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SUBJECT: Training of Italian Welfare Officers.

(87)
A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROM.
WLL/D/3.
15 Jan. 45.

Army Welfare Services,
A.F.W.S. C.F.F.

Copy. 1/2. M.M.I.A.
Commandant, Army Welfare Training Centre.

1. On the conclusion of the present course at the AWTC, 10 Italian officers will have attended the centre.
2. It is now extremely difficult to find Italian officers with a sufficient knowledge of the English language to benefit from the course.
3. At the same time the training of Italian officers in Welfare is extremely important so that officers may be available for welfare appointments at formation HQs.

4. To meet this difficulty the following proposals are put forward for approval. They have been discussed with the Commandant AWTC.

(i) that the officers be trained by an Italian speaking Br. officer who would be attached to AWTC and come directly under the orders of the Commandant. It is suggested that Capt W.T. Elliott might be made available. If this officer is not available then is any other Br. Welfare Command officer, with the necessary lingual qualification, available?

(ii) That Italian officers, to a maximum of six on any one course, be accommodated and fed at AWTC.

5. If the above be approved it will be necessary to apply to R.A.A.C. for accommodation in the neighbourhood of AWTC, in which to site a lecture room.

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(ii) That Italian officers, to a maximum of six on any one course, be accommodated and fed at AWTG.

5. If the above be approved it will be necessary to apply to R.A.A.C. for accommodation in the neighbourhood of AWTG, in which to site a lecture room.

6. The above scheme would accelerate the setting up of the Italian Welfare Service and ensure that it is staffed with properly trained officers. Italian Welfare itself is still too recently formed to be in a position to conduct and maintain its own training centre.

Lt. Col.

A.D.A.W.3.

Lee-Johnson

Translation HQ 86/1
 From Min. of War Ref. 230/LD
 To Directorate General of Mob. of 4.1.46 HQ/27
 Senior NCO's and men Date Jan 23, 1945
 Subject Rear Office under that and Albo d'oro

On Feb. 1, the Albo d'oro and
 welfare Office will again assume the
 name of UFFICIO STRALCIO STATO CIVILE
 and ALBO D'ORO and will again
 come under the Directorate General
 of Mob. Senior NCO's and men,
 according to the ministerial decree
 dated Jan 25, 1938, regarding
 the dividing of the central war administration

The welfare duties carried
 out by the 2nd section of the ALBO D'ORO
 and Welfare Office will be performed
 by the Soldiers Welfare Office mentioned
 in circular 200/L.D. dated 20th inst.

(Sgd)

cpl. VC

Sen.
 J. A. D. A. S.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto
Ufficio leggi e decreti

N. 230/L.D. di prot. Roma, 23 gennaio 1945
4.1.46

OGGETTO: Ufficio stralcio stato civile e Albo d'oro.

Vicar office of Civilian Statistics (Albo d'oro)

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE LEVA, SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA;
ALL'UFFICIO ALBO D'ORO ED ASSISTENZA.

e, per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

SEDE

P.L. 38CC
P.L. 33CC

Ad 24/1

Dal 1° febbraio p.v. l'ufficio Albo d'oro ed assistenza riasse-
sune la denominazione di UFFICIO STRALCIO STATO CIVILE E ALBO
D'ORO e ritorna a far parte della Direzione Generale leva, sottuf-
ficiali e truppa, ai sensi del decreto ministeriale 25 giugno 1938,
riguardante lo scompartimento dell'amministrazione centrale della
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I compiti assistenziali attualmente svolti dalla 2ª sezione
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ZE DEL SOLDATO di cui alla circolare n. 200/L.D. del 20 corrente.

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IL MINISTRO
F.to A. Casati

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P. C. C.
UFFICIO DI G. BINETTO

Binetto

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SUBJECT : Welfare - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(Br).

23 Jan. 45.

✓ Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

Reference your AQ/17 of 26 Dec 44.

1. Attached is a copy of the Financial Adviser's letter A/30/FA of 18 Jan 45.
2. We should appreciate your comments before we amend the minutes concerned.

HEADQUARTERS
26 JAN 1945

Major General,
DAG, G-1(Br).

See Folio 9.3

C O P Y.

Financial Adviser (British),

Allied Force Headquarters.

18th January, 1945.

G-1 (Br).,
A.F.H.Q.

Welfare Italian Army.

With reference to your memo OR/9904/G-1(Br) dated 8th January, 1945, it is confirmed that all lire for Italian Army welfare should be obtained from Italian Government sources and that none should be provided from British Army sources.

This is the normal method of financing the Italian Army, and it is not considered that any difficulties will arise.

Provided it is agreed as a matter of policy to issue canteen rations bought in sterling from British Army stocks, adjustment can be made as for other issues to the Italian Army from British Army stocks as laid down in A.F.H.Q. instructions AG.400/105 D-O dated 22nd September 1944, and AG.400/031 GDS-O dated 6th October 1944.

Perhaps you would confirm with M.M.I.A. that this procedure is acceptable to them.

(Sgd' P. Gale, Major,
for Brigadier,
Financial Adviser
(British).

Copy to: D/P.I.C.
A.F.H.Q. (Br).

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SUBJECT: Cesano Camp.

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A.D.A.E.S.
e/oland Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(N.M.I.A.) HQM.
WEL/R/8.
27 Jan. 45.

Ministry of War,
Ufficio - Assistenza e Benessere del soldato.

Copy - Spec Section N.M.I.A.
A/Q. N.M.I.A. _____

1. Ref conversation Lt.Col. Angeloni - ADAMS.
2. It is suggested that, as a temporary measure, either Major Angeloni or Capt. Roncati be attached to the Combat Group Reinforcement Centre at Cesano to aid on the subject of Welfare during the initial period.
3. If this is agreed please state when the attachment will commence and for what period it will last.

[Handwritten signature]
Lt.Col.
A.D.A.E.S.

[Handwritten signature]
26 Jan 45

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SUBJECT: Visit to I.C.G. Reinforcement Centre.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/R/6.
12/Jan.45.

Spec. Sec. M.M.I.A.

Copy: A/Q.M.M.I.A.

1. On 20 Jan I took Col. Micaletti and Lt. Col. Angeloni to visit the I.C.G. Reinforcement Centre at Cesano. As a result of the visit and a conference with the Italian Commander these representatives of Italian Welfare have arranged to provide the following amenities for the camp.

(i) Newspapers. They will be provided weekly, without payment, with 500 copies of "L'Italian". On publication of "La Patria" 1,000 copies will be issued (an initial ratio of circa 1 : 6)

(ii) The camp will be sent 3 footballs; also a supply of small indoor games.

(iii) 2,000 parcels, in the nature of our 'glory bags', containing soap, razor blades, writing paper etc., will be issued.

(iv) A concert party will be provided when the camp has erected an improvised stage (this is to be done on 23 Jan) this party will give two shows a day and will make sufficient visits for all men in camp to see the show.

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(vi) The local price of wine is 60 - 70 lire a litre. It was suggested that buying should be done further afield e.g. cars visiting Rome could be used for this purpose.

2. Col. Micaletti also discussed with the General commanding the question of allocation of funds.

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Lt. Col.
A.D.A.W.S.

SUBJECT: - Radio Messages

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A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
W.L/C/1.
21 Jan. 45.

D.A.D.L.
MIA.

Copy - AQ. MIA. /

1. Ref conversation DADL - ADAMS.
2. Attached is copy of a letter received from Italian Welfare, at the War Ministry on the above subject.
3. When explaining this matter verbally Italian Welfare stated :-
 - (i) That although soldiers were permitted to make use of this service they did so 'as civilians'; i.e. Capt X would be referred to in the messages as Mr. X.
 - (ii) That Messages should be sent to Welfare at the War Ministry through unit Commanders and Welfare channels. The necessary forms are made out at the Ministry and transmitted to the Vatican Radio office.
 - (iii) That all information on this subject will be included in a directive the Italian Director of Welfare is issuing.

[Signature]

Lt. Col.

A.D.A.W.S.

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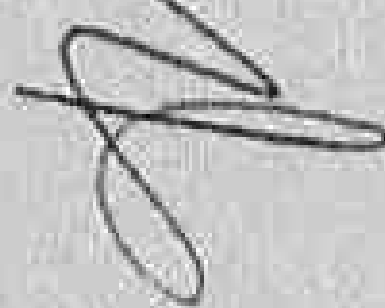
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Lt. Col.

A. D. A. W. S.

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TRANSLATION

SUBJECT:--Radio Messages.

Ministry of War,
Ufficio Benessere
del Soldato.
PM. 3800
19 Jan 45.

A.D.A.W.S.
M.M.I.A.

Reference enquiry W1/P/7A. dated 17 Jan 45.

1. The Information Office of the Holy See
(Vatican) provide for the daily transmission
of radio messages to occupied Italy.
2. Military personnel are permitted to send
such messages, through the ~~Offices~~ of this ~~Ministry~~.
Agency Office.

Sgd. TAMMASSIA
Brig.General.

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Land Forces
Sub Commission, AO (MMIA)
Rome
AQ/27
20 January 1945

MEMORANDUM:

To : Colonel Libby
Colonel Finks

1. Please note the British Welfare Officer's remarks, a copy of which should have gone to you at the same time it was sent to Army Welfare. However, I did not catch this until just now.

2. Under the present instructions, Italian soldiers on leave are not entitled to Army rations, but they are entitled to civilian rations. It is a nice fairy story to believe that soldiers on leave in Rome would, in all cases, be deducted from their unit ration returns, also that the only people who would get rations at such a rest hotel would be soldiers on bone-fide leave.

3. While I fully appreciate the attention that the Supreme Allied Commander is giving to the question of welfare of the Italian Army, even to the extent of training Italian officers in British welfare schools, I can see no practical solution of this problem from the ration standpoint, if military rations are used. This is the opening wedge, and it certainly will be followed by a request for the extension of these facilities to other centers in Italy, and a flock of Italian soldiers to Rome with or without leave.

4. It appears to me that a practical solution would be for the Allied Governments to sell to the Italian Government such rations as would be necessary for the operation of the rest centers, and I mean by selling that the Allied Governments would be paid by some of the black dollars belonging to the Italian Government in Washington, and not by a transfer of lire in Italy. The Italian Government could then charge its soldiers for the facilities made available, and would be particularly interested to eliminate any possibility of food purchased at such a price from going into the black market.


CLAYTON P. KERR,
Colonel, Infantry.

CPK/lak

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C O P Y

SUBJECT :- REST CAMP.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/R
17 Jan. 45.

Army Welfare Services,
A.P.H.Q.

Copy to - A/Q. M.M.I.A.
Q. Maint. AFHQ.

1. As a welfare project the Italian War Ministry has organized in Rome a rest camp for operational troops, at Via Guidobaldo del Monte N. 24.

2. The initial capacity of this rest house is 200, with an ultimate capacity of 500. It is planned to accomodate servicemen of all three services, in operational units, in the proportions :-

ARMY	335
NAVY	115
AIR FORCES	50
	<u>500</u>

3. The Under Secretary of State for War states that the camp will only be used for servicemen whose homes are in enemy occupied territory and who therefore have nowhere to go on leave.

4. The establishment of such a camp is an initial sign of progress towards practical welfare for Italian troops. A good rest camp would have an advantageous effect on the morale of the fighting soldier.

5. To be successful it is essential that the rest camp be able to feed the men on leave.

6. It is requested that the staff be asked to authorize the release of rations on the standard Italian scale initially up to 200 per day, and subsequently rising to 500.

7. Such release will not affect the overall commitment on rations as the release will be met by corresponding under drawals in units.

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8. For accounting purposes the War Ministry would be required to make returns showing the classes (Br., US., ITI.) of servicemen for whom the rations were drawn. To supervise the scheme it is suggested that the records of the camp should be open to inspection at regular intervals by S.T. reps. of HQ MIA.

9. In view of the fact that the target date for the opening of the camp was 15 Jan it is requested that this matter be treated as urgent.

/s/ J. McCann
Lt. Col.
A.D.A.W.S.

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Subject:- Welfare - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
B O M B
AQ/37

20 Jan 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. It is understood that you desire to donate a sum of Lire 50,000 to be spent on the Welfare of Italian troops serving in Southern France.
2. This H.Q. has requested information from the Fiscal Director as to the most suitable method of transmitting this money to Col. Bruno on your behalf.
3. As soon as this H.Q. receives this information, you will be advised, and arrangements will be made to transfer the money to Col. Bruno.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- ADAWS for info.
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Welfare Training.

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A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/D/E.
18 Jan. 45.

Ministry of War.
Servizio - Assistenza e Benessere del Soldato.

Copy. Commandant Army Welfare Training Centre.
A/Q. MMIA. (conversation S D 'A' - ADAMS refers).

1. As agreed, vacancies have been arranged, subject to interview with the Commandant, for the following officers on a course at the Br.Army Welfare Training Centre commencing 23 Jan.

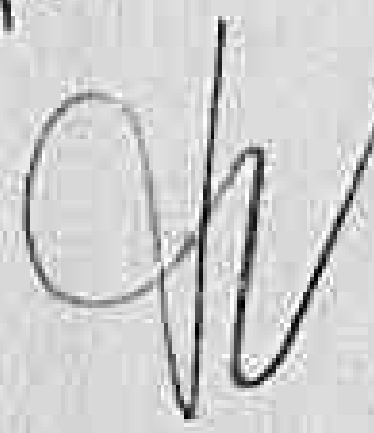
Major. G. Nigroni.
Major. M. Piscicelli.

2. Please arrange to take these two officers to the Training Centre for interview with the Commandant at 0900 hrs. on 22 Jan.

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Shun two 1 pair
are new at the
School. SPA
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Lt. Col.
A.D.A.W.S.



