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Welfare Italian Army

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Jan. - Feb. 1945

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

N° 01550 / B.S. di prot.

P.M. 3000, li 28 Febbraio 1945 -

OCCORRENZA: Casa di soggiorno del Combattente in Roma. =
Turni di licenza. =

AI GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO
AL COMANDO 210 DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO 228 DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO 231 DIVISIONE

= S E D E =
= P.M. 179 =
= P.M. 16 =
= P.M. 167 =

•, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = GABINETTO
ALLA SEGRETERIA DI S.E. IL SOTTOSEGREARIO
CIVILE ALLA GUERRA

= S E D E =

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = S.M.R.E.
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COLTISIARIO MILITARE

= R O M A =
= S E D E =

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA

= S E D E =
= R O M A =

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
AL COMANDO DELL'ARMATA "E" DELLO S.M.R.E.

= R O M A =
= P.M. 3000 =

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI
ALLA DIREZIONE CASA DI SOGGIORNO DEL

= P.M. 179 =
= R O M A =

SOGGIORNO ... Via Guidobaldo del Monte 24.

= R O M A =

1) Tra pochi giorni si aprirà in Roma la "Casa del Soggiorno del Combattente".

La data esatta di inizio, verrà comunicata telegraficamente.

2) - A detta "Casa" potranno affluire esclusivamente ufficiali, sottufficiali, graduati e militari di truppa, le cui famiglie vivano in territorio occupato dal nemico, inviati nella Capitale in permesso-premio di giorni sette (oltre il viaggio) ed appartenenti:

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DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIO MILITARE
AL MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
AL COMANDO DELL'AGENZIA "M" DELLA S. M. E.
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI
ALLA DELEGAZIONE CASA DI SOGGIORNO DEL
COMANDO MILITARE "M" DELLA S. M. E.
Via Guidobaldo del Monte 24.
M.M.A.

Comandante
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per la R. Esercito ai Gruppi di Combattimento (escluso il Gruppo di Combattimento Piceno), alle Divisioni 210 - 220 - 231 e allo Stato Maggiore Generale - Servizio Informazioni.

per la Marina e la R. Aeronautica alle unità operanti che i rispettivi Ministeri hanno prestabilito.

Inizialmente la "Casa del Soggiorno" disporrà di 200 posti che verranno così ripartiti:

- R. Esercito	n° 138
- R. Marina	" 48
- R. Aeronautica	" 14

Per quanto si riferisce al R. Esercito la suddivisione dei 138 posti è la seguente:

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- 17 posti per ciascun Gruppo di Combattimento (1 ufficiale - 2 sottufficiali - 14 truppa).

- 16 posti per ogni Divisione (1 ufficiale - 2 sottufficiali - 13 truppa).

- 5 posti per lo Stato Maggiore Generale - Servizio Informazioni.

3) Tutti i militari inviati a Roma in permesso-premio dovranno essere:

a) Muniti di un lasciapassare temporaneo di servizio in duplice copia conforme al modello allegato alla circolare n° 01230/L.S. del 20 Febbraio 1945 che si riallega modificata.

Allo scopo di facilitare i movimenti attraverso le zone occupate dalle truppe alleate, il "pass" dovrà, sempre se possibile, essere controfirmato da un ufficiale alleato della R.M.I.A. o da un ufficiale di collegamento.

Una copia di detto lasciapassare sarà consegnata alla "Casa di Soggiorno" all'atto della presentazione, ed una copia sarà trattata dal militare che al suo ritorno, la consegnerà al proprio reparto.

b) Tutti giungeranno a Roma nello primo tre del mattino del giorno nel quale per ciascun Ente ha inizio il turno di soggiorno (prima giorno di licenze).

c) Satisfatti di viveri fino al giorno precedente a quello dell'arrivo a Roma: muniti di viveri a secco per il viaggio di ritorno.

4) - I comandi interessati dovranno far affluire i militari alla "Casa di Soggiorno" con i propri mezzi.

Per il 1° turno gli automezzi rientreranno immediatamente vuoti (potranno essere utilizzati per necessità particolari della grande unità cui appartengono).

Per i turni successivi gli automezzi che porteranno le squadre che debbono usufruire di licenze ripartiranno immediatamente riportando ai reparti gli uomini che hanno già fruito della licenza.

5) - I turni di presentazione alla Casa di Soggiorno sono così stabiliti:

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1°	2°	3°	4°	1°	2°	3°	4°
1	8	15	22	Gruppo di Combattimento Friuli			
2	9	16	23	Cresenza			
3	10	17	24	Divisione 228^			
4	11	18	25	M. Marina			
5	12	19	26	Gruppo di Comb. Folgore e Legnano			
6	13	20	27	S. M. Generale o R. Aeronautica			
7	14	21	28	Gruppo di Combattimento Mantova			
			29	Divisione 228^ o 231^			
			30				

6)-- Si fa riserva di comunicare telegraficamente la data del giorno d'insizio del primo turno (giorno I).

La mancata scrupolosa osservanza dei turni di licenza, oltre che creare inconvenienti nella utilizzazione delle razioni, tornerà a detrimento dei militari che si vedranno accorciare il periodo di soggiorno di tanti giorni quanti saranno quelli di ritardo verificatosi nei turni d'assolvenza.

7) Tutti i militari dovranno essere sottoposti a visite mediche preventive onde evitare che giungano alla "Casa di Soggiorno" militari affetti da malattie infettive.

8) I militari in licenza premio dovranno portare con sé:

- tutti gli oggetti di pulizia di dotazione individuale.
- Gli oggetti di corredo strettamente indispensabili per la durata della licenza (minimo coperto).

Si raccomanda vivamente l'ordine della tenuta.

