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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 10 OCTOBER '44

COL DE MICHELIS.

1. Letter from Presidency of Council of Ministers Patriot Org. to Patriots Br ACC.
Informed Col De Michelis that on no account were the personnel mentioned in that letter for attachment to Armies and Regional Commissioners for Patriot Work to be effective Army personnel on Italian Army pay rolls. If the personnel were used they were to be demobilized and employed as civilians. There was no change whatsoever in the policy laid down for Patriot Orgs.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Handed back two letters despatched to this HQ:
a) Letter 302245/CA dated 7 Oct of subject 'Schools occupied by Allies'
b) 501/CAM dated 5 Oct of subject 'Agricultural farms in Cerignola'
Informed Millefiorini that such questions be referred through channels to respective Sub-Comms of ACC. Requested that all be informed that this HQ only deals with Italian Army questions or relative to such.

3. AQ/11 dated 26 Sept. 'Capt Gamboni of 2909 CLU'. M of W have no infm of either offr or unit. Prior to answering can further infm as to Italian HQ comd this unit be supplied.

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a) MS/AQ/21 of 22 Sept. 'Whereabouts of Lt Ciarnelli'
b) AQ/11 of 18 Sept. 'Promotion of Lt.Col Landolfi'
c) Results of Messina Incident Enquiry.

a) All HQ's have been asked for infm regarding this offr but no results have been produced to date.
b) Minister has agreed to this being put before the Promotion Board who are now hear the matter [illegible]

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b) Minister has agreed to this being put before the Promotion Board who ~~are~~ now have the matter in hand. Decision will be given as soon as completed.
c) Initial report regarding this incident did not mention the name of Lt Fabri. Mof W have asked for enquiry to be re-opened regarding this. Not completed yet.

5. Ref 301798/CA dated 3 Oct. Asked for infm to be obtained regarding the US unit employing this man prior to matter being taken up with Higher authority. (Employment of Pte Taglia, CIL, by US formation)

2/c
A.Q
S.C. (A)

6. Ref AQ/24 dated 4 October. Inventory of materials in Rome Spaghetifficio. No mention is made as to whether M of W can withdraw Army material there. Is this to be taken as granted.

A.Q

Yes draw it

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MAJOR SALVIONI.

7. Took up question of payment of Alpini soldiers employed by Mountain Trg School. A.Q

Informed that the M of W had agreed to paying them same pay as they were receiving with their unit. Comm to this effect has been sent out.
Got Major Salvioni to confirm this to HQ administering them as no such payment had yet taken place.
Obtained initial comm to this effect in order to inform Comdr of school.
These tps are entitled to 49 lire a day.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 2 OCTOBER '44.

Q.Br

GEN PELLICRA.

1. Informed Gen Pelligra of main points of MMIA conference on new system to be adopted for clothing and equipping of Italian Army units under their various categories. 2/c A.G

COL DE MICHELIS.

2. Ref the ~~xxxx~~ commissioning of Cap Magg LA FORESTA. M of W will not be able to give this man a direct commission as 2/Lt as this is not permissible in the Italian Army. He can however be promoted to "aiutante di battaglia", a special rank given on the field for valour which will make him of officer status without actually being an officer. M of W would like to have a request for this from this HQ with full details of himself and his deeds. A.Q S.C. (A) DA

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

3. Ref AQ/13/1 dated 22 Sept. This question had been dealt with by Puglie and Lucania HQ but has since been passed to Campania HQ on whose strength the men now are. M of W have already sent orders for Campania HQ to clear up the matter and pay MMIA the required sum. A.G. S.C (A) PA

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Major.

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A.Q.

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 9 OCTOBER 44

GEN OXILIA.

COMD A.Q

1. Informed Gen Oxilia that ref the clothing of convalesment and repatriated personnel, it was no use bringing up the subject with the Comd.
The Comd has already discussed this subject with Gen Lush who will take matter up through UNRRA.
Gen Oxilia now wishes to discuss this subject with Gen Lush.

G MOVMTS

2. Gen Oxilia once again confirmed the already much discussed question of removing of personnel called-up by Allied formation concerned at very earliest possible moment.
As there are not a sufficient number of officers at the call-up centres, there are no means of keeping the men under control for any lengthy period and the sooner they are removed the better it would be to all concerned.

COL DE MICHELIS.

G II

3. Took up question of letter written by Ministry of Interior to Int. Sub-Comm (passed to us for action) Letter 5214/3113 dated 29 Sept.
M of W cannot understand what is being discussed in this letter.
The "Centro Riordinamento Settore Adriatico" is the CERSA org. The only solution got by the M of W is that Min of Int disagree to the M of W's org for enquiring into all Italian Army personnel's behaviour post Armistice (part of Defascism scheme) and want to have a finger in the pie themselves.
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COL BALANZINO.

A.Q.
D.A.D.T.

4. Col Balanzino raised the point of the order to hand over 90 covers and 47 tubes to 274 W/Shop Sect RE. (Size 7.50 x 20).

This represents the total stock of tyres of that size that the M of W have for their light trucks, of the which they have a fair amount.
274 Sect have been continually having tyres from M of W and such rapid use is not understood. If this handing-over is not re-considered, it will mean quite a number of trucks will off the road in the near future.

2274

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

A.Q
S.C. (H)

5. Handed back list of personnel for whom leave passes to Sardinia had been asked for, confirming that NO leave to either Sicily or Sardinia was now permissible.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

6. Informed of the following moves of officers:
Brig.Gen ANCORA F. attached to Ministry of Marine as Director Naval Engineering wef 1 October.
Brig.Gen NICOTRA G. nominated C.R.E. Sicily Military HQ.
Maj.Gen GUCCIONE GB. attached M of W as Head 3rd Comm for Officer Enquiry Board wef 19 Sept ceasing to be attd to SMRE for special duties.
Maj.Gen AZZI A. ceases to be attd M of W for special duties and wef 18 Sept is Comdr Rome Military HQ.
Brig.Gen TAMASSIA ceases to be Comd Rome HQ wef same date and is Attd to Engineer Directorate M of W.
Maj.Gen UTILI ceased to be GOC C.I.L. wef 24 Sept and is now GOC "LEGNANO" Mix.Combat Gp.
Brig.Gen CASTELLANO G. ceases to be attd M of W and is nominated GOC "AOSTA" Security Divw
Brig.Gen LAZZARINI A. ceases to be attd Campania HQ and is nominated as 2 i/c "MANTOVA" Combat Gp. wef 5 Oct.
Brig.Gen MARCHESI U. ceases to be attd Puglie Lucania HQ and is nominated 2 i/c "Aosta" Div wef 5 Oct.
Brig.Gen FAVA G. nominated C.R.A. Sardinia HQ wef 5 Oct.
Brig.Gen CESARETTI A. nominated Comd I Bde "Sabauda" Div wef 5 Oct.
Brig.Gen TICCHIONI GC. ceases to be attd M of W and is nominated 2 i/c "FRIULI" Combat Gp. wef 5 Oct.
Brig.Gen GRITTI O. nominated 2 i/c 210 Div. wef 5 Oct.
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Brig.Gen MORIGI G. ceases to be GOC "NEMBO" and is nominated GOC "FOLGORE" Combat Gp.
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COMD
2 i/c
Col ADSLEY
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Brig.Gen RICCARDI P. wef 5 Oct is C.R.A. Puglie Lucania HQ.
Col MARINACCI M. wef 5 Oct attd Campania HQ ceasing to be 2 i/c "Friuli" Combat Gp.
Col MOCCIA F. wef 24 Sept ceased to be 2 i/c "NEMBO" Div and attd Campania HQ.
Col MOGGIO T. wef 24 Sept ceased to be Comd 2 Bde and attd Campania HQ.
Col FUCCI E. wef 24 Sept ceased to be Comd 1 Bde CIL and attd Campania HQ.
Col SICCARDI G. wef 5 Oct ceased to be CRA Puglie Lucania HQ but Attd same HQ.

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7. Requested early reply to following letters:
a) AQ/11 dated 26 Sept - Italian Military personnel
Capt GAMBONI. - replacement of -
M of W have no infm to date but will press for reply.
b) AQ/11 dated 28 Sept - Italian Military personnel
Lt CIRONE - replacement of - No information yet.

A.Q
S.C.(A)
Major

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AQ

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 7 OCTOBER '44.

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GEN OXILIA.

1. Informed Gen Oxilia that the 5000 suits clothing at Bari, suggested to be used by repatriated and convalescent personnel, had been earmarked for use of Italian Military personnel by order of this HQ and were therefore not available. COMD 2½ A.Q

Gen Oxilia brought up question of the pitiful condition of such personnel as seen by him, stating that many were in rags and were not able to face winter. Gen Oxilia considers this question as being very serious and would like to discuss this subject with Comd some time during following week.

2. 1000 men from Garibaldi Div as reinforcements to Combat Gps. G I Col Pidsley

Plan for such personnel on arrival would be as follows (a) On arrival would be taken to disinfestation camps for a few days where screening would take place at same time (b) On completion of such period, those with homes in liberated Italy would be sent on leave, having to report to reinforcement centre direct when leave completed, those with homes in occupied Italy sent direct to reinforcement centre.
Gen Oxilia brought up question of keeping unspecialized personnel together as a unit (bn) to be sent as such to a Gp short on WE. This to be discussed with Col Pidsley later. Has been made clear to Oxilia that the personnel will be used as individual ffts.
Gen Oxilia would like to know as soon as possible
i) Date of arrival ii) Place of arrival. (since informed)

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

3. Asked for latest situation regarding report on incident at chieti between It Paratps (Nembo) and Indian Officer. A.Q

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A.Q

3. Asked for latest situation regarding report on incident at chieti between It Paratps (Membo) and Indian Officer.
Was informed that the whole question was being handled by SMRE. The report on the re-opened enquiry has now reached the SMRE and is in the hands og Gen Berardi.
SMRE will be informed to despatch to us urgently.

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G I

4. Was informed that as the recruiting of patriots has proved unsucessful up to present date, principally owing to the fact that the 'machinery' for enrolling this personnel always arrives very late, the Minister proposes to draft a proclamation which can be set up in towns as soon as they are liberated.
M of W would like to know how this will be greeted and will forward a draft copy to us.

A.Q
S.C.(A)

5. Ref AQ/11/2 dated 10 Sept.
This question is being handled by SMRE. M of W are chasing for a reply.
(Serg.Magg Nicoletti - Art Ulderico C. )

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GEN : PELLIGRA.

A.Q
Col SHIPLEY

6. Informed Gen Pelligra of the lamentable situation in the clothing repair factory, Naples, as reported by Col Shipley. Action would have to be taken in order that the maximum be produced by these factories and not that they be put to use convenient to local Regional HQ's.

Gen Pelligra will despatch Lt.Col Vacca, Inspector, to view the situation and Gen Pelligra himself will follow.

Gen Pelligra is sure that as soon as ~~the~~ Capt Bortone is replaced, the whole programme will leap forward. His replacement is on the way.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 6 OCTOBER '44.

AQ

GEN OXILIA.

2/c
S. S.
A.Q

1. Gen Oxilia brought up question of the repatriation of 1000 men from the Balkans (Garibaldi Div) to be eventually absorbed into the Combat Gps.

The men on arrival will be placed into camps for refitting pending their assignment to the Gps. During this period the men will be fed on civilian rations.

Gen Oxilia put in a special plea for the men to be given the Army ration considering that they future effectives of the Combat Gps. Could these men not be considered as call-ups which would entitle them to rations from the date of acceptance.
Question of leave was not brought up.

Lt.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2/c
A.Q

2. Col Millefiorini has requested that Major MOSCA D. (Nembo Engineers) at present with 910 Eng Bn, 210 Div be replaced by Major AGNES.

Mosca is a member of the Nembo, now to be Folgore and is regarded highly by his men. Folgore Gp is in need of an Engineer Comdr.

Kan this substitution take place.

AQ
S.C. (A)

3. Informed that the report from Naples HQ regarding action taken against Capt MARINI Vincenzo as a result of the It paratps - US tps incident, had arrived.

It appears from the enquiry, copy following to this HQ, that Capt Marini was not entirely responsible but had in effect tried to suppress the incident but was a little too officious in his manners.

The Court has proposed punishing the officer with 15 days ordinary imprisonment and 15 days heavy imprisonment (loss of pay). The Minister will decide as to most fit punishment.
No other tps were able to be traced.

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S.C. (A)

4. Ref AQ/6 dated 18 Sept to which M of W despatched 301627/CA dated 24 Sept to Campania for action.
Pressed for early reply.
Subject is Thefts by personnel of 246 It Pioneer Coy.

AQ
S.C (A)

Major GUISO.

5. Asked Major Guiso whether it would not now be possible to increase the soap ration for Italian Docks Operating Coys as these were badly in need of an increase.in Taranto.
Major Guiso agreed to this and will work out a new scale for such personnel

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S.C. (Q)

Major

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 5 OCTOBER '44

GEN OXILIA.

1. Gen Oxilia has returned from his extensive visit in Puglie. Gen O has many points which he wishes to discuss when he has collected his facts. These mainly deal with repriated personnel and personnel in the over 30 day hospital category.

Gen O had one special request. In Bari there are approx 5000 dark brown Italian uniforms ( made prior Armistice). These are unlikely ever to be used by Army. Can authority be given for them to be used for repriated personnel who are in a very bad shape.

COL DE MICHELIS.

2. Was informed that the Minister has agreed to the following with regard to forming of special FOCM courts for dealing with deserters:

Any General commanding an HQ or unit is authorised to appoint an FOCM court for dealing with desertions. Such courts will have the powers of inflicting death penalties for the more serious cases.
Orders to this effect are being published by M of W to all units of the Italian Army. A copy of such orders have been asked for.

LIAISON OFFICE.

3. Information on Lt PUCCIO.
This officer is living at the present in Villa Pavoncelli, Cerignola.

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5. Ref our AQ/11 of 27 Sept. Sc (A)
Enquired whether Capt Comanotti G. had been relieved of his appt as Comd 1024 GT Coy. M of W will inform as soon as completed.

6. Asked for location of Lt Carlio Giovanpietro, involved in accident whilst driving in Rome. M of W are investigating. 2269 S.C (A)

7. Enquired whether it would be possible for Capt Leanza Nunzio, Regular Officer, to be employed as a civilian by PWB. Sc (A)
Being a regular officer, Leanza is being paid and will be employed. He cannot be considered in any way to be a civilian. Sc (A)

8. Requested hasty reply to AQ/11 dated 11Sept dealing with promotion of officers of 1001 GT Coy. S.C (A)

9. Requested hasty reply to AQ/65 dated 18 Sept. SC (A)

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 4 OCTOBER '44

A.Q

GEN BUTTA.

1. Discussed the question of exemption certificates from call-up into Italian Army. A.Q
Gen Butta was unaware of AAI Admin Inst No 52 together with the exempting authorities, being under the impression that AAI was still the only exempting authority.
General outline of the Inst was given to him.
Under this new ruling, Gen Butta agreed that it was no longer necessary for Col Negroni to frank the certificates. Gen Butta proposed that best system would be for franking to be done by corresponding Regional HQ to the Exempting Authority in rear areas and 209 and 210 Div HQ's for the Army areas.
If this is agreed Gen Butta awaits confirmation.

MAJOR SALVIONI.

2. Took up question of difference in pay of personnel of 1051 It Tank unit as per AQ/13/1 dated 22 Sept. A.Q
Was informed that the question has been settled and that all the personnel are to be paid 32 lire per day. S.C. (A)

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

3. Asked for disciplinary action to be taken against Cap Magg CANDUCCI Ricardo, detained by FSS Iesi whilst on short leave in Army area but who escaped. Identity Card and leave papers were handed in. A.Q
Also asked for appropriate action to be taken against C.O. for issueing leave pass against order of 8 Army. S.C. (A)

COL DE MICHELIS.

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M of W present office hours are as follows:
Directorates .... 8.30 - 14.00 then off for day.
Cabinet ..... 8.30 - 13.00
16.30 - 20.00
The reason for the above is that (a) Directorates have a large number of civilian employees. Lack of tpt, distances to travel and shortage of food makes a continuous hour necessary, (b) M of W Cabinet have to abide by the Council of Ministers time who depend on Cabinet for great deal of their work. 2268
De Michelis is very keen to adopt our hours, with exception of the Directorates, providing that the Council of Ministers be urged by us to do the same.
SMRE hours are very similar to ours:
8.30 - 12.30 15.00 - 19.00

MAJOR GUISO.

5. Handed back demands for fats for manufacture of A.Q S.C. (Q)

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soap, informing Major Guiso that these had been turned down owing to the fact that Bari soap factory had already had the necessary released to it.

6. Ref the 101 quintals solid and 228 quintals liquid caustic soda move to Bari soap factory ex Naples, was informed that this formed part of the large allotment made to the M of W at Naples for onward despatch to Bari. The allotment was to be drawn from SNIA Co. A.Q S.C (Q)

GEN ORLANDO.

7. Obtained the decree allowing volunteers from the Army to join CCRR. CII
This decree is No 1430 dated 3 ~~March~~ January.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 3 OCTOBER '44.

AQ

SPA

GEN ORLANDO. ( C.C.R.R. )

1. Took up question of volunteers from the Army for the CCRR.

In Dec '43, the CCRR were confronted with a shortage of 150 offrs 8600 ORs. Owing to large Army at that date it was suggested that a good part should come from Army. A decree was consequently passed for volunteers from Army in January. This HQ was apparently not informed. The 300 CCRR volunteers from Sardinia are the last of some 700 in the island.
Have asked for a copy of the decree.
Disposal of batch of 100 CCRR volunteers arriving ex Sardinia - These will come to CCRR bks Rome. Gen Orlando was informed to get his Naples HQ to keep in touch with MMIA office Naples for infm regarding arriving. On arrival will be CCRR responsability for moving.

CQ II

COL DE MICHELIS.

2. Took up question of the setting up by It Regional HQs of special FGCM courts with death penalty powers for dealing with desertions as laid down in M of W letter 301554/CA dated 23 Sept.

The Minister has laid down that Regional HQs of Rome, Campania, Puglie Lucania, Calabria, Sicily and Sardinia will set up FGCM courts to deal with desertions in their areas. This has been done in accordance with the Supreme Military tribunal which will supervise. Present system to be adopted for tps u/c 5 and 8 Armies will be for the senior It formation to ask Supreme Tribunal for the designation of the Regional HQ to deal with such cases.
Have asked that the setting up of FGCM courts be extended to 209 and 210 Divs for tps u/c 5 and 8 Armies.
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COL VITTORIO.

3. Obtained Progress reports on Defascism of Italian Army and M of W for period ending 30 Sept.

Appx 'A' shows Defascism Report on Military Personnel, M of W.

Appx 'B' shows Defascism Report on Civilian personnel, M of W.

Appx 'C' shows Enquiry report on Italian Army personnel.

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GEN PELLIGRA.

4. Ref the requisitioning of 8 sailing boats for tpt of Oil and wine to Sardinia.

Informed Gen Pelligra that the number fo tps in Sardinia was decreasing daily and that final number

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garrisoning Sardinia would not justify the requirement.
This could be now considered as cancelled.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

Lt/Col SHIPLEY

5. Ref letter AQ/11 dated 26 Sept.
M of W have not been able to locate 2909 C.L.U. and this unit does not appear on the state of the Italian Army.
Can further particulars be given in order that the necessary can be done for the replacement of Capt GAMBONI.

Major.

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Appendix "A"

DEFASCISM PROGRESS REPORT
(State Departments)

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To M.M.I.A. Sub Comsn.

Return as to Ministry of WAR MILITARY PERSONNEL.

| GRADE | Total No. | Investigations Completed | Suspensions | Hearing Completed | Dismissals | Lodged | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | |
| I | 69 | 65 | - | 39 | - | - | |
| II | 6 | 6 | - | - | - | - | |
| III | | | | | | | |
| IV | | | | | | | |
| V | | | | | | | |
| VI | | | | | | | |
| VII | | | | | | | |
| VIII | | | | | | | |
| IX | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 75 | 71 | - | 39 | | | |

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PROGRESS REPORT
Departments)

For period ending
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| Hearing Completed (e) | Hearing Dismissals (f) | Appeals Lodged (g) | Appeals Heard (h) | Appeals Not Confirmed (i) |
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| 39 | - | - | - | - |
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Appendix "B"

DEFASCISM PROGRESS REPORT
(State Departments)

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By M.M.L.A. Sub Comsn.

Return as to Ministry of WAR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

| GRADE | Total No. | Investigations Completed | Suspensions | Hearing Completed | Dismissals | Lodged |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) |
| I | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | 3 |
| II | 15 | 15 | - | - | - | - |
| III | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| IV | 6 | - | - | - | - | - |
| V | | | | | | |
| VI | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| VII | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| VIII | | | | | | |
| IX | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 27 | 20 | 2 | - | - | 3 |

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For period ending
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| Hearing | | Appeals | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Completed (e) | Dismissals (f) | Lodged (g) | Heard (h) | Not Confirmed (i) |
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Appendix "C"

~~DENAZIFICATION~~ PROGRESS REPORT
(State Departments)

To: M.M.I.A. Sub Comsn. For p
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Return as to Ministry of WAR ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL XX

| GRADE | Total No. | Investigations Completed | Suspensions | Hearing Completed | Dismissals | Lodged | H |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) | (g) | |
| I | 314 | 50 | 91 | | | | |
| II | 598 | 165 | 60 | | | | |
| III | 734 | 168 | 115 | | | | |
| IV | 863 | 107 | 57 | | | | |
| V | 1435 | 127 | 67 | | | | |
| VI | 1218 | 74 | 27 | | | | |
| VII | 1309 | 80 | 26 | | | | |
| VIII } IX } | 1234 | 9673 | 842 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 16145 | 1044 | 1285 | | | | |

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PROGRESS REPORT
Departments)

COUNCIL

For period ending
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| Hearing | | Appeals | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Completed | Dismissals | Lodged | Heard | Not Confirmed |
| (e) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) |
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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 2 OCTOBER '44.

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GEN PELLIGRA.

1. Informed Gen Pelligra of main points of MMIA conference on new system to be adopted for clothing and equipping of Italian Army units under their various categories. 2/c A.Q

COL DE MICHELIS.

2. Ref the ~~xxxx~~ commissioning of Cap Magg LA FORESTA. A.Q
M of W will not be able to give this man a direct commission as 2/Lt as this is not permissible in the Italian Army. He can however be promoted to "aiutante di battaglia", a special rank given on the field for valour which will make him of officer status without actually being an officer. S.C. (A)
M of W would like to have a request for this from this HQ with full details of himself and his deeds.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

3. Ref AQ/13/1 dated 22 Sept. A.Q
This question had been dealt with by Puglie and Lucania HQ but has since been passed to Campania HQ on whose strength the men now are. S.C (A)
M of W have already sent orders for Campania HQ to clear up the matter and pay MMIA the required sum.

4. Ref AQ/11 dated 22 Sept. A.Q
The promotion of Lt FIORI is now in the hands of the MS at M of W. A little more time is required as investigations on this officer are not completed. S.C. (A)

5. Asked for investigations to be made to locate Lt CIARNELLI in order that kit be restored to him. A.Q S.C. (A)

6. Took up the question of promotion of Lt.Col Landolfi. A.Q

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6. Took up the question of promotion of Lt.Col Landolfi. As documents concerning him were only given some days ago, a little more time is required for a decision to be made. A.Q S.C. (A)

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Major.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

5. Asked for answer to our AQ/13/I dated 22 Sept to be hurried. A.Q S.C. (A)

Subject is the payment of Italian Military personnel and a refund of Lire 14,310. Matter to be treated as urgent.

6. Returned letter 13485 dated 26 Sept from Arty Br asking for permission for Italian Army personnel to be allowed to visit Grossetto area in order to clear mines and booby-traps. A.Q. S.C. (Q)

Informed LO that there was no necessity for any authority to be given as this was in territory under Italian jurisdiction.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 29 SEPTEMBER '44

Q. Br

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

1. In absence of Gen Oxilia, informed Col Millefiorini that to date the truck for Cimino Medical Depot had not arrived. Action would have to be taken to see that this was put right immediately.
Millefiorini informed me that instructions had already been issued but that he would take the matter up.

2. Upon request, no information from Puglie and Lucania HQ re Capt Mariana Vincenzo and Italian paratps - US tps has yet reached M of N.

3. Informed Millefiorini that a reply to AQ/6/1 dated 31 August was still outstanding. (Ref enquiry to be made on irregularities by Council of Ministers personnel).
Was informed that the matter had already been taken up with Council of Ministers and SIM and an immediate answer asked for. Delay is due to transfer of personnel involved.

COL DE MICHELIS.