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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Newspaper.

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A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/N/3.
18 Jan. 45.

Army Welfare Services,
AFHQ. CMF.

Copies to - AQ. MIA.
Spec Sec. MIA.
G (SD); MIA.
O.C. BANU. CMF.

25 Jan

1. Attached at Appendix A is a draft plan for the conduct of the Italian army newspaper to be called 'La Patria'.

2. This plan has been agreed by HQ. MIA and by the Italian Ministry of War. It is now passed to you so that AFHQ approval in detail may be obtained.

3. Attached at Appendix B is a suggested W.E. for HQ and three presses for the paper. This W.E. has been discussed with Italian Army Welfare and with O.C. BANU. It is based on the lines of the BANU W.E. but scaled down in respect of the difference in circulation figures.

4. It will be noted that authority is suggested for a large proportion of the press operators to be civilians. This is at the request of the Italians and is done to avoid as far as is possible using the army ceiling.

5. As the plan for this paper is based on the fact that it will serve all Italian army forces whether Br Itis, US Itis, or Iti Itis it is recommended that all army personnel should be held against ITI-ITI Category of the order of battle. As the ceiling of this category is now full will you say where this W/E should be carried?

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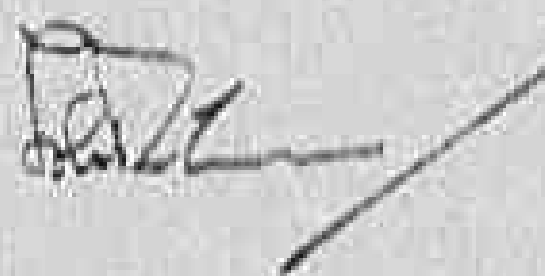
6. Ref Paras 5 & 6 of App.A. In view of the fact that O.C. BANU will in fact be holding a watching brief in matters of policy in addition to work entailed in the liaison for news and communications it is considered essential that he should have attached to him, surplus to his own W/E, a Br. officer (fluent Italian speaking). In view of the rank of the Italian officers involved the Br. officer should be of the rank of major. On this subject BANU letter HQ/CCM/F of 4 Dec Para 5 (ii) refers.

7. Newsprint. Application for 33 1/2 tons of newsprint per month was made by G.I. Br. AFHQ to Allied Publications Board on 29 Dec under ref. OR/9904/G-1(Br). The Ministry of War request that when approved this newsprint should be consigned as follows :-

ROME	13 1/2 tons
FLORENCE	12 "
BARI	8 "
	33 1/2 "

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8. The production of this paper will have a great effect on Italian army morale and publication can commence immediately rulings are given on the points raised in this letter. In view of this it is requested that approval and rulings may be forwarded as soon as is possible. If and when approval in principle is given and the newsprint is released publication can start immediately and it is proposed that such publication should be started first in Rome, and after initial trial be extended forthwith to serve the fighting troops.



Lt.Col.

A.D.A.E.S.

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APPENDIX A.Proposal for the production of a Daily Newspaper for the Italian Army.

1. Name. It is proposed that the paper should be called 'La Patria'.
2. Publication. It is proposed that the paper be printed initially, at Rome, Florence and Bari.
 - (i) Rome. To be printed at the Union Jack press at 61 Via Tritone. O.C. BANU agrees that the necessary space can be made available.
 - (ii) Florence. To be printed at "La Nazione" press provided PWB is instructed to make it available.
 - (iii) Bari. To be printed at the "Gazzette del Mezzogiorno" press provided PWB is instructed to make it available.
3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 60,000, (1 paper to 5 men) a monthly release of 33½ tons of newsprint will be required.
4. Transport. Transport to be provided from Italian resources. The requirements are estimated at 5 vehicles (load capacity 8-15cwt.) at each of the three presses. With present conditions and commitments it would not be possible for this paper to be distributed in co-operation with BANU by BANU transport. An exception is that it may be possible for BANU transport to help with delivery to 8th Army areas from Florence. The Italian War Ministry states that delivery to Sardinia can be carried out by air.
5. Communications. It is proposed that the Italian Army newspaper unit be allowed the use of Er.Army telephone communications. Such telephone communications is possible from the Rome office which would be located beside that of BANU.

3. Circulation. For a release of 331 tons of newspaper (1 paper to 5 men) a monthly release of 331 tons of newspaper will be required.

4. Transport. Transport to be provided from Italian resources. The requirements are estimated at 5 vehicles (load capacity 8-15cwt.) at each of the three presses. With present conditions and commitments it would not be possible for this paper to be distributed in co-operation with BANU by BANU transport. An exception is that it may be possible for BANU transport to help with delivery to 8th Army areas from Florence. The Italian War Ministry states that delivery to Sardinia can be carried out by air.

5. Communications. It is proposed that the Italian Army newspaper unit be allowed the use of Br. Army telephone communications. Such telephone communications is possible from the Rome office which would be located beside that of BANU.

6. British Journalists. It is proposed that the C.C. BANU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit III. Similarly his editors at Rome, Florence, and Bari would be available to the local Italian press units in advisory capacities. ~~4278~~

7. Finance. The cost of running this paper would be the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War, who have estimated the cost at Lire 2,000,000 a month. This estimate does not allow for any income which would be available if the paper is sold in L of C areas.

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8. Personnel. The Italian Ministry of War has suggested officer personnel as follows :-

	Officers.	Officer Proposed.
HQ. and Admin.		
Editor in Chief.	1.	Lt.Col. Maraldi.
Rome Edition.	1.	Lieut. Bullio.
Florence Edition.	1.	Capt. Battaglia.
Bari Edition.	1.	Major. Nuovo.

4.

The Italian Ministry of War propose that other staff should be provided by the employment of civilians, the cost being borne from the expenditure referred to in Para 7 above.

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APPENDIX 'B'

Draft War Establishment
for Italian Army Newspaper Unit.
 (Note - All personnel to be Italian.)

HEADQUARTERS.

Officer in Charge and
 Editor-in-Chief. (Lt.Col.)
 Captain
 Clerk
 Orderlies
 Driver i/c.

3 Publication Units.
 Each to consist of :-

(i) Military Personnel.

Editor i/c
 Asst. Editor
 Press officer
 Admin. officer
 Sub Editors
 Orderlies

Officers	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	TOTALS
1	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	1	1
	-	-	1	1
	-	-	1	1
	-	-	1	1
2	-	-	3	5

Transport
 Cars 2str.
 (4 X 2) 1.

Officers	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	TOTAL
1	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1
1	-	-	-	1
4	2	2	2	10

Transport
 Cars 2str.
 (4x2) 1.
 Trucks
 15cwt 4x2 5.
 M/Cs. 1.

Editor i/c
Asst. Editor
Press officer
Admin. officer
Sub Editors
Orderlies

Major
Capt.
Lt.

Transport

Cars 2str. 1.
(4x2)
Trucks 5.
15cwt 4x2 1.
M/Cs.

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Officers	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	TOTAL
1	-	-	1	1
1	-	-	1	1
1	-	-	1	1
1	2	2	4	4
1	2	2	2	2
4	2	2	10	10

(ii) Civilian Personnel

Clerks Gen. duty
Compositors
Line. type Operators
Machine Hands
Process Engravers
Distributors
Reporter
Drivers i/c.
Motor Cyclist

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2.

OVERALL TOTALS.(i) Military Personnel.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>
HQ.	2.	3.
3 Publication Units.	12.	18.
	14.	21.

(ii) Civilian Personnel. (To be civilian employees -
ex-soldiers, patriots, or others who have been security tested)

Total for 3 Publication Units. - 72.

(iii) TRANSPORT.

	<u>2str.</u>	<u>15cwt.</u>	<u>M/C.</u>
HQ.	1.	-	-
3 Publication Units.	3.	15.	3.
	4.	15.	3.

SUBJECT: -- REST CAMP.A.D.A.W.S.
C/o Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.

(M.H.I.A.) RMB.

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17 Jan. 45.

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6. It is requested that the staff be asked to authorize the release of rations on the standard scale initially up to 200 per day, and subsequently rising to 500.

n.s.

AIR FORCES 50

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3. The Under Secretary of State for War states that the camp will only be used for servicemen whose homes are in enemy occupied territory and who therefore have nowhere to go on leave.
4. The establishment of such a camp is an initial sign in progress towards practical welfare for Italian troops. A good rainy camp would have an advantageous effect on the morale of the fighting soldier.
5. To be successful it is essential that the rest camp be able to feed the men on leave.
6. It is requested that the staff be asked to authorize the release of rations on the standard scale initially up to 200 per day, and subsequently rising to 500.
7. Such release will, ^{not} affect the overall commitment on rations as the release will be ^{not} by corresponding under drawings in units.
8. For accounting purposes the War Ministry would be required to make return showing the release (Dr. US. - III.) of servicemen for whom the rations were drawn. To supervise the release it is suggested that the records of the camp should be open to inspection at regular intervals by S.T. Regs. of HQ MHA.
9. In view of the fact that the target date for the opening of the camp was 15 Jan it is requested that this matter be treated as urgent.

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
A.D.A.W.S.
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Subject:- Welfare - Attachment of Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

AD/27

17 Jan 45.

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for G-1(B)

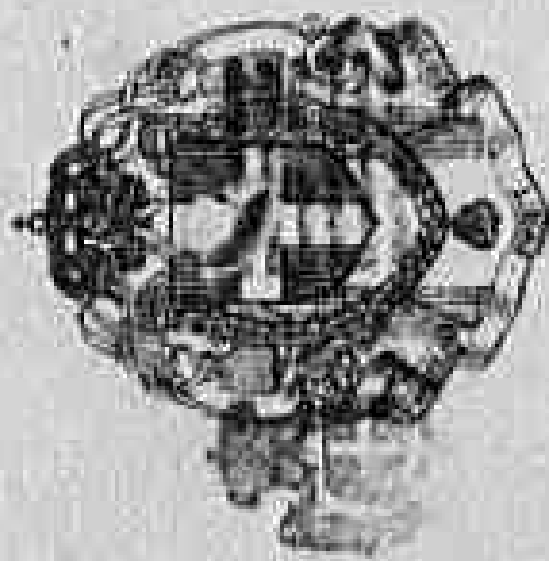
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Ref your CR/9904/G-1(Br) of 12 Jan.

It is confirmed that Lt. Col. J. McCann, London IRISH RIFLES (R.U.R.) DADAWS and Lt. R.V. Copple, Queens, are now attached to this H.Q., in connection with the organization of the Welfare Service of the Italian Army.

[Signature]
F.J. MORRIS, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SPA/eb

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

N° 0033/BS di prot.

P.M. 3800, li 16 gennaio 945

OGGETTO : Ufficio Benessere del soldato.

Soldier Welfare Office
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M A
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AQ/27

Seguito foglio n° 2484/CH in data 10 gennaio

1945.

L' "Ufficio benessere del soldato" inizierà il suo funzionamento il 20 corrente.-

10/1
IL SOTTO SEGRETARIO DI STATO

Further to 2484/CH of 10 Jan/45

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Seguito foglio n° 2484/CH in data 10 gennaio 1945.

L'Ufficio benessere del soldato" inizierà il suo funzionamento il 20 corrente.-

IL SOTTO SEGRETARIO DI STATO

11/01
Further to 2484/CH of 10 Jan/45

The Soldiers Welfare Office
mentioned in 2484/CH
will operate w.e.f. 20 Jan/45.

4272

Subject:- Welfare - Italian Co-operators

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters,
No. 3 District.

OR/1012/01(Br).

16 Jan 45.

1. Reference your 120/A dated 6 Jan 45.
2. Although no welfare facilities exist for Italian Co-operators in the sense that they are available for British troops, co-operators are far better off in this respect than the Italian Army, in that co-operators are entitled to RPI supplies and accumulate unit welfare funds from MAAFI dis-
counts. (See Administration of Italian Co-operators, paras 74 and 75).
3. There is no intention of increasing the present scale of rations to enable special canteens to be set up, as this would only increase the preferential treatment co-operators are now getting, nor is there any intention of their being allowed to use RPI canteens as this would cause general resentment among British troops. There is a possibility of canteens being opened for the Italian Army in the near future: if possible arrangements will be made for co-operators to be admitted to them. The question of their being allowed to use civilian restaurants is also being considered.
4. Co-operators may attend Army Kinema Service and RMA performances at the discretion of local Commanders and pro-
vided that the interests of British troops are not prejudiced thereby.

PT/HW.

Copy to:- Headquarters, No. 1 District. : G.1(B) A-4.
" " No. 2 District. : G.1(B) A-3.
M.M.I.A. : Q (Maint) : G-5.



A.S. BARSDORF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAC, G.1(Br).

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Translation

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Trans. 11 of W
to AMIA.

Ref no 0013/BS

Date 14 Jan 45

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Propaganda for Italian Army.

This unit, will be unable to estimate, even roughly, the expenses entailed for the Welfare of the soldier until the final programme has been agreed upon.

As soon as the scheme that is now being studied has been approved it will be possible to budget the expenditure and to state what difficulties if any, that will have to be overcome to meet such expenditure.

R Mansfield

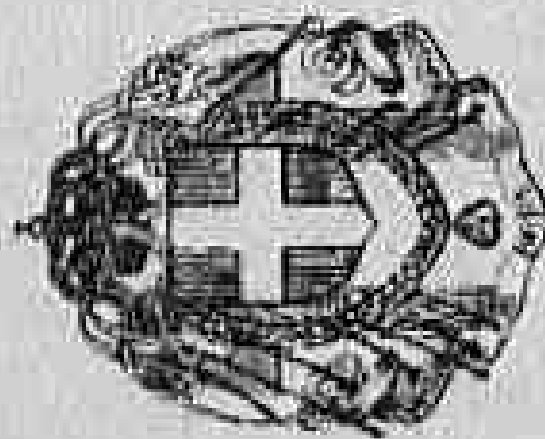
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Action to Welfare

Approved
27/1/45



Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

ENTE BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

N° 0013/BS di prot.

