discussion of new arrangements for central office -  
be seen to have the right idea. Card
8. Chatrean speaks in general terms about need for room  
within War Ministry (incl. HMC). His knowledge of org of  
foreign armies (incl. British and U.S.) makes it likely that  
he will propose changes within higher spheres of War  
Ministry, very much in line with our own ideas. Card
9. Chatrean proposes calling on G.C. 4 Jan to discuss  
ALBERT case and new arrangements at 6 above. Card
10. Territorial layout: make it quite clear that approval  
of the overall plan did not imply a right for the Italian  
Army to take over any particular building formerly a depot,  
district or Territorial A.C., and now occupied or earmarked  
for Allied use. This is quite understood. Card
11. Italian Army Remarks: referred to MIA request in  
War for info on barracks soon in liberated Italy and re-  
quested that this be expedited. Details to be given of  
present condition of barracks, whether occupied by Allied  
or Italian troops. Card
- Lt Col G. M.
12. Orders for Orvieto: requested him to arrange for  
orders for second and third hrs to proceed forthwith to  
Orvieto, each 36 all units. CIT (RD)

quested that this be expedited, in order to be able to  
prevent oxidation of barrels, whether owned by Allied  
or Italian troops.

14 Col GUM

12.

Cadres for Orvieto requested him to arrange for  
cadres for second and third bus to proceed forthwith to  
Orvieto, each 36 all ranks.

III (SD)

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23 - 30 Dec.

LIAISON with SMER

Gen BERARDI

Discussed following pts raised by Special Sec :-

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- 2 1/c LEGHANO Div
- Comd REGGIONE Div
- O C FLEMONTE (ALPINE) Bn
- 43 surplus field officers of LEGHANO Div.
- subsequent destination of officers removed from APS as unsuitable.
- accelerated promotion in Italian Army.

Answers to first five questions will follow. There is NO accelerated promotion in the Italian Army. This system was tried out during the Fascist period but was found to be unsatisfactory. Trouble is that senior officers cannot be trusted not to abuse the system. When an officer does exceptionally well he can be posted to an appointment of the next higher rank, and while he continues to maintain existing rank, receives pay of the higher rank.

2. Absenteeism in FRIULI and CREMONA Gps :- Requested confirmation of figures for men absent without leave, also what plans Berardi had in mind for producing rifts now needed. Berardi was about to visit pack units in 5 Army, but postponed this journey and visited the FRIULI GP instead 28 Dec. Gen MARTIOLI visited the CREMONA at the same time. On their return (29 Dec) Berardi stated that absenteeism was due to men failing to return from authorised leave - which he attributed to pressure by their families and friends. Main pts produced by Berardi were as follows :-

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- Much greater use should be made of patriots and patriot bands. Berardi said that paradoxically they were sending to fight men who were not so keen, and preventing the really keen men from joining the Gps. Notwithstanding present policy, Berardi considers that some patriot bands (such as Matteella Band) can safely be incorporated as complete coys or bns in the Gps - under Army orders they would be excellent, keen, experienced material.
- Special tribunals have just been despatched to Friuli and CREMONA Gps for trying summarily deserters brought back to these two Gps.

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2 1/c  
A/Q  
G 1

2. Absentees in Friuli and Cernusco Gps :- Requested confirmation of figures for men absent without leave, also what plans Berardi had in mind for producing rifts now needed. Berardi was about to visit pack units in 5 Army, but postponed this journey and visited the Friuli gp instead 28 Dec. Gen MATTEOLI visited the CERNUSCO at the same time. On their return (29 Dec) Berardi stated that absenteeism was due to men failing to return from authorised leave - which he attributed to pressure by their families and friends. Main pts produced by Berardi were as follows :-

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- Special tribunals have just been despatched to Friuli and Cernusco Gps for trying summarily deserters brought back to these two gps.
- Berardi and Matteoli brought back lists of names of deserters. These are being handed over to Gen Orlando and a special drive organized with Carabinieri to recover the deserters. This will be first effort of its kind on the mainland.
- Problem of mil prisons for men sentenced. Owing to reduction in mil staffs and accn there is nowhere to send these men. Berardi proposes the est of mil concentration camps in some out-of-the-way place, such as an island, staffed by mil personnel on army rations, the prisoners to be on civilian rations and given hard work to do to induce them to change their ways.
- Rifts immediately required for Friuli and Cernusco to be found from Mantova - two or three complete bns to be transferred.

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3. On the general subject of call-ups and desertions, Berardi stated that for many months now the General Staff has been making urgent representations to the War Ministry for action to tighten up discipline and improve conditions of the tps, without any appreciable results to-date.  
 Comd  
 21/c  
 G 1  
24 Dec  
Comd Coronati
4. Accompanied GOC ref change of Mil Under Secretary: appointment of CHAIRMAN approved and OXILLA's post discussed.  
 Comd  
26 Dec  
Gen OXILLA
5. Attended meeting GOC/OXILLA: OXILLA taking his leave on relinquishing post of Mil Under Secretary.  
 Comd  
29 Dec  
Gen CHAIRMAN
6. Attended meeting GOC/CHAIRMAN: Chairman calling to present himself on taking up new appointment as Mil Under Secretary (29 Dec).  
 Comd  
24 Dec  
Gen CORONATI
7. Attended meeting GOC/CORONATI: Coronati taking his leave on relinquishing comd of Calabria Mil HQ on his retirement from the Army.  
 Comd  
29 Dec  
Col DE MICHELIS
8. Decorations awarded to six US ofrs: After a three weeks delay he was able to ascertain that five of the decorations were given by Case Reale at the instigation of Gen IMPELLI. The sixth (Gen Larkin) was at the assistance of Cn. Borelli - Italian Gov't official in Naples. Infante knows all about it and will be contacted for further details.  
 S i/c  
29 Dec  
Gen ANGELI
9. Requested confirmation of this ofrs dismissal on 24 Dec from his post of comd Mil HQ, Lazio - also to know why GOC was NOT consulted beforehand. De Michelis apologized for the oversight and promised to send in a written statement

Gen CORONATI

24 Dec

Comd

7. Attended meeting GOC/CORONATI: Coronati taking his leave on relinquishing comd of Calabria Mil HQ on his retirement from the army.

Col DE MICHELIS

25 Dec

§ 1/c

8. Decorations awarded to six US offrs: After a three weeks delay he was able to ascertain that five of the decorations were given by Case Reale at the instigation of Gen IMPELLI. The sixth (Gen Lerkin) was at the assistance of On. Borelli - Italian Gov't official in Naples. Infante knows all about it and will be contacted for further details.

Gen AZZI

25 Dec

Comd  
A/Q

9. Requested confirmation of this offrs dismissal on 24 Dec from his post of comd Mil HQ Lazio - also to know why GOC was NOT consulted beforehand. De Michelis apologized for the oversight and promised to send in a written statement immediately.

Col DE MICHELIS

23-24 Dec

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10. Sicily call-up: various meetings following the failure of the first block call-up in Sicily; measures to be taken to round - up "penitenti" during period 23 Dec - 2 Jan and confirmation of dates for second and third blocks.

Col LAMER

23 -29 Dec

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11. Call-up on mainland: various meetings with offrs of branches concerned to consider further possibilities of immediate call-ups on mainland. Following plan was authorized 29 Dec :-

|                                                                                                       |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (a) * 1914 - 24 classes in 5 districts of Umbria and Marche                                           | 8000 |
| Men of 14 - 24 classes exempted prior to armistices on account of reserved occupations (Lazio Region) | 5000 |
| (Campania Region)                                                                                     | 5000 |

above to take place 21 - 31 Jan.

(\*) subject to availability of men at the five mil districts.

(b) 1924 - 25 classes in Apulia to give £4,000, to take place 1 - 15 Feb.  
These are ru. recruits for the army requiring 6-8 weeks basic trg.

|               |               |                         |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Distribution: | 5000 US-ITIS  | Astroni *               |
|               | 5000 ER-ITIS  | Orvieto *               |
|               | 5000 ER-ITIS  | Cesano *                |
|               | 2000 INT-ITIS | Viterbo or<br>Prossenne |

\* War Ministry make special plan that these new recruits start army life under reasonable conditions as regards food etc., and that they are kept apart from older classes during the period, to avoid their becoming tainted by adverse propaganda.

**Count CASATI**

11. Accompanied CCC for meeting on following agenda :-

- OLLIA case - 'chief commissioner)
- call-up arrangements (SICILY in particular)
- Territorial Region layout
- Picenso SP - balance for Bracciano - 3000 back
- CC RR - mobile columns and arms - strength.
- Garibaldi Div
- 400 bns from Sardinia to Calabria - and Acosta bns back to Sicily.
- Patriots policy - no bands as such
- PRs to be repatriated.
- Aliberti
- C. Registry
- Welfare (gen offr to comd.)
- Monti *Monte*
- Azzi - Nicolini
- Prelorno agreed for Rfr Depot Bracciano.
- Tighten up discipline - punishment of deserters - suspended sentences - concentration camps.