4. Held meeting with Col De Michelis and Lt.Col Barnabo on Patriot question.
Informed them that it had been decided with Patriot Br that the centres for collection of patriots as arranged could not be formed and that no personnel were to be provided for this purpose. Only 6 screening agencies as agreed some time ago would be allowed. Further, that no Allied unit could discuss organization of Italian Army or movement of personnel unless through this HQ.
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2/c A.Q Padris

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Ref nos of patriots enlisted into Army as volunteers.
M of W are unable to give any numbers as Patriots are accepted into Army after screening together with other non patriot volunteers. No record is kept of individual patriots.

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MAJOR SALVIONI.

5. Confirmed with Major Salvioni that all Smoke Coys should receive the special 20 lire surplus allce. This was agreed. A.G S.C.(M)

GEN PELLIGRA.

6. Informed Gen Pelligra of intention of changing Capt Bortone as head of clothing repairs. A.G Col SHIPLEY
Gen Pelligra was fully aware of Bortone deficiencies and had the intention himself of suggesting a change.
Gen Pelligra intends to substitute Capt Bortone with Capt CILLO. at present in lecce; capt CILLO will be sent for.

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7. Took up question of the moving of dye to Sardinia, informing Gen Pelligra that the policy was not to move dye around owing to not having large stocks. Lt/Col SHIPLEY

Gen Pelligra informed me that the dye was only sent to Sardinia in order that an experiment could be carried out as to the possibilities of dyeing in a firm there. This possibility had been discussed in the early stages of planning of the dyeing of uniforms. This dye had since been ordered by LO in Sardinia to be handed over for use by firm ~~in~~ at present on dyeing of uniforms.

GEN ORLANDO.

8. Enquired from Gen Orlando whether instructions had been issued by CCRR GHQ to Sardinia HQ to provide 300 CCRR cadets from Army by 30 Sept.

Gen Orlando informed me that this was not the case but that instructions had been issued to Sardinia to arrange bringing over from Sardinia to mainland the number of volunteers from Army resulting from a Council circular passed in February to the effect that Army tps could volunteerm into CCRR. Figure set for Sardinia was 300. As there is a shortage of CCRR at present, GHQ had to send for men from all available sources.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 30 SEPTEMBER '44

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S.C.(A)

COL DE MICHELIS.

1. Received following information on persons involved in German atrocities at S. POLO, infm as requested by AAI.
LAZZERI Don Angiolo - resident of S. Polo, anti-fascist and anti-German - popular in village - considered all right.
SILLI Doctor Carlo - refugee in S. Polo - member of MVSN - helped patriots - considered fairly all right.
MARTINI, Doctor Aldo - Good fascist and has taken effective part in propaganda activities - Member of MVSN - not known whether member of republican party - resident in S. Polo.
MANCINI, Alfredo - Anti-fascist and anti-German - not member of Party - done extensive work for patriots.
LT.COL CONTE Vincenzo Borghini - Good soldier - left colours 12/10/43 owing to serious wounds - faithful monarchist - popular with villagers.
Anything further referring to above persons should be taken up with Major ASSUMMA, Comdr CCRR Group AREZZO.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Asked for the following postings of officers as required by 210 Div:
Medical - 1 Major or Lt.Col to replace Major Polestra, Head of Medical services, 210 Div, now ill.
- 5 Capts or Lts for 12, 15 and 16 Pack Coys, 1/525 Inf Regt and Pack Mule trg centre now without doctors.
Veterinary - 3 Capts or Lts for 1 and 13 Pack Coys and Pack Mule trg centre.
2 Lts for 130 and 110 vet Hospitals.
M.T. - 1 Capt as CO 1022 truck Coy to replace present C.O. assigned to 525 Regt for other purposes.

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taken up with Major ASSUMA, Comdr CORK Group [illegible].

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S.C. (G)
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3. Informed Col Millefiorini that ref letter 501756 of 27 Sept asking for shed in Rome not to be requisitioned, RAAC had decided to have it. Tpt will be provided by RAAC for removal of arty junk there. Up to M of W to make all arrangements through the Italian LO. of RAAC.

A.G
S.T
NIFA

4. The question of the requisitioning of 8 sailing vessels for tptn of wine and oil etc supplies to tps in Sardinia was taken up on behalf of Gen Oxilia.
Was informed that M of W and SMRS have taken up the question with parties concerned but that no result has been produced as all sailing and motor vessels are under the control of the Allied Authorities who will not release any. M of W would like to know whether this can be taken up by this HQ.

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Informed LO that there was no necessity for any authority to be given as this was in territory under Italian jurisdiction.

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To Sec

Lt. Col. Shipley

Maj. Cole.

~~Maj. Pinkley.~~

~~Maj. Byerly.~~

~~Maj. Rose~~

~~Capt. Bird~~

Capt. Archer

Lt.

ST.

Med.

Ord.

Rome

Lab.

~~Camp~~

Remarks

Date 20 Apr 24

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 27 SEPTEMBER '44.

Q. Br

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

1. Confirmed that leave passes approved by this HQ were required for both Sicily and Sardinia and that this was the only means by which Italian tps could leave for either place. G3 (I)

Got Millefiorini to circulate this to all units.

GEN PELLIGRA.

2. Informed Gen Pelligra that the infm given re clothing and equipment in Rieti was not sufficient for us to take action. 2/c Lt Shirley

Got Gen Pelligra to send officer there to find out what the name and appt of the ACC officer there and what kind of authority issued by whom was required before the stuff was allowed to be removed.

COL DE MICHELIS.

3. Put forward proposal by AAI for the commissioning of and Italian OR ( Cap Magg LIFONTI ) informing Col De Michelis of the excellent report received. AAI A.Q S.C. (A)

Col De Michelis stated that this was most irregular but the matter would be taken up if M of W can have copies of the report ~~xxxxx~~ together with the request from AAI.

More infm will be required as to (i) Age (ii) Unit (iii) District he belongs to.

MAJOR SALVIONI.

4. Took up question of extra pay for the driving instructors of Polignano Driving School as requested by 2 District. A.Q S.C. (A)

Point of view is that drivers on completion of course are posted to GT Coys receiving labour pay. Instructors who work hard do not receive any special allowance. AAI

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A.Q
S.C.(A)

5. Took up question of 502 Smoke Coy not receiving same rate of pay as other Smoke Coys in Naples.
This has already been authorized b y M of W but it would appear that Bari has not received the comm. M of W will phone Bari in order that the pay of 502 be put right immediately.

A.Q
S.C.(A)

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LT.COL BARNABO.

6. Made enquiries as to Patriot Organization. Position is as follows.
On 16 September meeting was held by Patriots Branch ACC. Decided by Lt DE LORETO - Patriots Branche organization of 8 patriot centres to be with 8 Army; 2 with Army, 4 with corps under 8 Army, 2 with railheads. Total strength 13 offrs, 12Necos 56 Ors.

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At present reps from M of W Patriot sect and Patriots Br ACC out selecting locations.
Personnel to be provided by Italian Army. Gen Berardi/ Gen Tomasseli arranging. Centres to move with 8 Army. Everything other than rations to be Italian responsability.

Col Barnabo also complained that Italian Patriots organization was becoming too complicated. SMG and M of W both have another organization dealing with patriots with whom it is becoming very difficult to work as decisions are taken by all three.

Major.

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 26 SEPTEMBER '44

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

1. Ref AQ/6 dated 24 August, Incident with Italian paratroops and U.S. tps. A.Q S.C. (A)

Enquired from Col Millefiorini whether any answer had been received as to action taken on responsible with special ref to Capt Mariana Vincenzo.

Was informed that a signal had been received from Sardinia stating that a report in detail was following. This ought be be available in a few days.

Sent to APM 27/7 re-part on Prisoner to Italy RPM

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2. Informed by Col Millefiorini that the Italian LO to RAAC had informed M of W that passes were now being released to persons wishing to proceed within the new boundary.

M of W have received no official communication as to the new limits of the boundary and are therefore unable to take any action for personnel to go home in that area. Can any light be put on this subject ?

COL VITTORIO.

3. Interviewed Col Vittorio on Defascism. 2/c A.Q

Col Vittorio had no problems to put forward and the work is still proceeding well but always slow.

Col Vittorio has circulated the ~~xxxxxx~~ minutes of the discussion held some days ago with ACC rep to all commissions and it is possible that will accelerate things considerably.

LT.COL PASTUCCI.

4. Saw Col Pastucci on request submitted for materials for Torre Annunziata Fuze factory as this HQ did not know of its existance for the Army. A.Q S.C. (Q)

Was informed that at the time of taking over by

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LT.COL PASTUCCI.

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Was informed that at the time of taking over by Allies, certain parts were not taken over but left at disposal of the Italian Army. A small number of personnel run those parts and have been working there for some time now. Principal work was that of checking fuzes for CIL ammo.

LIAISON OFFICE. 2250

5. Enquiries have been made as to Lt CIRONE. A.G S.C. (A)

Lt CIRONE is attd to 228 Div at Cortona and comes under Delegazione 'A'.

Major. C/Sec to M-1W+AAI SPA 28/9

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BF to AQ

COL DE MICHELIS.

1. Asked whether any information had been received on the massacre of 48 civilians by German tps in S. POLA. A.Q S.C. (A)

Col De Michelis stated that there was some difficulty in getting the infm back as the village was in Army territory but that the matter will be given attention.

COL BALANZINO.

2. Handed in approved issues of Oxygen cylinders to various units. A.Q. S.C.(Q)

Asked Col Balanzino in future to consolidate requests to be made to the M of W in lieu of unit individual demands.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

3. Was informed that in accordance with Patriots Branch ACC, M of W will form Patriot Collecting Centres as follows: 2/c G.

One centre with each of the Corps of 5 and 8 Army ( ie 3-4 centres ).
One centre with each Army HQ.
Two centres with two railheads.
Strength of each centre 8 offrs 50 ORs.
Supplies of food and petrol responsability of Allies.
It is proposed that the centres be ready in 10-15 days.

4. Ref our I/101 dated 20 Sept to LO Naples copy to M of W. G3 (I)

This letter states that there is to be no leave without a pass approved by this HQ to Sardinia and Sicily. This is first time that the M of W have been told that this applied to Sicily. If this is case M of W will have to warn all tps quickly. Can confirmation in writing be despatcehd to M of W.

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A.Q
Col Shipley
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GEN PELLIGRA.

5. Gen Pelligra informed me that in his salvage operations, quite a large number of Italian Army clothing and epuipment was found to be in RIETI.
When wishing to collect this stuff, was disallowed to do so by the ACC rep in the town who required written authority.
The stuff is in the Rieti Commando Presidio.
Following id list:

| | |
|---|---|
| Tent Sheets ..... | 250 |
| Overcoats ..... | 250 |
| Blankets ..... | 600 |
| Sheets ..... | 200 |

plus a reasonable amount of equpment. Can any action be taken in order that the M of W may recover these ?.

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GEN DEL PANTA.

6. Saw Gen Del Panta re the Fara Sabina Remount Depot. 2/c A.O S.C. (Q)

Received confirmation from Gen Del Panta that the drive for a part of the Depot was nothing to do with trying to re-establish it as a Depot but purely to get back the very fertile ground which is hired out to farmers and on which is grown animal fodder and forage. This will be a great help to us as the production will exceed the actual Army requirements and will thus avoid the Allies having to supply the Army.

Gen Del Panta was later informed that 3 District had delegated Rome Area Command to deal with the matter.

COL VITTORIO.

7 Col Vittorio handed me the Progress Report on M of W defascism of Civilian personnel for period up to 15 Sept. COMD A.Q

Following is 'resumé' of the Progress Report.

| Grade of Personnel | Investigations Completed. | Suspensions. |
|---|---|---|
| I | 3 | - |
| II | 15 | - |
| VI | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 19 | 1. |

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|---|---|---|---|
| I | 3 | = | |
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Major.



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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 23 SEPTEMBER '44.

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S.C. (Q)

GEN DEL PANTA.

1. Gen Del Panta called to discuss the Fara Sabina Remount Depot occupied by the Allies.

The Area alotted to the Italian Army West of the road is of very little use to the Italians (i) because of the area (ii) because it is the most destroyed and (iii) that area is usually flooded by the Tiber in winter.

Certain part of the area occupied by the Allies has been hired out to farmers as the ground is very fertile and produces animal fodder. The Allies on the other hand are using up all the Italian stocks in the depot.

It was agreed that the matter should be taken up with 3 District through Italian LO and MMIA LO with all necessary details and plan. If results are not satisfactory, matter will be put to AAI.

GEN PELLIGRA.

2. Asked Gen Pelligra for explanation of letter 18186 /V dated 16 Sept and what were the materials mentioned.

It appears that this is an old case. Major Hubbard was reputed to have stated that there were stocks of Italian clothing in Taranto. These were never located.

Informed Gen Pelligra to forget the whole matter.

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S.C. (Q)
Lt Shirley

COL DE MICHELIS.

3. Col De Michelis informed me that the papers have been reporting a change in the Rear 8 Army boundary line. M of W have received no official communication of this and the change, quite appreciable, would mean that quite a large number of tps would be sent home.

Can M of W be informed of any new change.

G3 (I)

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

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G3 (I)

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

4. Millefiorini brought up the question of Col NISCO and other officers who are attd unofficially to Allied formations.
Informed Millefiorini that all such officers, if forming part of Italian Army (effective), should be recalled back to their posts. If Allied formations require LO's, application would have to be madeto us for approval of AAI. This also applied to tps being lent out for odd jobs.

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A.G

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5. Millefiorini has received no reply to M of W letter 300353/CA dated 9 Sept dealing with the withdrawal of material by Allied unit from the Pirotecnico of Capua and a suggestion to re-activate a part of the plant or employ some of the technicians.

A.G
S.C.(Q)

6. Asked for information on Major Marra and the supposed salvaged Army material in the CCRR barracks in Rieti

A.G
S.C.(Q)

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Informed that the M of W know all about Major Marra and the salvaged material but did not know of the Provincial Commissioner's order for their use.

M of W are preparing a list of the material in the bks which will be submitted to us.

UNDER-SECRETARY - M. PALERMO.

7. Informed M. Palermo that AAI had authorized his visit to 8 Army.

Palermo will be visiting Italian units with 8 Army.

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GEN OXILIA.

8. Informed Gen Oxilia that the proposition of an Italian military mission to Marshal TITO had been put to AFHQ through ACC.

Informed Gen Oxilia that if he wanted the matter to come to anything, he had better inform SMG to keep well out of the affair or it was sure to fall flat.

Gen Oxilia will take very great pleasure in informing SMG of this.

COMD.

Major.

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Informing S.W.D. of this.

Major.

For Lt Col Stanley

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 22 SEPTEMBER '44.

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A.Q

COL VITTORIO - GEN GONELLA.

1. Held meeting in M of W on Defascism. Present were:
Major PALMIERI - ACC LO for Defascism.
Col VITTORIO - Military Defascism LO
Gen GONELLA - Head M of W Def. Comm.
Doctor MASI - Rep Civilian M of W Def Com
Major BYATT - MMIA LO.

M of W procedure for Defascism of both military and civilian personnel of M of W was discussed.

Difficulties encountered by the military Comms were brought up and will be put to the Central Defascism Board for discussion and clarification.

It was laid down that the decision of Defascism comms will be taken as final and appeals could be rejected at any time.

The conference showed that M of W and military procedure in defascism was proceeding satisfactorily and altough slow for the time being, would improve withtime. Major Palmieri stated that the Army was by far the smoother of the three services and of many other ministries.

COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Col Millefiorini some time ago asked for authority to change certain officers attd to PWB for special duties. No answer has yet been given as to the decision.

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A.Q

3. Col Millefiorini brought up the question of the TERNI Army Arms factory.

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It appears that this factory has quite a lot of equipment which could be put to use immediately.

M of W would like to be able to re-activate this factory which could carry out repairs to Italian Army arms and equipment. Can this be authorized ?
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A.Q

COL TURRINI.

4. Ref our SD/3 dated 20 Sept. M of W has already replied to the latter with letter nO 300983/CA dated 11 Sept.

It appears that there are many letters sent by M of W which are not reaching us. Principal reason is that letters are not always delivered direct to this HQ.

Have asked Col Turrini to publish an Office Instruction to all branches of M of W informing that letters to this HQ will be delivered direct to us and a receipt can be had if required?

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 21 SEPTEMBER 44

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A.Q
S.C. (A)

MAJOR SALVIONI.

1. Obtained the standard rates of pay for ORs in the Italian.Army.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pte | ..... | 9 lire per diem. |
| L/Cpl | ..... | 9.70 " " |
| Cpl | ..... | 10.70 " " |
| L/Sgt | ..... | 28.20 " " |
| Sgt | ..... | 38.80 " " |
| WO III | ..... | 1776 per month |
| WO II | ..... | 1845 " " |
| RSM | ..... | 2050 " " |

Noted on April 1.
JPA

Special allowances as follows:

a) Labour Pay ..... 20 lire a day.
b) Combat Zone .... 35 " " "
c) Fighting ..... 45 " " "

Para (a) is applicable up to the rank of Cpl but can be made applicable to more senior ranks if these are on effective labour work.
Paras (b) and (c) are applicable to all ORs'.

HE PALERMO - UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

2. HE Palermo informed me as a result of 8 Army permission for his visit, that he would be leaving for 8 Army area on Sunday 24 Sept. and will return on 26 Sept. Can necessary pass be issued?

G3 (I)

GEN PELLIGRA.

3. Accompanied Col Shipley to visit Gen Pelligra. The following subject was discussed.
i) Repairs of boots and clothing should be restricted as far as possible to Allied boots and clothing. Only boots and clothing requiring minor repairs from Italian sources to be undertaken for the time being. This for

A.Q
Col SHIPLEY
DADOS
His visit
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ii) Question of more leather taken up with ACC who have promised further supplies.
iii) Ration for workers in repair shops now authorized. Details to be given to Major Parone.

A.Q
Col SHIPLEY
DADOS
This not entirely correct. Repairs of both Italian & Allied items to be expedited but order to discontinue Allied items in favour of Italian items should be withdrawn
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2/c.

GEN OXILIA.

4. Gen Oxilia once again brought up Florence question. It appears that a communication was sent to Gen Berardi from Gen GRUNTHER, C of S 5 Army, through the LO to the effect that a Gen to command Florence Garrison would be very much appreciated.
Informed Gen Oxilia that all this was of no avail. 5 Army have no authority to request for Garrison Comdrs direct without referring to AAI.
It is possible that the subject will again be taken up with this HQ on the latest lines.

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5. Gen Oxilia brought up the question of a Military Mission to Marshal TITO. COMD

Gen Oxilia in reply to our TS/G/31 dated 29 Aug. with letter 435/OX dated 2 Sept put forward all the details as requested.

The question is becoming rather urgent as SMG appears to wish to have a finger in the pie. Gen Oxilia is keen to have an answer before SMG make a complete of mess of the whole affair.

Major.

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 2D SEPTEMBER '44.

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A.Q

GEN OXILIA.

1. Informed Gen Oxilia that it would not be possible to send an Army officer to Florence to look into the officers' situation there. This HQ would not consider any proposals other than those conforming with the Comd's directive as laid down in AQ/8 dated 26 August.

Gen Oxilia agreed to this but nevertheless pointed out the seriousness of the situation in Florence, where, according to a patriot leader present, there are signs of Civil War breaking out. Gen Oxilia is very pessimistic about the situation which, he states, will grow worse as we proceed North.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

DPM

A.Q
S.C.(A)

2. Requested action taken as per our AQ/11/2 dated 10 Sept.

M of W are going to hurry this matter up.

A.Q

3. Asked for details on Requisitioning powers of Italian Units a) South of Army boundary
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ny Italian unit wishing to requisition property of any kind must forward their requests to the Regional HQ's who have special commissions set up for this purpose. Requisitions cannot take place in any other manner.

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Have requested M of W to send these instructions out in writing to all Italian formations as there still was considerable amount of ignorance as to the regulations on behalf of Comdrs.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

4. Asked whether a decision had been made as to the rates of pay for the Combat Gps.

Informed that the Minister had decided to give Combat Pay ( surplus allce daily of 45 lire ) to all the Combat Gps wef the day that each Gp commenced training.

The CIL ( to be Folgore and Legnano ) will, however, continue to receive their Combat pay even though put of the line and not having commenced training.

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S.C.(A)

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 19 SEPTEMBER '44.

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**GEN OXILIA.**

1. Gen Oxilia is keen for us to take up the question of the Synthetic Rubber Establishment at Terni. A.Q
As this establishment has a certain amount of machinery and equipment with necessary materials, the intention of the War Ministry would be to transfer the Mesagne W/shops to this town. Its present position is not convenient with regard to dislocation of Italian tps. Having this W/shops at Terni would mean that much more efficient and quicker work would be performed.

2. Enquired as to the qualifications required for personnel to be able to join the CCRR. COMD
All applications for joining the CCRR are voluntary and the following qualifications are required:
i) Must have completed Elementary School studies.
ii) Must have passed all Army Medical requirements.
iii) To join foot CCRR must be 1.65 metres in height, mounted CCRR must be 1.70 in height.
iv) If already in the Army, must have C.O.'s recommendation
v) Must pass all tests for CCRR training.

**LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.**

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3. Found out that Lt.Col YOUNG (attd AFHQ ? in Palazzo Assicuazione - Piazza Venezia Rome) had ordered SIM to provide 8 offrs 55 men to guard 200 Republican offrs transferred to Forte Boccea prison. These men had apparently been provided from the Rome presidium.
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LIAISON OFFICE.

2/c G A.Q. G3(I)

4. Informed of the following moves of officers:
Maj.Gen FERONE wef 9 Sept attd M of W for special duties. ( Commission on Officers' Investigation )

COL DE MICHELIS.

2/c A.Q.

5. Introduced to Gen AZZI, replacing Gen TAMASSIA as Head of Rome presidium.
Gen AZZI appears to be a very nice person as is considered as being very efficient. He was, up to a short while ago, commanding Italian tps in Albania who have been doing some very good patriot work.
Gen AZZI will be coming along to this HQ at a time to be confirmed in oredr to meet G.O.C.
Gen Tamassia has now been attd to Engineer Directorate in the M of W.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 18 SEPTEMBER '44.

Q. Br

GEN OXILIA.

1. Requested latest information on position of regularising promotion of three Carabinieri in the field for gallantry.

Gen Oxilia stated that the whole matter had been approved of by the M of W and that the question had been referred to GOC CCRR Liberated Italy for his sanctioning. Gen Oxilia will, however, hurry the matter up with the CCRR in order that the whole question be settled quickly.

2/c A.Q S.C. (A) Archive Ed Rec

LIAISON OFFICE.

2. Informed that Gen GONELLA will substitute Gen FALUGI as M of W rep on the Defascism Committee for the M of W.

This is due to the fact that Gen FALUGI already has a lot on his hands being Head of Personnel Branch in the M of W. This new appt took effect from 15 Sept.

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MAJOR GUISO.

3. Instructed Major Guiso to supply 'NAAFI' goods (Italian) incl soap to the Combat Ops and to make good present deficiences.

The issue of such articles remains a M of W responsibility.

A.Q S.C.(A)

MAJOR SALVIONI.

4. Asked Major Salvioni for the decision made as to the rates of pay for the Alpini soldiers attd to the Mountain School.

Major Salvioni informed me that it had been decided by the Minister to contiue paying them the same rates as they had been receiving with the Piedmonte Bn. They will also continue to figure for such purposes on their Bn strength.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

5. Received from Col De Michelis the progress Report on work performed by (a) Defascism Committee (b) The Committee examining the position of all Army officers and &c) Officers who have been demobilised from the Army. COMD 21c A.G 2240

Work of the Defascism Committee and the committees examining the position of all personnel appears to be proceeding quite smoothly. The only set-back is the trying of cases. This is going very slowly and to date no hearings have been completed. This is partly due to lack of further evidence and M of W hope that the whole operation will be speeded up very shortly.

Attached herewith are:

Appx (A) showing the work performed to date by the Defascism Committee.

Appx (B) showing work performed by officer Investigation Comm

Appx (C) showing number Gen officers demobilized.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

Progress Report of Ministry of War Defascism Committee for Period ending 15 September.

| Rank | Total Nos | Investigations Completed | Suspensions. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Generals | Not assessable | 57 | - |
| Colonels | " " | 6 | - |
| | Total | 63. | |

APPENDIX 'B'.

Progress Report of Officers and Men's Investigation Committee for period ending 15 September.

| Rank | Total Nos | Investigations Completed | Suspensions. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Generals | Not assessable | 34 | 81 |
| Colonels | " | 112 | 58 |
| Lt.Cols | " | 168 | 54 |
| Majors | " | 107 | 27 |
| Capts | " | 127 | 41 |
| Lieuts | " | 74 | 23 |

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| Lieuts | " | 74 | 23 |
| 2/Lts | " | 80 | 20 |
| O.R.'s | " | 3328 | 842 |
| | Total | 4040 | 1146 . |

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APPENDIX 'C'.