Roma, 14 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO : Propaganda per l'Esercito Italiano.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (E.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Questo Ente, fino a che non avrà precisato il programma da svolgere per il "Benessere del Soldato" non può prevedere l'ammontare, sia pure grosso modo; delle spese cui andrà incontro.

Non appena il programma in studio sarà approvato si potrà precisare le spese e prevedere se ci saranno difficoltà o meno per fronteggiare le stesse.

IL GEN. DI BRIGATA
DIRETTORE DELL'ENTE BENESSERE
DEL SOLDATO
(G.C. TAMASSIA)

4270

Questo Ente, fino a che non avrà precisato il programma da svolgere per il "Benessere del Soldato" non può prevedere l'ammontare, sia pure grosso modo; delle spese cui andrà incontro.

Non appena il programma in studio sarà approvato si potrà precisare le spese e prevedere se ci saranno difficoltà o meno per fronteggiare le stesse.

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IL GEN. DI BRIGATA
DIRETTORE DELL'ENTE BENESSERE
DEL SOLDATO
(G.C. TAMASSIA)

Luigi Acciaferr

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Subject:- Welfare - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

GR/9904/G-1(BE).

12 Jan. 45.

HQ, 3 District.

Reference your L20A of 9 Jan 45.

1. Instructions have already been issued that Italian Welfare Officers attached to Districts shall be allotted transport, and your request will doubtless be fulfilled by MMIA as soon as supplies permit.

RJH/ed.

Copy to:- MMIA. - Ref Minutes of Meeting of 7 Dec 44.
Please confirm that British Welfare Officers are now attached.

Major General,
DAG. G-1 (B).

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See Folio 77

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

Subject: Welfare Italian Army.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/

27

12 Jan/ 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref this HQ letter ref AQ/ 27 dated 26 Dec/ 44.

Your reply to the above quoted letter is still awaited.
Please expedite.

P. J. NGAKES
~~P. J. NGAKES~~ Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

4268

Subjects:- Transport for Italian
Welfare Officers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)

H O M E

AQ/27

11 Jan 45.

A.F.H.Q.

G.M.F.

(For G1 Br)

Ref your GR/9904/G-1 (Br)
of 27 Dec/44.

1. Arrangements have been made to provide four of the eight cars required by Italian Welfare Officers, by re-allocation.
2. These four cars will be allocated as follows:-

1 to	Italian Welfare Officer at	H.Q. 15 Army Group
1 to	" " " "	H.Q. 5 Army
1 to	" " " "	H.Q. 8 Army
1 to	" " " "	H.Q. 3 District
3. The remaining four cars will be provided ex SARDINIA as soon as shipment can be arranged.

F.J. HOLLIS, Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- S and T. M.M.I.A.
A.D.A.W.S. M.M.I.A.

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From Min. of War (Translation)
 To MMSA
 Subject Soldier's Welfare Office

Ry. 2484/CH 70/1
 Date Jan 10, 1944

AQ/27

On Jan(I) a Soldier's Welfare Office, with two sections, and under the command of the State Under-Secretary of War, will start to function at this Ministry.

1st section - at the Ministry of War - for all of the units in the territory (excepting combat groups, training centers, and the 210-228-231 Divisions

2nd section - at the SMRE - for front line units and operational units mentioned above.

Thus, the Soldier's Welfare Office is the coordinator of the different activities in the territory and in the operational zone.

cpl. V.C.

Welfare
14 Jan

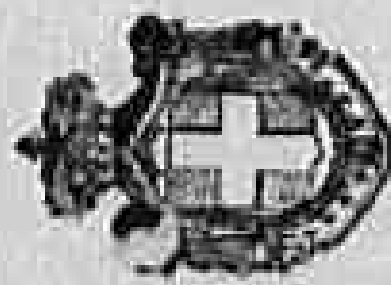
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(I) The date will be set later on.

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Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

P.M. 3800, li 10 gennaio 1945

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.A.)

= R O M A =

A partire dal (11) gennaio p.v. funzionerà presso questo Ministero, alla dipendenza del Sottosegretario di Stato per la Guerra un' "ufficio benessere del soldato", con due sezioni:

1ª sezione - presso il Ministero della Guerra - per tutti gli enti e reparti del territorio (ad eccezione dei gruppi di combattimento, centro di addestramento, e divisioni 210-228-231).-

2ª sezione - presso lo S.M.R.E., per le unità operanti ed operative sopra citate.-

In tal modo l' "ufficio benessere del soldato" è l'unico ente coordinatore delle diverse attività sia in territorio sia nella zona di operazioni.-

TSP Bucher Co. 2484/CH

AD 11 Jan 45

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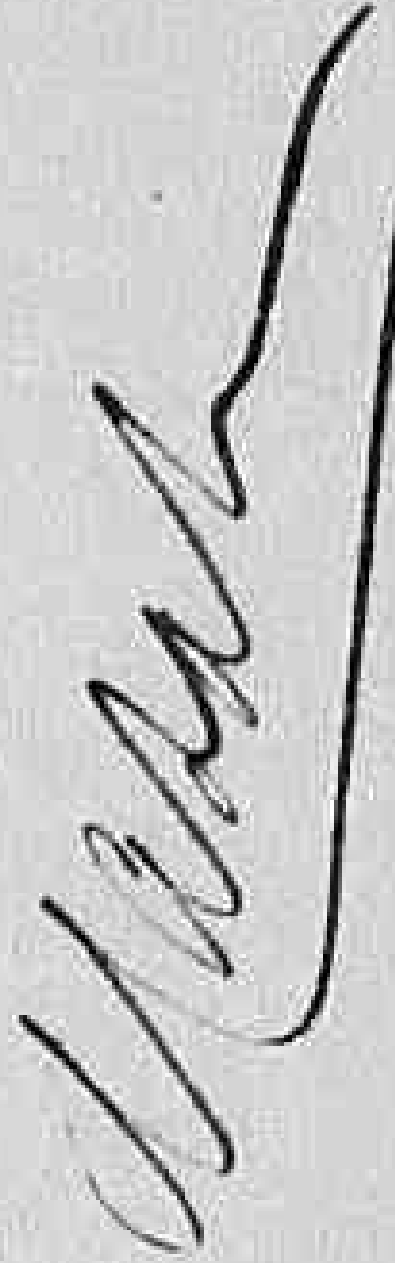
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IL MINISTRO



(1) Riserva di fissare la data.

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SUBJECT:- TRANSPORT.

A.D.A.W.S.

c/o Land Forces Sub Comd.A.C.
(L.M.I.A.) ROMM.

W.I./E/1.

10 Jan 45.

AQ. Branch NMIA.

Copy:-S.E. NMIA.

1. With reference to the conversation between ADST and ADATS, it is suggested that the four (4) cars for the use of Italian Welfare Officers be released as follows:

- | | |
|-----|--|
| (1) | Italian Welfare Officer attached HQ 15 Army Group. |
| (2) | " " " " " 8 Army. |
| (3) | " " " " " 8 Army. |
| (4) | " " " " " 3 District. |

Lytle
Lt. Col.

A.D.A.W.S.

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SUBJECT: Welfare - Italian Army.

HQ MMIA.
AFHQ G-1(Br).

3 District,
Tel Ext 22,
120A.
9 Jan 45.

AD/27
11 Jan

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1. An Italian officer, Major FAZIO, has now been attached to this HQ to act as Welfare Officer to all Italian units in the District. No terms of reference as to his responsibilities have, however, been received. The matter was brought up at the conference at ~~AFHQ~~ on Dec 20th, but no directive was subsequently issued.

2. It is requested that the following personnel may be attached:

- 2 Clerks.
- 1 Storeman.
- 1 Batman/Dvr.

and that a vehicle is authorized without delay - this point also was brought up at the conference and agreed to.

3. At present it is impossible for Major FAZIO to do more than contact all local units and local Welfare services and without a directive as to his responsibilities and the means to carry them out, he can be of little assistance to units.

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SGT/SM.

HP ofm
follow-up
11 Jan

W. J. H. H.
Maj Gen.
Comd.

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No.

785020

Subject: Welfare Italian Army.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/27

5 Jan 45.

To: MINISTRY OF DEF.

Ref this HQ letter ref AQ/

dated

44.

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25 Dec/

Your reply to the above quoted letter is still awaited.
Please expedite.

J.P. Nelson Capt

~~P. J. NAKES Lt. Col. 4282~~
For Major General. 4282
M. M. I. A.

*Hester
Sub 12/1*

RF Jan 10th

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H.Q. Army Welfare Services,

A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

WEL/1001/5/DAWS.

4 Jan 45.

Dear *Pidley*,

Owing to No. 2 District now becoming operational, it will not be possible to send Colonel Walker and Captain Heinson to assist in working out the details of Italian Army Welfare Services. I am, however, sending to you Lt. Col. John McCann and a Staff Captain to carry out this task.

At the weekly conference of the D.A.G. at this Headquarters, it was stressed that the Supreme Allied Commander was most anxious that the welfare of Italian troops was put on a firm basis as soon as possible. McCann, as you may know, was recently A.D.A.W.S. at A.A.I. and in my opinion a most competent Officer to give the necessary assistance required.

I hope this arrangement meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

Hay Linn

Colonel W.G. Pidaley, D.S.O., M.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
C.M.F.

HJW/JWH

S.C. A.

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Where working?

McCann

arrived 10/11

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FROM ~~LAEE~~ 291934A

TO HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

INFO: MMIA

GR 24 BT

CONFIDENTIAL FX76200 REFER OUR FX73607 OF 23. SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB.
IT IS REQUESTED THE DESIGNATED OFFICERS NOW REPORT
HQ MMIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
BT 291934A

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SUBJECT : Transport - Italian Welfare Officers.

H.Q. M.M.I.A.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(Er).

27 Dec. 44.

AG/27

You will remember that the question of motor transport for Italian Welfare Officers was raised at the Conference recently held at this HQ. The C.A.O. has now directed that you are to provide vehicles for eight Italian Welfare Officers who have been trained at the Army Welfare School. Priority should be given to those attached to Army Groups, Armies and Districts.

Copy sent to SAT for action and to 216 Col Pidd

SPR 21/12

Ref. per. 11/12

Major General,
DAG, G-1(E).

See folio 11

Lt Col.
A.A.G.

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Subject:- Welfare Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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26 Dec 44.

A.F.H.Q.

C.M.F.

Ref. CR/9904/G-1 Br of 21 Dec/44.

1. The question raised in para 2 of your above quoted letter has been taken up with the Ministry of War, and their reply will be forwarded when received.

2. The letter from Assistant Financial Adviser is returned herewith as requested.

F.J. WOMERS, Col,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Welfare Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

ROME

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26 Dec 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. M.M.Q. has requested information as to whether it is anticipated that any difficulty is likely to be experienced by the Italian Government in supplying lire to meet the cost of Italian Army Welfare Service.
2. Will you please forward information on this point as soon as possible.

F.J. HOKES, Col,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Houston sent 5 Jan
P.H. + 12 Jan

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FOR GEORGE ONE BRITISH (.) YOUR 9904/G-1 (BR) OF 23 DEC (.)
PLANS IN COURSE OF PREPARATION WILL REPORT EARLIEST

1st Deputy SA

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Subject:- Italian Property.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)

R O M E

20/17

23 Dec 44.

O.C. N°1 Advance
Base H.M. Workshops.
O.N.F.

4255

1. It has been reported that the cine-camera belonging to the S.M.I.T.I. College (ex Military School) is to be requisitioned by your unit, as demanded by Capt. Wood acting for Col. Shore.
2. The Ministry of War has informed this H.Q. that the cine-camera is used by the College both for the education and Welfare of the students, and has requested that the College may keep it.
3. In view of the Ministry's request will you please arrange for the cine-camera not to be requisitioned, unless required for reasons of operational importance.

SP Arthur Capon

~~For Major General,~~ A.O.D.
for Major General,
M.N.I.A.

Copy to:- Ministry of War.
your 306449/2/CA of
Dec/44 refers.

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Subject :- Italian Welfare.

HQ, MMIA. ✓

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It is requested that the proposals called for in para 6 (c) (iii) of the Minutes of the Welfare Conference on the Italian Army of 7 Dec 44 be produced as soon as possible.

Copy to:- Q(Maint).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

OR/9904/G-1(Br).

23 Dec. 44.

R. J. Stinney
Major General,
DAG. G-1 (B).

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To

ACTION HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

INFO MMIA

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SEVEN SIGNED SACVED ACTION TO HQ ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP INFO TO MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS
24 DEC 1944
A. C. C.

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Subject :- Welfare - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(Br).

21 Dec. 44.

M.M.I.A.

Acc/27

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1. return.

Please see the attached letter from Lt. Col. Hall, which please

2.

Before this matter is discussed with the Financial Adviser it would be appreciated if you would say whether it is anticipated the Italian Government will experience any difficulty in supplying lire to meet the requirements of its own Welfare Service.

3.

A further question has been raised regarding the expenditure of lire by Italians for goods produced in England, as sterling expenditure is involved. This we will deal with.

R. J. Smith
Major General,
DAC. G-1 (B).

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From Ministry of War.

To MMSA

Ref. 306449/5/59

Date Dec 11/59

Subject Allied request for st. materials

AQAT

Captain Wood of General Hq. No. 1 Advanced Base
R.E.M.E. W. Ship presented himself at
the "SALVATI" College (ex-military school)
in order to borrow, in the name of
Col. H. Shane, the motion picture camera
with relative motor belonging to said
College.