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- CC MR - mobile columns and arming - strength.
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- Patriots policy - no bands as such
- PWs to be repatriated.
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- C. Registry
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L I A I S O N with S M R E

20 Dec 44

Maj SOLASCIA

GLI(SD)

1. POSSOMERONE Depot; left message re provision of depot staff on similar basis to QVIERO. Details to be completed 21 Dec.

Lt Cols DI BITONTO and ROCHONANSKI

GLI(SD)

2. Ferriers for new pack tpt coys; 112 ferriers are needed on the east - against this figure 29 are trg at BARI on course ending approx end Feb, and further 10 trained ferriers have been found by War Ministry and will be sent to QVIERO. No prospect of finding the remainder. SMRE query whether too many ferriers on east.

GI  
GLI(SD)

3. 2000 muleteers ex PICENO etc; investigated possibilities of finding these rfts without taking specialists of PICENO. Final compromise is; (a) 1400 men from PICENO incl specialists if necessary to make up this number, (b) 350 men from RTDICE, (c) balance of 250 as directed by MMLA from other rfts destined for combat GP. SMRE taking action on (a) and (b).

GLI(SD)

4. Sicily call-up; 800 men reported to be at REGGIO ( 20 Dec) - SMRE request move soonest.

GI  
GLI(SD)

5. Modena Patriot Div; following are figures reported for period 9 - 14 Dec as a result of screening by CERSETI in FLORENCE area;

- 210 Div; 2 officers 48 ORs  
- for Gruppi; 2 NCOs 43 ORs

GI  
GLI(SD)  
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6. 120 men for ITI-ITI driving course in ROMA; unless orders are given to the contrary, the 120 men will be provided out of the 300 ITI-ITI rfts of the SICILY call-up.

Lt Col ANDELONI (051548)

A/Q

7. Welfare; he called to enquire about developments. He has nothing to report nor has he read any comm from the War Ministry.

GII(SD)

4. Sicily call-up: 300 men reported to be at REGGIO  
( 20 Dec) - SARE request move soonest.

GI  
GII(SD)

5. Modena Patriot Div: following are figures reported  
for period 9 - 14 Dec as a result of screening by CERENTI  
in FLO-MOZ area:

• 210 Div: 2 officers 43 ORs  
• for Group: 2 NOs 43 ORs

GI  
GII(SD)  
ST

6. 120 men for ITI-III driving course in ROME, unless  
orders are given to the contrary, the 120 men will be pro-  
vided out of the 300 ITI-III rfts of the SICILY call-up.

Lt Col ANGELONI (351543)

M/A

7. Welfare: he called to enquire about developments.  
He has nothing to report nor has he recd any comm from the  
War Ministry.

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI and TURRINI

GI

8. Call-up of 1924/25 classes: War Ministry proposals  
complete except for location of trg depots, on which subject  
Engz Branch has yet to communicate its recommendations.  
Requested MILLEFIORINI to send in their scheme, waiting  
details of trg centres until these are available.

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Col DE MICHELIS

GI

9. Sicily call-up: eig just to head from Gen MARIOTTI  
proposing postponement of second block of call-up in view  
of disturbed political situation and until arrival of rfts  
to undertake the rounding up of ring leaders and men who  
failed to report at call-up centres. Requested DE MICHELIS  
to inform MARIOTTI by phone some evening (20 Dec) that:

- (a) Call-up can NOT be postponed for operational reasons.
- (b) MONTESANO Bn already on its way to SICILY.
- (c) With arrival of rfts, action planned by MARIOTTI can be undertaken in interval between first and second blocks.

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LIAISON with SMRLt Col TURINI

1. Was informed that W.M. intend to use the L-25 Lt Tanks now at MESSAGNE for the CC RR Bn destined for SICILY. These tanks are most suitable for arid recon. Armament consists of two MGs. They are tracked and very manoeuvrable.

2. Col T. stated that Gen MARIOTTI was willing to allocate tpt for this Bn from that available now in SICILY. W.M. would like our views on this.

3. 73 men evacuated from ELBA have been passed unfit for Mil service. These men have their homes in ELBA and should return. I spoke to Maj MARCHIS AND ELBA who stated he would arrange tpt for this pers from PROMBINO to the Island. W.M. will send these men up to PROMBINO today. ELBA will signal ELBA.

Lt Col BOCHOWANSKI

4. HQ Campania have found 136 rats for 1 Gran Bn. Clothing for these men has been found locally by Campania HQ. W.M. asked for authority to issue. Told Col R. that when Campania send indent into MIA LO NAPLES, authority for release will be given.

Gen MANNERINI

5. Has returned from TAPUNTO and has several points to discuss with O I. Will visit MIA today.

6. Gen MANNERINI called to see O I and A/Q. Discussed various problems of St Andrews Camp. Gave a summary of work done and results of his visits and personal contacts. Has promised all possible help from MIA on question of clothing.

O I  
A/Q2 A/c  
O IO I  
O II(SI)  
O III (SMS)  
Maj COLEA/Q  
O I2 A/c  
O I

STOMACHING today. MMLA will be given MMLA.

Lt Col BOCHOWANSKI

HQ Campenla have found 136 lifts for 1 Gren Bn. Nothing for these men has been found locally by Campenla HQ. W.M. asked for authority to issue. Told Col R. that when Campenla send incident into MMLA. LO HAWLES, authority for release will be given.

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G I  
G II(SI)  
G III (PWS)  
Maj GALE

A/Q  
G I

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G I

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16 Dec 44

LIAISON with SMRE

Lt Col MILITONINI

1. Asked when MILA authorization will be given for formation of 60 RR Mobile Bn in SICILY. Urged the necessity for this as situation in the Island is acute owing to riots over call-up and for other reasons.

2. Spoke to Maj WILSON Public Safety who stated difficulty was tpt for Bn. Lt Arndt came for the Bn are still in Sardinia. These will have to be brought over.

3. Told M. that we are working out N.M. and will ask AFHQ if 20 Lt Tks and 24 vshs may be allotted to Bn.

Lt Col ROCHOMANSKY

4. 3 Gd Regt have requested M of W via 212 Div 8 offrs and 687 ORs to make up deficiencies in Gd Bns owing to loss of personnel due for demobilization. 212 Div asked HES to make up deficiencies. HES cannot meet. M of W request MIA action. Told R. that M of W must submit a full list of deficiencies in Gd Bns to MILA who will give priority where possible. This will be done by letter.

5. Lazio Mil HQ have sent urgent request for tpt for call-up pers now awaiting despatch from ABRUZZI Dist. Dist HQ is overflowing and posn is serious as men may desert.

Capt NINI

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4. 3rd Regt have requested M of W via 212 Div  
3 officers and 637 ORs to make up deficiencies in Co  
Bns owing to loss of personnel due for demobilization.  
212 Div asked M of W to make up deficiencies. M of W cannot  
meet. M of W request if IA action. Told R. that M of  
W must submit a full list of deficiencies in Co Bns to  
MILIA who will give priority where possible. This will be  
done by letter.

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Lt Col GRANDI

7. Warned him that Lieut MAERINO CAMERIO would  
report to him as officer for France. Instructed Lt.  
M to regularise his posn with M of W and standby in  
Rome for further orders.

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LIAISON with SARE

SECRET

15 Dec 44

H.E. CASATI

Accompanied GI to War Minister. Showed H.E. Italian translation of our proposed signal to AFHQ on the question of the "CASHBURN" Div. WAR MINISTER stated signal fully represented views and desires of ITH Gov't and War Ministry. He expressed his personal appreciation and pleasure for the attitude of trust, co-operation and help shown by MEIA. A most successful visit. Signal sent 20:45 hrs 14th.

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2 i/c  
GI

Lt Col VALLESSE

14/15 Dec

Screening of personnel at AVERSA Camp. Agreed that it was not necessary to send a det down from Rome. Cdo Mil Campania are handling situation and will send all suitable personnel to AFRAGOLA Camp. Vallesse requested to instruct Campania Mil HQ to signal numbers screened giving numbers of specialists - also numbers still in the camp to be screened.

2 i/c  
GI  
GI II (Ops)  
GI II (SD)

Gen SANTI

Gen BERARDI very anxious to repatriate a certain number of officers suitable for immediate employment in ITH Army. Told SANTI we wanted ME's proposals stating numbers of officers by ranks, and arm of Service. MEIA would consider proposals and pass to higher authority for action. SANTI will forward proposals soonest.

2 i/c  
Col P  
GI

Lt Col CASALE

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Lt Col ROCHONANSKY

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Lt Col  
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Gen SANTI

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2 i/c  
Col P  
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Lt Col KOCHOWANSKY

Asked where the 120 dtrs for Rome ITI-ITI Dtrs School should come from. SANTI are not authorized to take bodies from Afragola or Trani. This also applies to the 15 instrs required on School Staff. Can MIA psc direct.

Lt Col  
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G II (SD)

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LI A I S O N with S M R E

10 Dec 44

Gen BERARDI

2 Dec

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2 i/c  
M/Q  
G 1

1. Italian tps in fnd area:- BERARDI very pleased with gen conditions and morale of tps - particularly muleteer and engr units. Several units have been granted large measure of autonomy - i.e. OC unit given a task and told to get on with it without supervision and interference by the Allies. BERARDI stated that this system was giving excellent results according to Allied authorities and resulting in better work and increased morale noticeable in engr and pack units where this system had been adopted. BERARDI said he would like this method extended. This is personal message for GOC.