State showing number of Generals demobilized up to 15 Sept.

| | Placed on Reserve. | Demobbed | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|
| In accordance with Law No 369 of 9 May 1940 Art 36. ( Age ) | | | |
| Acting Army Comdrs | - | 1 | 1 |
| Corps Comdrs | 1 | - | 1 |
| Maj.Gens | - | 2 | 2 |
| Brig.Gens | 1 | - | 1 |
| For disciplinary measures. | | | |
| Brig.Gens | 2 | - | 2 |
| For reduction of strength. | | | |
| Army Comdrs | 2 | - | 2 |
| Acting Army Comdrs | 1 | - | 1 |
| Corps Comdrs | 20 | - | 20 |
| Maj.Gens | 65 | - | 65 |
| Brig.Gens | 115 | - | 115 |
| Total | 207 | 3 | 210 |

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GEN. OXILIA.

1. Gen Oxilia reported that the M of W were receiving many requests from Italian civilians to be able to sell their cars to foreigners and Allied personnel ( ( both military and civilian ). This is in accordance with Wartime Italian Law. Gen Oxilia believes this to be purely evasive action from requisitioning on behalf of car owners. Gen Oxilia intends to issue orders to the effect that as and how such requests are made, the cars would be requisitioned.

Before this can be done, Gen Oxilia would like to be sure that Allied personnel ( both military and civilian ) are not allowed to purchase such property.

Informed Gen Oxilia that British personnel were not allowed to buy such property but could not answer for other Allied tps.

2. Informed that certain schools existed previously exclusively for the education of Army officers children and was run by Italian Army personnel for teaching.

Gen Oxilia would like to know whether it will be possible to re-open these schools, especially as education these days is very difficult, with Army teachers. This personnel would, except for Pay, NOT form part of yhe effective Italian Army.

3. Informed Gen Oxilia that the question of the Taranto Medical Depot, subject of a conference in this HQ some time back, had not been settled as agreed upon.

Reports from the LO show that the depot was still without tpt which was absolutely essential.

Gen Oxilia was aware of this and has issued orders to the effect that a truck and car will be supplied immediately by the M of W and that Taranto has been made responsible for supply of petrol and maintenance.

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2/c A.Q DA:QMG

<u>GEN PELLIGRA.</u>

4. Informed Gen Pelligra that the dyeing of Allied uniforms programme was falling through owing to the lack of coal in the factory at Naples.
Informed Gen Pelligra that indents should be forwarded immediately and that the Naples personnel should be instructed to keep in touch with the situation.
Gen Pelligra has already submitted the indent.

Col SHIRLEY

<u>LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.</u>

5. Asked for the age of retirement of Lt.Cols in the Italian Army.
Informed age for regular Army Lt;Cols is 52.
Non regulars are paloed on the Reserve List at 46.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 15SEPTEMBER '44.

GEN OXILIA.

1. Accompanied Major Pinkley to inform Gen Oxilia of progress with regard to the tyre situation.

Gen Oxilia was informed that the seriousness of the situation was fully appreciated by us and that the whole question was being taken up on a high level.

The arrangements ~~in~~ as suggested to be adopted were that Transportation Sub-Commission A.CC. was to make an alottment of tyres available in Italy to the Italian Army. Furthermore that the Italian Army be ~~M~~ allowed to make use of a part of Pirelli and other such factories in order that the many available repairable tyres could be repaired. An alottment of raw materials for this purpose has also been asked for.

The whole matter was now awaiting the decision of the very highest level.

2. Gen Oxilia brought up the question of the Florence situation. ~~M~~ of W are very worried about the situation there from a political aspect. Great discontent is being shown for the lack of interest of the present M of W towards regular officers.

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Gen Oxilia informed that Gen Browning had ordered Gen Lerice to be demobilized and that this order was to be carried out and notification when done to be sent to this HQ.

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GEN PELLIGRA.

4. Asked Gen Pelligra of present position of LT.COL LANDOLFI.

Lt.Col Landolfi was passed to ACC by private arrangement of Gen Orlando (then Minister for War) and the Chief Commissioner. Col Landolfi was to be lent for a short period until the Rome situation was clarified. M of W letter 4842/S dated 15 May informs us of this.

Xxx Lt.Col Landolfi at the present time is bourne on M of xxxxxxxxx W strength.

Sent AFHQ AG 22.5.(A)

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 14 SEPT. '44.

COL DE FONZO.

1. Postings - Received confirmation that Lt.Col Guilio Ferretti would remain as the replacement to Major Robustiniano for It Increment to 5 Docks Gp R.E. and that Lt.Col Bolognini's posting was cancelled.

GEN PELLIGRA.

2. Gen Pelligra gave me confirmation that the whole of 10,000 complete uniforms had now been handed over to the CCRR.
An officer from the M of W has supervised this.

Lt.Col MONACO.

3. Was informed that the grouping of labour units into communalised accomodation in Bari as instructed by this HQ is now nearly completed. Orders have been issued by Puglie and Lucania HQ that similar arrangements be hurried in Taranto and Brindisi.

4. Informed that the Minister has issued a directive to all Italian Army HQ's to the effect that, owing to a shortage of Capts and subalterns in Italian Army units, no such officers can any longer be employed in offices or static HQ's but will be sent into the field to command units according to their rank.
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H.E. CASATI - MINISTER FOR WAR.

5. Had talk with the Minister over the following main points:

i) The Minister is rather worried over the question of reinforcements for the Friuli Div. He has requested all concerned to attach great importance to this matter.

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ii) The Minister is very keen to know of any lack of co-operation on behalf of any of his officers. He would like to know personnaly of any cases in order that he may take appropriate action.

iii) The Minister would like to know whether Gen Lerice can be employed in any way other than be put in command of tps. The Minister has suggested putting him in some commission or other. On the other hand, he would like to know whether he is to be demobilized;

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 13 SEPT. '44.

File 1419 A.Q

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Requested that a list be prepared of all Regimental depots of the Italian Army in all Italy.
This to include: Commissariat, Motorization, Artillery and Veterinary.

2. Requested that the details asked for with ref to M of W letter 10395 dated 26 August dealing with materials taken by Allied unit from Capua Pirotecnico be submitted urgently otherwise no action could be taken owing to the time lapse.

GEN OXILIA.

3. Informed Gen Oxilia that Medical returns were very slack. Indents and returns were constantly arriving late and in most cases were incomplete. This would appear that Medical Directorates were not taking an interest in the essential detail.
Informed Gen Oxilia of the various forms of returns and indents that were required together with the dates and compilation and arrival at this HQ.
Furthermore informed Gen Oxilia that the impression in this Hq was that Medical work in the M of W was not properly distributed amongst the staff and that junior officers were in many cases left to do all the work.
Gen Oxilia has promised a thorough investigation.

4. Informed Gen Oxilia of the method to be adopted for requests of frm materials required by the Italian Army that were under control of the Allies.
The necessary documents were given to Gen Oxilia who was requested to inform all departments in the M of W in order that unnecessary letters and time should not be wasted.

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5. Gen Oxilia had a long talk on the situation in recently liberated areas not under any control of the M of W. It would appear that the position of ex Army personnel, incl very many regular Army personnel, is becoming very serious.

Gen Oxilia is very afraid that trouble will arise in the future because very many officers and men are abandoned, making it appear that the Italian Government has lost interest in them.

Gen Oxilia is working out a plan whereby small Italian HQ's be formed and attached to Area and Dist HQs. These Hq's will deal with all Admin problems, pay and Italian Army material ( at the present vast quantities are being lost owing to the lack of anyone on the spot to salvage same).

The plan will be submitted to us for our ideas on the subject.

Screening agencies are unable to cope with large numbers owing to distance difficulties.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 12 SEPTEMBER '44.

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1. Informed Col Millefiorini that the following letters:

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b) Renting of State owned land (Ref 300690 dated 7 Sept.

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2. Took up the question of accomodation of Italian Military labour in Bari, Brindisi and Taranto.
Orders for the changes as laid down have been issued to Puglie and Lucania HQ. This has always been looked upon favourably by the HQ and should therefore have been completed by now. Mof W will get P and L HQ to confirm.

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3. Informed Col Millefiorini that ref ACC circular regarding Italian Military property, M of W should report all cases of Army property being illegally held by Allied units or civilians to this HQ who would take the matter up. This includes old cases. M of W should NOT however take the law into their own hands regarding this.

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7. Handed report on activities of Gen ANGELICA for action as thought fit. A.Q G3 (I)
Pointed out that as far as Allies were concerned there was a lack of evidence for his internment but that it was thought that the officer required disciplinary action taken against him.
Gen Oxilia is keeping documents for the time being and will handle the case personnaly

8. Gen Oxilia together with Gen Crivaro put in a very special request for the squad of 4 officers 34 OR's ~~sixpxsss~~ (mine-lifters) at present in Puglie Lucania HQ. G SORE.
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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 11 SEPTEMBER '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Informed of the following:
a) Lt. PUCCARELLI Witber
2/Lt NAPPO Giov-battista.
Both these officers, of 1025 GT Coy, have been replaced and demobilized because of their inefficiency.
( AQ/6 dated 14 August ).
b) Capt MENITONE
Capt PIANTANIDE
Both these officers, of 1005 GT Coy have been replaced by Capt GIORDANO and Capt CELENTANO resp.
( AQ/11 dated 26 July )
c) Capt GARRUTTI
This officer, of 1005 GT Coy, has been replaced by Capt NERVI.
d) Capt PIANTANIDE
posted as in para (b) above has been removed, by mistake from 1005 GT Coy and sent to 1006 GT Coy. Signal has already been sent ordering him back to 1005 Coy.

GEN PELLIGRA.

2. Made enquiries as to whether the CCRR had received the complete 10,000 sets of clothing.
The last three truck loads with 3,000 prs trousers is due to arrive to-day. This will complete the consignment. An officer will report on arrival.

2/c Lt SHIPLEY

3. Informed Gen Pelligra that the question of dyeing uniforms was still an Italian Army responsability and NOT and Allied one as stated by mistake by Major Hubbard. ( Log dated 6 Sept. para 3 in error ).

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Informed that the order had been despatched some days ago. An officer left on Sept 9 to ensure that the orders had been carried out. Officer is due to return on Sept 12 and will report results to this HQ.

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GEN CRIVARO.

5. Gen Crivaro informed me that the Engineer Labour Directorate, Naples had been ordered to carry out repairs in Depot No. 591 in Naples ( ex PBS property ).
The work was now in progress.

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MAJOR GUISO.

6. Ref the 10 tons soap arranged by M of W from Bari to Ortona for CIL.
The soap has already left for Ortona and M of W have already given instructions that it is for 209 Div in lieu of CIL.

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7. Informed Major Guiso of shortage of boot polish in Sicily but that manufacture was possible there if raw materials made available.
Indents on usual proforma should be submitted for our approval for such raw materials and then passed through Italian channels to Ind & Comm Sub-Comm.
This will be done. At the same time, M of W are going to buy up all available boot polish in Rome and Naples area. There is quite a substantial quantity in those areas.

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S. C.(Q)

8. Informed by Major Guiso of the following:
Arriving at Bari from Alexandria are 60 tons of captured Italian Clothing and Equipment. ( Consigner Traffic Ordnance Depot Alex )
No further details are known.

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CAPT VENTRELLA.

9 Informed Capt Ventrella that Italian tps with 1 District have had no cigarettes for one month.
It appears that something has gone wrong with Bari despatches. M of W were aware of the fact of the shortage. Bari will be signalled to despatch immediately all requirements together with reasons for delay.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 12 SEPTEMBER '44.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 8 SEPTEMBER '44.

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

1. Discussed Brig Lush's circular governing Italian Army property and transport.

Circular states that authority was given to Italian Army to salvage all Army property and that no Allied unit would either occupy, requisition or use such property without offisial sanction of ACC.

Col Millefiorini would like to know whether as a result of the circular, the M of W was entitled to claim any Army property which had been taken by the Allies prior to its being published.

LIAISON OFFICE.

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2. Requested Liaison Office to take up careful enquiry on any information or documents belonging to Sjt F. WALLIS, killed in WD in Dec '41.

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COL BASILE.

3. Obtained from Col Basile answer to letter AQ/2/3 dated 2 Sept.

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ii) Three Military Commissions appointed by the Ministry of War to examine the activities/ of all military personnel in the Army pre and post Armistice, of ranks Lt.Cols and below.
iii) One Commission appointed by M of W to examine activities as in para ii for the ranks of Gens and Cols.
Commissions ii and iii submit states showing progress under the following headings:

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|---|---|---|
| Category 1 | ..... | Completly free of all guilt. |
| Category 2 | ..... | Passables. |
| Category 3 | ..... | Guilty, to be reffered to Epuration Committee.(para i) |
| Category 4 | ..... | Evidence lacking, in suspence. Also refered to Epuration Com. |

Appx 1 shows results of Commission (ii). Results of (iii) will follow.

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Major.

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## APPENDIX 1.

PROGRESS REPORT by Commission for the examination ( ctivities of officers ( Lt.Cols and below) f.om 14 August to 31 August.

| Rank | Category 1 | 2 | 3 | 4. | Total. examined |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lt.Cols | 18 | 88 | 53 | 2 | 161 |
| Majors | 14 | 46 | 23 | - | 83 |
| Capts | 14 | 59 | 23 | - | 96 |
| Lieuts | 8 | 37 | 7 | - | 52 |
| 2/Lts | 6 | 46 | 7 | - | 59 |
| Total | 60 | 276 | 113 | 2 | 451 |
| Percentage | 13 | 61.10 | 25 | - | - |

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 7 SEPTEMBER '44.

LT.COL MARCHETTI.

1. Informed Col Marchetti that the use of the 80 tons of explosives as asked for had been approved. Confirmation coming in writing.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Asked whether it would be possible to exchange 6 subalterns (2/Lts) who had been posted to PWB for censorship work with more senior officers.

The reason for such an exchange is that the Army has found itself with a shortage of junior officers and senior officers for whom no employment can be found.

The 6 officers forming part of the exchange would be Majors and Lt.Cols.

COL BASILE.

3. Passed request for ~~clothing~~ NAAFI goods from Brindisi Labour HQ which had been passed direct to this HQ, pointing out that all requests should go through Italian channels to M of W or SMRE.

4. Informed that as from 15 September all questions regarding a) Soap b) Boot Polish c) Candles would be dealt with by the Administrative Services Directorate of the M of W (Doctor Ferretti) as this had, in the past, always been its responsability.

COL DE MICHELIS.

5. Handed in letter dealing with Progress Reports on work by Defascism Committees

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COL DE MICHELIS.

5. Handed in letter dealing with Progress Reports on work by Defascism Committees.

The report will be in the form of a pro-forma which will be submitted on the 18 and 3 of each month and will show correct situation as at the 15 and 30 of each month.

6. Handed in letter pointing out the position of 25 Alpini soldiers drawn from Piedmonte Bn to be attd to Mountain tng school where they were doing some very hard work.

These men were , by virtue of being drawn away from their unit, forced to give ~~my~~ up 20 lire in pay.

Asked for special grant to be made whereby the men could continue being paid on the same rates as they would have been paid with their unit.

Matter would rest entirely with Ministry of Finance but would receive backing of M of W.

Major

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 6 SEPTEMBER 44.

GEN PELLIGRA.

1. Made enquiries as to the progress of the handing over of 10,000 complete suits for repair to CCRR.

Gen Pelligra informed me that a) As is already known, all the tunics have been drawn.
b) 7,000 pairs trousers have also been handed over and the remaining 3, 000 are on the way, being the final load of 3 trucks.

It is expected that the handing-over will be completed in about 2/3 days time.

2. Asked Gen Pelligra whether the necessary instructions re our AQ/2/19 of 31 August had been issued to all units. (No olive oil to be purchased by Formations or units of the Italian Army ).

Informed that the order had been issued by the M of W in circular No 9144 dated 6 Sept .

3. Informed Gen Pelligra that ref letter 2420/Ri dated 2 Sept, the statement contained therein had been stated by Major Hubbard to be untrue ( dye for unfforms to be supplied by Allies ).

An investigation will be carried out and the decision communicated to Gen Pelligra.

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6. Informed Col Millefiorini that ref letter 300-129/CA dated 31 August, we were not at all interested.

This HQ only dealt with cases whereby Army property was intended to be requisitioned where the drill is for the Allied unit to ask AAI who, if agreed will order us to order M of W.

Requisitioning and derquisitioning of civilian buildings was a District and Area matter.

If M of W required buildings they would have to state actual needs and no of men but it was pointed out that Italian tps were on the decrease in S. Italy.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

7. Received progress report of the Defascistization Committees showing work done up to 31 August.
(See attd Appendix).

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MINISTRY OF WAR.

DENAZIFICATION OF MILITARY PRISONERS, COUNTRIES.

Numerical state showing results of denazification work done between 22 to 31 Aug

| RANK | EXAMINED | ACQUITTED | SENT UNDER DENAZIFICATION | DISMISSAL FROM SERVICE |
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| GENERALS | 37 | 35 | - | 2 |
| COLONELS | 6 | - | 1 | 2 |
| LT. COLS. | - | - | - | - |
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| CAPTAINS | - | - | - | - |
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COL DE MICHELIS.

1. Reminded De Michelis once more that we were waiting for a report from the De-fascistization Committees showing progress made up to 31 August.
Informed that the Committees were meeting today and that the report would be produced by, latest 6 September.

Comd
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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Informed Millefiorini that an answer was still awaited to our AQ/6/1 dated 30 May dealing with the loss of a British Army vehicle by Pte Sellaro.
Informed that Puglie Lucania HQ were responsible for production of Court of Enquiry and results but that reason for delay was suspected to be owing to the fact that Sellaro had deserted.

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S.C (M)

3. Enquired for reasons of demobilization of Lt.Col LETO, Comd 1 Bn 45 Inf Regt, Catania as requested by Comd 56 Area.
Col Leto has been, apparently the victim of false accusations due to jealousy, suspected to be cause of demobilization.
M of W believe Leto is to be demobilized owing to age limit but will confirm.

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S.C. (A)

4. Requested that prompt action be taken to post efficient Officer to Comd 1005 GT Coy as present comd wasentirely unsuitable and was 51 years old.
( Letter 4410/8/ST dated 30 August - 2 Dist. )

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S.C (A).

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This to be used for agricultural and mining purposes.

No answer has been received and M of W state that the request is urgent.

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M of W would like to know whether this means that all requests will have to come to MMIA Rome or that M-MIA LO's are also have authority to issue these permits ?

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8. Requested Basile for present Army stock of Tooth powder, previously reported as being 'abundant'.

Informed that the 'stock' of tooth powder was, to all intents and purposes, nil. It was possible to make, however, very large quantities owing to great stocks of calcium carbonate.

This again shows incorrect information given by Lt.Col Nabissi.

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This gives the Italian Army a small stock.

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The information we require is a list of all Army Depots and repair shops with adresses. This was to be treated as urgent.

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The information we require is a list of all Army Depots and repair shops with adresses. This was to be treated as urgent.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 9 SEPTEMBER '44.

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Attended meeting at Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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| Present. | Legal Sub-Comm | Lt.Col Hannaford. |
| | M. Grace Justice | Head of Cabinet |
| | M. of War | Capt ASCIANO |
| | MMIA | Col KERR |
| | | Lt.Col NOAKES. |
| | | Major BYATT. |

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MINUTES.

Meeting held to discuss following points:

i) Re-opening of Tribunali Militare
ii) Re-opening of Tribunale Militare ROME with sifting of undesirables.
iii) Bari Problem.

i) Decided that personnel of Tribunali Militare must figure on Italian Army state coming under Administration. Figure laid down for such organization, 250, all properly epurated. Civilians to be employed, if required, also to be properly epurated. All tribunali militare to be under control Legal Sub-Comm who will have all names of personnel, both military and civilian, and who will request removal of undesirables and incompetant when and where occasioned.

ii) Covered in para (i) above. Request for the re-opening to be submitted to Legal Sub-Comm.

iii) Statement made by Capt ASCIANO to effect that Head of Cabinet, Ministry of War, announced that Under-Sec of State, M. PALERMO, is going to Bari to investigate the Bari case personally.

CAPT MARAMOTTI.

1. Informed by Maramotti that Gen Pelligra has formed a section in the M of W who will be responsible for the producing of all states required by this HQ. Section as follows:

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Discussed the states required as laid down in Admin Inst No 5.

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to SHAPLEY

COL DE MICHELIS.

2. Col De Michelis requested that Gen TAMASSIA should have a more senior officer over him in the Rome presidium.

This is in view of the fact that Gen Tammassia is a very junior General. Rome presidium now has a large extension of territory under its jurisdiction. This warrants a more senior officer to help in making important decisions.

The officer sugested is Gen AZZI.
This will, however, NOT affect the strength or organisation of the presidium or of Gen Tamassia.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 7 SEPTEMBER '44.

LT.CO, MARCHETTI.

1. Informed Col Marchetti that the use of the 80 tons of explosives as asked for had been approved. Confirmation coming in writing.

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Asked whether it would be possible to exchange 6 subalterns (2/Lts) who had been posted to PWB for censorship work with more senior officers.

The reason for such an exchange is that the Army has found itself with a shortage of junior officers and senior officers for whom no employment can be found.

The 6 officers forming part of the exchange would be Majors and Lt.Cols.

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COL BASILE.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 6 SEPTEMBER 44.

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MINISTRY OF WAR.

DEFASCISTIZATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

Numerical state showing results of defascistization work done between 22 to 31 Au

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LITARY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

listization work done between 22 to 31 August.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 4 SEPTEMBER '44.

GEN OXILIA.

1. Handed in letter SD/15 dated 4/9/44 asking for explanation of " Alpini Bn Sulmona " within 24 hrs. COMD
Gen Oxilia knew nothing of this bn. He will refer the matter to the Minister and will take immediate action in investigating the whole question.
Gen Pelligra was asked to find out immediately:
i) Whether in fact the articles of clothing were issued to the formation or whether they were put on one side.
ii) Who gave the orders for such action.

2. Informed Gen Oxilia that ref their letter 3004/3/CA of 29 August dealing with the carrying of arms by CCRR and RGF, the question had been passed to Public Safety Sub-Commission. COMD

3. Gen Oxilia informed me that he wished to see the Comd. in order to discuss the following subjects: COMD
i) Organization of an Italian Rome Region HQ in lieu of the present Presidium HQ as put forward in M of W letter 300471/CA dated 31 August.
ii) The organizing of an HQ in Florence under a General.
The main reasons for this are, - Allied HQ's are being flooded out by requests from Italian Military in Florence and they would welcome an It. HQ. - the political situation in the city is uneasy - maintain public order - Control the many institutes, depots and factories belonging to the Army in that area ( understood that the guarding to be done by civilian guards ).

COL DE MICHELIS.

4. Made enquiries as to the latest position with COMD
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COL DE MICHELIS.

4. Made enquiries as to the latest position with regard to defascistization, pointing that a report was expected for work done up to 31 Aug. COMD A.Q
The work of the various committees is proceeding satisfactorily but a lot of 'snags' are being encountered in the application of the defascistization law which has many clauses and categories which have to be dealt with in different ways.
A report will, however, be produced.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

5. Informed Col Millefiorini that if the inventory of the Spolettificio, Via Flaminia, was not produced by to-day, the whole of the stores, irrespective of whether military or civilian, to Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission. 2214 A.Q S.C (Q)
Was informed that the inventory was ready and would be despatched to us. to-day without fail.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

6. Was informed of the following moves of officers:
Lt.Gen ARMELLINI A. wef 14 August is attached to M of W for special duties.
Brig.Gen NANNEI M. wef 31 August ceased to be GOC 204 Coastal Div and is attached to M of W for special duties. § Destined for Campania Military HQ )
Brig.Gen CHATRIAN L. wef 1 Sept is attached SMRE for special duties.
Brig.Gen LAZZARINI A. wef 25 August ceased to be GOC 226 Div and attached to Campania Military HQ for special duties.
Brig.Gen MONACCI E. wef 25 August ceased to be 2 i/c 226 Div and attached to Campania Military HQ for special duties.
Brig.Gen LAMA G. wef 1 Sept ceased to be GOC 203 Coastal Div and posted as GOC 205 Div.
MAj.Gen MONTICELLI F. wef 1 Sept nominated President of Commission form interrogation of repatriated PW.
Brig.Gen BERAUDO di PRALORMO E. wef 21 August ceased to be GOC 'BARI' Inf Div and posted as GOC 'PICENO' Inf Div.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 2 SEPTEMBER '44.

LT.COL NABISSI.

1. Informed Nabissi that on 13 August a release was despatched to M of W for 9000 prs boots for CIL. Naples depot issued 9000 prs boots to Friuli Div on 27 Aug and nil to CIL.

