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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 18 JUNE '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Requested for all available information on G.B. ALLORI an ex console of the MVSN. G3(I)
This required by AAI. This is being done.

2. Ref AQ/17 dated 5/6/44. A.Q
Informed that Pte ADESSO Andrea has been granted unlimited leave to be renewed every 90 days in order that he may continue serving with 'X' Water Coy Molfetta.
It is to be understood that when this man ceases to be employed by the unit he will return to his former Italian unit.

3. Informed that Gen AZZI, Col CARRAI?, Major CHIARIZIA and four other officers recently returned from Albania. A.Q
On arriving on the mainland, Gen AZZI was immediately taken to Bari where he was held in a secluded house, searched and closely interrogated. The Gen was made to sleep on a hard bed without a paillasse and made to eat ~~xxx~~ OR's food brought in a bucket. Other prisoners were also in the house.
M of W wished to communicate this news as they see no reason for this kind of treatment. If there be any charge against this Gen officer or his staff, could M of W be informed. 2073

4. Informed that Col Basile with a small party is leaving for Rome according to instructions received from the Minister. A.Q
Col Basile is required to look after and organize all Commissariat services in Rome which at the present moment are rather confused.

COL RAMPA.

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ENGINEER BRANCH.

6. Asked for further information on letter M11/9481M dated 1 June from M of W stating that signal stores were shipped from Sardinia for Naples on " Bolton Hell " on 20/5/44 as nobody had heard of either such a shipment or its arrival.

Informed that such equipment had arrived in Naples on 22/5 and had been stored in Naples Engineer Depot while awaiting tpt to Bari.

S.O.R. Sigs

COL BASILE.

7. Ref M of W letter 1764/I/Tc dated 14 June.

Informed Col Basile that all demands for requisitioning of establishments for Italians should be passed direct to the Sub area concerned and that all arrangements should be made direct with them.

A.Q
S.C.Q

8. Ref ST/58 Dated 24 May.

Subject is extra rations drawn from Allied depot and to be replaced by Italians.

Was informed that the Italians were authorized to draw these rations by 'B' Coy 435 T H Signal Bn Coustr Sdy APO 650 in a letter signed by Capt J. SPESCHA (Sig Corps).

Italians do not therefore consider necessary to re turn same.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L.

Personal Report on GEN GONELLA.

Managed to find out that Gen Gonella has recently posted a Col LONGO (an ex console of the MVSN and apparently a friend of the Gen) to Comd 118 Inf Regt in lieu of a Lt.Col (name unknown) who was perfectly efficient at his job.

Gen Gonella is a very old and inefficient man who is very rarely in his office. It is stated that he is only in the Army because he is a personal friend of the Minister.

Gen Gonella has been known on several occasions to have held up promotions purposely of his brother officers and to have instigated many unnecessary postings and replacements. He is notwithstanding a very unpopular man.

In view of his age he should have been demobilized some time ago.

Gen Gonella is DAG at the M of W.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 16 JUNE '44;

GEN PELLIGRA.

1. Held conference with Gen Pelligra. Present were Lt.Col Shipley and LT.Col Shute.
Explained and discussed fully the new system to be adopted for the receiving and distributing of Allied clothing, returns required for same and returns required for the availability of Italian clothing.
Agreed in principal by Gen Pelligra pending closer study possibility necessitating small changes.
Gen Pelligra would like the whole system to be put to him in writing as soon as possible.

LIAISON OFFICE.

2. Was informed that the distribution of identification passes for officers has now been completed.
The distribution of OR's passes is now being started.

3. M of W would like to know whether they can publish congratulatory messages to the CIL as sent by Comdr 8 Army and X Corps. This is to serve as propaganda for the contribution to the War effort of the Italian fighting troops.

4. Was informed that it is the intention of the Minister to promote Gen UTILE, GOC CIL, and Col LOMBARDI, 2 i/c CIL as a reward for the good work performed by both.

LT.COL GUALANO.

5. Was informed that the M of W are studying and are making necessary plans for the demobilization of the 1913 class. This class will be demobilised ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ in case there is an excess of troops from the Foggia and Aversa Camps who are of classes having to continue to serve their term of service.

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COL BASILE.

6. Col Basile informed me that they were in urgent need of 'Naftaline' of Camphor.
This will be used to preserve all woollen clothing at present not being used by the Italians and which is stored.
Informed Col Basile to put the matter up in writing.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

14 JUNE '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

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1. Informed Liaison Office that a military padre was required at MINERVINO Camp (for formation of labour Coys) Steps being taken to provide same.

CABINET.

COMD
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2. Great fuss caused about the moving of advanced party to Rome. Subject discussed at great length with Col Fiore resulting from information that Navy and Air Force reps having left for Rome.
Informed Col Fiore that notwithstanding such moves, no party could leave for Rome until ordered to do so by us.

COMD

3. Was informed that Gen Orlando was arriving back in the evening and would doubtlessly have some news on the political situation.

LT.COL GUALANO.

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4. Informed Col Gualano that it now been agreed to form a liaison office with 60 Sub Area and would he make the necessary arrangements for same. The Liaison Officer appointed should be attached to Rear I.F.H.Q. under Col Barone.
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A.Q

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Informed Col Gualano that a letter had been received from ACC which gave the existing system regarding this.
In AMG territory orders are issued to civilians to hand in all arms to nearest CCRR station.
In Italian Government territory, Minister of Interior has issued his own instructions.
Any further order would therefore conflict with the above. Anything the M of W would like to do, they would have to communicate with S.E. Solimene who knew about the whole matter and that this was now out of our hands.

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COL FARACNE.

6. Informed that a report had been received by M of W to the effect that LT;Col RUBERTI Ascanio (Arty) had been condemned to 6 months imprisonment by an Allied court at Aversa.
For documentary purposes, M of W would like to know it will be possible to know the charge upon which the officer has been convicted.

COL BASILE.

7. Asked Col Basile whether he had a substitute for Capt Ventrella to go with ACC.
Was informed that Major CAPUCCIO would be available as from 20 June. He is at present attached to the Ministry of Agriculture on rationing work.
Col Basile that if, however, we required this officer, could we bring this matter up in writing and things could be hurried.

Major

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 15 J[illegible] '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Informed LO that Air Force wished to requisition an area of in land in Amendolara and could the necessary arrangements be made.
Was informed that this type of requisition would have to be referred to the Calabria Requisitioning Office, No 33 Via XX Settembre Catanzaro, and refer the matter to Lt.Col Bandoli.

2. Informed LO that the exemtions signed by the Area Comd Taranto for Pte UVA Francesco and Pte ARMONIO Domenico should be recognized and that the two soldiers should be returned immediately from Taranto Arsenale.
Was informed that from the information it appeared that the two in question were sailors and not soldiers.
Could the matter be put in writing to the M of W who would pass it on to the Navy.

COL FARAONE.

3. Informed Col Faraone that the replacement for Col Filippi at Brindisi would have to keep Fillippi until proper handing over was completed as the last time there was a gap in the handover with resultant confusion.
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GEN ORLANDO.

4. Had long talk with the Minister on the present political situation.
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Gen Orlando will be carrying on as Minister for the time being.

LT.COL GUALANO

5. Asked Col Gualano for the organization of the Guardie Finanza.

RR GG FF are organized as follows.

G.H.Q. of RR GG FF is at Salerno under Brig.Gen MORISCA. It is formed into 5 legions situated at, Bari, Naples, Messina, Palermo and Cagliari.

There are also two Bns, Cadet Bn at RUTIGLIANO., and a special 'R' Bn at disposal of Allies at Naples.

The RGF are divided into two branches, Land branch and Sea branch. Both come directly under the Ministry of Finance.

The land branch deals with all affairs affecting the M of Finance, Customs duties control, monopolies control, income control etc. In addition they are used on frontiers to check contraband.

The sea branch, dressed in sailors uniforms, are used on coastguard duties and liaise directly with the Ministry of Marine.

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6. Reminded Col Gualano of our letter C/15 dated 10 June, and the answer as required by the 15 June.

Col Gualano showed me the answer which was being sent to us.

The figures which were sent to us, upon investigation were found to be incorrect. The surplus shown in the cadets was due to the fact that there was a selection going on. Received assurance that the numbers as laid down for students in the Military Academy would be strictly adherred to.

Warned Col Gualano to check this as no further cadets apart from the number laid down by us would be allowed to join the Academy.

COL BASILE.

7. Asked Col Basile as to latest situation regarding the new indent for clothing requirements as proposed by us.

Col Basile informed me that the forms had been despatched to all units on the 14 June. A copy of the orders issued would be sent to us.

All units have been informed that the form will be the only recognized indent and that all previous requests sent to us on the 14 and onwards would be cancelled and repeated on the new form.

CABINET.

8. Asked Col Fiore as to the result of our request whereby all military prisons would be handed over to the civilian authorities.

Col Fiore informed me that as this was a matter which affected all three services, reps from the three services had been sent to the Senior Legal Officer to discuss the matter. Direct contact will be kept up with Brig Lush to whom the results will be communicated.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 5 JUNE '44.

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G ALIBERTI.

1. Meeting with Gen Aliberti and Lt.Col Hampton. Main points discussed as follows:

i) Reorganization of w/shops. Additional mobile w/shop for CIL. (For information as result of conference at AAI)

ii) Tpt to come over from Sardinia to be made avail able to Italian Admin. Total of about 400.

iii) Feeding of Italian civilian mechanics employed with Italian Army. As result of handing over large number mechanics from Army, Gen Aliberti forced to employ civs. Result of our policy letter as civilians allowed Army rations. So as to ensure continuation of repairs in the Italian Army pleaded for rations to be distributed to such personnel, total approx 150, as pay was not high and rations only guarantee for keeping them. Matter being put to us in writing and taken up by DDME AAI.

iv) Plead put in for the allowing of the present existing 'Kings' Coy, as result of our orders to dissolve same. Reasons for this was that the coy, formed some months back, had great traditions. Coy could be put into Security Div of sent to CIL as reinforcements. This coy to be the only one and idea of forming three others abandoned.

v) Thanks on behalf of M of W for the fight being put up to try and keep 'Benoms' hospital for the Italians.

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COMD A.Q

3. Was informed that with ref to the Government statement to the effect that they would continue to draw rations contrary to the order by M of W (for civilians), this was incorrect.

The latest information reaching M of W was that all civilians in the Government were drawing rations from Allied depots under authority of AAI and NOT from Italian Army depots.

2/c A.Q

LIAISON OFFICE.

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4. Was informed that as a result of the formation of new offices for the Military Under Secretary of State, the Meterization Dept would be moving from the M of W to the "ORONZO MASSA " Pks in Lecce as a temporary arrangement.

This will also mean that Gen Aliberti will cease to be Head of the Liaison Office.

Col Ravagli will now be the head of the Liaison Office.

COMD 2/c G A.Q DADME

5. Was informed that some time ago, Mof W requested the authority to requisition mules. No answer was ever received to this request.

Owing to possibility of Allied demands for mules arising, M of W would like to know whether this requisitioning can take place

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 12 JUNE '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Asked for investigations to be made as to the whereabouts and present condition of health of Lieut PUCCI (Italian Air Force) as the information was required by the Swiss Consul in Algiers. A.Q
(Ref AAI letter AAI/3072/2/A(O) dated 6 June)

2. Handed back letter from M of W asking for information re civilians stating that this HQ was not able to deal with matters regarding civilians. A.Q
(M of W letter 2828/C dated 9 June)

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

3. Informed Col Millefiorini that reports from CCRR on incidents were coming to us direct without passing through M of W. We could not deal direct with any units and therefore could all be informed that reports must pass through the necessary channels. Agreed. A.Q

CABINET.

4. Was informed of the latest set up of the M of W. COMD
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5. Was given confirmation that Lt.Gen CANNONIERE is to be demobilized by the 16 June 1944. 2/c G3(I)

COL RAMPA.

6. Informed Col Rampa to draw up his requirements of petrol for the moving of the M of W and SMRE to Rome. S.T.
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Col Rampa informed me that he had sufficient reserves for this move but that his requirements would be for Rome itself. He is drawing up these and will pass them to me.

COL BASILE.

7. Col Basile is very worried about the olive oil situation. S.T
Army stocks of oil will only last until the end June. No allottment has yet been made to the Army and the urgency is due to the tpt of the allottment to various depots. 2066
Can this be hurried.

LT.COL GUALANO.

8. Discussed the organization of the CCRR. G.
The CCRR set up is as follows: There is the HQ of CCRR Liberated Italy (Maj.Gen PIECHE) at Salerno. Lib. Italy is divided up into zones with one legion per zone, stationed in the main province.
Legions are stationed at, Naples, Bari, Catanzaro, Messina, Palermo and Cagliari. There are also 3 special legions, Roma for Rome, Lazio, stationed in Naples for that area and Abruzzo (stationed in Campobasso) for that area.
At Naples and Palermo are the Bde HQ under Brig.Gens.

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All legions are territorial and are used principally for public security duties. This is a responsability of the Minister of the Interior working in conjunction with the Public Security Sub Commission.
In addition to the legions, are Military Sections of the CCRR who are used for military duties only. These come directly under the Minister for War.
Lately the CCRR have allotted detachments on Port Duties. These administratively come under the Ministry of War but operationally are the responsability of the Ministry of Marine.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. dtw/6 11 JUNE '44

A.Q

2 i/c SAN MARCO MARINES.

G.

1. Accompanied 2 i/c San Marco Regt to Cal Rampa to try and obtain tyres for two trucks to be used for the purpose of tpt of reinforcements and comforts to the Bafile Bn. NO tyres available.

Informed the 2 i/c that 8th Army had reported that the Bn was 45 personnel overstrength. The reinforcements to be sent up will not affect the reported over strength, as Bn has suffered some casualties.

Tested on the 65/17 pack Bty. This has not moved up yet and are still awaiting authority.

COL RAMPA.

G.

2. Was informed that Capt FICCARA, Comd Poligrano School, was never meant to be moved from his post. The report must have been a rumour.

Another officer, a subaltern, is being moved from the school for disciplinary action.

A.Q

3. Ref the reported 60 personnel from 1002 GT coy for agricultural leave.

The personnel concerned will be split over the whole period and the work of the coy will in no way be affected.

LT.COL GUALANO.

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4. Asked what had happened to the personnel from the Re organization camp.

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5. Asked whether any order had emanated from Commando Supremo to the effect that all personnel (military) in Civilian Ministries will have to return to the Army. 2/c
Col Gualano knew nothing of this order but presumed it was that all officers at present in the Ministries would have to be replaced by other officers or is the custom. Officers employed in such functions are usually replaced after a period. I f there is such an order, that is what is intended. 2/C

6. Was informed that the Gov has replied to the M of W order of the stopping of rations to civilians and the rest of the personnel on to B scale. 2/c
The Gov has stated that they have authority for drawing A.Q
'A' scale rations for all Gov pers from AAI and that they were therefore taking no notice of the M of W order. What action is the M of W to take.

CABINET.

7. Was informed that the order to M of W to prepare an advanced party to go to Rome in order to take over all buildings alotted to the Italian Armed Forces had been 2/c.

issued by the Commando Supreme on instructions from AAI.
This is results of M of W investigation.
The party is now ready.

8. Was given the names of the Ministers forming the new Government.

Prime Minister, Minister of the Interior, Minister of Foreign Affairs	BONOMI Ivanoe (Democ)
Minister of Justice	TUPINI umberto (Democ)
Secretary of Treasury	SCELBA Marcello (Lib)
Min. Industry & Commerce	GRONCHI Giovanni (Democ)
Min of Finance	SILIENTI A. (CPP)
Min of Agriculture	GULLO Fausto (Comm)
Min of Public Works	MANCINI Pietro (Soc)
Min of Communications	CERABONA Francesco (Democ)
Min of Public Instruction	DE RUGGIERO Guido (Opp)
Min of Marine	Adm DE COURTEN
Min of War, Min of Air	CASATI Alessandro (Lib)
Min without Portfolios.....	Benedetto CROCE Carlo SFORZA Alcide DE GASPARIS Meuccio RUINI Palmiro TOGLIATTI Alberto CIANCA Giuseppe SARAGAT

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Major NARDSSI.

9. Autherized the issue pending confirmation, of 270 shirts 270 drawers, 270 caps, 810 socks and 270 boots to the 166 Arty Gp of 149/19 leaving for the CIL from Picena Div.

A.Q

Major.

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Alberto CIANCA
Giuseppe SARAGAT

Major NABUSSI.

9. Authorized the issue pending confirmation, of 270 shirts 270 drawers, 270 caps, 810 socks and 270 boots to the 166 Arty Gp of 149/19 leaving for the CIL from Picone Div.

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(Alessandro CASATI (civilian).

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 9 JUNE '44.

CABINET.

1. Beadoc is letter to Col Fiore informing him that the proposal put forward to form a further 3 coys ' Sel Re ' had been turned down. Agreed.

2. Was informed that Lt.Col Howard had asked XXXI Corps to provide 70 men who were to perform guard duties on the harvesters to ensure that grain was not stolen. W of W have turned down this request as it has not come from this HQ stating that the men would be better employed on harvesting and that such guard duties would give rise to, trouble amongst the farmers.

3. Asked Col Fiore to prepare for a list of reasons favourable to not removing IX Corps from its present location.

COL FARACHE.

4. Informed Col Faraone to make sure that the two officers, Capt Valeszani and Lt Leone Libert, were struck of the effective roles of the Army as they were proceeding to take up their former civilian jobs with the Finance Sub Commission. This is being ensured.

5. Asked Col Faraone to make sure that it was absolutely necessary for Capt FICCARA to be posted from Poligrano school to 2002 GT coy. Checked with Mobilization who agreed that it was not essential. Necessary action is being taken to leave Capt FICCARA at his present job.

LIAISON OFFICE.

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~~Provost Marshal~~ COL RAMPA.

7. Requested that the 60 applications to be put forward by personnel of 2001 GT coy for agricultural leave should be staggered over the period of June to 25 August in lieu of all in one bunch so as to ensure the operating of the coy. Agreed.

8. Explained the case of the car requisitioned under false pretences by an illegal person. Pointed out that the car was now in possession of the SIM. Requested that the official requisition (intended to be done by Italian authorities) be undertaken by the M of W and the car left with the SIM. Agreed by Col Rampa.
(Ref request submitted by Capt Murcell)

COL BASILE.

9. Requested for information as to how the proposed indent for clothing put to the M of W was proceeding. Col Basile stated that it was in hand and that it would be put into operation as from to morrow it was hoped.

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L/C BARKLEY

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10. Informed Col Basile that there were troops still in Corsica and as a consequence the supplies due to go there would have to be sent.
Col Basile so that he had already found out that troops were still on the island and that they were collecting the necessary supplies together. A certain quantity was available for despatch.

11. Informed Col Basile that before the request contained in their message 10545/V Dated 4.6.44. could be met they would have to forward details of strength and by whom employed.
A of W will repeat this request on the new indent form.

12. Informed Col Basile that nitrogen was available at S.A. Produzione Idrogeno Ossigeno Taranto and that this was not a controlled item.

13. Asked for details of mosquito netting.
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1900	IX Corps	(being distributed)
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LT. DE LEO.

1. Held conference with Col Shipley and Lt.Col Shute to discuss boots and clothing for the Italian Army. Main points discussed were : Dwindling stocks and as result more careful in demands, repair of boots, accelerate clothing repairs, checking of stock states.

Informed Lt De Leo that 3000 repairable uniforms and 5000 repairable boots were to be handed over to CCRR for repair, they having repair facilities.

These as being repaired, would remain at the disposal of the CCRR.

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CABINET.

2. Col Fiore requested on behalf of the Minister, whether a series of courses could be started. The object of the courses would be to re educate young officers whose ideas were not entirely democratic. The courses would last one month and would be run by Gen Biglino.

Informed Col Fiore that it had been decided that the above could not take place.

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3. Was informed that it had been announced that Gen BENCIVENGA had been appointed Head of Italian Military and civilians in Rome.

In order that the Gen might be familiar with the existing Italian Army organization and that he would not start forming units or organizations with the Italian soldiers, the Minister had suggested sending an officer from the M of W who would act as liaison. This officer was suggested as Col Balzani who could then wait for his party.

Informed Col Fiore that this was not atall necessary as Gen Bencivenga would not be allowed to form any units. Also informed Col Fiore thatno move of personnel could be made unless authorized by this mission.

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COL BALZANI.

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4. Col Balzani informed me that the M of W as a result of our order, had issued instructions to the Government to the effect that they would no longer draw 'A' scale rations from our depots, but 'B' scale from Italian depots. The Government replied back to the M of W that they had been told by Allied authority in Salerno to carry on drawing A scale from Allied Depots.

A second order is being issued to the effect that NO civilian employed with any military org or the Gov could be entitled to any rations.

M of W would like us to make this known to the Salerno authorities as, owing to, the Gov letter it would appear that they are continueing to draw 'A' scale for all personnel.

Col Balzani wishes to know whether the Under Secretary of State, M. Palermo, is to be included with the civilians.

5. Worked out lists of all Military establishments in Rome. These will be found as an appendix to this leg.

Major.

Asked Col Pudsley to handle

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APPENDIX 1.

List of Military establishments in Rome.

* Ministry of War.....Via XX Settembre
* Ministry of War offices....Via 4 Fontane
* SMRE ..... Via XX Settembre (Pallazzo Baracchini)
* SMRE ..... Via XX Settembre (Palazzo Caprara
Field Marshalls and Army Commanders Offices.....Piazza Indepenedenza 6
Officers Club .. Via 4 Fontane (Palazzo Barberini)
Military " Ordinariate " (Chaplains) .. Salita dei Grillo.
Supreme Military Tribunal..... Piazza Cairoli 11.
Terr. Military Tribunal ..... Via Nicotera 24.
* CCRR HQ ..... Via XXIV Maggio, Piazza Quirinale.
* Finanza HQ. ..... Ex Via XXI Aprile
* HQ Rome Corps ..... Piazza Pilota, Via della Pilotta.
* HQ Rome Terr Div. ..... " " " " "
HQ Rome Terr Defence ..... Via XXIV Maggio
HQ Engineers;;;..... " "" "
HQ Mov and Tpt. ..... Via del Babbuino (Alberge Russia)
Military school ..... Via della Lungara
Cavalry School ..... Ter di quinto.

BARRACKS.

*Armoured Corps Bks ..... Via XX Settembre
* CCRR ..... Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina 6
* CCRR ..... Piazza del Popolo 11
* CCRR Cadets ..... Via Legrano 3
* Mounted CCRR ..... Pastrengo Bks, Via Gianpiero Castellini
* 1 Grenadier Regt ..... Principe di Piedmonte Bks, Via Lepanto
*2 " " ..... Bks in S. Croce di Gerusalemme
*81 Inf Regt ..... Cavour Bks Via Giulio Cesare.
* Genoa Cavalry ..... Macao Bks Viale Castro Petrorio
2 Bersag Regt ..... La marmora Bks Via Amicia
8 Arty Regt ..... Ferdinando di Savoia Bks Via Marsala
* 13 Arty Regt ..... Macao Bks Viale Castro Pretrorio
* 8 Eng Regt ..... E Bianchi Bks Via Nomentana 276
* 8 Eng Regt ..... Forte Pietra Iata
10 Eng Regt WT ..... Ulivelli Bks Monte Mario
* 4 Tank Regt ..... Via Tiburtina
* M of W Defence force .... Via Paolina G Medici Bks.
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Military District 2 ..... Piazza Mattei
* 8 Motor Regt ..... Via Guido Reni.
* Ministry Car Park ..... Via Nomentana
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Various Bks ..... Villa Glori
*Metropolitan Bks ..... Via Guido Reni
1 Chemical Regt ..... Forte Aurelio

MILITIA BKS.

HQ ..... Villa Romania
Mussolini Bks ..... Piazza Mazzini
9 Blackshirt HQ ..... Piazza d'Armi
18 Legion ..... Via Legnano 4

ARTILLERY.

Artillery Directorate .. Via Marsala 106
Army Fuze Factory ..... Via Flaminia and Via G. Reni
Precision Lab ..... Via Itale Balbo 8
Experimental W/shops .... Via Marsala 106
Artillery Directorate ... Via Etruria
Artillery Inspectorate .. Via Napoli 40

ENGINEERS.

Transmission Institute .. Viale Mazzini 8
Transmission W/shops .... Viale Angelico
" " .... Viale Medaglie d'Oro.
Radio Station ..... Monte Mario
" " ..... Belle Sguardo
Engineer Stores ..... Magliana.

MEDICAL

Medical Directorate ..... Via del Vaccaro
Military Hospital del Celio ..... Via Celimontana.
Legal Medical Comp. ..... Villa Fonseca, Via S. Stefano Rotondo

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Medical Coy.	Villa Fonseca, Via S.Stefano Rotondo
Disinfecting Section	Via Batteria Nomentana
Divina Previdenza Hosp.....	Via Aurelia
Regina Elena Hosp(Mutilated) .	Via Aurelia.
Baldi Hosp for TBC	Via delle piscia Bachette.
SOM Hosp.....	Via Monserrato
COMMISSARIAT.	
Commissariat Directorate	Via del Vaccaro 10
Military Bakery	Via Re Boris di Bulgaria.
Ration Depot	" " " " "
Wood & Forage Depot.....	Forte Prenestino
Clothing Depot	Via Re Boris di Bulgaria.
Bck Store Depot	Via Labicana
Military Refrigerater	Civitavecchia.
Military "	Porta Fluviale S.Paolo
8 Sussistenza Coy	Via Re Boris di Bulgaria.
W/shops	Near Ponte Melvio.
MOTORIZATION.	
Technical Directorate	Via Parioli 65
Motorization Corps Directorate	... Via Antonio Musa 4
Motorization Study Centre	Viale Pinturicchio 40
CHEMICAL	
Military Chemical Centre	Via Castro Laurenziana 1.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIA N — 7 JUNE '44.

COL MARONE.

1. Informed Col Marone of the following locations of officers as requested by him:

Lt DI DOMENICO was attached to Gen Roperai's HQ (IMHQ) as an LO.

2/Lt DUSSIO was sent to SMRE about 5 days ago. He was apparently a private promoted to 2/lt by the Canadians.

Any further news could be provided by the personale e Segreteria branch of the SMRE. Their 06/421 of 10 May refers.

DOCTOR MERETTI.

2. Enquired about results of the proposed pay for troops.

Was informed that Col Pellegrinelli had returned from Salerno and had stated that the Minister had agreed verbally to our proposal. The proposal as put forward is as follows;

Allowance for troops in combat to remain the same i.e. 40 lire
Allowance for all other troops having 'A' scale ration ..32 lire
Allowance for troops on manual labour .....20 lire.

M of W are writing to the Ministry of Finance for confirmation prior to issueing the circular.

GEN PELLIGRA.

3. Informed Gen Pelligra that the Comd was not satisfied that the repairing was being put to the utmost. Suggested that working hours be augmented and further repair shops organized. Also suggested that the civilian population be urged to put in a bit of time to help clothe the soldiers.

Gen Pelligra fully realized the necessity of producing the largest amount of clothing as possible. He is organizing more shops but stated that the principal difficulty was the finding of personnel, this principally through lack of transport. He was finding the result He is going to press the Minister to pass a decree ordering the civilian population to do their bit. He assured me that the work would be increased to its utmost.

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4. Informed Gen Pelligra that AFHQ had laid down that sardines would be consumed in lieu of meat until all the stocks were exhausted.

Gen Pelligra understood this and informed me that they had discovered a method of cooking them which had proved quite successful and that the troops were fairly satisfied.

GEN ALIBERTI.

5. Was informed by Gen Aliberti that 6 Italian Army trucks had been discovered with a civilian. On trying to get these from him, a Yougoslav major intervened stating that they were the property of the Yougoslav Army, given to them by Z Military Mission from 576 coy Monopoli and wrere to be used as thought fit. These had been sold to the civilian so that the money could be used to buy civilian cars.

Gen Aliberti would like to know what action is to be taken.

Have asked for further particulars of the trucks in question.

6. Was informed that the CIL . by order from SHAEF, wanted another 2 Mobile work/shops. 59 Mob W/shop from Trepuzzi and 62 Mob W/shop from Calabria.

Gen Aliberti stated that this could not be done.

CIL already has 38 mob w/shop, normally only allowed to a Corps HQ. Furthermore 59 mob w/shop is due to go to Naples under the new repair scheme. 62 mob w/shop is required in Calabria.

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7. Ref para 6, the trucks in question are as follows: -
one FIAT 634. three FIATS 626 one FIAT 666
one LANCIA 80
The name of the Tagsalew Major MEGULLUK Carlo.

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Major MAURSAL.

8 Ref A4/2/3 dated May 30th, received the following data.

Soap Washing: (a) Normal monthly issue.
(b) 200 grams.
(c) End of month indent passed to Depot showing strength.
(d) Total quantity issued direct to each man.
(e) 500 quintals. (Further 5000 to be made).

Soap Toilet: Same as above.

Soap Shaving: Not a normal issue. Issue made to Canteen and bought at liberty. Demand made through channels by Unit Commissariat Branch to H of M. Sold on requirement. Availability 15 quintals plus 6,000 sticks recently bought.

Shaving Brushes: Same as shaving soap. Availability 4,100.

Tooth Paste. Same as above. Availability NIL. Possible 20,000 may be bought in DANE.

Razors, safety: Same as above. Availability 395.

Razors, open: Same as above. Availability NIL.

Razor Blades. Same as above . Availability 100,000. In some cases special free issues are made at discretion to fighting troops.

Boot Polish, Black: Normal issue. 50 grams per man. Issued monthly on indent showing strength. Availability NIL.

Boot Polish, Brown: Same as above.

Dubbin: Issued only in lieu of boot polish at rate of 100 grams per man per month. Availability NIL.

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Leather Equipment, Polish and Soap: Non existent in Italian Army.

Metal Polish: Non existent in Italian Army. Can be bought at times from Canteens.

Combs: Normal issue on entering Army, contained in housewife. Availability 1,300.

Hair Brushes: Not normal since War. Issue made on demand through channels to M of W by unit. Availability 1,100.

Boot Brushes: Same as above. Availability 300 of one type, 30 of another.

Sewing Kit: Normal issue on entering Army. Availability NIL.

Braces: Non existent.

Lapes: Not normal issue. Issued occasionally on demand. Availability 150,000.

Handkerchiefs: Issue of 3 made on entering Army. Issued in War on indent by units to M of W. Availability 4,8.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

6 JUNE'44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that necessary instructions had been issued to Capt VALENZANI and Lieut LIBERO LEONE to be transferred to the Finance Sub Commission.
(Ref our letter AQ/11 dated 30 May.)

2. Was informed that a circular has been issued by the Minister of War to the effect that a further 965 officers have to be demobilized. The demobilization will be spread over the following HQs:

HQ FFAA Campania.....	70
VII Corps	104
IX Corps	121
XIII Corps	126
XXXI Corps	344
LI Corps	120
Sabauda Div	60
	965

The selection is to be made as follows:
i) All surplus reserve officers, as far as possible subalterns.
ii) All reserve officers of any rank who have their homes in liberated Italy.
iii) All officers of any rank who are inefficient in the functions alotted to them.
iv) A complete purge of all officers in depots who are not on the WE.
Reports will be submitted to the M of W every 10 days and the whole operation to be completed by the end of June.

CABINET.

3. Was informed that a Bn of the 67 Inf Regt had been sent to Rome and was at present guarding the Royal Palace. This according to orders from 5th. Army.

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5. Was informed that the Commando Supremo, on instructions from the ACC, had warned the M of W to get a party of not more than 50 persons, including some reps from SMRE, to be ready to move at short notice to Rome. This party would be responsable for the taking over of all buildings and establishments alotted to the Italian Forces in Rome.
The party, to include all services, will be under the charge of the Deputy Head of Cabinet, Col RALZANI.

LT.COL GUALANO.

6. Attended meeting between Col Gualano and Col Kerr. Subjects discussed were i) Refugee and Military collection posts ii) Increase to 20% in agricultural leave.
Main points were:
i) Giving clear picture of the object and functioning of the two camps to be formed at Foggia and Aversa for the collection of all military personnel. Only two to be allowed and these to move forward as required. No further civilian refugee centres to be formed. Full use to be made of the present ones. Responsability of Refugee Sub Commission and no Italian Army personnel to be used unless ordered by AAI.

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ii) NO increase in agricultural leave. To remain at 10%
If agricultural leave able to be increased to 20%, would
mean that all units were above strength and therefore
easy to get rid of more personnel.

Responsibility of all unit commanders to provide all available men to nearby field to aid harvesting. Not to affect employed units in any way.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF W . LIAISON.

JUNE '44.

LT.C[illegible] GUALANO.

1. Ref Italian Military prisoners in civil jails.
i) Received confirmation that custody and feeding of members of Armed Forces serving sentences of over 30 days will be a civil responsability. Orders to that effect have already been issued.
ii) All prisoners serving sentences of 30 days and less will be a military responsability.
iii) All ideas of forming penal units have now been cancelled.
iv) H of W are going to open up a military jail in Vibo Valentia. This will deal with overflow of cases as per para (ii) above. Army guards will be used.
v) No Army guards are being used in civil. The ordinary prison guards are used.

2. Was informed that the Minister had rung through from Salerno and had stated that owing to the present situation, it was necessary to form 2 other refugee centres and have a further 2 as a reserve. This apparently has been approved by the Allied Refugee organization. No other details are available.

CABINET.

3. Was informed that Gen Orlando had returned from Salerno, on Sunday 4 June. He had ~~since~~ received an urgent message from the Government this morning for a special Council of Ministers. This sitting has given rise owing to the fall of Rome.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

4. Brought up the question of pay for troops in combat zones ie on 'A' scale.
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GEN PELLIGRA.

5. Informed Gen Pelligra of the intention of ACC of trying to get Capt Ventrella on special work for them. and therefore could a suitable relief be found for him.

Gen Pelligra pointed out that Capt Ventrella was the only officer with a thorough knowledge of Italian supplies. A relief might be found but it would take some time to get him into the job. Gen Pelligra was rather against losing Capt Ventrella stating it was against our interests.

(Ref ACC letter 16080/1/G 1 dated 27 May.)

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LIAISON OFFICE.

6. Informed LO that the bringing over of CORREGGIARI Giuseppe from Tripoli as a volunteer in to the Italian Army was completely out of the question.

(Ref M of W letter 8099/1 dated 31 May '44)

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7. Was informed that when Maj.Gen PESCATORI Armando was repatriated from : General Officer PW Camp,c/o GPO Premnagar (Dehra Dun), Delhi, he was not allowed to bring all his luggage with him. This was promised to be forwarded to him. Nothing has yet been heard of it. Can any info be had regarding this.

8. Gen Larice has informed M of W that on 4 June, 8 German parachutists escaped from the PW Camp at Taranto.
4 have since been recaptured near Metaponto. Necessary instructions have been passed to all units to keep a watch out for the remainder.

9. Handed in proposed notice putting all Italian Depots out of bounds to Allied troops unless in possession of authority from this H.Q.
Proposal agreed to and the necessary printing will be done.

CAPT VENTRELLA.

10. Hurried up the strength state. This will be sent in to us on Tuesday 6 June provided that the SURE forwards the figures.

11. Capt Ventrella brought up the Sardine question.
The latest proposal would be to issue sardines on 6 days of the decade and cheese for the remaining 4. Can this be agreed to. Gen Polligra is attaching much importance to this.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

14. Asked for clarification on the extension of agricultural leave from 10% to 20%.
Was informed that previously the personnel allowed to go on agricultural leave was 20% of any unit strength. This was reduced to 10% owing to the strength of the Army having gone down and demands for the Allies increasing.
It was pointed out that the increase to 20% will be awkward but necessary in the interests of the country.
This will only apply to depots, garrisons and units NOT employed with the Allies.
This has no relation to the availability of troops on the Allied programme as the personnel sent on leave are not lost indefinately but only for 15 days at a time.

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIA ON. 4 - E '44.

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DMND

Col SHIPLEY

letter to CO area rep'ing Allied 9/6 (B)

G3(I)

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Received information of the 4 Italian Army trucks in Taranto held by ' Claificio Costa'.
Nos of the trucks are: Fiat 635 MD no. 017507
Fiat 621 MD No. 032415
Fiat 626/N MD No. 3650.
Alfa Romeo 500 MD No. 036454.
The above, it is understood are being held by Major RUSTICK DAMER 52 Sub Area.

2. Was informed that the CCRA arrested in Bari, BARTELLOI Aldo, on suspect grounds. In his possession were 134,000 lire, 16, 000 lire in dollars, 40,000 lire in Pounds Steel.
A/m arrested on 28th. May at/ 11 am and handed over to the Italian Counter Espionage.
Also in possession were German Compass and Automatic with 24 rounds.

LT.COL KALEKO.

3. Was informed that enormous demands have been reaching the Ministry for Italian Army personnel for harvesting from local prefects. These include 10,000 men for Latera. All provinces are included. M of W have taken no action but point out the importance owing to the deterioration of the grain.
M of W, in order to find an answer, propose to increase the existing 10, Agricultural leave to 20%. It is made clear that this is not to affect personnel on duty with Allies. M of W wish to know whether this is possible ?
Authority is also requested for units to loan troops free from duty for harvesting in the immediate vicinity of the units.

2 i/c G

4. Informed Col Chalano that we agreed to allow 50 men until the end of the month to clear the Reorganization Camp/. Authority was also given to the Interrogation Centre provided that the personnel did not surpass the original 35. This was confirmed and was shown the circular laying this on.
Pointed out that as the Reorganization Camp was to be closed, the Galatina ration depot could also be closed. This is being gone into.

2 i/c G

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. - JUNE '44.

File 4/6 A.Q

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Ref incident between Allied Officer and Carabiniere, details are as follows: A.Q
Incident took place on 26 April '44, at 14.30 hrs, on train no. 3540 leaving Bari for Naples at 16.20 hrs.
(Further to M of W letter 7246/I dated 15.5.44.)

2. Was given the list of depots and Districts existant in Italy and the islands. As follows. 2 i/c.

H.Q FFAA Campania.

15	Inf Regt Depot	Salerno
31	" " "	Naples
39	" " "	Caserta
Colonial troops	"	Naples
10	Arty Regt Depot (AA)	Naples
10	" " "	Caserta
12	" " "	Nola.
Districts		Naples
	..	Nola
	..	Aversa
	..	Caserta
	..	Avellino
	..	Salerno
	..	Benevento

H.Q SARDINIA

45	Inf Regt Depot	Iglesias
46	" " "	Mandas
59	" " "	Tempio Pausania
60	" " "	Sassari
13	Arty Regt Depot	Marcomer
16	" " "	Cagliari
40	" " "	Sassari
Military District		Cagliari
	"	Lanusei
	"	Oristano

IX CORPS.

47	Inf Regt Depot	Lecce
48	" " "	Castellana
139	" " "	Conversano (Bari)
140	" " "	Lecce Martano
225	" " "	Monopoli
226	" " "	Molfetta

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"	Caserta
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9 Arty AA Regt "	Rodi Garganico
14 " " "	Corato
47 " " "	Copertino
Military District	Giovanazzo
"	Lecce
"	Barletta
"	Taranto
"	S. Severo
"	Campobasso
"	Potenza
XXXI CORPS	
16 Inf Regt Depot	Cosenza
19 " " "	Nicastro
20 " " "	Vibo Valentia
207 " " "	Catanzaro
208 " " "	Reggio Calabria
55 Arty Regt "	Vibo Valentia.
Military District	Cosenza
"	Catanzaro
"	Reggio Calabria.
XII CORPS	
3 Inf Depots and 1 Arty Regt	Depot being formed.
Military District	Palermo
" " (Messina)	Palermo
	Catania
	Syracuse

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Military	District	Ragusa
"		Enna
"		Caltanisetta
"		Agrigento
"		Trapani

LT.COL GUALANO.

2 i/c G. ~~A.G~~

3. Was shown the orders to be issued for the closing down of No 2 Reorganization Camp. This to be done by the SMRE by the 5th June.

Was asked whether it would be possible to hold back a total of not more than 80 men in the Reorganization Camp, to be held until the end of the month. Object to clear up all documents, get rid of all equipment, straighten up all pay matters.

It is the intention of M of W to form an Interrogation Centre under a Major in lieu of this Camp. The total staff will be more than 35. Matter to,be discussed later.

Comd 2 i/c G ~~A.G~~

4. Was shown message to all concerned that wef 3rd June no rations will be issued to military prisoners in civilian jails. Wef that date all personnel charged with more than 30 days imprisonment will be struck off strength.

M.PALERMO (Under Secretary of State for War)

COMD.

5. Attended conference with M. Palermo and Comd.

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MINISTRY OF WARS LIAISON

1 JUNE '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed of the following moves of officers:
Brig.Gen MORO Federico ceases to be CRA LI Corps and is appointed CRA of the CIL.
Col. MUCCIACCIARO Adelchi ceases to be attached to AA Defence Sardinia and is appointed O.C Lavoratori Group BARI.

2. Was informed that A Medical Directorate is being formed for XXXI Corps.
The WE is as follows: 6 offrs, 2 NCO's and 5 OR's. The Directorate will be commanded by a Colonel to be nominated.

3. Ref the request for Capt TETE to be retained w/ with 372 Inf Regt. Was informed that Capt TETE has been transferred to the BAFILE Bn. He is a regular officer and was asked for by the Bn. M of W would like to know what the decision is to be.

4. Was informed that owing to prisoners detained in jail belonged to all three services, the whole question had been passed to the Commando Supremo and that the whole matter was now out of the hands of the M of W.
Reminded M of W of our policy letter whereby all military prisoners in civilian jails ~~xxx~~ undergoing sentences of over 30 days would be struck of the ration strength and would be considered as civilians.

5. Was informed that the Town Major of Lecce, in wanting to make a new car park in Lecce, had asked the M of W to supply the following materials:

Iron Stakes	60
Barbed Wire	900 metres
Wire ord.	5 kgs.

M of W would like our authority for the a/m materials to be drawn from the Lecce Engineer Depot.
The new Military Cark Park will be in front of the Lecce Post Office.

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The new Military Carp Park will be in front of the Lecce Post Office.

LT.COL GUALANO.

6. Informed Col Gualano that it had been decided that No 2 Reorganization Camp would be dissolved. If a proposal of a small organization of not more than 30 men for the purposes of interrogation of the small numbers of recalled personnel was put forward to us it might be considered. 2/c G.