Gen SANTINI

2 Dec

2. Muleteer rfts ex TARANTO camp:- he had just rec'd infm 2400 men had been found as muleteer rfts at this camp.

G 1

3. Banda MAIELLA:- with ref to yesterday's conversation with BERARDI, infd him it would be quite in order to send rep to visit the unit, to enable SARG to make recommendation for emp of personnel.

Lt Col GUIDA

G II (SD)  
G III (QRB)

4. ORVETO Base Depot:- Further to previous instrs, requested him to alert a responsible English-speaking officer of the depot staff for 13 Dec; adv party of 25 all ranks to be ready by 15 Dec; remainder of staff 20 Dec. Inf'd him that while there is no objection to seeking the OR's for the staff at AFRAGOLA - should they NOT be available there, there are plenty at TRANI.

Lt Col TURRINI

G II (SD)  
G III (SD)

5. SICILY call-up:- Inf'd him that MESSINA - REGGIO ferry can take up to 2000 per day, therefore no objection to org of transit camp at REGGIO to take up to 4000 men. He is taking necessary action to implement this part of the plan. Query: have arrangements been made locally for rail move in SICILY?

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Lt Col GUILA

G II (SD)  
G III (ORB)

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Maj VENTURA

G III (I)

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Missing cipher key:- No trace can be found of Sgt VERLINI in FLORENCE and the police have no idea where he is. It is NOT to be excluded that he may have crossed into enemy lines. Search continues.

2 Dec

Lt Col De FRANCESCO (SIM)

SIM ests:- examined the situation of the different SIM secs and requested ests for those secs for which ests are still lacking.

Maj SCIASCIA

G II (SD)

ORVETO:- English speaking offr, Capt ORSINI, to accompany Brit Camp Comd, available immediately in ROME. Adv party will be ready to move to ORVETO 15 Dec. Main body ready 20 Dec. Above moves should be confirmed direct with SCIASCIA.

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Mej NUGRILLI

9. Welfare ofrs for gruppi. NUGRILLI enquired whether decision had been reached as to posting of the four ofrs who recently completed the course in ROMA. Infd him that Gen Question of welfare was under discussion - decision would be communicated in due course.

Lt Col MILITACORINI

10. Mil Districts. - drew his attention to location of district boundaries - in many cases the HQ's are at one extremity of the area, compelling the recruits to traverse the entire length or width of the district in order to report. The whole geographical arrangement is based on the traditional grouping of communes and this in turn is related to their man-power records which form the basis of these call-ups. Requested him to work out some special arrangement more suited to current conditions and lack of tot.

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9 Dec 44

LIAISON with SMH E

Lt. Col. MILLERFORINI 8 Dec 44

1. Mil Lt. BARI report that TOWN MAJOR LEONE has intimated intention of taking over CASABLANCA FURNACE at GALTONE for Allied tps effective 8 Dec. These buildings are property of War Ministry and intended for convalescent centre in immediate future.

Gen OLLIA

2. Banda MARILLA :- OLLIA has evidently NOT made up his mind yet as to best way of disposing of this patriot band - which will be released from under Allied Comd. 20 Dec. All he could say was to conc the band in the rear and then decide on course of action.

Lt. Col. TURINI

3. SICILY Call-up:- Sig just received from MARICITI stating he had discussed details with MIA LO; men to be moved soonest from districts to MESSINA; MARICITI recommends immediate transfer to REGGIO to await there for onward tpt up mainland. Object is to avoid men deserting at MESSINA. C 2 infd. TURINI awaits MIA agreement before organizing necessary seen at REGGIO through Mil HQ CALABRIA. This is urgent.

Lt. Col. BAIPO

4. Rite for ITI-ITI category:- Discussion of sites proposed for the three rft and trg depots. Explained that work done when NOT trg would be for benefit of ITI and NOT Allied authorities. Work such as re-pairing rds, bns and buildings. Suggested that area between NAPLES and ROMA offers possibilities for all three depots. Part of this area is bad malaria zone, but they know of two possible sites and will submit proposals.

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Lt. Col. GEMPO

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G 1

4. Rfts for ITI-ITI category:- Discussion of sites proposed for the three rft and trg depots. Explained that work done when MCT trg would be for benefit of ITI and MCT Allied authorities. Work such as re-pairing rds, brs and buildings. Suggested that area between MARLEO and ROMA offers possibilities for all three depots. Part of this area is bad malaria zone, but they know of two possible sites and will submit proposals.

Gen BERARDI

2 1/c  
G 1  
Spec Sec

5. MARRA LO Ban:- referred gist of conversations with OXILIA. SAME is NOT in touch with this Band and BERARDI MCT in posn to give definite opinion. In view of combat experience he thinks it might be feasible to constitute a complete bn of the PLOMOC with this Band. Would like to send rep to contact the Band and see what sort of people they are etc. It is evident that ITI authorities very much in the dark over the whole thing and that decision rests with MARRA.

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G 1  
G 11 (SD)  
A/R

6. Patriots in FLORENCE area :- Just back from visit to Florence to settle major problem of ADENNA Patriot div. This worked out much better than he had hoped. During tour he met Gen CLARK, CHIFFENBROUGH and HMAS and Maj HENDERSON. Total of about 2500 men involved. CLARK is retaining 1000 men for combat duties with 5 Army and has promised to feed and cloth them. Remainder being screened at FLORENCE and PLOMOC for 210 Div, for emp as muleteer or other rfts. About 200 specialists etc probably passing through normal channels for combat ops. Those who do NOT elect for any of above alternatives will be found civil emp by Gen GERICA or will be dealt with as refugees. BERARDI thinks latter will be few only. Detailed figures in a day or two.

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LIAISON with SMRE

8 Dec 44

Lt Col DI BITONTO

1. Trg of muleteers at ORVIETO:- Requested him to revise proposed acts contained in SMRE letter of 23 Oct to cater for trg of 2000 muleteers at one center - also to state how soon the trg staff can be found.

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G 11 (SD)

2. LEGNANO GP and RTT DEPOT :- infd him of planned move of LEGNANO Gp to BRACCIANO by rd on or after 10 Dec - under orders 3 Dist; adv party reporting soonest RAAC. FROSINONE area being rece'd by Col P for RTD.

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Lt Col. RUCHOWANSKI

3. Call-up in SICILY:- SMRE propose assigning ITI-ITI rfts (800) as follows:

G 111 (Ops)

500 Campania  
300 Bari

to meet corresponding deficiencies in gd bns. Infd him no objections.

4. CERSETI recruiting centre ROME :- Small numbers of recruits are still being picked up in ROME and stragglers also being sent down from VITERBO. These have all been sent to 405 IPL Regt at AREZZO. Scores - Nov 176 Dec (to 5 incl) 97. 405 IPL Regt no longer need rfts and subsequent personnel will be available as gen rfts at AREZZO.

G 11  
DADL

5. Personnel for farrier course FRANCAVILLA:- authority already given to screen TRANI camp, but these are NOT sufficient. Authority now sought and granted to select suitable men from TARANTO camp - 50 men in all required.

G 11 (SD)

Maj D'ANTONA

6. MT Det for MONTECATINI:- at request of Maj PINKLEY a det has been found by MIL HQ APULIA to cater for 400 vehs from Balkans. Det will consist of 2 subalterns, 10 NCO's, 40 dvrs. Query whether this det is temporary or has to be formed into unit with proper est.

G 11 (Ops)  
STLt Col GRACEFFA

7. 4 Vet Hosp MARTINA FRANCA (NOT FRANCAVILLA FONTANA) strength 5 cffrs, 3 NCOs, 20 ORs; can be made available but NOT at once owing to several cases of glanders. Investigating possibility of making up to strength requested by AFHQ. Also endeavouring to trace Major KELLI.

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Gen SANTI

8. Enquired about furniture polisher. 2 1/c
9. Muleteers programme:- gave SANTI full details of plans for meeting AAI requirements of muleteer rfts, incl particulars of the muleteer trg planned at new ORVIETO depot - adm staff and trg staff required; also details of British adm cadre being supplied by AAI. G 1  
SANTI stated that provision of technical trg personnel will represent serious problem. Adm staff to be as for TRANI and an adv party to be ready to go fwd as soon as possible.

Lt Col GUIDA

10. SM est :- requested that a rep of SM call at MMIA to discuss ests. G 1  
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-----7 Dec 44  
-----Lt. Col. TURRINI21/c  
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G II (SD)

1. ELRA :- An offr from PICOMBINO has infd War Min that men in ELBA are being called together today (7 Dec) at PORTO FERRAIO for move to mainland. TURRINI requested confirmation and any further details.

Col LEINER

2. Requested him to arrange accn for the SCIALABOD brothers as they cannot remain any longer at the PATRIA Hotel. Chased Maj TULLOCH (PATRIOT Branch) for decision as to return of these offr. He promised to sig 1 Spec Force.