Nabissi knows nothing about this. M of W instructions to Naples as per letter 17142/V dated 23 August show clearly that boots were to be issued to Delegazione 'A' for use of CIL. Investigations are being made as this is completely new to M of W.

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Col SHIPLEY

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2. Informed ~~them~~ Nabissi that at one time there was a large stock of blankets in Naples depots. This now showed as being nil. Requested info as to what had become of these.

Nabissi informed me that all the blankets in Naples had been issued to tps, principally to the new tps resulting from call-ups. Was assured that all tps now in possession of one blanket.

Also assured that the winter situation was in hand as most units held winter issue which for summer were handed to unit stores and not to Depots.

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Col SHIPLEY

COL DE MICHELIS.

3. Requested info as to summary powers of Italian independant Unit Commanders, with special ref to desertions.

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The above is the maximum that can be awarded by any Comdr without trial.

Desertion does not come under any of the above clauses. Penal Code lays down that it must be reffered to Military Tribunal.

In case of units under command, punishment is awarded by the senior officer of the most senior formation or by an officer appointed by him.

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LT.COL MARCHETTI.

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4. Ref the disposal of No 2 Reparto Ministeriale. Informed Col Marchetti

a) An officer was to be appointed to ensure that the 288 personnel at present in 15 Inf/ Depot were handed over to RAOC Training Establishment. Said officer to report completion to this HQ.

b) Personnel still with Ministries, unless handed

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 2 SEPTEMBER '44.

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LT.COL. NABISSI.

1. Informed Nabissi that on 13 August a release was despatched to M of W for 9000 prs boots for CIL. Naples depot issued 9000 prs boots to Friuli Div on 27 Aug and nil to CIL.

Nabissi knows nothing about this. M of W instructions to Naples as per letter 17142/V dated 23 August show clearly that boots were to be issued to Delegazione 'A' for use of CIL. Investigations are being made as this is completely new to M of W.

A.Q. Col SHIPLEY

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2. Informed ~~them~~ Nabissi that at one time there was a large stock of blankets in Naples depots. This now showed as being nil. Requested info as to what had become of these.

Nabissi informed me that all the blankets in Naples had been issued to tps, principally to the new tps resulting from call-ups. Was assured that all tps now in possession of one blanket.

Also assured that the winter situation was in hand as most units held winter issue which for summer were handed to unit stores and not to Depots.

A.Q. Col SHIPLEY

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 1 SEPTEMBER '44.

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LT.COL DE MICHELIS.

1. Chased answer to Comd's letter to Minister, AQ/6/1 dated 8 August of subject Chieti incident between Italian tps and Allied tps.
Was informed that the matter had been passed to Gen Berardi for immediate action.
The matter will be taken up immediately and an investigation made as to the slackness in replying.

COMD
A.Q

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Ref M of W letter 4181/C dated 8 August.requesting electricity for the Regio Licec Virgilio hospital.
M of W informed us of the amount of kw. required on 25 August, but have received no answer.
It was pointed out that the question is now becoming urgent as all work there has been suspended. M of W would be grateful if they could know whether or not the electricity will be granted.

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3. Informed Col Millefiorini that an inventory was going to be prepared of the military and civilian stores in the Spolettificio Regio Esercito, via Flaminia and forwarded to us in order that the military stores could be handed over to the Army. This to date had not been received.
Local Resources (Allied Force) were now issueing release notes on the civilian stores.
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GEN ALIBERTI.

4. Ref M of W letter 10395 dated 26 Aug. on removal of equipment from Capua Pyrotechnic Depot by an Allied unit.

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S.C (Q)

Informed Gen Aliberti that the info. was not sufficient. The following further info was required:

a) Date removal took place.
b) Clearer details on unit concerned
c) Whether any authority was produced.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 31 AUGUST '44.

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X LT.COL NABISSI.

1. Informed Col Nabissi that tentage was required for the first gp of 431 men arriving from Sardinia.
Was informed that no tentage was now available as all stocks are now exhausted.
Following action will be taken:
All tents will be removed from personnel living in bkw in Naples area and tents stored with Naples Commissariat, where they will be available.
M of W will signal Sardinia in order that all tps coming to mainland will be in possession of tentage.

A.Q
DADOS

COL DE MICHELIS.

2. Informed Col De Michelis of the Italians mentioned in the report concerning the massacre of 48 civilians by German tps in S.POLO and asked for all possible information about them.
This information will be rather difficult to get but the CCRR will be informed and a certain amount ought to be obtained.

A.Q
S.C. (A)

3. Requested information about Lt.Col MEMMO, intended to replace present Military Attaché in Madrid.
The information regarding this officer is quite favourable. He was Chief Secretary to Gen Ambrosio when the Gen was Inspector of the Army. He is very intelligent and has never figured in past political aspects. He has been selected principally on his hard working capabilities.
Other officers have corroborated this statement.

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LT.COD MARCHETTI.

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| Available in 15 Inf Depot Salerno for immediate employment ..... | 288 | |
| Still with civilian Ministries (M of W still fighting to obtain ..... | 23 | 2207 |
| With ACC MT Park ..... | 69 | |
| With 2000 aut. pl ACC ..... | 17 | |
| No. 8 Recovery & repair Centre ..... | 63 | |
| 10 Autisri Regt ..... | 26 | |
| Telegraph pl SMRE ..... | 43 | |
| High Comm. for PW ..... | 12 | 210 |
| Badoglio Secretariat ..... | 6 | |
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M of W do not know what orders to issue to personnel with the last four mentioned units.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

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5. Was informed by Doctor Ferretti that the

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b) Italian Port Detachment Bari
c) 1200 Italian Amb. Pl attd 1002 GT coy.
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Major.

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 30 AUGUST '44.

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Movmts

COL BASILE.

1. Meeting held with Col Basile and 2 i/c to discuss lack of distribution of soap to forward tps and solution for the future.
i) It was discovered that Gen Tomasselli ~~xxxxixxx~~ was issued with full alottment of soap for July as result of Naples state showing issues.
Investigation being held as to statement that Gen Tomaselli only received half July alottment.
ii) Agreed that no issues were made during month of August owing to fall through of rail tpt of stocks from Bari to Naples. This since put right with Movments.
iii) Decision made that all future issues of soap to be despatched under M of W arrangements direct to 8 Army area.
iv) Discussion with Movements show that it would be very complicated to use rail tpt. This involves having soap stocks in Rome, 8 Army to bid for space on pack. Present system show no guarentee for either soap to reach Rome or to be put on right train.
v) Decided that same syatem as used for rations to be adopted.
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GEN OXILIA.

2. Gen Oxilia informed me that he had come to complete agreement and drawn up all arrangements with Gen Berardi over the formation of a Central Office.
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Gen Oxilia is drawing up an Office Instruction and will send us a copy.

Gen Oxilia and his staff will now be able to answer all problems in conjunction with the various services.

This will in no way affect direct liaison and communication being held with any department.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 29 AUGUST '44

LT.COL MARCHETTI.

1. Took up question of military prisoners and jails.
It appears that the M of W have been trying to transfer some prisoners from military jail in Rome, held temporarily by M of W to hold officers for trail under defascistization scheme, into civil jails.
Got Col Marchetti to inform M of Grace and Justice in writing that no further prisoners were to be transferred from military jails but that M of G & J to be informed and dispose of as necessary.
This in agreement with Public Safety Sub-Comm.
Situation now is that M of W hand over sufficient number of jails to lodge all military prisoners. M of G & J to dispose of all prisoners with regard to transferring with own tpt.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

2. Informed Doctor Ferretti arrangements made by M of W for Lt. SALE Omodeo to be paid and administered by Gen Castellani's Mission in Algiers had fallen through.
Got Doctor Ferretti to ensure once more that the original arrangements made were to be confirmed and whole matter tied up.

CAPT VENTRELLA.

3. Ref 1000 rations for 254 Transit Camp (It) daily. M of W letter 8691/I/S dated 22 August.
These rations are got up owing to the fact that part of 2 Bn 514 Guard Regt and 505 Guard Bn are attd to staff of 254 Tr. Camp for rations owing to lack of tpt.
Ref 118 rations from Rome for reinforcements 8 Army. M of W letter 8843/I/S dated 27 Aug.

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These rations are for 118 personnel recruited in Rome as Italian increment to 8 Army. This holds until 2 September.

COL BASILE.

4. Got Col Basile to make investigations on the failure of being able to provide Gen Tomaselli with full soap requirements. Investigation being taken up with Naples.

5. Took up question of electrical material for "Fondazione Figli Italiani all'Estero" boot and clothing repair factory.

Position is this: The factory is now partially working owing to electricity having been provided. In order to get factory to work to full capacity it is necessary to obtain the materials from the building now occupied by Allies, in order to fix remaining machines. Material belongs to factory and stored as

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safety precaution.
M of W would like authority to draw these stores.
M of W letter 2304 dated 18 Aug.

ENGINEER BRANCH.

6. Arranged with Engineer branch to get into immediate touch with Naples Engineer branch for work to be started forthwith on Italian clothing depot No. 591.
Work to be carried out on elevator.
This as a result of ground floor and elevator having been handed over to Italians by PBS.
Genio Lavoro will receive necessary instructions.

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S.C (G)

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Lt.Col Guida

7. Arranged for administrative HQ for Italian tps with Region XII. ( For pay purposes only ).
All Italian tps with Region XII will be put under the newly formed 'Delegazione T' which has been set up for this purpose.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 28 AUGUST '44.

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GEN OXILIA - GEN BERARDI.

COMD.

1. Conference held at MMIA by GOC to discuss organization of 6 Combat Groups for the Italian Army.

Present were Gen Oxilia, Gen Berardi, Col Chiavarino, Col Palavicino, Col Kerr, Lt.Col Noakes, Col Pidsley, Lt.Col Howard, Majors Butterworth, Dobbs, Gelardi, Bauman and Byatt.

Main subjects discussed were:

a) Selection of units and areas of concentration.
b) Organization of training and liaison.
c) Reinforcements.
d) Method of employment.

GEN OXILIA.

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A.Q
Col SHIPLEY

2. Informed Gen Oxilia of the present position of handing over of 10,000 repairable uniforms to CCRR and the failing of finding trousers.

Gen Oxilia took the matter up immediately and it was decided that in order to hand over 10,000 trousers to CCRR i) Tpt would be despatched on 30 August by M of W to Bari from where 6,000 would be drawn. ii) Arrangements were made to bring over 4,000 from Salerno. This will settle the CCRR committment.

Gen Oxilia is also going to ensure that over and above this quantity there are available for repair for Italian Army at least 100,000 uniforms.

LIAISON OFFICE.

A.Q
S.C. (A)

3. Requested information regarding whereabouts and condition of 2/Lt FULCIERI PAOLUCCI DI CALBOLI BARONE ( Cavalry) son of Italian Ambassador to Madrid.

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( It is useful to know that Lt Fulcieri's father, Ambassador to Madrid, was a very personal friend of Mussolini and was one of Italy's foremost fascists. )

CABINET.

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A.Q

4. Requested further investigations to be made regarding the cases of: Lt.Col LORENZO MANGO, Lt.Col ALBERTO ATTI, Major CRESCENZIO MARI who were at present detained and awaiting trail for having sworn into Republican Govt.

Informed that orders are that officers MUST undergo trial. A copy of the documents of their reasons for such action might help, if this were possible;

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 25 AUGUST '44.

GEN SANTI. ( S.M.R.E. )

1. Handed and explained message to Col Simmons re the forming of 4 batches of 431 men out of the surplus 6000 men out of services in Sardinia. Batches to include men experienced in handling ammo, driving and maintaining vehicles, Commissariat and technical stores.
First batch to arrive 1 Sept or soon after and others to follow in 15 day lapses. To proceed RAOC trng establishment Salerno.
Agreed by SMRE.

2. Ref the formation Italian Increment to HQ 8th Army. ( Ref SD/17 dated 22 August) .
Gen Santi wishes to ensure that the personnel called up in Rome are personnel adapted to the jobs. Gen Santi will consequently try the men out. Rations will therefore be required for the trying out period.
Can an allottment of rations be had for this unit which is to be ready for 1 Sept.

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI. ( M of W).

3. Ref M of W letter 2016/C dated 5 May of subject "Azote requirements".
M of W have received no answer to date and would like to know the decision made.

4. Asked for the addresses of the bks and depots of towns in Northern un-occupied Italy.
M of W think that it is extremely unlikely that the addresses are available.

COL DE FONZO.

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COL DE FONZO.

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5. Informed Col De Fonzo that instructions were to be issued to all personnel in No. 1 District area to the effect that application will not be made to Military HQ's for special tpt facilities for leave personnel.
In the meantime the question of travel in WD tpt would be taken up by 1 District with AAL.

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6. Informed Col De Fonzo that all units working for the Allies, on a change of location, should inform their Admin. HQ of such changes and arrange for another Admin Hq in their vicinity to look after them.

MAJOR PAGLIANO.

A.G
S.C (Q)
word 29/8/43

7. Informed Major Pagliano that/ref the personnel arrived in Taranto were PW and were therefore of no

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concern of the M of W.

COL BASILE.

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8. Brought up the question of the complaints of tps under Gen Tomaselli about the failure to issue soap on the monthly ration scale asking for reasons.

Col Basile informed that there had been a shortage of soap in Naples from where the tps draw their requirements, due to the lack of concession of rail tpt from Bari where the main stocks are. Rail tpt has now been promised.

In the meantime tps have been warned to draw soap from Bari and all deficiences should be made up.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 26 AUGUST '44.

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Col SHIPLEY

GEN PELLIGRA.

1. Took up question of 10,000 sets of uniforms to be repaired by the CCRR.

Gen Pelligra confirmed that the jackets had been removed and that the CCRR had been warned where the trousers could be collected.

Gen Eelligra is sending us a memo on the latest situation.

A. Q
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Ouch!! Very Funny

2. Requested info on action taken over ourAdmin. Inst. No. 5 and the failure to comply up to date.

Gen Pelligra informed me that owing to move of M of W, the inst had been mislaid, and was only found a few days ago.

Gen Pellirgra informed me that he would put the Inst into effect immediately.

LIAISCN.OFFICE.

A. Q
S. C. (Q)

3. Informed Liaison Office, Cavalry school which had reported to have been damaged by Allies, was visited and it was found to have been damaged by the Germans and all stands destroyed by bombing.

As the Allied unit stationed there was not causing any trouble and as a consequence was found not necessary to hand over to the Italians.

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COL DE MICHELIS

4. Ref the rationing of 50 highly placed patriots at present in Rome, heads of bands drawing up reports and working out casualties.

The 5[illegible] could not be fed with Army rations as all patriots not on the effective roles of the Army were considered as civilians. If however the M of W considered their work as being sufficiently important to warrant Army rationing, the personnel could be put down as civilians of officer status in the M of W staff, providing that the WE of the M of W was not exceeded.

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DOCTOR FERRETTI.

5. Reminded Doctor Ferretti of the following outstanding problems.

i) Additional pay for Smoke Coys
ii) Pay for Italian Port Detechment personnel.
iii) Payment of additional indemnity to 1200 Amb pl.

Doctor Ferretti informed me that the questions were still under study of the Cabinet. A reminder would be sent immediately asking for a decision.

I will be informed.

A.D
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GEN OXILIA - GEN CALDAROLA.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 24 AUGUST '44.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

1. Accompanied Staff Capt (Q) to obtain locations of bks and depots in main towns in Northern un-occupied Italy. A.Q S.C (Q)

GEN PELLIGRA.

2. Accompanied Col Shipley to discuss position of boot and clothing repairs. A.Q A/G.4

Main object of discussion was to step up rate of repairs and get all demands of requirements in as soon as possible.

COL DE MICHELIS.

3. Received special request for the rationing of 50 highly placed patriots at present in ROME. These patriots are the heads of bands having fought the Germans and who are now drawing up reports and working out casualties of their men. Certain men have to be traced in order to be paid recompences. 2/c A.Q S.T

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Gen Oxilia's idea is to have us cease to address our letters to either SMRE or M of W but to hxve all letters addressed to this Central Liason Office. Gen Oxilia and his staff will deal with all correspondance, pass to office concerned and keep in the picture the whole time. Normal liaison contacts will still be kept up with the individual offices but all policy questions and important questions will be discussed with Gen Oxilia or rep and the office concerned.

If this is agreed upon, Gen Oxilia's duties willl be reduced to being only a consultive member of the Ministry, having as main function as Under-Sec. the Main Liaison with Italian Army and the Allies.

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COUNT CASATI ( Minister for War )

5. XXXXXXXXX Yesterday, Count Casati met the P.M.

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The course of the War was discussed which the PM statedwas proceeding to his " complete satisfaction ". The question of the 6 Italian Combat Gps was also discussed and were going to be given the best British equipment. Count Casati asked whether it were not better for the Gps to be hurried in view of the course of the War, which might be ended before more Italian tps could take part. The PM was of the opinion that the end of the War was not going to be as quick as all that.

Count Casati was extremely pleased with the talk.

Major.

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 23 AUGUST '44.

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

1. Informed Col Millefiorini that ref the reopening of the Nettunia Hospital for TB cases, it could not be reopened as a military hospital.

If the hospital is considered essential, it should be staffed by Non-military personnel and be considered for all purposes as a civilian hospital. TB cases were considered to be non-effectives.

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COL BASILE.

2. Col Basile put in ~~xxxx~~ a very strong request for the removal of ~~Army~~ electrical material which is housed in the Ospizio S. Michele (Rome).

The material required belongs to to a firm which is going to undertake to repair Italian Army clothing.

As the Ospizio is occupied by Allied tps, permission will be required to remove the required materials.

M of W letter 2304/I/Ri dated 18 August refers.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

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HE CASATI - MINISTER FOR WAR.

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4. Was informed by the Minister of the action mentioned in para 3 above.
Also informed that the P.M. Mr Winston Churchill ~~xxx~~ met Bonomi, Italian Prime Minister, officially on 22 August.
Casati has been asked to meet the PM today.

5. Was informed that the Minister is putting into practise the subject of stricter collaboration with the Ministry as discussed with Comd some days ago.
Gen Oxilia is going to be put in charge of dealing with all our matters and is working out the system.
The Minister has at the same time got rid of a further 30/40 Generals in the Army.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 22 AUGUST '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Ref M of W letter 4313/C dated 14 August.
Informed Liaison Office that all enquiries to be made re 2/Lt SIMEONI should be passed to the Admin. HQ under which his unit comes.

LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Requested for the forms of disciplinary action taken by an Italian unit comdr attd to Allied Formation.
Informed that in all cases responsability lies with the Italian unit Comdr for action in case of desertions etc. The action taken by the officer is to hold a Court of Enquiry for forwarding to his senior formation, and to inform the CCRR.

3. Informed Col Millefiorini that an Admin. HQ was required for 2002 Autonomous Pl, under command ACC and now at PIOMBINO.
M of W will find an Admin. HQ but until then the Pl will continue to be administered by its old HQ, Campania Military HQ.
M of W are complaining that many units are being moved about without informing the M of W or SMRE. M of W cannot keep track of all these movements and be expected to keep administration going.

4. Ref MADDALONI Mangine factory.
The Allied Unit wanting to take over this factory is ACC. ACC LO in Naples turned up to the Italians and informed them of such.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

5. Informed Liaison Office of the action taken by TROOPERS in informing RED CROSS (Italian) ROME of the death of 16 PW enquiring a) if Red Cross would inform NOK and b) if this was correct procedure.

Was informed that a) the action taken by Red Cross would be to inform NIP of M of W who would take necessary action b) Red Cross is not the correct office for such information. All communications of this sort should be made to N.I.P. Ministero Guerra Rome.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

6. Took up question of reduction of officers in Italian Army, asking what steps had been taken.

Was informed that steps are being taken to demobilize 5600 officers by the 30 August.

The form of reduction will be done by formation and as follows:

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| Campania Military HQ ..... | 1300 |
| Puglie lucania Military HQ. ..... | 1400 |
| Calabria Military HQ ..... | 560 |
| Sicily Military HQ ..... | 270 |
| Sardinia Military HQ ..... | 1400 |
| VII Corps HQ ..... | 300 |
| Delegazione 'A' ..... | 110 |
| Italian tps PBS ..... | 230 |
| Ministry of War ..... | 20 |
| SMRE ..... | 10. |
| Total | 5600 |

All HQ will have to report as soon as possible, the number of essential officers who will need to be replaced as the demobilization affects ALL officers of the reserve. No officers working for the Allies will be replaced before they have been fully replaced. Commissions are hard at work implementing this reduction.

7. Brought up the question of senior officers of the Italian Army, not on the effective roles of the Army but still retaining tpt, staff and having honorary appts.

Was informed that the past decrees allowing very senior officers to remain honorary members of the Army will be cancelled.

The Minister will also order all staff and tpt with these offrs to be returned. On the change of the decree the officers will be demobilized.

There are very few of such officers.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 21 AUG '44.

COL BASILE.

1. Col Basile brought up the question of allotment of personnel for Clothing and Equipment Section of Italian Army Admin. (Vestiario, Casermaggio).
The figure agreed upon and confirmed by us was 800 for the Section.
Col Basile's breakdown alloted 10 offrs and 69 OR's for Sardinia.
Our confirmation of the 800 figure showed, as a breakdown, an allotment of 10 and 36 for Sardinia without any increase in any other part of Italy.
Col Basile wished to know whether this meant that his figure was to be reduced by 33.
Informed Col Basile that we produced a breakdown Based xxon the number necessary for the islands. The remaining difference could be split up in any way for the mainland of Italy.

LIAISON OFFICE.

2. Ref our AQ/11 dated 24 July.
COLONNA Ugo - was at one time demobilized being an officer on the reserve. As a result xxx of our letter, was recalled on the 16 Aug and was posted to AMG.

3. Ref M of W letter 4314/C dated 16 Aug.
Informed M of W that it was no use taking any action on the 23 mules belonging to the LEDOGA firm unless an attempt was made to requisition them. It was always possible to find a reasonable excuse for not requisitioning them pending our taking action.

4. Ref 4272/C dated 12 Aug.
The materiel asked for from Terra Appropriate

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The material asked for from Torre Annunziata factory for the manufacture of fuzes for CIL is required for fuzes to fit the following calibres:
75, 100, 105.
Fuzes for those calibres are now urgently required.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

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5. Discussed the Military jails and prisoners situation.
This has been finally cleared up. The Ministry of Grace and Justice have agreed to take over the jails made available to them. They are:
GAETA jail ( 4 of the establishments)
2 ready for use with small repairs capacity .. 1000
2 needing large repairs " .. 1000
MONTESARCHIO jail (partly occupied by Allies)
capacity .. 400

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FORTE BOCCEA Jail - Rome- at present temporarily occupied by officers undergoing enquiry capacity .. 300
S. ELMO Jail - Naples - " .. 300
PALERMO Military Jail " .. 270
Total capacity made available .. 3270

VIBO VALENTIA jail has also been made available although the establishment is not a jail but an adapted building capacity ..... 130.

There are no military jails in Sardinia. Military prisoners are put up in alloted sections of civilian jails.

Following is a list of prisoners to be handed over to the Ministry of Grace and Justice.

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| Bari - held in civilian jails | ..... | 426. |
| Palermo Jail | ..... | 111 |
| held in civilian jail | ..... | 24 |
| ENNA " " " " | ..... | 62 |
| Calabria Vibo Valentia jail | ..... | 60 |
| Rome Forte Boccea jail | ..... | 23. |
| Total | ..... | 706. |

There are no details of the number of prisoners held in the Naples area. M of W have asked for the deteils which will be communicated to us on receipt.

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IF THIS HOSPITAL IS REQUIRED FOR T.B. CASES, IT SHOULD BE OPENED AND STAFFED BY NON-MILITARY EX-SERVICE MENS ORGANISATION © NOT BY THE ARMY © T.B. cases are non effectives

Action: Maj. Byatt. Please inf. M. of W. 22/8

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 20 AUGUST 44

LT.COL MARCHETTI.

1. Asked for the present policy governing leave for University students to be able to sit for exams.
Informed that the old policy of University leave for students still exists. Students have to submit requests for such leave giving name of university they belong. Announcements have been put into papers to this effect.
Ref the case of 2/Lt BUTTAZONI P., 910 Genio Aut. attd 5th Army, M of W are sending signal to the HQ (its senior formation) allowing the offr to have the requisite leave.

2. Ref letter 12476/1 dated 14 Aug from M of W.
M of W are getting copy of Town Major Lecce letter for us.
The whole question is that some repriated P/W arrived in Italy and were immediately taken by Allies.
M of W are keen to know who they are and how they are being employed in order that their positions may be regularized.