7. Informed Col Gualano that it had not been considered necessary to form the 3 'King's' coys as proposed by the Minister. 2/c G. 2047

Col Gualano informed me that they had only wanted to form these coys in order to have some trained personnel available. The personnel would be taken from the surplus in depots, who are very backward in training, and would be given a month's severe training. This would not make any difference as they would still be available if required. The object would be for them to replace the large number of security troops taken for agricultural work. The coys would also substitute the Granatieri Bn which was to come from Sardinia. It will also have a great improving effect on the morale of the troops concerned. *A written request follows*

CAPT VENTRELLA.

8. Was informed that no notification had yet reached the S.T.

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M of W of the arrival of P. Meat in Italy/.
Capt Ventrella pointed out that he was confirming his Message 5046/S dated 20 th May, namely that the existing stocks of P Meat would only last until and not beyond the 10th June.

COL BASILE.

9. Was informed that owing to the fact that Italian units receiving Allied clothing were not handing in their old Italian clothing, required urgently for repair and subsequent distribution, the M of W had appointed 2/Lt DE LEO Alfredo as an inspecting officer, rep of the M of W, who would carry frequent inspections and would submit reports of defects to the M of W. A.Q

COL RAMPA.

10;;; M of W informed us that there were 4 Italian Army lorries in a civilian garage in Taranto. We had communicated with DADME 52 Area who required the numbers, make and any other particulars concerning their employment and the matter would be taken up. A.Q DADME
Informed M of W if they would forward the details as above the matter would be taken further.

11. Informed Col Rampa that the Bafile Bn had requested us for some tyres and tubes for 2 Fiat 626 trucks and 1 Fiat 1100 truck. These were to be used for the transportation of supplies from Taranto to the BN. A.Q DADME
Informed Col Rampa that this request was to come via the M of W and that they were to get into touch with Comdr CORRADINI in order to investigate into the necessity of the order. If it was considered to be essential, the ~~order~~ request was to be passed to us.

CABINET.

12. Was informed that the Minister had left for Salerno for the weekly Council of Ministers. He was expected back round about Saturday.3rd June. COMD

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MINISTRY OF WAR I ISON 3 MAY '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was given the figures of the recall of drivers of the 1920,21,22,23 & 24 classes which has know been c completed. These are as follows

Campania	674
IX Corps	45
Total	719

G.

These have been sent to the 10 Motor Group Naples and 9 Motor Regt Bari resp. and have been made available to the SMRE.

2. Ref our I/103/1 dated 11 May 44. Instructions have been issued from the Cabinet to the effect that all Prisoners of War will be in possession of some form of identity card. This will as far as possible be the normal identity card or if not possible it will have to be the railway booklets.

G3 (I)

3. Obtained the circular governing the call up of the 1922 class. This is exactly the same as the one which was issued for the call up of the 23 class. M of W would like our sanction of this circular before the call up can be put into effect.

2/c G ~~AQ~~

4. Informed LO that we had received communication to the effect that Capt. TETE Carlo was to be transferred from 372 Rgt to the SMRE. As this officer was very good at his job and knew the area inr which he worked very well, asked the M of W to reconsider the question of his transfer.

A.Q

LT.COL GUALANO.

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2/c G.

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A.Q

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

G3 (I)

8. Showed col Millefiorini two identity card s from AAI, one an IFA H, card and the other a protected personnel card. Pointed out that the only identity card recognized were the ones for officers and OR's as authorized by AAI and would these therefore be withdrawn. Also asked for the directive issued by the M of W to the effect that those cards would be the only authorised documents.
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were only to be regarded as a temporary measure and would be withdrawn as soon as the other cards were ready. With regard to the Protected personnel card, this was to remain with the Red Cross personnel in addition to their identity card. It was not to be regarded as any identity document but was to prove that they were protected personnel in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

9. Informed Doctor Ferretti that we had received communication to the effect that ACC drivers were not getting the extra 20 lire a day. Asked Doctor Ferretti to reconsider the decision and to let these men have this extra pay.
Doctor Ferretti assured me that he would take the matter up but that it necessitated knowing how many drivers there were.

A.Q

COL. RAMPA.

10. Asked Col Rampa to go into the question of the FERONI Firm at Bari. This firm is engaged on the repair of motor cycles for the Italian Army. 304 Army Coy RASC having lost their equipment to the 8th Army had wanted to requisition this firm with its machinery. A decision had been reached however whereby the Italian Army would be allowed to retain their minimum requirements (2 District) and would Col Rampa therefore go into the question.

A.Q

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

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30 MAY '44.

A.Q

LIAISON OFFICE.

G3 (I)

1. Was informed that on the 28th May, a German camouflaged parachute was discovered near Martina France. M of W are organizing a thorough search of the whole district.

2. Brig Lush has written to the M of W and has congratulated Gen Biglino on his very excellent refugee work.

G
~~A.Q~~

COL RAMPA.

3. Informed Col Rampa that avehicle pool of at least 12 vehicles was required for Gen Basso. Gen Basso has been making demands on Allied transport lately and this should stop.

G
DADME

Col Rampa agreed to this suggestion and stated that he would see that 12 vehicles coming out of the w/shops would be handed to the Autieri Regt and would be reserved for Basso. It is likely that this will start with 6 vehicles but will be made up later.

4. Reminded Col Rampa to see that 500 copies of the Italian Maintenance and Driving Instructions were required to be sent to the Driving school. Col Rampa knew all about this and stated that the whole matter was in hand.

~~A.Q~~

CABINET.

G.

5. Informed Col Fiore that Lt.Col Howard was here from Calabria. There is a large surplus of officers in depots in Calabria and something would have to be done about them. Informed Col Fiore that Col Howard was going to the SMRE with concrete proposals for all troops in Calabria and therefore would he be prepared for some changes.

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COL BASILE.

A.Q

6. Informed Col Basile that ref M of W letter 9904/V dated 27th May our A./2/3 dated 20th May was cancelled. No toothbrushes were now required to be moved to Naples but all to Bari.
The Shaving Soap would now be redistributed as follows
75 o/o to BARI
25% to Naples.

A.Q.(3)

S.T.

7. Discussed and explained our letter A./2/3 dated 30 May to Col Basile, pointing out that we wished to be fully conversant with the Italian method of distribution of Comforts and also total stocks held in the Italian Army.

8. Accompanied Major Rose to discuss the following points:
i) The Italian Port Detachment working at present in Taranto was unsatisfactory. There were 3 shifts each consisting of 2 Sgts and 6 OR's. This should be doubled.
ii) Of the Italian Officers, Lt Massimo was indifferent, Lt Di Poli was bad and Lt Giangiacomo had not turned up. Replacements were required for all three.
iii) At the Taranto Main Depot, Col Baldini was unsatisfactory and was too old for the job. At Galatina, Capt Greco was doing a very good job. Suggested replacing Col Baldini by Capt Greco.
iv) The labour gang working on unloading at the depot was leaving its work for meals before the relieving gang turned up. This needed amending.

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ACTION. i) This will be seen to immediately.
ii) Replacements for the three officers will be despatched and should reach Taranto on morning 31 st May.
iii) It will be very difficult to replace Col Baldini who is the consignee of the Depot and is considered to be expert at his job. Capt Greco will however will be sent to the Taranto Depot in order to help Col Baldini and a suitable replacement for Capt Greco at Galatina will be found. We shall be informed of the date of the changeover.
iv) I mmediate instructions will be sent to the ~~XXX~~ effect that on no account will any shift on any duty leave its job without being fully relieved.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LI SCN. 5 MAY '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that on the 15th. June, a course will bestarted on farrier work. This will take place in the 103rd Animal hospital with LI Corps.
This is being done in order to keep the trade going and also to meet the growing Allied demands for this trade.
The course will be run by Col (vet) CHIGLIOTTA Francesco and personnel will come from the Animal Veterinary hosp. It is due to last three months.
The personnel for this course will be provided as follows.

HQ Campania	60
IX Corps	45
XXXI "	20
LI "	20
Reorganization Camps	15
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2. Ref M of W letter 7246/I dated 15th May.
Informed LO that the information on the incident was not sufficient. More details were required on the time of departure and destination of the train and more details of the officer concerned.
Informed LO that in all cases where incidents were concerned, it was no use reporting them unless full details were submitted otherwise no action could be taken.

3. Informed LO that FORAPANE Ermanno could leave at any time for Sardinia by air. He would not need any MTA and AAI & CIC had agreed to his journey.

4. Was informed that Lieut Campbell, AMGOT Chieti was holding Serg MARINELLI Tullio as an interpreter. This NCO is due for the Academy in order to complete his course. M of W would like to know whether he can be released from his present employment.

LT.COL GUALANO.

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M of W would like to know what action is to be taken by them on this matter.

CABINET.

6. Col Fiore asked me to inform all concerned that when letters from this HQ are addressed to the Minister, other than personnal letters, that they be addressed to the MINISTER FOR WAR and not to GEN ORLANDO.

The reason for this is that letters addressed to Gen Orlando get filed in his personal file and cannot always be got at by Departments at later dates if required.

COL RAMPA

7. Some time back, the M of W asked whether it would be possible to remove and replace all MT specialists in labour coys working for us. The Mororization Br. is very short of specialists and they know that quite a number can be found in the Manovalanza gangs. M of W would still like to know whether this can be done.

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6. Ref ST/12 dated 26 May asking for the difference in the high quantities of oils this month as compared to last month.

Col Kampa gave me the following reason.

In M of W letter 8917 dated 21st April, it was reported that whereas the barrels used to contain 190 litres, the new barrels to be issued would only contain 158 litres. This is the difference between British and American containers. This accounts for what appears to be higher quantities of oil for this month, whereas it is the quantity in barrels and not in substance that has increased.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

9. Had long discussion on the special allowances for troops in the Combat zones. Informed doctor Ferretti of the report from AAI about the cancellation of pay for certain of the units in the forward areas.
Informed Doctor that we would like the following to be considered as allowances for troops.

(i) Pay for troops in actual combat to remain the same.

(ii) That the pay for troops up to a distance of 15 kms behind front line be cancelled and instead that ALL troops receiving A scale rations receive the same allowance ie 32 lire. Pointed outt that if troops were entitled to receive a better scale of ration then they should be entitled to better pay as a whole.

(iii) In the event that the Finance authorities find that 32 lire (15 km pay) for all troops receiving A scale be too much, we would be prepared to arrive at a figure which would not effect the financial problem too much.

(iv) That a report giving us an opinion on the matter be submitted to us as soon as possible.

Requested that immediate action be taken to inform all concerned that NO change in present payment is to take place for the moment until the final decision is reached.

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 28th MAY '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed of the following moves of General Officers:
Brig.Gen BIANCO di S. SECONDO Emanuele from 225 Div as 2 i/c to BARI Div as 2 i/c.
Brig.Gen BEATO Armando ceases to be attached to HQ FFAA Campania (AA Defence) and is now Demobilized.
Lt.Gen CANNONIERE Alfredo ceases to be attached to HQ FFAA Campania and is now Demobilized.
Maj.Gen BRUNETTI ceases to be attached to the M of W and is CRA FFAA Campania. He will also replace Lt.Gen Cannoniere in the Enquiry Commission.
Brig.Gen SALVATORES Pasquale ceases to be CRA FFAA Campania and is now Demobilized.
Brig.Gen MUSINU Giuseppe ceases to be attached to 203 Div as 2 i/c and is now Demobilized.

2. Was informed that the following units of the MEMO Div had reached Campania.
XVI Bn. 183 Regt (Para)
184 Mortar Coy,
184 Signal Coy,
184 Medical Section,
M/Cycle Coy,
H.Q.

3. Was given the following list of Arty Depots and Establishments which require Non Admittance Notices:

Campania Arty Directorate ..	Tondo di Capodimonte Naples.
IX Corps Arty Directorate ..	Taranto.
XIII Corps " " ..	Nuoro.
XXXI " " "	Cosenza
2nd Mobile Laboratory	Marcellinara (Catanzaro)
Detached Arty Section	Lecce.
Army Arsenal	Naples. (Mergellina Grottos)
Campania Arty Directorate ..	Corso Malta. Naples.
Army Arsenal	Via Gianturco Naples.
Capua Powder Factory	Capua.
Army Fuze Factory	Torre Annunziata.

Ammo Dumps.
Contrada Arpi (Foggia)
Rondinella (Taranto)
S. Bon (Taranto)
S. Vito (Taranto)

Puglie.
Lecce
Strada S. Cataldo (Lecce)
Caserma Mezzacapo (Taranto)
Caserma Padini (Taranto)

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S. Bon (Taranto)
S. Vito (Taranto)
Boffoluto (Taranto)
Serro (Taranto)
S. Michele di Bari.
Casarano
Locorotondo
Bernalda
Gallipoli

Vadue (Cosenza)
Cosenza
Castrovillari
Feroleto Antico
Marcellinara
Mesorace
Taurinova
Piani di Modena
Sbarre.

Carditello
Cappuccini
Piano di Quarto

Puglie.

Lecce
Strada S. Cataldo (Lecce)
Caserso Mezzacapo (Taranto)
Caserma Fadini (Taranto)
Cisino (Taranto)
Starda Martina Franca (Tar)
Via Castello Brindisi.
Polveriera Montenegro (Br)
Batteria Carafa (Br)
Polveriera Lauria (Br)
Batteria Lauria (Br)
Villa Chiodi (br)

Calabria.

Pentimele Nord (Reggio)
Pentemele Sud
Catona
Badessa
Matiniti Inf.
Matiniti Sup.
Poggio Pignatelli
Gioia Tauro
Briatico

Campania.

Ciulo Blua
Casa Giove
Maiella (Capua.)

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Scafati
S.Valentino Torio
Spitini

Monserrato
Macomer
Siliqua
Campomela
Prato Sardo
Palau Stentino
Palau Berage

Armeria (Capua)
Caserma Mezzacapo (Capua)
Albanova.

Sardinia.

Olbia
Poggio Rasu
Telti
Oesico
Oziari
Nuoro.

4. Was given the following lists of Commissariat Stores and Depots. A.Q.

Campania.

Military Bakery Naples.
Special Ration Depot Naples.
Forage Combustibles Depot Naples
Ordnance Depot Aversa
Clothing Depot Naples.
Salvage Depot S.Giovanni a Teduccio
Military Mill Aldifreda (Caserta)
Ration, Forage Combustible Depot Caserta.
" " " " Salerno
" " " " Benevento
" " " " Avellino
" " " " Aversa
" " " " Nola
Clothing Salvage Depot Naples
Boot Salvage Depot Naples.

Sardinia

Ration Centre Cagliari
" Depot Macomer
" " Main Macomer
Salvage Depot Oschiri
Main Ration Depot Monti
" " " Cagliari
" " " Cagliari
Forage Combustible Depot Chilarza
" " " Sassari
Main Ration Depot Torre di S.Cavino
Ration Sub Depot Iglesias
" " " Nuoro
" " " Oziari
" " " Tempio
Ordnance Depot Cagliari
" " Sassari

"	"	Avezzano
"	"	Isola
Clothing Salvage Depot		Naples
Boot Salvage Depot		Naples.

Sardinia

Ration Centre	Cagliari
" Depot	Macomer
" " Main	Macomer
Salvage Depot	Oschiri
Main Ration Depot	Monti
" " "	Cagliari
" " "	Cagliari
Forage Combustible Depot	Ghilarza
" " "	Sassari
Main Ration Depot	Torre di S.Gavino
Ration Sub Depot	Iglesias
" " "	Nuoro
" " "	Ozieri
" " "	Tempio
Ordnance Depot	Cagliari
" "	Sassari
Military Bakery	Cagliari
Salvage Depot	Cagliari
Wood Depot	Bonorva
Wood Centre	Macomer.

Puglie

Military Bakery	Bari
Ration Depot (Div)	Bari
Forage Combustible	Bari
Divisional Depot	Bari
9 Coy Suss. Depot	Bari
Salvage Depot	Bari
Ordnance Depot	Bari
Clothing Boot Salvage Depot	Fasano
" " " "	Bari
" " " "	Acquaviva delle Fonti
Special Ration Depot	Bari
Salvage Depot	Lecce
Special Ration Depot	Lecce
Main Ration Depot	Taranto
Ration Forage Combustible Depot	Galatina
" " " "	Gioia del Colle
" " " "	Maglie
" " " "	S.Pancrazio Salentino
" " " "	Canosa
" " " "	Bernarda
" " " "	Locorotondo

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Ration Forage Combustible Depot		Brindisi
" " "	"	Trani
" " "	"	Taranto
" " "	"	Barletta
" " "	"	Foggia.

Calabria.

Ration Depot	Catanzaro
Ration Forage Combustible Depot	Catanzaro Sala
Clothing Depot	Catanzaro
Ration Depot	Nicastro
" "	Reggio Calabria
" "	Crotone
Special Ration Depot	Crotone
Ordnance Depot.	Catanzaro

Sicily

Special Ration Depot	Palermo
Garrison Ration Depot	Palermo
" " "	Catania.

5. Was informed that Brindisi Sub Area has asked for further storage space in the Carafa Ammo Dump. Some time ago part of the dump was taken over for the storage of Allied Ammo (for Force 266).

M of W wish to know whether this further space is essential as the Arty branch has a lot of fuzes stored there and in view of the inflammability of the stores, the remaing space has been specially adapted with anti lightning devices. This is the only storage space of its kind and M of W would have nowhere else to store its fuzes.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

6. Was informed that the 17/D American Hospital has wished to requisition the whole of the first floor of the Malta Hospital in Campania. This is contrary to the policy laid down. M of W have signalled to Major Reggie but think he may not have received the signal Can action be taken to prevent the requisition.

CABINET.

7. Accompanied Col Fiore Vernazza to see the Comd. Col Fiore wished to give an explanation of the Sicily

of Allied A.F.H.Q. (Ref Forte 283).

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CABINET.

7. Accompanied Col Fiore Vernazza to see the Comd. Col fiore wished to give an explanation of the Sicily incident and pointed out that the whole matter was a misunderstanding and that the only thing the M of W had wanted was clarification.

The Comd again expressed his surprise at the whole question but was prepared to consider the whole matter closed. He wished the whole position to be made quite clear to XII Corps.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

8. Informed that AAI wanted to know the date on which the issue of identity cards would commence.

Was informed that the issue of the cards to the officers had begun and was now near completion. The OR's card has not yet begun owing to the fact that the cards have not yet been printed due to the lack of the right type of cardboard. It should be begun quite shortly.

Suggested that a space be left on the Or's cards for the holder's signature. This will be done.

Major.

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W.O. No.
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Ref para 6. Are all the
ships commun and ? Warsaw ? routine

Are forward- borne

6/6

A/S

No - not so far as I know
The Yugoslav Lubumbashi Corp and an odd
Atlantic Security Council should remain
Total strength is about 4868 and all of that is likely
to remain there
Sorry I did not get the item which
was labelled S-T

GT

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Action

Para 1. SC Q bill Dastur

V phone on 12 May 30/5 gp

6 S T

What is Utes going

to Corsica.

Q Thin refers to Telpat Signal GA216 dated 2 May 111 in File AQ/8

Local purchase item to be shipped are - Dried Veg

6 ST

What is there going
to Corsica.

G This refers to Telegram Signal
GU 216 dated 2 May with
in file AQ/8

Local purchase items to
be shipped are - Dried Veg
Sweet Fruit Salt + Nuts
to M have been reminded
times about the shipment

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Also say that all these are
available in Naples except other
than the Nuts.
If this is not to be shipped
Signal Urgent Report please
up with W/T.

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SICILIA - Ammo/MT. Dumps - MESSINA
- H Type w/Shops & Motor Regt - CATANIA
- 59 Hvy Mobile w/Shops - TRAPUZZI.

CAMPANIA - H Type w/Shops 10 Motor Regt - NAPLES
- 32 Hvy Mobile w/Shops 5 Hgsks dei Gpts - NAPLES

SARDINIA - 13 MT. Dumps - Maddalena
- H Type w/Shops 13 Motor Regt - CAGLIARI
- 10 Hvy Mobile w/Shops - Fenlon Regt

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LIST OF NT ESTABLISHMENTS w/ SHOPS (MOTORIZATION)

STABILIMENTI E OFFICINE DI RIPARAZIONE

PUGLIA	Parco Automobilistico d'Armata - Mesagne - (Brindisi) Officina tipo "A" del 9° Reggimento Autieri - BARI - 59^ Officina Mobile Pesante -Trepuzzi- (Lecce)
CAMPANIA	Officina tipo "A" del 10° Raggruppamento Autieri-Napoli- 38^ O.M.P. - (C.I.L.) S.Agata dei Goti - NAPOLI -
SARDEGNA	13° Parco Automobilistico - Abbassanta ( ) Officina tipo "A" del 13° Reggimento Autieri - CAGLIARI - 70^ O.M.P.-Tanca Regia- ( )

ANDRIA BARLETTA BRINDISI LOCOROTONDO MARTINA FRANCA MONOPOLI NOICATTARO PUTIGNANO SALICE SALENTINO TRIGGIANO GALLIPOLI TARANTO(solo recipienti vuoti)	APULIA. PUGLIA
SILIGNA-D.M.C.	

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A N D R I A
B A R L E T T A
B R I N D I S I
L O C O R O T O N D O
M A R T I N A F R A N C A
M O N O P O L I
N O I C A T T A R O
P U T I G N A N O
S A L I C E S A L E N T I N O
T R I G G I A N O
G A L L I P O L I
T A R A N T O(solo recipienti vuoti)

APULIA.

P U G L I A

S I L I G N A-D.M.C.
A B B A S S A N T A-D.M.C.
T O R R E B B A -D.M.C.
S A S S A R I -D.M.C.
M O N T I -D.O.
T E M P I O -D.O.
N U O R O -D.O.
B A S S A C U T E N A - D.O.
C A G L I A R I-.P.D.
S A N L U R I - P.D.
O L B I A - P.D.
B O N U T R A U - PD

S A R D E G N A

D.M.C. Deposito Media Capacità
D.O. Deposito Occasionale
P.D. Posto Distribuzione

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GAGLIANO
S. BERNARDO
CASTROVILLARI
COSENZA
BRIATICO
GIOIA TAURO
REGGIO CALABRIA

CALABRIA

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MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

24 MAY '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

A.Q

1. Was informed that the Cabinet had issued the following instructions governing the arrival of Allied Medical stocks for the Italian Armed Forces.

The Medical Directorate will form a central depot in the ex GIUSTI hospital in Taranto, which will hold all medical stocks. The Italian WE is as follows:

1 senior officer or captain chemist consignee,
2 subaltern officer chemists,
1 medical NCO
12 or's.

Allied Authorities will provide 2 RAMC officers and 4 RAMC NCO's for control.

Date of completion of above 21 May '44.

G3 (I)

2. Informed LO that the NEMBO are publishing their own paper and that PWB Naples will not allow them to do so unless authority is given by MoF W.

If M of W have no objection to this paper being published, would they inform us in writing.

A.Q

3. Was given the list of Veterinary Depots for which Non Admittance notices were required.

Animal Remount Depot.		Persano (Salerno)
"	"	Bonorva (Sassari)
"	"	Bari.
Horse & Stallion Depot		S. Maria Capua Vetere (Naples)
"	"	Lucera (Foggia)
"	"	Catania.
"	"	Ozieri (Sassari)

G3 (I)

4. Was given the circular which the M of W propose to publish in Sicily in order to try and get back from the civilians as many Army mules as possible. All mules or equipment returned to the Italian authorities will be paid for. M of W would like us to give the necessary authority for it to be published.

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LT.COL GUALANO

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5. Was informed that Lt.Col Brister of the Refugee Sub Commission has written a strong letter to the M of W

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4. Was given the circular which the [illegible] of [illegible] proposes to publish in Sicily in order to try and get back from the civilians as many Army rules as possible. All rules or equipment returned to the Italian authorities will be paid for. [illegible] of [illegible] would like us to give the necessary authority for it to be published.

LT.COL GUALANO

5. Was informed that Lt.Col Brister of the Refugee Sub Commission has written a strong letter to the [illegible] of [illegible] stating that under ref AAI in letter AAI/3074/3/A (G) of 10th. April it is requested that the 4 offrs 25 OR's will be concentrated forthwith in 372 PW Camp, requesting that immediate steps be taken for all to be returned.
This question has cropped up before and [illegible] of [illegible] would like to know what they are to do,about it.
(Log dated 16th. May further refers.)

CAPT VENTRELLA.

6. Asked for clarification on the system adopted for the buying of fresh items on the ration scale.
Was informed as follows:
All units are responsable for the buying of all fresh items on the ration scale ie 350 gms vegetables & 113 gms fruit. These are bought locally or through contract. Bills are then submitted to the unit Paymaster who refunds the money, checking that the prices are according to the current market prices.
In addition, all troops are allowed a ration adjustment allowance which is paid to the unit. This goes to buying special items such as herbs etc. The ration adjustment allowance is as follows, 10 lire Sicily, 5 lire Naples & 3 lire rest of mainland.

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File 365

MINISTRY OF WAR LAISON. 27 MAY '44.

A.Q

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Informed LO that we had received communication on a high level that there was no trace of Capt. SIMEONI Paolo

G3 (I)

2. Was informed that ZANIBONI (former deported from Italy by the Fascists being antifascist) was replacing Gen Biglino on Refugee work. Gen Biglino will now be in charge of pepping up training for repriated officers.

G
A.Q

LT.COL GUALANO.

3. Asked for clarification on the forming of a PW reception centre in Sicily.

G.

Col Gualano informed me that they had received communication from Gen Gazzera, PW High Commissioner that 521 Italian repriated PW were due to arrive in Sicily shortly. The organizing of such a centre was intended to receive the personnel and carry out all necessary interrogation.

Informed Col Gualano that it was extremely unlikely that the PW would arrive especially as an order from AAI stated that no more PW from overseas would be arriving; Col Gualano would like confirmation that the centre is not to be formed.

4. Ref the rounding up of deserters in the Foggia area,

G.

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5. Was informed that the ACC had requested the Council of Ministers for the Army requirements in billetting in Rome. Billeting was requested for the following HQs and

Comd 2/c

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Ministry of War.
SMRE
Commando Supremo.
'Sardinia' Grenadier Division.
Engineer Transmitting Bn.
1 MT Group.

Strength was estimated at about 13,000 men.

CABINET.

6. In the absence of the Minister, handed in the letter expressing the Comd's vèews on the Memo on the 1 Dist. XXI Italian Corps incident.

Informed very clearly Col Fiore of the Comds surprise that such a question should be taken up. Also made it clear that in all cases, an Allied Commanders orders should always be taken as final.

Col Fiore pointed out that the whole object of the Memo had been taken in the wrong spirit and that the M of W only wanted to have some clarifications on the subject. Col Fiore stated that he would come along personally to explain the whole matter to the Comd.

7. Obtained authority from Col Fiore in writing for the Nembo Div to be allowed to publish its own paper.

9.

Comd 24c 9 A.Q

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Ministry of War.
SMRE
Commando Supremo.
'Sardinia' Grenadier Division.
Engineer Transmitting Bn.
1 MT Group.

Strength was estimated at about 15,000 men.

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CABINET.

6. In the absence of the Minister, handed in the letter expressing the Comd's views on the Memo on the 1 Dist. XXI Italian Corps incident.

Informed very clearly Col Fiore of the Comds surprise that such a question should be taken up. Also made it clear that in all cases, an Allied Commanders orders should always be taken as final.

Col Fiore pointed out that the whole object of the Memo had been taken in the wrong spirit and that the M of W only wanted to have some clarifications on the subject. Col Fiore stated that he would come along personally to explain the whole matter to the Comd.

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7. Obtained authority from Col Fiore in writing for the Nembo Div to be allowed to publish its own paper.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

5 MAY '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that Lt. ARRATI Giuseppe is now no longer being called up. This is in consideration of the fact theat the a/m is at present employed on very extensive civilian medical work. (In reply to No. 2 Dist. request.)

2. Was informed of the following moves of officers:
Col. MOSCIO Teodoro from Gp Brindisi Lavoratori to be C.O. a brigade with the CIL (for the moment this is to be the newly formed bde)
Col. LEONARDI CATTOLICA Francesco from 211 Div to be C.O. Brindisi Lavoratori Group.

3. Was informed that as the 9th. Motor Regt was now supplying the Allied Forces with most of the troops required, it had been decided to nominate it as the 9th. Motor Group wef 1 May '44.

4. Informed LO that with ref to the change of Lt. ZANIBONI from 7th. Mountain Regt, if Bde H were keen to have the a/m officer moved they were to put their case forward to us in writing.

CAP. DEL PANTA.

5. Informed Cap Del Panta that the 40 mules at present in the Bari Remount Depot were to be transferred to APPIGNIA under arrangements of 2 Dis. Would he take the necessary action. Informed Cap Del Panta that this did not mean that the animals were being handed over to 2 Dis but that this consisted purely of a transfer owing to the fact that the space at Bari was required to house some new arrivals of mules. Cap Del Panta stated that he would inform Bari Depot.

COL BASILE.

6. Informed Col Basile that in future all movement of supplies by sea the 9th of 8 were asked to undertake,

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COL BASILE.

6. Informed Col Basile that in future all movement of supplies by sea the [illegible] of A were asked to undertake, they were to give these an early priority. This with particular ref to supplies due to be shipped to Sardinia Sicily and Corsica. The last request took a considerable amount of time before it received any action.

Col Basile informed us that the expedition of the supplies to Corsica had been suspended owing to the fact that all the troops on the island were being transferred to the mainland. Col Basile would like confirmation that this was in order.

7. Informed Col Basile that the wine awaiting shipment at Gallipoli was being hurried. Col Basile hoped that there would not be much delay over this as the wine was out in the open and there was every chance of this going bad if it were left there any length of time.

COL RAMPA.

8. Asked for clarification on the extra 5[illegible] barrels of petrol requested for the month of May.

Col Rampa informed us that in Campania the following amounts had been consumed in excess owing to the movement of troops arriving from Sardinia.

22 tons of the reserve petrol which is allowed

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to be carried by each truck. (Each truck is allowed to carry about 4 gallons spare)

30 tons of the petrol allotted to the Government.

30 tons being in excess of the above replacements and which is necessary to see Massa through to the end of the month.

Informed Col Rampa that before the request could be granted it would be necessary to have complete details of how the above amounts were consumed. This is being done.

CABINET.

9. Was informed that yesterday 25th. May the Royal Military Academy was officially opened by the Minister for War.

10 Was informed thatbthe Minister was leaving once again for Salouno for the weekly Council of Ministers.

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Para. 1 D.A.D. Mob

this is not so
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The question - read depot as
arranged in 8th Army A.O.D.

Platoon ready as soon as we are.

Well.

Return. A/Q has been spoken to.

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MESSAGE FORM

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 3 MAY '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that up to date, 5935 officers have been demobilized in order to reduce the ranks of the Army.

2. Was informed of the following imminent arrivals in Campania from Corsica.

255 coy. mixed Eng.	164
226 " " "	147
17 mobile W/shop	27
411 pl. pontieri	55
IV " "	58
9 coy idrica	180
lavoratori det.	57
135 Forestry coy	128
29 coy artieri	204
52 " "	256
Forestry det.	64
24 coy ferrovieri	96
A.A. troop pers.	255
3 coy artieri	154
4 " "	167
5 " "	135
49 Hospital	165
510 T.E. Bn. (labour)	430
511 " " "	497
1 Garrison Bn.	497
Bonifacio Base	7"
Collecting centres Intell.	110
7 Motor Unit	364
TOTAL	4286.

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3. A new office has been formed in the M of W under Col Belligrinelli. This will be " Head of Administration Services (Pay)". It will be responsible for the duties of all Pay offices and will carry out inspections in units in order to settle all pay queries.

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I informed LO that as the unit that was to go there had taken such a time, the camp had now been allotted to an Allied unit and the M of W had lost it.

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5. The existing system of casualty returns in the Italian Army is as follows:

There are three forms on which casualties are reported,

i) Red form to report deaths
ii) Blue form to report wounded
iii) Yellow form to report missing

These forms are despatched as soon as possible to the M of W who forward the news to either the families concerned through either the Garrison Hq or the CCRR Hq. A copy of the information is also sent to the Prefect of the Province/ This present system is in existance but the M of W would still like us to communicate casualties as very often no knowledge can be had of Italian personnel in our hospitals.

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6. Ref the books for PW in North Africa. These books are in Taranto awaiting shipment. In order to save time, M of W would like to have the same covering letter as was issued for the parcels in order that the books can leave Italy. They have already been passed by P&B.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

7. Asked Col Gualano for the age limit of personnel entitled to be demobilized.

Was informed that the demobilizable age extended for the whole of the year 1912 ie 31st December, being the limit. The other existing arrangement is that all personnel who are not fit to take part in active warfare for the 1913, 14 and 15 classes will be sent on unlimited leave.

8. As the recall of the 23 class has now been completed, Col Gualano would like to know whether they can, or when, call up another class. The next class intended to be called up is the 22 class. This will produce approx the same numbers as the 23 class. Can the necessary authority be given. (Call up of disbanded part of 23 class produced about 3500 men.)

9. M of W have now received official notification from the SMRE to stop forming prisoner labour units (out of civil jails) as these have been refused for work. This has stopped the only outlet for feeding these prisoners and presents a problem for the Italian authorities.

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10. Informed HE Palermo that ref his proposed visit to the Garibaldi Div, we had received notification from the Special Operations Committee that it had been decided at a meeting, at which Gen Macfarlane had been present, that they had not been able to grant his request of a visit.

HE Palermo stated that it had been his wish to visit the Div in order to bring them a message from the Italian people, fully realizing the difficulties, but as the request had been turned down he would let the matter drop.

CABINET

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CABINET

11. Informed Col Fbore, in the absence of the Minister, that we had received a reply from Gen MacFarlane about the Italians of Slav origin question.

Gen Macfarlane had stated that it would not be possible to approach the Yougoslav authorities in view of the delicate political repercussions that might arise especially as such recruitment was done by enthusiastic individuals on the one hand and desertion on the other. As a result of a meeting with the ~~Yougoslav~~ Mission to the Yougoslavs however, it was decided that if specific instances could be reported, every endeavour would be made to have the personnel involved returned to the Italians. It was presumed that these would be classified as deserters and would be punished accordingly.

COL BASILE.

12. Col Basile informed we that he had received a request from XXXI Corps for 4,479 pairs of boots for men at present in civilian clothes who were required for public security work. Clothes were being provided from Italian stocks.

Informed Col Basile that before we could give any attention to this request it would be necessary to obtain full details of their units.

13. Requested further details on the request submitted for wood and other materials for the making of barrels for hoding wine. These will be supplied as soon as the persons undertaking to do the job can supply same.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

21 MAY '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that ref the accomodation required for the 100 Italian Air Force personnel in bks situated 2 miles N of Taranto, M of W knew nothing of the bks in question.

Phoned up the Area Commander, Gen LOMBARDI, who stated that the only bks in the area mentioned were full. There was accomodation available in Taranto and if the unit concerned would get into touch with him, he would fix them up.

2. Informed LO that ref their enquiry about Capt. ZEI Alberto who had been caught crossing the lines, we had been informed that this officer, LT not Capt ZEI had been caught trying to join German territory and had been consequently interned for the duration.

3. Asked whether there was any objection to two of our Liaison officers having two typewriters from IX Corps. M of W are finding out whether these are available;

CAPT VENTRELLA

4. Accompanied DADSTto clear up the point of the exhaustion of P Meat in Naples area.

In order to overcome this lack, M of W were asked to make immediate arrangements for sending over P Meat or its equivalent in ration from Bari or Taranto. Capt Ventrella made immediate arrangements for 24 tons to be sent from Bari. He is visiting Taranto in the afternoon and will find out the situation there in order to be able to send more from there. Help in tpt was asked for and promised.

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Informed Col Chiesa that the policy laid down by Gen MacFarlane was that the CCRR uniform was to remain the same, this for prestige purposes. Suggested that he contacted Major Nabissi who was bound to have quite a number of uniforms for him and who by should be able to repair quite a number.
Asked whether the Rome contingent had been settled with uniforms. He assured me that the whole matter had been cleared up and the necessary uniforms could be obtained.

CABINET.

6. Col Fiore informed me that an unpleasant incident had taken place in Sicily.
Gen Heydemann, Comd 1 Dist, has issued the following instructions to XII Corps.
(i) 1 Dist will be responsable for the siteing of all units in XII Corps.
(ii) A confidential report on all Senior and Commanding Officers is required.
(iii) Control and inspections will be carried out by 1 Dist on all instructional courses and discipline of the troops on the island ~~will be carried out~~

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2 wagons despatched from Bari 22nd 1 wagon from Taranto 23rd

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(iv) XII will move from their present location to LEONFORTE.
Col Fiore pointed out that Sicily was part of King's Italy and therefore the Corps HQ was responsable for all the above points. It appeared that 1 District was wanting to run the Italian Forces on the island and HQ of XII could not understand the warranting of such action.
The Minister has delegated Col Fiore Vernazza to draw up a memorandum and come and discuss the matter with the Comd.

LT.COL GUALANO.

7. Was given confirmation of the change in the CCRR on Port detachments. Col Gualano had discussed the matter with the S of S of the CCRR, Col DALLA CHIESA, who stated that the only change to take place was the substitution of all the ex Militia personnel at present in the CCRR. This however did not involve a very great number. (G3 (I))
Arrangements have already been agreed to by Col KIRK (?), Head of the Police in Bari.
This would not mean that the duties or the efficiency would be affected in any way.
Was told for our information that all CCRR ~~ex~~ duties in Ports were the responsability of the Navy. Adm and discipline came under the Army.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

8. Doctor Ferretti informed me that the GT Coys had been receiving the pay to which only troops in an area up to 15 kms behind the front line were entitled to ie 32lire. A.Q
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For the moment the coys are still being paid on the old basis. In order that the excess pay they have been and are receiving is not taken back from them, he would like us to put this into writing also.

CABINET.

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SUBJECT:- Compensation according to circular 6800 date 10/4/944

and f. i. to:-

H.Q. 1000 Italian G.T.Coy.	CARAVIO
H.Q. 1001 Italian G.T.Coy.	PALO DEL COLLE
H.Q. 1002 Italian G.T.Coy.	S.VITO NORMANNI
H.Q. 1003 Italian G.T.Coy.	CONVERSANO
H.Q. A.F. of the Company Special Section .	NAPOLI H.Q.

With ref. our N° 1294/L. of u.s. dated 20/12/43 for the special daily extra rates of pay the following conditions were necessary:-

a) Employment of Units in Anglo-American zone of ops.

b) Under command of Allied Forces.

In this particular cases they were entitled to the extra rate of pay only if they were located in Anglo- American zone of ops.

The fact that the Unit has been mobilised and is working under Allied direction does not authorised this pay, in itself.

All this was made plain in this H.Q. letter N° 1286 of 27/1/44.

Therefore the s/m Units will arrange to with-drawe the sums paid out in error and will render to this H.Q. full particulars if the instructions in the s/m letters were not carried out.

The s/m Units will notify this H.Q. of the date upon which they commence to withdrew the monies paid out in error.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

(Colonel G. ZA)

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DIREZIONE - AMMINISTRAZIONE

Sezione Giuridico Amm/va 1° Sezione

P.M.67 li 6 Maggio 1944

N° 6772/1 Prot.

Rif. f. n. 3231/2 del 30/4/44

AL COMANDO IX° REGGIMENTO AUTIERI - UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE

B A R I

OGGETTO:- Indennità di cui alla circ.5800 in data 18/4/944 M.G.

e p.c. Al Comando 1000° Reparto Autieri per A.A. — TARANTO
Al Comando 1001° Reparto Autieni per A.A. — PALO DEL COLLE
Al Comando 1002° Reparto Autieri per A.A. — S.VITO NORMANNI
Al Comando 1003° Reparto Autieri per A.A. — CONVERSANO

Al Comando F.A. delle Compagnie - Dir.Amm/ne — NAPOLI
Alla Sezione Speciale — S.E.

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Poichè nel caso particolare ricorreva soltanto la seconda condizione, non spettava la detta indennità neppure nel passato ai reparti citati nel foglio in riferimento in quanto non dislocati in zone d'operazioni anglo-americane.

Non è sufficiente la mobilitazione del reparto e l'autonomia per far scaturire il diritto al trattamento economico.

Tanto venne anche chiarito colla circ. 1286 del 27/1/44 di questa Direzione. Pertanto i reparti indicati dovranno provvedere al ricupero delle somme erroneamente corrisposte fornendo alla

Al Comando 100 2° Reparto Arbieri per A.A. — CONVERSANO

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I reparti interessati comunicheranno a questa Direzione l'effettivo inizio del ricupero.

IL DIRETTORE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE
(Colonnello Giovanni Re)

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 20 MAY '44.

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Was informed of the following movements of General Officers:
Brig. Gen TICCHIONI Gian Carlo from C/C BARI Div to be C i/c Granatieri Div.
Brig.Gen. BOCNETTI Alfonso ceases to be attached to M of W for special duties and is now Demobilized.

2. Gen LORENZIS is moving with Rear Hq Mantova Div to Calabria. This Hq is made up with part of the Hq LEGNANO Div.
The remainder of the Legnano Div Hq is remaining in San Pietro in Lama (LECCE) where it will probably form part of ~~the~~ a reconstruction of the Legnano Div Hq.
Further information will follow.

3. Was informed that the Arty branch had reported that on the 3rd. May, an officer acting on instructions from 5th. Army removed some 6to 7 tons of Brass from the CAPUA Arms Factory. As this is contrary to orders issued, M of W would like to know whether any action can be taken.

4. Veterinary branch has reported that on the 3rd. May, the PERSANO Animal Centre, on instructions from Colonel commanding P.B.S., had to hand over 102 thoroughbred ponies to the American Remount Depot.
It was pointed out that these ponies were, on an average, not more than 5 years of age and consequently could be of much use. Furthermore the Vet. section had no warning from this Hq that these animals were required.
M of W would like to know whether any of these animals can be recovered.

5. Was informed that ref our ST/61 of 14th. May of a complaint on 2/Lt NEGRINI, Gen Pelligra has transferred the a/m officer and has awarded him a punishment of 3 days arrest.

CAPT VENTRELLA.

6. Ref the rations due for Sicily. Informed Capt

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CAPT VENTRELLA.