Lt. Col. ROCCHOMANSKI

3. 43 Saddlers at SALENNO:- he ascertained by phone 6 Dec that they had NOT yet moved and gave necessary warning order.

Maj. SCIASCIA

4. 4 Vet Increment:- infd him that this unit was completed on 16 Sept - query now designated 611 Increment with British 4 Vet Hosp.

Capt Della CORNA

5. 4 Vet Hosp FRANCAVILLA :- Requested whether this unit can be made available for Allied Unit. Strength:- 5 offr 94 ORs incl Maj NELLI Vet offr. Requested date of readiness.

Gen. SANTI

6. Patriots in FLORENCE ar:- SAMPO has phoned that matters are proceeding satisfactorily along lines agreed with War Ministry. Cersetti det commence screening 8 Dec. Berardi and Sampo returning 8 Dec- more details later.

Col. De SAMPNO

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Maj. SCIASCIA

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Col. De SARNO

7. Col CONCARO:- Engr offr for 5 Army - to report Lt. MILLER,  
EXCELSIOR Hotel 8 Dec 0900 hrs. 2 1/2  
SORE

Lt. Col. MILLAPICIORINI

8. Capt MUCCI Vasco :- infd him that this offr is to return 2 1/2  
to SARDINIA as soon as he reports to Ministry. Necessary pass  
will be issued on application.

9. Clarified that the offr 50 ELU is interested in is Maj 1583 Dec  
CASTELLI Tullio - inf spe of the TURIN District born 1903  
etc, etc. Requested urgent settlement of his case or his  
replacement.

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LIAISON WITH SMRE

Maj ROMANO/Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI

1. 24 trained fighters ex APULIA:- SMRE report last four of the original 24 are in Rome and must be written off; ten have been collected at TRIESTE - SMRE recommend they be moved soonest. Remaining ten are in quarantine in CAMPANIA and can NOT be moved for the time being. C III

Capt NINI

CII Ops

2. MANTOVA move ex CALABRIA:- 6 officers and approx 170 men of the fan remained behind to continue various duties which had NOT been absorbed by the AOSTA bus. Advised NINI that this rear party must move at once, irrespective of what they may be engaged on at the moment. CII Ops to contact 3 Dist and ensure that no difficulties are raised on the part of the Allied authorities.

Gen SANTI and Lt Col GUIDA

3. Col to command engr fan of 210 Div: requested appointment soonest of this officer, preferably someone available in or nr ROMA. Later clarified that regimental officer would meet the case, as it was an NZ/ arm and NOT a technical appointment. 2 I/c 30RS

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4. Patriots of MODENA Div:- vech sent to FLORENCE with the object of transporting the patriots to ROMA returned to ROMA during the night of 5/6 Dec, carrying stores and men going on leave. No info to date on the progress made by BERNINI and SAMPOL in their negotiations with the patriots.

Gen CALIA, BUTI, and MANFREDINI and SANI

5. Attended meeting with C I to discuss provision of muleteers from TARANTO camp for 5 Army. A rather tricky situation has to be faced on account of: C I M/Q

- Certainty that only a proportion of the men in the camp have the tre. physique or stamina to carry out muleteer duties, and that the proportion may not be a high one;
- Men have all been promised 30 days leave - those still in the camp have been unable to go on leave through lack of rail tpt.

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4. Patriots of Modena Div:- veba sent to Florence with the object G 1  
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night of 5/6 Dec, carrying stores and men going on leave.  
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their negotiations with the patriots.

5. GERSOXILLA, BUTTA, and MANFREDINI and SANI G 1  
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faced on account of:  
- Certainty that only a proportion of the men in the camp have  
the tre, physique or stamina to carry out volunteer duties,  
and that the proportion may not be a high one;  
- Men have all been promised 30 days leave - those still in the  
camp have been unable to go on leave through lack of rail tpt.  
GILLIA is sending MANFREDINI to TARANTO to deal with the situation  
and as the best he can.

6. Lt Col MILLESTONINI G 1  
V and R personnel in SICILY:- It appears that MILA is in SICILY  
has already ordered that the 60 men proceed to the mainland for  
city with the Allies. Millestoni clarified that these men had  
already been transferred to Min of Agriculture and that most of  
them were over the present call-up ages. He is asking for info  
on this subject from Mil HQ SICILY. 4779

7. Lt Col ROCCHONAZZI G 1  
53 men at AFFRAGLIA suitable for secondary duties:- SMRS request  
these men are moved to 3 Co-painia Sanita SARI. P

8. Lt Col DIBITONNO  
Call-up in AFFRAGLIA:- Rits for ad bus in the areas to be organized  
by SMRS take in Act civ HQs and rits to be transported under  
local arrangements. Rits for "gruppi" to be called two and  
moved under MILA arrangements.

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LIAISON WITH SMRE

1/2 Dec 44

Col LAMER

1. Asst ofr for CUNEO Div:- Col MANTOVA having been posted elsewhere in the meantime, an ofr has been selected to take his place; Col TIBERI TIZIO.

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2. With ref to recent complaints from SICILY on account of delays in issue of clothing and gen slowness in handling incidents, it is stated that mail between SICILY and ROMA takes on an average 12 days each way. This accounts for the month's interval between demand for clothing and its issue. Requested LAMER to find out why Allied sig comms were not used for transmitting mail of this nature. Took the opportunity to stress the need for more energetic action on improving sig arrangements at the War Ministry and SMRE. Full up has been promised by MAIL, but not enough is being done at the Italian end, and little effort being made to take advantage of this sp.

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Lt Col MILLEPIONINI

SO SIG

3. As of war has not been info of the arrangements for communicating with MILA LO MANTOVA Div and were under the impression that a sig of 29 Nov from MILA to this LO had been sent to the Ministry for info. The sig has now been forwarded via MIL HQ CALABRIA.

Count CASATI

4. Enquired of the War Minister as to the source of an article on patriots which appeared in Stars and Stripes 27 Nov, and which had been ascribed by the paper to SMRE. CASATI has made enquiries through War Ministry and SMRE and stated categorically that the article was not issued by them, nor does he consider it likely that anyone on the staff would have taken it on himself to make an unofficial statement of this sort, though he cannot guarantee this. He is making arrangements that in future no statement will be issued to the press except over his own signature. Discussed in detail the facts of the situation of the MODENA and Bologna Patriot Bands, and stated to be taken for

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5. Gens OXILIA and MARIOTTI Call-up in STURIC:- MARIOTTI most anxious to raise two pts in connection with proposed plans for the forthcoming call-up: - requests postponement until after Xmas holidays on political and psychological grounds, - requests that there be no delay in moving the men from the districts on account of very limited room at the districts. At subsequent meeting with G1, satisfactory compromise was reached on the first point.

6. Gen SANT'I IPL Regts:- He has heard from TOMASILLI and verbally from DELL G1 of change in designation of these units, but has had nothing in writing. Can this be confirmed please or enable SMRE to implement the change.

7. LO's for SMRE: two of the ori nel have fallen out through sickness - SMRE submitting names of substitutes. G 11 Ops

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Liaison WITH

Gen PROPERZI and Col PASCUCCI

Request for infm concerning stocks and production of arms and amm, location of govt oro and filling plants and possibility of production.

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2. Col C. MONETTI

Detailed infm on system of conscripting men into the Italian Army. Part 1 - to be cont'd later.

comd

Col LENER and Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

Call-up in ABRUZZI:- infd them (27/11) of latest situation: impossibility of using SPOLTO as central depot and its need to hold men for a number of days at mil districts, until tpt can be arranged to following destinations:

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- 500 to JESI for 228 Div
- 500 to ABRUZZO for 231 Div;
- 3000 to AP. AGILIA;
- 2000 to combat gpe. These may be selected from the 6000 as to the following specialists:

MT ovrs and mechanics, MT operators and mechanics, Alpini, Bersaglieri, Granatieri, and cav personnel.

Details of where the men have to be taken from for each destination?

Lt Col SANTOMADRO

Meeting with "Q" and "C" reps to discuss final details of ABRUZZI call-up. SANTOMADRO will represent the ROME Territorial Hq at AQUILA and direct things from there.

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5. Gen GALLIA, INV. MTR and Lt Col PINOTTI

Various contacts in connection with final details of march-part of CRIMONA Gp.

Spec Sec

Gen GALLIA

Patriots waiting to be moved from FLORENCE and PISTOIA areas. Negotiations for the disposal of patriots who recently crossed the lines. Details referred separately.

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Gen SANTO

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5. Gen GALLIA, INFANTE and Lt Col PIROTTI

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 past of CREMONA Gp. Spec Sec

Gen GALLIA

6. Patriots waiting to be moved from FLORENCE and PISA areas. comd  
 Negotiations for the disposal of patriots who recently crossed the lines. Details referred separately.

Gen SAN I

7. Confirmed that arrangements made for patriots to be moved south had been suspended, and definite instrs given to 110 Div that noone was to be moved without further orders. comd

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Para 9

Is this

Col Michaletti? if so

he is also involved with

me (although he does not go to

Mexico) in connection with

Graziani and YHCA!