3. Informed Col Marchetti of the new scheme for informing Allied units of the Italian HQ which will be responsible for administering new arrivals from Sardinia.
Was informed that the M of W would be unable to do this as is was the SMRE which laid down the Admin. HQ according to the Allied unit which would employ ~~it~~ them.
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4. Asked for information as to whether or not pensions were now resumed to Italian subjects living overseas.

Was informed that all pensions had now been resumed. The question of paying pensions to persons overseas was tricky. Italy now no longer has any foreign credit and the question of currency exchange will also crop up.

Ref the case of TIRALUNGO C., ( as requested by the Lt.Governor of Malta) if the M of W can receive the details in writing, the matter will be taken up.

5. Received request to the effect that the M of W wish to reopen the NETTUNIA hospital. This hospital is specialized in tubercolosis treatment.

Informed M of W that the hospital under our orders could not be reopened under military management but could be, under arrangement with appropriate ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ authorities;

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opened under civilian arrangements.

It was pointed out that as more of Italy is liberated and tps advance, M of W will be forced to reopen hospitals to the North but at the same time close, at the same rate, hospitals in the south.

A decision is awaited on the Nettunia hospital which is a very important one to the Italians.

LIAISON OFFICE.

6. Ref Letter 4139/C dated 9 Aug.

Informed M of W to include the names of the personnel irregularly employed on the list that M of W is preparing of personnel in similar positions.

Pointed out that the date that the men were taken on was so old, it was doubtful whether they could be traced.

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7. Requested that information be passed on to Gen SANTI to the effect that the question of post for forward tps not being as satisfactory as that of tps to the rear was being taken up by this HQ with AAI.

Any changes would be communicated to him later.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

8. Ref defascistization of Italian Army.

Informed Col De Michelis that I required a report on the situation and work performed by the Commissions on the 15 and 30 of every month.

This was to show the number of persons seen, number on whom action is to be taken, and number of persons ~~xx xx~~ dismissed from the Army, as well as any other details of interest and progress.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 19 AUGUST '44.

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DOCTOR FERRETTI. (Finance)

1. Discussed the following pay points with Doctor Ferretti:

a) Pay of Italian Port Detachment Personnel - The personnel are selected soldiers of high intelligence and have had special training, perform very hard work and have longer hours than port labourers yet do not receive labour pay. Morale as a result is low. Suggested to raise pay scale to at least that of the port labourer.

(Request MMIA LO Bari.)

b) Pay of Smoke Coys - Smoke Coy personnel have been receiving up to date, additional pay. This to be discontinued. Smoke Coys have been doing heavy dock labour when not on smoke. Suggested to continue paying the additional pay.

(Request MMIA LO Bari )

c) Pay for 1200 It Ind Amb platoon - Platoon has been attached for all purposes to 1002 GT Coy. GT coy receiving additional pay but not the Amb Coy. Difficulties therefore arising. Suggested additional pay be also granted to Amb Coy.

Doctor Ferretti agreed to all the above proposals but will have to submit them to the Minister for approval. It is thought that there will not be much difficulty in making everyone happy. Will be informed.

LIAISON OFFICE.

2. Cleared up following points with Liaison Office:

a) Ref the promotion Lt. CAVENAGHI of 1003 GT Coy. M of W will undertake to obtain the necessary information re his military service. Will be informed as to the result.

b) Ref letter 200312 dated 7 Aug from M of W

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b) Ref letter 200312 dated 7 Aug from M of W. The boxes in question were Italian Army property and were used to house horses.
Under orders of CRE CAPUA the boxes were destroyed as space was required. M of W state that if space had been asked for it would have been found. Can CRE be informed.
c) Ref our AQ/11 dated 24 July.
Enquired as to whether Ugo Colonna was effective member of the Army.
M of W are making the necessary investigations. He could not have been readmitted through the screening agency as this does not happen to officers.
Will be kept informed.

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MINISTRY OF WA[illegible] LIAISON 17 AUGUST [illegible]'44

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GEN ALIBERTI.

1. Held conference Gen Aliberti - Col Kerr on the subject of 8 Aut Regt.

Decided that the w/shop could continue to be run as a unit.

This unit will be known as No. 8 Recovery and Repair Centre - Rome - in lieu of 8 Aut Regt.

Personnel will be posted to this unit and will be shown on the ration strength.

Repairs in this W/shop has been going very well and there are still quite a number of vehicles to repair.

Personnel shown on the list as coming from No 2 Reparto Ministeriale will, on the completion of repairs on vehicles previously held by civilian Ministries, be put at the disposal of the Allies as ordered. This will however not include the drivers who will remain with their vehicles.

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

2. Was informed of the answer given by the Naval Authorities on the arrest of personnel employed by US Navy in the dockyards Palermo.

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MINISTRY OF WARV LIAISON 16 AUGUST '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Requested information as to the occupation of the Div HQ Italian at Perugia by Allies as requested.
. M of W agree to handing over the HQ providing that sufficient space is allowed for the storing of papers and documents belonging to the Div in the building.

Appl forwarded by Adm 19/8/44

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2. Col Ragagli has now taken up his appt as Senior LO with FRIULI div in the Benevento Area.
Major CAUDA now assumes the appt as Head of the LO at the M of W.

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

3. Requested information on the action taken on Capt BARRANCO.
Was informed that Capt BARRANCO has been demobilized and that Lt. CHIURLA is now OC 906 Lavoratori Artieri Coy.
( Ref AQ/11 dated 23 July '44 ).

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4. Ref the taking over of the Maddaloni mangime factory by ACC.
M of W are keen to have Major GEBBIA ( director of the factory) remain in the factory all along. He would be able to supervise the working of the machines.
If this is not possible, M of W would like him to be allowed to make a complete inventory which would be taken over complete by ACC.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

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5. Informed of the following change in the defascist Committee to deal with civilian personnel in the M of W.

The Under Secretary of State, M. Palermo, has found that Doctor VIGLIETTA is not completely satisfactory and he will therfore be replaced by Doctor Giuseppe BONI as the M of W rep.

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6. Col De Michelis explained the misunderstanding over Gen PUNTONI being the cause of the late leaving of the Grahatieri Coy.

It appears that the Gen was unaware that the coy was due to leave and that he had requested M of W to try and hang on to them. The answer given, as the situation was not clear at the time, was that the matter would be gone into. This was the cause of their not leaving.

Gen PUNTONI is in any case coming before the Minister to give his reasons for the request.

Other details will be communicated by letter.

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COL BASILE.

1. Made enquiries on the change of staff in Montecatini Taranto Depot.

Informed that the action M of W have taken is to demobilize Col Baldini and appoint Capt Greco as OC Depot. Capt Greco, not being a regular officer, is not entitled to promotion as there is no appt for a more senior officer non regular in the Commissariat Branch.

Another officer is being posted to assist Capt Greco.

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COL DE MICHELIS.

2. Discussed defascistisation question with Col De Michelis.

Was given the following names of General Officers who will form part of 4 Commissions to go into the case of every officer in the Italian Army. These commissions will also serve to reduce the number of officers at present in excess in the Army.

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| Lt.Gen DE BIASE | President. |
| Maj.Gen GIROTTI | Head No 1 Commission |
| Brig.Gen DE BONIS | Member. |
| Maj.Gen CARATTI | Head No 2 Commission. |
| Brig.Gen FRONGIA | Member. |
| Maj.Gen AZZI | Head No 3 Commission |
| Brig.Gen ODONE | Member |
| Maj.Gen OLMI | Head No4 Commission. |
| Brig.Gen ANTONIAZZI | Member. |

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3. Received request from Col DE MICHELIS for a Requiem Mass to be held in S. Maria degli Angeli Church for the Minister for War's son, on Monday 21 st Aug.

Permission is required for a detechment of Grenadiers , approx 30 men, as a guard of honour to be present. This will entail borrowing them from RAAC for the morningw Permission is also required for certain High officers, not on effective roles of Army, to be in uniform for the occasion.

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4. Was informed by Col De Michelis that the Prime Minister, Count BONOMI, has put in an urgent request for Capt. PICCARDI and ex Minister and at present attd to the CIL.

This will entail Capt Piccardi's leaving the Cil and being attd to the Government where his person and knowledge are essential.

Can authority be had for this transfer.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

5. Made arrangements for the despatch of TORRUSIO to be made urgently to 2 District to report to MMIA LO. A.Q SC (Q)

Torrusio will be contacted at his home in Rome and will be instructed to report to Major Murcell forthwith.

§ in answer to urgent request by signal from DISTWO)

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LT.COD MILLEFIORINI.

6. Pressed for answer as to reasons for the arrest of two employees working for the US Navy in Palermo Naval Dockyards. A.Q

The position to date is that the M of W have communicated with Palermo authorities by phone and an answer by signal was promised for the same day.

Nothing has yet been received by M of W.

Got M of W to dispatch a further signal asking for an immediate reply.

Major.

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GEN PELLIGRA.

1. Reminded Gen Pelligra agreement to Italian M of W responsability for the maintenance of the FRIULI Div, pointing out that at the present moment there were several discrepancies in way of lack of water arrangements and medical arrangements. Help given by 57 Area would only be temporary.

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Gen Pelligra gave his assurance that the matter ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ would be taken up immediately so that all arrangements could be tied up.

COL BASILE.

2. Went into question of needle requirements for the repairing of boots and clothes giving sample types.

Col SHIPLEY AQ.

Col Basile is going into the question of the types required and will submit results to us together with total amounts required.

GEN ALIBERTI.

3. Cleared up 8 Aut. Regt problem with Gen Aliberti. 8 Aut. Regt is only functioning as a w/shop as already stated.

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Personnel in the w/shop are mostly civilians together with the following military personnel drawn from following units:

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| 10 Aut Regt. Naples..... | 35 | |
| 9 Aut. Regt . Bari ..... | 26 | |
| Mesagne W/shops ..... | 7 | |
| M.S. branch M of W ..... | 23 | Officers. |
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| IMAR MT sec ..... | 16 | |
| CERSETI (patriots) ..... | 49 | |
| TOTAL ..... | 30 | Officers. |
| | 228 | OR's. |

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Rations are being drawn from Rome area under the name of 8 Aut Regt, but figure under the ~~xxx~~ strength of Rome Military Garrison HQ. (ex presidium).

Gen Aliberti asked for special permission to retain the name of 8 Aut Regt as this will avoid confusion with other w/shops. If not agreed the other proposal is to call it No. 8 MT repair centre.

LIAISON OFFICE.

4. Was informed of the following moves of officers:

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GEN ALIBERTI wef 5 August will take up appt as Director General of Artillery at M of W as well

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as continueing his present duties as Director of Motorization.

BRIG.GEN PIZZI wef 10 August is attached to Offices of 1st ADC to HRH Lieut.Gen of the Realm. ( Gen PIZZI will be on the Commission for enquiry into Officers positions with regard to post Armistice behaviour.)

Brig.Gen FRANCHINI, Brig.Gen GRIMALDI, Brig. Gen BONNACCORSI wef 10 August will be attached to PBS (also on enquiry Commission).

Maj.Gen DE CASTIGLIONE, Brig.Gen IMPERIALI Brig.Gen MOROSINI wef 15 July are attached to SMRE for special duties.

Major.

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 13 AUGUST '44.

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GEN OXILIA - COL DE MICHELIS.

1. Discussed fully question of transfer of military prisoners and jails to civilian authorities.

Pointed out present discussion raised by Council of Ministers completely unnecessary. There was no need to alter either civil code or military code. Entire question was merely matter of arrangement and organization and arrangement to hand over prisoners and jails which would come under civilian administration.

Gen Oxilia assured me that the difficulties had not been caused by M of W who have entirely agreed to the whole question. Difficulties appear to have been raised by Ministry of Grace and Justice as a result of Commando Supremo interference.

Gen Oxilia got into touch with Grace and Justice Under Secretary of State pointing out the simplicity of the whole question asking for prompt action to be taken on M of W agreement to hand over military jails.

M of W are also putting out a letter to this effect with copies to all concerned (inc this HQ ) and it is hoped that this will end the whole affair.

Have asked for complete list of jails to be handed over together with total list of prisoners to be handed over per jail.

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COL RAMPA.

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Military personnel employed in this W/shop are included in the figure allowed for Motorization.

Have asked for breakdown of personnel drawn from other w/shops and on whose strength they now figure for drawing of rations.

Plan for above was submitted to this HQ for approval in M of W letter 15148 dated 24 July and was approved by our AQ/5 dated 7 Aug.

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LT.COL NABISSI.

3. Went into question of articles of personal equipment for RE personnel to be recalled in Rome stated to be unavailable by M of W.

M of W are going into matter carefully and state will be able to find articles to be made up by local purchase if necessary.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 12 AUG. 44.

Gen. OXILIA-Col. MARCHETTI.

1. Subject: Military prisoners to be transferred to civilian prisons.

The transfer of military prisoners to civil authorities is NOT moving smoothly. All military prisoners sentenced to over thirty days detention are struck off the list of the Italian Army and, as far as rations go, become civilians. The only difference that now remains is that the prisoners are still kept in Military penal establishments, and the transfer of these establishments is meeting with difficulties raised by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

The trouble hinges on the fact that a military prisoner, under Italian law, is a man who is guilty of a purely military crime, i.e. Desertion, Insubordination etc. and is NOT considered in any way as an ordinary criminal. If an Italian Soldier commits a civil offence, i.e. Murder Theft, etc., he is considered a civilian for the purpose of his trial and of his sentence, which he serves in a civil gaol. It is strongly considered by the Italians that it would be unfair to their military prisoners to be forced to serve their sentences with real criminals and public menaces.

The M/W have tried their best to come to an agreement with the Ministry of Grace and Justice, but at the moment everything is held up by the Presidency of the Council. Itwould need a complete revision of their present penal code and a new law. It is this that the Council of Ministers is debating.

Col. DI MICHELIS.

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Col. DI MICHELIS.

2. Subject: Defascim of M/W.

The full list of the members of the two Commissions set up in the M/W for Defascistising the Ministry is as follows:

Commission for purging Civil Employees.

M/W representative.....Dott. VIGLIETTI Renato.
Count SFORZA's representative.....MASI Ferruccio.
Magistrate.....H.E.MARINUCCI Ernesto.

Commission for purging Military Personnel.

M/W representative.....Maj.Gen. FALUGI Giuseppe.
Count SFORZA's representative.....Ing. ALMAGIA' Carlo.
Magistrate.....H.E.GAETANO Giuseppe Paolo.

Lt.
Coldstream Guards.
Staff Lt. (Liaison).

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. II AUG. 44.

Gen. ALIBERTI.

1. Subject: Oxygen containers for 8 AUTIERI REGT.

8 Autieri Regt. require a monthly allotment of 50 Oxygen containers for the repair and welding of the vehicles they are responsible for, including the fair number of u.s. vehicles which they are collecting from various places.

Read noted 13/8/44.

2. Subject: Strength of 8 AUTIERI REGT.

The Regt. at the moment contains about 127 men and 15-18 vehicles, of which about four actually belong to the Regt. The eventual strength is hoped to be 300 men, disposed as follows

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| Depot | 30 |
| Workshops | 130 |
| M.T., Gds. etc. | 140 |
| TOTAL | 300 |

This strength will be reached by taking men from 9 and 10 Autieri Regts. respectively.

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Col. DI MICHELIS.

3. Subject: Defascisation.

Capt. Brad Action taken 13/8/44

M/W have requested Minister SFORZA to allow them to set up two committees, one to deal with Military personnel and one to deal with civilian employees. Count SFORZA's representativ is Ingeniere Carlo ALMAGIA, although it is NOT known on which commission he will sit. The military representative on the military commission will be Gen. of Div. FALUGGI, Director General of Personnel, Officers. The Magistrate Representatives are appointed by the COUNCIL OF MINISTERS and NOT by M/W.

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TOTAL.....900

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Capt Bird
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Col. MILLEFIORINI.

4. Subject: Saluting.

The M/W has issued NO orders on the saluting of Allied Officers by Italian Soldiers or Officers, either positive or negative.

Col. VACCA.

5. Subject: Wool washing plant at CASTELLAMARE DI STABBIA.

Capt Bird dated 15/11

The above plant, reqired by the Italian Army is at the moment rquisitioned by the local British Town Major. Only material is stored there. There are NO tps. in the building. Italians state that the material could be stored in any other shed.

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Capt. VENTRELLA.

6. Subject: Superceding of Officer.

Capt. VENTRELLA has been superceded in his appointment by Col. FISICARO, who was with the 'Bande' round ROME before the taking of the city by the Allies.

Capt. VENTRELLA remains at his post for about a month to initiate the Col. Thence he hopes to go to the Commissariato at BARI, which post he has been promised by Gen. PELLIGRA.

Col. GUALANO.

7. Subject: Military prisoners in Civil Prisons.

The reports required by us about the above subject have arrived from two Army Corps. They will be forwarded to this H.Q. immediately.

Maj. FABBRI.

8. Subject: Electric Power for Clothing Repair Plant in ROME.

The electric power for the above Plant has NOT yet been made available .

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Staff Lt. 2677 (Liaison).

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 10 AUG. 44.

Gen. PELLIGRA-Col. NABISSI.

Re Subject: Strike of Italian Civil Labour at NAPLES.

I informed Gen. PELLIGRA and Col. NABISSI of the fact that the 200 civilian workers at the Clothing and Repair Depot at NAPLES had refused to continue work and had left the Depot. This was apparently due to the stopping of the payment of 22 Lire a day extra 'Danger Money', which all Italian workers received during our bombing of NAPLES and afterwards during the period of German raids on the town. This stopped automatically a determined number of months after the last raid on the town. This time had now arrived.

Gen. PELLIGRA decided to authorise the continuance of payment for the moment on his own responsibility, and gave orders to that effect.

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Lt.
Coldstream Guards.
Staff Lt. (Liaison).

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 9 AUG. 44.

Maj. CICCARONE.

I. Subject: The 'CICCARONE' bomb.

On my handing back the plans for his bomb, together with H.Q.A.A.I.'s refusal of it, Maj. CICCARONE wished to know whether the bomb was refused as a matter of policy, or whether it might be accepted if it was modified. He expressed a desire to be able to talk and explain his invention to the A.A.I. experts. He also wished to make a demonstration bomb, in order to try it out. He further stated that he already had certain modifications prepared, which would greatly improve the efficacy of the weapon.

Col. VACCA.

2. Subject: Derequisitioning of wool washing plant for use of Italian Army.

The W/M states that if we release to them the wool washing plant at CASTELLAMARE DI STABBIA, now taken over by the Allies as billets or the like, 800 quintals of wool a month could be washed, preparatory to spinning it into clothing and comforts for the Italian Armed forces. Such a scheme has already been carried out by the Italian Army in SARDINIA and the Ministry of INDUSTRY & COMMERCE have approved its cohtinuance on the Italian Mainland. The Italian Armed Forces have already working for them certain small factories for spinning and weaving on the Mainland, at GRAVINA and at GIOIA DEL COLLE. They have hopes of getting more as the armies move NORTH. They state that they can, in those two factories, handle a large amount of the 800 quintals they would be washing.

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Col. RAVAGLI.

3. Subject: Casualty, Officer.

The son of the MINISTER OF WAR, an officer in the Grenadiers, has been killed in action.

4. Subject: M.M.I.A. Liaison and Correspondence with W/M.

Col. RAVAGLI stated that the W/M had set up a new Liaison Office for the Purpose of contact with this H.Q., named C.A.(Collegamento Alleati). He is NOT clear on the functions of this office, which is at the moment passing the work down to him, but he believes that it is the wish of the W/M to dissolve the present Liaison Section, and to find jobs for out-of-work General Staff Officers.

The W/M also wish to change the method of dealing with correspondence from this H.Q. The new idea is for, all letters coming in to be translated and then to be passed to the GABINETTO, and from there be distributed to the various departments concerned.....

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Col. RAVAGLI.(cont).

4. Subject: M.M.I.A. Liaison and Correspondence with W/M. (cont).

instead of using the present method of sending the letter straight to the Department after translation. It was pointed out that if the new procedure was adopted, the time lag between the translation and the eventual reception by the Department concerned of the letter would be considerable, running into anything up to four days.

Maj. GUISO.

5. Subject: Caustic Soda for manufacture of soap for Italian Army.

I informed the Major that 10 tons of caustic soda had been handed to the COMMISSARIATO at BARI for the purpose of manufacturing soap for the Italian Armed Forces.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 8 AUG. 44.

Col. RAVAGLI- Col. QUERCIA (S.M.R.E.).

I. Subject: Tpt. of weapons for tps. assembling in the ROME Area

S.M.R.E. had still NOT sent any concrete orders out for the transportation of 2200 weapons for the tps. of that number assembling at ROME for movement to the fwd. Areas.

The weapons were to be drawn from the Arty. Depots at TARANTO and COSENZA.

I saw Col.QUERCIA together with Col.RAVAGLI and Col. QUERCIA stated that it was impossible, owing to poorness of M.T. to transport the weapons by that means. It was too long a journey for Italian M.T. to make, they would NOT be able to do it.

The subject is explained in a full report made by me to Lt. Col. SHIPLEY today.

The S.M.R.E. are to continue to improvise means to get the weapons here quickly. It is their responsibility.

Col. RAVAGLI.

2. Subject: 1000 Gascapes required by C.I.L.

There are available in SARDINIA and at BARI 1000 Gascapes as requested by the C.I.L. but, as stocks of these are very small, they should be used for their proper purpose, i.e. as protection against spray, otherwise there will be none available if Gas warfare does start.

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Lt. Col. SORMANTI.

I. Subject: Allied depredations of Italian Military Stores in Italian Military Depots.

Lt. Col. SORMANTI wished to know what the Italian Authorities were to do if Allied tps. disobeyed A.A.I. Orders and forced their way into Italian military installations and removed Italian Military Property. He stated that the notices H.Q.A.A.I. had instructed the Italian Authorities to place on all their building s and depots were being given out to, all units, but in spite of these, cases occurred of Allied tps. completely disregarding the notices and forcing their way in.

I answered that the best way to deal with casual depredations of that sort was a close liaison between Os.C. Italian units and the nearest C.M.P. or U.S.M.P. H.Q. or Detachment, or, if no Police were available, between the Italian Os.C. and the Allied O.C. Tps. in the village or town where the Italian Unit was stationed. If the Italian Units made themselves known to Allied Authorities and Policemen, they would be sure of prompt support if any unauthorised member of the Allied Forces attempted to tamper with Italian stores. The police knew the A.A.I. Order and were bound to give every assistance.

It was therefore decided to circularise all Italian Units to maintain a close liaison with local Allied Os.C. and Police.

Capt. BUDUA.

2. Subject: Transfer of Military Prisoners to Civil Prisons.

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Col. RAMPA-Col. BALANZINO.

3. Subject: M.T. for feeding of two Divs. in the SAN GIORGIO SANNITO Area.

Motorisation Directorate will, in close conjunction with Commissariat Directorate, order H.Q. Italian Armed Forces, CAMPANIA to provide four trucks to report to the Italian R.A.S.C. Officer in charge of the Depot forming at BENEVENTO for the provisioning of the FRIULI and CREMONA Divisions coming into the above Area. The tpt. will be available for starting work on 10 Aug. 44. and will be increased if the necessity arises. It will be maintained there as long as there is necessity for it to.

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Col. RAMPA. (cont).

4. Subject: Travel Permits for PIRELLI Employees.

Col. RAMPA requested that a permit be issued for four PIRELLI Employees and their car to travel to SICILY. A letter from him is following .

Gen. PELLIGRA.

5. Subject: Provisioning of FRIULI and CREMONA Divisions.

I informed the General of the decision reached with Col. RAMPA mentioned in para:3 above. He stated that he would get in touch at once with the Motorisation Directorate and work the matter out.

He would let this H.Q. know the position of tentage and Barrack Stores in the above Divs. as soon as possible, though he is certain that they are up to strength in those items.

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Coldstream Guards.
Staff Lt. (Liaison).

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 6 AUG. 44.

Capt. BITETTO.

I. Subject: Feeding of 20,000 men in the SAN GIORGIO SANNITO Area.

A conference was held between Capt. BITETTO acting for Gen. PELLICRA and Lt.Col. NOAKES and Maj. CANN about the feeding and administering of the FRIULI and CREMONA Divisions who are coming into the SAN GIORGIO SANNITO Area. The advance party of the FRIULI Division, estimated at 2000 men is arriving in the Area on 9 Aug. 44. and preparations must be made immediately to feed them. The numbers will gradually increase as time goes on until within about three weeks from the 9 Aug. there will be about 20,000 men spread about the above-mentioned Area.