6. Ref the rations due for Sicily. Informed Capt Ventrella that the ship taking these rations was now at No. 5 quay at Taranto. Asked him to make the necessary arrangements that the Montecattini depot should have the necessary rations ready to be moved down to the harbour. Our Liaison Officer there knew about all this and would lay on the necessary tpt. Capt Ventrella took immediate action.

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COL BASILE.

7. Accompanied DA&QMG to bring up the following points:
(i) Asked for clarifications on Basso's requests for leather. Col Basile informed us not to take any notice of all these individual requests. All requests for the Italian Armed Forces, including Campania, should come through M of W. M of W has already asked for quantities of leather for boot repair. Gen Basso is being told on a high level to refrain from passing his requests direct to any Allied Organization.
(ii) Informed Col Basile of the release of 20 quintals of boot thread which was to be collected from the Hemp Control Office before the 15th. June. Confirmation was coming in writing.
(iii) Asked for 100 water containers which were required for an LRDG Group.
Col Basile informed us that there

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Col Basile informed that there were 100 fifteen litre containers available in Bari.

COL RAMPA

8. Accompanied DADMG to request for four tyres as asked for by Comdr 5 Corps for use by civilian on road repairs. None of the alternative types asked for were available and the nearest size of 825 x 17 were offered and accepted.

9. Col Rampa informed me that no allottment of brake fluid was made for the month of May. Consequently quite a number of tpt was off the road. An allotment was therefore requested for as soon as possible.

COL BASILE.

10. Asked Col Basile for details on the reduction by half of the olive oil ration. and fresh vegetable ration pointing out that AAI had ordered that NO change in the present scale of rations was to take place.

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MAJOR NABISSI.

12. Was informed that 104 Arty Regt NEMO urgently required 1000 prs. socks. This unit is leaving for the front on 21 or 22 May thus necessitating quick action. Told Major Nabissi to send us an urgent telegram.

13. Ref our AA/15/10 dated 14 May. The unit in question requiring boots is an Army unit specialized in Barrage balloons and at present employed on such work for the Royal Navy in Bari. on AA defence. As AA units have been issued with clothing it is therefore natural that this unit should receive same.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

14. Brought up the question of the dissolution of the CCRR on port duties as reported by the ES section in Brindisi. This was reputed to affect the CCRR on port duties in Bari, Brindisi and Taranto. and that the order had originated from the HQ of W.

Col Gualano stated that he knew nothing of such an order. The only order in force was that all the ex Militia Port sections which had, after the Armistice been done away with and made to become CCRR, were now not allowed to be in the Corps. Orders had therefore been issued to the effect that all ex Militia personnel were to be substituted. The Militia personnel if having any service obligations were to go into the Army. This is to be done before the end of the month but will create no change as all personnel will have been replaced.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

15. Brought up the question of pay for the GT Coys, asking for a confirmation that the personnel were previously receiving the pay to which only troops in an area up to 15 kms behind the front line were entitled.

Doctor Ferretti stated that he had asked IX Corps for this information but had received none to date. He would hurry the matter up and would give an answer on the 21st. May.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Passed back requests to LO for leave to Sardinia for onward transmission to Gen Gazzera. G3 (I)
Reminded LO that all Italians going on leave to Sardinia were treated as civilians and should have an ACC Regional Commissioner's Pass.

2. Was given the instruction informing all units of the formation of a new P.W. (repatriated) Camp in Sicily. G3 (I)
This camp is being formed in order to receive PW which are reputed to be arriving shortly in Sicily. It will also receive Italian troops coming from overseas. The instruction is passed to us for approval.

3. Was informed that ref TUTURANO Camp, which was made available to the Italians, when a rep went to visit the Camp, it was found to be occupied by an American M.P. detachment. M of W would like to know what will have to be done about this. A.Q

LT.COL GUALANO.

4. Was given confirmation that the information given by CCRR re rounding up of Italian personnel, was a misunderstanding. Col Gualano has since cleared this up and made it quite clear to all concerned. A.G
DADPL.
Col Gualano pointed out that this could not apply to Italian personnel who, whilst on leave, get employment in order to avoid going back to the Army. This personnel would under all circumstances have to be brought back to the Army.

5. Was informed that there was an erruption brewing over the Italians of Slav origin question. The Minister was begginning to flare up as desertions are now being reported every day and nothing can be done about it. The Minister would like to know whether the Yougoslav Authorities have been informed of the decision regarding Alloglotti. 2/C
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CAPT. VENTRELLA.

6. Was informed by Capt Ventrella the the stocks of Tinned Fish would be over by the 20th. May. Pressed meat would be issued in lieu and it was pointed out that stocks of this will only last until 10th. June.
Later informed Capt Ventrella that they Tinned Fish would be replaced by M & V and not P. Meat as originally stated. The situation of P. Meat was known and steps were being taken to straighten the matter out.

ADST.

7. Enquired from Capt Ventrella whether the Nuns serving in Italian Military Hospitals were included in the ration demand. Capt. Ventrella was quite sure that as such they were not included on the ration scale and that M of W had only asked for them to be rationed but had not assued any instructions to that effect.

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COL BASILE.

8. Enquired of Col Basile the amounts of toothbrushes, Toothpaste and shaving soap.
Was given the following figures:

Toothbrushes	9700 in Lecce.
Toothpaste	n i l
Shaving Soap	15 quintals (in paste)

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9 Was informed that ref our Ord/3 dated 12th May, the beds in question had already been drawn by 38 Vehicle Coy RAC and a receipt signed by Lt. L.F. DAVID left with the Italians.
M of W would like to know what is to be done now.

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DADOS.

CABINET.

10. Ref the request for books and periodicals for the CIL hospital, asked Col Fiore whether the M of W had already been asked about this and whether anything had been done.
Col Fiore informed me that the M of W knew all about this and that a request had already been passed to them by the CIL. A library has already been despatched to them and there is a further consignment of some 600 books which will be sent up very shortly.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON.

18 MAY '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Reminded Liaison Office that we were still waiting for the Lists of stores and depots and w/shops from the Motorization branch and Commissariat branch so that the necessary No Admittance posters could be issued.

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2. Ref Gen Aliberti's complaint about an Allied unit removing stores from the Artillery Depots. Informed LO that our A.Q/10 dated 22 March informed M of W that orders were to be issued to Depot Commanders that on no account w were any stores to be issued to Allied units unless in possession of an authority from this H.Q. From the report it appeared that the instructions had not been issued. Informed LO to include Arty depots in the lists mentioned in para 1 above.

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3. Ref the tpt requested for the Italian Port Detachment. Informed LO that an m/c should be brought over from Sardinia. This could quite easily be put on one of the ships that are bringing over troops from Sardinia.

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GEN PELLIGRA.

ADST
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4. Accompanied DADST and Major ROSE to discuss the new system of rationing the Combat troops.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

5. Informed Col Gualano of the report that the CCRR in Brindisi had informed the Labour Authorities that in conformance with instructions from the Minister for War, no exemptions from the Italian Army were now recognized, and that all Italian personnel would be brought back to the Colours. Pointed out the seriousness of this should this in fact be true as it would cause a stop in the important work that civilian labour was now doing.

Col Gualano did not understand how this originated. No further instructions have been issued by the M of W other than the instructions governing call up which states clearly that personnel in possession of official exemption certificates will not be touched.

Col Gualano rang up the CCRR H. at Bari to clear the misinterpretation up.

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GEN ORLANDO.

6. Had an interview with Gen Orlando as a result of the Comd's phone call from AAI. Present also was Gen Berardi. Informed Gen Orlando that in order to meet the demand for harvesting it was proposed to make use of the 8000 personnel now awaiting demobilization in Sardinia.

The idea would be to keep the personnel under arms for

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a period of about two months until the harvesting was over. It was pointed out that this was in the interests of the Italian nation.

Both Gen Orlando and Gen Berardi agreed to this but stated that a clause should be added. Of the 8000, leave should be granted to a 1000 at a time otherwise no control could be kept on them. Pointed out that it would not be likely that tpt could be furnished. Gen Berardi did not think that this mattered as the men would walk and thought that it was essential that this be put to them as the men have been promised demodilization for s some time now.

Gen Berardi is keeping Gen Magli back while waiting for results, in order that he may take the necessary information back.

Gen Berardi, Gen Orlando and Gen Magli will confer on this subject to collect any details on the personnel concerned.

Gen Berardi also put a proposal up that the Alpini units in Sardinia be used forthis purpose, not including the Bn already earmarked. These men are of old classes and would be very suitable for the work. This would provide an additional 2000 men.

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M.B.W. Cancels this request -
Letter 20 May 79 - Col Basile refers
Major Bryant 20/5

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Simple comments!

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 7 MAY '44.

GEN PELLIGRA.

1. Accompanied Lt.Col. SHIPLEY to discuss with Gen Pelligra the new proposed pro forma to be used as a future indent for articles of clothing required by the Italian Forces.
The whole document was discussed and explained to Gen Pelligra who agreed to it.
Gen Pelligra will put this new document into effect as soon as he possibly can.

A Q
Lt Col
SHIPLEY

2. Informed Gen Pelligra that the empty bottles available in Bari and the empty sacks available in the Naples area were required by the ACC.
Gen Pelligra took immediate steps to make these available on demand by an ACC rep.

LT.COL GUALANO.

3. Had long discussion on the state of the Italian Army as forwarded by the SMRE and the state of the Italian M of W showing personnel employed there.
The following clarifications were obtained:
a) Ministry of War state (Ministerial Autonomous Unit)
The Carabinieri do not figure on this state as they are an independant unit. There are two sections of CCRR employed on guard duties but they do not form part of the Ministry.
b) The detachment at Maglie is the P.W. Interrogation Group working under Gen CASTAGNA.
c) The detachment at Ostuni is the Supreme Military Tribunal under Gen MERCALLI.
d) The total of the Ministry of War (marked by X on state) should correspond to the total of M of W in the SMRE state. The discrepancy in numbers is due to the fact that the SMRE state include the CCRR and also civilians in key jobs in the M of W.
e) The total of other non military Ministries (represented by Y on the state) does not correspond to the Commando Supremo on the SMRE State but to the II Ministerial Autonomous Coy. The discrepancy in numbers is due to the fact that the M of W state only shows the Military personnel in those ministeries while the SMRE show the actual total number rationed. This includes a whole lot of civilians

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COL BASILE.

4. Col Basile brought up a point about the proposed indent for articles of clothing for Italian units. The clause which certifies that of the articles requested, none are available from Italian stocks.

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Lt.Col. SHIPLEY

Col Basile pointed out that if this was the case, how was he allowed to provide for troops NOT employed by Allies, considering that Allied clothing was only issued to troops effectively helping the Allies.

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This would apply if Allied clothing was available to Italian Administrative troops as well.

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5. Was informed that ref our A./15/1 dated 19th. April. M of W have written to AAI to inform them that 8th. GSS group can draw the articles requested.

AAI have refused to accept the message from the M of W. M of W do not know where or who the 8th. GSS group are and wish to know how the information can be communicated to them.

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6. Col Basile informed me that the prisoners out of Italian jails have to be clothed. Certain articles of clothing are not available from Italian sources. The Minister on hearing this has ordered the Commissariat to find the required articles. Col Basile wishes to know whether the articles could come from Allied sources.
Informed Col Basile that this was extremely unlikely unless the men found their way into effective units.

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7. Col Basile gave me the following information about the leather requested by Gen Basso.
The requirements can be cut down as follows:
Bovine upper leather, Single lot demand, 200,000 sq. decimeters. This at the rate of 6 sq. Dm. per pair would be able to repair 35,000 pairs of boots.
Monthly requirements, 50,000 sq. dm. To repair 8,000 pairs monthly.
The repairs would be undertaken by a) Army Boot Repair personnel at the rate of 300 pairs daily b) Dorsa Factory working for the Army at the rate of 300 pairs daily. and c) De Risi factory at the rate of 800 pairs daily.
The two factories have a certain amount of repair material available for the moment. The Army personnel have not but it is expected that they will receive some out of requests made to this H.Q.

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DADMS	Please see para 2 Really ACC ~~job~~ direction dealing - but will ~~depth~~ of M.o/W. can fulfil. WAM 17/5
Mov	See para 6
S.T.	See para 9. This is still being carried out, in meanwhile 1x Corps action is suspended. Personnel in rear areas working for allied are entitled to 20 hrs working day Command HQs get more if (a) within 15 Kms of front line and (b) further addition if actual fighting HQs. It may be found that ST corps are getting (a) above which would be wrong. 20/00.

17 May Signals to all command here
for info HQ

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

16 MAY

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that from information received, only 65 mules and 400 horses have been taken away from Sardinia. Vet. Branch state that our letter to them re this subject states that the H, AAI have limited their requests to the above mentioned number.
M of W would like to know whether this means that no further demands on animals will be made to bring the total up to its original number ie. 805 riding horses, 500 draught horses and 1244 mules. M of W are very much hoping that it is so.

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2. The Provincial Commissioner of Bari has written direct to the M of W asking for two medical officers, Doctor BUCCIERO Vittorio from Bonomo Hospital and Doctor LOMUTO Giacomo from Bari Military hospital, to be put at his disposal for employment in a hospital containing 200 prostitutes. M of W would like to know whether this request should be met.

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DADMS
No Objection

3. Was given the movements of the following General officers:
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LT.COL GUALANO.

4. Was informed that Lt.Col Brister has again written to the M of W asking for 4offrs and 15 ORs ex P/W handed in by him to the Riorganization Camp to be returned back to him.
Informed M of W that Col Brister should be informed that all his requests should be passed to this Mission before they can be met.
These men will be used on Refugee Work.

GEN ALIBERTI.

5. Gen Aliberti would like to have a ruling on the dereguisitioning of civilian cars as on more than one occasion, cars have been requisitioned from civilians who require their cars for work undertaken at a later date for the Italian Army and for the Allies. In these cases Gen Aliberti is always asked to provide another car which gives rise to complications.
I informed Gen Aliberti that in such cases, the matter should be referred to the district in the area.

6. Ref the blankets available to the Italian Army from LISBON. If these blankets can be collected, the Italian Legation in Lisbon can give the necessary information as to where the blankets are available.
M of W will inform the Minister of Foreign Affairs to warn the Italian Legation that the blankets might be collected.

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GEN CRIVARO.

7. Ref the 100 huts required by XV American Air Force and available in Calabria. A.Q

Gen Crivaro stated that he had no objection whatsoever to these huts being taken provided that these were not being used and were not required for any other purposes. He had not received any answer from XXXI Corps about the huts and he would hurry an answer. In the meantime he suggested that a rep from the Air Force should go down and contact XXXI Corps.

GEN ORLANDO.

8. Gen Orlando brought up the question fiercely about Italians of Slav origin. He stated that desertions to the Yougoslavs had now started again in full swing. Gen Orlando was quite hurt about this especially as after so many promises no result had been acheived. He asked very specially that the matter be referred to the Comd in order that he might take it up on a high level. Comd G A.G

I informed Gen Orlando that I was sure that this subject was on the Comd's agenda for Gen MacFarlane whom he was leaving on the 17th. to see.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

9. Brought up the question of pay for the GT Coys. with ref to the letter despatched by Admin. branch IX Corps cancelling their special allowance. A & Asst

Was informed that IX Corps in sending out this order had probably done it as a result of the circular governing pay issued by the W of W. The GT coys had been receiving the pay given to troops stationed in an area up to 15 kms behind the front line. As a result of their present location they are no longer entitled to it. In view of their good work, however, W of W are prepared to extend this pay to the coys. They would like to have this in writing and in the meantime they will warn IX Corps to suspend this order.

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10. Doctor Ferretti brought up the question of pay for Military Attachès in Neutral countries. In view of the present unstability of the Italian Exchange and the lack of Foreign Currency, M of W are unable to pay these Attachès. M of W would like to know whether our Legations in these countries can pay out the sums ON LOAN to the personnel.

The following are the sums and the Attachès concerned:

Military Attachè ...	Berne	Switzerland	Swiss Francs 23.000
" "	Madrid	Spain	Pesetas 500.000
" "	Ankara	Turkey	Italian Lire 150.000
" "	Stockholm		Swedish Corona 43.500

Informed Doctor Ferretti that this sound a like a matter for the Minister of Finance to take up with the appropriate Branch of the ACC, but Doctor Ferretti would like us in addition to take the matter up., as requested by the Minister.

Letter 2259/C dated 14 May from the M of W refers.

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ACTION SLIP.

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To:

Major BYATT 16/5	Para 1. NO! authority will granted
D ADOS	Confirm to me that para 4 is also clear now. 16/5
ADST.	Paras 5-6-7. It does not look as if the ITI could do our post as ADST as on PPT. Talk them to make a plan on all points

This will be done.

Para 8. Please speak to Lt Bentley.

I regret that this is already done.

Para 9. There is sufficient food in NAPLES to feed a few ships if they come in Clearly an authorised resource to 2007 permanently held by Army would be [illegible] Army would [illegible]

16/5 I agree with all you say. There is ample food in Naples.

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON.

15 MAY '44.

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S.T.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. M of W have received a letter from the Ministry of Justice, which asks whether it will be possible to have rations for the guards on jails. These guards are all militarised personnel(by Royal Decree 30/12/37).
I have already informed M of W that it is extreeely unlikely.

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2. Was informed that IX Corps had reported that Capt (Medical) DE CINQUE had been arrested by the FSS at Pagliete. M of W think that this is due to his being a political secretary once. IX Corps assure, however, that during his military career, he was never interested in politics.
M of W would like to know whether anything can be done.

LT.COL GUALANO.

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3. Was given the latest information about the refugee centres. This has been worked out witht the SMRE and is considered to be correct as far as the latest information goes.

600 APC Coy.....	3	collecting centres	NAPLES..	280
	1	"	AVERSA..	40
601 APC Coy	1	"	BARI ...	150
	1	"	FOGGIA..	37.
Independant	1	"	CAPUA ..	56
		APC Office	.....	20
Nos. 610 to 619	10	Refugee Help Sections		200
		TOTAL		783

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	1	"	"	FOGGIA..	57.
Independant	1	"	"	CAPUA ..	56
		APC Office		.....	20

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COL BASILE.

4. Accompanied DAQMG to discuss the following points.

a) The Clarification on the 560 quintals cotton which the M of W had written to us about in view that we had already alotted a same amount to them.

This can now be overlooked. The quantity was the same as that alott ed by us but at one time it looked as though Allied authority had wanted to requisition it. This has since been disproved.

b) 15,000 gas masks, If available and where.

Gas masks are available at the following places:

2600.....Lecce
2600.....Serrastretta (Catanzaro)
2200.....Castrovillari (Cosenza)
8000.....Acquaviva delle Fonti (Bari)

c) 1000 canvas buckets, If available and where.

The only canvas buckets available are as follows:

42..... 14 Arty. Depot...Bari.
27.....139 Inf. Depot ...Conversano.
50..... 47 " " ..Lecce.
37..... Arty. Directorate Taranto.

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41.....10 Arty. Depot...Caserta.
100.....60 Inf. Depot...Sardinia.

Total. 294.

d) Water containers which had not reached the CIL.
The water containers had been despatched from Bari on the 7th. May and should therefore have reached the CIL by now.

e) The 500 steel helmets authorized but N.A. in Naples.
The 500 helmets are available in Naples but should have been collected from the Arty. Directorate in Naples and not from the Depot.

5. Ref the comforts asked for by Comdr. of the POLIGNANO School (Razor blades, soap etc.) A.Q ADST
MofW states that these are available and the comdr should send in his indent to the M of W. He will then receive the necessary on repayment.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

6. Ref the pay queries of the Polignano School. A.Q ADST
The pay as stated to have been received by Sgts and Ptes while with their units (ie Sgts 67 lire a day, Ptes 29 lire a day) could only have been received by them if they were with units within a distance up to 15 kms behind the Combat Line. This pay they would automatically lose as soon as they left the area.

7. Petty Cash for the Polignano School. A.Q. ADST
Every unit is entitled to a small sum as petty cash. The Comdr of the school should put in for the amount required to cover his expenses monthly to the M of W. The Pay dept will then decide what allottment will be made to him.

CAPT. VENTRELLA.

8. Capt Ventrella and Major ACORONA, Ministry of Marine Commissariat called on the question of A scale rations for the Navy. ADST.

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8. Capt Ventrella and Major ACORONA, Ministry of Marine Commissariat called on the question of A scale rations for the Navy. ADST.

In the recent alottment of rations to the Navy, scale A rations were to have been drawn from the 567,490 surplus rations which the Navy were in possession of.

Major ACORONA reported however, that when these surplus rations were gone into, it was found that they were not complete with all the commodities. This was due to drawings not having been made at all, and drawings not made within the ten days and which were therefore cancelled. The Navy did not therefore have the 567,490 complete rations and would not be able to draw on them. Major ACORONA therefore proposed the following, a) being given a complete alottment of A requirements for the period 14 to 23rd May or b) being allowed to draw on those commodities from the Army in order to make up the complete 567,490 rations. 2005

The following are the commodities plus amounts which would have to be drawn:

Flour.....	Kg.	101,179 . 600
Peas.....	"	99,866 . 951
M & V.....	"	45;955 . 179
Tinned Fish.....	"	14,958 . 538
Cheese.....	"	4,893 . 268
Sugar.....	"	9,417 . 684
Pasta.....	"	12,514 . 347
Rice.....	"	11,458 . 202

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Dried Vegs.....	Kg.	11,177 . 002
Tomato sauce	"	10,277 . 213
Toasted coffee	"	7,525 . 675
Pepper	"	73 . 967
Matches.....	Boxes	33,129.

All the above items were not drawn within the ten daily periods and are at present in the Army depot at Taranto. Reason given was the lack of tpt.

9. Major ACCRONA also brought up the point of a reserve for the Navy in Naples. This was due to the movement of vessels to Naples and the Ministry of Marine are afraid that they will have to meet requests in Naples when the bulk of the rations will be in Taranto and the tpt will be a great worry. This will probably be discussed in a conference which Major Accrona will propose . ADST

CABINET.

10. Was informed that the Under Secretary of State will not be arriving back before pm on the 16 May. Consequently it might not be possible for the Comd to see him. COMD

GEN ORLANDO.

11. Saw Gen Orlando on his return from Salerno. He had no points to bring up on the recent Council of Ministers. He talked about his visit to the CIL and appeared to be very pleased indeed. He stated that the morale was first class and all Ranks were extremely keen. He had great praise for them as a result of their recent battles which he said were carried out very sucessfully in most difficult country. He brought up the point that it was a pity that more troops could not be used for the same purpose and stated that he was sure that some time in the future he was sure many more troops would be asked for for combat. This was the reason, he stated that he was making sure that all troops would be ready for this. COMD

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COMD

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON.

14 MAY '44

A.

LIAISON OFFICE.

A.Q.

1. Passed requests for the repatriation of some P/W whose families were in need of their assistance. These requests will be forwarded to the Italian P/W Commissioner.

G3(I)

2. Informed M of W that A.A.I. had given authority for FORPANE Ermanno to proceed by air to Sardinia. Forpane is taking some personal documents belonging to officers. M of W is going to fill in MTA form.

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3. Was informed that the M of W had agreed to leave Capt. BATTIGLIA with his unit, 922 Reparto Portuale, and not have him posted to the M of W.

LT.COL GUALANO.

4. Asked for the present organisation of Refugee centres and the one as proposed by Col HULLS.
Information given was as follows:

a) Strength employed as at 1st. May,

3	collection	centres	Naples
1	"	"	Capua
1	"	"	Aversa
1	"	"	Bari
1	"	"	Foggia
10	"	sections	

TOTAL..... 783.

b) Strength of transit camps performing the double job of looking after troops and also the collection of refugees.
TOTAL .....403.

c) Strength still required to bring the refugee organisation up to proposed strength (extra centres at Isernia, Venafro, Mairano and fill vacancies in other centres)
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(Col Hulls is continually demanding on M of W for men to be used as per para c)

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[illegible] requests were to be met until

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I informed M of W that no requests were to be met until authorized by us.

6. Col Gualano brought up the question of exemption from calling up of Italian personnel.
Hundreds of individual requests are being brought in by men due for either calling up or for rounding up because of desertion. These requests are signed by the unit employing them and none of them are in possession of the regular exemption certificate.
M of W would like to know whether a system could be got up whereby all units would know the regular form of exemption.
I informed the M of W that the only official exemption was that when in possession of the proper certificate and therefore all others could be disregarded. Units wishing to keep men would soon make sure of getting the proper documents.

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COL. BASILE.

7. Obtained from Col Basile the figures as requested showing numbers fed from depots for Army, Navy, Air Force, CCRR and RGF. This state shows figures as for 30 May.
(Copy of state is at Appx 1.)

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A.Q

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8. Informed Col Basile the B.D. was going to be issued to t the 3 Smoke Coys at source. A.Q DADOS
This was being done in order to meet the continual requests for units to be equipped at source and not at destination Impressed on Col Basile that if, however, the number of men that left did not correspond to the number of BD issued, it would probably end the policy of equipping any units at source. Col Basile assured me that they would be able to account for all the BD issued.

9. Informed Col Basile of 300,000 litres of red and White wine available from RASC EFI to the War Ministry on repayment. A.Q SC(Q)
Col Basile turned this proposal down as a) the price laid down was too high and b) there is no shortage of wine as far as the Army is concerned.

10. Questioned Col Basile about soap requirements for the C.I.L. This due to CIL reports that they are not receiving any soap from Gen BASSO'S H.Q. A.Q
Was informed that on the 11th. April there were 56 quintals of soap in Campania of which 30 qtls were in Naples itself. On the 11th. APRIL 100 quintals were despatched to Basso. On the 26th. April tpt was requested for the despatch of a further 100 qtls. This goes to prove that there was plenty of soap available for the CIL requirements.
The agreement reached with the CIL is that the CIL on indenting for soap will call at the Commissariat branch of Gen Basso H. for the drawing of it.

11. Ref the request from Comm. branch H. FFAA Campania for bovine upper leather. A.Q
Asked Col Basile for more details on the output of the DORSA and DE RISO factories who are performing repairs for the Italian Forces.
This details are being asked for.

GEN. PELLIGRA.

12. Accompanied DADST and Major ROSE to introduce Major ROSE to Gen PELLIGRA. S.T.
Informed ~~Gen~~ Gen Pelligra that Major Rose was on the ST side and that he was examining the ration side with a view to find an easier soulution to the distribution of rations and the control thereof.

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A.Q
S.T.

13. Was informed that Lt.Col LANDOLFI was leaving his appointment as head of the Supply dept(rations only) as he was joining the Commission for ROME where he will be responsible for the putting into function of the Rome supply organization.

Capt. VENTRELLA will now be the head of the SUSSISTENZA branch.

Major.

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APPENDIX 1.

DEPOTS.	ARMY.	NAVY.	AIR FORCE.	COAST.
Combat Zone.	28,867	5,954	-	72
NAPLES.	43,399	7,958	1,369	6,280
BARI	40,402	2,102	15,338	2,000
TARANTO.	46,837	48,104	5,682	1,755
CASERTA.	20,610	513	363	2,060
SICILY.	12,160	1,500	250	9,251
SARDINIA.	139,031	10,661	7,609	4,353
CORSICA.	10,450	-	-	-
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T O T A L.	341,926	76,849	30,611	26,271

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AIR FORCE.	OTHS.	G. PERSIA.	TOTAL
-	72	-	35,093
1,369	6,280	2,558	61,561
15,358	2,000	1,000	60,842
5,682	1,755	688	103,096
363	2,160	657	34,203
250	9,251	2,124	25,285
7,609	4,353	966	163,122
-	-	-	10,450
30,611	26,271	7,995	483,652.

MINISTRY OF W[illegible] LIAISON. — 12 MAY 44

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that an Italian sailor in hospital for convalescence was enticed out by some Yougoslav sailors who after having been made to drink heavily was taken away to Monopoli where he was placed in a sort of prison. He was later interviewed by a partisan who informed him that he was due to leave for Yougoslavia to join the forces there. In the jail where he was kept, were other Italians in the same plight as himself.
The sailor in question, TRAPELLA Ennio, eventually managed to escape.
M of W wish to point out to what extent the Yougoslavs are going to get personnel and would like to know whether any action can be taken to investigate into this case.
TRAPELLA Ennio will be able to identify the location of the jail.

COND 2/c 9 A.G

2. According to information received from Commando Supremo, leave is permitted in the Foggia area providing that data concerning individual and complete address of location where individual wishes to go is forwarded to the Public Safety Sub Commission.
M of W wish to know whether there is any truth in this and whether this clause can be inserted in the Italian Standing Orders governing leave.

G3(I)

3. Ref M of W request to call in all arms in possession of civilians.
M of W wish to know whether this is going to be allowed and what action they can take.

G3(I) A.G.

MAJOR NABISSI.-

4. As a result of our communication to M of W to the effect that the 3000 suits of B.D. for 2ll Div. were now cancelled, SMSS has now written urgently to the M of W asking for the necessary authority to be obtained for the distribution of 3000 suits of BD and 3800 caps to units of the 2ll Div as these were urgently required.
M of W would like to know what action is to be taken.

A.G DADOS

5. Informed major Nabissi that there was a whole lot of equipment for the Italians in 35 AOD Taranto.
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MAJOR NABISSI.-

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M of W would like to know what action is to be taken.

5. Informed major Nabissi that there was a whole lot of equipment for the Italians in 35 AOD Taranto. ✓
Would M of W take necessary action to collect this equipment as soon as possible.

LT.COL LANDOLFI.

6. Asked col Landolfi to ~~fxrm~~ prepare a statement of rations strengths of Army Navy Air Force CCRR and GF divided up per main depots and same for the islands of Sicily and Sardinia. This will be got up by the 16 or 17 of this month and will be based on the return showing strengths as at the 5 May. C.L PIDSLEY 2000 AQ

GEN CRIVARO.

7. Informed Gen Crivaro about the 100 to 150 huts located some 10 miles South of Catanzaro which were required by the XV US AAF.
Gen Crivaro is making enquiries about these before he give an answer. He remembers that there were some huts in Calabria which were frozen by the Allies and these may quite easily be the same. I will be kept informed.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

10 MAY.44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. A letter has been addressed to Gen ORLANDO from the Office of Strategic Services ITALY stating that Major James Angleton has been selected for this assignment as chief of the Liaison Section and was prepared to visit Gen Orlando at his convenience.
M of W would like to know what this branch deals with and the reason for a visit to Gen Orlando as this request has not come from this H.Q.

2. Informed LO that information regarding Lt. BIANCHI Mirto, as asked for by M of W had been received from LO 2 District.
Lt. Bianchi was now at the Distretto Militare Salerno. He had been employed as interpreter by 1st British Div. but had been replaced as he had not been up to scratch.

3. M of W would like to know whether there is any objection to replacing S/Lt. ZAMBELLONI Cesare, LQO. to 7th Mountain Regt by Lt. FRANCESCHI Francesco.
Lt. Zambelloni wishes to be replaced for special compassionate family reasons.

4. Made further enquiries about Doctor ABATE Guiseppe who is to be called up and for whom exemption is wanted by 2 District.
The Medical Branch have stated that they know nothing about this call up and it is purely the responsability. ~~They are not the~~ of IX Corps. They agree that the doctor's job is more important as a civilian and they will not sanction his call up. A letter is being written to IX Corps to this effect. M of W inform that our LO to 2 District could contact IX Corps and stop them taking any further action.

GEN ALIBERTI.

5. Informed Gen Aliberti that the Comd would see him on the 11th. at 11.00 hrs.

CABINET.

6. Was informed that Gen Orlando was leaving for Salerno to morrow.

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6. Was informed that Gen Orlando was leaving for Salerno to morrow. During his last visit to Salerno, Gen Orlando had obtained permission to visit the CIL. He was very pleased indeed with the results. COMD G.

LT.COL VACCA.

7. Had a long talk over the clothing of the Carabinieri for Rome. The C of S of the CCRR had had a conference with Gen Pelligra and everything had been tied up. The Carabinieri will be clothed in the best grey green uniforms which they will be able to collect. In addition to this uniform, some men will receive the special dress uniform which will be worn on special occasions and others will receive the black uniform. COMD A.Q

A requst will come to this H.Q. for 4000 prs boots, 8000 shirts and 12,000 prs socks. 1999

A report is being submitted by the M of W.

I informed Col Vacca that if they required the cloth from Sardinia, they would have to ask Sardinia HQ to send it over on one of the ships bringing troops over to Naples. Sardinia know all about this request should it come.

Major.

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ACTION SLIP.

This Slip will not be removed.

To:

Major
BYAFF

Re 9. Assume this wireless would be in the hands of those for whom it is an aid but some one requested. When will the last come ?

11/5.

S.T

To see former No.

A.Q
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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

9 MAY 44.

LIAISON OFFICE

A.Q
G.

1. Was informed that R.S.R. Raiding Forces had asked the Veterinary Br. of the M. of W; for a loan of 10 mules and 2 horses for a period of about 30 days.
Vet. Br. had handed these animals over and asked that all future requests be passed to this H.q. for approval.
I informed L.O. that the policy was that all demands for equipment and personnel from the Italian Army should at all times be passed to us.

A.Q

2. Informed L.O. that Cpl. TRENTI Augusto of 475 Bty. Mount. Regt RA had been placed on the seriously ill list as requested by OZE BNAF.

A.Q

3. Was informed that a report had reached thae M. of W; that a whole lot of material had been removed from the Torre Annunziata Fuze factory including some machines taken by 861 MECH RE.
In view of the fact that the M. of W are trying to get the factory back to put in into function again, they are keen to get the material back and to stop further stuff being taken away. They would like to know whether any action can be taken to prevent units continually walking into such premises and helping themselves to such equipment.

DADST

4. Ref letter ST/15 dated 8 May 44.
The answer to this letter is contained in M of W letter 20I4/C dated 5 May. and reads as follows:
400 Lire has been allowed to each coy, I000, I00I, and I002.
There is no stationary available for distribution.

MAJOR GUISO(Commissariat)

A.Q

5. Major Guiso brought up the question of distributing certain articles to refugees if the matter was urgent. In many cases refugees came to Italian formations asking for help. I informed Major Guiso that on no account was anything to be issued to refugees, this having been made clear in a letter. There was a Refugee Sub Commission which dealt with all such cases and should be refferred to them.

LT COL CHALANO.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

6. Was informed that ref the removal of Italian prisoners from Italian civil prisons, a recce party from XII Corps had been sent out to the Lipari Islands to see what the possibities were of sending prisoners there. A report would be given to me on the return of this party. A.Q G.

GEN ALIBERTI.

7. Gen Aliberti complained to me of the fact that too many people have now got to know of the Mesagne W/shops and Dump. Units and individuals are continually rolling up and wandering around and asking for various odds and ends. As this dump is to serve for cannibalisation for repair of Italian vehicles, Gen Aliberti would like to know whether something can be done to prevent all these people coming along without any authority. A.Q DADME-1997

8. Gen Aliberti, as head of the Ministry of War Liaison Br; would like to meet the Comd. at place and time suitable to the Comd. This is to be an informal meeting just so that Gen Aliberti can introduce himself. COMD

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CABINET.

9. Was informed by Col. Fiore that the Under secretary of State Mario PALERMO had expressed a desire to go over and visit the GARIBALDI Div, and would like to know whether this will be possible.
The Under Secretary at the moment is on an extensive tour and is expected back some time next week.

10. Informed Col Fiore that of the interpreters arrived with the officers of the Cuneo Div, at least 5 of them should be made available to the SMFE on demand. Col Fiore informed that this had already been done and that the SMFE were in possession of their names.

LT.COL VACCA.(Commissariat)

11. Ref the 5000 suits of B.D. made available to the M of W as a pool, our letter states the B.D. will at all times after Italian clothing has been returned, be stored in the Reserve Depot i.e; BARI. If this is the case then it will be impractical M of W intention is to distribute this to various depots so that repairs to Italian clothing can take place in more than one place at a time.
MofW would also like to know whether a same number of boots can be made available so that boot repairs can take place also.

12. Ref the 5000 suits of clothing made available to 2II Div and later cancelled as it had appeared that XXXI Corps had not drawn same. An unclear message from XXXI Corps leads M of W to believe that XXXI Corps has drawn the BD. This is due to XXXI Corps asking for authority to issue 754 complete suits for 504,505and 506 Smoke Coys and 300 for drivers from 2II div and asking at the same time what is to be done with the 5000 suits.
I have asked the M of W to clarify the situation with XXXI Corps.

13. Bullied Col Vacca about the clothing of the CCRR for Rome. The latest situation is the C of S of the CCRR is due to come down for a conference with Gen Pelligra on 10 May.
A message sent out to the CCRR about the hats has produced the result that there are a sufficient number available.

one place or a time.

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12. Ref the 3000 suits of clothing made available to 2II Div and later cancelled as it had appeared that XXXI Corps had not drawn same. An unclear message from XXXI Corps leads M of W to believe that XXXI Corps has drawn the BD. This is due to XXXI Corps asking for authority to issue 754 complete suits for 504,50 and 506 Smoke Coys and 300 for drivers from 2II div and asking at the same time what is to be done with the 3000 suits.

I have asked the M of W to clarify the situation with XXXI Corps.

13. Bullied Col Vacca about the clothing of the CCRR for Rome. The latest situation is that the C of S of the CCRR is due to come down for a conference with Gen Pelligra on 10 May.

A message sent out to the CCRR about the hats has produced the result that there are a sufficient number available.

Thread has been asked for from the Air Force which is the right quality. This is to be dyed and is to be used for the making and repair of uniforms. Was again asked to hurry the bringing over of the cloth from Sardinia.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 8 May 44. AQ

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Instructed LO that in future all personnel wishing to leave the Mainland (except for Sicily) must fill in an MTA form. One copy of this MTA form will be filled in by M of W and then submitted to us for completion and authorisation. G3(I) MOVMTS

2. Passed request from a civilian asking news about his son, informing them when replying, to write direct and not through us. (Ref. request Mr. LEONE about Lt. V. LEONE) AQ

3. Was informed that as a result of the breaking-up of the reservists Cadets College, 53 Sgt. Cadets have been posted to Sardinia. Can necessary authority for their leaving and means of transport be given. G(3)I

GEN. ORLANDO.

4. Took up the question of clothing of the Carabinieri for Rome and explained the importance of their being well dressed. Gen. ORLANDO had had the same idea and stated he had taken the matter up. He stated he would require our help in the way of boots and the bringing over of the cloth from Sicily. I informed him that any help required would be given by us if he kept us informed. Gen ORLANDO is giving this question a high priority. Comd AQ

5. Discussed the question of the rounding up of deserters. Pointed out the Comd. helps in the matter by strongly supporting all that Gen ORLANDO wanted. Asked Gen ORLANDO whether he wished to publish another proclamation on this subject, forwarding a draft copy to this HQ in order that it may be passed to AAI and ACC for approval and support. Comd AQ G

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MAJOR CICCARONE.

8. Discussed the quastion of discrepancies in numbers of troops available in depots for PBS. As result of inspection by MMIA LO 2 Dist Major CICCARONE was aware that numbers may not have tallied as troops to make up the numbers required have to come from other Depots. When time of departure is made known these troops will come down to the entraining depots. Assurance was given that the numbers detailed would leave as strict instructions from Gen ORLANDO govern this. G

9. Was given the distribution of roumded up deserters to date 2i/c G AG

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Total Rounded up -	Army.	Navy.	Air Force.	2i/c G AQ
	8915	227	325	
Distribution -	To Depots & Garrisons	860		
	To Reorganisation Camps	6626		
	To Units	I98I		

IO. Was given the total number of recalled personnel of I923 class and their distribution. 2i/c G

Campania - 3050

Distribution -	To 2IO,Div.	I600
	Drivers	I50
	To Hospitals Depots etc	I30
	I9,A/A Regt	250
	Pack Tpt School	1500
	Available in Camp	420

Major NABISSI.

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Para 4 | S.C.Q apply for necessary release 12/5/73 Lichad

11 | S.C.Q A.A.M. draft in letter to 12/5/73 Lichad

13 | S.T. No additional issue is authorised but an alternative issue is at your discretion (letter to Lichad re issue of Escort)

Q Swift has MW records? Ref to HQ 12/5

Ref to HQ 1413

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MINISTERY WAR LIAISON. 14 MAY

LIAISON BRANCH.

1. Informed LO that Capt. BATTIGLIA commanding 922 Reparto Portuale had been posted to the Ministry of War. SORE
Enquired whether this posting was essential as he was doing very useful work with the unit.
Necessary enquiries are being made.

2. Ref 2/Lt. CRISTALLI Michele, asked for in letter G/7/I/56 dated 12 April 44. and stated by M of W to be unlocated. MAJ VAN KIRK
This officer has now been found and is with 9th. Eng Regt at TRANI (Bari). M of W would like to know whether he is still required.

3. Was informed that the IV and XXXIII Brigades of Sardinia Military HQ. have now been disbanded. 9 ~~AQ~~

4. Ref the quantities of nitrogen asked for by the M of W. This demand is an isolated one and is required to carry out some jobs in the Artillery W/shops. AQ

5. Was again asked about the 53 Sgts. leaving for Sardinia. There are now quite a large number of requests for personnel to leave for Sardinia and M of W do not know what to do about it. It is not always possible to fill in an NTA form as the men do not come to the M of W themselves. G3(I)
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GEN ALIBERTI.

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7. Ref Gen Aliberti's complaint about Allied personnel continually walking into Mesagne W/shops. Informed Gen A.G
Aliberti to include this W/shop in the list of Italian premises for which notices of being out of bounds were to be issued.

LT.COL RAMPA.

8. Informed Col Rampa that between now and 20th. May, some A.Q.
50 ten ton FIAT Italian Army trucks were arriving from ME.
These trucks have been assigned to the Civilian Supplies Organisation and therefore the Italian Army could have no claim to them.

LT.COL GUALANO. 1991

9. Col Gualano informed me that they had received commun. COMD
from Col. LAURIE(Q III District) through the Commando 2'ic
Supremo, that some Italian PW units were to arrive in Italy G
and were to be put on to labour. These PW were to be allowed A.Q.
to proceed on parole into the nearest towns when not working.
M of W wish to point out the rather delicate situation that would arise by letting these Pw mix up with personnel of the Italian Army. They will be better fed (understood by the M of W) and will have a certain amount of freedom.
M of W are hoping that this can be avoided and hope that the seriousness of this is realized.
Marshall Messe is particularly worried.

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10. Col Gualano asked whether it would be possible to hurry the departure of the available reinforcements for PBS. Depot commanders have stated that the men are becoming restless and if they don't leave soon, desertions will start. G.