29 NW

Col P will  
A/R & will  
23/1/71not take any action  
before then when up again

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## FASCIO ROMANO DI COMBATTIMENTO

Roma, li \_\_\_\_\_ 1943 XXI

I Camerata \_\_\_\_\_

Paternità \_\_\_\_\_ Maternità \_\_\_\_\_

Data e luogo di nascita \_\_\_\_\_

Residente a \_\_\_\_\_ Via \_\_\_\_\_ n. \_\_\_\_\_

Telefono \_\_\_\_\_ professione \_\_\_\_\_

si è presentato oggi ed ha chiesto l'iscrizione al Partito Fascista Repubblicano.

p. IL COMMISSARIO DEL FASCIO ROMANO  
(GINO BARDI)

Firma \_\_\_\_\_

Domicilio \_\_\_\_\_

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LIAISON WITH SUMRE 21/22 Nov 44

Col CHIAVARINO

1. Reorg of 266/1 Service and AT Coy:- instrs were sent out on 11 Nov. G i

Lt Col HOCHOWANSKI

2. Muleteers in units under comd 209 Div:- G ii

- 18 in 401 IPL Regt

- 4 " "

- 24 " "

- 10 in AREA 130 camp with muleteer rif unit

total: 56. As usual, employing 100 refuses to release these men until the replacements are on the ground.

3. Saddlers: 43 trained saddlers have been passed out from the course organized in CAMPANIA to meet AMI requirements. G ii

Location: 10 Arty Depot CASERTA. Disposal instrs required.

4. Cooks course for 3 Dist:- confirmed that the 30 men have to be found in APULIA by the Italian HQ there. # of W would like to be info of the pay and conditions authorized for these men as civilians at the end of the course. G ii

5. Following info has reached SMRE on deficiencies in strength:

- 209 Div - overall 2700 short on ests, incl 914 men still with units but liable to demobilization. G i  
G ii

- 227 Div - 915 Lav Artillery Unit in 50 engs below est - Mill HQ

CAMPANIA want to know if they can take them from

the Enger Depot at 3 MA IA CAPUA VERDE.

Gen SANTI

6. Liaison offro for SMRE:- Seven of the twelve have already arrived in Rome. SMRE has been eliminated as being unsuitable, and is at the moment under arrest. His replacement is among the seven. Requested SANTI for particulars required by AFHQ. G iiOp

Lt Col GRANDI of the Personnel Branch handling.

- Location: 10 Arty Depot Camp. Disposal instrs required.
4. Cooks course for 3 Dist:- confirmed that the 30 men have to be found in APULIA by the Italian HQ there. M of W would like to be info of the pay and conditions authorized for these men as civilians at the end of the course. G 11
  5. Following info has reached SMRS on deficiencies in strength:
    - 209 Div - overall 2700 short on ests, incl 914 men still with G 11 units but liable to demobilization.
    - 227 Div - 915 Lav Artillery Unit is 50 engs below est - Mil HQ CAMPANIA want to know if they can take them from the Motor Depot at S MA IN CARM VENTRE. G 11
  6. Gen SANTI  
Liaison office for SMRS:- Seven of the twelve have already arrived in ROME. NATV has been eliminated as being undesirable, and is at the moment under arrest. His replacement is among the seven. Requested SANTI for particulars required by AFHQ.  
Lt Col GRANDI of the Personnel Branch handling. G 11
  7. Gen OXILIA  
PRULI party for ROMB:- info him of change in plan for march through the city. Spec
  8. Unsuitable offer appointed to T. INFO comp:- discussed this in Gen terms with particular ref to the need for action against the offer responsible for the appointments. A/C G 11
  9. Welfare for Grappi:- OXILIA is instructing the offer who deals with welfare at SMRS to call on Col PIDSLEY to discuss details of the canteens which could be made available from Allied societies. Spec A/C
  10. Lt Col CHIAPPARELLI  
81mm mortars:- requested info on availability of mortars and spare barrels - info to be available on 23 Nov. 2 1/c
  11. Col LEXNER  
MT census:- arranged for instrs to go out without further delay and for draft letter to be submitted by SO for approval by A/C A/C

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LIAISON WITH SMRS

1. Gen GALLI  
Reorg of Italian Army Tpt:- meeting to discuss Adm Instr No 14 of 26 Oct and its application vis-a-vis SMRE and War Ministry. SMRE had seen a translation of this for the first time on 19 Nov. Went through the Instr para by para with SAMPI, GUERCI and ALOLA - the latter is the chief who does the detail work of MT at SMRE. A few queries raised for discussion with A/Q. Briefly, SMRE is responsible for all ests and allotment of vehs, while War Ministry deals with the technical side, maint and repairs etc corresponding to British ST and Org services. No difficulty is foreseen in implementing the system laid down in the Adm Instr. Requested SAMPI to have prepared immediately a complete list of veh ests for all Italian units and HQs for submission and discussion with MHA.

A/Q  
G 1

2. Gen GALLI  
Enquired into delay in passing above instr to SMRE. As regards implementing the census, which is a War Ministry responsibility, a SO produced chapter and verse to justify why no action had been taken to date; all referred to A/Q

3. Adm offr for CUREO Div:- the offr chosen for this post has not been chosen yet, but has been promised for later to-day.

A/Q

G 1

G 1

4. Col FORNARO  
Identity cards and discs for Italian soldiers:- approved cards are available in quantity, and he will now chase to ensure that every man has one. Explained importance in view of numbers of Italian tps in Allied uniforms and liability to be stopped by Allied mil police. He could not state soon on discs off-hand, but promised instr in two days.

Spec  
Sec

5. Lt Col MILLERINI  
Reat HQs for 60 bns:- info him quite definitely that the three

G 1

2. Gen OXILIA A/Q

Enquired into delay in passing above info to SMRE. As regards implementing the census, which is a War Ministry responsibility, a SO produced chapter and verses to justify why no action had been taken to date; all referred to A/Q

3. Adm offr for GUNBO Div:- the offr chosen for this post has not been chosen yet, but has been promised for later to-day. G 1

4. Col POMPATO Spec Sec  
Identity cards and discs for Italian soldiers:- approved cards are available in quantity, and he will now chase to ensure that every man has one. Explained importance in view of numbers of Italian tps in Allied uniforms and liability to be stopped by Allied mil police. He could not state poem on discs off-hand, but promised info in two days.

5. Lt Col MILLESIMINI G 1  
Regr HQs for GA bns:- info him quite definitely that the three HQs subject of recent correspondence were NOT required, nor would any alternative arrangement of a few officers be sanctioned. This to be taken as final, and the personnel of the HQs to be disposed of as quickly as possible.

6. Col QUIN CIA A/Q  
Tpt for 230 and 231 Dvs:- the est for each HQ is as follows:  
- 2 trucks, 2 staff cars, 2 m/cs.  
As regards MT secs or pls, they are not sure how much is required for the services of the dvs. 230 can no doubt have some of the vens presently being used by Mil HQ APULIA if same services, but in both cases some guidance from HQIA would be appreciated.

7. Gen OXILIA  
W/Lt Col PIPOLRY and OXILIA to call on HRM to discuss details of the PIPOLI party for the 24th. Later inspected part of the route and selected a site for the assembly base.

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LIAISON WITH SMRE

19 Nov 44

Gen OXILIA

1. With Col PIDSLEY to discuss party of PRUITT in transit through Rome.

2. Mil Districts:- info OXILIA of authorized increase in number of districts and personnel. He was most appreciative of the trouble taken to obtain this revision. comd  
G 1

3. OXILIA's central office:- discussed the trend of office's activities, which instead of functioning as a gen liaison centre, for speeding things up and knowing all about what is happening, is attempting to handle and deal with matters on its own. This is the direct result of OXILIA using the new office to let more activities under his own thumb, instead of employing the new set-up as a watch-dog to ensure that all matters between ASIA and the War Ministry are efficiently handled. He promised to divorce the Liaison sec from the other activities under his control. comd

4. Col CHIMVABINO  
Rit depot for ITL-ITIs: chased reply to ASIA RS/G/4 of 10 Nov; this was awaiting signature and will be delivered 20 Nov. G 1

5. Gen OXILIA  
Italian/ Mil personnel in ALBANIA and ROMANIA:- the following are rough estimates, which cannot be very accurate owing to movements of men from one area to another:- G 1  
- ROMANIA 500 tps;  
- ALBANIA 5000 tps plus 1000 civilians.