It was decided:-

a) That the two Divisions would be supplied with food from NAPLES.
b) Method-by train to BENEVENTO. This will be arranged by Movements MMIA. The actual distribution of food from BENEVENTO to SAN GIORGIO and among the units was found to present difficulties, but Directorate of Motorisation would be contacted and requested to provide necessary Motor Transport. Quite definitely the matter was one for the Italians to solve. This H.Q. would NOT provide Transport from Allied sources.
c) A Depot will be set up as soon as possible at BENEVENTO to deal with the supplies as they come in. The W/M will arrange to send an Officer to BENEVENTO to recce a suitable lock-up Depot as near the ry. stn. as possible.
d) The transport provided for the supplying of the Divisions from BENEVENTO will come under the Command of the O.C. BENEVENTO Depot, and NOT under the Divisions.
e) This H.Q. will be informed as to the tentage and barrack stores situation in the two Divisions.
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Capt. VENTRELLA.

2. Subject: Punishment of Officer.

Gen. PELLIGRA has sent an order to the Italian Officer who alleged that Allied soldiers were interfering with his tpt. at LITTORIA yesterday to consider himself under arrest. Exact sentence and name of Officer concerned will be transmitted to this H.Q.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 5 AUG. 44.

Col. RAVAGLI.

I. Subject: Tpt. for weapons for special tps. assembling in ROME on 6 Aug. 44.

Although the Commissariat Branch of the W/M had produced all the necessary clothing etc. for the 2200 special tps. on the date required (6 Aug. 44.), the Artillery Directorate had not found tpt. to move the necessary arms and amn. from TARANTO and COSENZA to ROME. Instead of immediately trying to borrow from other branches of the Italian Army, they sent a letter to Col. RAVAGLI who did not receive it until two days after it was sent.

He immediately told the Directorate to try and collect some tpt. from other Italian Army sources, but that was only yesterday evening.

This morning he and I toured the various departments of the M/W and S.M.R.E. and the weapons will be moved to ROME as quickly as possible. They should arrive in two or three days.

The Artillery Officer apparently responsible for the inaction of his branch is Lt.Col. TROMBETTIERI.

2. Subject: Requests for clothing.

M/W has received no requests for clothing and equipment from IWT Company and from 921 Docks Operating Company.

Capt. VENTRELLA.

3. Subject: Alleged misuse of Italian Army tpt. by Allied tps.

A 2/Lt. of the Italian R.A.S.C. went to Capt. VENTRELLA this morning and stated that he was in charge of the detachment at LITTORIA STATION. He further stated that Allied

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They all three stated quite positively that there had been NO trouble with British or U.S. tps. and that the tpt. had never been touched. Furthermore the officer responsible for the complaint (who is relieving the R.A.S.C. Offr. I saw) only arrived at LITTORIA STATION yesterday evening from BARI and had left BARI less than 8 hours before, and ROME, where the officers were on the best of terms with the British R.T.O. in charge and with the U.S.M.P. Company stationed there. They had NO explanation for the Officer's report. They did not even know his name.

The matter will be reported by Capt. VENTRELLA TO

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Capt. VENTRELLA (cont).

3. Subject: Alleged misuse of Italian Army tpt. by Allied tps. (cont).

to Gen. PELLIGRA. He would also furnish the name of the Officer concerned to this H.Q.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 4 AUG. 44.

Capt. BUDUA.

I. Subject: Disposal of Military prisonerssto Civil Prisons.

A circular has been written to Corps requesting returns on the Subject. This H.Q. will receive a copy of the return of each Corps as it comes in. M/W have received NO replies as yet.

Col. RAVAGLI.

2. Italian L.O. at R.A.A.C.

There is an Italian Army L.O. at R.A.A.C.. His name is CAPT. CITTADINI.

Col. MALISSI-Col. RAVAGLI.

3. Subjedt: Complaint about illicit requisitioning of Engnr. Stores at the Depot in the MAGLIANA.

The Engnr. Depot in the MAGLIANA is guarded by one civilian 'CUSTODE' and by five civilian workmen. Little is known about the original complaint as the officer responsible has been moved. However Col. IAMMARINO is going to the Depot on Mon. with Maj. PHILLIPS and Maj. FLEMING and will let this H.Q. know the name of the U.S. Unit alleged to be responsible for the depredations.

Lt. Col. NABISSI.

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4. Subject: Boots for Italian Volunteers for the C.I.L.

Handed to the Col. an order for the release of 1000 prs. boots for the Italian Volunteers assembling at CHIETI for the C.I.L.

5. Subject: Electric current for clothing repair wkshopsin ROME

W/M wish to open a clothing repair installation in ROME, 'FERRANTE APORTI' schools, Via ANTONIO SERRA N° 91.

The electricity required is for machines, sewing cutting etc. and would run to 35 Kilowatts an hour. The workin period would be about eight hours a day.

Capt. Bird is entering request with Rome Area Commanders 2466

Col. RAMPA.

6. Subject: Posting of Officer.

Col. RAMPA has been posted as Director General o Transport to the C.IL.. His place is being taken by Col.

~~BALANZINO~~

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Col. RAMPA cont.

6. cont. Subject: Posting of Officer (cont).

Col. BALANZINO. This officer has already held the post before Col. RAMPA.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 3 AUG. 44.

Col. DI MICHELIS.

1. Subject: Major FUMAGALLI Robustiniano.

Two telegrams were produced to show that the above officer had, in fact, been discharged, or had his discharge ordered from the Army, and that his successor had already been appointed.

Profuse excuses were made as to the delay, which was said to be caused by the transfer of the W/M from LECCE to ROME.

Dottor PERRONI.

2. Subject: Pay for A.C.C. Drivers in the ROME Area.

Italian Army drivers working for REGION IV in the ROME Area will be payed by the 8° REGGIMENTO AUTIERI. A letter to that effect will be despatched today to the Regt. with a copy to this H.Q.

When those men move into 8 ARMY Area they will be attached to an Italian Unit for Pay and Administration. The Italian H.Q. at 8 ARMY will be informed of their arrival and identity by letter today from W/M with copy to this H.Q.

Col. RAMPA.

3. Subject: POL for ROME Legion CC.RR.

ROME Legion CC.RR. will draw POL from Italian Military sources after 15 Aug. 44. The Legion will be warned to transmit its requirements at the earliest opportunity.

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4. Subject: Availability of Tyre Pressure Gauges.

There are NO tyre pressure gauges available for issue in the Italian Army. The number actually held is extremely small.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 2 AUG. 44.

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Lt.Col.MARCHETTI.

1. Subject: Transfers from Military to Civil Prison

The whole question of transfers of military personnel undergoing sentence to civil prisons is under revue of the COUNCIL OF MINISTERS which is discussing the legal side of the question. All transfers have however been made and a letter will be sent to this H.Q. informing it of which prisons have been transferred and when the transfer will take place, or has taken place.

The transfer in ROME of 21 prisoners still awaits the sanction of Lt.Col.POLLOCK.

Lt.Col. MABISSI.

2. Subject: Clothing Request from 918 REPARTO LAVORATORI ARTIERI.

Asked whether such a request had been made; and was answered in the negative.

3. Subject: Boots for Volunteers assembling at CHIETI.

All 3000 Volunteers had been fully equipped from Italian sources except for boots. The W/M has NO boots. Would it be possible to draw them from BARI? W/M would be content with 1000 pairs for the present.

Col. RAMPA.

4. Subject: Petrol discrepancies in CAMPANIA.

Asked as to why the Italian H.Q. in CAMPANIA had not drawn their full amount of petrol and yet were asking for more. The matter would be investigated and a detailed report

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5. Subject: 3 District complaint re drawing of British petrol by 227 COASTAL DIV.

The Div. will be severely told off and the method of drawing POL from Italian Sources explained to them.

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6. Subject: Location of M.T. Park.

This H.Q. will be furnished with location of M.T.Park for vehs. coming from SARDINIA in the NAPLES Area as soon as W/M have received reply to letter despatched today.

7. Subjedt: Vehicle return.

The Italian Armed Forces Vehicle return is well under way.

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Col.RAMPA (cont.)

8. Subject: Petrol for CC.RR. ROME.

The CC.RR. Legion ROME are now supplied with POL from AMG sources. Who will supply them on their return to Italian Govt. on 15 Aug. 44?

9. Subject: Italian Army Bicycles.

There are about 250 BERSAGLIERE type bicycles becoming available to Italian tps. in the very near future. They are being taken from the Bersagliere Trng. Depot at ROME.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 30th JULY '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Informed that a Territorial Hq for Rome is now being set up. This will replace the Rome Garrison HQ which will be dissolved, and will not exceed the figure allowed for the Garrison HQ.
Have asked M of W for the WE.

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COL RAMPA.

2. Informed by Col Rampa that he was very short of petrol for Rome area. His stock was 220 litres.
Asked whether to draw advance on August allottments of 2000 litres or have surplus amount for month of July.
Petrol Sec asked whether possible to draw August alottment for Rome on 31st July.
Col Rampa to be informed accordingly.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

3. Informed Col Gualano that the policy was NOT to open up depots or garrison HQ's North of Rome.
This was to be regarded as final.
Informed that Comdo Tappa Rome could be opened with a maximum number of 3 personnel. It was however to be known as Information Centre.

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 29 JULY '44.

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COL DE SARNO.

1. Enquired as to the replacement of Gen Lombardi as Garrison Comdr in Taranto.

Was informed that the person replacing him would be the senior Col in Gen Lombardi's HQ. Reason given is that Taranto is Naval responsability and therefore Col is sufficient for number of trps in Taranto.

Informed M of W that it was likely that Gen Lombardi would be required to remain at his post for another month.

LT.COL GUALANO.

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2. Informed that arrangement made with M of Interior for military prisoners condemned over 30 days, was to deliver same to Civil Jails.

M of W have had some prisoners in Rome who have been found to have to remain in jail over 30 days.

These on being delivered direct to the Civil jails, found that Col Pollock had issued strict instructions to the effect that no Italian military prisoners would be accepted. M of W would like us to intervene.

COMD A.Q

3. Informed that ref handing over of military prisons to civilian authorities, Commando Supremo have intervened saying that it is to be dealt by them.

Informed Col Gualano that it was the Comd's personal wish that the whole matter be cleared up forthwith as it had now dragged long enough.

Suggested that M of W informed C.S. of this and got down to it.

A.Q

4. Pressed Col Gualano on the incident of the arrest of two employees of Palermo Naval Dockyard.

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GEN PELLIGRA.

Col SHIPLEY A.Q.

5. Arranged meeting with M of W expert on clothing to be held this HQ, Sunday 30 July, with AFHQ, AAI reps.

Object to obtain raw materials for Italian clothing repairs.

LIAISON OFFICE.

9 A.Q.

6. Informed that in spite of orders from this HQ and notices putting place out of Bounds, the local British HQ continues to raid the Remount Depot in Lazio ( Fara-Sabina - Montelibretti).

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This HQ continues to remove, periodically, mules sold to local population, all MT., all mule equipment, office equipment.

This Remount Depot is a very large one and most important to Italians.

The Vetrrinary Officer of the local HQ is a Major Cabban.

M of W would like us to intervene.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 28 JULY '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Met Major CAUDA Ernesto. Major CAUDA will be replacing Col RAVAGLI ~~temporarily~~ temporarily, who is proceeding to School of Instruction for Italian Combat tps.
Major Gauda was permanent member of the Inter Allied Bureau for Arms and Ammo in London & Paris(1918), Inter Allied bureau of Stastics, Special mission to Berlin on behalf of Italian Superior Artillery Br (Technical), on a confident mission to Germany on behalf of Marshal Caviglia (Special Investigation ).
Appears to be a good chap, speaks very good English and is very keen.

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2. Was informed that the CCRR during the course of their duties in Grosseto, came across fairly large quantities of Italian Army clothing stolen by the civilian.
In view of the large quantities of clothing which should exist in Rome, M of W would like to have permission for the CCRR to be authorized to carry out searches in civilians' houses.

A.Q
ADOS

3. Was informed that on 20 July, major Sykes, AMG Caserta warned personnel in MADDALONI Military Forage factory that they were expected to leave the premises complete with machines and furniture within the next 10 days.
This factory produces 'mangime' and in view of the extreme shortage of such a product in Italian Army, M of W would like us to intervene in order that the factory can carry on work.

A.Q
S.T.

HE CASATI - MINISTER FOR WAR.

4. Informed Minister that he had authority to visit

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HE CASATI - MINISTER FOR WAR. G3 (I)

4. Informed Minister that he had authority to visit the CIL on Saturday/Sunday 29/30 July. POLCORPS has been informed.

CABINET. COMD 2/c G AQ Q 2158

5. Took up question of telephonic communication of this HQ with M of W, pointing out that present system was far from satisfactory.

Matter is being looked into at once and question of separate exchange direct to this HQ being gone into.

6. Was informed by Col De Michelis that the question of declaration on behalf of Italian Govt to Int. Red Cross re treatment of Republican Italian enemy PW had already been handled dirst by Gen Gazzera, High A.Q

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Commissioner for PW., with IRC rep and Italian Govt. Gen Gallenga can be located at the following adress:

Palazzo Marescialli
Piazza Independenza
Rome.

7. Obtained from Col De Michelis the ~~xxxxx~~ working hours for the M of W. 2/c

Cabinet 08 - 13.00 16.30 - 20.00
Directorates 08.00 - 14.00 2 offrs from eahh dept. 16.30 - 20.00.

Reason given for such working hours is that the personnel cannot, on our working hours, cannot manage in view of shortage of tpt to get home for meals. This gave rise to a one length daily period.

Have warned Col De Michelis of a possible change.

LT.COL GUALANO.

8. Received request from Col Gualano for the opening of the Alpini Depot at Sulmona. M of W attach great importance to this depot as it is only depot with Alpini personnel documents. Alpini trps form part of CIL. 2/c

M of W would like to open with skeleton staff.

For info. 6 other depots in Southern Italy will be closed down.

This has already been refused.

GEN PELLIGRA.

9. Obtained telephone numbers of Commissariat Branch of M of W.

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| Gen Pelligra..... | Civilian line 40326. | | | | |
| Col Basile (Inspector) .... | Civ. line 489061 | Ext | 5708. | | |
| Col Vacca ..... | " | " | " | " | 5727 |
| Lt.Col Nabissi ..... | " | " | " | " | 6323 |
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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 26 JULY '44.

COL RAMPA.

S.T.G.

1. Received request from Col Rampa for 2000 kgs petrol and 200 kgs oil from CIP Rome or from Allied depot in Rome for the moving of 24 vehicles to Deleg 'A' at CHIETI.
Move is due to take place on 27 July.

HE CASATI - MINISTER FOR WAR.

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2. Informed Minister of the International Red Cross intention of getting Italian Govt written assurance that Italians will consider captured Italian fascist troops in the Northern Italian Army as PW under the Geneva Convention.
Went through correspondance on subject showing that IRC was approaching German authorities for captured Royal Italian troops to be accorded same status.
Minister assured me that it would be put to the Council of Ministers and was most certain to be agreed upon providing that it was reciprocated on the German side. This will be put into the document.

GEN OXILIA.- UNDER-SEC. FOR WAR.

COMD
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3. Informed Gen Oxilia of above subject had with Minister. Matter looked upon most favourably.

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4. Gen Oxilia brought up subject of wounded and sick from Garibaldi Div.
Explained to Gen Oxilia that it was not possible to give them treatment in Italian Army hospitals.
Gen Oxilia would like us to help him by contacting Force 266 on the subject so that he would be able to visit them officially on the subject.

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5. Gen Oxilia informed me that he was going into the question of nominating a Head for Deleg 'T' in Florence. This would be submitted to us shortly.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

6. Col Gualano brought up the subject of Commando Tappa Rome.
In view of large numbers of troops coming from CERSETI and other tropps proceeding to units, it is essential to have the Commando so as to provide a camp for transit. Special authority is asked to keep the camp open and run by not more than 6 men. 6 is the minimum number of personnel in view of the size and large number of troops intransit.
It will also ensure that personnel proceed to right destination with proper tpt.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

7. Informed by Liaison Office that M of W are publishing a notice in the papers asking for all Officers NCO's and men speaking the English language and living in Rome, who have not collaborated with the Germans and who have not responded to any M of W circulars regarding employment, to report to SMRE, Interpreter Section between 1 - 10 August. G A.Q

It is hoped by this system to overcome the present shortage of Interpreters in the Italian Army.

LT.COL GUALANO.

8. Worked out and asked for clarification on the M of W state showing the proposed reduction of Italian Army Adm. A.Q

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 27 JULY '44.

CABINET.

1. Contacted Col De Michelis on points concerning Oath for Italian Army, Policy decrees and patriots. COMD

Oath - There has been no change in the oath for Italian Army troops as there are no new recruits taken in the Army. All personnel in the Army have already taken the oath. The question of changing the oath has not yet been brought up and apparently is intended to be left lying low. All Govt officials on assuming posts do, however, take a new oath. This is to the Nation in lieu of the King.

Policy - Decrees Two circulars had been issued by the former Minister, Gen Orlando. One was that in future officers and men up to Div HQ's would feed in the same way and from the same rations as the men.

The second was that the political policy for the Army was an above party one. Political feelings could be any providing that no manifestations be made ~~tow~~ by officers or men towards any one party.

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2. Asked Col Gualano whether the military prisons wer ready to be handed over to the civilian authorities.

Was informed that urgent signals would be sent out to the Corps whose legal branch control them and would be informed as soon as an answer was had.

The prisons will have to be handed over by legal personnel as they were responsable for all adm.

It is realized that only part of Montesarchio jail is held by Allies.

Whole question is being treated with urgency.

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3. Asked for information on method to be adopted for replacing demobilizable personnel in Docks Operating Coys.

Received confirmation that/ personnel employed with Allies would be the last to go. It was stressed that in all cases that no personnel could leave their posts until replaced by other personnel specialized in

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the job of the man they are to replace.

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4. Received a request from the Minister for permission for him to visit the CIL. G3 (I)
The intention would be to visit CIL on Saturday/Sunday, 29/30 July.

COL BALZANI.

5. Col Balzani brought up the question of forming small mobile parties from CERSITI. 2/c
Object is that these mobile squads should visit liberated areas in order to clear up positions of officers.
Trouble experienced by M of W is that all these offrs when liberated, after seeing that they receive no orders as to what they are to do all come down to Rome.
M of W is having great trouble in dealing with these men who have to be sent back to their homes.
The formation of these parties of 1 to 2 men would in no way affect the strength of CERSITI or the Army.

LIAISON OFFICE.

6. Received duplicate lists of Cavalry Bks and Vet hosps North of Rome. G
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Brig.Gen MOROSINI Luigi is attd to SMRE for special duties.
Brig.Gen CARUSO Filippo assumes command 'Podgora' Div CCRR Rome wef 1 August.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 25 JULY '44.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

1. Was contacted by Col Gualano on the question of moving of the combat zone line.
It was pointed out that the regions of Foggia, Benevento, Naples (excluding town and port) and Campobasso have now been handed over to Italian Govt. M of W are keen to know when the line will move which will permit personnel to go to these regions when demobilized without ACC permits.

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2. Requested from Col Gualano list of all Military prisons which could be handed over to civilian authorities in view of fact that personnel to be imprisoned for periods of over 30 days would be considered as civilians.
List of military prisons as follows:

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| S. Elmo military prison | (Naples) | capacity | 300 |
| Palermo " | " (Sicily) | " | 300. |
| Forte Boccea mil. " | (Rome) | " | 250. |

Gaeta mil. prison (only two out of four prisons in order. capacity 800.
Montesarchio prison (Benevento) " 800
Vibo Valentia prison (Calabria) " 150.
It wsa also stated that it would be possible to make a prison on Asinara island near Sardinia.

LT.COL NABISSI.

A.Q

3. Held conference with Lt. Col Noakes, Nabissi and Capt Disley Q AAI.
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Soap - Only availability 4000 quintals. If caustic soda supplied, fats are available.
Toothpaste - Available in fairly large quantities. Both paste and powder. Principal difficulty containers.
Razors - None available. Small quantities required.
Blades - Few available. Required.
Subject of above conference to be submitted to Combined Chiefs of Staff.

GEN ALIBERTI.

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4. Held conference with Gen Aliberti and Lt.Col Noakes. Subject of conference as follows:
i) Pirelli tyre repair factory, Via Sizi ROME.
Factory now occupied by Allies. Essential to Italian Army as it can recondition damaged tyres.
ii) Pirelli Tyre factory, TIVOLI.
Factory makes tyres. Damaged but firm willing to make necessary repairs if raw materials supplied to ensure functioning of factory.

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Factory able to produce up to 200 tyres a day. Has materials to start off work. Repairs to factory would last about 2 months.

iii) Gen Aliberti keen to stop the sales of cars which is now taking place in Rome. Suspected racket to prevent requisitioning. All demands to be submitted to this HQ.

iv) Gen Aliberti proposed to make 2 heavy static w/-shops. One in Centro Studii, Rome and another at 8 Autieri Regt Rome. W/shops to undertake heavy repairs for CIL.

5. Gen Aliberti informed that it is proposed to f forme, out of all surplus domestic tpt, GT units under our direct control. This would ease many problems and help in knowing availability of Italian tpt. A.Q

Gen Aliberti agreed stating that this had already been the idea of M of W and SMRE and orders had been issued.

Lists of Italian tpt, runners, and locations to be submitted.

Major.

A.Q

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 23 JULY '44.

LT.COL GUALANO.

1. Received confirmation and copy of signal sent to Military HQ Sardinia copy to High Commissioner informing that Col Simmons was authority in island for the disposal of all animals.

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GEN OXILIA.

2. Was informed that Brig.Gen CARUSO Filippo would take over command of CCRR. Div "Podgora" in Rome wef 1 August.

Gen CARUSO has been selected for this appmt as he was the former CCRR partizan leader in Rome during German occupation and also for the reason that there is a shortage of CCRR General officers in the Arm.

Gen Caruso is a reserve officer.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

3. Was informed of the following moves of officers:

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 22 JUL '44.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

1. Asked Col Gualano to whom personnel forming part of Autieri coys who were here in Rome working for the Allies could be attached to for administration.
Informed that the personnel could be attached to 8 Autieri Regt (Via Guido Remi 8). Lists of the personnel and their old regt was required.
This has been asked for of Region IV.

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2. Requested that Lt. Alfonso Caterini, now attached temporarily to SMRE, be attached to this HQ as LO to ST branch. Agreed.

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3. Asked for clarification on the arrest of two employees in the Naval Operating Base in Palermo.
Subsequent to invasion, men were part of large group of technicians mobilized and transported to German controlled territory for work in shipyards, later made way back to Sicily to work for US Navy.
Empolyees charged with desertion under Wartime ₰ penal code. Liable to cause misgivings amongst other employees.
M of W will conduct necessary investigations.

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GEN. PELLIGRA.

4. Informed Gen Pelligra of the following releases of repair material to the Italian Army as arranged by us:

Lt. SHIPLEY
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| Blue shirt material | 180,000 | metres. |
| Khaki uniform " | 50,000 | " |
| " shirt " | 8,000 | " |
| Grey green " | 50,000 | " |
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| Blue Lining | 50,000 | " |
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| Camouflage material | 700,000 | " |
| Shoe thread | 1,500 | Kgs. |

5. Asked Gen Pelligra to provide the following information.
Present Italian stocks (not to include recent sales from NAAFI stocks) of Toilet soap, washing soap, shaving soap, Razor blades and toothpaste.
Any of above items to be had by M of W through local contract.
Monthly requirements of above.

6. Informed Gen Pelligra to make a reserve of 60,000 complete items of Italian clothing and equipment which might be required at a future date for Italian troops to be used on special employment.

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Heavy boots required for BD
substitute webbing for
Anti-gas capes
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MINISTRY OF W.. LIAISON — 21 JULY '44.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

1. Informed Col Gualano to send a signal to Sardinia Military HQ stating that Col Simmons, MMIA rep, was the authority for the disposal of mules and horses in the island. This would be regardless of Ministerial circular No 333 dated 22 Jan.

Copy of this signal will be sent ~~to~~ High Commissioner of Sardinia and to this HQ.

GEN OXILIA.

2. Was informed by Gen Oxilia that he wished to reinforce the CCRR guarding the coal mines near Grosseto. This is due to the fact that Italian partizans now unemployed are looting these mines.

Rresent strength of CCRR with mines is 16. M of W wish to increse this to double its strength with one officer.

Mines are situated at GAVORRANO, NICCOLITA, BOCHEGIANO and RIBOLLA.

Informed Gen Oxilia to make direct contact with CCRR.

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GEN ORLANDO.

3. Gen Orlando, new GOC CCRR Liberated Italy, paid visit to Comd. Clothing of CCRR was discussed. Stress made on reorganizing w/shops which would be given clothing and materials to repair clothing for CCRR.

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Informed that only one type used, "RAPID" shoe repair needle No. 1/5.

LIAISON OFFICE.