As said College needs the camera
in order to integrate its lessons with
motion pictures and to offer the
students a healthy diversion, we
beg MMSA to kindly bear in mind
the above needs of the Salvati College
should a request be received in
regard to this matter.

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Not to be
handed over

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
GABINETTO

Protocollo *14/11/44*
Risposta al *leg. 3.06.44* C.A. Allegati
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Roma, *14.* dicembre 1944
Divisione Sezione N.

OGGETTO: Richiesta di materiali italiani da parte alleata. - *Ad*

15/12
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.A.)

R O M A

Si è presentato al Liceo Convitto "Salviati" (ex scuola militare) il capitano Wood del quartier generale n° 1 base avanzata - officina R.E.M.E. per ottenere, in prestito, a nome del colonnello H. Shore, la macchina cinematografica con relativo motore di proprietà del Liceo stesso.

Poichè il ripetuto Liceo ha necessità di tale macchina, sia per integrare con proiezioni didattiche le lezioni, sia per offrire ai convittori un sano diversivo ricreativo, si prega codesta Missione perchè, qualora le venga rivolta richiesta in merito, voglia compiacersi tenere presente la sopra esposta necessità del Liceo Convitto "Salviati".-

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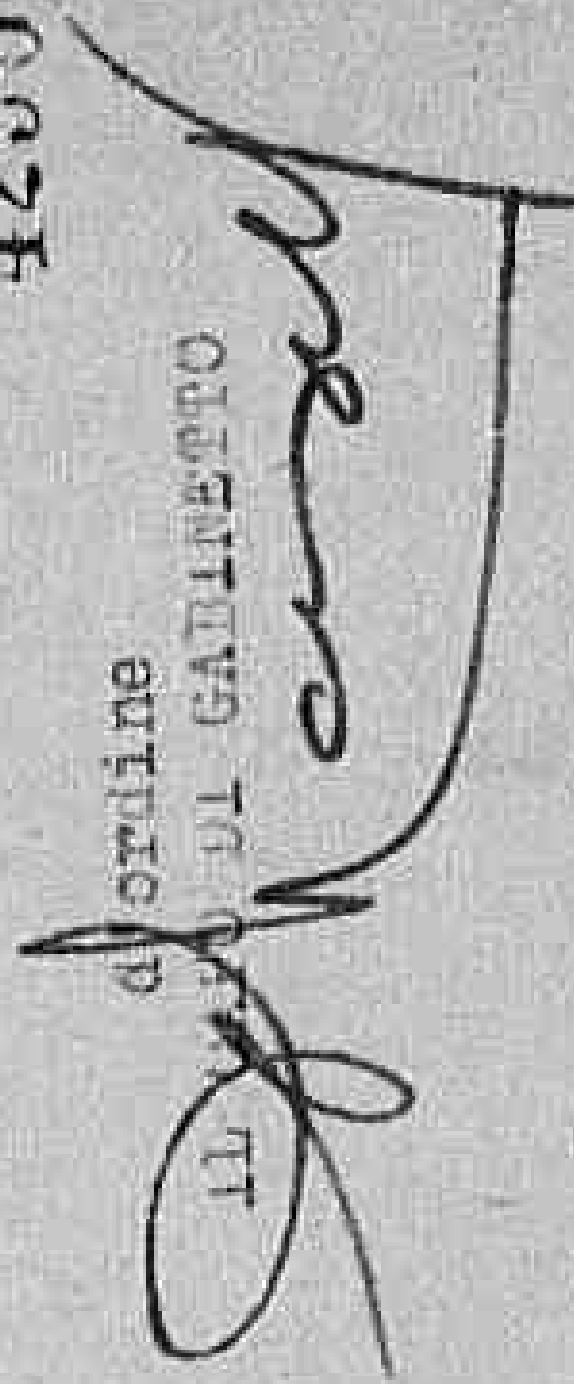
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Si è presentato al Liceo Convitto "Salviati" (ex scuola militare) il capitano Wood del quartier generale n° 1 base avanzata - officina R.E.M.E. per ottenere, in prestito, a nome del colonnello M. Shore, la macchina cinematografica con relativo motore di proprietà del Liceo stesso.

Poichè il ripetuto Liceo ha necessità di tale macchina, sia per integrare con proiezioni didattiche le lezioni, sia per offrire ai convittori un sano diversivo ricreativo, si prega codesta Missione perchè, qualora le venga rivolta richiesta in merito, voglia compiacersi tenere presente la sopra esposta necessità del Liceo Convitto "Salviati". -

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di ordine
IL DIRETTORE DEL GABINETTO



RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR		
SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM (A)	DA STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO		DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 12 1800
TO (FOR ACTION)	AT 210~ DIVISIONE		
TO (FOR INFORMATION)	M.M.I.A.		Message Instructions CIR
(REF. N°.)			(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) RESTRICTED

A.P./ 7891 prot. (.) Fregasi disporre perchè Maggiore Grego
Dino collegamento assistenza V Armata si presenti subito a
questo S.M. per comunicazioni (.)

4 P 7841) Please order May Compt
Dime Lanson aid 500 Compt to report
to the State Magazine Administration for
communication.

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D. M. J. M.
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*H.P. 7891/ Please order Major Grego
Dino Liaison Aid 5000 Army to report
to this that Maggiore immediately for
communication.*

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S.P. 5/12

23/12

*Dino & NOT
informed that Major
will be with Major
23/12/12.*

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See folios 57+42

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

PRECEDENCE:

ORIGINATING Ufficio Assistenza
SECTION:

A. G. AUTHENTICATION:

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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Translation

From SMRE

To WMSA

Subject Maj. GREGO DINO

Ref. 1225/SP/1

Date Dec 12, 1944

AQ/27.

Maj. GREGO DINO was assigned to 42
417th PIONEER WORKERS REGIMENT (ref. 40/21 dated
Nov. 10) in order to be attached to

BRITISH WELFARE INCREMENT, 5th ARMY.

Owing to its position and the
417th PIONEER WORKERS REGIMENT - lack of
vehicles we believe it advisable that
the affair be put on the strength
of 210 Div.

Please let us know if your
approval of the proposed transfer.

Cpl. VC

(Sgd) Gen. Gant

SFA
15/12

They seem to be putting this
into effect. See 70 58.

N.

SFA

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GR./sg.



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERSONALE
-sez. interpreti-N° 1225 SP/4 di prot.
Allegati N.

M. 3800 li 12 dicembre 1944

Al L.F.S.C.-A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

OGGETTO: maggiore GREGO Dino.-

AQ

11/12/44

13/12/44

Il maggiore GREGO Dino è stato assegnato al 417° reggimento lavoratori pionieri (in base al foglio AQ/27 del 10 novembre u.s. di codesta M.M.I.A.) per essere aggregato al comando ausiliari inglesi V armata (Welfare British Increment).

Data la sede e la scarsità dei mezzi del 417° reggimento lavoratori pionieri si ravvisa opportuno che l'ufficiale sia preso in forza dal quartier generale del comando della 210^a Divisione.-

Si prega far conoscere se nulla osta al proposto trasferimento.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
-Alessandro Santi-

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LR V LAEE NR 22

FROM LAEE 101423A

TO MMIA

GR 25 BT

CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR AQ 2314 OF 4 SEE PARA 6(F) OF ITALIAN ARMY WELFARE MEETING MINUTES
NOW EN ROUTE TO YOU SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB F66275

BT 101423A

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HEADQUARTERS

10 DEC 1944 4246

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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FJS/JJJr

G-5: 091,711-1 (Italy)

8 December 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. At a conference at this Headquarters on the above subject on 7 December it was agreed that a Welfare Program for the Italian Army should be established to operate along the same general lines as those for Allied troops in this Theatre.

2. While it was agreed by all concerned that such a program would be a responsibility of the Italian War Ministry, this Section was asked to obtain your views on the question of supplying food products for the operation of canteens from civilian sources, in the event such a request is formally made to you.

3. May we have your comments please.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.



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(6) Lieutenant Colonel Hall stated "Italian Welfare was entirely an Italian Government concern and any funds required should be obtained through the Allied Financial Agency."

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Minutes of a Meeting held at CASERTA
at 1430 hrs on 7 Dec 44
to consider ITALIAN ARMY WELFARE.

PRESENT

Brig. R.F. WARE
Brig. A.L.G. NENTH
Col. W. PIDSLEY
Col. P.J. NOAKES
Lt. Col. C.J. GUTTINGS
Lt. Col. H.W.I. MANDEN
Lt. Col. J.U. HALL
Lt. Col. R.S. LYNCH
Lt. Col. C.C.B. STEWART
Lt. Col. E.G. BAKER
Major W.J. BARNISH
Major D. McCARDLISH
Major J.L. TETLOW
Major P. THORP
Capt. J.S. PROUDFOOT
Capt. F.J. SLAUGHTER
Capt. W.T. POULSON
Major R.J. HILL

Chairman.
D.A.W.S.
M.M.I.A.
M.M.I.A.
HQ 5 District.
D.P.I.C.
Fin. Adv.
D.A.V.S.
Liaison.
G1/Br/Ad.
Q(Xaint).
S & T.
HQ AAI.
G-1/Br/A2.
Q(A3).
G5.
S & T.
Secretary.

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2. SCOPE.

It was decided that :-

- (a) The scope of the discussion did not cover "Co-operators".
- (b) That any decisions reached were subject to the concurrence of the US authorities, and to their taking collateral action.

3. ITEM.

Col. Noakes stated :-

- (a) That the Italian Government was willing to organise a Welfare Service, and would put a Lieut of the Realm (Lt. Gen.) in charge.
- (b) That material assistance was mainly required.

4. It was agreed that everything possible must be done for ITALIAN welfare, as a means towards raising their morale.

(2)

5. ORGANISATION OF ITALIAN WELFARE SERVICE.

(a) Br. Staff responsibilities were defined as :-

- (i) Approval of policy submitted by Italian Mil Authorities.
- (ii) Ensuring through M.M.I.A. implementation of agreed policies.
- (iii) Co-ordination of Welfare activities.
- (iv) Assistance with initial training.

(b) Policy.

(i) The onus of deciding the method of providing, and the extent of, welfare must rest with the ITALIAN military authorities. It is necessary to have a clear statement of policy on which to base planning.

M.M.I.A. agreed to obtain a statement of policy from the Italian Military authorities and pass it to AFHQ for endorsement.

(ii) It was agreed that M.M.I.A. should advise to ensure planning was in the right direction, utilising the experience of British Army Welfare Services.

(iii) It was agreed that a priority task for the officer appointed in E(d)(i) would be to advise in the production of a directive on the employment of the ITALIAN welfare officers already attached, or about to be attached, to Br fms.

(c) Co-ordination.

It was decided that, so far as possible, any organisation set up by the ITALIAN Military authorities for organising and controlling welfare should be associated at all levels with our own Welfare Service.

(d) Initial Training.

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6. PROVISION OF WELFARE FACILITIES.

(a) (i) The Committee agreed that it could NOT recommend that any British Welfare resources be diverted to the use of the ITALIAN ARMY to the detriment of the British soldier.
(ii) At the desire of Col. Pidsley it was recorded that Maj. Gen. Browning concurred with this view.

(b) Lt.Col. Hall stated that any grant of line made to the Italian Army would be recovered eventually from the Italian Government, and that no sterling would be involved.

(c) Canteens.

(i) Requirements were stated to be simple; pasta and a hot beverage.
(ii) Q(Maint) saw no difficulty in supplying requirements on repayment, and in conjunction with similar U.S. Issues. Such supplies would not be to the detriment of our own troops.
(iii) M.M.I.A. were requested to submit a schedule of the rations required to stock canteens for all IIS.

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(iv) Although the Asst. Fin. Adv. was of the opinion such stocks should be demanded from AC, the C-5 representative did not consider they would agree. Furthermore it was psychologically unsound to provide for soldiers' canteens food which might be said to have been diverted from civilian use. It was decided NOT to approach AC.

(d) AMENITIES.

(i) Provision of amenities must by reason of War Office instructions be a purely ITALIAN responsibility.

(ii) Q(Maint) to include in their priorities any demands for use for Canteen and Club premises. Works Services could not be provided and would need to be secured locally by the ITALIANS.

(e) SPORTS GEAR.

In view of 6(d)(i) no discussion.

(f) ENTERTAINMENT.

- (i) Primarily a matter for Italian organisation.
- (ii) RBA have issued an instruction to their managers to admit ITALIAN tips to entertainments after British needs have been satisfied. DMS to investigate and advise as to the necessity for a staff director.
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- (ii) The proposal calls for a newspaper to be printed in NAPLES, and FLORENCE or PERUGIA, using 33½ tons of newsprint per month.

- (iii) M.A.I.A. to submit concrete proposals.

51/EX/44 to investigate the possibility of securing newsprint from APB.

(h) MAIL.

Not discussed.

(j) INDIVIDUAL WELFARE.

Was considered to be a purely ITALIAN affair.

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7. TRANSPORT.

- (i) ... representatives said that transport for Italian Welfare Office staff to Rome would be provided from Italian resources.

8. CIVILIAN WORKERS.

- (i) It was explained that the Italian Red Cross is similar to the British Red Cross.
- (ii) The organization of voluntary civilian help for Italian Welfare establishments was considered a primary task for the Italian authorities.

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R. J. Hill,
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9 Dec. 44.

R. J. Hill
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Major,
Secretary.

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FOR GEORGE ONE BRITISH (.) IT IS REPORTED THAT ITALIAN ARMY
NOW ADMITTED ALL ENSA ENTERTAINMENTS(.) REQUEST YOU CONFIRM

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SUBJECT:- Italian Welfare.