LT.COL D'ALESSANDRO.

11. Was informed that the man sent out by IX Corps to visit the Tremiti and Pelagosa Isalands has now returned. His report has not yet been received but the information that has reached M of W is as follows. A.Q.

PELAGOSA. Only 80 sailors on the island. 3 cisterns on the island. Daily ration is 10 litres a day. No further supplies required for the moment.

TREMITI. There are 372 civilians and 80 troops on isle. There are 2 tanks each capable of holding 1700 cubic metres., others for the collection of rain water. Beginning of this month, Naval Command BRINDISI supplied them with drinking water and there is now a reserve of 1000 cubic metres. There is no ration.

12. Informed Col D'Alessandro that authority had now been received for the issueing of the Officers' and Other Ranks' Identity Cards. Distribution could be started and we must know the date by which it will be completed. G3(I)

Was informed that a date will be fixed and I will be informed.

LT.COL LANDOLFI.

13. Col Landolfi would like to know whether it will be possible to issue the Military Academy with 80 rations of Italiana biscuit This is to be had with the morning cup;of coffee as the students undergo a heavy morning's training. S.T.

CABINET.

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 7th May 44

LIAISON OFFICE/

1. Was informed about the moving of Italian military personnel in jail to LIPARI Islands (an ex=prison site) A.Q.
Informed M of W that before they made any decision they had better wait until they received our letter on goalbirds being taken off ration strength. The question of removing them from civilian prisons as soon as possible should however not be over looked.

2. Ref the incident between Capt. DE SIMONE; L.O. to 151 Sub Area, and BARLETTA Town Major 151 Sub Area have asked for this officer to be removed. IX Corps have issued instructions for Capt DE SIMONE to be removed from 151 Sub Area and to go to 408 Inf Regt. Capt TORELLO Federico will replace him as L.O. to 151 Sub Area. A.Q. G. G I(L)

Lt. Col. D'ALESSANDRO

3. Enquired about Carabinieri guards on 6' hrs duty on MMIA premises. Was informed that the O.C. LECCE Carabinieri detachment had been instructed to provide these men; O.C. Troops A.Q.
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MAJOR NABISSI.

4. Accompanied D.A.Q.M.G. to discuss certain articles of clothing required for CIL A.Q.
The only pants available were winter type long woollen considered unsuitable for present season. Breeches required could be supplied and M of W taking action.

5. Ref the water containers required by CIL. These are being despatched by lorry on 8 May together with the dye and B.D. for BASSO. The water containers will be delivered direct to Sezione Sussisterya of the CIL and should arrive on A.Q.

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Lt Col VACCA.

6. Reminded Col. VACCA of the list of Supply Depots North of Combat Line as promised for. This list was being made up and should be ready very shortly. DADST

7. Discussed BASSO's demand for leather made direct to Industry and Commerce Sub Commission.

These requirements are necessary but should not have been asked for direct by BASSO. BASSO is apparently work= ing on the old system before M of W existed and when he was allowed to put in direct for his requirements. These demands now should be overlooked.

The Italian Forces do however require the amounts stated for work in DORSA Factory (to be made available to Italians on 10 May) and DERESO Factory where over 1000 pairs of boots can be repaired (incl boots for CIL)

The amounts required represent quantity for pairs of boots to be repaired.

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8. Reference the request of wool contained in letter I290/I dated 30 April. This wool(not strong cotto n thread) is still required badly to make foot wrappings and thread, and M of N are keen that this important lot of wool should not be requisitioned.

9. Took up the matter of clothing for the 4000 CCRR for Rome. The latest is that the Chief of Staff of the CCRR has been asked to come down for a conference on this subject. Comd AQ

It is not yet known whether these Carabinieri will be dressed in the black uniforms as there may not be a sufficient number to go round.

Informed that we did not mind what kind of uniforms were issued as long as they were smart and dressed as the people of Rome would be pleased to see them.

Later went and saw General Pelligia who said the situation was under control. I informed Gen. Pelligra of the cloth in Sardinia being confirmed. Gen Pelligra would like this cloth sent out as soon as possible.

10. Reminded Col Vacca of Strength State showing number of men fed by categories due in on 8/5. AQ

CABINET.

Was informed by Col. FIORE that both the Minister and the Under-Secretary were due back in the course of the evening.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 5 May 44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

I. Was informed that yesterday at TARANTO, 186 officers from CUNEO Division had arrived. Comd 2 i/c G AQ

There was a redeption laid on for them and all the officers appeared to be of good morale.

Amongst the arrivals were:-

Col.	DONADONI	OC. 8, Inf. Regt.
Col.	FERRARI	OC. 27, Arty. Regt.
3	Lt. Cols.	
3	Majors	
30	Captains	
57	Lieuts.	
91	2nd Lts.	

Amongst the officers were 8 English speakers.

CABINET.

2. Informed Col. FIORE-VERNAZZA of the following points that had arisen as a result of the Comd's visit to Naples. Comd. 2i/c AQ G

a) Great importance should be attached to Security and strict instructions regarding this would have to be issued.

b) Owing to harvest season no recall or rounding up should affect FOGGIA areas. In fact SMRE being warned to expect to have to provide some 5000 men from See. Divisions to help in this.

c) The question of having all military personnel removed from civilian prisons should now be considered important. The question of employing some of those was being given attention.

Lt. Col. GUALANO. (Pers. Adm.)

3. Hastened the question of identity cards for Italian ORs. Was informed that draft was ready and would be submitted to us. G3(I)

Lt Col Gualano asked me about the following:-

a) whether the proposed Identity Card for Officers had been approved.

b) whether the proposed instructions governing leave in connection with areas had been approved.

Lt. Col. D'ALESSANDRO. (Adm) AQ

4. Reference water situation of TREMITI and PELAGOSA islands. Col. D'ALESSANDRO informed me that 9 Corps had sent a man out to these islands to bring back all the information required.

Col. BASILE. (COmmissariat) AQ

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Comd AQ

6. Reference Comds. visit to Naples, informed Col. Basile of the following points.

a) AAI had asked AFHQ to authorise a scale of repair facilities for the Italian Army. We were now awaiting an answer.

b) A 5000 BI pool was now going to be made available on loan to M of W This would be used to replace units kit needing repair until such time as the necessary repairs had been made.

c) Gen. MacFarlane has issued an order that Carabinieri for Rome were to be dressed in best OCRR uniforms. M of W would have to bear this in mind and start making necessary arrangements. There was about 32.000 yds of cloth in MACOMMER warehouse in Sardinia which could be used for this purpose. Col. Basile will start on this and will report on the situation

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LISON. 4 May 44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

I. Was informed that reference the water containers required by the CIL AQ
200 Canvas water containers would be available at CAPANNONI LA ROCCA-BARI.
Arranged with M of W for 9 Corps to arrange for their transportation to the CIL

Col. RAMPA. (Motorisation)

2 Reference May Allotments of petrol to the Italian Army and 500 extra DAQST
barrels for April.
Was informed by Col Rampa that CIP BARI had stated that it would not be able to supply any petrol before IO May. Col Rampa pointed outthat the Army had not got any stocks to keep running until that date.

CABINET.

3. Was informed that Col. FIORE-VERNAZZA had gone to TARANTO to receive AQ
186 officers from CUNEO Div who were due to arrive. G

Col. BASILE. (Commissariat)

4. Informed Col. Basile that certain stocks of Naaf's Supplies such as AQ
matches, cigarette paper, tobacco, cocoa and shaving brushes, in reasonable quantities were available on repayment from New Zealand YMCA, BARI. Asked if M of W would like to accept these .
Was later rung up.to confirm that M of W would accept the articles at prices stated.

Major.

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UNDERSTY OF WAR LIAISON. 27 May 44. DAQ

LIAISON SECTION. AQ/11 Hrs 20th, 150

1. M of S would like confirmation that Lt. VENTRIGLIA is employed in the AGO Car Park at SALERNO as no official notification has been given and this officer has not reported back from leave. DAQ mk 27/5 AQ

2.... Asked for information re going to SARDINIA of FORTUNE Romano. G3(1)
FORTUNE is taking back documents that are nothing to do with the MARTINI case. These documents had been taken to M of S to check up officers records and now have to be returned to these officers in SARDINIA.

Lt. Col. GELLNO. (Pers. Adm.)

3. Was given following information regarding number of Italians of Slav origin at present with Italian Army. G3(1)

155 A. Campania	22
Sardinia BG	3785
IX Corps	123
XXXI Corps	162
II Corps	405
Sabauda Div Sicily	365
Total	4562

4. Was given the following figures of reinforcements who will be ready for PBS on 8 May 44. 2 i/c AQ G

ISCHIA	47 Inf. Regt. Depot		260
	47 Arty	: :	250
	140 Inf	: :	50
CASTELLANA	139 Inf	: :	80
	48 :	: :	200
	225 :	: :	60
MONTEPIA	11 Arty	: :	320
	226 Inf	: :	200
		Total	1420

According to M of S the situation can now be summed up as follows: this information has also apparently been confirmed by HQ FMA Campania.

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Latest figures available	1820
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	140 Inf	:	:	50
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5. Asked Col. GUALANO for details on the Public Security Division and how it affected the Army. Was informed :-

a) This is not a division in the Army sense.

b) it comes directly under the Minister of the Interior for all civilian security purposes.

c) Its strength will not exceed 2000

d) Theonly way it can affect the Army is that volunteers may apply but they will not be released until authority is given. (Volunteers are allowed as this Division will be a substitute for the old militia)

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6. Asked Col. GUALANO whether 50 Carabinieri could be spared for special duties with SIM (incorporated with CSDIC). Col. Gualano stated such a number could always be made available.

Lt. Col. D'[illegible](Admin)

AQ

7. Obtained information re water for PANTELLERIA & PELAGOSA Islands. This is not an M of W responsibility but Ministry of Interior. Information given to us earlier was wrong but obtained written statement from the Prefect of FOGGIA, whose direct responsibility it is) to the effect that supplies of water are sent regularly and situation is all right.

CAIRO.

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8. Informed Col. PIGOT that as permission would have to be obtained from 8th Army for Gen. CLARK to visit CRL

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ert as Gen GUIDO WAS IN SALERNO for the Council of Ministers, it would AQ
be easier for him to get permission from SALERNO. G

Col. RAMPA.

9. Informed Col RAMPA that petrol for move of MANTOVA Div would be DADST
taken from existing Italian Army Stocks.

Col. BASILE. (Commissariat)

Informed Col. Basile that 200 water containers (for pack animals) from
24 gallons were urgently needed by CII, 8th Army could not provide AQ
Col Basile took the matter up immediately

Major

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MINISTRY OF LIAISON. 2[illegible]-44.

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LIAISON OFFICER.

1. Informed M of W that the drawing of rifle slings forming part of Italian War booty should be stopped until authority was given by us.

2. Was informed that in order to avoid confusion in the numbering of coastal regiments, the 523 Inf. Regt. will wef 5 May revert back to its old number ie: 115, Inf. Regt. G

Col. POLOSA. (Medical Dr.)

3. Was informed that British Authorities in NAPLES had gone to the PRINCIPESSA PIEDMONTE hospital and informed the hospital authorities that they were going to requisition 200 of the beds there on 3rd May. Col. POLOSA was rather worried as the policy for Italian hospitals was to increase bedding accomodation. AQ DADMS

Informed Col. POLOSA to signal matter to HQ. CAMPANIA to get into touch with Lt. Col. OPPENHEIMER and Major HENGIE who should be there.

4. Asked Medical Dr. to issue 2,FL Bn. 409, Inf. Regt., 1258 Field Dressings. DADL DADMS

This Bn. was being got ready in BARI and would be employed in operational duties.

Lt. Col. GUALANO. (Pers. Admn.)

5. Asked Col. GUALANO to arrange that 1316 Steel Helmets were issued to 2.FL.Bn. 409, Inf. Regt. now at BARI and preparing for operational duties. DADL

6. Was given the up-to-date figures of rounding-upof deserters as at 20/4/44. 2 i/c G AQ

	Army	Navy	Air Force
Campania	698	25	51
Sardinia	252	14	15
1X Corps	5585	120	147
XXX1 Corps	1445	2	104
L1 Corps	243	-	2
	8203	221	319

The rounding -up still continues but will soon be over. Will be kept informed. (1939)

7. Was given the first figures of the recall of 1923 class. 2 i/c G AQ

1X Corps	Officers - Nil	ORs - 74
XXX1 Corps	:: - Nil	: - 32
		106.

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		106.

The results in bulk of the recall will come from CAMPANIA and have not reached M of W yet owing to the collation of figures from the various districts.

Col. RAMPA. (Motorisation)

8. As a result of a telephone message from Major JONES (71 Sub-Area) contacted Col. RAMPA and asked whether the remaining 29 cases of spares had been removed from the warehouse in BRINDISI. Col RAMPA assured me that orders had been issued that the cases were not to be touched. AQ DADME

Informed Major JONES accordingly who stated that the whole matter was now in his hands and that after he had visited the stuff, suggested we should come to an agreement.

Doctor FERRETTI. (Pay)

9. Asked Doctor Ferretti about Combat Pay for Lavoratori Units working in Combat Areas and under enemy fire. AG

Was informed that in order for the list of Unitsentitled to Combat Pay to be changed, Gen. TOMASELLI should forward a list of such units performing theseduties and matter will be taken up.

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DINNER.

10. Was informed that Gen CELARDO had expressed a wish to visit the CIL round about the end of the week with the following officers:- ADC., Secretary, and Lt. Col. CELARDO. Could necessary permission be given. The Under Secretary of State had also wished to visit the CIL but this was discouraged. G3(1)

Lt. Col. D'ALESSANDRO (Admin)

Asked Col. D'Alessandro to make immediate enquiries about TRENTI Water supply. A.

Was informed that everything possible had been done but no one had been found who knew anything at all about. Investigations were however proceeding and an answer furnished on 3 May 44.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 1 May 44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

I. Reference the calling up of Doctor ABATE. AQ
The Italian Army is very short of Radiologists and require some. IX Corps knew of this Doctor and therefore proposed to have him called up. IX Corps is, however, being asked for more details, and his position is to be explained. It is possible that Doctor ABATE has expressed a desire to join the Army.

2. Reference the request for steel helmets for I Bn. 409 Regt. Necessary instructions have been despatched to Gen. BASCO to issue steel helmets. A.
M of W would like to know of any other units in front line requiring steel helmets so that necessary issues can be made, as not all units have been issued with such.

Col. RAMPA. (Motorisation)

3. Reference the 500 extra barrels of petrol to be released from CIP Monopoli. ADST
Letter STII/I dated 21 April does not authorise M of W to draw petrol. Can necessary authority be issued.

4. Reference 3000 barrels of "Gasolio" to be made available for civilian uses. Letter addressed to M of W does not make it clear to M of W at what price this quantity must be made available.

CABINET.

5. Owing to present car crisis in Italian Army and pressing requests from Italian Government, Gen. ORLANDO Has ordered Gen. ALIBERTI to be attached to Italian Government until their requests have been met with full satisfaction. AQ DADME

6. Gen. ORLANDO has expressed a desire to visit the CIL round about the end of this week. He will be accompanied by ADC and Lt. Col. GUALANO. Can necessary permission be obtained. Confirmation will be given to me at a later date. G3(I)

Doctor FERRETTI (Pay)

7. Reference request LO 8th Army and statement by Gen. TOMASELLI re pay troops in forward areas following are troops entitled to Combat Pay by decree.
a) All units of Ist Motorised Bde.(C.I.L.)
b) I, II, III, IV, V and VI Pack Tpt. Coys.
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a) CCRR Gp for ROME Legion. (at ANZIO)
b) Units of 210 Div.
c) 2 Bty. 567 Arty Regt (227 Div)
d) IV Corps - Ist & 3rd Bns. 515 Inf Regt. 2nd & 3rd Coys II Bn 522 Inf Regt.
Ist & 2nd Bn. 541, Inf. Regt.
Ix M.G. Bn.
692, M.G. Coy.
48th Inf. Detachment
XXVIII Artierd Bn. (minus I Coy in Campania)
CRI Ambulance (IT. Red Cross)

Col. BASILE. (Commissariat)

8. Informed Col. BASILE that as they were drawing cigarettes from the Italian Tobacco Monopoly, we would have to signal AAI to stop issue of Allied ration cigarettes. Col. BASILE agreed, but hoped that more paper would arrive soon as ration was very scanty. AQ

9. Asked Col. BASILE for a list of all Depots on which they wished to place OUT OF BOUNDS notices. AQ
Col. BASILE will forward same.

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10. Asked Col. BASILE whether if more Caustic Soda were supplied to the Army, more soap could be manufactured and a larger distribution made to troops. AQ
Col. BASILE stated it would be possible more especially as summer was arriving and larger issues would have to be made.

11. Reference the 5000 blankets from LISBON, asked Col BASILE for the following particulars - AQ
i) Name of consignee.
ii) Markings on bales or blankets.
Col. BASILE informed me that these details would have to ~~be~~ come from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

12. Reference Allied socks recently arrived in Italy. Col BASILE STATED that these socks were of too good a quality to issue to troops who would destroy them in no time. Col BASILE would like to know whether some of these can be issued to officers(who a re now in a very critical situation now for socks) on repayment. AQ

13. H.E. Mario PALERMO (Under-Secretary of State) Comd 2 i/c AQ G
Was introduced to t he Under-Secretary who has now assumed office in M of W.
First impressions are very charming and pleasant. He is a last war veteran and violently anti-Fascist. He is rather lost in his new job but appears to be extremely kean. He will deal principelly with the political side of the Ministry of War.
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LIAISON OFFICE. MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 30 April 44. AQ

I. A request has been received from HQ. FFAA. Campania re repatriation of Italian personnel to Sardinia. G3(I)

M of W would like to know -

(i) The policy which governs this return to Sardinia.
(ii) Can use be made of Italian ships or planes returning to Sardinia.
(iii) Must requests for personnel to return to Sardinia be passed to this HQ or can they be put to the Missions branch at NAPLES.

2. Submitted request for 500 steel helmets to be made available to Ist Bn. 409 Regt. operating in forward areas. Informed that Gen. BASSO is reputed to have 4000 steel helmets frozen by M of W. AQ

Matter is being attended to.

Lt. Col. GUALANO. (Pers. Adm.)

3. Col. Gualano gave me following figures of reinforcements to be made available for P.B.S. 2 i/c AQ. G.

47, Inf. Regt. Depot.	510
140, : : :	50
14, Artillery Regt. Depot	220
139, Inf. Regt. Depot	80
48, : : :	200
225, : : :	60
226, : : :	200
	1,320

This is as a result of an order from Gen. Orlando, and dates and places where these men will be available will be made known to me as soon as possible.

Gen. ORLANDO.

4. Presented letter to Gen. ORLANDO ordering the trial of Gen. MARTINO and other officers implicated in the Fascist events in Sardinia. Comd. G3(I)

Gen. ORLANDO issued immediate orders to Sardinia HQ.

5. Informed Gen. ORLANDO that reference the conference and the animals from Sardinia question. the Comd. was not in full possession of the back history of the case, in that - Comd. 2 i/c G

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(b) Order from AFHQ to AAI to requisition all the mules having considered the representation by AFHQ representative that at least 200 should be left behind. This was, therefore, a direct order from AFHQ who had considered all aspects through a representative being on the spot and Comd could not therefore countermand this order. A signal would have to be sent to Sardinia HQ to carry out the order. Comd would, however,
a) represent SMRE point of view to AAI as to necessity of having animals in each Security Div.
b) send signal to AAI requesting permission that animals over 15 years of age be handed to farmers in lieu of being killed and
c) would inform Col. SIMMONS accordingly of (b)
Gen. ORLANDO stated he understood but pointed out the seriousness of their animal situation.

6. Informed Gen. ORLANDO that Comd. was not at all keen on the idea of M of W and SMRE moving. Comd would, however, help in any way to get a plane for Gen. ORLANDO. Comd. 2 i/c
Informed Gen. ORLANDO that Gen. PIACENTINI had two private planes and Marshal BADOGLIO one and suggested that he tried one of those.
Gen. ORLANDO stated he was going to get into touch with Air Minister, Gen. SANDALLI and find out position. He would then let me know.
Gen. ORLANDO informed me that he hoped the proposal for moving both M of W and SMRE had not been taken as being concrete.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT. 29 April 44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that the following reinforcements were ready for P.B.:- A i/c A& G

CATANZARO	307,	Inf.	Regt.	Depot.	180
NICASTRO	19,	::	::	::	50
COSENZA	16,	::	::	::	70
REGGIO	208,	::	::	::	84
					400

This brings the total reinforcements made available to date up to 5068. Further figures have been promised for 30 April.

2. Was informed that the Rear HQ of the A.U.C. School at POTENZA will be disbanded wef 10 April 44. A& G

3. M of W have asked whether Veterinary Br. of the M of W can be allowed to visit Mule Transport Units for inspection of Veterinary Officers attached to the units. They wish to go this in order to see the conditions of mules and men. A& G
Veterinary Branch would also like monthly states from these units giving numbers of mules and medical conditions.

Col. RAMPA. (Motorisation)

4. M of W have been instructed to hand over 3000 barrels monthly of Diesel Oil to C.I.P., Bari. This is to go eventually to civilians. Col. RAMPA would like to know at what price this is to be delivered.

5. Col. RAMPA would like to know whether receipts of payment for petrol drawn from C.I.P. could have receipt stamps on them. At present moment, this is not being done and these receipts are not officially valid by Law unless the stamps are on them. DA&QMG

GEN. PELLICNA. (Commissariat)

6. Accompanied DA&QMG to discuss following points. ADST
a) Appointing of Lt. Colonels to be in charge of all main Italian Depots.
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b) Organising of senior officers with staffs to be designated to move forward and assume command of further Supply Organisations as Allied Armies advance.

c) Lists of main Italian depots in Occupied Territory.

GEN. ORLANDO.

Comd.
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7. Attended conference with Comd. and Gen. ORLANDO. Also present were :- Gen. BERARDI. Gen. GALLINA. Col. PALAVICINI, Col. PICOZZI-VERRINA. Col. RAVAGLI. Lt. Col. GUALANDO and Officers of departments concerned during conference.
Following were minutes of the Conference:-

1977

(A) MOTORIZATION.

a) Urgent delivery of 800 vehicles for Army out of the allotment of 1000 vehicles as promised by Gen. MacFARLANE to Head of Italian Government (remaining 200 for civilian uses). Accelerating the delivery of vehicles from CANADA. This to meet pressing requirements of the Army.

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b) Tyre crisis - All services now on point of ceasing to function owing to lack of tyres. A state of essential requirements was presented (Appendix 1.)

c) Spare parts - In order to make full use of Italian material essential to bring into Italy all available spares from known stores in East Africa and Egypt. (Appendix 2.)

(B) COMMISSARIAT.

a) Chief of Army Staff foresees requirements for 600,000 complete suits in order to put into effect Army programme effectively. This figure for the moment reduced to 400,000. In this case essential for 200,000 com lete suits to be made available. This to assure that a sufficient reserve is handy to replace used suits. Same figures apply to Boots. Understand that boots and B.D. reserved for personnel working for Allies. Gen. O. would like this extended to all Italian troops, especially in boots.

b) If B.D. or boots cannot be made available, Gen. Orlando must have repair materials for both.
For boots, thread and nails are required. Leather is available.
For clothing, thread and needles, buttons etc.

c) Method of Distribution - Gen. Orlando would like review of distribution only at destination. This puts forward innumerable difficulties.
In special urgent cases, clothing to be distributed prior to authorisation by MMIA, but keeping MMIA informed.

d) Gen. Orlando stated had issued orders for more careful distribution of food. Surprise visits on depots to be made. Severe disciplinery action in cases of mishandling.

(C) Move of GMHQ and War Ministry.

Question brought up due to being far from Government. Salerno and Naples area agreed impossible.
Proposed site was area in between POTENZA and CASERTA.
After being discouraged by Comd.. suggestions made for personal aeroplane for General Orlando. Agreed, but seen all the same for recce of area POTENZA-CASERTA only as a guide.
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(D) Animals from SARDINIA.

a) Withdrawal of all animals from units in SARDINIA as requested would mean the ceasing of them functioning as units and in some cases feeding impossible.
Without mules impossible for Security Divs to function effectively owing to terrain of areas allotted to Security Divs.

b) With serious consequences to units concerned, the release of 500 Draught Horses can be made.

c) Owing to urgent needs of farmers in Ireland, it was proposed to hand to them all animals over 15 years of age, in lieu of having them killed. Feeding responsibility of farmers.
Forage requirements now decreasing as summer production approaching.

(E) Artillery Establishments in Campania.

Rehabilitating of certain artillery and munition factories in Campania now disoccupied owing to being occupied by Allies.

(i) S.M.U. explosive factory.
(ii) TORRE ANNUNZIATA fuse factory.

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7 (E) Certain amount of materials handy and both factories could be put to work in short period. Great help to Allies, Italian Army and personnel employed.

(F) Billets for Italians in Campania.

Shortage of billets in Campania. Army unable to cope with recalls, repatriates PW and present Garrison troops. More space required.

(G) Italians of Slav Origin.

Desertions to Slav Army still continuing. Prejudice to Discipline and other men in Army. Despite promises made to have past deserters restored from Yugo-Slav Army to Italian Army, result is very small.

Comd. promised to take matter up with Gen. MacFARLANE to have him bring up point with Yugo-Slav Commander.

(H) Gaolbird Units.

Result of request to free civilian prisons, gaolbirds to be formed into Lavoratori Bns. Total strength between 800-1000. Will only include men on minor charges and not any serious cases.

Where must these units be sent and with whom to be employed as everything ready.

Major.

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APPENDIX "1".

STATE TO SHOW PRESENT ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS AND FORECAST FOR SIX MONTHLY CONSUMPTION OF TYRES IN ITALIAN ARMY.

MEASUREMENTS	PRESENT ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS		6 MONTHLY CONSUMPTION.	
	TYRES	TUBES	TYRES	TUBES.
14 x 40	70	50	50	50
15 x 45	50	50	40	40
30 x 5	50	50	100	100
34 x 7	150	150	250	250
36 x 7	100	100	100	100
36 x 8	100	100	100	100
130 x 40	100	100	50	50
140 x 40	200	150	150	150
145 x 40	100	100	50	50
150 x 40	150	150	100	100
155 x 40	50	50	50	50
160 x 40	100	100	100	100
165 x 40	120	150	100	100
210 x 20	600	700	300	350
270 x 20	100	100	100	100
750 x 20	200	250	150	150
300 x 19)				
325 x 19)	600	800	700	800
350 x 19)				
400 x 15	200	200	100	100
400 x 17)				
425 x 17)	150	150	200	200
450 x 17)				
500 x 15	800	900	300	400
550 x 15	500	600	250	300
500 x 16	50	100	50	100
600 x 16	400	500	200	250
600 x 18	100	100	50	50
650 x 16	50	50	50	50
32 x 6	200	200	100	150

APPENDIX "2".

STATE SHOWING DEPOTS HOLDING SPARE PARTS AND TYRES IN NORTH AND EAST AFRICA AND SICILY.

300 x I9)				
325 x I9)	600	800	700	800
350 x I9)				
400 x I5	200	200	I00	I00
400 x I7)				
425 x I7)	I50	I50	200	200
450 x I7)				
500 x I5	800	900	300	400
550 x I5	500	600	250	300
500 x I6	50	I00	50	I00
600 x I6	400	500	200	250
600 x I8	I00	I00	50	50
650 x I6	50	50	50	50
32 x 6	200	300	I00	I50

APPENDIX "2".

STATE SHOWING DEPOTS HOLDING SPARE PARTS AND TYRES IN NORTH AND EAST AFRICA AND SICILY.

1) N. and E. AFRICA.

Army Motor Construction and Repairs W/S.	ASMARA.
2nd Motor Park	BEDA LITTORIO.
5th Motor Park	TOBRUK.
20th Motor Park	TRIPOLI.
21st Motor Park	BENGASI.

2) SICILY.

Army Spares and Tyres Depot		ROCCAPALMENO(Palermo)
ditto		PALERMO.
ditto		CALTANISETTA.
ditto		CALTAGIRONE.
ditto		VIZZINI.
ditto	and W/S.	MESSINA.

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Attached Shipley

Please arrange

(1) urgent 1 Restricted about cancellation of
all Pers release for 3000 limits

(2) Authority send 3 (S Force)

(3) Re equip I Coy 51 & Bn to Palermo

(Note. I am withdrawing all PsD from
close watch in Sicily over to Mainland shortly)

A.Q 1

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 28 April 1944.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that Lt. Col. VINING, upon request to IX Corps for Italian troops when required was informed by Gen. Lemnitz that troops could only be supplied upon authority being given by M. of W. Z i/c A.G. G

This has been put strongly to to M of W direct by Col. VINING who finds situation unsatisfactory.

M of W would like to know policy governing this. Can Col. VINING order troops from IX Corps for public order without reference to any other HQ as he appears to want.

Lt. Col. VINING is ACC Provincial Commissioner, BARI.

2. A pass is required for IANNIELLI Dante to be able to proceed to AGNONE (Campobasso) where he wishes to rehabilitat his home having lost one of his only parents in liberated Italy. Gc(1)

3. Asked LO whether the war booty title slings mentioned in W. Min. letter 1780/C dated 26 April 44 were Italian or German and whether these were held by Italian Forces. A.G.

Was informed that these were French and Greek slings forming part of captured war material and were held in an Italian Artillery depot.

Informed LO that in this case no authority for their release was required from this HQ.

4. Was informed of following movements of Officers:- Z i/c

Brig. Gen. BOGNERI Alfonso attached from POTENZA to M of W for special duties end of April will proceed to Caserta(Gen. Officers Rest Camp) Gc(1) G

Brig. Gen. MANFREDI Ugo from Military Tribunal Rome is attached M of W for special duties.

Brig. Gen. MANILLO Giovanni from M of W to Military Tribunal NAPLES.

Brig. Gen. GUIDONI Giovanni from Z i/c 228 Div to Z i/c 212 Div.

Brig. Gen. MONACCI Ettore from Comd. IV Brigade to Z i/c 228 Divn.

Brig. Gen. CANUGLI Napoleone to XXXI Corps for special duties.

Brig. Gen. LAMA Guido from M of W to be Comd 225, Div.

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Brig. Gen. MANFUCCI Ugo from Military Tribunal NAPLES is attached
M of W for special duties.

Brig. Gen. MANILLO Giovanni from M of W to Military Tribunal NAPLES.

Brig. Gen. GUIDONI Giovanni from Z i/c 226 Div to Z i/c 212 Div.

Brig. Gen. MONACCI Ettore from Comd. IV Brigade to Z i/c 226 Divn.

Brig. Gen. SCRUGLI Napoleone to XXXI Corps for special duties.

Brig. Gen. LAMA Guido from M of W to be Comd 225, Div.

Col. MANFREDI Manfredo from "CALABRIA" Div to be Z i/c "FRIULI" Div.

Col. LEDDA Gavino from C of S XIII Corps to be Z i/c "CALABRIA" Div.

5. Enquired about the moving of IX Corps from present Ax.
location in EAST.
Was informed that there was now delay.

6. Informed L.O. that reference the availability of Ax
TORRANO Camp, they should make arrangements direct with 71, Sub
Area through their L.O. This should be treated as urgent.

7. Was handed copy of regulations governing photography Gc(1)
in the Italian Army.

CABINET. 1973

Was informed that during the Council of Ministers held Comd.
on 27 April, the following were the main subjects. G
Ax.

a) Increase of Italian participation in combat.
b) De-fascistisation in liberated Italy.

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Lt. Col. COLLINS. (Pers. Adm)

1. Was shown message from Gen. CRAWFORD to 12 and XXXI Corps ordering them to make immediate arrangements for preparation of further reinforcements for F.W.S. — 2i/c G

2. Was informed that a further request had been received from Refugee Sub Commission for an additional 10 Officers and 5 NCOs. — 2 i/c A&

Informed Col. COLLINS to take no action until informed by us.

Col. BAILEY. (Commissariat Dr.)

1. Reference the distribution of 6000 uniforms for 211, Div. Col. BAILEY informed me that as these uniforms had not been drawn to date, and that the personnel were due to go, any uniforms required could be supplied at destination. — A&

2. Reference FILFOR message re gaiters for Italians under command 6th Army. — A& DAIOS

M of W have no stocks left of these. All their gaiters have been used for CIL, the Military Academy. There are only about 100 pairs of gaiters in BARI used for horsemanship. Fwd Brindisi N.A. 2/5

3. HQ. "S" Force (5th Army) has written a letter to the It Italians asking for 57 pairs of boots for the 870 NUCLEO COMPAGNIA (Assault Engineers Group). This request has reached the M of W. Can authority be given for release. — A& DAIOS

4. XII Corps has informed M of W that No.1 District has allotted 2000 suits of B.D. for use of CABRUBA Div. Of these, 600 suits are urgently required for 1 Coy. 91c, Bn, recently arrived from mainland. In order to be able to draw 600 suits, this number will have to be replaced so that there will always be 2000 suits with No.1 District. (as informed by 1 District) — A& DAIOS

M of W wish to know how to act as the 600 are badly needed.

5. Put forward proposal to M of W for buying 200,000 razor blades from ERI at 2.6c lire per hundred. — A&

M of W have accepted.

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3. No. "G" Force (5th Army) has written a letter to the It Ar
Italians asking for 57 pairs of boots for the 870 NUCLEO GUASTATORI ITALIA
(Assault Engineers Group). This request has reached the M of W.
Can authority be given for release.

4. XII Corps has informed M of W that No.1 District has Ar
allotted 2000 suits of B.D. for use of SARDINIA Div. Of these, LABOR
800 suits are urgently required for 1 Coy. eld, en, recently
arrived from Mainland. In order to be able to draw 800 suits,
this number will have to be replaced so that there will always
be 2000 suits with No.1 District. (As informed by 1 District)
M of W wish to know how to act as the 800 are badly
needed.

5. Put forward proposal to M of W for buying 200,000 Ar
razor blades from ERI at 20s 11½ per hundred.
M of W have accepted.

Major.

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Military or War Liaison. 26 April 44.

U.S.A. Office

1. Was informed that the statement re.prisoner of Bologna Luigi, re the motor accident involving British lorry, was coming to us in writing.

2. Was informed that the question of the arrest of Count and War Ministry has not been considered for the time being. Gen. Clark will bring the matter up when he goes to the [illegible]. Comd Z i/c G. Ag

3. Was informed that 4 doctors have been asked for US Airborne Div. These will have to be dropped by parachute and will possibly be taken from Rome Div. Comd

4. Was given request for 5to. 4x4 Mills required to be allowed so proceed to Sicily. G.(I)
Ass/Mills has been demobilised and has his home in Algiers. No policy has yet been defined for demobilising personnel with homes outside Italy.

5. Was given information concerning moves of the following Generals :- As G.(I)
Col. Pucci Ritore. A i/c 441 Gp. Also Brig. Gen. Brigade; ret 1 April.
Brig. Gen. Curcio Robertini. This Company has not been demobilised.
Brig. Mezzetti Vit. This Company has not been demobilised.

6. M of W would like permission for Signor Semeria to proceed by air to Sardinia in order to return about 20 documents containing personal details about some officials in Sardinia. These documents were held by the Military Tribunal. G.(I)

7. Rome sugar water supply for Thirsty and 2 London Editors. As Asked for following details which were urgently required.
a) rations per day per man
b) strength supplied
c) location of water supplies
d) method of distribution

8. Informed Liaison Office that the Commando Hotel at Anzio lent to the American Air Force could not be returned to the Army owing to its position near the airfield.
Pi, Sub-Area stated, however, that the ex-PW camp at Nettuno could be given to them and would make an excellent

Generals :-

Col. FUCCI Ettore - A/O 151 Artillery Comd. to Brigadier wef 1 April.

Brig. CUCCIO Ruberti - 41st Brigade has now been demobilised.

Brig. MANCINI Vito - 41st Brigade has now been demobilised.

3. M of W would like permission for soldiers' dependants to proceed by air to Sardinia in order to return about 40 documents containing personal details which were left in Sardinia. These documents were held by the Military Tribunal.

4. Refugee water supply for 180,000 and 5,000 horses. Amount for forthcoming offensive which were urgently required.
   a) rations per 24 hrs per man
   b) strength supplied
   c) locations of storage supplies
   d) methods of distribution

5. Informed Liaison Officer that the commando force at present lent to the American Air Force could not be returned to the Army owing to its position under the directive.
   It, Sub-Area stated, however, that the ex-PW camp at TURIANO could be given to them and could make an excellent disinfestation Camp. Asked whether this would be acceptable.
   This was agreed.

6. Was informed that some time ago M of W had put forward a proposal for identification markings on Italian vehicles. This was to consist of red, white and green circles with a superimposed white star.
   The answer has not yet been received about this and Gen. ALIBERTI is keen to know whether this can be put into practice.

CAPTREL.

1. Was shown a copy of the letter signed by Gen. CASANO addressed to all Italian Army H.Q's, in which points out unsatisfactory conditions in rail distribution. He orders all concerned to take immediate action to have these conditions remedied and orders all Corps Commanders to make immediate investigations on efficiency of their staffs.

AMGOT
A.
1971

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2. Was informed by Col FIONE that on the 21st April at BARILLI a German parachute together with an Italian parachutist uniform containing haversack of hand grenades were found. Interrogations have revealed that a peasant saw a civilian coming from the direction of the find and who had asked him what time next train left for BARI. Investigations are continuing and Allied Authorities have been informed. G2(I)

11. Col. GUALANO (Pets. A&M)

1. Col. GUALANO handed me a proposed ruling to be published for personnel proceeding on leave or home after demobilisation in areas under AMG control. This requires authorising. G2(I)

Col. GUALANO asked whether personnel could be allowed a restricted area which would enable them to pass through FOGGIA.

2. Ref. lists of Italian personnel attached to Allied Formations reaching M of W for regularising. 2 i/c A&

These lists were forwarded by Col. NEGRONI who is the Italian LO to A.I.

Informed Col. Gualano that this procedure for regularising personnel was wrong. All lists of Italians employed by Allied formations should be sent to AMI for their approval.

3. Ref. prisoners in civil prisons. Arrangements for these to be formed into units were now tied up. M of W would like to know where these men should be concentrated in respect to their being employed. These men will be accompanied in barbed wire enclosures. 2 i/c A& G

4. Ref. the request for numbers of Slavs in the Italian Army. These lists were almost ready and would be despatched to us on completion. Numbers amount to roughly 5000. G2(I)

Gen. CRAWFORD.

Asked Gen. CRAWFORD whether Col, SCHIRO had returned from Sicily and that he should signal Col. SELIM when he is in conference. A&

Gen. CRAWFORD stated

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b) he knew nothing about any return
c) he knew nothing about any conference

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Gen. CHARTRES.

Asked Gen. CHARTRES whether Col. SCARBOROUGH had returned from Sicily and that he should signal Col. KEITH when he is in conference. — AG

Gen. CHARTRES stated
a) Col. SCARBOROUGH is remaining in Sicily
b) he knew nothing about any return
c) he knew nothing about any conference
d) subject

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 25 April 44

Comd

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed by Col. RAVAGLI that an Italian Liaison Office with No I District, CATANIA has been established wef I5 April. The Officer i/c of this office is Capt. MAGLIETTA Alde and comes from SABAUDA Div. — AG G GI(L)

2. In view of the fact that 60 Sub-Area has been formed in the VASTO Area, M of W would like to know whether it will be necessary to form an Italian Liaison office with them. — AG GI(L)

3. Informed M of W of message to Lt. GABRIELE PASCA RAIMONDO as requested by A.C.C. R.C. & M.G. Section in letter I72/2I/CA dated 2I April. Lt. PASCA is now employed in M of W. — AG

CABINET.

Col. FIORE informed me that Gen ORLANDO is leaving on 26 April for an important Council of Ministers in which he is to be the principal speaker. He is consequently extremely busy and would very much prefer if his meeting with Comd. could take place on his return which should be Friday 28 April or Saturday, 29 April. I will be kept informed. — Comd.

Doctor FERRETTI. (PAY)

Again pressed question of labour pay for 820 & 821 Coy. Telegraphisti. Was informed this matter was being given attention and delay was due to change in Finance Minister. — S.O. Sig

Lt. Col. GUALANO. (Pers. Adm.)

1. Pressed Col. GUALANO about the making available of more reinforcements for P.B.S. Col. GUALANO assured me that matter was being given full attention and hurrying messages would be sent to all Corps. — 2 i/c AG G

2. Pressed Col GUALANO about Italian Army prisoners in civilian gaols warning him that if action would not be taken soon, the men would find themselves without rations. Col. GUALANO informed me that Gen, ORLANDO has issued an instruction that necessary labour units be formed and prisoners be out of jail in I5 days time. — 2 i/c AG G

Col. BASILE. (Commissariat)

Ref. AG I5/TO dated 22 April in reply to N/6343/Y from — AG

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Col. BASILE. (Commissariat)

I. Ref. AQ I5/IO dated 22 April in reply to N/6343/V from M of W. The troops in question are not AA personnel. AA in this case was meant to be Anglo-Americans. — AQ

These troops are Artillery personnel minus guns who have come from the Re-organisation Camp and have been allotted to an Allied formation in Campania. They were to be employed in operational areas. Have asked for further particulars.

2. Col BASILE has suggested that in view of the fact that on many occasions Allied personnel have come to Italian Depots and have insisted on removing articles of clothing or equipment (this with special ref. to Major WEBB at BARI), he be issued with notices which would ~~refuse~~ refuse admittance to all Allied personnel except those authorised by Army Sub Commission. — AQ

This would help to avoid many awkward circumstances which Depot Commanders often find themselves in.

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Major.

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT. 8th April 44

Land Ops Staff.

1. [illegible] was informed that a message has been sent from 12 Corps to 5th Motor Regt. to show the following stores :- — A&DAGs

From Naval Military Hospital -
500 prs. cloth pants - short.
250 pcs. battle.

From Manfredia Special Depot -
250 towels.

From 12 Corps Depot -
250 linen berets.

Message stated that there were no first wrappings available. This clothing is all Italian and is being issued to meet requirements of the 5th Motor Regt.