6. Lt Col MILEEFIORINI  
Ack requested to M of War 304L55 of 3 Nov, subject: special Carabinieri unit for SICILY. G 1

7. Lt Col ROCHOWANSKI  
Figures for call-up in CAMPANIA, ABRUZZO etc: men inter- exempted assigned

4. Col CHI'VARINO  
Rit depot for ITI-ITIS: chased reply to MIA IS/G/4 of 10 Nov; this was awaiting signature and will be delivered 20 Nov. G i

5. Gen GALLIA  
Italian Mil personnel in ALBANIA and ROMANIA:- the following are rough estimates, which cannot be very accurate owing to movements of men from one area to another:-  
- ROMANIA 500 tps;  
- ALBANIA 5000 tps plus 1000 civilians. G ii

6. Lt Col MILLEFIORINI  
Ack requested to M of War 304155 of 8 Nov, subject: special Carabinieri unit for SICILY. G i

7. Lt Col HOCHOWANSKI  
Figures for call-up in CAMPANIA, ABRUZZO etc:  
men inter- exempted assigned  
viewed

|                  |       |       |      |                |
|------------------|-------|-------|------|----------------|
| CAMPANIA(12/11)  | 13535 | 10562 | 2475 | to 212 Div     |
|                  |       |       | 385  | to Aruppi      |
| CALABRIA (13/11) |       |       | 64   | to AFRAGOLA    |
| APULIA (7/11)    | 141   | 41    | 78   | to 212 Div     |
| FOGGIA "         | 28    | 27    | 100  | to LECCE depot |
| CAMPORASSO "     | 2     |       | 1    | to MINERVINO   |
|                  |       |       | 2    | to Aruppi      |

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| To See.                                        | Remarks |
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| 1st. Col. <del>Shattler</del> (S)              |         |
| Maj. Cole.                                     |         |
| Maj. <del>Wintley</del> <del>Lynson</del> (S)  |         |
| <del>Major</del> <del>Byrd</del> , Major Ryall |         |
| <del>Maj. Rose</del>                           |         |
| <del>Captain</del> <del>Kind</del>             |         |
| <del>Captain</del> <del>Azeiser</del>          |         |
| <del>ST.</del>                                 |         |
| <del>Med.</del>                                |         |
| <del>Dr.</del> (H)                             |         |
| <del>Asst.</del>                               |         |
| <del>Asst.</del>                               |         |
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LIAISON WITH SMRS 15/16 NOV 44

H.E. CASATI

1. With GOC; following matters were discussed:

- Office of the PRINCE Div and Gen working of the 48 branch come of the War Ministry;
- Visits of VIPS to combat ops;
- Situation in SICILY;
- Plan of mobile Garm infanteri units in Sicily and elsewhere;
- Tpt of vehs to mainland to commence 19 Nov (ex MARINIA);
- Programme approved for Territorial HQs, Districts and Depots;
- CONOVATI and RONCO;

Lt COL TURRINI

2. Maps of territorial layout:- requested further 90 copies of map as previously supplied. G 1

Gen CALIA

3. March-Post of PRINCE Div: put CALIA into the picture and requested him to arrange for rep to visit Spec Sec 17 Nov to discuss details. Spec Sec

Lt COL DI BITONTO

4. Muleteers from Service units in APOLIA:- pressed for more energetic action in locating these men. Preliminary results pt to a local conspiracy to avoid having to produce them. G 11
- Later figures were: 154  
224  
 BARI 2  
 2 INDIST 15

5. Call-up in BRUNO:- SMRS await instrs on emp and destination of men recalled to the colours in this region. G 11

Lt COL CALIA

6. Italian Arm Div HQ for 6r Inerment 5 Army:- requested immediate org of HQ to som about half of tps formerly with 228 Div with A/Q est similar to 209 Div.HQ. Provisional HQ only - personnel will be available later for emp with one of the Territorial Hqs. To be available in situ by 25 Nov. Destination: 231 Div.HQ. G 1

3. March-post of PERULI Div: put OLIVA into the picture and requested him to arrange for rep to visit Spec Sec 17 Nov to discuss details. Spec Sec
4. Lt Col DI BITONTO G 11  
Muleteers from Service units in APULIA:- pressed for more energetic action in locating these men. Preliminary results pt to a local conspiracy to avoid having to produce them.  
Later findings were: TIRANZO 154  
BARI 224  
D. INDIST 15
5. Call-up in BRUNZO:- SMR await instrs on emp and destination G 11  
of men recalled to the colours in this region.
6. Lt Col COLEA G 1  
Italian Adm Div HQ for Br Increment 5 Army:- requested immediate G 1  
org of HQ to send about half of tps formerly with 228 Div with est similar to 209 Div.HQ. Provisional HQ only - personnel will be available later for emp with one of the Territorial Hqs. To be available in situ by 25 Nov. Designation: 231 Div HQ. Destination to be revised by SMR. Being formed by Mil HQ CAMPANIA at SALERNO.
7. Col LAMBER (and Lt Col MILLERIONMI) 1781  
War Ministry anxious to have lien on as many as possible of following "types" in forthcoming call-ups:  
- WT operators and mechanics, all for combat ops  
- MT drivers and mechanics,  
- Bersaglieri, Alpini, Granatieri.
8. H.E. CASATI 2 1/c  
Accompanied patriot party from PIEDMONT; discussion of mil situation there and posn of patriots. Brief report passed to G 1.  
G 1. (Lt FULVIGHINI, Capt SCHIACCI and his brother, Lt CORTI)
9. H.E. BONDI G 1  
With above for similar discussion. BONDI has been discussing patriots with MACCHILLAN, pressing for Italian intervention in patriot affairs in enemy occupied territory. He promised the party his sp on high level, but his remarks indicated that he was not well up in these things.

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SUMMARY

12 Nov 44

Lt Col DI BIONTO

1. Muleteers for 5 Army: In reaction to the 654 collectees in APULIA in the first place, a further 146 have been sent to TRANI. Of the muleteers with service units in this region, only those at TARANTO have been notified to date, numbering 154. G 11

2. Specialists at LECOR depot:- the following specialists have been moved to TRANI: G 1 Col P

- 142 artisans
- 54 SVRS
- 14 commissariat
- 2 Sigs

SMRE wish to divert these men to the group 1.

Col LENNER

3. Discussion of details of call-up to be made in ABRUZZI. G 1  
Decided that ops would commence 1 Dec and end 15. Info A/Q  
him that 10 plus 8 vehs only would be employed for ferrying personnel to the districts. Discussed basis of calculation with SO of ROME Territorial HQ.

4. Collected draft plan for call-up in SICILY. Further details G 1 to follow.

5. Call-up in ELBA:- passed on requests of personnel and material G 1 required at PIOMBINO by 210 Div for reception of 700 - 1000 men there: A/Q

- personnel for use inspection and accommodation;
- 1000 blankets and mess-tins (from VITERBO);
- set of Carabinieri;
- cooking eupt and 2/3 cooks.

210 reps at PIOMBINO uncertain where recruits will put up for the night - further instrs awaited. All above stores and personnel to report 17 Nov.

Gen BANTI

6. 230 Div, BANTI:- requestee him to ensure that depot ready to A/Q

- Decide that ops would commence. 1300 A/Q  
 him that 10 plus 8 veds only would be employed for ferry-  
 ing personnel to the districts. Discussed basis of cal-  
 culation with SO of HOME Territorial HQ.
4. Collected craft plan for call-up in SICILY. Further details G I  
 to follow.
5. Call-up in ELBA:- parsee on requests of personnel and material G I  
 required at PIOMBINO by 210 Div for reception of 700 - 1000  
 men there: A/Q  
 - personnel for sea inspection and documentation;  
 - 1000 blankets and mess-tins (from VITERBO);  
 - act of Carabinieri;  
 - cooking eqpt and 2/3 cooas.  
 210 reps at PIOMBINO uncertain where recruits will put up for  
 the night - further instrs awaited. All above stores and  
 personnel to report 17 Nov.

6. Gen SANTI A/Q  
 230 Div, BAII:- requested him to ensure that depot ready to  
 function 20 Nov as arranged.
7. Recd of Italian Army MT:- conference with SANTI and QUERCIA. A/Q  
 Collected typical district list of veds employed by 1870  
 and War Ministry on an average day.

8. Lt Col MILLERONINI 2 I/c  
 Sgt Maj ERCOLANOPIETRO:- requested exemption for three cos  
 for this new presently employed at Rest Hotel SORRENTO.

9. Col DE MICHELIS G I  
 205 Div:- meeting with Col WALTON and Gen LAMM to settle pts  
 of detail regarding recd of 205 Div under coma ANF and  
 inclusion of IAF personnel in sea responsibility.

10. Maj SOIASA G I  
 Personnel from APULIA AA:- instructed him to move 50% of the  
 non-specialists destined for the Gropi direct to MANTOVA,  
 and the other 50% to TRANI for the PICNO. Col P

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To ~~S/Capt A~~

~~Refused. Lease.~~

~~BK to HQ on return~~

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8/11 NOV 44

S M R E

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LIAISON

1. *AB* *ca 24* *NA*  
 Lt Col BI HIRONO  
 Driving course 3A-I/CATANZARO:- modified previous instructions with regards to 300 men ex AA units APULIA. One central course will now be organized as a convenient pt in APULIA, which SMRS have been instructed to take, to train 300 18-21 years. This is dependent on SMR assistance with vehs, get one on ST out to supervise the Italian course.

2. Lt Col BI HIRONO  
 Driving course 3A-I/CATANZARO:- modified previous instructions with regards to 300 men ex AA units APULIA. One central course will now be organized as a convenient pt in APULIA, which SMRS have been instructed to take, to train 300 18-21 years. This is dependent on SMR assistance with vehs, get one on ST out to supervise the Italian course.