HQ MMLA.
MAIN ALI.
DAWS.
DPIC.
RL.
G-5.
Q (Maint) for S & T and Postal.
Q (AE).
G1/E/12.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(CR).

3 Dec 44.

1. A meeting will be held at 1430 hrs on Thurs 7 Dec 44 in the CAO's Conference Room 1THQ to consider the provision of Welfare for the Italian Army.

2. Addressees are invited to send a representative.

3. An agenda of the main points for discussion is attached.

AGENDA OF ITALIAN ARMY WELFARE.

1. Organization of Italian Welfare.
Relative responsibilities of Staff, MML.
Army Welfare Service.

Italian Army Welfare Officers - provision and main duties.

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T. G. Parker
Major General, USA
DMG. G-1(S).

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Army Welfare Service.

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3. Scope of Welfare.

- (a) Canteens.
- (b) Facilities.
- (c) Sports equipment.
- (d) Entertainment.
- (e) Newspapers, mail.
- (f) Individual Welfare.

4. Provision of food etc for Canteens.

5. Provision of other amenities.

6. Provision of transport.

7. Finance and accounting.

8. Relations with US Army.

9. Any other points.

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ENTER CE/9901/0-1(EN) OF 28 NOV (.) MMIA REP WILL ATTEND SEVEN
DECEMBER (.) SUBJECT AAI SEND REP

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R. M. Smith

Any SubCommission Bureau 127 5/11
SUBJECT:- ENSA Entertainments - Italian Audiences.

MA div

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
Tel:- PILLAGE 106.
3024/1/TEL.
30/Nov/44.

A.D.A.W.C., Near HQ Eighth Army.
" " No. 1 District.
" " No. 2 District.
D.A.D.A.W.S., 59 Area.
CG Fifth Army,
(for attention Lt. Inc.) WEINFELD.
Distribution List 'C'.

*NA confirmed
with 6 Dec*

Copy to:- Italian Army Welfare Officer,
H.Q., A.A.I.

Attached please find copy of a letter from, Officer i/o Ensa
Entertainments, Dept of MSE MAWU/ERI, AMIQ (ENSA & OMP) COM., forwarded
for your information and necessary action.

*W E Chappell
Capt RA
for Colonel,
EDAMS.*

WLC/SHR.

C O P Y.

SUBJECT:- Italian Audiences.

AMHQ/AMW/11/75.

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ALL DISTRICTS IN ITALY.

Requests have been made to this HQ to admit personnel from
Italian Military Units and Italian Camp Followers attached to strength
of formations, to ENSA Entertainment. This may be permitted.

COPY.

SUBJECT:- Italian Audiences.

AMH/ME/14/15.

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ALL DISTRICTS IN ITALY.

Requests have been made to the HQ to limit personnel from Italian Military Units and Italian Camp Followers attached to strength of formations, to ENCA Entertainment. This may be permitted

- (a) Providing they in no way prohibit the admission of British troops, and
- (b) that the Cs i/c Districts are satisfied that the Italian personnel concerned are bona fide camp followers.

(Sgd) Nigel Patrick, Major
O i/c ENCA Entertainment
Dept of HSE PAFI/EPI
AMH (INA & OAF) CIP.

16 Nov 44.
ME/SR
CME.

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FROM WELFARE AFHQ 301245

TO MMIA

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YOR AQ 2280 OF 28 NOV UB// UNABLE GIVE YOU IMMEDIATE REPLY

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AQ 2200

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FOR WEIPARS (.) DO YOU WANT FOUR ITALIAN OFFICERS NOW OCCUPYING
BRIEFING COURSE PORTER TO OMBAT GROUPS

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SUBJECT:- Italian Welfare.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

AR CR/9904/G-1(BR).

28 Nov 44.

HQ MMIA.
DAWS.

3511

1. It is proposed to hold a conference upon Welfare for the Italian Army at the earliest date convenient to you; 7th December is suggested, please say if this is suitable. where?
2. Attached is a draft with the main points which occur to us as requiring discussion. Will you please forward your comments urgently so that a draft agenda can be prepared.

Gubauer
Major General,
DAG, G-1 (B).
L-10
A-44

Encl.

Copy to :- FA.

Gen Comd
1/100

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AGENDA ON ITALIAN ARMY WELFARE.

1. Organization of Italian Welfare.
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Army Welfare Service.
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 - (d) Entertainment.
 - (e) Newspapers, mail.
 - (f) Individual Welfare.
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5. Provision of other amenities.
6. Finance and Accounting.
7. Relations with US Army.
8. Any other points
To Attend.

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To Attend.

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Subject:- Educational Text Books.

55/FDP/5

To:- Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMA),
c/o Rear HQ Eighth Army.

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From:- SC III (R&N), HQ 55 Area.

23 Nov '44.

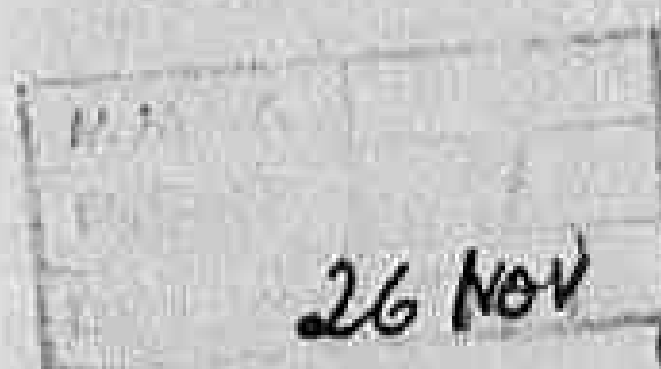
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Ref your MES/120 of 21 Nov '44, copy to Land Forces
Sub Comm, AC (MMA) HOME, and further to this HQ's 55/R&N
-/5 of 4 Nov '44 to HQ, MMA. — See Folio 39/1

1. Receipt is acknowledged of one hundred lire (100)
in respect of loss of Unit Library Text-Book U.S.A.
2. AB108 Voucher is attached.

AWSD/EG

1st Sublt Capt,
AEC,
SC III Education.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm;
AC (MMA).
File (2).



26 Nov

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SUBJECT:- Educational Text Books.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.AC. (MMIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/120

21 Nov 44

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HQ 55 Area.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm.AC (ref AQ/27 of
(M M I A) Rome. 8 Nov 44.)

Reference your 55/24n/5 of 4 Nov 44 to HQ MMIA.

I return herewith the copy of " The Daily Press " which I borrowed from you. I very much regret that I have mislaid " U S A ", and enclose 100 Lire, which I think is a little more than the original price of the book.

Please accept my apologies for delay in replying.

[Signature]

~~Lt Col. G.S.~~
MMIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

SPH
28/11

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Subject: Welfare Officers - Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/27

11 Nov 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

Lt. Col. NEGRI ARNOLDI

Ref this H.Q. letter AQ/27 of 10 Nov/44

1. It has now been decided that the above named officer, attached to HQ AAI, shall be attached for record purposes, to Col. Negroni's Staff - Italian Military Mission H.Q. AAI; and not to HQ 228 Div, as stated in the above quoted letter, which should be amended accordingly.

F. J. MCKEE, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

SFA/wk

Copy to:

HQ AAI for Welfare
Rear Eighth Army for Welfare
Br. Increment HQ 5 Army "
HQ 3 District for Welfare
MMIA LC Rear Eighth Army
MMIA LC Rear Fifth Army
Commandant A.W.T.C.

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Subject:- A.W.T.C. Course.

WTC/110/7

13th Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(MMA)

Rome.

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- 44
1. Your AQ/27 dated 11 Nov 44.
 2. The Officers mentioned therein have reported in accordance with your instructions.
 3. We find that 2/Lt. Guerriero Augusto, speaks very little English and does not understand a word of what is said to him. Under these circumstances we cannot see how he can follow the lectures and suggest that he be not accepted.
 4. He himself suggests that he should have a month's tuition in English conversation and that he would then be sufficiently proficient to follow the lectures.
This is not for us to decide and this matter must therefore be left for your decision.

DNB/SA.

Donald W. Smith
Lieut-Col.,
Commandant,
Army Welfare Training Centre.

*Fixed
2/11/44 A. Parker
M. C. Smith
Substantiated
SPA 15/11*

Copy to: H.Q. Army Welfare Services, Naples.
"G" MMA.

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Subject:- Courses - Welfare - Italian Officers

Land Forces Sub Comd AC
R O M E. (MMIA)
AQ/27

// Nov 44

Army Welfare Training Centre
12 Via Quattro Fontane,
ROME

Lt.Col ANGELONI ALFREDO
Capt RONCATI RENATO
~~2/Lt LA ROSA CORRADO~~
2/Lt LA ROSA CORRADO

Handwritten: May Carlo Angeloni 13 Nov 44
Handwritten: not sent on Nov

1. The above named Italian Officers will attend the third Course of Welfare Training Assembly, 13 Nov and terminating 25 Nov 44.
2. These officers will report to the Administration Officer of the School before 1800 hrs on 13 Nov.
3. Students will be in possession of notebooks.

Handwritten: SP/Archiv Capot

S.P. ARCHER Capt
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C.
(MMIA)

SPA/jrp

Copy to: Ministry of War (2) - by hand May 1944
Adm HQ NAPLES
"G" MMIA

Handwritten: See Folio 45
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM MMIA

Date-Time of Origin
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TO(FOR ACTION) ADNAP

TO(FOR INFORMATION) DISTHREE AND BRITISH INCREMENT 5 ARMY

REF. NO. AQ-2182

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FOR WELFARE (.) REFER WEL/HQ/1129 OF 9 NOV (.) COMMANDANT
AW TRAINING CENTER STATES FAZIO TO DISTHREE AND GREGO TO FIVE
ARMY ARE MOST SUITABLE POSTINGS (.) AMENDED WEL/HQ/1129/9
NOV ACCORDINGLY
HAVE

PRECEDENCE -

AUTHENTICATION F. J. Noam
CA.

4228

SUBJECT: Welfare Officers - ITALIAN

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/27
10 November 1944

TO : Ministry of War

1. Arrangements have been made for the following officers to be posted to the HQ's as shown on completion of the Second Course of the British Army Welfare School.

(a) <u>Italian Officer</u>	(b) <u>British HQ to whom att.</u>	(c) <u>Italian HQ to whom att. for record purposes</u>	(d) <u>Officer to whom the Italian officer should report.</u>
Lt. Col. MORI-ARROLI	HQ AAI	HQ 229 Div.	Deputy Director of Army Welfare Services HQ AAI
Lt. Col. DI BLASI	HQ Eighth Army	HQ 228 Div.	Lt. Col. Moriarty MMIA LO Rear Eighth Army
Major GREGO	British Increment. Fifth Army	HQ 417 Italian Pioneer Lab. Regt.	Major Howbray British Increment HQ Rear Fifth Army
Major FAZIO	HQ 3 District	HQ 227 Div.	Major Thrupp MMIA LO HQ 3 District

2. The officers will be att. for duty to the Allied HQ as shown in col. (b) above and for Ministry of War records purposes to the Italian HQ in col. (c). They will be held in category 3 (c) and held surplus to the establishments of the Italian HQ's. They will report personally to the Allied officer shown in col. (d) on 10 Nov. 44.

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Copy to:

HQ AAI for Welfare
Rear Eighth Army for Welfare
Br. Increment HQ 5 Army
HQ 3 District for Welfare
MMIA LO Rear Eighth Army
MMIA LO Rear Fifth Army
Commandant A.W.T.C.

F.J. Noakes.
F.J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General
MMIA

Arrangements made by Director
of Army Welfare refer

Lee folio 46
457
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Subject: Transfers

WTC/111/1

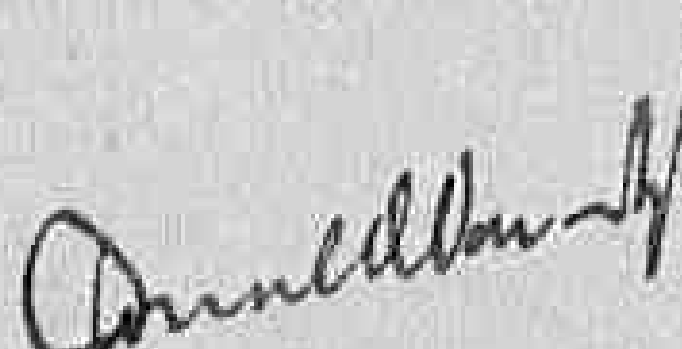
10th Nov. 44

Lt. Col. F.J. Hoakes
A.A. & Q.M.G.
M.M. I.A.
C.M.F.

Posting of Italian Officers
ex Army Welfare Training Centre.

1. It is regretted that an error has been made between Major D. Grego and Major G. Fazio.
2. Major D. Grego is to go to 5th Army Increment.
3. Major G. Fazio is to go to 3 District.
4. It is hoped that this will not cause you any inconvenience.

DSVB/SA.

 Lieut-Col.,
Commandant,
Army Welfare Training Centre.