2. [illegible] was informed that deportations of Italians of Slav origin from the Italian Army to the Yugo-slav Army are once more starting. Cases have occurred in 12 Corps area where a Yugo-slav group is once again operating with its enticing propaganda, and in the Sabante Div. cases taking place in the last mentioned have been reported to No.1 District and Provost Marshal - PALERMO. Complete details are being obtained about cases in 12 Corps area and a fuller report will be submitted. — A& G2(I)

3. Was informed that Col. HUBER (?) Director of Refugee Sub Commission has submitted a request to Gen. MIGLINO, Italian head of refugees organisation for the following :- — 2 I/C A& G

1 Advanced Refugee collecting centre for VARENO-VIGANO [illegible] area consisting of 5 NCOs and 30 ORs.

1 Advanced Refugee collecting centre for CARU also consisting of 5 NCOs and 30 ORs.

This request for personnel has been passed to AMGOT.

4. Was informed that one month ago a party of 20/30 medical personnel arrived in Naples from N.Africa. Displaced persons Sub Commission handed [illegible] these personnel over to Gen. MIGLINO who immediately sent them to the re-organisation camp. — 2 I/C A& G

Col. HUBER (?) Refugee Sub Commission has now requested

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details are being obtained about ... report will be submitted.

2 1/c
A.G.

3. Was informed that Col. HULL (?) Director of Refugee Sub Commission has submitted a request to Gen. MIGLINO, Italian Head of refugee organisation for the following :-

1 Advanced refugee collecting centre for VALLO-VENAFRO area consisting of 6 NCOs and 30 ORs.

1 Advanced refugee collecting centre for CAPUA, also consisting of 6 NCOs and 30 ORs.

This request for personnel has been passed to A.M.G.

2 1/c
A.G.

4. Was informed that one month ago a party of 21/2 medical personnel arrives in Naples from N.A.F.I.U. Displaced Persons Sub Commission headed [redacted] these personnel over to Gen. MIGLINO who immediately sent them to the re-organisation Camp.

Col. HULL (?) Refugee Sub Commission has now requested M of W to hand over 17 of these personnel. Informed M of W to take no action until instructions have been received from us.

G.I.
A.G.

Lt. Col. CUALINO. (Pers. Adm.)

1. Reference the Italians employed on operational work with 4th American Division.

The Italians in question are all officially demobilised men and are being employed as civilians. M of W are proposing to enrol these men back into the Army and form them into a proper unit for the following reasons :-

a) The men in question are civilians in an operational zone working for a combatient unit.

b) There have been several casualties which, if the men were in the Army, would entitle them, in cases of disablement, to a State pension.

c) The men require clothing

d) Question of honour, being on active service.

M of W are sure that the men will be willing to be retained in the Colours as it would be to their advantage.

2. Lt. Col. CUALINO again brought up the subject of recall and rounding up of deserters in Fascist Areas. He wishes to know what should be done.

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CAPT[illegible]

1. Lt. Col. FLORA VAN NESS informed me that Gen. ORLANDO was expected back late tonight and would be in M of W on 25 April. Comd

2. Was informed that the move of AMES and War Ministry had once more arisen. The move is apparently being planned on a split War Ministry basis. An officer from ACC was going to go around with the War Ministry LO in Salerno and try to find suitable accommodation. I once more warned M of W to watch their step about this and not to put too much faith in such a move. ACC was not the governing HQ as regards such moves. Comd G A&

Lt. Col. HAMPA. (Motorisation Sr.)

1. Reference requirements for C.I.L. A&
Was informed by Col. HAMPA that about one week ago an officer from C.I.L. had come to M of W and had drawn a whole lot of spares and those items on the list which were available. Certain items on the list submitted by C.I.L. do not exist in Motorisation Depots.

2. Enquires about the petrol and oil requirements for ABOT the driving school at POZZUOLI.
Was given confirmation that it had been attended to.

Major NABLES. (Commissariat - Clothing)

1. Major Nables informed me that the best situation A&
was rather serious in No.2 Re-organisation Camp.
This camp has had to replace 600 pairs of boots needing repair and has no material with which to repair them.
In view of recent influx of personnel who have been clothed with uniforms made for this purpose, the camp is short of 600 pairs of boots. M of W would like to know whether such quantities could be released to the Camp.

To Col Shipley

Hq at Naples with several Unit Stations in adjacent area

2. Enquired about the petrol and [illegible]
the driving school at POLIGNANO.
Was given confirmation that it had been attended to.

TO
Cl
Shipley

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→ Hq at Maglie with power and Staff in adjacent area
to handle
(1) Illegal Absentees
(2) Medical claims
(3) other personnel which need to be forwarded onto or returned to Unit

Major.

No policy decision as Unit Station Troops will be equipped with item from allied sources at Destination. Exception may be allowed but can only be considered when there some outstanding advantage and then only to specific units repatriated for use by allied Planned or both [illegible] to Re-organisation Camps etc cannot be authorized Shipley

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 23 APRIL 44.

CHEMICAL WARFARE Br

Made necessary arrangements with Col. RAMPELLO for the consigning of 200 Ground Contaminators to Chemical Warfare Br. 2 Dist. G

There are only 200 out of the original request of 250 Ground Contaminators available at ACQUAVIVA. There are more, however, in CALABRIA and the remaining 50 will be able to be supplied at a future date

C.W. 2 District have been informed that the Contaminators will be available on 24 April and necessary authority has been despatched to them.

Col. POLOSA. (Medical Br.)

I. Was given confirmation that M of W have notified Col. FERRI to send 2,100,000 Mepacrine Tabs to SARDINIA by the fastest available means. DADMS

2. Was informed that information has been received from CAMPANIA to the effect that several cases of small-pox have broken out amongst the civil population. DADMS

M of W therefore, would like urgently 10,000 doses of anti-smallpox vaccine for the Italian troops in CAMPANIA.

Was handed a written request regarding this.

CABINET.

Was informed by Col. FIORE that Gen. ORLANDO would probably be remaining in Salerno for the Council of Ministers and would be in Lecce by Wednesday. COM D.

If this is the case, Col. FIORE will be leaving for Salerno himself and Col. BALZANI vice head of Cabinet would represent the Minister until his return.

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COM D.

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Suggest you write the Chief
Commissioner for para 3. I am
not clear on the penalties
Greg

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 20 April 44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that the space required by Force 266 in the Italian magazine at BRINDISI will be available for use by Force 266 in 2 days time. Force 266 have been informed accordingly. — A.Q.

2. Major ELUES (?) Chief A.M.G. 8th Army has asked M of W to produce a soldier who is at present in SICILY and have him transferred for duty. — 2 i/c A.Q.

Suggested that the request for this man to be passed to our SALERNO H.Q. by Major ELUES

3. Was informed that A.M.G. have still not allowed the recall of the 1923 class to take place in the FOGGIA area and have written a letter to this effect to the Italian area H.Q. stating that the men involved are being employed as civilians on agricultural work.

M of W are of this opinion about the matter, either:

(a) the personnel employed as civilians are issued with the agreed upon release from the Army permits by Local Resources Board.

(b) the men are allowed to be recalled and A.M.G. submit a request for labour to S.M.E.R.E.

Gen MATTIOLI (SMRE Labour Directorate) has informed M of W that 120 men can be supplied immediately and a further lot in the near future.

4. AFRICA. Was given the final list of books for P.O.W. in N. This list was submitted by XXXI Corps. — G 3 (I)

Lt. Col. GUALANO (Pers. Adm)

Chased Col. GUALANO about : — G 3 (I)

(a) No of Yugoslavs now in the ranks of Italian Army.

(b) No of Yugoslavs who are Army POW in Allied POW Camps.

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Col. GUALANO stated he would hurry
(a) but that it would be impossible to trace (b) as no details were available.

Gen. CRIVARO (Engineer Br)

Gen CRIUARO is keen that the training of assault minatori and artieri Engineer units should include a course of Allied A/Tk and anti personnel mines.
This would enable Engineer units to be able to lay mine fields and sweep minefields for the Allies.
Gen CRIUARO would like to know whether one of his officers could contact one of MMIA officers in order to discuss this question.

GABINET.
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1. Was informed that an important meeting of the Italian Cabinet would take place on FRIDAY 21 April in order to discuss and name the new cabinet.
Names of new Ministers will probably be released on that day.

2. Received information that parachutists had been reported to have landed in the neighbourhood of SAN

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A.Q.
G.

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- PRANCRAZIO airfield. Immediate searches revealed NIL. Comd.
Further will follow. G

Major.

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Ministry of War Liaison — 22 April 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1) Ref the report that Gen BELLAMO was not getting sufficient rations. Gen BELLAMO's wife has been to the M of W and has complained that she has to bring him extra food every day. M of W are only passing complaint to us as a matter of course. — GSI

2) Ref arrest of Maj DE SALVO. Maj DE SALVO was arrested the end of December 43. The N.I.P. office would like to know (a) reasons for arrest if possible, (b) his state of health, (c) whether he is likely to be freed. — GSI

3) Was asked by LO whether it would be possible for a Major TUDINO Pietro to be able to go to SESSA AURUNCA in order to bring away his family from there. He wishes to bring them away from that area as he is not at all sure of the living conditions in that area. — GSI

4) Was informed that Col PELLEGRINELLI of the Adm Br - Pay Section is to be replaced by Doctor FERRETTI Gustave, — AQ G
Col PELLEGRINELLI will become a Pay Inspector.

Gen ALIBERTI

Gen ALIBERTI informed me that he had been instructed to issue 320 Kgs of Diesel Oil to 900 Lavoratori Coy BRINDISI. Gen ALIBERTI is worrying about the fact as to whether this is going to develope into a regular issue which might include other units. Gen ALIBERTI stated that much Italian transport ran on Diesel oil and he wishes to know whether, should any shortages occur in the future, the Allies will be able to furnish such fuel. — DADST

Lt Col RAMPA (Motorisation)

Informed Col RAMPA that there was a shortage of petrol in the Driving School at POLIGNANO. Col RAMPA would therefore release 20 barrels of petrol and one barrel of HD30 oil from CIP MONOPOLI. This was to come from the surplus allotment of 500 barrels made to CIP recently. — DADST
The quantity for POLIGNANO was to be ready for collection by Monday 24 Apr.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)

1) Asked Col BASILE whether M of W would be able to arrange for the despatch of the salt, dried fruit, and dried vegetables to CORSICA in the same way as was arranged for the despatch of wine. — AQ
Col BASILE stated that they were dependant on the Allies for all transportation to CORSICA. There is no Italian communication with regard to tpt in existence with CORSICA and Min of Marine have no craft under their jurisdiction for such purposes. The wine was got over by a craft which

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DADST

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)

1) Asked Col BASILE whether M of W would be able to arrange for the despatch of the salt, dried fruit, and dried vegetables to CORSICA in the same way as was arranged for the despatch of wine.
Col BASILE stated that they were dependant on the Allies for all transportation to CORSICA. There is no Italian communication with regard to tpt in existence with CORSICA and Min of Marine have no craft under their jurisdiction for such purposes. The wine was got over by a craft which came from CORSICA by mere coincidence and it was unlikely that it would return.

AQ

2) M of W report that Commissariat Br IX Corps have received arequest from Water Tpt Coy RAS(?) for 50 BD complete to be drawn from best available stocks. An authority for this is signed by DADOS Major WEBB and a Capt BELL.
M of W are of the opinion that there is something funny about this request and would like to know what action is to be taken.

AQ

3) Lt CRAWFORD, ST LO TARANTO, has informed Commissariat Br TARANTO that the Italian Port Det there should, in periods when there were no ships with Italian Forces goods, work on ships unloading goods for civilians. This was agreed by ADST and A.C.C.
M of W point out that the Port Detachment, when there are no ships in, are working in Italian Depots and help in tidying up the depots. To make these men work on jobs for which civilian labour get high rates of pay would cause great discontent. M of W are not keen on this idea and would appreciate if this could be avoided.

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Subject :- Deficiencies in Clothing and necessaries.

900 Compagnia Lavoratori Artieri.

H.Q. 67 C.R.E. Works.
Ref :- 26/25
23 April. '44

M.M.I.A. Lecce.

Copy to Capt Krupp MMIA Lo 1 Dist HQ

Ad 15/1 24/4

Herewith please find lists of deficiencies in respect of the a/n Italian A.T. Coy. which are urgently required, so that each soldier may be able to carry out works for the British Military Authorities.

A similar list was given at the beginning of the month by the Unit Commander to an Italian Army Staff Major Verona.

Your assistance for expediting this matter is asked.

Descri tion Italian.	Description.	No. Required.		Remarks.
Scarpe.	Boots.	70	Prs.	) 75% size 8) 25% " 7½. The boots of this Unit are in an appalling condition.
Pantaloni	Trousers	100	"	
Camice	Shirts.	150	"	
Calze o Oppure Fasce da piedi.	Socks or Wool Foot Bandage.	5.0	"	Som men do not appear to have any socks or equivalent foot covering.
Fazzoletti.	Handkerchiefs	200	"	
Giubbe.	Tunics.	50	"	
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Asciugatoi	Towels.	150	"	
Ventriere	Stomach Bands.	70	"	
Gavette	Dixies.	50	"	

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Lieut. Colonel. R.E.
H.Q. 67 C.R.E. Works.

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MINISTF OF WAR LIAISON. 10 April 4.

CABINET.

1) Was informed that Gen. ORLANDO had rung up to say that on his return he would like to speak to the Comd. about one or two things. This was cond considered to be a good sign of Gen. ORLANDO remaining as War Minister. Comd.

2) Was informed that two Generals had arrived in Naples from P.O.W. Camps overseas. These are Gen. SCATTINI and Gen. FALUGI. Both came from the SPEZIA DIV. Comd. G A.Q.
Gen. SCATTINI is remaining with Commando Supremo where he is expected to become either head of the Army Intelligence or to replace Gen. ROCCI.

3) Col. FIORE-VERNAZZA has had a meeting with Gen. Berardi to discuss the moving of SMRE and the War Ministry to the West Coast. It had been decided that 1800 would have to be the total number of personnel that could be catered for. In order to get this number it was decided that shoulda move take place the following branches of the War Ministry would remain back in LECCE:- Comd. G AQ.
Arty. Directorate. Engineer Directorate. Veterinary Directorate. "Italia" Newspaper Office. This would reduce the War Ministry to 1100.
I pointed out to Col. FIORE that it had been the policy that should a move to the West side be contemplated, then both War Ministry and SMRE would have to mpve as a whole and that they had better make their plans accordingly.
Was informed that the plan was in its infancy for the time being.

COL. PELLEGRINELLI. (PAY)

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This does not apply to supervising NCOs.

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All personnel other than the prisoners will be permanently armed.

It is now up to Gen. ORLANDO to put the question to Comando Supremo in order for the proposal to be authorised and put into effect. This will be done as soon as Gen. ORLANDO returns. 1 C.(-)

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PUBLICATIONS BRANCH.

Was informed that Gen. UTILE has asked for a reporter from the "Italia" newspaper to be attached to Ist Mot. Bde. M of W think this is a good idea. 2 i/c G.

The proposed reporter is 2/Lt. MOTTA Franco.

LIAISON OFFICE.

I) Reference Lt.Col Quinsmiths letter QsI72 dated 31 March to Commando Supreme re military personnel to Sardinia. M of W handed me list of I73 personnel who have to go to Sardinia for various reasons. This is in order to obtain necessary authority. List passed to G3(I). G3(I) AQ

2) A complaint has been received by M of W through his wife, that Gen. BELLOMO, recently assisted by Allies, is not receiving sufficient rations. G3(I)

3) M of W would like to have some news about Major (Medical) DI SALVO Manlio who was arrested by Allied Authorities in his home at PIETRABONDANTE (Campobasso). This is for the MIP Office. G3(I)

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4) XXXI Corps has informed Meof W that the last remaining list of books for P.O.W. in N. Afriwa have been despatched to the Ministry for War.

5) Requested for any information on locations of Italian-Croatian Frontier Control Posts on FIUME-ZAGREB railway prior to Italian capitulation. G3(I)

COL. FIORE-VERNAZZA

H anded in letter on Policy - Italian Army - and explained it to him. The contents were understood and no comments passed. Comd.

MAJOR NABISSI (Commissariat.)

I Instructed Major NABISSI to issue razor blades and other necessary NAAFI articles to Ist Mot. Bde. AQ

Was informed that this had already been done.

Major.

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File ~~C~~ 26/4 Action rec'd 9 JAN

C 7-15-6. Any action needed by A/O? Think here are two points which some PWB have on seeing to complet. ?.

(C & (I) See I/113 File, & PWB 1960
Please act PWB about it; now that all 4 forte lists are in their hands

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 21 April 44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

A.Q.

Received request from L.O. for the releasing of 3 Chaplain P.O.W. in P.O.W. Camp in SICILY.
Informed L.O. that all requests for the releasing of P.O.W. should be passed to Gen. CAZZERA (High Commissioner for Italian P.O.W.) for onward transmission to Lt. Col. QUINSMITH who was dealing with such matters.
The Chaplains were required for posting to Italian Regts.

G.3 (I)

2. Handed back list of personnel who were to return to SARDINIA informing L.O. that more details were required about their reasons for wishing to return to SARDINIA in order that a concrete case could be put to A.A.I.

G.3 (I)

3. Received infn regarding locations of Italo-Croatian Frontier Control Posts on FIU ME - ZAGREB rly.
There is one Control post at SUSSAK (on steel bridge over River ENEO) and another at LONGATICO (LOGATEC)

A.Q.

4. Asked for information regarding record of immunisation of Lt. Arturo TURBINO (Medical Off) at present attached to Internees and Displaced Persons Sub Commission.

5. Was informed that all parcels and books are now at TARANTO awaiting despatch to ALGIERS. M of W are eager to get these away to P.O.W. in AFRICA and hope authority will not take long.

G3(I)

6. Was informed that the N.I.P. Office (POW Information Office) have got out a pro-forma which POW in AFRICA can fill in. This will enable these POW to communicate with their families in Italy quickly, as at the present moment the existing method in most cases is extremely unsatisfactory.
The question has been put to the Italian Mission in Algiers, for onward transmission to competent Allied Authority . The proposal and pro-forma has been passed to G3(I)

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7. Informed L.O. that according to a 2 District Adm Order, all Italian dead were to be buried in Italian civil cemetries. Was informed that this had always been done.

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LT. Col. GUALANO. (Pers, Adm.) Comd.
I G
I) Was informed that the recall of the 1923 class would now be completed by 28 April. Information regarding numbers should be available shortly after that date AQ

2) Information regarding Italian personnel attached to Allied formations has now reached M of W, who will now regularise their position. Many of these men have been receiving high rates of pay. The Italian pay they will now receive will not in most cases cover their former pay. M of W can do nothing about this, and hope that should trouble arise, Allied formations will make up this difference. AQ

General BUTTA (D.A.G.)

Reference the correspondence on recall of 1925 and 1926 classes. 2 G AQ
There is no question of calling up these classes. M of W is only going through the process of taking a census of the men involved in these classes in order that, should a call-up of these classes ever have to take place, all necessary data regarding figures and names will be available.
It is the custom in the Italian Army of taking a census of one class every year, this only for conscription purposes.

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Co BASILE (Commissariat)

I. Reference the request for boots and clothing for a CCRR detachment AQ destined for Sicily. Informed M of W that

a) Policy for B.D. for CCRR had not yet been defined.
b) Individual requests could not be met, and allotments in general would be made to CCRR who would be responsible for distribution.

2. Reference supply of cigarettes to Italian Armed Forces from civilian sources. Informed Col. Basile of allotments made to Armed Forces and requested that Ministry for War be asked to communicate directly with Minister of Finance so that the total requirements be met.
Was informed that the Minister of Finance had already informed M. of W that this would be possible as soon as cigarette paper reached Italy.

3. Was informed that Capt. P. THRUPP. MFIA LO., 2, Dist., has requested AQ following for Port Detachemnt, (9 Sussistenya Coy. BARI.

I5 BD Jackets.
I5 BD Trousers.
I5 prs Boots.

M of W requires authority.

CABINET.

Col. FIORE handed me list of Officials now nominated as forming Italian Cabinet.

Prime Minister	Marshall BADOGLIO
Min. for Foreign Affairs	Marshal BADOGLIO
Ministers without Portfoglio	Benedetto Croce (liberal)
	Carlo Sforza (Indep)
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	Mancini (Socialist)
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Under Secretary	Salerno (Socialist)
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Under Secty.	Lombardo	(Democ)
Minister Public Works	Tarchiani	(Opp)
Under Secty.	Cilento	(Democ)
Minister Agriculture	Gullo	(Commun)
Under Secty.	Bergami	(Liberal)
Minister Commerce	Di Napoli	(Socialist)
Under Secty.	Sansonetli	(Democ)
Minister Finance	Sampieri	(Liberal)
Under Secty.	Pesanti	(Commun)
Minister Communications	Cerabona	(Liberal)
Minister of Education	Prof. Omodeo	(Opp)
Under Secty.	Iervolino	(Democ)

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 18 April 44.

AQ

LIAISON OFFICE.

I) Liaison Office gave me confirmation of the following:- G3 (I)
a) Capt. SALVIONI left today for Naples. He will report to SIM Offices, Naples on I9 Apr il. AQ
b) Mons. NANI left for Algiers by plane on Monday, I7 Apr.

2) Reference our G/7/I/56 dated I2 April. M of W inform that despite extensive enquiries, 2/Lt. CRISTALLI Michele cannot be traced. M of W think that it is likely that this officer is already attached to HQ. 2Ist Engineers Aviation Regt. Major Van Kirk.

3) Was informed that Capt. SCONZO Guilio di Cartano, medical officer, captured in Sicily, is now a P.O.W. in 222, P.O.W. Camp, AUCLA (Sicily). This officer has been promised his freedom on several occasions and M of W are keen for him to be released so that he can be posted to XII Corps for duties in either PALERMO or CATANIA Military Hospitals. This is in view of the present shortage of medical officers in the Italian Army. AQ DADMS

4) Col. Ravagli gave me confirmation that there still was one more list of books (for P/Win N. Africa) to come. This list is to come from XXXI Corps. G3(I)

5) Enquired of Liaison Office whether M of W had ordered that the water carriers in Sardinia (for spraying airport runways) be brought over to the Mainland. Stressed that these are much used and badly needed by Air Force in Sardinia. G.I
From immediate enquiries made it was definitely established that this order did NOT originate from any department in the War Ministry.

Lt. Col. GUALANO. (PERS. ADM.)

I) Was given the latest figures of illegal absentees from the Armed Forces who have been rounded up. These figures are as at I0 April. Comd. AQ

	Army.	Navy.	Air Force.
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Sardinia	I32	I0	5
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II Corps	I56	-	2
Total	6777	2I6	20I

For info DADC (Cy required)

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For info DADL (by request)

Further figures will follow.

2) Enquired as to latest position of Italian military prisoners in civil prisons ref their removal. Was informed that the question of removing the greater part of these prisoners from the jails and incorporating them into labour units had now been passed by the Minister to SMRE in order that a W.E. and a plan for such formations could be brought out. This has been pressed and results are expected soon. Was assured that this matter had been given high priority and we would be kept fully informed as to results. 2 i/c A.Q.

CABINET.

Was informed that Gen. ORIANDO is still remaining in Salerno. There is a Government crisis on caused by the resignation of present Badoglio Cabinet and the formation of a new Cabinet by Marshall Badoglio under orders from the King. This might result in Gen. ORIANDO no longer being Minister of War Comd. G A.Q. 1957

Major.

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Ministr. of War Liaison — 16 April 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Was informed that Monseigneur KANI had not been allowed to leave for Africa. Orders had been received from Forward Counter Intelligence for hom not to go owing to his not being in possession of proper documents necessary to leave this theatre. — Comd AG G3(I)

Immediate arrangemen s were made for him to proceed by air to Algiers.

It was later informed that Mons Nani would leave by air for Algiers on Monday 17 April at 0725.

2. Returned request from Ministry of War for the de-requisitioning of cars belonging to civilians. Pointed out that these were matters that co ld not be dealt by us. — AG

3. Lt Col VINING has asked IX Corps find all available ship-builders in the Army personnel in the Corps Area and to put them at his disposal for shipbuilding duties.

Lt Col VINING is the ACC Provincial Commissioner at BARI.

M of W would like to know what action is to be taken on this matter.

4. Gen BIGLINO, in charge of Italian refugees, would like to form new forward col ection posts for refugees. He has asked for 213 or 214 Commando Tappa (Transit Camp) complete with medical personnel to be made available for this purpose. — G

Have asked for proposed sites of these col ection post.

CABINET

Arranged with Col FIORE for Capt Salvioni to be made available for departure to Naples. — G 3(I)

Capt Salvioni was required to report to SIM Naples where he was required for special Intelligence requirements.

Capt Salvioni will leave on Tuesday 18th April

Major NARISSI (Commissariat)

Asked whether any requests had been received from 1st Motorized Bde for razor blades. — SC (Q)

Was informed that no requests had been received lately, last request had been received on 8th Feb 44.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)

Col Basile informed me that Gen Pelligra was out on a tour of inspection in Calabria. — AG ADJT

Col LAZZANA, Chief of Commissariat, IX Corps is also out on an inspection.

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Ministry of W[illegible] Liaison — 15 April 44

LIAISON OFFICER

1. [illegible] Informed L[illegible] that Maj Gen L Browning CB, CBE, MC assumed command of Army Sub Commission w e f 11 April. A written confirmation would follow. — Comd G AQ

2. Flight Lt HOLLINGHURST, Balloon Liaison Officer, 242 Gp HQ RAF calles at M of W to get information on 200 Italian soldiers for 242 Gp for training in balloon manning. These men were apparently to be used for replacing British personnel stationed with balloons barrage at MANFREDONIA - TARANTO - BRINDISI. Arrangements for these men to be had were made by Capt DABINO, 1st balloon grp (ITALIAN). — G

Referred FltLt Rollinghurst to SHAPE where I told him to refer to our LO.

3. Saw Admiral BRIVONESI, Naval military Commander Sardinia. Admiral Brivonesi brought up the question that Naval personnel on board ships in Sardinia were not receiving "A" scale ration. These ships were not always stationed in Sardinia and were often out on duty. — AQ

The matter has been put to Gen WEBSTER who stated that he had no authority to issue A scale rations and informed Admiral Brivonesi that the matter should be put to Army Sub Commission.

All the personnel on the craft were however receiving B scale rations.

4. Was again pressed for the de-requisitioning of Marshal Badoglio's flat in BARI. The Marshal often uses his flat, the address of which is MICHELE VITERBO flat, PIAZZA DEI EROI DEL MARE No 13 BARI. — SC (Q)

5. Was shown written confirmation of message sent of Officer i/c Italian magazine in Brindisi to have fuses removed and have space made available for Force 266. — SC (Q)

Gen ALIBERTI

1. Ref our AQ12 dated 3 April of subject: Lodging requirements, Gen Aliberti asked for clarifications. Explained that in order to regularize the requisitioning of buildings, it would be necessary for all Italian units requiring billets or offices to refer their requirements to the District, Area or Sub Area in the locality. — AQ

2. Asked Gen Aliberti to give me the minimum number of vehicles required to be left in Sardinia to supply 20,000 personnel. This was in order to move the greater part of 1800 serviceable vehicles now in Sardinia. — AQ

Also asked Gen Aliberti for the minimum number of vehicles

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2. Asked Gen Aliberti to give me the minimum number of vehicles required to be left in Sardinia to sup ly 20,000 personnel. This was in order to move the greater part of 1800 serviceable vehicles now in Sardinia. AQ

Also asked Gen Aliberti for the minimum number of vehicles required for a Coastal type division on Internal Security.

Gen Aliberti stated that both these questions were for SMRE to answer, Matter has since been referred to SMRE LO.

Col PALOSA (Medical)

Obtained from Col Paloss list of 16 medical officers to be recalled from Naples area. This is to meet present shortage of medical officers in Army. AG DADMS

CABINET

Was informed that Gen ORLANDO was now not going to be back from SALERNO before Tuesday 18th April. Comd

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ACTION SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT be removed

To:

SORE	Ref LO's log at para 3, a further letter from ALIBERTI is att. Dr sees II CRE NOT 3 CRE as intended 19/4/43
A/Q	Is the TORRE ANNUNZIATA Ammo Factory essential to the Italian Army? If so, do you wish me to signal IICRE to say that they cannot have the power plant without ref to AHQ? RP 20/4 SORE
SORE	1 The policy, under Armistice Terms is to rehabilitate local Sub Commission Acc is to rehabilitate local industry for Allied & Italian purposes 2 Dr is NOT known if this is intended. 3 All that is required to be known is if IICRE have proper authority to do what they are doing. 20/4 JJC
SORE states this is NOT his concern.	
Action taken:	Correspondence forwarded to AHQ Acc to find what authority to write, and what 1954 power for factory etc JJC 20/4

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 14 Apr 44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that TREMITI and PELAGOSA islands had received as issue of 2230 tons of water to last until end August. B.A.Q.M.G.
The monthly requirements of these islands amount to 450 tons of water. The further data asked for is being obtained.

2. Ref the Yugoslav incident at CAROUIGNO. Orders have been issued from 71 Sub Area to the effect that the Yugoslav contingent at CAROUIGNO be moved to SAN MICHELE. Orders have also been issued that Yugoslav troops do not carry any firearms and do not proceed to CAROUIGNO. In the meantime investigations are being made to find personnel responsible for the incident. A.Q.

3. Was informed that Gen SABINI has reported that 3 CRE Works, SALERNO has removed the electric cabinet belonging to the laboratory of the shell filling factory there. This factory is not working at the present moment. MofW would like to know whether this is in order. A.Q. S.O.P.E.

4. Hastened the question of the storage space required by Force 266 in BRINDISI. Was informed that necessary instructions have been issued that the space required be cleared of the fuses and made available. S.C. 'Q'

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Col. RAMPA handed me the instructions laying down the responsibility of Italian drivers. In case of accidents culprits come under civil law and are tried by civil courts. Any claims or charges made against any army driver, if not able to be paid by him, is paid for by the State upon long repayment. A.Q.

A strict speed restriction liable to heavy punishment is in existence.

CABINET.

1. Col FIORE informed me that the 119 Inf Regt now in LECCE is to be put at disposal of LI Corps for Internal Security duties. C. 1953

2. Was informed that Gen. ORLANDO is remaining in SALERNO for important Government discussions for the introduction into the Government of representatives of all the present political parties.
Gen. ORLANDO should be back on Saturday 15th April.

Major.

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LIAISON OFFICE

1. ACC Matera have written a letter and have sent a telegram direct to M of W asking for the demobilization of a medical officer, Lt VITELLI Francesco, at present stationed in XXXI Garrison Bn, GALLIPOLI. This officer is wanted for the Anti-malaria school-METAPONTO. M of W have already informed us of this case in letter 1231/c dated 25th March. — AQ

Informed M ofW that ACC Matera should be told to write to us about this .

2. Before the Armistice, the Italian Government bought 5000 woollen blankets from Portugal. These were paid for. Minister of Foreign Affairs has now stated that these are available in LISBON. Will it be possible to get them brought over to the mainland. — AQ

3. Was informed that the Tabella Corredo (Clothing and equipment record) will not be used as an identification card, but only as a document recording issues made to troops in order to prevent sale of clothing or equipment. — G3(I)

A new identification card fro troops is being got up and will be submitted to us for approval. when ready.

4. Ref the replacement of CCRR on guard duties at VASTO. This replacement by Army personnel in lieu of CCRR is purely in order to release the CCRR for their normal police duties. CCRR are never used as guards except on HQs. — G1

5. Ref Serg Mag SOFIO Giovanni about whom news was requested. SOFIO is in excellent health and is stationed with 184 Tpt Unit, NEMBO Div in SARDARA (CAGLIARI). — AQ G 3 (I)

6. Ref the storage space required by Force 266 at Brindisi. Informed M of W that the space previo sly agreed to by OC of Italian magazine was now being filled by fuses. Asked whether this could be stopped and fuses removed as it was an urgently wanted space by Force 266. — DAQMG
(Ref our AQ/12 dated 29 March)

7. Instructed M of W that printing and issuing of any further identification documents should be held pending further instructions — G 3 (I)

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Informed Col Basile that matter was still being kept up
and he would be informed of any results.

2. Informed Col Basile that letter from ACC Property Control AQ
Sub Commission now authorized the control of all branches of
Unione Militare to person nominated by Italian Government namely
Col Basile.

3. Informed Col Basile of 2883 kgs of dubbin existing in Clothing DADOS
depot at Lecce.
Col Basile stated he knew all about this but pointed out
that monthly requirements were 40,000 kgs.

4. Asked Col Basile whether there were any waterproof covers DADOS
in Italian Army. This was with ref to covers but by 5th Army to
Italian base ammo dump.

CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

Obtained draft copy of proposed orders for the handing in Comd AQ
of arms by civilians for use of Army.

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Gen Rel Igra

Gen Rel Igra has been complaining about S&T inspecting officers of ration stocks in stores. These officers, whose inspections are always welcomed and advice appreciated sometimes take it on themselves to order moves of commodities from one store to another. Gen Relligra would like these orders to come from the Mission to the M of W and not to be given direct to officer i/c store. This officer gets instructions from Corps Commissariat and orders to the contrary from inspecting officers make things very complicated for him.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that Gen Aliberti is due to go to SARDINIA shortly to inspect MT there. — MMDNS

2. Gen Aliberti proposes to change identification markings on Italian vehicles and generalize same. His new marking is in the form of red white and green withe super-imposed white star. If this is passed every vehicle will be made to adopt this, thus facilitating identification. — AQ

3. Reports have reached M of W that the Provincial Commissioner in FOGGI has stopped the rounding up of deserters and illegal absentees in that area owing to the recent disturbances that took place. M of W state that if this is allowed it will have repercussions on other provinces. — Comd AG

4. Ref move Territorial Rear HQ Sicily to Sicily. A train is leaving shortly for Sicily with personnel of XII Corps HQ. As this train is going direct, M of W would like to know whether the Terry RHQ can move with it.
Informed M of W to refer matter to SMPE Tpt Office. — Mov

5. M of W would like to know policy for leave in NAPLES and FOGGIA. A statement has appeared in local newspapers to the effect that civilians may now proceed to these areas without passes. What is position about Army personnel. — G3(I)

6. Was informed that SABAUDA Div HQ has now moved from ENNA to PALERMO. — Comd G AG

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AG

8. Made enquiries as to whether claims are made by Italian Government on soldiers after accidents occur.
Was informed that when accidents occur, military personnel come under same law as that which stands for civilians and are tried in civilian courts. Claims are made against soldiers and if too heavy are paid for by State on long repayment.
A paraphrase of existing regulations are being prepared.

AG

9. Ref the recall of doctors in Campania. Informed M of W that it would help by having the names of the doctors they wish to recall owing to possible employment by ACC.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)

AG

1. Accompanied Lt Col Shipley to discuss boots and clothing for CCIR. The following points arose
(i) An allotment of boots would be made to CCIR.
(ii) Policy of clothing had yet to be defined. Information regarding no of personnel requiring clothing and number possible to clothe from Italian sources was asked for.

AG please

2. Col Basile informed us that the Italian Army was going through a thread crisis. There was no thread available and soon all repairs would come to a standstill.
Col Basile pressed his request for some thread to be made available as soon as possible.

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3. Col Basile informed me that he had received a letter from Sicily HQ informing him that he could once more assume directorship of the Palermo Unione Militare.
He is wondering whether he will be given all the branches in Sicily as he is held responsible for them.

Maj GUISO (Clothing)
Maj Guiso showed me copy of a message to Gen Basso ordering him to hurry distribution of boots to 210,212,227 Divs.

CABINET
Was informed that Gen ORLANDO had left for SALERNO and would be back on Friday afternoon.

AG

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 10 April 44.

Lt/Col. LANDOLFI (Commissariat Br.)

1. Accompanied Major CANT, DADST to discuss the 10 daily ration distribution return. Principal point arising was that excess in number of rations distributed was due to fact that rations put down to main depots were also included in the sub depots. DADST.

2. Ref phone message by DADMS. 10 quintals of tobacco has already been despatched to CORSICA. This will cover requirements for 50 days at 5 cigarettes a day. M of W therefore do not consider it necessary to send 150 quintals. If further quantities were required another 20/30 quintals was considered ample. AQ DADMS.

3. Obtained the return of personnel fed in different scales as required by A.F.H.Q. AQ

Col. BASILE (Commissariat)

Ref the issue of boots to 210, 212, 227 Divs. Was given confirmation that Gen BASSO had been instructed to proceed with the issue. The necessary numbers of boots are available in CAMPANIA. M of W are despatching a hastener to Gen. BASSO. Lt Col SHIPLEY.

CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Asked Civil Affairs Office for a copy of the orders they wish to publish to the effect that civilians must hand in all arms belonging to the Armed Forces. COMD. AQ.

Was informed that this was being prepared and would be given to me as soon as possible.

CABINET.

Checked the statement made to me about the replace- G

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Comd.
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CABINET.

1. Checked the statement made to me about the replacement of 5/1 Arty Regt due to 8th Army by 515 Inf Regt.

This was apparently a misunderstanding by M of W and the matter over-ruled. 5/1 Arty Regt is ready and will leave on date stated.

G

2. Reports have reached M of W to the effect that stones have been placed across roads at several points. M of W are suspecting hold-up gangs. For this reason on the night of 10/4 an armed mobile patrol will be operating and will patrol all roads.

G 3 (I)

1950

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Informed L.O. that ref Capt. CONSIGLIO, if M of W wishes to withdraw him for disciplinary action they could do so.

"as informed that M of W had decided to leave Capt CONSIGLIO with 6 BSA until end of April by which time his job should be over. He will be withdrawn after that date and will be dealt with.

2 i/c
AQ.

2. M of W would like to have a handbook on spare parts with price lists. This is required to be used in conjunction with the G.T. Cops.

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Lt. Col. CUALANO. (pers Adm)

M of W have received a report to the effect that in recent departures of reinforcements from XXXI Corps to PBS there were 313 absentees.

The Minister apart from ordering immediate replacements has ordered the officers in charge of parties to appear before the Military Tribunal on disciplinary charges.

The total arrivals of reinforcements to date in CAMPANIA totals 2622.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

9 April 4

LIAISON OFFICE

Asked LO for clarification regarding the administration of TREMITI and PELAGOSA Islands. Asked for the quantity of fresh water required for spring and summer on a minimun basis, together with locations where required.

It was know by LO that IX Corps was resonsable for the administrationof the troops on the islands but it was not known whether it administered the islands completely.

CABINET

The High Commissioner for SARDINA wishes to take some buses and mess equipment from Italian military sources in SARDINIA. This was turned down by M of W but the matter was taken up with Marshal Badoglio who has asked M of W to go into case.

M of W are signalling to Gen Berardi now in SARDINIA and are asking him to go into the case.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

8 April 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Ref our SD/1/2/39 dated 29 March. Informed M of W that the 6 offrs for amn inspection in SICILY should start for CATANIA by train. They would have to report to No. 1 District. G A.Q.

2. Asked L.O. to get a map produced which would sho locations of all dumps, w/shops and installations of the Army. This to be produced for 2 District G3(I)

3. M of W intend to start collecting mules and horses lost to civilians during the SICILIAN campaign. For this purpose XII Corps will form 3 commissions who will undertake this job. CCRR will be used to start preliminary checks. G

4. 541 Arty Regt is due to go to 8th Army. As this Regt will have to hand over its guns and amn and all surplus equipment, the time limit involved will be rather length. 515 Inf Regt is ready to leave immediately M of W would like to know whether 515 I.R. can replace 541 Arty Regt to 8th Army. This would make 541 Arty R available at a later date. G

LT COL ORLANO (Pers Adm) SMRE LO

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CABINET AQ

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Was informed that Gen BRANCA. C.C. CCRR SICILY has informed M of W that he has khaki uniforms (origin unknown) to distribute to all CCRR in SICILY

M of W have stated that if available to go ahead, with distribution where necessary.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

7 April 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Owing to wish of Chief Commissioner tried to get Lt NANI off ship in order that he might go by plane. Despite M of W making every endeavour to get hold of him, Mons NANI had already sailed. 2 i/c AG

2. Was informed that A.M.G. at Campo Basso had refused to allow the rounding up of deserters. M of W can see no apparent for this and state it will have a very serious effect on illegal absentees in other areas. Clashes have already been reported. M of W state that any man in possession of an employment certificate would not be touched but can see no reason for generalizing the question. AG

3. Was informed that Marshal Badoglio's flat in BARI was going to be requisitioned. As the Marshal uses this flat quite often, M of W would like to know whether this requisition can be cancelled. DAQMG

GEN ORLANDO

Asked Gen ORLANDO of any points of interest having arisen from his visit to SALERNO. Comd

Gen ORLANDO informed of the following

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2. The question of gaol birds being formed into labour units was now almost tied up and it was hoped would soon be put into effect. Gen ORLANDO will keep me informed.