5. Checked for the confirmation of the promotion of Lt Esposito Mario to the acting rank of Capt with pay wef the date he assumed command of the coy, 12 May '44.

6. Was informed of the following moves of General Officers:

Brig.Gen De Martino ceases to be Lecce Garrison Comdr and is attached to M of W (for demobilization).

Brig.Gen Lombardi Harold ceases to be Taranto Garrison Comdr and is now Demobilized.

Brig.Gen Sabini Francesco ceases to be Director of Artillery, M of W and is now demobilized.

Maj.Gen GIACCHI Nicolo ceases to be attached to

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M of W and is now demobilized.

Maj.Gen PRIMICERI Alberto ceases to be Head of Milizia Commission and is now attached to M of W (to be demobilized).

Maj.Gen LA FERLA Francesco ceases to be attached to M of W and is now Head of Milizia Commission.

Maj.Gen BELLETTI Pietro ceases to be Arty Inspector and is now attached to M of W (to be demobilized).

Maj.Gen BELGRANO Ettore ceases to be XXXI territorial Comdr and is demobilized wef 1 August.

Maj.Gen MAGLI Giovanni ceases to be attached to M of W and is now demobilized.

Brig.Gen CHATRIAN Luigi ceases to be GOC 227 Div and is now attached to,M of W.

Brig.Gen ROSSI Silvio ceases to be attached to SMRE and is now to be GOC 227 Div.

Brig.Gen SCATTINI Arturo ceases to be attached to M of W and is now attached to SMRE.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 20 JULY '44.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

1. Was informed that Col Gualano has issued the instructions governing the reduction of the strength of Italian Army Administration by the 31st July.
A copy of these instructions will be coming to this HQ.

2. Was informed that the Industry and Commerce Sub Commission have authorized the Industrie Chimiche Nazionale Riunite to draw materials from the Torre Annunziata Fuze factory. All sorts of materials are being taken away and on no occasion will any receipt be given.
M of W would like us to take the matter in order that at least a receipt be given for any such drawings.
Via FLAMINIA - ROME.

COL BALZANI.

3. Asked Col Balzani whether anything more had been heard of the ULGM.
This Col Balzani took to be the case of the TIBUTINO Bks (4 Tk Regt) wanted as an Allied prison. Repairs estimated at 4,000,000 lire to be undertaken by ULGM.
Nothing more has been heard of this.

4. Col Balzani informed me of the 8 Bns of civilian workers (8000 men) under Col SOLAINI.
These men were collected together by the Republican Govmt to work foe them. These men are continually asking to be employed.
Col Balzani only proposes these men if required.
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6. No pay queries can be answered as Doctor Feretti has not yet arrived from Lecce. Doctor Feretti is expected on or around 26/27 July.

LIASON OFFICE.

7. Requested info on pay and travelling permits for Italian personnel on leave.
i) Issue of free railway warrants are only issued to personnel on convalscent leave due to either wounds or after illness due to duty and one warrant a year to each man for ordinary leave.
All military personnel are however entitled to a 70% reduction on all fares.
ii) No advance of pay to cover period of leave can be made to Italian Army personnel.
Personnel can draw, if it is required, an advance sum to cover travelling expenses.

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Col FARAONE.

8. Enquired from Col Faraone whether the following Medical officers, repatriated Pw and employed by I & DP SC were on the roles of the Italian Army.

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| Major Errera Giordano | Capt GIGLI Clodoveo |
| Capt Monello Filippo | Capt Mottura Giuseppe |
| Ten Tubino Arturo | 2/lt Quinto Enzo. |

Informed that the officers are on the roles of the Italian Army and have been attached to the following units:

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| Major Errera.... | Medical Br IX Corps. |
| Capt Mattura .... | Reorganization Camp. |
| Capt Gigli | " " |
| Capt Monello | HQ 403 Inf Regt. |
| Lt. Tubino | Reorganization Camp. |
| 2/Lt Quinto | HQ 31 Garrison Bn. |

MAJOR NABISSI.

9. Enquired whether the clothing drawn by "Scuola Telegrafisti" as authorized by Major Nabissi had been previously been authorized by this HQ.

Major Nabissi is looking this matter up as details were not to hand.

GEN ALIBERTI.

10. Asked for details on the occupation of 9 Autieri Bks in Bari.

Informed that an Allied unit wishes to occupy the main buildings of the 9 Autieri situated in the town and only leaving the w/shop to the Italians. This would include the offices and the mens bks. Gen Aliberti stated that the property had no right to be requisitioned and asks for our intervention.

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CABINET.

11. Was informed by Col De Michelis that Allied authorities in Taranto are trying to intervene in the removal of Gen Lombardi.
It was pointed out that Gen Lombardi is a Reserve Officer and therefore is due to be demobilized. This is in agreement with us for the reduction in number of all officers in the Italian. On the other hand Allied authorities do not seem to agree with this in all cases.

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 19 JULY '44.

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1. Held meeting with Region IV rep to clarify points for Italian unit working for s ame.

Points included Pay, Leave, Discipline and Postal arrangements.

Points settled satisfactorily and copies of all Italian regulations arranged for despatch to Region IV.

GEN TAMASSIA.

2. Gen Tamassia came to discuss ration situation in Rome. Following point was raised.

Rations for 15,000 had been authorized for Rome. M of W, SMRE and other units working for Allies had now come into the Rome area. This increased the number to be rationed. Gen Tamassia had not been allowed to draw rations for the whole number and was some 2000 rations short. Gen Tamassia realized that the Rome arrangements were temporary but nevertheless required some warning before having to do away with units. Gen Tamassia requested that, if number of rations could not be increased, he be allowed some extra rations for a few days to give him time to do away with the units not to be authorized.

Matter asked to be put into writing with employment of each unit.

Will be dealt with as above

Answer is NO

GEN ORLANDO.

3. Saw Gen Orlando who informed me that the Council of Ministers had decided to nominate him as GOC CC. RR. of Liberated Italy.

Gen Orlando will assume his functions as soon as an HQ can be found.

No mention of his successor as Head of Rome presidium was made.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

4. Was informed that Major SCHISA had been posted away from 406 Lav Regt. Lt.Col Keith Morgan had asked for this officer back as he was very useful. M of W wanted to know whether this officer should return.

Instructed LO to make necessary arrangements to have the officer returned to the unit as soon as possible

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 18 JULY '44.

CABINET.

1. Saw Col Balsani and discussed the calling up of the Army Age classes in the Rome area.

Large numbers have reported in the first few hours and M of W in view of this rush wish to change the text of the proclamation ordering this, in order that one class should report daily in lieu of two. This would alleviate matters greatly.

The original proclamation reads as follows:

Reporting times, 18 July for 1923 and 1924 classes
19 July for 1921 and 1922 classes
21 July for 1919 and 1920 classes
22 July for 1917 and 1918 classes
24 July for 1915 and 1916 classes
25 July for 1914 class
27 to 31 July for all late comers.

Change would read as follows:

22 July for 1920 class
23 " " 1919 "
25 " " 1918 "
26 " " 1917 "
28 " " 1916 "
29 " " 1915 "
31 " " 1914 "
1 to 3 Aug. for all late comers.

Results for first two hours of reporting were 2500 men.
Later informed M of W that the above was agreed to.

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MAJOR NABISSI.

2. Requested clarification on requests submitted for Brindisi Labour Gp., pointing out that requests had already been met.

Major Nabissi informed me that the requets in our possession had been submitted to us direct by the Gp and that therefore no action was required on them. Units will be informed that all requests will be passed to M of W and not direct to us.

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MEDICAL BRANCH.

3. Hurried up question of our request to M of W for medical stores and equipment for CIL as required by AAI.

Was assured that the question had been attended to and that

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Was assured that the question had been attended to and that an urgent reminder wil lbe sent out.
Results are being awaited for from IX Corps.

Declined AQ W.O.H. noted. 20/7

LIAISON OFFICE.

4. Was informed that a parachutist dressed as a priest was dropped in the Montevarro Ca labras - Cagliari area in Sardinia, on 29 June.
Report from local sources and no arrest yet made.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 11 July '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that Brig.GEn BRISOTTO Silvio is to replace Col Leonardi Cattolica as head of the Lavoratori Raggr in Brindisi wef 12 July. — G DADPL

CABINET.

2. Discussed in detail the move of M of W based on Movements Order of March. — G AQ
Informed Col De Michelis that it was desired that NO M of W personnel should reach Rome prior to 15 July.
M of W advance parties leave tomorrow 12 July.

LT.COL GUALANO.

3. Requested Col Gualano to prepare a list of proportions of Italian Officers by rank in the Italian Army. — COMD
This to be divided into two parts i) Operational units ii) Administrative HQ's
Was informed that this had already been requested by the Minister and that as soon as the figures were worked out it would be submitted to us.

4. Was informed that the call up of the 1922 clas in the Campania area had produced the following results: — G AQ
1920 NCO's and men.
Informed Col Gualano that necessary instructions could be issued for the call up of the 1921 class in that area.

5. Was informed that instructions were being issued for the demobilization of the 1913 class in the Italian Army. — G A.Q
This will not affect personnel employed by the Allies who would be replaced by other personnel prior to being demobilized at a later date.

CAPT VENTRELLA.

6. Requested clarification on signal sent to us on the — A.Q
Conditions of personnel in Collection Centres at Foggia by

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Minister and that as soon as [illegible]
it would be submitted to us.

4. Was informed that the call up of the 1922 class in the Campania area had produced the following results:
1920 NCO's and men.

Informed Col Gualano that necessary instructions could be issued for the call up of the 1921 class in that area.

5. Was informed that instructions were being issued for the demobilization of the 1913 class in the Italian Army.

This will not affect personnel employed by the Allies who would be replaced by other personnel prior to being demobilized at a later date.

CAPT VENTRELLA.

6. Requested clarification on signal sent to us on the feeding of personnel in Collection Centres at Foggia by Civilian Refugee Authorities.

This is simply a request asking us to try and make arrangements for personnel NOT being screened to be fed by ACC civilian arrangements pending decision made as to their position.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 10 JULY '44.

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CABINET.

1. Informed Col DE MICHELIS that the rationing of military personnel attached to Civilian ministries had been extended up to 19 July.

2. Received from Col De Michelis list of Generals and Cols in Italian Army showing present decision of a) Gens and Cols to be demobilized b) Gens and Cols essential to Italian Army c) Gens and Cols whose positions have yet to be defined.

MINISTER FOR WAR.

3; Handed letter to Count Casati informing him that Sgt Magg; of 7 Pack Tpt Coy had been awarded the Bronze Star Medal of the US Army for heroic action on the Cassino Front.
Minister extremely pleased.

4. Was informed that HE Casati was leaving for Rome on Wednesday and would remain attached to the Government until the official arrival of the M of W.

LT.COL GUALANO.

5. Was requested to find out whether the GHQ CCRR could move to Rome. GHQ CCRR is always in the same area as the Gov and M of W.
Can permission be granted for them to move to Rome by the 15 July.

GEN PELLIGRA.

6. Informed Gen Pelligra that the "Olive Oil Campaign" had now been fought and won.
Certain quantities of butter and margarine were being made available to the Italian Army very shortly. In addition the Army would receive an allotment of olive oil and last years "GIGNONE"(?) oil production.

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MAJOR NARISSI.

7. Accompanied Col Shipley to discuss recent OIL indents. The following was decided.
i) NO demands were to be made until it was ascertained that the items required were not available from Italian sources.
ii) Check to be made on the requests to find out availability in Italian stocks.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 8 JULY '44.

COL RAMPA.

1. Discussed petrol situation with Rampa.
Col Rampa, in view of move to Rome, would like the following changes in petrol alottments.
Alottment at Brindisi to be reduced by 40 tons and an availability of 40 tons to be made at Caserta.

CABINET.

2. Discussed communications with Col De Michelis.
In view of expected/ difficulties in comms from Rome with the rest of Italy, Col De Michelis proposes to form a small Liaison nucleus at Salerno where the comms are fairly satisfactory. This LO could receive all messages from Army units is S. Italy and forward to Rome by a DR service.
This would be a temporary arrangement until proper communications could be established in Rome.

3. Col De Michelis handed me back list of all Gens and Cols in Italian Army showing as far as can be worked out a) Those to be demobilized b) Those required by the Italian Army c) Those whose positions have yet to be defined.

LT.COL GUALANO.

4. Informed Col Gualano of the new limits of the Combat Zone line which now extends to North of Rome and that personnel living in those areas could now proceed home with ACC passes ( refering to demobilized personnel).

5. Discussed and worked out the reduction in personnel of Italian Army personnel clarifying the position as should be on 31st July.
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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 7 JULY '44.

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CABINET.

1. Ref cars requested by Government from M of W.. COMD 2/c G A.Q
Informed Col De Michelis that all tpt belonging to M of W and SMRE was under our direct control. Gov could not therefore be given such tpt without this HQ's authority. Was informed that the Minister had gone to Salerno and was going to inform the Gov about this.

2. Was informed by Col De Michelis that the first move in the reduction in strength of Italian Admin was that an order is being issued to the effect that All Refugee Comm issions and organizations were to be dissolved. 2/c G

3. Brought up question of moves of officers as represented under confidential cover by DDL 2 Dist. Informed Col De Michelis of the frequent moves of collaborating officers giving him 4 examples. 2/c A.Q
Col De Michelis informed me that a) he would give me a full report on each case b) disciplinary action if postings were intentional because of collaboration c) informed me confidentially that by the 15 July there will have been great changes in the personnel of the DAG branch ( incl removal of Gen Gonella).

4. Was informed that instructions had been given to the Government to move to Rome on 10 July. COMD 2/c G A.Q
The Minister has gone to Salerno for the meeting of the Council of Ministers to take place prior to this move.

GEN DEL PANTA.

5. Asked Gen Del Panta for a list of all vet hospitals cavalry bks and arty bks together with accomodation and acreage as in existance North of Rome Adriatic line. G

LIAISON OFFICE.

6. M of W wish to know what has happened to the tptn to be used for the moving of 4th Vet Hosp from Martina Franca to Crotone. G MOVMTS
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G MOVMTS

7. Was informed that no particulars are available to date of G.B. ALLORI ex console MVSN.
The last information had was that the a/m was born 9/8/1900 and that he was posted to Recruiting Office MVSN XIII Zone HQ Palermo on 1/3/43.
There are no particulars as to his physical description.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

8. Col Gualano gave me the following action to be taken on the reduction of Italian Admin.
i) Demobilization of 1913 class in territorial units, ie Depots.
ii) Unlimited leave for permanently graded personnel irrespective of class in all depots.
iii) X Men of younger classes in depots to replace men of 1913 class in port labour.
Further action is being gone into.

2/c G

CAPT VENTRELLA.

9. Was informed that in our letter AQ/2/7 of 6 July

2/c S.T.

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giving release of rations to Italian Forces, it was stated that the following could not be issued with same.
a) All civilian personnel.
b) All Red Cross personnel.
It was pointed out that we have informed that civilian personnel filling Officers appts in the M of W could be rationed when list of same is forwarded and authorized by us.
We have also stated that RC nurses and nuns can be issued rations together with RC personnel who form part of effective Army provided that the number does not increase.
Does this still hold good.

10. Was informed by Capt Ventrella that the wine for Campobasso has been unloaded at Lucera and that no further move has been arranged. This wine if left there much longer will go bad.
Has any movement been arranged for the despatch to Campobasso.

S/T Movmts

GEN PELLIGRA.

Col Shipley A.Q

11. Accompanied Col Shipley to see Gen Pelligra.
Informed Gen of the latest situation in the repairing of boots.
Discussed arrangements to be made for the same system of repairs to be initiated for clothing.
Gen Pelligra to submit requests for material required plan to be adopted and name of officer in charge of clothing repairs.
Preliminary estimates are 100,000 suits a month.

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A.Q

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 5 JULY '44.

CABINET.

1. Had discussion with Col De Michelis. Col De Michelis informed me that it is the intention of the M of W to form Central Office responsible for all matters of M of W and SMRE. This office will pass all matter from this HQ to the office concerned. This will enable all work to be centralized. Name of Gen Oxilia was mentioned for this.
This idea isnproposed to be put into effect in Rome.

√Roma 2/c G AQ

LT.COL GUALANO.

2. Col Gualano informed me that instructions have now been issued to the effect that the first quarter of the 1913 class is to be demobilized. This will only effect troops on Administration and unemployed tps. These will be dealt with later.
Also informed that the M of W in anticipation of a reduction in number of the Italian Administration, have issued an instruction which further reduces WE of depots. These have now all been reduced to an absolute minimum.

2/c G AQ

3. Informed that the 3000 PW recently repatriated in Sicily are to be demobilized.
Instructions to this effect have now been issued. These repriated PW cause a lot of trouble to the M of W principally as no warning is given of their arrival and looking after them is equally difficult.

A.Q

LIAISON OFFICE.

4. Was given the following info re the remount depots North of Rome:
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GROSSETO (Razza Maremmana) Remount depot to hold approx 400 animals. Acreage unknown.
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CAPT VENTRELLA.

5. Informed Capt Ventrella that it would be all right to issue 10 gms olive oil in the ration, as a temporary reduction.

Informed that AAI have asked ACC to make an allotment of oil to the Armed Forces and reduce the civilian ration. No further action has yet been taken.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 4 JULY '44.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed of the following moves of General Officers: 2/c
Gen ARISIO Mario is to be demobilized wef 5 July. G
Lt.Gen MERCALLI Camillo is placed on the reserve list and is to be demobilized wef 5 July. A Q
Brig.Gen BECUZZI Emilio is placed on the reserve list and is to be demobilized wef 5 July.

2. Ref assault and robbery of Pte Clayton ACC. A.Q
Information has been received to the effect that the sgt and 5 OR's have been condemned to 2 years 8 months imprisonment.

COUNT CASATI.

3. Was informed by the Minister that Gen OXILIA has been nominated as Military Under Secretary of State for War. COMA 2/c G A Q
Gen Oxilia will take up office on his return from Naples about the 10 July.

COL RAMPA.

4. Ref our SD 1090 of 2 July. G.
Basso was given full instructions as to disposal of 38 Mob W/shops in M of W order 13613 of 29 June. This will be confirmed in a strong order from the Minister.
It appears that Commando Supremo has tried to counter mand this order. This will be turned down firmly.

5. Ref communication from Commando Supremo re shortage in petrol allotment. S.T
M of W has had to cut down Commando Sup alottment owing to a cut down on the total for Army. C.S has drawn a consid erable amount of surplus and has no cause for complaint. M of W attach NO importance to this bleat.

CABINET.

6. Handed back list of Gens and Cols in Italian Army to Col DE MICHELIS requesting that appropriate signs be put beside names to show i) To be demobilized ii) required by 2/c

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This gave rise to discussion at which Gen Oxilia was present. Following points arose:
a) Not possible to define complete list of senior officers to be demobilized.
b) Demobilization is being worked out as follows
~~ii~~ All reserve officers to be demobilized.
Results of interrogation on activities prior to Sept 8.
Those found not having requisite qualifications for promotion. 2138
Gen Oxilia pointed out that it was not possible to turn out officers who in many cases had had many years service without justifiable investigation.
Received confirmation from De Michelis that Minister is attaching much importance to sorting out of officers and that considerable changes were to take place.
Gen Oxilia considered that total Generals as laid down by us for Army is not sufficient FOR PRESENT SITUATION.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 3 JULY '44.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Ref ORD/4 of 13 June. Received confirmation that the explosives in question were released to 2 District on 21 June. It is presumed that 2 Dis informed 52 Area.

2. Received confirmation that Gen Magli is being demobilized wef 15 July.

3. M of W have not received a copy of our G/109 dated 19 June. The Minister would like to have a copy of this letter.

4. Was informed that the Personnel Office would like to have following officers in M of W: Capt SCAGLIARINI Giuseppe and LT ATTI Armando at present with 120 Inf Regt with PBS. These officers are experienced in demobilization work and are required for same work in M of W.

5. Was informed of the following changes in nomination of Italian HQ's.

IX Corps to be known as Puglie and Lucania Military HQ.
XII Corps tp be known as Sicily Military HQ.
XIII Corps to be known as Sardinia Military HQ.
XXXI " " " " " Calabria " "
HQ FFAA Campania " " " Campania " "

GEN DEL PANTA.

6. Asked Gen Del Panta for list of remount depots and vet hospitals with locations, capacity and acreage North of a line running East and West through Rome.

LT.COL GUALANO.

7. Asked whether the Guard Unit of 50 OR's and 6 offrs for Commissariat Naples.

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9. Clarified leave question and requested necessary amend ment to circular on this subject. GB(I)

10. Was informed that it is the intention of Minister to demobilize all reserve and recalled officers by the 31 st July. 21c
Permission will be asked for officers falling in this category and who are with Allied formations to be able to remain. 21?7

11. Hurried demobilization of 426 ex PW to be used as shipbuilders. Necessary instructions have been issued. 9
Confirmed that these were to be handed over on being demobilized to Italian Navy.

12. Requested immediate answer for AAI on action taken on Italian soldiers responsable for assault and robbery of Allied soldier. This again is responsability of Basso. Necessary order is being despatched. AQ

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CAPT VENTRELLA.

13. Requested Capt Ventrella to submit ration demand for the new period 9 to 24 July as soon as possible.
Capt Ventrella is aware of this and is awaiting ~~far~~ the figures from SMRE.

S.T

MAJOR NABISSI.

14. Settled a few clothing problems for Major Nabissi.
Requested total of shorts in Italian Army.
These amount to 16024. Confirmation is being forwarded in writing.

A.Q

Major

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 1st JULY '44.

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Major PARRONE.

1. Held conference with Major Parrone and Lt.Col Shipley on repair of 300,000 prs boots put at disposal of Italian Army.
Major Parrone will be in charge of the repair arrangements.

Lol SHIPLEY

MAJOR PAGLIANO.

2. Discussed movement of M of W with Major Pagliano and Capt Westbury Movements.
Final decision as that M of W will move maximum personnel by road and will be able to use 6 railway trucks as maximum on initial.

MoVMTS

LT.COL GUALANO.

3. Col Gualano wishes to know ~~whether~~ whether 1300 Italian Army personnel can be sent on leave for the passing of university exams.
This will only be for a maximum period of 20 days and will not affect personnel employed by Allies.

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G.

COL RAMPA.

4. Informed Col Rampa that officers required to be provided by M of W for completion of 2½ CT units for ACC in serials 1035, ~~XXX~~ 1036 and ordered from 10 Autieri Regt Naples were stated to be not available.
Col Rampa showed me the excess of officers in this Regt and that these would have to come from there. Basso is continually turning down M of W orders and seems to have sympathy of MMIA reps.
An order from the Minister is being sent.

G.

MAJOR NABISSI.

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GEN PELLIGRA.

6. Accompanied Major Rose to discuss the following subjects:
i) Any Red Cross personnel figuring on the effective role of the Army can be entitled to Army rations. These would be considered as Army personnel.
ii) Nuns and Red Cross nurses working for Army now entitled to Army rations.
iii) Cleared up wine situation in Naples.
iv) Got Gen Pelligra to confirm to Basso that 212 Div could draw daily rations.

LIAISON OFFICE.

7. AAI have requested prompt reply as to investigation and trail of soldiers (Italian) for assault and robbery of Allied soldier. Our AQ/6/1 dated 5 June refers.
M of W have never received this letter although despatched from this HQ.
Gave details and asked for immediate action.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 30 JUNE '44.

A.Q

CABINET.

1. Handed in letters G/6/1 dealing with a) Letter refering to state of officers in Army, numbers recalled since 1st April and reasons therefore and b) Reply to our G/6/1 dated 2 June to reach this HQ not later than 3 July to Col DE MICHELIS. 2/c AQ

"And there were voices and thunders and lightenings; and there was a great earthquake such as was not since man were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake and so great." (Rev Ch 16 V 18)

LIAISON OFFICE.

2. Our letter G/7/1 dated 18 June refering to officers attd to CSDIC. G.

M of W did not receive a list of the officers attd and require same for records. Useless asking Commando Supremo as this would take up a lot of time.

3. Was informed that Arty,Branch report that M of W possess in ERCTA Firm ( Iron and steel works Anon Coy) in Palermo, some 4280 tons of steel blocks used to make shell cases. Local Resources Board Sicily have alotted this to HQ SOS NATOUSA ALGIERS. AQ

M of W point out that this steel is property of theirs and therefore that this alottment be cancelled. Steel was bought from State Railways prior to Armistice.

LT.COL GUALANO.

4. Was informed that M of W have requested for return of all driver personnel attd to Government. ( Refers to military personnel ). 2/c G A.Q

5. M of W have asked for return of 8 Officers, 16 NCO's 41 Or's attd to Government to be put at disposal of SMRE. Letter AQ/2 of 23 June refers. 2/c G A.Q

These personnel belong to Government Autonomous Unit.