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ARMY FORM C3136 (Small)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No. <u>41</u>
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
<u>WEL/NOV</u>	<u>100576</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10 NOV 1730</u>		
FROM (A)			Date-Time of Origin		
<u>ADNAP (WELFARE)</u>			<u>10 Nov 1730</u>		
ORIGINATOR			OFFICE DATE STAMP		
<u>IMILA ROME</u>			<u>10/27</u>		
TO			Message Instructions		
<u>FILIPOT (WELFARE). MAIN EIGHTH ARMY. REAR EIGHTH ARMY (WELFARE)</u>			<u>GR</u>		
<u>FIFTH ARMY INCREMENT (WELFARE). THREEDIST (WELFARE)</u>					
<u>CMDT. ANTO ROME.</u>					
ORIGINATOR'S No.					
<u>WEL/HQ/1132</u>					
<u>REFERENCE OUR WEL/HQ/1129 OF 5 NOV. (.) MAJOR GREGO SHOULD BE</u>					
<u>ATTACHED FIFTH ARMY INCREMENT AND MAJOR FAZIO TO THREEDIST AND NOT AS REQUESTED</u>					
<u>IN SIGNAL REFERRED TO</u>					
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS			IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		
SIGNED <u>H. I. [Signature]</u>			SIGNED		
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<u>IMPORTANT</u>			<u>THJ or TOR</u>		
			<u>1400</u>		
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FROM ADNAP (WELFARE) IMPORTANT 9 NOV
TO MMIA ROME
INFO FILPOT (WELFARE). MAIN EIGHTH ARMY. REAR EIGHTH ARMY
(WELFARE) FIFTH ARMY INCREMENT (WELFARE)
THREEDIST (WELFARE) CMT. AWTC ROME.

GR * NBT

WEL/HQ/1129.

CONFIRMING CONVERSATION 8 NOV NEWTH AND NOAKES. UNDERSTAND YOU ARE
ARRANGING FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS ITALIAN OFFICERS AT PRESENT UNDERGOING
COURSE AT ARMY WELFARE TRAINING CENTRE. HQ AAI LT COL NEGRI * ARMOLDI.
REAR EIGHTH ARMY LT COL DI BLASI. FIFTH ARMY INCREMENT MAJOR FAZIO.
HQ THREE DISTRICT MAJOR GREGO O
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FROM
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ADNAP (WELFARE)
MMIA ROME
FILPOT (WELFARE)
(WELFARE)

9 NOV

MAIN EIGHTH ARMY. REAR EIGHTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY INCREMENT (WELFARE)

THREEDIST (WELFARE)

CHDT . AWTC ROME .

GR - NBT

WEL/HQ/1129(.) CONFIRMING COVERATION 8 NOV NEWTH
AND NOAKES (.) UNDERSTAND YOU ARE ARRANGING FOLLOWING
ATTACHMENTS ITALIAN OFFICERS ~~AR PRESENT~~ UNDERGOING COURSE
AT ~~AR~~ ARMY WELFARE TRAINING CENTRE (.) HQ AAI LT . COL . NEGRI - ARNOLDI
(.) REAR EIGHTH ARMY LT . COL . DI BLASI (.) FIFTH ARMY
INCREMENT MAJOR FAZIO (.) HQ THREE DISTRICT MAJOR GREGO

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HEADQUARTERS
9 NOV 1944

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Subject: Educational Text Books.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
AQ/27

8 Nov 44

MMIA LO with Rear HQ Eighth Army

Att HQ 55 Area letter 55/22n/5 dated 4 Nov 44 is
forwarded for necessary action.

J.G. Bird, Capt.
J.G. BIRD Capt.
for Col., D.A. & Q.M.G.
M.M.I.A.

JB/hh

Copy to: HQ 55 Area.

*See folio 47
+ 48*

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Subject: Welfare for Italian Co-operators
in Middle East.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.
AC/27

6 Nov 44

W.M.D. & P.O.W.
Sub Comm. A.C.

The attached letter from the Ministry of War
is forwarded for your action please, being a matter
under your control.

F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

SPA/hh

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
-Uff. Assistenza e Propaganda-

n. 6958 / A.P. di PROT.

P.M. 151,11 31 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Corsi Assistenza - Ufficiali Italiani.-

A2/27

ALLA M. M. I. A.
(Rif. foglio A2/27 del 28/10/1944) - 36
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Ufficio C.A.

ROMA

SEDE

Si comunica che il capitano VITTADINI Vitale Giorgio, per improvvisa indisposizione, è stato sostituito nel corso assistenza col Ten. Col. NEGRI ARNOLDI Alessandro.-

Please note that
Capt VITTADINI VITALE
GIORGIO, owing to
a sudden indisposition
has been substituted
by Lt Col. NEGRI ARNOLDI,
apl VC



GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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(Appl) Gen Sant

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Translation

From M of W
to MMIA.

Ref^d 303510/CA
Date 31 Oct 44

Litterature for Italian troops in the
Middle east.

As it is known to MMIA the Allied
Command in the Middle east are employing
Italian troops (approx 6000) formerly belonging to
Cuneo Div.

The Ministry think necessary that
these troops should be sent news from their
country in the form of newspapers and
magazines or books. We also wish to send
them the publication ITALIA published by this
Ministry.

We therefore beg MMIA to authorize
the shipment of said articles to M.E.F. should
this be granted please inform us of the methods
of shipping same.

Re: 10/27/44

original WND
sent to MMIA
P.D. 3/11

OK 12/19/44

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Subject: Course - Welfare - Italian Officers.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
H Q M E
HQ/27

28 Oct 44

To: Army Welfare Training Centre,
12, Via Quattro Fontane, HQM

Ex.Col. DI BLASI ALDO.
Maj. DI NICO DINO.
Capt. VESPASINI-VITALIS GIORGIO.
Capt. FAZIO GIUSEPPE.

1st Lt. Negro Am. Det.

1. The above named Italian Officers will attend the second Course of Welfare Training Assembly, 30 Oct and terminating 11 Nov 44.
2. These officers will report to the Administration Officer of the School before 1800 hrs on 30th Oct.
3. Students will be in possession of notebooks.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER Capt.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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SPA/nh

Copy to Ministry of War (2)
Adm B1 NAPLES.
'G' ROMA.

Lee Folio 38.

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S.C. A.

• Speak Major Baumann
and then tie up the IFF
apps with the school. Special
Sec do NOT wish to nominate
apps from Constant Groups

26 Oct

names of four apps
proposed for air

28 Oct A/O

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LROF V MEDY 762 764 QVR1-3
FROM ADNAP (WELFARE)
TO MMIA C/O ACC ROME
INFO G1 (BR)
CMDT ARMY WELFARE TRAINING CENTRE ROME
QQX BT

WEL/HQ/1132 . APPROVAL GIVEN BY AFHQ TO PROPOSAL TRAIN ITALIAN
WELFARE OFFICERS AT ARMY WELFARE TRAINING CENTRE . REMAINDER
OF SCHEME STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION . GRATEFUL F YOU WILL ARRANGE
WITH GENERAL OXILLIA FOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING ~~TH~~ ITALIAN OFFICERS
REPORT ANTC 12 VIA QUATTRO FONTANE ROME (TELEPHONE NUMBER
473972) FOR SECOND COURSE ASSEMBLING ~~ET~~ 30 OCT TERMINATING ~~QTH~~
11 NOV . DITTO ~~TH~~ THIRD COURSE ASSEMBLING 13 NOV
TERMINATING. 25 NOV

BT

SENT AJP B K

RD

0206 F A KKK

~~AG~~ May, I have inf. on "scheme"
and any proposals or discussions
affecting Combat Groups.
N. J. 26 Oct 26 Oct

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ARMY FORM C.2128

MESSAGE FORM

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No. of Groups
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Serial No.
Office Date Stamp

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TO

MMIT

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

FROM

MMIT to 54 Area

Originator's Number

32

PV 190

Date

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In Reply to Number

2010

Ref your AD 2032 no information from
standing as yet I will advise as soon
as I hear something

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means

✱ (Except)

() Wireless

Signature

This Message must be sent IN
CIPHER if liable to interception
or to fall into enemy hands

Signature

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin

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T.O.R.

✱ Originator may delete "Except" and insert "Including." (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

17 Oct. 0935 A.

To : 54 AREA

AQ 2032

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA PAREN (.)
REF AQ 1981 07 OCT (.) PLEASE STATE WHAT PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE (.)

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION

W. L. Pennington

11/6/71

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Internal:- ST, MMIA.

See Folio 33

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Subject:- Welfare Amenities.

file
Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
AQ/27

HQ RAAC. (For Welfare (Rr)).

7 Oct 44

Reference telephone conversation of 7 Oct. (Col.
Perdual - Capt. Bailey).

1. It is desired to register HQ Military Mission Italian Army, (strength in Rome 95 ORs) on your waiting list of units requiring welfare wireless sets and as desirous of being allotted a proportionate share of such welfare amenities as are available, now and in the future.
2. Due to the small size of the unit and to its comparative isolation in the heel of Italy prior to moving to Rome, we are extremely badly off for amenities for the men and I shall be most grateful for your assistance.

MLP/jc


Lt. Col.
for
Major General.
Military Mission Italian Army.

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copy passed to Camp. Bandt
8/10 JAP

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE: TIME: ORIGIN

TO (FOR ACTION): DISTWO

7 Oct 1045A

REF NO.: AQ 1981

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA PAREN (.) SUBJECT
IS WELFARE ITEMS LEFT BY 65 POW CAMP AND NOW IN ITALIAN ARMY
WAREHOUSE BARI (.) THIS HQ AQ/27 OF 29 SEP ADDRESSED TWODIST
FOR WELFARE REFERS (.) G.O.C. MOST ANXIOUS SECURE WELFARE
ITEMS FOR PERSONNEL THIS HQ WHO WITHOUT ANYTHING (.) LIST OF
ITEMS STATED TO BE AT BARI INCLUDES SOCCER BALL WITH BLADDERS,
PING PONG SET AND BALLS AND SEVERAL INDOOR GAMES SUCH AS
DOMINOES, LOTTO, MONOPOLY, ETC. (L) GOC WISHES YOU OBTAIN
THESE AND DESPATCH BY BEST MEANS TO THIS HQ ADDRESSED FOR
ADST.

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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AUTHENTICATION

[Signature]

Internal: ST memo.

See Folio 32

Copy passed to
Camp Command

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[Signature]

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Subject: Education - Post Armistice Policy.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E

AQ/27

6 Oct 44

H.Q., R.A.A.C.

Ref para 8 (c) of your RAAC/32/2/G3(Br) of 29 Sept.

1. A vacancy on a 16 days course at Army School of Education can be accepted at any time for the Unit Education Officer of this HQ.

FJ
F.J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

SPA/nh

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File AQ/27

SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

30 1130 A

FROM: MMIA

TO: DISTWO

RESTRICTED

AQ 1953

FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA PAREN (.)
REF YOUR MR 105 OF 28 SEPT (.) SPORTS GEAR LEFT IN
CLOTHING WAREHOUSE POW CAMP No.65 IN GRAVINA

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PRECEDENCE

Normal

AUTHENTICATED

SP/Archives Appr.

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R-F-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
AFC No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

FAAC/32/2/G3(Br)

29 September 1944

SUBJECT: Education: Post-Armistice Policy

TO: British List 'R'

1. The prospect of a cessation of hostilities in Europe, though it may not immediately materialize, does, nevertheless, raise the problem, soon to confront Commanders and Commanding Officers, of the provision of amenities for troops under their command, e.g., Entertainment, Welfare, Education and the policy of constructive "time-filling" aids, once the initial and general change over has been made from present conditions to those of an Armistice.

2. The adage "The Devil finds Work for Idle Hands to do" is unfortunately not always considered with the degree of thought it warrants. Planning for Welfare and Entertainment therefore retains its importance but the subject of this letter - Education - must take priority in the minds of unit commanders more than it has done in the past.

3. To this end a series of Courses for Unit Education Officers or their Deputies are now commencing at the Army School of Education, PERUGIA. Courses are of 16 days duration.

4. It is the Army policy to ensure that vacancies allotted are filled and that every unit is capable of meeting its responsibilities to its men in the reconstruction and rehabilitation that will follow the cessation of hostilities, during the period of mental re-adjustment.

5. Commanding Officers will shortly be allotted vacancies for Officers and Other Ranks on these Courses, which will have to be accepted in spite of all difficulties that now exist due to the manpower situation.

6. Commanding Officers must accept the fact now, that surrender of vacancies for Educational Courses will not be permitted and that candidates are urgently and necessarily required to attend these Courses.

7. All units should at once review their internal situation and earmark, where necessary, suitable officers to act as Unit Education Officers together with likely MCCOs and OPs to fill such vacancies as may be allotted.

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7. All units should at once review their internal situation and earmark, where necessary, suitable officers to act as Unit Education Officers together with likely MCOs and ORs to fill such vacancies as may be allotted.
8. The fact is stressed, that putting off until tomorrow that which is due today will not help either units or the prestige of the British Forces in occupied countries. Therefore, to assist units by extending as much notice as possible, the undermentioned procedure will be adopted:-
 - (a) Unit Education Officers and potential Unit Education Officers will be earmarked NOW for Courses at the Army School of Education, FARNHAM.
 - (b) Units will submit dates or approximate periods most suitable for the acceptance of vacancies allotted.
 - (c) Dates and approximate periods suitable will be advised to this Headquarters NOT LATER THAN 8 Oct 44.
9. The cooperation of Commanding Officers in this matter is of great importance.

See Folio 29

ALBAN LOW,
Brigadier,
Commander British Troops ROME.

27

Subject: Welfare - Sports Accessories.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/27

29 Sep 44

H.Q. INQ.2 District
for Welfare Branch

1. The Italian Ministry of War has informed this HQ that a quantity of Anglo-American Welfare stores has been discovered in a warehouse in BARI.

2. It appears that these items, as per attached list, were left behind when No.65 P.O.W. Camp moved north.

3. May this HQ please be advised of disposal instructions for onward transmission to Ministry of War.

4. HQ AAI have requested that this matter be referred to you.

SPA/wh Capt.