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LIAISON WITH SAAFE

6 Apr 44

Maj MARIOCCHI

1. He proposes issuing the next strength state on 15 Apr, and will be able in this way to incorporate the changes necessitated by our Policy letter of yesterday's date. G

Lt Col SANPO

2. Confirmed our phone conversation of last evening that we had no objection to the substitution of 226 for 205 Div for SICILY ex SARDINIA. Info him that the new policy required two divs to be transferred between the islands and he will incorporate this infm in his reply to BERARDI. This after reference to BRUNETTI. comd 2 i/c G

3. He is info (from BERARDI) that the NEMBO Div will move to the mainland very shortly. The adv party is already preparing to leave. comd 2 i/c G

4. Change of personnel in ops branch SAAFE:- Maj PINNA to be replaced by Maj PASCHETTI, an arty offr from the staff of XXXI Corps. PINNA has gone on leave to SARDINIA and will be posted on his return. Lt MARGIOTTI, inf offr from the St to Maggiore at TIVOLI has also joined the ops branch. He crossed the lines recently. G iii(I)

Gen BRUNETTI

5. 515 Regt of 209 Div (see log 5 Apr para 2):- explained that reorg of adm arrangements of those units that had gone over with 8 Army and now under Gen TOMASELLI was being taken care of by BASSO's Chief of Staff. Suggested that SAAFE should take steps to find out what is happening and make arrangements to be kept info of developments. Apart from these considerations, explained that it would be impracticable to transfer the units still with 5 Corps. G i Gi(L)

6. Handed to him BERARDI's copy of Policy letter of 6 Apr, also Messe's copy for onward transmission. Letter should arrive at Salerno by courier 9 Apr. Arranged to call later in the day to discuss contents. comd 2 i/c

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Maj LIBRO

7. Italian Mil Dvr Trng Centre POLIGNANO:- collected copy of letter 6 Apr from Italian CO explaining fully situation of personnel at this centre, and reasons for non-acceptance of of Italian instructors - see log 6 Apr para 8. It appears also from this letter that there are already 128 men on the course out of the total of 150 required. — G

8. 1002 GT Coy:- The new Italian CO took up his duties 5 Apr. — G / ST

Lt Col MILLEFIORINI

9. Dvr Trg Centres under Italian auspices -see log 10 Feb:- Italian HQ Sardinia signalled 2 Apr that 612 dvrs had passed out of the first course. SMRE require instrs as to disposal. Situation of 2nd courses is as follows: — comd / 2 i/c / G

- 2nd course	Sardinia	commenced	28 Mar	700
- 2nd "	CALABRIA	"	1 Apr	100
- 2nd "	BARI	"	1 Apr	100
- 1st "	SICILY	"	28 Mar	100

10. 551 AA Bty(Marine) BRINDISI -see log 26 Mar:- this unit is now available and is about to be used for the programme? — 2 i/c / G

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Lt Col MILLEFIORNI

11. Proposed Ga Coys for rlys:- collected their suggestions for est which are quite tentative and as basis for discussion. Their idea is that each coy shall consist of 30 secs of 8 men, each sec to be emp as a complete unit to guard a train. Each coy would thus produce gds for 30 trains per day. G i

12. Rits for PBS and 1923 class in Campania:- collected copy of their sig to B:8SO which puts the matter under control under both headings. They are provisionally organising 1923 class for serials 1055A and 1058A, subject to injecting 1082 with earlier priority if it should be so decided. G

13. Serial 1052A: this has already been ordered out of the 1A Regt in CALABRIA, and copy of their order will be available later to-day. G

14. Rits for 1001 GT Coy and IMDTC POLIZIANO:- Orders for additional Italian personnel having already been issued, as per copies to reach us later to-day, it was decided to let matters stand as they are. A sig is being sent to XXXI Corps to find out exactly when the 60 trained cvrs are leaving, or have left, and when the reply is recd a decision can be made as to their emp in relation to progress made as the result of the above two orders. G

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LIAISON OFFICE

1. Was informed that arrangements had been made with the Ministry of Marine for the parcels to P/W in N Africa to leave by Italian ship. Mons MANI and prayer books was to leave at same time. As departure was scheduled within the next few days, M of W would appreciate the hurrying of arrangements and an accompaning letter in order that disembarcation could be allowed the other end. Comd A.Q. G3(I)

2. Was informed that a certain Lt COLLINSON of 62 Adv Intelligence AFHQ had been to M of W and had asked for a plan of all telephonic, and telegraphic communications emanating from Florence. M of W did not know anything about this officer and would therefore forward completed plan to us. G3(I)

I informed that all private requests of this nature by officers not from MMIA and with out letters of introduction should have such officers sent to this HQ.

3. Was informed that Capt SERRATORE, OC 1002 GT Coy is to be replaced by Capt MARINI at present on leave in Sicily. Capt Marini has been asked for urgently and is on his way. M of W propose that until he arrives, Capt SERRATORE could easily be replaced by the Lt in Command of "A" pl. ADST

4. M of W in lett r 6289/21 dated 28th March requested that the requisitioned car of Doctor CAROLI be returned to him as it was essential for him to circulate. AR

M of W would like to know whether this has been possible.

Lt Col RAMPA (Motorisation)

Informed Col Rampa that Capt CONSIGLIO had now received his discharge papers. M of W were to inform 9th Autieri Regt that this was to be put off until whole question was settled with M of W. Capt CONSIGLIO was to remain with 6 Base Sub Area. A.Q.

Thomas Maj.

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ACTION ... SLIP

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

TO

By att

Ref your ltr 2 Apr 43 Col BASILE
(Doc 2)

Pl. Tell Hers it's part their case in writing giving concise facts & identity & action of various Militarie and details of Incidents Trouble Forgot

letter from A.C.C. returns central to Col Basile

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Ministry o. War Liaison — 2 April 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Was shown copy of a signal from Gen BASSO asking M of W to suspend sending any further reinforcements to Campania. Gen BASSO is unable to cope with accomodation and clothing more especially as 10,000 troops are expected from Sardinia as from 1st April. — Comd 2 i/c G A.Q.

2. Was handed document referring to strength of Guardia Finanza and pay received by all ranks. — A.Q.
(Letter 3914 dated 30 March. M of W Cabinet)

CABINET

Held conference with Col FIORE and Capt BUTTERWORTH on Easter parcels. The following were the points:- — A.Q. G3(I)

(i) Contents of letter 3072/A(O) dated 27 March from HQ AAI Adm Ech made known.

(ii) Despatch of parcels by sea under arrangement M of W with M of Marine.

(iii) Prayer books already submitted to PWB, BARI for censorship and copies have been stamped.

(iv) Further developements re censorship to be communicated as soon as details available.

(v) M of W keen for matter to be hurried.

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2. Col Basile is worrying about the Unione Militare agencies in Italy and the islands. A.G.

Col Basile has been made responsible for the administration of such agencies by Royal Decree. Sicily is completely out of hand since AMG have had a hand and this might result in serious thefts as there appears to be no one responsible for the Unione Militare agencies there. Col Basile's instructions for them are completely disregarded. Could our ruling be obtained as soon as possible.

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Ministry of War Liaison — File — 1 April 44 — A.G.

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Was given further figures of reinforcements ready for P.B.S.

1 April — LECC E Bks — 243

This now brings the total reinforcements up to 4911

2. Was informed thatthe number of Carabinieri of the 1902 class to be demobilized was 83. These would be replaced by suitable men from the Guardie Finanza

3. Ref the Militia personnel with AA units in Bari Orders have been issued from the Cabinet to the effect that these men were to remain with their units until 30 April by which time their positions would have been clarified.
(Ref Comd 25AA Bde request for retention of above).

4. Was informed that the proclamation published for the recall of 1923 class had not been allowed to be put up in FOGGIA and CAMPOBASSO by AMG. AMG stated that authority from 8th Army was required before this could be done.

5. Was informed that the 9000 suits of battledress for Naples were due to leave BARI on 2/4/44. X

6. Requested L.O. to find out in what quantities the following were held by Italian Army
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Gen ALIBERTI

1. Ref ST/10 dated 30 March, Gen Aliberti pointed out that the 5000 tires were not American type but all Italian or German, the 3000 were unclassified. Gen Aliberti estimated that in order to move these to British dumps it would necessitate 150 journeys. Tpt was not available for this. From inspections carried out there are many more available. If we could provide tpt. Gen Aliberti would be quite willing to have all empties removed.

2. Ref to repairs on Italian MT all Corps have been informed to repair all possible tpt, priority will be given to small repair This will be done by informing W/Shops who will send mechanics on the spot for such repairs

Gen Aliberti is going to Calabria for an MT inspection and to review the situation.

3. Ref Capt CONSIGLIO Gen aliberti would like a copy of Brig Palmers letter. Capt Consiglio is to be charged with an offense of blackmail and also of undue civlity towards civilians holding State appointments. He has also reached a demobilizable age. The whole quesion is to be

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referred to Gen ORLANDO.

4 Gen Aliberti would like to know whether he can be issued with the same passes as are being issued issued to the Engineers which will not permit Allies to enter Italian dumps except with permission from MMIA These would be used on MT and Arty Dumps.

Gen PELLIGRA (Commissariat)

1. Handed copy of Signal to Gen Pelligra informing L.O Campania to equip all reinforcements to 210, 212, and 227 Divs with boots and battledress. Release notes would come from Lt Col Offenhauer to Gen Basso. M of W will be kept informed of all such issues.

2. Handed copy of signal to SMRE to Gen Pelligra ordering that personnel from 226 400, 401 and 408 IR to join the special labour bn should be issued with 1200 pairs boots and battledress. The bn would also need shirts tentage stretchers, 1st Aid equipment and respirators. Rep in Bari will issue

LIAISON OFFICE

Te following news was communicated to me

1 A german P/W escaped from 368 P/W Camp, Kurt Reinhard, parachutist, was arrested in a farm at MARTINA FRANCA by Carabinieri of PICENO div on 29th March

2. The Alpini Bn (1st Mot Bde) occupied MONTE MORRONE in a surprise attack

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Ministry of War Liaison — 30 March 44

Carried out extensive search in Lecce organized by M of W and CCRR in order to attempt to recover stolen goods.

31 March 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Informed that on 29 March, 640 reinforcements left Lecce for PBS. This was the first departure. — 2 i/c

2. Informed that Gen Aliberti had ordered the replacement of Major BOCCARI in Sardinia.
The officer to replace him was suggested as being picked from the following: Majors RONCA, BIANCHI, LAVAGNA or MARTELLACCI. — DADME

Gen PELLIGRA (Commissariat)

Held conference with Gen Pelligra. Present were Lt Col LANDOLFI(rations) and Major NASISSI (clothing). Presented Gen Pelligra with outline of new "Vapecchio" of strength returns of Italian Army, as ordered by HQ AAI, to be delivered on the 10th day of every month showing strenths fed by scale on 1st, 10th and 20th of every month. Gen Pelligra stated this was in order and appreciated our help to get figures signalled from Sicily and Sardinia. Asked whether this could apply the same way to clothing return and ration return. — A.Q.

Gen Pelligra stated he would like to hold conference with LtCol MOAKES and Lt Col FINCH with his departmental heads to discuss all returns.

Referred correspondence on issues to Italian Navy as referred to in Q421/3 dated 26 March 44. M of W register complete blank on this subject.

Referred question of boots and clothing of Italians with HQ No 1 Sub Section DPSC Lecce. Gen Pelligra agreed and asked for written request.

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Ministry of War Liaison — 4 1/4 — 29 March 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Was informed that P/W Register and Regulating office will be moving to be located at TRICASE w.e.f. 10 April. — G / A.G.

2. Ref ST/3 dated 26 March, referring to laying on of 29 days ration stocks in main depots. A reference is made to stocks in CAMPOBASSO. M of W point out that there is only a very small depot in Campobasso which has never been mentioned as a main depot. Is stocking of Campobasso correct. — ADST

3. M of W informed me that Air Force Sub Comm had informed M of W that there were no planes available for tpt of parcels to N Africa. M of W are now going to try tpt by sea. — A.G. ✓

4. M of W informed me that the Italian High Commissioner in Sardinia has issued a circular to the effect that no exports of foodstuffs can take place from Sardinia without his authority. — A.G.

5. Informed Liaison Office of rumour of civilians returning to villages evacuated for U.S. Air Force Bombing. This did originate from M of W. M of W are making immediate investigations to check this. — DAQMG /

Col BASILE (Commissariat)

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CABINET

DACMG

1. Handing in request from repatriated P/W for payment of money owed to him, having been collected during his stay in custody. Suggested that M of W publish a circular inviting that all receipts for money collected during custody be submitted for payment.

Col FIORE informed that this was being examined by the M of Finance as it was a question of the rate of exchange these payments were to be made in.

2. Handing in embarkation form belonging to Lt Col GANDICSO DACMG
Col Gandicso is in Commando Supremo.

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MINISTRY OF WAR [illegible]

28 March 1944

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Liaison office showed us copies of messages sent direct to M of W from 65 D I D re truck loads of caned beans. Very often the messages are corrupt and not understood. Can 65 DID be asked to send such messages to us for onward transmission.

2. Ref ST/14 dated 25 March M of W have no stocks of coke. If this is required it might be possible to obtain from "Officina del Gaz" (Gas Works) through LECCE Commandant Secretary.
M of W could supply either Italian coal ex German coal.

Lt Col GUALANO (ers. Adm)

Informed Col GUALANO that before Academy could start to function, it was essential that we had full details of staff and students
Was infromed that staff list was ready and would be forwarded to us. It was impossible to give full details on students as these would only be known on day students presented themselves to Academy. Up to date there were 14[illegible] students.
It was pointed out that Academy was only functioning to complete studies of an estimated maximum of 250 students. A maximum of 5 of these would be in the Armed Proces. It was essential that this course be started as student s were at home doing nothing. These students had not yet reached classes liable to call up

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BRINDISI	LT GIANGIACOMO	Commissariat office Brindisi (office in port promised by LT TOKES)
TARANTO	LT POLITO	Garrison Hq Taranto (office in port been asked for
NAPLES	CAPT. URSINI	Commissariat Directorate Naples
CROTONE	LT COSTANTINO	Commissariat Directorate Crotone

Lt Col GUALANO

Ref the demobolizing of 1903 class in CCRR. This will include very few personnel and figures involved will be forwarded to us.

All these will be replaced by the better men taken from GUARDIE FINANZA

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Ministry [illegible] Liaison 27 March 44

Gen PELLIGRA (Commissariat)

1. Accompanied Maj PAPINEAU to discuss rations and depots in CALABRIA. The following arose: - ADST

(i) [illegible] of W were in complete agreement to items which were short in sub depots could be drawn in essential quantities from main depot. In [illegible] of W's instruction it was left to Commissariat heads discretion to draw on those items which were short.

(ii) Instructions had been issued for new ration scale to be put into effect on April 1st. This was in order to allow for distribution of 10 days rations to all depots.

2. Pressed on the stocks statement due in on 15 and 25th March usp., neither of which had been received to date.

Gen Pelligra pointed out that all infm required had not reached him yet. Statements from Puglie and CALABRIA were completed but no news had yet been received from CAMPANIA.

Gen Pelligra stated that he realized the importance of such statements being forwarded to date but he could not compete against communications. This staff would work all night if necessary as long as details were available. Gen Pelligra proposed that transport be made available to him so that he could send an officer round to collect necessary data. In this way he could assure that all statements could be forwarded on dates required.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

26 March 44

LIASON OFFICE

G3 (I)

(1) M of W have received notification from Commando Supremo to the effect that Mons Nani's departure to Algiers has been suspended for the time being

A.Q
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(2) Liaison office informed me that the Italian Liasion officers with Districts, Areas and Sub Areas will now deal directly with Corps instead of direct to M of W and SMRE for onward transmission Only matters directly concerning M of W and SMRE will be communicated to them. Corps will however keep M of W SMRE informed.
This has been put into force owing to common difficulties
Letter 1272/c dated 27 March from M of W refers

CABINET

DAQMG

(1) Handed in claim in respect of Tendoro Veluca as forwarded by HQ AAI Adm Sch in letter 3072/10/A (O) dated 21 March

2 i/c

(2) M of W are rather worried over the case of Lt Col VINING Chief Commissioner, BARI. On 24 March Col VINING verbally asked for the IX Corps Commander, Gen LERICE, to visit him Gen LERICE sent his chief of staff who was not received.

Lt/Col GUALANO (Pers Adm)

2 i/c

Col GUALANO gave me further figures of reinforcements ready for PBS 26 March LECCE Bks
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Gen ORLANDO

2 i/c
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Gen BUTTA (DAG)

Gen BUTTA gave me the figures received to date of Italian personnel in jail. The figures do not include those in CAMPANIA, SARDINIA and SICILY. These will be comm. to us as soon as received.

(i) BARI JAIL

Awaiting trial	292
Condemned	316

(ii) TARANTO JAIL

Awaiting trial	109
Condemned	16

MARTINA FRANCA JAIL

Awaiting trial	23
Condemned	20

these figures to gether with those mentioned in log dated 23 March brings the total up to 1253 in jail. All are being fed from Army rations. (Confirmed in in letter 889/log dated 25 March from M of W

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Ministry of War Liaison

File 25 March 44 A.Q

Lt Col GUALANO(Pers Adm) 2 i/c

Asked Col GUALANO what h appened to (a) recovered deserters (b) recalled classes.

(a) Recovered deserters

These on being found, if belonging to units on mainland were returned to these unitsthrough depots, if belonging to depots were returned to depots, if belonging to units or depots not on mainland were sent to the reorganisation camp.

(b) Recalled classes

These are collected together in Campania SMRE are informed so that units can be formed for our programme by the SMRE

CABINET A.Q

Reference the dismissal of Italian Militia Officers in A.A. Units Referred letter from Comd. 25 AA Bde for retention of these officers in the 20th Terr. AA group (BARI) as requested.

Col Fiore agreed that if these officers were all righ it would be wrong to remove these officers. Their names have been taken and matter will be referred to the Minister for his approval.

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(2) Ref Lt VENTRIGLIA. Gen ALIBERTI stated that no other officer had been asked for. Gen ALIBERTI preferred that he should not remain because he is not satisfactory. If A.C.C. wished to keep him Gen ALIBERTI states it would be their own responsibility. — A.Q.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)

(1) Ref message 1572 dated 18 March from M of W about camp beds for troops. Stated that bed boards could be issued. Col BASILE was in complete agreement provided we supplied the boards as M of W have none — DALOS AQ

(2) Ref our OTD/1 dated 5th March about material for making of buckets Could we hasten a reply and M of W wish to know what action to take — DALOS

A.Q. Hartley. 1934

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 24 MARCH 44.

Gen. ALIBERTI.

Contacted Gen ALIBERTI about the move of the Rear HQ (Registry), Territorial HQ SICILY and MESSINA District, as asked for in letter, 1146 dated 17th March

This HQ came over to ITALY owing to operations in SICILY which necessitated this. To keep it well out of the way it was sent to CAMPOBASSO where it was held on CAMPOBASSO Districts' strength (this is yet to be confirmed)

This HQ deals with all outstanding documents of the SICILY Terr. HQ and MESSINA District. It is in the picture of all undertakings of those HQs and its return to SICILY would help as regards information on units and HQs now in SICILY.

LIAISON OFFICE.

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TVS.2. Major.

2 i/c G

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Major.

TVS.3.

G.

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Ministry of War Liaison — 21 March 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Was given the latest total of deserters which have been rounded up, as on 20th March — Comd, 2 i/c, G, A.Q.

Campania	600
IX Corps	1128
XXXI Corps	126
LI Corps	114

This makes a total of 1968 deserters rounded up. Further figures are awaited.

2. Was given list of further reinforcements ready for PBS. — 2 i/c

24 March	48	Inf Regt Depot	CASTELLANA	250
24 March	225	Inf Regt Depot	MONOPOLI	65
24 March	226	Inf Regt Depot	MOLFETTA	76
25 March		District HQ	GIOVINAZZO	236
25 March		District HQ	POTENZA	76

This brings the total number available to date up to 3728.

3. Obtained from MofW the circular relative to the functioning of districts. — G, A.Q.

4. Was informed that M of W have issued a circular to the effect that all officers who are or who are due for demobilization, must hand back their BERETTA pistols. A sum of L 1000 to L 2000 will be paid to officers returning these arms. — A.Q.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)

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Col Basile informed me that as the information was in such detail and in such length, it would not be possible to get this out until end March. — DADST

Gen ALTIBERTI

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Not AGF

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1. Hastened reply to our 3T/28 dated 7th March

2. Ref letter 1126 dated 19 March, pointed out that the infmn was not sufficient for us to act upon. Requested the car's registration no.

Lt Col GUALANO (Ufficio II Pers Admin)

Was handed back the list of P/W requested for by Commando Supremo. Only one had arrived, namely Gen BRUNETTI.

M of W are rather keen to get back quickly certain of of the officers listed and have marked these with a blue dot. Could these be given quicker priority.

A.G.

DADST

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Not Reqd

DA/QMG

Comd.

Ufficio may. 1932

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Minis[illegible]y of War Liaison — 23 March 44

A. [illegible]t Col GUALANO (Ufficio II - Personnel Adm)
Informed Col Gualano that a train for the first lot of reinforcements for PBS would be at LECCE on 27 March. More details would follow. — 2 i/c G

B. LIAISON OFFICE
1. Was informed that Mons NANI desired a pass for his journey to Algiers (authorized by ACC). — G3 (I)
Required to know results of censoring of prayer books.

2. LO wish to know whether it is possible for an officer to be able to go to 8th Army area in order to bring his family back. His family is homeless and have no financial support. — G3 (I)

C. Gen ALIBERTI
Gen Aliberti informed me that an American officer wished to requisition the hospital at GIOA del COLLE to lodge Air Force reinforcements due to arrive in Italy. — A.G. DADMS
Can we intervene. Letter 1214 dated 23 March refers.

D. Lt Col GUALANO
Ref letter 3408 dated 20 March from M of W of subject Military Academy. — G 1
Pointed out that infmn contained therein was not sufficient.
Information required by us was
(a) Total number of cadets.
(b) Numbers of cadets from classes in the Army and students not in the Army. This to be shown per course.
(c) Administrative personnel of Academy. This will be forwarded to us as soon as available.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)
Obtained list of depots in Sardinia. List of depots in Sicily inSicily are contained in letter 2755 dated 20 March from M of W. — A.G.

Gen BUTTA (D.A.G.)
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LECCE JAIL

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Personnel awaiting trial	150

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CATANZARO JAIL

Sentenced	6
Awaiting trial	44

Have pressed hard for more figures in other jails.

CGL.

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Boat

DAOMG check

up and then send

Flambo signal

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Ministry of War Liaison — 22 March 44

A. LIAISON OFFICE

1. Was given the latest figures of reinforcements ready for .S. After moving some men to more central depots the following is the result: — 2 i/c

25 March	"Misto Egeo"	Depot BARLETTA	113
26 March	14 Arty Regt	Depot CORATO	507

The total figure available to date has now reached 4348.
The figure of 236 as mentioned being available at GIOVINAZZO in log dated 21 March, will now be available at BARI.

2. Pressed LO for returns of ammo held in unit depot and in Sicilian depots. Was informed that this was in hand. — 2 i/c

3. Ref parcels for P/W in N Africa, enquired as to whether Gen ORLANDO had contacted the Minister for Air for plane tpt. Was informed that he had and that M for A had said that Air Force Sub Comm would have to be approached. M of W have asked us to forward this request in writing. — Comd A.Q.

B. Gen ALIBERTI

1. Contacted Gen Aliberti about the instructors for the POLIGNANO school. — G ADST
Gen Aliberti informed me that he had issued instructions on 21 March for the necessary personnel to be found to XXXI Corps, IX Corps and Mesagne W/Shops. Results are awaited.

2. Ref guards on supply trains. Gen Aliberti suggested that CCRR be used for this purpose, as they used to do such duties in the east. Matter has since been passed to SMRE. — G A.Q.

C. Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)

1. Col Basile wished to know what the ration of M and V was and what was in lieu of. — DADST
Letter 2618/S dated 13 March refers.

2. Ref M of W request for stationery referred to in letter 1147/C dated 19 March. — A.Q.
Pointed out the impossibility of meeting such a request.
This request will be cancelled and another request asking for an allotment of stationery to be made from Italian stationery depots requisitioned by Allies will be forwarded.

3. Ref letter 4315/V dated 16 March from M of W re boot thread. — DAQMG
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Sig Mottola whose thread it is legally requires this for the repair of Italian Army boots.

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D. CABINET

Passed request from father of Italian P/W for financial support to Col FIORE for necessary action. DAQMG

CGL.

DAQMG Case

Basile.

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Ministry of War Liaison

20 March 44

CABINET

Held conference with Col Fiore VERNAZZA. Present Major YOUNG (G.S.I. A.A.I.) and Capt BUTTERWORTH. Subject Internal Security in Italian Army. — Comd G3 (I)

Following Points arose.

(a) Internal Security in Italian Army managed by CCRR and sections of the S.I.M.

(b) M of W always informed and in control of security

(c) Decree been issued on de fascisim and all cases controlled by ZANIBONI (ex Army Officer persecuted by Fascists and imprisoned for attempted murder of Mussolini)

(d) Secret agents liaise with all political parties for anonymous reports.

(e) All personnel crossing line interrogated and suspects movements watched.

GEN. ORLANDO

Discussed position of military offenders in goal. Informed Gen. ORLANDO of following points — 2 i/c

(a) Essential that this H.Q. should have complete list showing numbers detained in goal by categories of offences.

(b) Personnel in goal not to be fed from Army rations. Policy of feeding of Italian Army as laid down by Allied Chiefs of Staff.

(c) Possibilities of removing detained personnel for working on labour with Allies.

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(3) Reference Bomb Disposal Squads.

(a) There are no trained personnel for delousing enemy bombs. Artillery experts are used.

(b) Informed M of W that it would be possible for a short course in B.L. M of W will arrange for personnel representatives to meet for this purpose. I will be informed as to when, where, and no. involved.

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MANUALE DI PREGHIERE

Offerto da S. S. Pio XII
ai Prigionieri di Guerra

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Scuola Tipografica Pontificia pei Figli dei Carcerati
fondata da Bartolo Longo — Pompei - Marzo 1944

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MANUALE di PREGHIERE

« ... Nostra intenzione è questa... che si ottengano i celesti conforti della grazia agli esuli, ai profughi, ai dispersi, ai prigionieri, a tutti coloro insomma che soffrono e piangono per le calamità del presente conflitto ».

(Pio XII nel Motu proprio del 27 ottobre 1940).

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S. S. Pio XII.



Nostra Signora del S. Rosario di Pompei,
pregate per noi.

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LA PREGHIERA

La preghiera è necessaria all'anima tua come sono necessari al corpo l'aria che respiri e il cibo di cui ti nutri per non morire.

Tu sai che Cristo ha detto: «Bussate e vi sarà aperto; chiedete e vi sarà dato». Non hai da chiedere nulla al Signore tu che hai bisogno di lui ad ogni istante e in ogni circostanza?

Se non saprai pregare bene, non saprai vivere bene. Quando, finita la tua giornata constaterai che non hai pregato, sentirai che quella giornata per te è una giornata perduta.

Devi almeno al mattino e alla sera di tuo spirito a Dio tutte le tue preghiere accompagnandole con atti di azione e devozione, con fede e fiducia sperando.

Raccomanda a Dio nei tuoi bisogni temporali e spirituali, e [redacted] purchè quello che chiedi non sia dannoso all'anima tua, ti esaudirà.

Se Iddio ha comandato di pregare, si è anche impegnato ad ascoltare la preghiera.

Se non preghi, a che ti vale il divino dono della fede che ti addita Iddio come Padre e Consolatore?

Un Santo disse bene: «Chi prega si salva; chi non prega si danna». Parole gravi ma vere.

PREGHIERA DEL PRIGIONIERO
per la propria famiglia.

O Dio grande e potente a Te noi leviamo il nostro pensiero e Ti preghiamo per i nostri cari lontani. Veglia Tu su di loro colla Tua paterna provvidenza: nella trepida attesa, nell'angustia dei lunghi silenzi, nella solitudine della casa deserta, riempi Tu ne preghiamo il vuoto lasciato dall'assente. Infondi pace e coraggio, letizia e serenità: sii Tu accanto a loro per dare ad essi la speranza del mio ritorno, la certezza della mia fedeltà, i giusti principi, che li conservano nella tua legge e nel tuo amore. Signore Iddio, tutti i miei cari Ti affido a Te. Conservali e benedicili.

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PREGHIERE PRINCIPALI

ORAZIONI QUOTIDIANE

Segno della santa Croce.

✠ Nel nome del Padre, del Figliuolo e dello Spirito Santo. Così sia.

✠ *In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.*

AL MATTINO

Vi adoro, mio Dio, e vi amo con tutto il cuore. Vi ringrazio di avermi creato, fatto cristiano e conservato in questa notte. Vi offro le azioni della giornata: fate che siano tutte secondo la vostra santa volontà per la maggior gloria vostra. Preservatemi dal peccato e da ogni male. La grazia vostra sia sempre con me e con tutti i miei cari. — Così sia.

Orazione domenicale.

Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli, sia santificato il tuo nome; venga il tuo regno; sia fatta la tua volontà, come in cielo così in terra.

Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano; e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori; e non c'indurre

Pater noster qui es in cœlis, sanctificetur nomen tuum; adveniat regnum tuum; fiat voluntas tua, sicut in cœlo et in terra.

Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris.

in tentazione. Ma liberaci dal male. Così sia.

et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

Salutazione angelica.

Ave, Maria, piena di grazia: il Signore è teco: tu sei benedetta fra le donne, e benedetto il frutto del ventre tuo, Gesù.

Santa Maria, Madre di Dio, prega per noi peccatori, adesso e nell'ora della nostra morte. Così sia.

Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

Gloria Patri.

Gloria al Padre, e al Figliuolo, e allo Spirito Santo, come era nel principio, è ora, e sempre e nei secoli dei secoli. Così sia.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Credo.

Io credo in Dio Padre onnipotente.

Creatore del cielo e della terra; e in Gesù Cristo, suo unico Figliuolo, Nostro Signore; il quale fu concepito di Spirito Santo, nacque da Maria Vergine; patì sotto Ponzio Pilato, fu crocifisso, morto e sepellito; discese all'inferno, al terzo giorno risuscitò da morte. Salì al cielo, siede alla destra di Dio Padre on-

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rispondente, di là ha da venire a giudicare i vivi ed i morti, credo nello Spirito Santo, la Santa Chiesa Cattolica, la Comunione dei Santi, la remissione dei peccati, la risurrezione della carne, la vita eterna. Amen.

Salve Regina.

Salve, Regina, madre di misericordia; vita, dolcezza e speranza nostra, salve. A te ricorriamo esuli figli di Eva; gementi e piangenti in questa valle di lagrime a te sospiriamo. Orsù dunque, avvocata nostra, rivolgi a noi quegli occhi tuoi misericordiosi. E, mostraci dopo questo esilio, Gesù, il frutto benedetto del ventre tuo, o clemente, o pietosa, o dolce Vergine **Maria**.

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae: vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

All'Angelo Custode.

Angelo di Dio, che sei il mio custode, illumina, custodisci, reggi e governa me, che ti fui affidato dalla pietà celeste. Così sia.

Angele Dei, qui custos es mei, me tibi commissum pietate superna illumina, custodi, rege et gubernа. Amen.

Per i defunti.

L'eterno riposo dona loro, o Signore, e splenda

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux per-

ad essi la luce perpetua. Riposino in pace. Così sia.

petua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Atto di fede.

Mio Dio, credo fermamente quanto voi, infallibile Verità, avete rivelato e la Santa Chiesa ci propone a credere. Ed espressamente credo in voi, unico vero Dio in tre persone uguali e distinte, Padre, Figliuolo e Spirito Santo; e nel Figliuolo incarnato e morto per noi, Gesù Cristo, il quale darà a ciascuno, secondo i meriti, il premio o la pena eterna. Conforme a questa Fede voglio sempre vivere. — Signore, accrescete la mia fede.

Atto di speranza.

Mio Dio, spero dalla bontà vostra, per le vostre promesse e per i meriti di Gesù Cristo, nostro Salvatore, la vita eterna e le grazie necessarie per meritarla con le buone opere che io debbo e voglio fare. — Signore, che io non resti confuso in eterno.

Atto di carità.

Mio Dio, amo con tutto il cuore sopra ogni cosa Voi, Bene infinito e nostra eterna felicità; e per amore vostro amo il prossimo mio come me stesso, e perdono le offese ricevute. — Signore, fate ch'io vi ami sempre più.

Atto di dolore.

Mio Dio, mi pento con tutto il cuore de' miei peccati, e li odio e detesto come offesa della vostra

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Maestà infinita, oggetto della mia [illegible] Divin Figliuolo Gesù, e mia spirituale rovina. Non voglio più commettere in avvenire e propongo di fuggire le occasioni. — Signore, misericordia, perdonatemi.

ALLA SERA

In nome del Padre, del Figliuolo e dello Spirito Santo. Così sia.

Vi adoro, mio Dio, e Vi amo con tutto il cuore. Vi ringrazio di avermi creato, fatto cristiano e conservato in questo giorno. Perdonatemi il male oggi commesso, e se qualche bene ho compiuto, accettatelo. Custoditemi nel riposo e liberatemi dai pericoli. La vostra grazia sia sempre con me e con tutti i miei cari. Così sia.

Pater noster, ecc. (come a pag. 6).
Ave Maria, ecc. (come a pag. 7).
Gloria Patri, ecc. (come a pag. 7).
Angele Dei, ecc. (come a pag. 8).
Requiem aeternam, ecc. (come a pag. 5).

O Gesù, d'amore acceso — Non vi avessi mai offeso.
O mio caro e buon Gesù, — Con la vostra santa grazia non Vi offenderò mai più, — perchè Vi amo sopra ogni cosa.

Dolce Cuor del mio Gesù, fa ch'io ami sempre più.
Dolce Cuor di Maria, siate la salvezza mia.
Gesù, Giuseppe e Maria, vi dono il cuore e l'anima mia.

Gesù, Giuseppe e Maria, assistetemi nell'ultima agonia.
Gesù, Giuseppe e Maria, spiri in pace con voi l'anima mia.

COMPENDIO DELLA DOTTRINA CRISTIANA

I due Misteri principali della Fede.

1 — Unità e Trinità di Dio. 2 — Incarnazione, Passione, Morte e Risurrezione di Nostro Signor Gesù Cristo.

D. Chi ci ha creato e messo al mondo?
R. Dio.
D. Chi è Dio?
R. È il Creatore e Signore del Cielo e della Terra.
D. Per qual fine Iddio ci ha creati?
R. Per conoscerlo, amarlo e servirlo in questa vita, e poi goderlo eternamente in Paradiso.
D. Dov'è Iddio?
R. È in Cielo, in Terra, ed in ogni luogo.
D. È un solo Dio?
R. È un solo Dio, ma in tre Persone distinte, Padre, Figliuolo e Spirito Santo, dette la Santissima Trinità.
D. Queste tre Persone sono tre Dei?
R. No, un Dio solo, perchè tutte hanno una stessa essenza e sostanza divina.
D. Quale delle tre Persone si è fatta Uomo?
R. La seconda, cioè il Figliuolo.

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D. Che cosa ha fatto per farsi Uomo?

R. Ha preso un corpo ed un'anima come abbiamo noi, nel seno purissimo di Maria Vergine, per opera dello Spirito Santo.

D. Come si chiama il Figlio di Dio fatto Uomo?

R. Gesù Cristo Redentor nostro, vero Dio e vero Uomo.

D. Per qual fine si è fatto Uomo?

R. Per liberarci colla sua morte dalla perdizione, e meritarci la vita eterna.

D. Dov'è Gesù Cristo?

R. Come Dio è in ogni luogo, come Dio e Uomo è in Cielo, e nel Santissimo Sacramento dell'altare.

D. Chi va all'inferno?

R. Tutti quelli che muoiono in peccato mortale.

D. Che si fa nell'inferno?

R. Si patiscono tormenti orribili, si è privi di Dio, e si brucia eternamente nel fuoco coi Demoni.

D. Chi va in Paradiso?

R. Quelli che, morendo in grazia di Dio, non hanno nulla da scontare prima per qualche tempo nel Purgatorio.

D. Che si fa nel Paradiso?

R. Si gode la vista di Dio in compagnia degli Angeli, e dei Santi per tutta l'eternità.

D. Che deve credere il Cristiano per andare in Paradiso?

R. Tutto quello che crede la Santa Chiesa Cattolica Romana.

D. Che cosa è obbligato a sapere?

R. Quello che si comincia nel Credo, i Comandamenti di Dio e della Chiesa ed il Pater noster.

D. Che cosa è obbligato a fare?

R. Osservare i Comandamenti di Dio e della Santa Chiesa.

Virtù Teologali necessarie per la salvezza.

1. Fede — 2. Speranza — 3. Carità.

Virtù cardinali.

1. Prudenza — 2. Giustizia — 3. Fortezza — 4. Temperanza.

Doni dello Spirito Santo.

1. Sapienza — 2. Intelletto — 3. Consiglio — 4. Fortezza — 5. Scienza — 6. Pietà — 7. Timore di Dio.

Comandamenti della carità.

Amerai il Signore Dio tuo con tutto il tuo cuore, con tutta la tua anima, con tutta la tua mente. — Amerai il prossimo tuo come te stesso.

Sette opere di misericordia corporali.

1. Dare da mangiare agli affamati. — 2. Dare da bere agli assetati. — 3. Vestire gli ignudi. — 4. Dare alloggio ai pellegrini. — 5. Visitare gli infermi. — 6. Consolare i carcerati. — 7. Seppellire i morti.

Sette opere di misericordia spirituali.

1. Consigliare i dubbiosi. — 2. Insegnare agli ignoranti. — 3. Ammonire i peccatori. — 4. Consolare gli afflitti. — 5. Perdonare le offese. — 6. Sopportare

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pazientemente le persone moleste. — 7. Pregate Iddio per i vivi e per i morti.

Consigli evangelici.

1. Povertà volontaria. — 2. Castità perpetua. — 3. Ubbidienza in ogni cosa che non sia peccato.

Beatitudini del Signore.

1. Beati i poveri in spirito perchè di essi è il regno dei cieli. — 2. Beati i mansueti perchè essi possederanno la terra. — 3. Beati coloro che piangono perchè saranno consolati. — 4. Beati quelli che hanno fame e sete nella giustizia perchè saranno sazziati. — 5. Beati i misericordiosi perchè troveranno misericordia. — 6. Beati i puri di cuore perchè vedranno Dio. — 7. Beati i pacifici perchè saranno chiamati figli di Dio. — 8. Beati quelli che soffrono persecuzioni per causa della giustizia perchè di essi è il regno dei cieli.

I TUOI SANTI PROTETTORI

23 Aprile: S. GIORGIO Martire — Ufficiale dell'esercito romano (Patrono della Cavalleria).

22 Settembre: S. MAURIZIO Martire — Ufficiale dell'esercito romano (Patrono di Casa Savoia).

29 Settembre: S. MICHELE Arcangelo (Capo della Milizia Angelica).

11 Novembre: S. MARTINO (Protettore della Fanteria).

4 Dicembre: SANTA BARBARA Vergine e Martire (Protettrice degli Artiglieri, Genieri e Marinai).

10 Dicembre: MADONNA DI LORETO (Protettrice dell'Arma Aerea).

LA CONFESSIONE

La Confessione è il Sacramento istituito da Gesù Cristo per rimettere i peccati commessi dopo il Battesimo.

Questo Sacramento, o caro Soldato, non devi trascurarlo, o peggio disprezzarlo, ma riceverlo spesso: l'anima tua ha bisogno di essere pulita, ha bisogno di pace, di stare con Dio.

Per fare una buona confessione è necessario: 1. Esaminare la propria coscienza. 2. Aver dolore per avere offeso Dio. 3. Fare proponimento di non offenderlo più. 4. Dire tutti i peccati al confessore. 5. Fare la penitenza che il Sacerdote imporrà.

PRIMA DELLA CONFESSIONE

Signore, voi leggete nel mio cuore, mi vedete vuoto di peccati e di miserie, ma spero che nella bontà vostra vorrete usarmi misericordia: io mi pento di avervi offeso, mi getto ai piedi vostri e vi chiedo perdono per essere stato infedele alle promesse.

Datemi Voi la grazia di concepire un vero dolore dei miei peccati e fermo proposito di non più offendervi. Fate, o Gesù, che il Vostro Sangue prezioso sparso per mia salute in questo Sacramento lavi tutte le mie colpe.

Esame di coscienza.

1. Da quanto tempo non ti confessi? Un mese? Due mesi? Un anno?

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2. Hai recitato le tue orazioni mattina e sera?
3. Hai bestemmiato? chi? Iddio? la Madonna? i Santi spesso?
4. La domenica e le altre feste hai ascoltato la S. Messa? l'hai ascoltata devotamente?
5. Hai scritto ai tuoi parenti? li hai amati? o hai scagato tutto col gesso?
6. Hai fatto del male ai tuoi compagni? ti sei bisticciato con qualcuno? serbi loro odio? hai parlato male di essi? li hai calunniati?
7. Ti sei fermato sui pensieri e desideri cattivi? hai fatto discorsi osceni? sei stato di cattivo esempio agli altri?
8. Hai fatto azioni brutte? scandalose?
9. Hai rubato? che cosa?
10. Hai detto bugie? sei stato superbo? collerico?
11. Di tutto ciò che hai fatto di male domanda al Signore perdono e prometti che colla sua grazia sarai più buono.

Atto di dolore.

Mio Dio, mi pento con tutto il cuore dei miei peccati, li odio e detesto, come offesa della vostra Maestà infinita, ragione della morte del vostro divin Figliuolo Gesù, e mia spirituale rovina. Non voglio più commetterne in avvenire e propongo di fuggirne le occasioni. — Signore, misericordia, perdonatemi.

O Gesù, d'amore acceso — Non vi avessi mai offeso.

O mio caro e buon Gesù, — Con la Vostra santa grazia non Vi offenderò mai più. — Perchè Vi amo sopra ogni cosa.

Gesù mi[illegible]misericordia.
Rifugio dei peccatori, pregate per me.

PER LA SS. COMUNIONE

L'Eucaristia è il Sacramento che, sotto le apparenze del pane e del vino, contiene realmente Corpo, Sangue, Anima e Divinità di Nostro Signor Gesù Cristo, per nutrimento delle anime.

NORME

Per fare una buona Comunione sono necessarie tre cose:

1. Essere in grazia di Dio, cioè senza peccato mortale nell'anima.
2. Essere digiuni dalla mezzanotte fino al tempo della Comunione. (*I malati possono comunicarsi in qualunque momento della giornata, perchè sono dispensati dal quatt'ore*).
3. Sapere che cosa si va a ricevere e accostarsi con fede e devozione.

PRIMA DELLA SS. COMUNIONE

Atto di fede.

Signor mio Gesù Cristo, io credo più fermamente che se lo vedessi con gli occhi miei, che Voi siete realmente presente nella Santa Eucaristia, e che quindi sto per ricevere il vostro Corpo, Sangue, Anima e Divinità.

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Atto di speranza.

Mio Dio, io spero che Voi, dandovi tutto a me, mi farete partecipe di tutti i vantaggi della Vostra presenza nell'anima mia, e che dopo avervi amato sulla terra avrò la felicità di possedervi eternamente nel cielo.

Atto di amore.

O Dio Salvatore, che mi avete amato talmente, da voler essere perfino cibo dell'anima mia. Vi amo con tutto il cuore. Deh, fate che mediante la Vostra santa grazia, io abbia la felicità di crescere, vivere e morire nel vostro santo amore.

Atto di umiltà.

Signore mio e Dio mio, Voi siete la santità stessa, mentre io sono un povero peccatore che tante volte vi ha offeso. Sono indegno di ricevervi nell'anima mia, ma Voi dite una parola e l'anima mia sarà salva.