3. 24 barriers for 3 Army:- these men are being collected at central pt in APULIA; requested him to check completion.

4. Breaker rtd for 48 boys in ROM:- requested him to provide 40 men to replace travellers and for search in ROM. SMRS men of the right light, ordinary rifle would have to be found.

5. Gen SMRI  
 EMEA:- the following arrangements were made:-  
 - War Ministry rep to report SMRI to 0030 on 13 Nov with copy of posters to be put up in the island;  
 - Rep and SMRI 1/5 Army will proceed to PLOMBINO and SMRI, and on arrival there will arrange date of departure of men for mainland and his for 2 craft accordingly;  
 - War Ministry will alert small det for documentation and use inspection to report to PLOMBINO as instructed by etc to be sent by War Ministry rep;  
 - SMRI will see all arrangements for clothing, exp, for the rationing at PLOMBINO.

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3. 24 carriers for 3 Army:- these men are being collected at central pt in PHUOI; requested him to chase completion. G 11
4. Coordinate with for 4 days in HUE:- requested him to provide 6 di  
 60 men to replace translators due for removal in HUE.  
 TAILIN, son of the right night, originally wife would have to  
 be found. G 11
5. Gen LAMH  
 ELBA:- the following arrangements were made:- 2 1/6  
 - War Ministry rep 3 re art MIA HC 0830 for 13 NOV with G 1  
 sup of support to be put up in the island;  
 - Rep and MIA 10 5 Army will proceed to PHUOI and MIA, A/Q  
 and on arrival there will arrange date of departure of  
 Gen LAMH and his 3 craft accordingly;  
 - War Ministry will alert mail det for documentation and use  
 inspection to report to PHUOI as instructed by sig to be  
 sent by War Ministry rep;  
 - MIA 10 will make all arrangements for clothing, food, etc.  
 and vehicles at PHUOI.

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6. Lt Col ROCHONARD  
 Call-up in PHUOI:- this has not come up to expectations. G 1  
 Up to 11 NOV, 23 men has reported to PHUOI camp. Gen  
 has ordered rep from PHUOI will elect to report to HUE  
 with all the facts. come  
 A/Q  
 G 1
7. Col LAMH  
 Info of 11 has now taken up his duties as head of the central  
 office. MIA 10 5 Army is to continue under him. Loc 25/26 Oct  
 para 4 refers. Most initial contact and discussion has been  
 first impression was. come  
 Col P
8. Gen LAMH  
 Discussed following subjects:-  
 - 600 men of CHINA Div wanted to go on leave in 60th;  
 - men being repatriated from the BALKANS;  
 - cancellation of emp of PHUOI Div for Carabinier duties;  
 - publicity for above repatriation (not Maj Alexander PAB); G 1

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|                                         | Remarks |
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| To Sao.                                 |         |
| Lt. Col. <del>Shirley</del> <i>⑤</i>    |         |
| Maj. <del>C. L.</del> <i>286</i>        |         |
| <del>Maj. Binkley</del>                 |         |
| Maj. <del>Byatt</del> <i>Byatt 12/7</i> |         |
| Maj. <del>Rosa</del>                    |         |
| Capt. <del>Bird</del> <i>10/11</i>      |         |
| Capt. <del>Archer</del> <i>Archer</i>   |         |
| <del>1st</del>                          |         |
| ST. <i>12/11</i>                        |         |
| Med. <i>13/11</i>                       |         |
| Ord.                                    |         |
| Remo                                    |         |
| Lab.                                    |         |
| Camp                                    |         |

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LIAISON WITH C M R E 5/7 Nov 44

Gen MANZONI

1. Meeting with MANZONI and GRAMSCI to discuss details of the return of men from the Balkans. Collected details of men sources available from M of W sources for MIA release. The ADONIS HOB at TAVANNO is being cleared of present patients and will accommodate all 500 sick from the first lift from the BALKANS. A/Q  
G I

Gen OXLEY

2. With Gen TONISHILI and Lt Col MORTARTY to discuss call-up in ABRUZZI. The district offices are reported to be in good shape and there is men available at each place for 1000/2000 men. In the worst cases to the worst the men can be collected and sorted in situ. There are difficulties over the central depot; notion of POLIGNO will need to be taken up by Allies top, and even at SPOLITO the two suitable buildings are earmarked for the Allies. G I

Gen SAHIT

3. Conference with SAHIT, Gen MANZONI and Col QUARANTA on sub-division of 3 Dist between 227 and the new 230 IMA Non Div HQ. After lengthy discussion and consultation with A/Q the commission line was fixed as the real line boundary between, on the one hand ABRUZZI, MOLISE and EMILIA (230), and on the other MOLISE, CAMPANIA and CALABRIA. This split up is not altogether satisfactory owing to the size of the new areas and the division between the city HQs and the top under command which are up to 300 kms in some cases. The new arrangement tends to perpetuate the present situation in which the top get little or no attention from anyone. All ops within the Territorial Region of Rome will be administered from Rome. No! In the event that: A/Q  
G I

3.

A/C  
G 1

San Geronimo  
Conference with SANTI, Gen. MARINELLI and COL. QUERINIA on sub-  
division of 3 Dist between 227 and the new 230. ~~San~~ San Div  
Hq. After lengthy discussion and consultation with A/C the  
suggestion line was fixed as the regional boundary between  
on the one hand MARINELLI, SANTI and QUERINIA (230), and on the  
other EMILIO, CAMPANIA and CALABRIA. This solution is not  
altogether satisfactory owing to the size of the new areas  
and the distances between the div Hqs and the ops under command,  
which are up to 300 kms in extreme cases. The new arrangement  
tends to perpetuate the present situation in which the ops  
get little or no attention from anyone. All ops within the  
Territorial Region of POMI will be administered from POMI. No.

In the SANTI that:

- new 230 HQ is approved and will be formed forthwith on est
- "A" ( 32 ofrs and 101 grs )
- 227 Hq to be reorg on est "B" ( 20 ofrs and 71 grs )
- 209 Hq to be reorg on est "A" ( 32 ofrs and 101 grs )
- the three Reg. Inspectorate in (POMI) to be absorbed and their  
functions absorbed by 230 Div.

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4.

Geo. OLLIA

CAPITALE Div:- he has recd confidential reports that the div  
is being split up by the Partisan Corps, with a definite per-  
centage, he feels, and has and writes asking from the parent  
HQ and sent all over the place. Knowing that this action  
runs counter to GOC's recommended policy, and also greatly  
increases the difficulties of an early reorganization, OLLIA  
is anxious that action be taken by AFHQ to put a stop to  
this practice.

5.

Spec Sec

Ofrs for the PHILLI:- requested OLLIA to take energetic  
action to send the ofrs already appointed but not yet arrived,  
also to have those who are being replaced sent away. (!)  
OLLIA has PHILLI, SANTI and EMILIO on the list, but it appears  
as though the MS Branch of the War Office had omitted to give  
info about the outgoing ofrs. Personal impressions are  
that the MS Branch requires thoroughly overhauling.

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G.I.

Re Para 2

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This has already been  
 put up by Dierke in writing and  
 considered by G.O.C. It is not  
 possible to start an enormous number  
 of cases for things of unimportance.  
 The present disciplinary powers  
 are quite heavy in comparison  
 with the old (a man can be shot  
 by G.O.C. for absence without leave!).

5/1/52



5 Nov.

Noted

G.II (C) pze see.

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Data e luogo di nascita .....

Residente a ..... Via ..... n. ....

Telefono ..... professione .....

si è presentato oggi ed ha chiesto l'iscrizione al Partito Fascista Repubblicano.

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Liaison WITH GMRB

3/4 Nov 44

Lt Col MILLER/DMH

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1. Maps of reorg of Territorial units:- the provincial boundaries do not correspond exactly with those of the all districts: it was there fore agreed that the "Regional" map would show, in addition to the regions, the provincial boundaries and the towns where the 27 all district offices are to be situated.

Also a footnote to the effect that in the majority of cases the provincial and district boundaries corresponded.

The official map of the districts will take some days to complete and will have to be on a much larger scale to show detail.

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2. Absence without leave - Italian Army:- the present ruling that men will continue to be attached to the same unit until they have been absent over 30 days has disadvantages from the Italian pt of view. Under present regulations Italian troops do not get into serious trouble if they are only absent a few days at a time. <sup>the soldiers</sup> They return to the unit and serve their sentence. <sup>the soldiers</sup> repeat the experiment. A/Q's of 27 Oct proposes that men absent over 30 days be reported to units stationed as far from their homes as possible. This is normal practice in the Italian Army, but relatively few men stay away for this length of time. Our Ministry would like to be able to report men after even a few days absence. Can anything be worked out on these lines?

Lt Col GRACZYK

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3. SMC has recd from their LQ of AMI copy of AMI letter 30/11/44 A(O) (Ser 24/45) regarding the one of 290 men sec and 241 M. Hosp. GRACZYK's advice inverts regarding documentation which has to be done by SMC.