~~P. J. NOAKES~~ Lt. Col. A.O.D.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

SPA/nh

See Folio 30

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LIST OF SPORTS ARTICLES AND GAMES
RECOVERED AT P.O.W. CAMP No.65

Tennis balls, table-tennis balls, cricket balls, etc.		59.
Football stockings	prs	12.
Boxing gloves	prs	2.
Soccer ball, outer cover		1.
Soccer ball, bladers		3.
American football, outer cover		1.
Rackets		10.
Football repair outfit		1.
Games, various (indoor)		9
Leather rings for game		10.
Hemp rings for game		8
Ping-pong nets		4
Ping-pong sets		1
Ping-pong bat		1
Softball or baseball bats		6

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Subject:- Sports Accessories.

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Liaison Officer
Military Mission
Italian Army
HQ No.2 Dist. CMF.
MF/105
28 SEP 44

Military Mission to Italian Army.

MM/1A	AQ
FILED	27
Date Recd	30/9

21.
Ref your AQ/27 of 9 Sep 44.

1. A preliminary search has been made in BARI and area for the depot reputed to hold sports accessories without success.

2. Can you please let me know how Ministry of War came to find out that these were in BARI and ask them for further details as to location of depot.

CFM/jmr

Received
Signed
30/9.

Col. King Warehouse
No. 65. POW Camp
Gianina

C. F. Murcell
Major G.S.

C.F. Murcell Maj. G.S.
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 2 District.

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SUBJECT:- Sports Gear.

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HQ. ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.

Tel:- FILPOT 106.

1010/1/WEL.

27 Sep 44.

Military Mission, to the Italian Army,
ROMA.

M.M.I.A.	AQ
FILE REF	127
Date Recd	28/9/

1. Reference your AQ/27 dated 24 Sep 44.

2. It is requested that this matter be referred to Chief
Welfare Officer, No. 2 District, C.M.F.

Letter to
154 2 Dist.
SPA 29/9

CBLW/JW.

By W.D.L. Wiss.
Maj. R.H.
Colonel.
DDAMS.

4205

Subject: Welfare - Sports Accessories.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/27

24 Sep 44

HQ AAI for Welfare Branch

Ref this HQ letter of 9 Sep 44. — 21

1. May this HQ please be informed of your decision as to disposal instructions for sports accessories mentioned in the a/q letter.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER Capt.
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

SPA/nh

See folio 25.

4204

Subject: Italian Co-operators - Welfare.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/27

13 Sep 44

W.M.D. & P.O.W. Sub
Commission, A.C.C.

1. The attached correspondence directed to this Sub Commission by HQ ACC is forwarded to you for your attention please.
2. As you are aware Italian Co-operators are not on the Rolls of the Italian Army, and their administration etc is therefore outside the scope of the Army Sub Commission.

SPA/nh

F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

Copy to: HQ ACC for info.

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Subject: Welfare - Italian Co-operators.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AQ/27

12 Sep 44

CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT
& POW SUB COMMISSION.

1. Italian Co-operators not being members of the Italian Army, matters concerning them are outside the scope of this Sub Commission.
2. The attached correspondence on the above subject is therefore passed to you for attention please.

SPA/nh

Ch
F.J.NOAKES Lt.Col.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

4202

Subject: Welfare - Sports Accessories.

Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
R O M E
AC/27

9 Sep 44

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for Welfare Branch

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SPA/nh

SP Arthur Cyn
~~P. J. NOAKES~~ Lt. Col. A.O.D.
For Major General.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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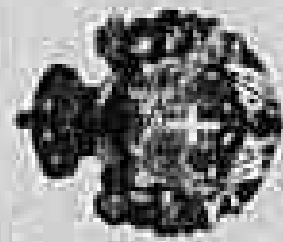
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Translation
 From W A R M I N
 TO M M I A
 Subject Recovery of sports material
 at P O W Camp No. 65.
 AQ/27
 Ref. 15120
 Date Sept 5, 1944

The Mil. Com. Dir. of B A R I has reported that at the Clothing Warehouse of P O W Camp No 65 in Isarnia, certain sport articles and various games which were left by prisoners who were transferred to a Camp in Northern Italy, have been recovered.

Said items, shown on attached sheet, have been arranged in a box at Directional Clothing Depot at B A R I as we are dealing with Anglo-American articles belonging to Anglo-American M. C. we have reported this to M M I A.

We request instructions
 cpl. (20) A A I (subject for disposal inst. 7/9 M A I l l i g n a)
 4200



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

DIVISIONE VESTIARIO-EQUIPAGGIAMENTO

N. 15120/V di prot.

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Carte annesse

P. M. 107. ii 15 Set. 1944 194

OGGETTO: Rinvenimento oggetti vari presso il campo p.g.n.° 65

Remains of sporting equipment at P.O. W. Camp No. 65

ALL'ARMY SUB COMMISSION AGO MAIN HQ MILIA

ROMA

La Direzione di Commissariato Militare di Bari ha segnalato che presso il Magazzino vestiario del campo p.g.n.° 65 in Gravina, furono rinvenuti e recuperati alcuni oggetti sportivi e giochi vari lasciati dai prigionieri trasferiti in un campo dell'Italia Settentrionale.

Detti oggetti, indicati nell'unito elenco, sono stati sistemati in una cassa presso il Deposito V.E. Direzionale di Bari.

Trattandosi di oggetti appartenenti a militari Anglo-Americani se ne fa doverosa segnalazione a codesta Sottocommissione e si resta in attesa d'istruzioni.

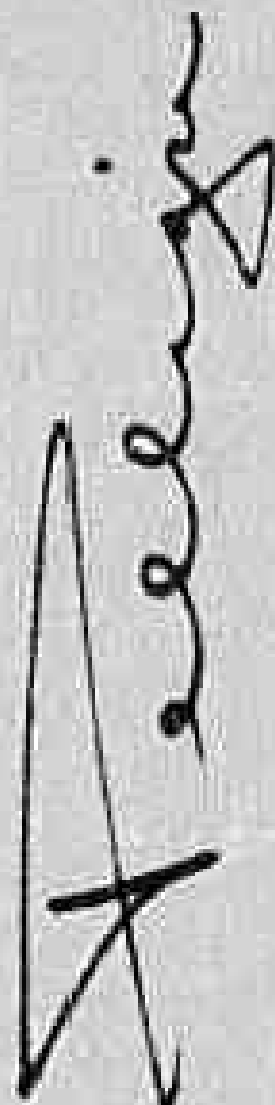
P. IL MINISTRO

segnalato che presso il Magazzino vestiario del campo p.c.n° 65 in Gravina, furono rinvenuti e recuperati alcuni oggetti sportivi e giochi vari lasciati dai prigionieri trasferiti in un campo dell'Italia Settentrionale.

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Trattandosi di oggetti appartenenti a militari Anglo - Americani se ne fa doverosa segnalazione a coteata Sottocommissione e si resta in attesa d'istruzioni.

P. IL MINISTRO



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Send of sports article & game recommendations P.O.W.
 LIBRO DEGLI ORG. E SPORTE E GIOCHI MINIMI DI E. HUBERMAN
 Camp 16.65

PRESENTE IL GINECO D. A. N. 65

- Palline piccole vuote	Small balls (empty)	"	25
- Palle regulation	Regulation balls	"	4
- Palle per tennis	Tennis balls	"	15
- Palle rosse	Red balls (empty)	"	4
- Palle per tamburello	Balls for tamburello	"	10
- Calzettoni per gioco calcio	Stripings for the game of soccer	"	12
- Guantoni per pugilato	Boxing gloves	"	2
- Copertone per calcio	Soccer ball, outside cover	"	1
- Camera d'aria per pallone	Soccer ball, bladder	"	3
- Copertone per palla ovale	American football, outside cover	"	1
- Racchette	racquet	"	10
- gioco lotto	Lotto, (game)	"	2
- arnesi riparazioni gioco calcio	Repair kit - game of soccer	"	1
- Gioco Monopoly	Monopoly (game)	"	2
- L'attaque (gioco)	L'attaque (game)	"	1
- Gioco Halma	HALMA (game)	"	1
- " Aviation	Aviation game	"	1
- Tri - tactis (gioco)	Tri - tactis (game)	"	2
- Ladders	Ladders	"	1
- Flutime	Flutime	"	1
- Anelli di cuoio per gioco	Leather rings for game	"	10
- " canapa per gioco	Hemp rings for game	"	4108
- Reti	nets (ping pong)	"	4
- arnesi per gioco ping pong	Implement for ping pong	"	1
- Gioco Short Handle	Short handle (game)	"	4
	Darning (game)	"	

arnesi riparatiori gioco calcio	Report cards - games of soccer	
- Gioco Monopoly	Monopoly (game)	1
- L'attaque (gioco)	Attack (game)	2
- Gioco Nalme	NALME (game)	1
- " Aviation	AVIATION (game)	1
- Tri - tactis (gioco)	Tri - tactis (game)	1
- Ladders	Ladders	2
- Plutine	Plutine	1
- Anelli di cuoio per gioco	Leather rings for game	1
- " canape per gioco	Wamp rings for game	10
- Reti	nets (ring pong)	4198
- arnesi per gioco ping pong	Supplements for ping pong	4
- Gioco Short Handle	Short handle (game)	1
- " Domino	Domino (game)	4
- Bastoni per gioco	Sticks for basketball game	3
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For Action

'A' 5 Corps.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

'A' FILPOT

Message Instructions

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AD

CONFIDENTIAL O Ref FILPOT A/0473 of 11 June
ITALIAN BAND for CIL is subject O STRENGTH ONE off
THIRTY NINE ORS TWO VEHs O Depart LECCE PM 13 June O
ETA TORINO di SANGRO AM 14 June O Movement by road

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
-UFF. Assistenza e Propaganda-

F.M.151, 11-12 giugno 1944

PROMEMORIA DI SERVIZIO

Richiesta di autorizzazione della Commissione Alleata di Controllo per
il trasferimento fanfara al C.I.L.:

Maresciallo Dini Umberto con 39 uomini

autocarri :

Lancia 3 Ro - targa R.E. 84749

- autiere Viaggi Luigi

Piat 626 - targa R.E. 19831

- autiere Gentile Carlo

Destinazione: Torino di Sangro.

Partenza : Martedì 13-6-1944.-

arriving

14.6.44

pm
am

MILITARY MISSION

Date

Action AA1 5 Corps. LO 5 Corps

reformed

ITALIAN ARMY.

Pass signed 12/6/44

Geo 3(1)

12/6/44

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MESSAGE FORM

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No. of Groups
GR.

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TO DIAH INFO 5 CORPS

FROM F. IL POT

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

1A/0473 0

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Request you take action accordance

5 CORPS

letter

A620

data 70 Italian band for CIL

11/6 9/13

See folio 17

This message may be sent As Written
by any means
(except)
(.....) Wireless

This message must be sent In Cipher
if liable to interception or to fall into
enemy hands

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Signature.....

T.H.I.

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Subject:- Italian Bands.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (WHIA)
LECCE. (LECCE)
AC/27
10 June 44.

HQ. AAI.

Ref your AAL/5052/A(PB) dated 29 May 44 and further
to our AC/27 dated 4 June 44.

1. A nominal roll of the Italian Band, designated for
CIL, is attached.
2. The provision of musical scores of Allied National
Anthems and Martial music would be much appreciated.

W. G. G. G. G.
Major General.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Copy to: WHIA.LD with HQ Rear 5 Corps.

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COMUNIO 3 RAGGRUPPAMENTO.

NOMINAL ROLL.

GRADO	CASATO E NOVE	CLASSE	DISTRITTO	STREMMIOCKE	SUGNA	ANNOTAZIONI
Mar. Mag.	DINI Umberto	1894	Firenze	Ma	estro di mas	ica
Serg. Mag.	DE LEONARDIS Domenica	1906	Bari	Flicorno	tenore	
				vice capo	benda	
Serg.	LEONE Angelo	1918	Potenza	flic.	cont. sib.	
C.M.	DI STASIO Antonio	1918	::	piccol.	mib.	licenza
:	GRIMALDI Eugenio	1922	Bari	flic.	bar.	
:	TATONE Giuseppe	1917	::	tromb.	tenore	
:	SCIPIONE Angelo	1920	Taranto	sax.	contralto	
Cap.	POLES Antonio	1921	Udine	flic.	contr. sib.	ric. osped
:	VALLANO Quintino	1920	Lecce	piatti		
:	C ARDIZZI O Giuseppe	1920	::	sax	soprano	
:	FILICORNA Lucio	1921	::	picc.	lab.	
:	SPITALIERI Ignazio	1923	::	flicornino	mib	
:	PELLERINO Immanuel	1924	::	cornetta	sib	
:	PAGLIARA Pietro	1916	::	clar.	sib	licenza
fan	FERRANOSCA Giuseppe	1924	::	flic.	barit	
:	SANTESI Raffaele	1924	::	flic.	cont. mib.	
:	LIUCCI Cosimo	1920	::	flicornini	mib	
:	GIORGIO Francesco	1922	Potenza	flic.	sopr. sib.	
:	CARAMIA Tolomeo	1924	Bari	sax.	contr. mib.	
:	GRECO Virginio	1924	Lecce	cornio	mib	
:	PETRICIANI Giuseppe	1920	Pavia	flic.	contr. mib	
:	STAPPALI Cosimo	1924	Decce	clar.	sib	
:	OMIRIACO Alberto	1924	::	tromb.	centab	
:	FRISCINA Michele	1923	::	sax.	sopr. sib	
:	SCARICIGLIA Giuseppe	1919	Taranto	tromb.	ten. sib	
:	OMIARELLA Antonio	1920	::	gran	cassa	licenza
:	IANNOTTA Geremia	1921	Campob.	clar.	sib	
:	CARACULO Benito	1924	Lecce	idolo.	bar	
:	DE SANTIS Antonio	1923	::	flicornino	mib	
:	DELL'ANNA Cosimo	1924	::	clarino	sib	
:	CATALDO Esposito	1921	::	tromb.	ten. sib	
:	BENEGGIANI Cosimo	1920	::	flic.	contr. sib	licenza
:	INNECCO Umberto	1924	Potenza	sax.	tenore	
:	SAVINO Luigi	1922	Lecce	clar.	cont. mib.	
:	SPEDICATO Daniele	1922	::	clar.	sib	
:	TURING Francesco	1923	R2Calab.	flic.	contr. sib	
:	PRETE Antonio	1923	Taranto	flic.	cont. mib.	
:		1922	Lecce	tamburo		