Atto di desiderio.

Venite, o Divino Salvatore, venite presto a saziare la brama dell'anima mia. Voi solo desidero, Voi solo sospiro, mio unico bene, mio tesoro, mia vita, mio paradiso. Venite nell'anima mia, non tardate più.

Accostiamoci a ricevere Gesù nella Santa Eucaristia con grande raccoglimento e devozione.

DOPO LA SS. COMUNIONE

Quando avete ricevuto l'Ostia Santa, tenetevi in perfetto raccoglimento e pensate all'immenso dono che

Gesù Cristo ha fatto, dandovi tutto se stesso. Voi fate questi atti.

Atto di adorazione.

O Divin Salvatore, Vi adoro presente dentro di me. Unisco le mie adorazioni a quelle che Vi porgono gli Angeli e Santi tutti nel cielo.

Atto di ringraziamento.

Che cosa vi renderò, o mio Dio, per tutto quello che Voi avete dato a me? Potessi avere i cuori di tutti i santi del cielo per ringraziarvi meno indegnamente che sia possibile! Maria Santissima ringraziate Voi per me il Vostro e mio Gesù.

Atto di offerta.

Mio Divin Salvatore, Vi siete dato tutto a me: è ben giusto che anch'io mi offra tutto a Voi. Ma Voi siete Dio, io una povera creatura. Però Voi che avete gradito l'offerta di quella povera vedova del Vangelo, gradite pure l'offerta che oggi io faccio di tutto me stesso. Sì, sono tutto vostro, e voglio esserlo per tutta la vita, per tutta l'eternità.

Atto di domanda.

O Gesù mio, Voi conoscete tutti i bisogni dell'anima mia. Voi soccorretela, Voi salvatela. Concederemi quelle grazie temporali, che mi sono necessarie, a vivere onestamente; ma sopratutto concedetemi la vostra grazia, la perseveranza nel bene sino alla morte e il santo Paradiso. Vi raccomando la mia famiglia, i miei

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sofferenti, e la S. Chiesa, i poveri peccatori, gli eretici, gl'infedeli, i moribondi, le anime sante del Purgatorio.

A MARIA SANTISSIMA

Ricordatevi, o pietosissima Vergine Maria, non essersi mai sentito al mondo che avendo alcuno ricorso al vostro patrocinio ed implorato la vostra intercessione, sia stato da Voi abbandonato. Incoraggiato io pertanto da tale fiducia, a Voi ricorro, o Madre, Vergine delle Vergini, a Voi mi prostro con le lagrime agli occhi. Deh, non vogliate o Madre Augusta del Divin Verbo, disprezzare le mie voci; ma ascoltate benigna ed esaudite la mia preghiera. Così sia.

Indulgenza di 300 giorni ogni volta, plenaria una volta al mese. (Pio IX, 15 dicembre 1846).

O Vergine, o Signora, o tutta santa, che bei nomi ti serba ogni bocca!
Più d'un popol superbo osser si vanta in tua gentil tutela.
(A. MANZONI).

A S. GIUSEPPE

Ricordatevi, o purissimo Sposo di Maria Vergine, o dolce protettore mio S. Giuseppe, che mai mimo si udì aver invocata la vostra protezione e chiesto il Vostro aiuto senza essere consolato. Con questa fiducia io vengo al vostro cospetto a Voi fervorosamente mi raccomando. Deh! non abbiate in dispregio la mia preghiera, o Padre putativo del Redentore, ma esaudetela pietosamente. Così sia.

Gesù, Giuseppe e Maria, vi dono il cuore e l'anima mia.

Gesù, Giuseppe e Maria, assistetemi nell'ultima agonia.

Gesù, Giuseppe e Maria, spiri in pace con voi l'anima mia.

Cento giorni d'Indulg.

ORAZIONE AL SS. CROCIFISSO
da recitarsi avanti all'immagine del SS. Crocifisso dopo la SS. Comunione, arricchita dell'indulgenza plenaria.



Eccomi, o mio amato e buon Gesù, che alla SS. Vostra presenza prostrato Vi prego col fervore più vivo a stampare nel mio cuore sentimenti di fede, di speranza, di carità, di dolore dei miei peccati, di proponimento di non più offendervi; mentre io con tutto l'amore e con tutta la compassione vado considerando le vostre cinque Piaghe, cominciando da ciò che disse di Voi, o mio Dio, il santo profeta Davide: *Hanno forato le mie mani e i miei piedi, hanno contato le mie ossa.*

Per acquistare la suddetta indulgenza bisogna pregare secondo le intenzioni del Sommo Pontefice, recitando possibilmente un Pater, Ave e Gloria. (S. S. Pio IX, 24 luglio 1858).

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LA SANTA MESSA

IL SACRIFICIO DELL'ALTARE

Istruzione.

Sul Calvario moriva veramente Gesù vittima dei nostri peccati: spargendo tutto il suo sangue, che ci avrebbe purificato: ed Egli stesso con la sua volontà era sommamente Sacerdote che offriva sè medesimo sulla croce.

Sull'altare muore Gesù misticamente nell'apparenza di divisione del Corpo dal Sangue, sotto le specie dell'ostia e del vino, vittima dei nostri peccati. Il prete che celebra la messa, non è che un ministro; solo Gesù è il vero sommo Sacerdote che offre sè medesimo per noi, come fece sulla croce.

È dunque la rinnovazione del Sacrificio di Gesù sulla Croce, ed è l'atto più grande della nostra Religione.

È obbligatorio l'assistervi ogni dì festivo; il mancarvi per propria cattiva volontà è peccato grave.

Per bene assistervi e ricavarne vero frutto, bisogna non distrarsi, riflettendo sopratutto alla Passione e scena del Calvario come uno vi si trovasse presente.

Al Confiteor.

Mio Dio, mi pento con tutto il cuore dei miei peccati, e li odio e li detesto come offesa della vostra Maestà infinita, cagione della morte del vostro divin Figlio Gesù e mia spirituale rovina. Non voglio più commetterne in avvenire e propongo di fuggirne le occasioni. Signore, misericordia, perdonatemi.

Al Gloria.

Sia gloria a Dio nel più alto dei cieli e pace sulla terra agli uomini di buona volontà. Noi ti lodiamo; ti benediciamo; ti adoriamo; ti glorifichiamo; ti ringraziamo per la tua gloria infinita, Signore Iddio, Re del cielo, Dio Padre onnipotente.

Alle Orazioni.

Concedi, o Signore le grazie che il Sacerdote ti domanda per sè e per questo suo popolo, e degnati benedire noi, la famiglia, i parenti, la Patria, la Chiesa.

Al Vangelo.

O Signore siimi nel cuore e nelle labbra perchè professi degnamente il tuo vangelo. Così sia.

Al Credo.

Io credo in Dio Padre (pag. 7).

All'Offertorio.

O Signore accetta dalle mani del Sacerdote questo sacrificio a lode e a gloria del Tuo nome come pure a vantaggio nostro, di tutta la Chiesa e della nostra Patria.

Al Sanctus.

Santo, santo, santo è il Signore Dio degli eserciti. Della tua gloria son pieni i cieli e la terra. Lode a Dio nell'alto dei cieli. Benedetto Colui che viene nel nome del Signore. Lode a Dio nell'alto dei cieli.

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Al Memento.

Ricordati, o Signore, di me, dei nostri cari e di tutti i presenti, dei quali conosci la fede e ti è nota la pietà.

All'Elevazione.

(Raccogliti devotamente. Gesù scende sull'altare nascondendosi sotto le specie Eucaristiche: rinnova la tua fede e guardando l'Ostia Santa ripeti).

Signore mio e Dio mio.

Al Memento dei morti.

Ricordati, o Signore, dei miei familiari, dei miei parenti ed amici che mi hanno preceduto col segno della fede e dormono il sonno della pace.

Al Padre nostro.

Padre nostro (pag. 6).

All'Agnus Dei.

Agnello di Dio che togli i peccati del mondo abbi pietà di noi. *(per giorni di indulgenza).*

Alla Santa Comunione.

Signore, non sono degno che Tu entri sotto il mio tetto, ma di una sola parola e l'anima mia sarà sanata.

(Se devi accostarti alla santa Comunione raccogliti e pensa che Dio Re del cielo e della terra viene nel tuo cuore: accoglilo con amore e chiedigli quanto desideri per te, per i tuoi cari e per la Patria).

Alla Benedizione.

In nome del Padre e del Figliuolo e dello Spirito Santo. Così sia.

PER RISPONDERE ALLA S. MESSA

Sacerdote. In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Introibo ad altare Dei.

Chierico. Ad Deum, qui lætificat iuventutem meam.

Salmo 42.

(Si omette nelle Messe da morto e di Passione).

S. Iudica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta, ab homine iniquo et dolioso erue me.

C. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea: quare me reppulisti et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

S. Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum et in tabernacula tua.

C. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum, qui lætificat iuventutem meam.

S. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es anima mea? et quare conturbas me?

C. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi, salutare vultus mei et Deus meus.

S. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

C. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

S. Introibo ad altare Dei.

C. Ad Deum, qui lætificat iuventutem meam.

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Al Confiteor.

S. Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini
C. Qui fecit coelum et terram.
S. Confiteor . . . ad Dominum Deum nostrum.
C. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et, dimisso peccato tuo, perducat te ad vitam aeternam.
S. Amen.
C. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, Beatae Mariae semper Virgini, Beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Ioanni Baptistae, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis et tibi, pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Ioannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos et te pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.
S. Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et, dimissis peccatis vestris, perducat vos ad vitam aeternam.
C. Amen.
S. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.
C. Amen.
S. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.
C. Et plebs tua laetabitur in te.
S. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.
C. Et salutare tuum da nobis.
S. Domine exaudi orationem meam.
C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.
S. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
S. Oremus.

(*Così il C. à rispondere ogni volta che il Sacerdote dice*: Dominus vobiscum; *eccome pure ad ogni* Per omnia saecula saeculorum, *si dovrà dire*: Amen).

Kyrie eleison:

S. Kyrie eleison.
C. Kyrie eleison.
S. Kyrie eleison.
C. Christe eleison.
S. Christe eleison.
C. Christe eleison.
S. Kyrie eleison.
C. Kyrie eleison.
S. Kyrie eleison.

Finita l' Epistola.

C. Deo gratias.
S. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
S. Initium o Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum N.
C. Gloria tibi, Domine.

Finito il Vangelo.

C. Laus tibi, Christe.
S. Orate fratres, (poi *segretamente*) ut meum ac vestrum sacrificium acceptabile fiat apud Deum Patrem omnipotentem.
C. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram totiusque Ecclesiae suae sanctae.

Prefazio.

S. Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

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C. Amen.
S. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
S. Sursum corda.
C. Habemus ad Dominum.
S. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.
C. Dignum et justum est.

Al Pater noster.

S. ...et ne nos inducas in tentationem.
C. Sed libera nos a malo.
S. Per omnia saecula saeculorum.
C. Amen.
S. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Alla fine degli Oremus:

S. Per omnia saecula saeculorum.
C. Amen.
S. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
S. Ite Missa est.
C. Deo gratias.

Nelle Messe dei morti.

S. Requiescant in pace.
C. Amen.

Benedizione.

S. Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, et Filius et Spiritus Sanctus.
C. Amen.

All'ultimo Vangelo.

S. Dominus vobiscum.
C. Et cum spiritu tuo.
S. Initium s Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum N.
C. Gloria tibi, Domine.

Finito il Vangelo.

C. Deo gratias.

IL SANTO ROSARIO

MODO DI RECITARE IL ROSARIO

℣. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.
℟. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

MISTERI DEL SANTO ROSARIO

Gaudiosi (lunedì e giovedì).

1. Annunciazione dell'Angelo a Maria Santissima. — *Pater, ex Ave, un Gloria Patri.*
2. La visita di Maria Vergine a Santa Elisabetta. — *Pater, ecc.*
3. La natività di Gesù nella capanna di Betlemme. — *Pater, ecc.*
4. La presentazione di Gesù Bambino al tempio. — *Pater, ecc.*
5. Il ritrovamento di Gesù fra i Dottori nel tempio. — *Pater, ecc.*

Dolorosi (martedì e venerdì).

1. L'orazione di Gesù Cristo nell'orto. — *Pater, ex Ave, un Gloria Patri.*

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2. La flagellazione di Gesù Cristo alla colonna — *Pater, ecc.*

3. La coronazione di spine. — *Pater, ecc.*

4. Il viaggio al Calvario di Gesù Cristo carico della Croce. — *Pater, ecc.*

5. La crocifissione e morte di Gesù Cristo. — *Pater, ecc.*

Gloriosi (mercoledì, sabato e domenica).

1. La resurrezione di Gesù Cristo — *Pater, 10 Ave, un Gloria Patri.*

2. L'ascensione di Gesù Cristo al Cielo — *Pater ecc.*

3. La discesa dello Spirito Santo sopra Maria Vergine e gli Apostoli. — *Pater, ecc.*

4. L'assunzione di Maria Vergine. — *Pater, ecc.*

5. L'incoronazione di Maria Vergine e la gloria degli Angeli e dei Santi. — *Pater, ecc.*

Salve Regina (pag. 8).

LITANIE
DELLA BEATA VERGINE MARIA

Kyrie eleison.
Christe, eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe, audi nos.
Christe, exaudi nos.
Pater de coelis Deus, *miserere nobis.*
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus, *miserere nobis.*
Spiritus Sancte Deus, »
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus, »
Sancta Maria, *ora pro nobis.*

Sancta Dei Genitrix *ora pro nobis.*
Sancta Virgo Virginum »
Mater Christi, »
Mater divinae Gratiae, »
Mater purissima, »
Mater castissima, »
Mater inviolata, »
Mater intemerata, »
Mater amabilis, »
Mater admirabilis, »
Mater boni consilii, »
Mater Creatoris, »
Mater Salvatoris, »
Virgo prudentissima, »
Virgo veneranda, »
Virgo praedicanda, »
Virgo potens, »
Virgo clemens, »
Virgo fidelis, »
Speculum justitiae, »
Sedes sapientiae, »
Causa nostrae laetitiae, »
Vas spirituale, »
Vas honorabile, »
Vas insignae devotionis, »
Rosa mystica, »
Turris davidica, *ora pro nobis.*
Turris eburnea, »
Domus aurea, »
Foederis arca, »
Janua coeli, »
Stella matutina, »
Salus infirmorum, »
Refugium peccatorum, »
Consolatrix afflictorum, »
Auxilium Christianorum, »
Regina Angelorum, »
Regina Patriarcharum, »
Regina Prophetarum, »
Regina Apostolorum, »
Regina Martyrum, »
Regina Confessorum, »
Regina Virginum, »
Regina Sanctorum omnium, »
Regina sine labe originali concepta, »
Regina Sacratissimi Rosarii, »
Regina pacis, »

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, *parce nobis, Domine.*
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, *exaudi nos, Domine.*
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, *miserere nobis.*

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V. Ora pro nobis, Regina sacratissimi Rosarii,
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus

Deus, cuius Unigenitus, per vitam mortem et resurrectionem Suam nobis salutis aeternae praemia comparavit, concede, quaesumus: ut haec mysteria sacratissimo beatae Mariae Virginis Rosario recolentes, et imitemur quod continent, et quod promittunt assequamur. Per eumdem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

ORAZIONE A S. GIUSEPPE

A te, o beato Giuseppe, stretti dalla tribolazione ricorriamo e fiduciosi invochiamo il tuo patrocinio dopo quello della tua Santissima Sposa.

Deh! per quel sacro vincolo di carità che ti strinse all'Immacolata Vergine Madre di Dio, e per l'amore paterno che portasti al fanciullo Gesù, riguarda, te ne preghiamo, con occhio benigno la cara eredità che Gesù Cristo acquistò col suo sangue, e col tuo potere ed aiuto soccorri ai nostri bisogni. Proteggi, o provvido Custode della divina Famiglia, l'eletta prole di Gesù Cristo; scaccia da noi, o Padre amantissimo, codesta peste di errori e di vizi che annesta il mondo, ci assisti propizio dal Cielo in questa lotta col potere delle tenebre, o nostro fortissimo protettore; e come un tempo scampasti dalla morte la minacciata vita del pargoletto Gesù, così ora difendi la Santa Chiesa di Dio dalle ostili insidie e da ogni avversità e stendi ognora sopra ciascuno di noi il tuo patrocinio; acciocchè, a tuo esempio e mercè il tuo soccorso, possiamo virtuosamente vivere, piamente morire, e conseguire l'eterna beatitudine in cielo. Così sia.

LODI E RIPARAZIONE ALLE BESTEMMIE

Dio sia benedetto.

Dio sia benedetto.
Benedetto il suo santo Nome.
Benedetto Gesù Cristo vero Dio e vero uomo.
Benedetto il nome di Gesù.
Benedetto il suo Sacratissimo Cuore.
Benedetto il suo preziosissimo Sangue.
Benedetto Gesù nel SS. Sacramento dell'altare.
Benedetta la gran Madre di Dio, Maria Santissima.
Benedetta la sua Santa ed Immacolata Concezione.
Benedetto il nome di Maria Vergine e Madre.
Benedetto S. Giuseppe suo castissimo sposo.
Benedetto Iddio nei suoi Angeli e nei suoi Santi.

Sia lodato Gesù Cristo!

CANTI RELIGIOSI

O salutaris Hostia.

O salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vita sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Tantum ergo.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:

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Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Panem de coelo praestitisti eis.
Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

OREMUS

Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili Passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

In onore del SS. Sacramento.

T'adoriam, Ostia divina,
T'adoriam, Ostia d'amor.
Tu degli Angeli il sospiro,
Tu dell'uomo sei l'onor
T'adoriam, Ostia divina,
T'adoriam, Ostia d'amor.
T'adoriam, Ostia divina,
T'adoriam, Ostia d'amor
Tu dei forti la dolcezza,
Tu dei deboli il vigor:

T'adoriam, Ostia divina.
T'adoriam, Ostia d'amor.

Inni e canti.

Inni e canti sciogliamo, o fedeli
Al Divino Eucaristico Re,
Egli ascoso nei mistici veli
Cibo all'alma fedele si diè.
Dei tuoi figli lo studio qui prono.
O Signor dei potenti, Ti adora.
Per i miseri implora perdono:
Per i deboli implora pietà.
Sotto i veli che il grano compose,
Su quel trono raggiante di luce,
Il Signor dei Signori s'ascose
Per aver l'impero dei Cuor.
Dei tuoi figli, ecc.

Odo suonar.

Odo suonar la squilla della sera
Che dolcemente invita alla preghiera
Per rallegrar il cuor, l'anima mia:
Ave Maria
Vedo aleggiar di cielo un messaggero
Che soave rivela un gran mistero
Col salutar la Verginella pia:
Ave Maria
O Gabriel, celeste Serafino,
Uniscimi all'accento tuo Divino,
Voi dir nella tua dolce compagnia:
Ave Maria
All'appressar dell'ultima mia sera
Aiutami a ripeter la preghiera

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Dolce conforto in vita all'alma
Ave Maria
Non tremerò per quei supremi istanti
Se muoverai le labbra mie anelanti
A mormorar nell'ultima agonia:
Ave Maria.

Mira il tuo popolo.

I

Mira il tuo popolo
o bella Signora
che pien di giubilo
oggi ti onora.
Anch'io festevole
corro ai tuoi pie'
o Santa Vergine
prega per me.

II

Il pietosissimo
tuo dolce cuore
porto e rifugio
è al peccatore.
Tesori e grazie
racchiude in se
o Santa Vergine
prega per me.

III

In questa misera
valle infelice
tutti t'invocano
consolatrice.
Questo bel titolo
conviene a te
o Santa Vergine
prega per me.

IV

Dal vasto oceano
propizia stella
ti veggo splendere
sempre più bella.
Al porto guidami
per tua merce
o Santa Vergine
prega per me.

V

Reca la pace
su questa terra
tal che finiscan
l'odio e la guerra.
Il prigioniero
ha fede in te
o Santa Vergine
prega per me.

I

L'Italia nostra
già martoriata
clemente guarda
Madre beata.
Per quel potere
che Dio ti die'
salva l'Italia
prega per me.

VII

Sui nostri cari
stendi il tuo manto
a' lor piangenti
asciuga il pianto
Oh Madre Santa
del nuo Signor
noi ti invochiamo
prega per lor

Regina pacis.

Immacolata Vergine bella
Di nostra vita tu sei la stella
Fra le tempeste deh guida il core
Di chi ti chiama madre d'amore.
Tu che dal cielo scendi regina
Su noi pietosa lo sguardo inchina
Pel nostro labbro che stringa al petto
Deh non privarci del tuo affetto.
Siam peccatori, ma figli tuoi
Regina pacis prega per noi.
I prigionieri alme dolenti
A Te le preci volgon fidenti
Fa che sia presto l'atteso giorno
Di giusta pace di loro ritorno
Tu sei pura siccome i gigli
Volgi i tuoi occhi ai nostri figli
Proteggi Madre con man pietose
Tutte le mamme, tutte le spose.
Siam peccatori, ma figli tuoi
Regina pacis prega per noi.

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Noi vogliam Dio!

Noi vogliam Dio! — Vergin Maria,
Benigna ascolta — il nostro dir.
Deh! Tu potente — O Madre Pia,
Fa che si compia — tanto desir!
Deh! benedici, o Madre,
Al grido della fè:
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Padre,
Noi vogliam Dio, ch'è nostro Re.
Noi vogliam Dio! — quest'almo grido
Echeggi ovunque — in terra e in mar.
Sacro, solenne — in ogni lido
Dove s'innalza — di Dio l'altar.
Deh! benedici, o Madre, ecc.
Noi vogliam Dio! — le inique genti
Reggitan stolte — il suo regnar.
Ma noi un patto — stringiam infranti,
Nè mai che si osi — l'Idolo adorar.
Deh! benedici, o Madre, ecc.
Noi vogliam Dio! — nella famiglia,
Del nostro caro — in mezzo al cor,
Stan forti i figli — caste le figlie
Tutte s'infiammi — di Dio l'amor.
Deh! benedici, o Madre, ecc.
Noi vogliam Dio — Dio nella scuola
Dove si accoglie — la gioventù.
Qui ancor risuoni — la sua parola
Qui sia l'immagin — del buon Gesù.
Deh! benedici, o Madre, ecc.
Noi vogliam Dio! — dov'è la legge,
Dov'è la scienza — dove è l'amor.

Dov'è giustizia — dove è chi regge
Dove si nasce — dove si muor.
Deh! benedici, o Madre, ecc.

Pietà, Signor.

Pietà, Signor, del nostro patrio suolo.
Noi ti preghiamo appie del santo altar.
La Patria nostra a te si volge in duolo,
A te sua prece ascenda e il sospirar.
Dio di clemenza, Dio Salvator.
Salvate Italia e Roma
Pel vostro Sacro Cuor.
Pietà, Signor, sul suo Calvario in pianto
Di Chiesa Santa geme il gran Pastor.
Deh! rendi gloria al nostro Padre Santo
Con un trionfo uguale al suo dolor.
Dio di clemenza, ecc.
Pietà, Signor... La nostra cara Terra
Eletta centro di tua santa fè,
Tregua ti chiede almen nell'empia guerra
Mossi al tuo piede, che sol fida in Te.
Dio di clemenza, ecc.
Pietà, Signor... Per tanta cieca gente,
Che delle patrie glorie scempio fa.
Dei peccator Tu muta il cuor, la mente,
Ed all'Italia dona libertà.
Dio di clemenza, ecc.

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NORME PER CONSERVARSI VERO SOLDATO CRISTIANO

1. Recitate ogni dì al mattino ed alla sera, con fede, qualche breve preghiera a Dio nostro Signore e alla Madonna (chi può un *Padre nostro* e un'*Ave Maria*).

2. Tutte le domeniche e le feste comandate, se si è libero, al mattino assistere alla Santa Messa. Nell'epoca serale, almeno, sia vostra cura visitare la Chiesa per pregare Gesù Sacramentato e la Madonna, per voi e per i vostri cari.

3. Accostarsi alla S. Confessione e Comunione almeno una volta all'anno, e potendo anche nelle feste principali, specialmente alla Confessione.

4. In caso di grave malattia chiedere per tempo i Santi Sacramenti per morire da vero cristiano.

5. Non aver paura di manifestare i propri sentimenti religiosi nelle occasioni che si presentano.

6. Evitare la bestemmia, male enorme che provoca grandemente i castighi di Dio.

7. Non fare discorsi cattivi contro la religione e la morale.

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8. Non leggere libri, giornali cattivi, ma piuttosto buone letture buone e utili.

9. Guardarsi assolutamente da certi luoghi dove si offenda Dio, che sono la rovina di tanti uomini cristiani ora e sempre l'anima e il corpo.

10. Non trascurare l'assenza divota del soldato con l'osservanza che almeno l'uomo e le famiglie si usi di fare anche più tardi.

11. L'obbedienza e il rispetto verso i superiori e la disciplina sono i principali doveri militari.

12. Fuggire i cattivi esempi e pericolosi degli uomini tra i migliori commilitoni. Un buon amico è un tesoro per tutti ma specialmente per un giovane soldato.

13. Amare i compagni come fratelli in Nostro Signore, figli della grande famiglia dell'esercito, e aiutarsi a vicenda col buon esempio e buon consiglio.

14. Amare la propria classe e farla amare ed onorare dai camerati con la buona condotta, facendo bene quando il più, male a nessuno.

15. Non trascurare di istruirsi nella Religione; almeno non dimenticare le cose principali della nostra S. Religione.

Ministry of [illegible] Liaison — March 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Handed letter for clarification on personnel to go to the Military Academy. — G1 A.G.

Pointed out that Academy should not begin to function until full details as to numbers to come from Army were available and feeding of non military personnel. Re-action was that this was continuation of cause that had started before the Armistice.

Non military personnel would be regarded as officers and would be fed from Army stocks.

Details will be forwarded.

CABINET

1. Col FIORE once more asked that the reinforcements now ready be moved as quick as possible. There is no more room in these collection depots. — 2 i/c

2. Col FIORE informed me that a certain number of books destined for P/W in N Africa are now ready and are available for censoring. Could the MoFA be informed of the procedure to be adopted. — G3 (I)

The books are available as follows:

3250	Hq IX Corps BARI
357	Dopolavoro Previdenza Sociale LECCE
1715	HQ XXXI Corps
1000	155 Sez Sussistenza FRANCAVILLA FONTANA

3. Was informed that Gen ORLANDO is going into the question of putting forward active clemency to the King for most of the military prisoners in gaol. The matter will be gone into with great care and pardon will be granted with great leniency. Only the more severe cases will be left in gaol. The King at the present moment is granting pardon to about 100 cases every week. The men on being released will be returned to the depots on whose strength they figure. — 2 i/c

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LIAISON OFFICE

Contacted LO for clarification of letter 101675/AV dated 14 March from Commando Supremo to ACC. The following points were given A.Q.

(a) The 10,000 men in question are personnel who have been demobilized under the demobilization scheme approved.

(b) 5200 tons material - includes ammo for PICENO and MANTOVA divs which are now being formed on an operational basis, cheese, for troops in Italy (there is a lot of cheese wasting in Sardinia) clothing is Italian Clothing and equipment of which there are fairly large quantities in Sicily.

(c) Transport probably includes workshop lorries which are needed badly in Italy. This however is an SMRE request and can be clarified by them SMRE LO please note.

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Ministry of War Liaison

17 March 44

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Has informed that curfew in Toronto has been altered by the Allied Authorities from 2230 hrs to 2130 hrs. M of W wish to know whether there is any special reason for this.

M of W would also like to know whether it will be possible to put it back to 2230 hrs as very shortly it will still be light at 2130 hrs.

2. Ref letter I/113 dated April 3 of subject "Forwarding of Italia newspaper".

M of W report that a whole lot of newspapers to be sent to troops in Med areas have been returned to the forwarding office. M of W would, therefore, like to accept the offer contained in above letter. Is this in order.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)

Approached Col Basile about question of thread for boot repairs and requests thereof.

Col Basile informed me (a) Requests from Naples were nonsense and should not be taken notice of (b) In M of W letter 2069/I/Tc dated 12 April, M of W are asking for the release of 20 quintels of string which was known to be available. This would last for some time. (c) M of W monthly requirements amount to 15 quintels a month, this liable to increase if leather is found for making boots. A written confirmation is following.

Ref queries brought up by Comd 7th Mountain Regt R A.

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Reinforcements are a matter which should be dealt with by SMPE.

Col PETRONELLI (Pay)

The personnel, if coming under IX Corps for administration, can also draw their pay from IX Corps.

The question of Combat scale pay does not arise. It had been proposed by Gen Ambrosio that troops in training for combat should be receiving combat pay before becoming an actual fighting force. This had been turned down by the Minister of Finance. 7th Mountain Regt has had several tries at getting this allowance but will not succeed in getting. It has been definitely agreed

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Col BASILE (Commissariat)

All MTFI supplies required by the Regt will have to be indented for on the Ministry for War. This can be done by putting indents through IX Corps.

Ref growing of beards. Col Basile stated that this was permissable in the Italian Army and in view of present day shortages it will have to be essential.

Ref the losses of equipment, an officer from the Regt was in the Minister and had obtained the necessary prices for charging those responsible for losses in equipment.

Gen ALIBERTI

Explained the various procedures for investigating cases in the British Army requiring disciplinary action. AQ 1927

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Ministry War Liaison

18th March 44

LIAISON OFFICER

1. Asked Col CORO to make enquiries about and hurry ammo returns as held in unit depots. 2 i/c

Col CORO assued me that this was being compiled and was being treated as urgent.

2. Ref our AQ/10 dated 17 Jan. S.C. (Q)

The recovery of mules in FOGGIA area has now been completed. The total results are

93 mules
21 horses

A confirmation is following.

3. Was informed that a decree had been published which returned rights to all Jewish people in Italy. Any such persons falling in the classes now in the Army was liable to be called up. Comdr C A.Q.

It is estimated that there are very few Jews in Italy.

4. Showed Liaison office copy of letter from ACC to Marshal Messe which gave authority to sending Mons NANI Pietro to Algiers. DAQMG

This answered their request as stated in log dated 14 March.

Col POLOSA (Medical Br) G1 (L) DADMS

Enquired from Col Polosa as to whether an indent had been put in by the Italian Air Force for "French Letters". Was informed that to date no indent had been received but that an officer had been along to discuss the matter.

It was unlikely that M of W could meet this demand as numbers available were very small. These were in Trizio hospital - Lecce.

CABINET

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M of W are proposing to find another building for 2 Region. An officer has been instructed to find suitable premises out of the choice of the following 4 available buildings

Palazzo Acquedotto Pugliese
Palazzo della Provincia
Comdo Territoriale di Corpo d'Armata
Ufficio Stampa Ministero dell'Interno.

We will be informed of results.

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2. Was given the latest list of reinforcements ready for PBS. — 2 i/c

19 March	Lecce Bks	500
21 March	Lecce Bks	140
23 March	19 Inf Regt Depot Nicastro	287
24 March	16 IR Depot Cosenza	261
	207 IR Depot Catanzaro	190
25 March	208 IR Depot Reggio	347

This brings the total made available to date up to 2825. More figures will follow. It was pointed that it would be essential to move the ones available to date as quick as possible in order to avoid congestion.

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Ministry of War Liaison — 17 March 44

Lt Col RAMPA (Motorization Br)

1. Reference petrol which is to be consigned to Italian Forces. — DAQMG

M of W wish to know where consignments can be made to the Army.

Must distribution be done through CIP or can quantities be made available at either both BARI and TARANTO or BARI and BRINDISI. The latter would be more convenient to M of W.

2. Reference Lancia Aprila car belonging to Capt CHIECO DADOS 6 Base Sub Area case. — G1 (L) A.G.

(a) Car has now been handed over to 6 BSA. Lt Col Rampa has witnessed this.

(b) Disciplinary action has been ordered to be taken on Capt CHIECO.

(c) Whole matter to be referred to Gen ORLANDO.

CABINET

Passed list of P/W forwarded by Col Quinsmith to M of W for information as to which P/W had actually arrived to date in Italy. List will be ready for 18 March. — Comd A.G.

LIAISON OFFICE

Informed Liaison office that ref P/W arriving in Italy dressed in Allied clothing, it was bound to be necessary for Military Police to check the Italians concerned. — S.C (G)

CABINET

1. Was given further list of reinforcements coming from Depots to go to PSS. — 2 i/c

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The following arose:

(a) Dispositions have been taken for the finding of suitable premises in which personnel from civilian prisons can be removed.

(b) M of T have no idea of numbers in gaol but are finding out from statistics.

Apart from personnel in civilian gaols there are also personnel in the military gaols at BARI and TARANTO.

(c) It was not known whether all personnel in gaol were being fed from Army rations. It was known that some were being fed and were held on depot strengths. Enquiries are being made to establish whether all are being fed from Army rations.

JFM.

Lt Col/GS

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Ministry of War [illegible]aison — 16 March 44

CABINET

1. Had meeting with Gen CORONATI and Col FIORE about the provision of 6500 men from Depots and Districts. — 2 i/c

Gen CORONATI pointed out that he had drawn men from depots to make up the total of 3320 men for 212 Coast Div as well as some to make up the lavoratori co ys. These drawings had taken place since 20th Feb.

Col FIORE wished to know whether now that 212 Div was up to strength required, it made any difference to the number of 6500 required as reinforcements, as 212 Div was included to want reinforcements. The number taken from depots for this purpose was 450/500. Exact details as to numbers taken from depots and reasons have been asked for.

2. Was informed by Col FIORE that Gen OXILIA had arrived from Montenegro. — Comd G A.Q.

3. Was informed that Gen Bernardi had warned M of M that 2 Region was coming to BARI in premises now occupied by IX Corps and that IX Corps would have to move to Matera. — Comd A.Q.

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A.G.

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CABINET

Was informed by Col FIORE that a first batch of 500 men were ready for PBS.

They were ready as follows:

100 - from 47 Arty Regt Depot (COPERTINO)
400 - Lecce barracks (Monteranird).

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Col BASILE (Commissariat Br)
Made enquires about PIRONE firm in Naples as referred to in letter ACC/5134/IC dated 8 March. — AAQMG
M of W know nothing about this firm as it does not figure on the civilian firms list working for the Italian Army.
An enquiry is being made by M of W with Gen BASSO as to details of work performed by this firm.

LIAISON OFFICE
1. Informed LO that 820,821 and 822 Coy Telegr and 65 Gp Teleg as well as 800 and 801 Posacavi were not getting sol labour allce. Could arrangements be made. — A.Q. S.O. Sigs
Those units should apply to theirCorps for this allce. I will get matter pressed.

2. Was given state of amms in Arty dumps in Italy and Sardinia. — 2 i/c A.Q.
State of amms with units will take some time as considerable check is required. Letter 1092/c dated 15 March refers.

CABINET
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The men were required urgently and a first lot should be found as quick as possible.

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Ministry of War Liaison — 14 March 44

LIAISON BRANCH

Lt Gen ORLANDO wishes to send Monseigneur NANI Pietro, Apostolic delegate, to Algiers in order that he may visit P/W. This is intended for before Easter. What procedure must M of W adopt. — A.Q.

2. M of W now have a certain number of parcels ready for P/W in N. Africa. In these parcels are included no foodstuffs but cigarettes. M of W wish to know whether this is in order. — A.Q.

3. M of W are tearing their hair out because the bombing plot which the American Air force recently wished to requisition is now having all the trees cut down over an area of over 2500 acres. This area is a pasture land and thousands of sheep would be killed. M of W would like us to intervene. — A.Q.

Gen ALIBERTI

1. Gen Aliberti wanted to know whether there was any further news of the 1000 vehicles which were supposed to be given to the Italians. This apparently was promised by Gen MacFarlane at the Salerno conference held lately. 800 of these vehicles were to go to civilian needs and 200 to the Army. This if done would relieve M of W of a very pressing problem. — G A.Q.

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1. Asked Col Gualano to enquire as to welfare and whereabouts of Sgt Maj Giovanni SUFI (AFHQ request in letter M Gs 383-1 dated 27 Feb) — S.C. (Q)

2. Informed Col Gualano that removal of 83 P/W (3 Offrs 80 ORs) from LAMPE DUSA to Sicily is projected. — A.Q.

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TRANSLATION

From: SMRE LO OFFICE with HQ 151 Sub Area

To : SMRE Staff Section

Ref; 265
Date 6/3/44

Subject: Requisition

HQ 151 Sub Area have ap lied for requisition of 2 circular plots of land having a radius of 3.600 Kms. and having as centre points the map reference 0890710-0960650 British Map sheets 167-1SE, 100.000.

The zones of about 2.80 Kims are in the Murge region and affect the communities of SPINAZZOLE, ANDRIA CORATO, GRAVINA, RUVO and ALTAMURA.

Requisition has been applied for for the American Armed Forces for the purpose of establishing a practice firing range for planes.

For purpose indicated, there can be no doubt that the zone is the most suitable among those existing in the province of Bari. It is hilly, lacking in any particular important roads or railways, far from inhabited centres, if small agricultural value, extensively cultivated but not excessively split up as regards property. Buildings are scarce and there are no Silos, cattle sheds or other agricultural installations of any importance. The zone comprises sowable land classified in the 5th Gp. (poor and rocky land).

The greatest drawback will be transfer elsewhere of the many thousands of head of cattle, mostly sheep, existing in the territory.

Bearing in mind that the average taxable income from these lands is about 150 per acre for sowable and 40 or thereabouts for pasture the indeminity to be paid to those concerned does not appear to be excessive when considered per unit. But taking into account, the large area involved, probably damage to building, country roads and the land itself total indemnity will amoutnto a figure well worth considering.

On the other hand the destruction and lack of availability of the cereals, forage and vegetables produced in the area, plus the difficulty of absorbing elsewhere the labour formally employed there are also factors which are bound to greatly affect the economy of the communities concerned. I therefore feel it my duty to recommend the Allied authority concerned to choose for their purpose some malarial infested ground which would consequently be agriculturely unproductive.

I do not think it will be easy to obt in substitution since the land chosen offers positive advantesg. Variety of ground, equidistant from the main airfields easy access for placing targets and checking on aiming and comparative distant from the battlefront etcetera.

Alternatively, in order to reduce the damage estimated as much as possible it could be suggested to the American commend concerned to endeavour to spare the buildings, to place their targets in the land having less agricultural value, to avoid the use of incendiary bombs, as far as possible, particularly from May onwards.

Practice firing could be suspended for a few days during the fruit-picking season.

I have deemed it adviseable, in the meantime, to give the necessary instructions for negotiations for requisitioning to commence. After having obtained the necessary data from the technical office of agriculture of Bari I have caused a meeting to take place at the CORATO Town Hall at which the Mayors of all the communities concerned shall be present as well as the Comdr of the Carabinieri and that of the Military Garrison.

Since this requisition does not really imply an effective of the

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occupation of the ground and may therefore lead those concerned to believe they are still in possession I have taken all the necessary steps to see that adequate orders are personally to each individual indicating therein full details of the land to be evacuated. Both the making out of documents and delivery of requisitions will entail expenses which I will endeavour to recover from the communities concerned.

H.Q. 151 Sub Area have impressed upon me the urgency of the case. Preliminary work is already being carried out in the neighbourhood and they want to have the area free by the 15th inst.

A copy is enclosed in case it is required by the War Ministry.

Sgd. L.O.
Inf Capt. De SIMONE, Carlo.

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Subject:- Bombing ranges

Record of Conversation Major LESLIE DARLING 2 Dist (Green + requisitioning) —— Major CAMERON-HUNT
1745 hrs 16 Nov 44.

1. DISTWO letter 1468/8/Q2 of 14 March to MMIA to follow in due post, giving details of Bombing ranges to be used by Air Force.

2. Locns of ranges.

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a) Ranges of LAKES VICHANE and LESINA on GARGANO Peninsula - not yet ascertained. AVIGOT object that water yield 12 hrs ½ per day!

b) Four ranges — radius of 2 miles around each of J 454692 - 420690 - 282629 - 156668

c) Two ranges in rd triangle CORATO — GRAVINA - SPINAZOLA. I understand all villages within this area were evacuated by 15 March.

d) 2 mile radius around O 750410

e) " PUNTO DEL HERCULES 1919

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3 Only 2 b + c above have been so far communicated to IDS.
2 d + e are being reconnoitred by Air Force Person

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13 March 44

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LIAISON OFFICE

(i) Liaison Office gave me the latest figures received from the collecting together of deserters from the Army — Cmdr G A.Q.

CAMPANIA H.Q.	600
IX Corps	550
XXXI Corps	56

Further figures are awaited.

(ii) M of W in letter 662/c dated 19 Feb submitted a copy of the new proposed identification Card for the Italian Armed Forces with a request for authority to issue these cards to the Army. M of W would like to know whether this request has been authorized as no reply has been received to date. — A.Q. G3 (I)

(iii) Liaison Office showed me a copy of a letter to be sent to us in which the following points were laid dut by the DAG's office — Comdr G A.Q.

(a) Numbers of demobilized officers to date as promised for 10th March has not yet been given as lists are still to arrive.

(b) Confirm that officers affected in para (a) do not include any officers employed by Allies.

(c) Students for Military Academy will include some who have reached calling up ages and others who have not. It is impossible to give any numbers. Students having reached calling up age have not been called up to Colours.

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(b) They wear same uniform as the Army, have same ranks and wear stars like the Army. This clothing is alloted to the M of F by M of W. Same applies to equipment.

(c) They are subject to same discipline as the Army.

(d) An Army General is always in command.

(e) Their pay is included in the Armed Forced budget.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br) A.Q.

(i) Informed Col Basile of letter 2500 dated 24 Feb from Col Calaresu (Intendenza Campania Forces) direct to Flambo about the forming of an office in Naples harbour to deal with loading and unloading of supplies for Italian troops.

I pointed out that the present arrangements were quite satisfactory and that Col Calaresu should not write direct to AFHQ on such matters.

A "rocket" is being dispatched.

(ii) Obtained the release of 875 mattresses for the American Air Force rest home at SAN SPIRITO authorized by us. The necessity of this release was pointed out in that it was to rest operational pilots in comfort. A.Q. DADOS

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Ministry of War Liaison — 12 March 44

Liaison Branch

1. Liaison Branch handed me the figures received to date from the round-up of deserters of all classes from the Army. — Comdr. G, A.Q.

IX Corps- 550
XXXI Corps- 48

There are still more figures to arrive.