6. M of W have forwarded instructions for strict compliance and action as contained in letter AQ/2 of 23 June. 2/c G A.Q

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Importance was stressed on having permission to allow personnel to proceed to homes beyond present Combat Zone limits.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

8. Received following data of personnel employed on Civilian Refugee Work as requested in M/3/1173 of 13 June. DAPM 21st

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HQ Refugee Centre Naples. | Offrs | 1 | NCO's | nil | OR's | 2 |
| Refugee Centre Carminiello | | | | | | |
| Piccolo Cottolengo, Basilio | | | | | | |
| Pucti and Centre 600 | " | 10 | " | 6 | " | 111 |
| Aversa Centre | " | 4 | " | 3 | " | 9 |
| Capua Centre Tr. Cp 205 | | | | | | |
| NAPRO 611, 612 | " | 5 | " | 1 | " | 36 |
| Reggio Centre Tr.Cp 103 | " | 2 | | | " | 8 |
| Anzio Civil hosp | " | 1 | | | " | 1 |
| Catanzaro Tr Cp 100 | " | 1 | | | | |
| Tr Cp 104 Cava Tirreni | " | 1 | | | | |
| Tr Cp 120 Afragola | " | 1 | | | | |
| Tr Cp 214 and NAPRO 610 | | | | | | |
| Vairano | " | 3 | | | " | 29 |
| NAPRO 613? 614 | " | 2 | " | 2 | " | 48 |

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| | Offrs | NCO's | OR's |
|---|---|---|---|
| Disposal 5 Army Anzio | 1 | | |
| Bari Centre | 1 | | |
| Foggia Centre, Tr Cp 601 206 | 6 | 4 | 59 |
| NAPRO 615 Casoli | 1 | | 21 |
| NAPRO 616 Torino di Sangro, | 1 | | 19 |
| NAPRO 617, 618; 619 Bari | 3 | | 10 |
| Civil hosp Vasto | 2 | | 2 |
| Civil hosp Lanciano | 1 | | 3 |
| | 47 | 14 | 382 |

MAJOR NABISSI.

9. Major Nabissi has heard that Naples has despatched 20,000 short cotton drawers to Vasto (Allied). These are presumed to be at disposal of CIL. A.G
M of W have received no official communication.
Can M of W be supplied with info.

10. Ref request by DADOS. There are 16025 pairs khaki shorts in various depots. DADOS
M of W wish to despatch 6025 of these to Vasto.
Authority is required.

CAPT VENTRELLA.

11. Ref proposal to substitute olive oil by almond oil. Informed that this is used as a purge and is therefore not recommended. S & T
Quantities of this are unknown.

12. Ref info required; following despatches of rations were made on 29 June from Taranto to Naples. S & T

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| Truck No. | 61447 | M & V | Quintals 120,16 |
| ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ | | | ~~120,16~~ |
| " " | 100932 | | 120,16 |
| | 151145 | | 120,27 |
| | 223388 | Corned Beef | 120,02 |
| | 1016174 | | 120,02 |
| | 1130968 | | 120,03 |

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| | 1016174 | | 120,02 |
| | 1130968 | | 120,03 |

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 29 JUNE '44.

A.Q

COLS FIORE VERNAZZA/DEMICHELIS.

1. Accompanied Col DE MICHELIS for introduction to Comd on his assuming appmt Head of Cabinet and Col Fiore on his relinquishment of such appmt. — COMD

GEN CALDAROLA.

2. Held conference with Gen Caldarola and 2 i/c. on question of limit of stay in hospital for Italian tps. — 2/c A.Q DADMS
Results of conference were as follows:
i) Casualties from CIL and troops under command Allies would be allowed to remain in hospital over 30 days if nominal rolls of such were submitted to this HQ.
ii) Cases of other Italian tps necessitating over 30 days treatment should be submitted to this HQ for examination and certain cases would be authorized.

LIAISON OFFICE.

3. Was informed that M of W have no information on G.B. ALLORI. — G3 (I)
Information required has been asked for of the Militia Investigation Board attd IX Corps.

LT.COL GUALANO.

4. Was informed that Mof W have informed the President of Council of Ministers that ref our letter AQ/2 , wef 13 July all military personnel attd to civilian ministries will put at disposal of SMRE. No rations will be issued to them in their present appointments after that date. — 2/c A.Q S.T
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| | Lt.Gens ..... | 1 | (Gamerra) |
| | Maj.Gens ..... | 6 | |
| | Brig Gens ..... | 10 | |

2/c Q 9.Q

COL RUIZ BALLESTREROS.

6. Made enquiries re the calling up of a Reserve Col, COL MERCURIO Giuseppe.
This officer was demobilized some years ago. He was recalled as he was a friend of Gen Basso. He has been appointed Head Arty Directorate Naples. There are other officers available for this appmt but they are not popular.
Warned Col Ruiz that this officer might have to be demobilized.

2/c 2132

MAJOR GUISO.

7. Cleared up question of issue of Italian equipment not requiring our auth.

A.Q

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 28 JUNE '44.

A.Q

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed that the 166 Bty of 149/19 "Piceno Div" moved from S. Pietro Vernotico to Ortona for future attmt to CIL. G.

2. Informed LO that Lt.Col D'AGATA and Major SALVIONI were being kept in the UK for some time more. G A.Q

3. Was informed that ref our A.Q/17 of 9 June, 2/Lt SPECIALE Orazio di Domenico of 9th Aubieri Regt was demobilized by M of W order 3/4187 dated 14 June. A.Q

4. Was informed that ref old communication that Gen Del Panta had received requests to provide mules, Gen Del Panta has now informed that the request came from LT.COL BELL president of the Allied Mule requisition Committee.
Informed Gen Del Panta that no action was to be taken on this request unless ordered by this HQ. G.

LT.COL GUALANO.

5. Ref the 426 Repriated PW to be used as shipbuilders by Allies. G
Informed Col Gualano that the a/m PW were to be demob ilized and that contact to be made with Italian Navy regarding future employment. A.Q
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6. Was informed that the Minister has asked for a complete list of all General officers in the Army at present and how employed and also the number required by the Army as it stands today. 2/c G A.Q

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The Minister once more pointed out the urgency for getting to Rome as soon as possible.

The Minister is leaving for Salerno for a Council of Ministers tomorrow and will be back on Monday 3 July.

CABINET.

9. Was informed that Col DE MICHELIS assumes the appoint ment of Chief of Cabinet vice Col FIORE VERNAZZA wef 0001 hrs 29 June. COMD 2/c G A.Q

MAJOR GUISO.

10; Ref our ORD/3/1 dated 18 June. A.Q

Was informed by Major Guiso that M of W letters 3082/C of 15 June and 3129/C of 15 June were cancelled as these were a duplication of an authority covered in our letter AQ/12/1 dated 14 June.

Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 27 JUNE '44.

A.Q
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LIAISON OFFICE.

2/c
Q.

1. M of W would like to form ~~very~~ two small parties of a few officers who would act as a flying squad and whose duty would be to take over military buildings, furniture and documents as and how ~~the~~ military centres are freed on the advance north.
Informed LO that this is extremely unlikely.

COL RAMPA.

A.Q
DADME

2. Informed Col Rampa that from now onwards there will no longer be a control on the issue of Italian spare parts.
M of W will have to be careful to restrict their issues to urgent requests and will submit a monthly state of issues made to units.
This does not apply to tyres.

GEN PELLIGRA.

A.Q
DADOS

3. Informed Gen Pelligra that M of W will no longer have to obtain prior approval to issue the following items of Italian origin:
Blankets, Beds, Mattresses, Mattress covers, Bed linen, Tentage, Cooking equipment, Personal clothing and equipment of a soldier.
A monthly state will be issued in lieu showing issues made to units.
Priority will in all cases be given to Italian troops working for the Allies.
Confirmation will be forwarded in writing.

A.Q

4. Asked Gen Pelligra for the system of delivery and payment for the NAAFI alottment made by AAI to the CIL and NEMBO.
Gen Pelligra stated that the best system would be a bulk issue made to the Delegazione A who would be responsable for the issueing. M of W would undertake to pay for the articles.

A.Q
S.T

5. Asked Gen Pelligra for his ideas on how to overcome the olive oil situation.
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Gen Pelligra would like to know what fats by quantities would be made available to him before he can decide. In any case the ration will have to be reduced.

6. Ref Gen Pelligra request for British clothing for 1 and 2 Pack Tpt Coys ~~xx~~ following suggestion by Major Van Kirk on an inspection. A.Q

Informed Gen Pelligra that this was out of the question. If dyed BD was not satisfactory, Italian clothing could be issued.

7. Was requested for rations for 61 RED CROSS Ambulance Unit leaving for employment for Allies.

Found out this was for the ACC and stated that this did not concern us. NO Italian Army rations could be issued.

8. Gen Pelligra informed me that Major PARONE, OC Boot Repairs as requested, had arrived from Sardinia. He is at M of W awaiting further instructions.

Major.

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A.Q

DADMS

COL SHIPLEY ADOS.

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A.Q

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 26 JUNE '44.

COL RAMPA.

1. Arranged with Col Rampa that No 38 W/shops should remain at Capua. This W/shop will no longer belong to the CIL but will serve for the Naples area in lieu of No 59 which was to go there.
CIL will have two other W/shops which are going up.
Col Rampa stated that in view of the number of vehicles at present in No 38, he would place it under command of the M of W so as to prevent Basso from acquiring all the vehicles.

GEN PELLIGRA.

2. Accompanied Lt.Col Percival to meet Gen Pelligra and explain the new set up in the S & T dept.

COUNT CASATI.

3. Accompanied Comd to meet the new Minister for War.

GEN BERARDI.

4. Attended conference with Comd. Present were Gen Berardi Gen Ordlia and Col Palavicino.
Subject was the possibility of reduction in strength of Italian Army by 50,000.

LIAISON OFFICE.

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LT.COL VACCA.

A.Q

6. Informed Col Vacca that AAI had decided to supply only the Nembo and CIL with the following NAAFI supplies.

| | Initial issue | Monthly replacement |
|---|---|---|
| Razors. | 10,848 | nil |
| Shaving brushes | 11,770 | nil |
| Toilet soap | 23,500ø | 11,750 |
| Shaving soap | 23,500 | 11,750 |
| Razor blades | 23,500 | 11,750 |
| Toothpaste | 11,770 | 5,885 |

All the above will be issued on repayment. Further info will follow.

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 25 JUNE '44.

A.Q

FILE M3 28/6.

LIAISON OFFICE.

1. Was informed of the following move of General Officers:
Brig.Gen LAMA Guido ceases to be attached to M of W for special duties wef 27 June and is posted to 203 Div as GOC. G. G3(I)

2. Was informed that the Medical Dept has already taken action to provide 23 Medical Officers for 212 Div. The number of such officers is considered sufficient in respect to the strength of the Div. DADMS.
Was also informed that there is a great shortage of medical officers in the Army at present.

CABINET.

3. Informed Col Fiore Vernazza of the difference in classification of priority in signals giving as example recent signal sent to CIL classified as Immediate. G A.Q
Requested that a circular be passed to all concerned that Immediate signals should be signed by ranks of Brig. Gen and above and should be operationally important.
Normal classification of signals should be Important.

4. Requested that a circular be passed to all concerned in M of W for onward transmission to HQ's and Depots that NO movement of rations were to take place irrespective of orders from higher formations, unless authorized by MMIA. 2/c A.Q
Such orders in every case would be issued by the M of W and no other HQ.
( Ref recent order for movement of rations by Commando Supremo )

LT.COL GUALANO.

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The difficulty encountered otherwise will crop up in the providing of rations for the journey from the Camp to the unit. Our order stattest that men will only come on the ration strength when they reach their unit.

2/c Q A.Q

True

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Major.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 24 JUNE '44.

AQ

LIASON OFFICE.

1. Asked for enquiry to be made on 2/Lt Vittorio CASCETTA of 474 Coastal Bn PM 179 (Puglie).
Request transmitted from ACC. AQ

2. Informed LO that ref their 3139/C dated 20 June ref requisitions of furniture applicable to British troops to be made applicable to American troops. This was being dealt with by us. AQ

KYKMALAKE. LT.COL GUALANO.

3. Received strength and employment of Kings Coy and 2 Coy 140 Inf Regt Depot. 2/c G
King's Coy. 11Officers, 34 NCO's, 286 OR's.
Employment. Has no fixed employment. Used on state and public holidays as propaganda troops for parades etc.
Role is purely Security.
2 Coy 140 Inf Regt Depot( now known as 3 Coy)
Strength. 6 officers, 14 NCO's, 189 OR's.
Employment. Security role. In addition provides 97 men daily on attachments to CCRR Lecce and Maglie, Guards on Prefettura and small internal labour parties.

4. Informed that request has come from Naples to move two Commando Tappas, Nos 105 and 106, to Rome in order to deal with heavy refugee traffic. 2/c G
Can we give authority for their move.

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Received a copy of this order.
From enquiries made later with Capt Ventrella found out that no order had yet been sent to Basso to do this and that it was possible that the rations had not yet been despatched.

2127

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

7. Requested Doctor Ferreti to hurry the issueing of the decree laying down the pay for Italian troops as proposed by us. A.Q
Was informed that it had been agreed in principal by the Minister of Finance. Doctor Ferretti is sending an urgent reminder for action.

8. Asked for details on the decree laying down the labour rates of pay and whether this had been issued by M of W on 3rd April. A.Q.
The decree authorizing labour pay was passed on 23 March and was issued by order of the M of W on 18 April. The order authorized back pay from 10 Feb.

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5.MAJOR NABISSI.

9. Made enquiries on message 14651/V for 10,000 Suits BD to be despatched Vasto pointing out Col Noakes conversation with Gen Pelligra. A.Q
Was informed that the message had been issued on instructions from SMRE but had been cancelled by order of Gen Pelligra.

CAPT VENTRELLA.

10. Informed Capt Ventrella that the Tricase Depot would have to be closed down and that the Convalescent had no authority to be fed from Army rations as had been ordered to be done by the 5 June. 2'lc A.Q
This apparently has been the fault of the SMRE who had included them in the Reorganization Camp personnel to clear up camp on its dissolution.
Matter settled on spot by ringing up SMRE.

LT.COL VACCA.

11. Informed Col Vacca of the necessity of baking facilities in the Rome Civitavecchia area for 212 Div. A.Q
M of W have no personnel they can send for this but state that it will be possible to make civilian contracts.
Owing to lack of communications they would like to send up an officer straight away to make these arrangements. Can authority be given for him to proceed to Rome. This lack has been due to there being no Commissariat officer with 212 Div. An officer has since been posted there and therefore no future matters of this kind should arise.

COUNT CASATI.

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Major.



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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON — 23 JUNE 44.

AQ

MAJOR PAGLIANO.

1; Discussed and drew up plan with Major Pagliano for the move of the M of W.
Plan later submitted to me in writing.

G
A.Q
Monks

GEN ORLANDO.

2. Gen Orlando accompanied by Col Fiore Vernazza called on Comd in order to pay his respects on relinquishing his post as Minister for War.
Gen Orlando will be remaining back a few days in order to hand over to Count Casati, present Minister. Gen Orlando will then go on leave pending a new appointment not yet known.

COMD

MAJOR NANISSI & ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE.

3. Ascertained that no distribution of clothing or arms have been distributed to the Duca d'Aosta Bn, Italian Air Force.
The only distribution that has taken place is 800 tent sheets issued on 22 June on our authority.
Artillery Branch were to issue some arms to the Bn, but this has been suspended by the SMRE.

2/c
G.

LT.COL GUALANO.

4. Asked for details on strength and employment of the following units:
i) Kings Coy.
ii) 2 coy 140 Inf Regt Depot.
This will be given to me on 24/6/44.

G.

COL RAMPA.

5. Ref query petrol for Calatria, was given the following information:
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Monopoli has been asked for the date of despatch.

LIAISON OFFICE.

6. Was informed of the following movements of officers: 2/c
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A.G
2/25

Maj.Gen REMOLI MATTHIEU Gustavo from Comd Rear HQ Reorganization Camps to be Comd Italian Troops with PBS.

Maj.Gen LA FERLA Francesco wef 25 June ceases to be Comd 212 Div and is attached to M of W.

Brig.Gen Cucci Nicola ceases to be attached to M of W and is now Demobilized.

Lt.Gen DE STEFANIS ceases to be Comd LI Corps and is now to be Comd Delegazione "A".

Major.

~~2 i/c to Lt Col~~ Q Br

MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 22 JUNE '44. 4/Plane

A/Q

GEN CXILIA.

Comd 24 9 A/Q

1. Attended conference with Comd at which were present: Gen Cxilia (SMRE) Lt.Col Gualano (M of W) Col Ravagli (M of W) Major Paglâuno (M of W).
Main points of conference were
i) Lecce to be the main HQ for the time being. Rome to be the seat of subsidiary HQ's.
ii) All main and senior officers to remain back so as to ensure continuation of work.
iii) Advance parties for Rome ( junior dept reps) to leave for Rome 23/5/44. These to be in small numbers.
iv) Aversa Camp to move to Rome.
v) Governing Italian authority pending arrival SMRE and M of W to be Gen Bencivenga HQ
vi) 5000 men from Rome to be screened for handing over to PBS. These not to be included in the exchange basis.

COL RAMPA.

2. Informed Col Rampa that of the vehicles from Nembo which went to Gen Basso, all have been distributed and none issued to the Commissariat Branch. A Q
Commissariat branch in urgent need of 12 heavy type lorries. Could Col Rampa therefore arrange to send 12 lorries to be placed at the entire disposal of Commiss. branch Naples.
Col Rampa informed me that he is not satisfied with the distribution of the vehicles by Basso, done without M of W authority. Basso now has a large number of vehicles and Rampa will order Basso in name of the Minister to hand over the required tpt to the Branch forthwith.

COL FARAONE.

3. Received confirmation that Valenziani and Lecne, working in Bank of Naples for ASC, have been demobilized. A Q
Ref our A4/11 dated 30 May.

COL GUALANO.

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COL GUALANO.

4. Was informed that Col CORA has been posted as LO to No 3 District. He will leave immediately and will report to HQ 227 Div.

CABINET.

5. Was informed by Col Fiore that Col DE MICHELIS is coming to the Mof W as the new Head of Cabinet, having been selected by the New Minister, Count Casati. He is due at the Ministry on 23/6/44/

The new Minister of War will arrive in Lecce to take over his new job on 23/6/44. Both Gen Orlando and Col Fiore will be remaining for a few days in order to complete handover.

CAPT. VENTRELLA.

6. Received confirmation that the San Severo Ration Forage and Fuel Depot has been closed wef 15/6/44.

The Foggia Depot opened up wef 15.6.44.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON

21 JUNE '44.

Q Br

GEN PELLIGRA.

1. Accompanied Col Shipley to discus the repair of approx 300000 pairs of boots to be made available to Italian Army by the Allies.

A.Q
Col SHIPLEY

Disxcussed the procedure to be adopted with regard to selecting, repair in view of materials and the stepping up of the existing workshops.

Gen Pelligra is bringing over Major Perrone, expert in such work, from Sardinia who will be in charge of all such operations.

CABINET.

2. The Cpuncil of Ministers have been worrying the M of W for a loan of rations for Red Cross personnel.

2/c
A.Q.
S.C.

Informed Col Fiore that on no account were Army rations to be touched By anyone other than Army personnel entitled and that such a loan was to be strictly refused.

3. Discussed with Col Fiore the move to Rome.

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5. Informed Doctor Ferretti of the position of Lt Vittorio Omodeo Sale, 106% Italian Docks Operating Coy Algiers, with a view to getting M of W to regularize his position and to arrange that he could be paid.( As per AFHQ request)

Doctor Ferretti has full particulars and will arrange everything through Gen Castellani's Mission.

A.Q.

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LIAISON OFFICE.

6. Informed that Gen Pelligra had laid on an inspection of Maglie Ration Depot. Found to be in order and functioning well.

Also inspected was the La Stella Bakery. Result was found to be good and weights were correct to within a margin of 5 to 10 gms.

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7. Was informed that as a result of recent inspections carried out by this HQ, Col Fiore Vernazza had issued a circular to all Heads of Departments instructing them to speed up and simplify paper work in order that work can be speeded up.

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8. Necessary instructions have now been issued to the SMRE to appoint an English speaking Captain as LO to 60 Sub Area. He will report to Col Barone IFHQ. — G A.Q G1(L)

9. Was informed that necessary instructions have been issued for the formation of 6 Medical units for troops in Campania. — DADMS

The units will be made up as follows:
2 medical officers, 1 chemist, 1 admin officer and 40 men.

There are one or two difficulties which arise but these are hoped to be overcome.

10. M of W Cabinet have issued immediate instructions to the effect that all officers having previously belonged to the Militia will be demobilized right away. — 2'/c A.Q

MAJOR NABISSI.

11. Ref AQ/2/3 of 30 May. Chased Major Nabissi for returns from Sardinia and Sicily. — A.Q

Was informed that there were no stocks in either of these places as M of W receive demands from both. This will be confirmed.

12. Was informed that the SMRE have received a complaint through LO that no request has been submittedfor clothing for 507?508 and 509 Smoke Coys. — A.Q

This has been passed to the M of W who point out that the request was submitted to this HQ in message 9519/V dated 20 May.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON. 20 JUNE '44.

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LT.COL GUALANO.

1. Discussed fully letter to M of W stopping further changes in command of units of 212 Div. G AQ

Was informed that one reason for such changes was the result of demobilization of older officers which is going on at present.

Informed that in all cases, any officers due for demobilization and who were employed with Allied units, I would have to be fully advised. In future before any such further demobilizations will take place, M of W will prepare a list by unit and will submit same to me.

2. Ref 109 officers to be furnished by M of W for assignment to 212 Div. G.

~~It~~ Withe the dissolving of the Riorganization Camp, a certain number of officers were made available. A number of officers were posted to 212 Div which fill their requirements. These officers should have already arrived by now.

CABINET.

3. Was informed that Gen Orlando was due to return to Lecce some time tomorrow 21 June. COMD 2/c G A.Q

He would like to come and pay his respects to the Comd and all officers of the Mission on Thursday 22 June.

This is order that he may say farewell as out going Minister for War.

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Inspection was made of troops, billets and meal distribution.
Results fairly good but room for many improvements which were pointed out.
Later carried out inspection of 47 Inf Depot. Results fair and room for many improvements. Principal defect was lack of clothing which was straightened out fully with M of W.

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MINISTRY OF WAR LIAISON 19 JUNE '44.

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LT.COL MILLEFIORINI.

1. Informed Col Millefiorini that 52 Area urgently required Bks nos 3 and 4 in the Cimino Dump, which had not been agreed to by Col Fusco (Arty Br Taranto). A.Q

Informed Col Millefiorini to issue instructions to the effect that the required bks would be handed over and to inform Col Fusco that if he required accommodation he could put his requirements to 52 Area. Agreed.

2. Ref M of W request for abandoned material in the Chemical Dump at Foggia, informed that the Allies were repairing the installation and therefore required the material. A.Q

If any material was required by the Italians they were to submit a list of such requirements which would be given to them subject to the approval of the authorities at present in the Centre.

DOCTOR FERRETTI.

3. Ref the extra pay for troops of 408 Inf Regt working on traffic control in Barletta. A.Q

Informed Ferretti that it was considered that the troops deserved the extra pay and that it should not be withdrawn from them. They were performing very difficult and hard work and were very satisfactory.

In order to support this proposal, for which an exception would have to be made to the rule governing the extra pay, Ferretti would like us to put this in writing.

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Distribution of cards to OR's is now being started.

COL RAMPA.

6. Informed Col Rampa that of the trucks sent to Basso, total 25, 1$ were off the road, only 4 were large vehicles, light vehicles had been handed out. A further 8 large type lorries were to be despatched.

Col Rampa informed that prior to meeting request Basso had received 63 vehicles from the Nembo. Of these only 25 were non runners but repairable. Col Rampa considered this quantity sufficient for Basso needs.

GEN DEL PANTE.

7. Gen Del Pante informed me that further requests for mules had been received for the Allies. The mule situation was bad and he requested for an answere about the requisitioning of Army mules in Sicily submitted some time back.

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MAJOR NABISSI.

8. Handed request from Campanis for leather items, informing Major Nabissi that we could not deal with individual requests All requests were to be submitted by M of W on a reasonable basis before 24 June, closing date for the meeting of demands. A.Q

Discussed at great length the speeding up of all repair facilities in the Italian Army which at present was far from satisfactory.

9. Ref our request for items for Nos 1,2 & 3 Port Coys located at Bari, Taranto and Brindisi resp, This has been passed to M of W for action. A.Q

M of W do not understand what is meant by the items requested. Can further explanations be given as to what exactly is required. — Fixed with CoRE 21/6.

Major.

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