GIORGIO Francesco	1922	Potenza	flic. sopr. mib.	licenza
CARARIA Tolomeo	1924	Bari	sax. contr. mib.	
GRICO Virgilio	1924	Lecce	corni mib	
PETIGLIANI Giuseppe	1920	Pavia	flic. contr. mib	
STEPPELLI Cosimo	1924	Decce	clar. sib	
CHIRIACO Alberto	1924	::	tromb. contrab.	
FRISCINA Michele	1923	::	sax. sopr. sib	
SCARIGLIA Giuseppe	1919	Taranto	tromb. ten. sib	
CHIERELLA Antonio	1920	::	gran cassa	
IANNOTTA Geremia	1921	Campob.	clar. sib	
CARANGELO Benito	1924	Lecce	flic. bar	
DE SANTIS Antonio	1923	::	flicornino mib	
DELL'ARNA Cosimo	1924	::	clarino sib	
CATALDO Espedito	1921	::	tromb. ten. sib	
BENEGLIANI Cosimo	1920	::	flic. contrab. sib	licenza
INNECCO Umberto	1924	Potenza	sax. tenore	
SAVINO Luigi	1922	Lecce	clar. contr. mib.	
SPEDICATO Daniele	1922	::	clar. sib	
TURING Francesco	1923	Calab.	flic. contr. sib	
PRETE Antonio	1923	Taranto	flic. contr. mib.	
MARZANO Sante	1922	Lecce	tamburo	
MAIORANA Luigi	1915	Taranto	sax. contr.	
ARMENTANO Francesco	1921	Potenza	clar. sib	
CAUCCI Elio	1919	Trieste	tamburo	
NOTARONTO Eugenio	1916	Campob.	flic. bar. sib	
DE ROCCA Carmelo	1924	Lecce	batteria	

Subject:- Incense.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission AGC
Main RC. (MIA)
LEWILL. (LECC)
RC/27
10 June 44

Ministry of War.

1. It is understood that Chaplains with Italian forces in the BALKANS have requested a supply of incense, amount not specified.
2. Please arrange for such supplies to be despatched through the normal channels.

Wid, Capt

To Major General.
Army Sub Comm AGC.

Copy to:

Asst. Sec. HQ/SCM. GNY. (Ref. G/210/P of 8 June 44)
HQ. Force 266.

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Subject: Incense.

TOP SECRET
Adm Ec., HQ SCM, CMF.
Q/210/P

8 June 44.

MEMO

1. The chaplains of an Italian Army Corps operating with Partisan Forces in the BALCANES have requested a supply of incense.
2. No quantity is specified in the demand, but it will be appreciated if some quantity can be made available from Italian sources.

EP

[Signature]
(R.S. REDMOND) Capt.
for Col Comd

10/6 *[Signature]*

[Signature]
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Italian Bands

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Jun 44

Ref A.C.C. letter AQ/27 dated
4 Jun 44.

May arrangements please be
made to despatch this Band to
TORINO STA forthwith and to come
under command this H.Q. on arrival.

[Signature]
Myn

Lieut-General,
Comd, 5 Corps.

JBT/RI

Copy to: Army Sub Commission AOC
Main H.Q. M.M.I.A.
LEQUITE (LEOCE)

10/6/44

Bad alerted

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Subject:- ITALIAN BANDS.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MHIA)
LIGUILL. (LSCC)
40/27
June 44

HQ. AAL.

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Reference your AAL/5052/A(PB) dated 29 May 44.

1. An Italian Band, strength about 35, will be available at CASARANO (LIGOR) and ready to move by road in Italian transport on or after 8 June.
2. Will you please say when the band is required by GIL and when arrangements will be made by this HQ for their despatch.

F. F. Noan
for Major General.
Army Sub Comd A.C.C.

Copy to: HQ, Rear 5 Corps.
MHIA, LO Rear 5 Corps
HQ MHIA.

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Subject: Italian Bands

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5052/A(PS)

29 May 44

MCIA

1. At a recent conference in regard to the employment of CIL, the question of providing Italian Bands for entertainment of Italian Troops was raised.

2. Will you please say whether these can be provided, and if so, arrangements made for their routing to CIL, on passing to command 5 Corps.

File.

TW/JLH

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inform
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SME
C.V.

G.I.

sc(P)

brought
this in for our
remarks!

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Green
Brigadier,
D.A.G.

See fol 15
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MM-1A LO REAR TO CORPS

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions GR

RESTRICTED @ Ref PH 15 of 15 day @ CIL
request already received by Ministry of War @ already
already despatched @ approx SIX HUNDRED books follow
soon.

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J. B. C. C. C.

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MMIA. REAR 10 CORPS

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For Action

ARMY SUB COMM MMIA.

TO

LEQUILE (LECCE)

(W) For Information (INFO)

AD

17/5

Message Instructions

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PH 15 @ Restricted @ Requested by C.I.L.

Informant of Italian books and periodicals for
stocking up C.I.L. Hospital Library

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Sports stores

Several units report that sports cannot be organized due to the lack of sports stores which cannot be bought. This activity being very much appreciated and necessary to the soldiers, please approach the Military Mission in order to see if it is possible to obtain some of these stores and especially footballs.

Jr 30/1/58 Pent all J20 SMC reports to you for two

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

- Ufficio Assistenza -

n° /Ass. di prot.

E.M. 151, 26 gennaio 1944

Aa/27

PRO-MEMORIA PER IL MAGGIORE GABALDONI

OCCORRENZA: Materiale sportivo.

Molti Comandi fanno presente che non possono incrementare un'attività sportiva tra i dipendenti reparti per mancanza di materiale sportivo, materiale che è introvabile dal commercio.

Poiché questa attività è particolarmente gradita ed utile ai soldati si prega interpellare la Missione Militare Anglo-Americana se può fornire alcuno di questi materiali, specie palloni per il calcio.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 4185
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Translati please

File with other

ask for Football etc

SUBJECT:- Amenities & Italian Troops.

Welfare Services,
H.Q., A.C.M.F. (Adm. Ech).
C.M.F.
1104/5/WEL.
6 Mar 44.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUITE (LECCE)

Reference your No. AQ/27 dated 15 Feb 44.

1. At the present time it is quite impossible to provide the requirements listed. The demands from British Army units have to be met as a first priority.
2. So far only a draft policy letter has been received from AFHQ which, in the main proposes :
 - (a) In complete Italian Units welfare will be entirely the responsibility of the Italian Government.
 - (b) In diluted British Units, welfare amenities on a limited scale will be provided from British sources. If conditions allow canteen facilities, separate to those for British Troops, will be provided; a quota of indoor and outdoor games and equipment will be made available; and Italian soldiers will be allowed to attend mobile cinema shows and ENSA concerts if no British Troops are excluded thereby.
3. When the policy letter is received it is possible that Italian units actually serving with the British (eg. G.T. Coys) will be regarded as being on the same basis as diluted units.

MILITARY MISSION

H. D. Welfare.
Colonel.
D.D. Welfare.

Date _____

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

For Maj G. Welfare's info.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
A. F. H. Q.

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AQ/27

February 5th, 1944

Subject : FILMS - G/10/21
To : MILITARY MISSION to ITALIAN ARMY
Attention : BHIG. Commanding

1. Reference your memo G/10/21 January 31st, we hasten to advise that several weeks ago this office granted all distributors the right to continue distribution of pre-1938 films until such time as we have had an opportunity to receive replies from the owner-producers to our request for instructions as to their disposal.

2. Copies of said notification are on hand at all FILM SECTION PWB Offices.

3. If further information is requested this office is at your service.

Lawrence Lawrence

L. Lawrence

Chief FILM SECTION PWB AFHQ

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*I think above letter may have
capt int as "I" File.*

MILITARY MISSION

Date 2 March 1947

to
ITALIAN ARMY

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Subject:- Amenities for Italian Soldiers

HQ. ACMF (ADRESON)

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MFA)
LEQUITE (LECCE)
AQ/27
1 Mar 44

Reference your Signal A19640 dated 23 Feb 44.

A copy of our letter AQ/27 dated 15 Feb 44, is forwarded herewith.

cc/nn

Jr
for Brig
Army Sub Comm. ACC

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FLS

MEGB V MEAV NR 096 T

FROM FLANBO 281730

TO MMTA GR 16

A 19640 REF YOUR Q 650 OF 26 FEB (.) NO TRACE
OF AQ/27 OF 15 FEB (.) PLEASE REPEAT

BT 281729

MILITARY MICH M

29/2/44 AD/27
Date

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

REPTN 096 281730 16 19640 650 26

AQ/27 15 281729

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in lieu of AF C2136

MESSAGE

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FROM (A) M.M.L.A. Originator Date-Time of Origin Office Date Stamp

TO A FLAMBO For Action

TO (W) For Information(info) Magn Enstr

Originator No.

Q 650 (.) Reference my AQ/27 of 15 Feb (.) Can you

say if proportion of requirements likely to be available

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Sgd [Signature] Sgd [Signature] Referred. Time of 4180

SUBJECT: Amenities for Italian Soldiers.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Rear H. (MIA)
LEQUILF (LECCS)
AQ/27
15 Feb 44.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
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1. The Italian GHQ report that there is a great shortage of sports equipment in the Italian Army; and that there is little means of recreation for the spare time of the troops, with a consequent adverse effect upon morale.
2. They ask, therefore, if there is a possibility of obtaining a minimum supply of sports equipment for these soldiers from Allied sources.
3. The list of requirements is given below:

Footballs, complete	200	Volley Balls	200
Nets for Volley Balls	100	Boxing Gloves	200
Ping Pong Sets	100	Ping Pong Balls	1000
4. May this Sub Commission please be informed of the possibilities of the above items being obtained from Allied sources.

B. G. Lawrence
Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

TVS.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- Ufficio Assistenza -

P.M.151 , li 6/2/1944

A seguito pro-memoria per il Signor Maggiore Gabaldoni.

Per poter dotare di attrezzi sportivi i principali Comandi militari necessiterebbero :

Foot balls	Nº	200	palloni in cuoio per il <u>giuoco del calcio</u> -
Volley balls	"	200	palloni in cuoio per il <u>giuoco della palla al volo</u> -
Nets for do.	"	100	reti per il <u>giuoco della palla al volo</u> -
Boxing gloves	"	200	paia guantoni in cuoio per il <u>pugilato</u> -
Coloured jerseys	"	200	maglie sportive colorate (nº 20 serie di 10 maglie) -
100 ping pong games (complete) with 1000 balls	"	100	giuochi completi da ping-pong con 1000 palline in celluloide -

In order to issue sports stores to the main Milit. Hqs. the following is required:

For Maj. Gabaldoni. *W. A. L. T. J. L. A. S.*

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SUBJECT: Films

P.W.B.
BARI

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Military Mission
to ITALIAN AR
6/10/21
8/Jan 44

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1. Reference your instruction of 7 Jan 44 to the Italian General Staff that non-Italian pre-1938 films were to be temporarily withdrawn from current circulation.

The Italians have asked for modification, if possible, of the restriction, stating that pre-1938 films were in great demand for showing to the Italian Armed Forces, owing to the cheapness of their hiring on account of their age.

2. Would you please enable us to reply to them.

ABC

APL
Bris
Com 4177

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P.W.B. instructed (see copy of letter att) that all the films previous to 1938 be drawn from the Renting Firms.

This interferes with the entertainment of the I.T.F.F.A.A. which were relying on these films which could be obtained at cheap price due to their oldness.

We would appreciate if this embargo could be softened.

Further to instruction given, please withdraw temporarily all the foreign films older than 5 years (including films from the United Kingdom, America, England etc.) These films will be kept in U.S. stores under your own responsibility and you please let us have a list of all the films in U.S. are giving the following particulars:

It. name - Name of origin - Firm releasing the Film -
 Date of release (or of 1st show) -

P.W.B. A.F.H.P.
 Film Section
 Film Office
 Renato Cammerota

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PROMEMORIA PER IL SIG.MAGGIORE GABALDONI

Il P.W.B., con lettera che si allega in copia, ha tolto dalla circolazione tutte le pellicole, di edizione anteriore al 1938, giacenti presso Case noleggiatrici.-

Questo fatto rende difficile l'attività ricreativa cinematografica per le FF.AA., che facevano maggior assegnamento su quelle pellicole di minor costo poiché vecchie.-

Nei limiti del possibile si gradirebbe un temperamento al divieto.-

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A seguito delle direttive a suo tempo emanate vogliate togliere temporaneamente dalla circolazione tutti i films stranieri che abbiano una anzianità superiore ai cinque anni (compresi i films dei paesi alleati; americani; inglesi ecc.).-

I predetti films rimarranno in deposito presso di Voi sotto la Vostra personale responsabilità.-

Vi preghiamo inoltre di farci avere con cortese sollecitudine un elenco di vostra dotazione nel quale risultino i seguenti dati:

Titolo italiano - titolo originale - casa di produzione - data del rilascio (in mancanza di questa ultima notizia vorrete indicare la data della prima visione).-

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