The men rounded up do not include any Allied employed to whom exemption is granted on the same lines as that to be granted to the recalled classes (ie to be passed by Local Resources Board).

2. Liaison Branch informed me that Gen Mariotti had left to-day for Sicily to assumeCommand of XII Corps. — Comdr. G, A.Q.

3. Was informed that Town Major Lecce had requested the assignment of an interpreter N.C.O. and the loan of a pianist. — A.Q.

Both these have been authorized and will come from Lecce Garrison H.Q.

4. All the personnel affected by recall and the rounding up of deserters are presenting a difficulty to M of W with regard to boots and clothing. Where possible these will be equipped from Italian stocks but certain allotments will have to be made. These will be asked for as needed. — A.Q., DADOS

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Reported to Col Landolfi that the additional forage ration which has been authorized has not been issued to 4 Bty 56 Arty Regt. (Alpini) and Piedmonte Bn Alpini Regt. and further that no forage whatsoever has been received. DADST

M of W could not answer this and are making immediate investigations for action.

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Ministry of War Liaison

11 Mar 44

LIAISON BRANCH

It is the intention of the M of W to form a Fd Punishment C Centre on the TREMITI Islands. This would necessitate having a garrison of 1 Coy there. M of W would like to know if we have any objection to this. AQ

Gen ALIBERTI

(1) Approached Gen ALIBERTI about the request for tyres from the Public Works & Utilities Sub Commission for tyres for SICELP firm. AQ

Of the tyres asked for, Gen ALIBERTI has only a few tyres of the 42 x 9 types. These tyres are of a kind very much in demand by the Army being of a standard type. Gen ALIBERTI was however prepared to release up to 15 of this type on repayment. He has no stock of the other types asked for.

(2) Gen ALIBERTI is extremely worried about the tyre situation. The stocks in hand have now reached a minimum and stocks of tyres used on civilian types are exhausted. AQ & DADME

Experiments carried out have proved that the sand tread type of tyres used on Jeeps and Utilities can be used on many makes of civilian cars. Gen ALIBERTI would like to know whether the Allies could release some of these tyres to the Italian Army.

Lt Col LANDOLFI (Commissariat Branch)

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Gen BUTTA (DAG)

Gen BUTTA gave me the Orders to be issued for the recall to arms of the 1923 class (first class to be recalled now agreed upon). G & AG

Gen BUTTA had put in his orders that it would be the Army Sub Commission's responsibility to inform respective CORPS of names of men who were to be exempted from this recall, for reasons of being employed as civilians in useful work.

I pointed out to Gen BUTTA that this was not as laid down in letter AQ/30 dated 1 Mar.

Recall was to be started. Names and full particulars to be taken of men stating that were being employed in Allied Labour. These lists to be given to ASC LO att to CORPS concerned for reference to Local Resources board who were to state exemption or recall.

This was agreed & new orders to be issued by tonight.

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Ministry of War Liaison

10 March 44

GABINETTO

1. Discussed with Col Fiore and Col RAVAGLI the future of Liaison Br. at M of W. The following points arose:
a. That Gen aliberti might be relieved of being head Liaison branch in view of his present heavy work. This has yet to be decided.
b. that Col RABAGLI becomes head of Liaison branch and assumes direct responsibility for its functioning.
c. that Liaison branch becomes fully familiar with all functions of M of W and assumes responsibility for passing on of information in a general way to be confirmed and or discussed by me with the Depts. concerned.

Comdr
Gl (L)
G
A.Q.

2. Col FIORE informed me that before orders can be issued for the calling back of 20-24 classes in Campaniaarea, starting with 24 class, this will have to be approved by the Minister of War. A draft copy of the orders is now ready to be approved on 11 March.

Comdr
Gl (L)
A.Q.

Lt. Col GUALANO (ufficio II-Adm)

1. Was informed that H.Q. CCRR now in BARI has been authorized by Gen MacFarlane to move to Salerno. A copy of a message received to this effect was handed to me (Message 95 dated 10 March from M of W Liaison Branch Salerno).

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DADOS
A.Q.

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Gen PELLIGRA

Asked Gen Pelligra whether CC RR were receiving rations a a report had reached us from ACC (Ref. 302/24/CA dated 2 March) to the contrary. A.Q.

Gen Pelligra stated that all CC RR were receiving rations in all areas of liberated Italy. This message probable referred to a special scale of ration (A scale) to which they were not entitled but were trying to get.

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Ministry of War Liaison — 9 March 44

GABINETTO

Accompanied Lt Col Moriarty to discuss calling back of illegal absentees and 20-24 classes to the Army. Present were Col Fiore VERNAZZA, Lt Col GUALANO (Admin) and Gen BUTTA (DAG). The following points arose from the discussion:

(i) Col FIORE had prepared a memorandum for Comdr. MMIA in which was explained fully the difference between collecting back deserters and calling back 20-24 classes in Campania district (Letter 2480/II dated 9 March).

(ii) Collecting back of illegal absentees (deserters) in all districts had begun . Preliminary report on this to be received on 11 March.

(iii) Calling back 20-24 classes not yet started as points on exemption from this recall of men now on civilian key labour not clearly defined.

(iv) It was agreed that recall should start and that full particulars should be taken of men reporting that they were employed on key labour; lists t be referred to Local Resources board for confirmation.

(v) M. of W. intention was to start recall with 24 class and not 20 class. Hoped there was no objection on our part.

(vi) Orders were to be issued immediately for this recall to start. Copy of these orders to be handed to me when completed. Recall to be done one class at a time and completion with numbers to be reported to us before calling up of second class.

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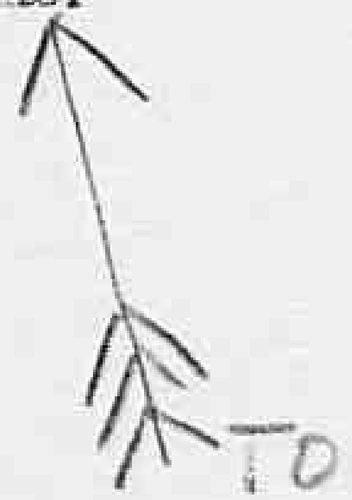
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M istry of War Liaison — 8 March 44

GABINETTO

(i) Reported the inefficiency of the Liaison Branch in communicating matters of policy to us. This in particular reference to the collecti on of illegal refugees. Instructions governing this rounding up had been passed to Liaison office in order that we might be informed and this had failed to be done. — Comdr G A.Q.

Col FIORE informed me th t this was quite correct and that it was not the only time such a thing had happened. Col FIORE stated that he hoped that there would be a com lete change with the appointment of Col RAVAGLI as the new head of the Liaison Dept.

(ii) Was informed that Gen Mariotti would assume the command of the Sicily Military H.Q. (XII Corps) as from 10 Mardh. He would leave for Sicily a few days after this date. — Comdr G A.Q.

A confirmation of this ap ointment was handed to me (letter 69/c dated 8 Mar ch). — G3 (I)

Letter 947/c date d 7 March refers to the formation of this HQ in Sicily giving full particulars.

(iii) Col FIORE informed me that there were still some men of the 1907 and 1908 who had not yet been demobilized before were being held for trial on various charges. The intention had been to have these men in the Army until completion of their trials (liable to take time). It was now however the intention to demobilize these men and try them at a later date. — Comdr G A.Q.

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LIAISON OFFICE

Liaison Office are now obtaining localities of books destined for P/W in Africa and numbers when these will be had. M of W would like to know how and where censorship will take place. A letter to this effect will follow.

Comdr G3(I) A.Q.

Col GUALANO (Adm)

Reference the order by Carabinieri authorizing the return of arms to civilians in Campobasso; M of W would like a report of this in writing so that action may be taken.

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Ministry of War Liaison

Liaison Office

(i) Informed Col CORA , for onward transmission to all concerned, that a census could be taken of all illegal absentees reported in Sicily in order that numbers could be forwarded to us. No other action could be taken unless authorized by us.
A confirmation in writing has been sent to the M. of W.

Comdr G A.Q.

(ii) Asked Liaison Br. whether there were any records of burials of Allied Forces personnel in Mid. East and N. African countries. (Ref. letter ADVHQGR/172 dated 1st March from Adv. H.Q. G.R. and E. (Med. Pool) AFHQ Adv. Adm Ech.).
Col CORA informed me that there is a Graves Commission (Comitato Oreranze e Salue caduti in Guerra) centered in Milan. This Commission has a probable branch in Tripoli which would have this information. Contact should be made with Gen CASTELLANI's mission for confirmation.

A.Q.

(iii) Informed Liaison Office that ref the 8000 demobilized soldiers arriving on the mainland mentioned in letter 902/C dated 4 March; it was extremely unlikely that these would be coming in one bunch, but in small batches and they would therefore be easy to handle.
(This is ref. 8000 demobilized men coming from Sardinia as reported from AMG Region 2).

A.Q.

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(a) Essential that MMIA should have movement programme for distribution of supplies between 4 main Italian depots in order to have a balanced rat on in each depot.

Col Landolfi stated he would submit a programme to us not later than 9 March.

(b) 10 daily ration demands supplied from British RSD's would cease as soon as movement mentioned in para (a) were completed. Suggested date from FLAMBO for Italians to begin feeding themselves from their own depots was 15 March. What was M of W opinion .

Col Landolfi did not think that 15 March was late enough date. Col Landolfi stated that he would be prepared to start this on the 24 March. (next time limit of 10 daily oration demand).

(c) Accounting of supplies. Procedure to be followed was as laid down in our ST/1/2 dated 17 Feb. Each ship would have to be accounted for separately showing each commodity with no of packages and total poundage. This was understood and agreed.

Col BASILE (Commissariat Br.)

Col BASILE asked very specially that the sheets not authorized in our AQ/12/1 dated 4 March should be authorized. A.Q. DDOS

This were for officers who were permanently on duty in barracks.

Col RAMPA (Motorization Br) G3 (I)

Asked Col Rampa for details of investigations on Capt VAGLIO (Ref. Capt VAGLIO de FILIPIS case) Col Rampa informed me that this was in hands of Lecce Carabinieri now.

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Gen ALIBERTI

Gen Aliberti informed me that the second trial afforded to the O.C's. of 1001 and 1002 G T. Coys had once again proved unsatisfactory and that he was going to change them. The names of the sucedding officers will be forwarded to us.. A.D.S.T.

Lt. Col GUALANO (ufficio II Adm.)

1. Discussed the colletting of illegal absentees and the progress made. Comdr G A.Q.

(a) The rounding up of illegal absentees in areas other than Campania, Lucania, Abruzzi and Molise has been started. Results of this will come in everyten days. first report to be in on 10 March.

(b) The recalling to the colorns of the classes 1920-24 inc. in Campania, Lucania, Abruzzi and Molise has not yet been started but should start soon. This will be done one class at a time as laid down in our AQ/30 dated 1 March.

I have asked for a copy of instructions as issued by M. of W. for this to be put into effect.

2. Discussed the question of the demobilisation of certain officers surplus to all possible needs of the Army. Comdr G A.Q.

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CABINETTO

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I informed Col FIORE of the large numbers going on leave from these areas and was told that the matter would be gone into.

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Liaison Officer

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Liaison Bn

Asked Col. CORA to approach Gen. ALIBERTI, on his return, for the substitute for Lt. VENTRIGLIA a promised by Gen. ALIBERTI to be in charge of A.C.C. w/Shops. G2

Col. BASILE (Commissariat Br.)

Approached Col. BASILE about the supplying of comforts to combat troops. Asked for a statement of stocks held of (a) Soap (b) razor blades (c) other items regarded as comforts. AQ S.C. (Q) (4)

Col. BASILE said that as far as sending items up, it was only done upon request. Apart from soap, shaving soap and razor blades, comforts consisted of jam and brandy. All other items are now exhausted.

Soap will be available for one or two months after which soda will be required in order to make more. A request to this effect has been put in.

GABINETTO

Saw Col. FIORE about the request for pay for families of soldiers either P/W or in enemy occupied zones as passed to us from A.C.C. A.Q. 9

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I MISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. , March 44.

Gen . ALIBERTI

(i) Asked Gen ALIBERTI about the Military Academy which M of W wish to re-instate. 2 i/c G AQ

M of W wish to open up the Academy, not because of any shortage of officers, but purely in order to resume the studies of its pupils. Its pupils are all young boys who will become regular officers in the Italian Army and who are now at home. There is a total of 15 NCOs who have been specially recommended for the Academy and these are the only people to be withdrawn from the ranks.

There are about 500 of these pupils who will become officers in 3-4 years time.

Instructors and Staff will come from the school at MONTANARA whose officers are now ready to graduate. A few extra officers might be taken from the officers camp at S. CESAREA. No instructor or staff personnel will come from any unit now working for the Allies, nor will this Academy interfere with the Allied programme.

(ii) Asked Gen ALIBERTI about the removal of 209 Div W/S. AQ DAIME

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In APULIA there are enormous tpt difficulties. Could we please inform M of W in writing.

(v) Informed Gen ALIBERTI that we wanted a witness report from Luigi RICHINI - 95 Arty Gp re an accident involving a British lorry. 95 Arty Gp is in NAPLES Area and M of W are passing the request to Gen BASSOs HQ for onward transmission to M of W. AQ

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2. LIAISON DEPT.

Informed Liaiso. Dept that Adv Adm Ech of AFHQ now no longer exists. The HQ is now HQ., ACMF (Adm Ech). Telegraphic address still remains FLAMBO. G Q

Major GUISO (Commissariat Br - Clothing)

M of W in letter , 471/C dated 1.1.44 asked if it would be possible to bring over some blankets and paillaisses covers from SARDINIA as the stocks there were reasonable. AQ DADOS

M of W would like to know decisions.

Lt Col. GUALANO (Adm Br.)

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Lt Col. GUALANO (Adm Br.)

(i) Col. GUALANO informed me that a list is being prepared of all Yugoslav desertions with localities where desertion took place and date when possible. It will not be possible to state their destinations. — G

(ii) It is reported that a Yugoslav civilian by name of VALCOUICK has been caught passing enticing propaganda to encourage desertions. He has a companion in BARI with a car to remove deserters. VALCOUICK is a partisan who was P/W in Italy but who escaped. He is now under arrest with the Carabinieri at LI Corps. M of W would like to know what should be done with him. — 2 i/c G AQ

Gen. CRIUARO

Informed Gen CRIUARO that ref letter. 11/6871 dated 23 Feb telephones could be issued and were now no longer a controlled store. — S.O. Sigs

GABINETTO.

Col. FIORE informed me that 50 officers arrived in NAPLES who were repatriated P/W. Amongst them are included: — Comdr. G Q G 3 (I)

Maj Gen. DE FRANCHIS and a Brigadier.

All have gone to the Officers home at S. CESAREA where their position will be examined and legalised.

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Major.

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Arty Dept.

Contacted the Arty Dept about the providing of 6 Ordnance Officers for the inspection and classification of ammunition in SICILY. G

Arty Dept stated that this would be possible but required further details. Names of the officers selected will be forwarded to us. M of W are rather worried as to the transport question for this job. DADOS.

Col. POLOSA. (Med Dept)

Informed Col. POLOSA that the Italian Air Force request for 5000 prophylactics would have to be met by the M of W. This item is not a controlled store and all further requests could be met direct DADMS

Col. RAMPA (Motorization Br.)

Asked Col. RAMPA as to possibilities of providing tpt from IX Corps for Capt. HELLER, Ordnance Inspecting officer for Italian Ord. stocks. A.Q.

Col. RAMPA agreed to this and asked for a letter so that necessary instructions could be passed to Commissariat Br of IX Corps. Tpt could not, however, be provided for inspections out of IX Corps Area. DADOS.

GABINETTO.

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GS (I)

Col. LANDOLFI (Commissariat Dept)
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Contacted Col. LANDOLFI about the percentages of tobacco and cigarettes issued to Italian Army. This was with reference to my future visit to BARI factory.

Col. LANDOLFI stated that only issues made to troops were cigarettes and no tobacco.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 3 Feb 44.

MAJOR GUISO (COMMISSARIAT DEPT - CLOTHING Br.)

A.Q.

Reference requests for issues of sheets. Authorised the following :

(i) Signal 1206/C dated 24 Feb - 1300 paillasses covers.

(ii) Signal 1134/C/A/3 dated 24 Feb - 200 sheets for refugees.

Did not authorise following :

(i) Signal 1164/C - 10 mattresses, 10 pillows, 20 cases, 40 sheets for NCOs.

(ii) Signal 1203/C - 50 sheets for GARIBALDI Div.

All these require written confirmation.

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GABINETTO

Col FIORE-VERNAZZA informed me that the 1 Regge. "Guide" left for CAVA DEI TIRRENI on 28 Feb.

Strength : - 43 offrs.
693 ORs .

These will be for public order in SALERNO

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 28 Feb 44.

LIAISON BRANCH.

Reference letter, 787/C dated 24 Feb from M of War ref Serg. Magg. CIOTTI Luigi. G.3. (I)

(i) CIOTTI Luigi was a member of the Italian Army but is now with the partisans. He might have deserted from the Army but this is not quite certain.

(ii) CARBONARA Hospital is an Italian hospital a part of which is reserved for Yugoslavs.

GABINETTO.

Had discussion with Col. FIORE on the parcel question for P/W in AFRICA. The following are the main points: COMDR.

(1) About 170,000 parcels to be made in order to reach P/W in N AFRICA by Easter.

Weight - not more than 500 gms each.
Contents - Foodstuffs (biscuits, sweets, chocolates and sweetmeats. cigarettes.
articles for personal use (soap, razor blades toothpaste etc.)

(2) About 10,000 books to be sent in order to form small Libraries in Camps.

(3) A fortnightly newspaper giving current news based on paper now on issue to Italian troops.

(4) Method of despatch - By Italian 'planes with agreement to be made with Air Ministry.

No of trips - total of 43 single trips.

(5) Required from Allies.

(a) 500 quintals of flour, 500 quintals of sugar to make biscuits and sweetmeats (this will come from Italian stocks now controlled by the Allies)

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(c) Allied transport to transport parcels from Airfields to Camps.

(d) Petrol for planes in AFRICA for return trip. Planes available for transportation of Allied equipment and personnel to ITALY on return.

(e) Authority for officer to proceed to ALGIERS to join Italian Military Mission to tie up all arrangements. Will remain to supervise the distribution done by Officers of above Mission.

(f) Rules for controlling and censoring such parcels.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 29 Dec 44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

(i) The Engineer Branch of M of W wish to know whether they can salvage a lot of searchlight equipment which is lying abandoned in various parts of SICILY.
If this is possible, M of W will instruct the SABAUDA Div to go around and collect this equipment on behalf of the Engineers. G

(ii) M of W would like to know what our answer is to two letters from SMRE; letter 423/Mob dated 24 Dec 43 and 1524/Mob dated 7 Jan. Both these letters deal with the forming of Territorial units HQs in SICILY. According to SMRE, these letters have not been answered
M of W are writing us a letter which is going to inform us of a plan for forming a Corps HQ in SICILY in which the Territorial HQs will play a big part G

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 26 Feb 44.

ENGINEER DEPT (REQUISITIONING BR)

Saw requisitioning branch about the powers of requisitioning of Div Comdrs in Italian Army, this with special regard to G.C. XXXI Corps.

Div Comdrs have full power of requisitioning anything that is in the interests of the Army with the exception of stores and equipment which are frozen by us.

The powers of requisitioning are laid down in the Royal Decree No. 1741 dated 18 August 1940 and published in the Official Gazette on 2 Jan 41. These still hold good.

The Direzione Lavori in all Corps have complete knowledge of the regulations and possess the necessary requisition forms and application to them would answer all queries.

All requisitions have to pass through them or through the various requisitioning committees set up in the most important towns.

G.GENETTO.

Enquired from Col FIORE TORRIGLIA as to the M of W authority for the releasing of certain officers in the Army. G. 1 (L)
A copy of the circular issued to this effect by the M of W will be given to us.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 25 Feb 44

LT. COL. RAMPA (Motorization Dept.)

1. Subsequent to M. of W. disagreeing to allow Lt. Ventuglia to act as tpt. off. for A.C.C., I asked Col Rampa whether another available officer could be found. Col Rampa is investigating. G 2

2. Col Rampa had sent a request to Liason officer A.C.C. at BARI for 10 tons of unfreezable oil for Arty guns to be released from the CIP. I informed Col Rampa that such requests should come through us. A letter to this effect from the M. of W. is coming to us. The matter is rather urgent. This amount of oil will be a 6 monthly supply. DAQMG

3. Col Rampa is having a lot of worry over petrol to be sent to Calabria. There is a lot of confusion over ~~s~~ly tpt requests. A letter is coming to us to show the various conflicting messages over this tpt. Col Rampa states that it has not been possible to obtain even 1 truck to transport the petrol and the matter will soon be reaching a critical state. SHAEF tpt office do not seem to be able to obtain any tpt without requests going round in circles. DAQMG

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Col. BASILE (Commissariat Dept.)

Saw Col Basile about the dye question. The dyes at Gallipoli are not satisfactory for dyeing battle dress. M. of W. will however make attempts at trying to obtain the right coloured dye from the Black Market in Naples. We will be informed as to results. DADOS

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 24 Feb 44.

Gen ALIBERTI

COMDR.

Saw Gen ALIBERTI about measures taken:
(a) about recovery of illegal absentees from the Army
(b) calling to the Colours of new classes

Gen ALIBERTI stated that instructions had been issued to all Carabinieri Corps to the effect that all illegal absentees from the Army be recovered from all areas in liberated Italy excepting CAMPANIA, LUCANIA, ABRUZZI and MOLISE. These last-mentioned areas had not been included owing to the fact that the Allies had, on entering those areas, allowed all troops to return to their homes. The recovery as ordered to date, should bring in about 3-5000 men.

It was the intention, however, subject to our approval and authority, to recover all illegal absentees from these excluded regions. Warning orders have been issued and can be put into effect as soon as our authority is given. This should bring in about 14-15000 men.

Calling to Colours.

Another possibility in the course of being studied was the calling to the colours of the last quarter yearly lot of the 1924 class in CALABRIA which it had not been possible to do owing to our invasion. This calling up would produce about 4-5000 men but there was the difficulty of training these men that presented the greatest trouble.

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(i) Asked Col. LANDOLFI how rations reached mouths of CCRR (incl. village CCRR)

Col LANDOLFI stated that all CCRR, irrespective of duties received rations in exactly the same way as Army units do i.e. either by collecting their own from depots or by getting their Coy HQ to draw for them A written confirmation is being despatched today.

(ii) Accompanied Major CANN to see Col LANDOLFI about despatch of Forage to CALABRIA.

Col. LANDOLFI gave the following reasons for forage not having been sent down to CALABRIA.

(a) The area alloted to M of W was a very small area and did not allow a sufficient quantity of forage to be loaded during a ten daily period.

(b) Owing to Allied manoeuvres in the area, loading was completely suspended.

(c) Owing to (a) and (b) the total forage demands for the ten daily periods were not collected.

(d) CALABRIA had stated that they had a certain quantity of forage available.

(e) CALABRIA had means of obtaining forage in that area

(d) Railway requests by M of W although authorised were, on more than one occasion, put off to indefinite dates.

Col LANDOLFI stated that he had however, made necessary arrangements for one ply truck to go down daily to CALABRIA. This, having been ordered some days ago, was now probably under way.

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Col LANDQUIST was asked to speed things up.

Maj Gen [illegible]

Adj Gen.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 23 Feb 44

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Informed Liaison Office that the request put in by them in letter, 529/C dated 18th February about a Pte MAFFEI was a matter to be dealt with by 209 Div HQ

S.C. 'Q'

2. Ref letter, 662/C dated 19 Feb from Liaison Office. A copy of letter, 2022/43 -G dated 17 Jan from 2 District addressed to Ministry of War was asked for. This is in connection with Identification Cards for the Italian Armed Forces.

G.3 (I)

Gen PELLIGRA (O.C. COMMISSARIAT BRANCH)

Informed Gen PELLIGRA that there was an urgent demand for the return to R.S.D. of all sacks issued to them with rations.

Gen PELLIGRA stated that he had already issued instructions to this effect and would repeat same. He wanted it pointed out that he could not return the sacks until

(a) rations contained in them had been used, and
(b) until a reasonable quantity could be collected together.

He stated, however, that immediate action would be taken on this matter.

TVS.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 22 Feb 44.

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Lt. Col. RAMPA (Motorization Dept)

(i) Ref AQ/24 dated 17 Feb about ANDRIA Petrol Dump. Col. RAMPA informed me that Gen. ALIBERTI has given orders that this dump be evacuated and handed over to the hospital authorities of the adjoining hospital to be used as a medical store dump.
This is in accordance with the request put in by us. A letter confirming this is following.

DAQMG
DADOS

(ii) M of W are badly in need of some yellow car grease, certain quantities of which are held by AGIP.
M of W require our authority in order to be able to draw 2 tons of this grease which cannot be issued without such authority.

DAQMG

GABINETTO

Maj. Gen. BRUNETTI Brunetto was brought over from N AFRICA by Major H.L. HAMILTON (U.S. Army) of H.Q. N AFRICA Theatre of Operations. Gen. BRUNETTI comes from America and was released to Italy by order of the Secret-ary of War in letter, AG 383.6 (7 Feb 44) OB - S -E dated 7 Feb 44.
I informed Major HAMILTON that everything would be in order for the General to be handed over to M of W.
This was done and a receipt issued by the Cabinet Copy of this receipt, ref. no. 577/GM dated 22 Feb comes to this Mission for infn.
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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 21 FEB 44

Col. BASILE (Commissariat Dept;)

Informed Col. BASILE that ref our AQ/I5/I dated I5 Jan the issues of clothing contained therein were cancelled for the time being. A message to this effect was handed to him in writing.

DAQMG
DADOS

GABINETTO.

(i) Handed in confirmation of the authority to publish poster dealing with demobilisation

COMDR.

(ii)Ref the messages intended to be put into Easter parcels for PW

I informed the Cabinet that everything was in order and that they could insert any one of the proposed.

TVS. Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 20 Feb 44

Gen ALIBERTI

Gen ALIBERTI handed me a letter asking us as to results of enquiry on Gen BELLOMO who was arrested in Jan. G3 (I)

This information, if available, was required by the DAAG Branch for General Officers in the Ministry in order that the above named officers' posn on might be regularised.

ALL OTHER BRANCHES n i l TO REPORT.

Major.

1592

TVS.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 19 February 1944.

Gen. ALLEGRI

(i) Contacted Gen ALLEGRI about a request from SHAEF for a pass for an officer to proceed to MESSA MARANCA in order to salvage MT pointing out that it appeared that SHAEF was dealing with matters which should not be of their concern.

Gen ALLEGRI stated that this was in order as it was being done for the M of W (Messagne Salvage Dump) by an officer of the SHAEF who knew where salvage was to be found and it was for this reason the pass request came from SHAEF and not M of W. Gen ALLEGRI asked for this pass to be granted.

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(ii) Contacted Gen ALLEGRI to confirm the sizes of iron sheets for manufacture of horse shoes and nails as requested in letter, 1/37/0 dated 4 Feb.

Gen ALLEGRI stated that the sizes mentioned were correct and complete. The sizes were width and thickness only as length could be anything.

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Col. BASTIE (Quartermaster Dept.)

Contacted Col. BASTIE about request for tpt of 60 tons of clothing from BARI to CROTONE.

These are not suits of battle dress but Italian clothing of all sorts. It is destined for troops in XXXI Corps who are in Reorganisation Camps and for other troops who are still in civilian clothes. Included in the 60 tons are mess tins etc. M of W will also be sending 2000 suits down at a later date. These have been authorised by us.

DAIMG
DADOS

Gen ALLEGRI

Accompanied by DADOS to see Gen ALLEGRI about the providing of officers to supervise the issuing of battle dress.

This has already been laid on by Gen PEDDER. Officers are being provided by MAI Commissariat Directorate and will be officers with knowledge of issuing. Bari Commissariat Directorate was warned about this arrangement on 10 Feb 44.

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Cancelled by signal [illegible] 21/2

Gen ALEXANDER

Accompanied by PADS to see Gen ALEXANDER about the providing of officers to supervise the dyeing of battle dress.

This has already been laid on by Gen PADGETT. Officers are being provided by R&D Commissariat Directorate and will be officers with knowledge of dyeing. Commissariat Directorate was warned about this arrangement on 16 Feb 44.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 18 February 1944.

Col. BASILE (Commissariat Dept.-)

(i) Col. BASILE confirmed that they have already sent comforts to troops in the Combat Zone. These include 1st Mob Bde and all units under its command, 210 and 227 Divisions and 113 Inf Regt. DAQMG

They have made arrangements for soap to be drawn from M.FIES stores and this was, therefore, not included in the comforts.

(ii) Ref letter, ST/14 dated 7 Feb about coal in Arty Dep at NAPLES. Col BASILE stated that he had sent us a message to the effect that there is no coal available there. DADST

(iii) Ref letter MP/20 dated 12 Feb about Italian Field Bakeries. Col. BASILE informed me that he did not know how many of these were available and ready to operate, but that he had sent out a message to all Corps, including SICILY and SARDINIA, asking for this information. The date laid down for the answer to reach M of S was not later than 29 Feb. DADST

(iv) M of S have no other stocks of dye other than those at GALLIPOLI which quantities are known by us.

Col. BASILE stated that the dyes available there would have to be blended in order to produce a colour which in itself was not satisfactory. In any case the quantities available were not sufficiently large enough. DADOS

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LIAISON BRANCH.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 17th February 43.

GABINETTO.

(i) Informed Col. FIORE VERNAZZA that the request for Easter parcels to Italian PW in N AFRICA had been passed to the competent authorities and that we had asked for a quick reply.

(ii) Col. FIORE VERNAZZA informed me that Gen ORLANDO has now been appointed Minister for War.

LIAISON BRANCH

(i) Informed Col. CORA that we had received a message from HQ, A.A.C. Region 2 that about eight thousand Italian soldiers for repatriation from SARDINIA would disembark at BRINDISI and TARANTO Date and time would be advised earliest.

(ii) Col. CORA gave me a copy of the new Italian Army identification card which will be issued to all troops. A blank is attached.

ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

Enquired as to whether the personnel of an Italian signal unit working on Allied radio and telephone communications in CALABRIA were entitled to labour allowances.

Was informed that they were not entitled to the labour allowance unless they were actually doing labour. Information about this unit was rather scanty but it was thought that they were entitled to signal specialist allowance or, if not specialists, they were entitled to a very small allowance given to signal maintenance personnel.

As they were in CALABRIA it would be very much easier for XXXI Corps to deal with this matter. XXXI Corps would be in a position to lay down the allowance they were entitled to, if any.

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All Departments NIL to report.

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 16 Feb 44

Col. LANDOLFI (Commissariat Branch)

(i) Reference cigarette paper for troops in MONTENEGRO. Asked Col. LANDOLFI whether they had tried to obtain the necessary paper from State sources;

Col. LANDOLFI informed me that they had but that the paper used by the state was of a smaller size than that used for rolling cigarettes and that the state did not possess the rolling type which accounted for them asking us.

(ii) Informed Col. LANDOLFI that the 8036 rations required by the Navy for period 15/24 Jan was now not recognised. The rations not drawn during the 10 daily period would be considered as lost.

(iii) Col. LANDOLFI informed me that he had received word from NAPLES to the effect that the 600 tons of supplies for the Italians was now all unloaded and stored in the Military depots.

(iv) Reference Lt Col FINCHs visit to POTENZA to try and obtain a depot for the M of W, the M of W have received the following message from the Town Major at POTENZA:

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Sgd KINGBUN,
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(v) Ref the forage for 700 Italian Remount Horses located at PERSANO.

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The correct figure is not 700 but 692.

Col. BASILI (Commissariat Dept:)

(i) Asked Col. BASILI what results had been achieved on the possibilities of shirtmaking.

Col. BASILI stated that they had now received information from BARI and CALABRIA to the effect that shirtmaking was possible in both areas providing that the Allies supplied all the raw material necessary. Shirts could be made at the rate of about 1000 a day. Approximate cost per shirt would be between 8 and 13 lire. A letter to this effect is being sent to us. No results have yet been had from NAPLES.

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(ii) Ref dye from GALLIPOLI for dyeing battle dress. This dye has been experimented with on sheeps wool and has been found fairly successful. M of W have found a firm at GIOA delle COLLI which will be able to manufacture cloth from this wool which will be used at a later date to make uniforms for the Italian Forces. The dye is consequently being reserved for this purpose.

No experiments have been carried out with the dye on battle dress.

GABINETTO.

(i) Informed Col. FIORE VERNAZZA that authority had now been given for the poster dealing with demobilisation to be published. Col. FIORE VERNAZZA would like written confirmation of

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this.

(ii) Informed Col. FIORE that there was no fear of the M of W mess being requisitioned now and that the necessary action had been taken.

(iii) Informed Col. FIORE that with ref to forming of small Admin H[illegible]s in SICILY a list of their number, staff and location was needed.

(iv) Informed Col. FIORE that the Italian forces newspaper "ITALIA" and its supplement would have to pass through the Allied censor in LECCE before publication.

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 14th Feb 44.

GABINETTO.

(i) Contacted Col. Fiore VERNAZZA about results of the trial of the four Italian officers connected with the larceny of British Red Cross parcels.

The details of the trial have not yet reached M of W but they have been asked for and are expected in the near future.

It is known that Col. ALBANESE has been given 30 days imprisonment, the other three officers have been demobilised but they will be arrested and will receive necessary disciplinary action.

Gen. ORLANDO is not very satisfied with the trial and is going to go into it carefully and will, if necessary, take further disciplinary action against the officers concerned.

(ii) The meeting for Maj Gen SOLODOVNIK will take place at the Ministry of War on Tuesday 15th Jan at 1730 hrs. The following will be present:

Gen ORLANDO Gen BERARDI Gen MARIOTTI
Gen ALBERTI and Col Fiore VERNAZZA.

(iii) M of W would like to know whether they can now publish the poster dealing with demobilisation.

(iv) M of W have the intention of forming a number of small headquarters in various parts of SICILY to deal with :
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(b) Dealing with any troops who have been found in the mountains or other parts of SICILY and who are supposed to be in the Army because of their age.
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(v) M of W report that an American officer recently went to the M of W mess and stated that it was the intention of the American Red Cross to requisition the building as an Officers Club.
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They were also informed that they were not to publish the supplement to this paper which reproduced messages to Italian families and troops from ROME and the VATICAN. This was to be done in order that it might not be propaganda to encourage people to listen into ROME radio which should be discouraged as far as possible. M of W are wondering whether there is a ban on ROME radio. I stated that I thought not.

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General ALIBERTI

i) Informed Gen ALIBERTI that requisitioning of civilian cars was of no concern to MMIA. I stated that our letter AQ/10/1 of 14 Jan referred to this matter fully and laid down the policy.

ii) Reference Gen ALIBERTI's letter 3153/2 dated 11 Feb.
I informed Gen ALIBERTI that we required (a) names of both the officers wishing to join the Commission in SICILY (b) that passes had to be applied for (c) expected time of arrival in SICILY (d) that they would have to report to DISTONE for onward routing.

Necessary details will be forwarded.

Col LANDOLFI (Commissariat Branch)

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Col LANDOLFI to Free State Tobacco Factories for issue. (i)
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WAR MINISTRY LIAISON. 12th February 1944.

Col. LANDOLFI (Commissariat Branch.)

Saw Col. LANDOLFI about the feeding of the Italian Liaison att HQ 94. Sub Area.

Col. LANDOLFI stated that Intendenza FF.AA CAMPANIA probably thought that the section was receiving Allied rations. He would, however, communicate directly with the Italian Sub Depot at SALERNA and issue instructions for their rationing.

Col. RAMPA. (Motorization Dept.)

Contacted Col. RAMPA in order to find out who Lt. Col KEITH and Capt. MULLINS were.

Col. KEITH is at NAPLES and is connected with Hirings. His address is:

A.D. Hirings,
No. 4 Hirings Directorate,
C.M.F.

Capt. MULLINS is connected with Requisitioning and is to be found at No. 2 District. He works in with Col. VALLONE. Nothing more is known about him.

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(iii) 12 mailbags will be available for collection at M of W on 14. 2. 44.

LIAISON DEPT.

The Engineer Directorate and Medical Services Directorate have now moved to the college of the "SUORE MARCELLINI" in Viale OTRANTO in LECCE.

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Attached letter was Cancelled (and letter) re 18th Bn Sus Pte of 13 Sus Bn returned to ST

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 11th Feb 44.

Administrative Dept.

Mixed up that both the Italians with us be attached to the Min of War.
They now are attached to the Ministery's "Camp Autonomo" where they will be paid from. All back pay has been credited to them.

CAMPELLO.

It is the intention of Gen ORLANDO to send some parcels to PWs in NO AFRICA for Easter, and a weekly newspaper.
The parcels would contain comforts and some food (tins of meat)
Gen ORLANDO would like to know whether this will be possible and whether we could ship the parcels.
Papers could be flown over by the Italian Air Force.
Min of War would also like to know the number of camps and numbers of prisoners in each.

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MEP LONDON - ITALY. 10th Feb 44.

Col. [redacted]. (Mobilization Dept.)

(i) The [redacted] asked for by the Mobilization branch recently (queried by Capt. [redacted] by phone) were for a bus functioning for the Sub-Met Sly Coy. It was essential that this bus be kept on the road as it was part of a courier service.

(ii) I informed Col. [redacted] that [redacted] had rule[d] that petrol for CASERTA would be sent down from Italian stocks.

Col. [redacted] stated that he had not yet sent down February requirements to Col. [redacted] as January requirements had been sent down towards the middle of Jan, and CASERTA could not have therefore consumed the amount by now. He also thought that we might have arranged for part of the petrol arriving by boat to be off-loaded in CASERTA.

I pointed out that this was not possible and so Col. [redacted] assured me that he would take immediate steps to send petrol down. He assured me that there would be no crisis.

Col. [redacted]. (Commissariat Dept.)

(i) Ref answer to AG/15/1 dated 10 Jan on subject, "Shipmaking". Ministry of War had not written to us but had written round to their former firms enquiring as to what the possibilities and necessities for shipmaking were. They had only received an answer from [redacted] which they were going to check up upon and let us know. We could expect an answer on 12. 2. 44.

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(iii) Enquired for strengths of Army, Air Force and Navy.

Mainland.

Army	175,000	(incl. units with Allies)
R.A.F.	30,000	
[redacted]	64,000	

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I A F	30,000	
Navy	61,000	

Sicily.

Army	11,195
Navy	73
I A F	?

Sardinia

Army	199,000
I A F	11,000
Navy	10,102

Corsica.

3,800 approx. incl all 3 services.

Min of War have no details about the troops in CORSICA and doubted whether anybody did. The troops in CORSICA were being used by us. Major [illegible] of the Industry and Commerce Sub Commission A.C.C. had asked M of W to send 3,400 quintals of wine and 10 quintals of tobacco to CORSICA by one of our ships. This was being done at present. This amount was to last 6 months and M of W figures were based on the above quantities.

Col. BOSHER stated that correct figures for Air Force and Navy should be got from the respective Ministries.

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Col. LANDOLFI (Commissariat Per.)

Col. LANDOLFI stated that the 15 rly trains he had asked for in order to transfer 10 A[illegible] items from LECCE to NAPLES (as suggested by Col. MINNI) had not been [illegible].

CABINET.

(a) Asked Cabinet to give us a ref as of the Ministry of War together with [illegible] of branches. This is being done.

(b) Was informed that Gen CASERTA has issued instructions to all Carabinieri in all areas to start a check up and round up all men who were of the Classes now in the Army. These could be made to join the ranks of the Army. It was hoped however that A.M.G. authorities would not intervene.

Lt Col Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON Detail

Col. BASILE (Commissariat Dept)

1) Contacted Col BASILE on letter AQ/15/1 dated 10th Jan Subject Shirtmaking.

2) This matter has been studied and an answer has been sent to MMIA.

3) Also contacted Col BASILE about letter AQ/15/1 dated 13th Jan subject Bootmaking.

4) This matter has been taken up with XXXI Corps at CATANZARO who are in turn going to contact Mr COLLICCHIA and discuss the matter with him. M. of W. are awaiting the results of this meeting and will communicate them to us.

GABINETTO v LIAISON OFFICE

5) Informed both departments of our change of name. Gabinetto would like to have a [illegible]

MAY COLLICCHIA and discuss the matter [illegible]
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confirmation for record purposes

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under what ref did MPW act? [illegible]

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Gen. ALBERTI.

Saw Gen' ALBERTI about the question of demobilisa
and establich the Army figure after it had been reduced by de

Gen ALBERTI stated that the Ministry of War was not in
give an answer to this as it had been the S.M.E.E. which had la
certain classes were to be demobilised before the Ministry had b
and was completely responsible for the present demobilisation.
however that he thought that there were still another 6000 men to
would represent the final figure of about 164,000 in the Army.
confirmed by Gen ALBERTI after he had rung up Gen MARIOTTI, I ask
ALBERTI whether he was quite sure that the question of indefinite l
those whose homes were in Northern Italy providing they found definite
ment, was being buttoned up. Gen ALBERTI stated that he was quite su
this was in order and that no man was ever allowed to go unless everyth
in order. He said that this was in the course of being studied for ce
Gen ALBERTI stressed the fact that the whole affair was an S.M.E.E. rec

GARIBOTTO.

Found out that Marshal MESSE had visited Gen. GARIBO to discu
the demobilisation question.

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WAR MINISTRY LIAISON.

Col. LANDOLFI (Commissariat Dept)

(I) Col. LANDOLFI informed us that he had sent us an urgent signal to the effect that LECCE Town Major was waiting to requisition the SCUOLA ARTISTICA at LECCE for billeting I50 Allied officers. This last named place had been ear=marked by the M of W as a depot for the rations coming from overseas and that it was the only conven= ient building in LECCE.

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The Town Major had been informed by us that the Italians had first priority and if they required the place it would have to be theirs. This was agreed.

I therefore informed Col. LANDOLFI to send an urgent signal to Town Major stating that the building was essential to Italians and that it could not be available for other purposes.

(II) Col. LANDOLFI informed me that the forage situation from MATERA was most unsatisfactory and that they were not receiving the amounts due to them.

This was mainly due to tpt difficulties as it was in an area where allied manoeuvres were taking place. The Allies in that area were not allowing rly and other tpt through.

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LIAISON DEPT.

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