Capt DELLA CORNA

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4. The unit shown on the St. Angelo State under 209 Div is sec of I/404 Regt located at 1031 in the receipt of 11 Bty 404 Italian Army Regt and has never been officially recognized. The set is indicated in V and R tables under I Dist. SMC request that the 10 men concerned be absorbed into an official unit.

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serious trouble if they are only absent a few days at a time. *Re: 10/15/44*  
 They return to the unit and serve their sentence. *Re: 10/15/44*  
repeat the experiment. 12/6 or 27 Oct proposes that men absent  
 over 30 days be reported to units stationed as far from their  
 homes as possible. This is normal practice in the Italian Army,  
 but relatively few men away for this length of time.  
 But minority would like to be able to report men after even a  
 few days absence. Can anything be worked out on these lines?

3. Lt Col GRACERIA  
 Same one seen from their LO at 414 copy of AMI letter 3331/15/  
 A(0) (Ser 0243) regarding the ORL of 290 men sec and 241 RA Hosp.  
 GRACERIA awaits instructions regarding documentation which has to be  
 done by HARS.

4. Capt DELLA CORNA  
 The unit shown on the ev screen seats under 209 Div as unit of  
 I/404 Regt located at 131 is the remnant of II Coy 404 Italian  
 Arty Regt and has never been officially reorganized. The act  
 is lodged in V and R copies under I Dist. HARS requests that  
 the 10 men concerned be absorbed into an official unit.

5. Lt Col BOCHANSKI  
 Requests AMI to produce one capt and four lie for the 6 Coy  
 I Bn 2675 Regt ACC - to report to the usual officer at AC HQ

6. Lt Col GUIDA  
 Passed to him following info/instrs on 22 units:-  
 - 152 Med Sec going from PIGNO to 210 Div;  
 - 33 Med Sec going from 241 Div (ex 141 Div) to PIGNO  
 (originally destined for 4031A Div)  
 - 518 RA Hosp to remain in SICILY with 4031A Div in lieu of  
 med sec.

7. Requested to him copy of instrs on his movement of AA and CD units.

8. Gen DALLIA  
 DALLIA has been made officially responsible by the Govt for the  
 care of the return of POW. He will have to assist his Gen at  
 Brigata MANTOVANI and a small staff. MANTOVANI will be going  
 to ITALY in connection with the return of the first batch  
 from GRACE.

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To See.

Lt. Col. Shipley

Maj. Cole.

~~Maj. Penley.~~~~Maj. Bryant.~~~~Maj. ROSE~~~~Sgt. Bird~~~~Capt. Archer~~

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Med. —

Ord. — 10 Nov.

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Lab. —

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Remarks

Date 31 Oct. ....

Nothing saw 1. 11/10

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28/23 Oct 44

Lt Col WILDA

1. Del "1" and "2": info has been passed to the required to be absorbed, in view of the impending approval of a plan scheme for territorial use for the whole country. Disbursement to be effected by following dates: Del "1" 5 Nov; Del "2" 26 Nov.
2. 1003 Gr Coy: enquired into can come of this unit and instructed SAGE to arrange for 227 Div H to be responsible.

Gen BRADLEY

3. With G 1 to discuss details of loss of PIVNO Div for earlier with CACEMIN. Background of negotiations gone into very fully and steps considered for minimizing the detrimental effects on the land and its ultimate use as a combat zone. To work out these proposals in detail, Col CACEMIN will call on Col Br 30 Oct 1430 hrs. Until written orders are issued by G 1 no steps to be taken by SAGE.

Gen DALLIA (with G 1)

4. Similar explanation of negotiations leading up to loss of PIVNO Div as given to G 1. Apart from the fact that the land, DALLIA is most alarmed at the prospect of 1900 unscreened men of a combat unit being used for police duties. According to DALLIA, many of these men were watching themselves, and it is quite a nuisance to set them up as a source of the law. More particularly is it serious at this moment, when the UCMR men are coming, and it is necessary to get them out of the camp quickly. DALLIA put two proposals for consideration more suitable to be taken by PIVNO men - this will be considered by G 1.

5. Other matters discussed:

- volunteers for combat are from 3000 hrs. Advance with these can be accepted, providing they are exchanged on a "one-for-one" basis with men recruited at the district level. Submits to the IFF-III code of. SAGE to notify numbers involved and DALLIA will arrange to.

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Gen. GILIA (with C 1)

Similar evaluation of negotiations leading up to loss of  
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 the same, GILIA is most alarmed at the prospect of 3500  
 unaccounted men of a combat arm being used for police duties.  
 According to GILIA, many of these men were watching themselves,  
 and it is quite a possibility to get them to be a part of the  
 law. More particularly is it, serious at this moment, when the  
 OCHA volunteers are somewhat discouraged and need to be  
 up to the point. GILIA put the 3500 men for recruiting  
 more suitable ones to be used for the 3500 men - this will be  
 considered by C 1.

## 5. Other matters discussed:

- volunteers for combat are from various areas. I agree with  
 these can be accepted, provided they are organized in a  
 "one-for-one" basis with men recruited at the district level  
 submitted to the ITI-III code of. SHH to notify members  
 involved and MAF will arrange opt.
- GILIA anxious for a decision on the question of volunteers  
 for combat in Italy - see log 15/16 Oct para 3.
- according to info GILIA has received from the phone from MAF  
 the men discussed 1000 men from Cefallonia (actually 100  
 men) are in fact being repatriated. This latest version  
 of the facts says that these men were actually being  
 against the Germans and against the allies in the camp-  
 tain of the island, that they were allowed by the allies to  
 retain their arms, that their arms will be turned over to them  
 before they disembark at Bari, but will be returned to them  
 after screening by the Allied Int. Italian Red Cross  
 has been shown photos of the men, who are in good health -  
 most of them are ready and fit for further combat duties.  
 They are the survivors of the Anzio Div, most of which is  
 reported to have been discovered by the Germans after  
 the armistice. GILIA proposes to meet the men himself,  
 and that those available for recruitment should be directed  
 to the PICCO Div.

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## 1. Count CAGATI (26 Oct)

Accompanied GOC. Subjects discussed:

- appointment of successor to come 201 Div;
- several meet of General Office at War Ministry;
- PALERMO's visit to the BALKANS;
- overposts for Mil Academy.

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## 2. PALERMO visited GOC (27 Oct) to discuss situation in 201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000

Gen SANTO

Gen discussion (present Col CATTALINO) on Italian Territorial Hqs and chain of command, incl city Hqs (such as 201, 227, which now have a purely territorial function). They consider it inadvisable that for purely Italian men and discipline purposes all Italian troops come under the Regional Hqs. They recognize the necessity for minimum interference with units and Hqs under Allied operational command. It is suggested that this aspect be watched by local MIL LO's and any cases of delay or excessive bureaucracy reported to War Ministry via MIL. Gen Hqs War Ministry would welcome info of this kind, as the function of the Territorial Hqs will be to help speed up the operations of units under command and not to introduce obstacles.

4. At subsequent meeting on same subject, it was decided that SANTO would submit proposal for Uniform set on a reduced scale for 201, 227 and a new HQ for HAIL. G 1

5. General staff requested SANTO to give a definite answer to the following effect: G 1

- all left of the LEGNARO Div to return forthwith to its unit; (in parentheses it should be noted that SANTO have no idea where these units are quartered at the moment);
- all personnel at present in the vic left (estimated 300/400) to be divided equally between the four Hqs and dispersed or, if possible, in this way, to free the camp and area for the new cell-blocks;

- the disposal of the excess personnel of the LEGNARO Div to be

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recognize the necessity for minimum interference with units and also under Allied operational control. It is suggested that this aspect be reviewed by local staffs and any change of policy or executive authority reported to War Ministry via the staff. Staff and War Ministry would welcome information in this kind, as the location of the territorial unit will be to help speed up the operations of units under command and not to interfere with obstacles.

4. At subsequent meeting on same subject, it was decided that SAKS would submit proposal for uniform set on a reduced scale for 203, 227 and a new kit for HAKI. O I

5. Combat group requested SAKS to give a further view as to the following aspect: O I

- all of the LUGNARD IIV to return forthwith to its base; (in parentheses it should be said that SAKS have no loss where these units are scattered at the moment);
- all personnel at present in the first unit (estimated 300/400) to be advised equally of the fact that they are and disposed of immediately in this way, to free the camp and men for the new cell-blocks;
- the dismissal of the excess personnel of the LUGNARD IIV to be accelerated

6. Transit camps for repatriated PWs:- requested SAKS to have immediate set prepared for transit camp to hold 500/1000 men, and set to hold 300. 1263 O I

7. LO's for SAKS:- info SAKS that the first six are already embarked were to be kept in the top, and further six are to be embarked, incl the two recommended from the group. All twelve would probably leave to other. O I

8. Col HIGGINS:- info SAKS that the first six are already embarked were to be kept in the top, and further six are to be embarked, incl the two recommended from the group. All twelve would probably leave to other. O I

9. Lt Col HIGGINS:- info SAKS that the first six are already embarked were to be kept in the top, and further six are to be embarked, incl the two recommended from the group. All twelve would probably leave to other. O I

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