9) Alla loro presentazione i militari saranno sottoposti alla disinfezione e bagno di pulizia; sarà ad essi assegnato un posto letto completo con coperto, lenzuola e materasso o conviveranno in una stanzetta ai pasti predisposti a cura della Direzione della "Casa di Soggiorno".

Nella "Casa di Soggiorno" troveranno a loro completa disposizione sala di ritrovo, di lettura, di scrittura, assistenza sanitaria, morale ed ogni altro conforto del quale avessero bisogno.

Potranno fruire di libera uscita in qualunque ora del giorno, restando però obbligati all'orario dei pasti ed a quello delle ritirate serale.

Il Direttore della Casa eserciterà verso di essi la funzione di Comandante di corpo.

I. C. C.
L'UFFICIALE AMMINISTRATIVO
(M. Col. A. Angeloni)

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
F. to G. C. MASSIA

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Carta d'identità N.
Identity card N.

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Signature

LASCIAPASSARE DI SERVIZIO DUTY PASS

È concessa autorizzazione
Permission is given to

del (reparto)
of (unit)

di viaggiare da
to proceed from

a Roma
to Rome

via

automezzo
road transport

e ritorno
and return

Data di partenza
Date of outward journey

Motivo del viaggio
Reason of travel

servizio temporaneo
temporary duty

Scopo del viaggio
Purpose of journey

aggregazione alla Casa di soggiorno del combattente
attachment to Casa di Soggiorno via Guidobaldo dal Monte 24 - Rome

Non interferire nel viaggio del titolare del presente lasciapassare.
The bearer of this pass will not be interfered with.

IL COMANDANTE
COMMANDING

(data)
(date)

(Bollo tondo)

CONTROFIRMATO
COUNTERSIGNED

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Subject:- Rail Tot for wine.

Ref. to T. M. M. M.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm
A.C. (MIA)
o/o HQ., I District
Ref LO/Q2.

28 Feb 45.

To:- "Q" I District.

- I. In order to provide wine for their canteens and welfare centres and to have a reserve for the ration scale wine as the DID issue frequently breaks down through non availability, 209 Division have been buying quantities of wine in the BARLETTA area. They are now unable to find the road transport to get it up to ANCONA and AREZZO areas.
2. As the supply of wine on the ration scale so frequently breaks down and to ensure a regular supply, 209 Division were told by ST, I District to explore the possibilities of establishing a more dependable supply. They accordingly laid on a contract for 1,000 quintals a month at SQUINZANO, LECCE, and sent off a signal to increase it to 3,000 quintals a month. This would have supplied the Italian troops in I District with wine for ration and welfare purposes. Since then, it appears that provision is already being made to supply the ration wine through 14 GRASSO.
3. Application is therefore now made for the railway transport of 1,000 quintals of wine a month from SQUINZANO, two thirds to ANCONA and one third to AREZZO. This will be used for welfare purposes. It is pointed out that wine is about the only commodity that can be sold in their canteens. My request to District for an increase of

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[Signature]
Capt.
MIA IO., I District.

Copy to:- ST., I District.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

[Handwritten notes]
Copy to ST, I District
Copy to ST, I District

SUBJECT: Welfare - R.T.C., I.C.F.

BLU RTC ICF
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (IMIA) ROME.

Ref: 9/1/4.

23 Feb. 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C. (IMIA) ✓

1. Reference your AQ/27 of 26 February 45, it is noted with thanks that our requests have been forwarded to the Ministry of War for action.
2. With reference to your paragraph 4, the monthly intake into the R.T.C., I.C.F. is, it is understood, to remain between 3,000 - 4,000. Planning, therefore, for such things as Pacchi Dono should be based on a figure of at least 3,000 per month.

Lt. Col. R.A.
Lieut-Col. R.A.

AMG/ah.

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SUBJECT: Belfare - RHC IOP.

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

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16 Feb'45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

Copy to:~ BHM RHC IOP. (your 9/1/1 of 23 Feb refers).
" " M.I.I. BOM.

1. Attached are extracts from a letter reporting on Belfare needs for the Reinforcement Training Depot.
2. It is suggested that you do your utmost to meet the requirements of this depot training, as it does, the reinforcements for the fighting troops in the Combat Groups.
3. Please notify this HQ of the amounts of Belfare stores supplied against these requirements.
4. It is considered that your planning should be on the basis of a strength figure of 12,000 with a monthly turnover of 2,000.
5. The above will mean that the entitlement to "La Patrie" and "Italia" will be 1,500 copies.

*Handover for report
(called for - Para 3)
sent 4 Mar 1945*

WP

Major General,
M.I.I.

See Folio 121
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WELFARE - RHC ICF.

1. The position in regard to the issue of Welfare goods to the RHC ICF remains unsatisfactory. It is most essential that C i/c Welfare at the RHC be given every help in obtaining material for the furtherance of Welfare amenities at this Centre.

2. The Welfare goods so far issued are :-

(a) Pacchi Dono	- 1500	
(b) Footballs	- 2	(1 more promised)
(c) Cinema projector (35mm)	- 1	
(d) Italis	- 500	Copies per week.
(e) "Live" Entertainment - first show 20 Feb '45. One performance every evening from 1500hrs to 1730hrs at Q. M. H. only.		

3. It is requested that the Ministero della Guerra be approached and asked to make every effort to produce the following :-

(a) Pacchi Dono

This would mean :- (one per new recruit entering RHC ICF.)

1 An immediate issue of	- 10,500
11 A monthly issue of	- 3,000 (starting 1 Mar.)

(b) Footballs

- 34

This would only give one each to the RHC ICF HQ, 3 Regt HQ's 9 Bns, CC.RR. 7 Schools, and four footballs as "reserve". It is appreciated that footballs are in extremely short supply, but Football is a popular game in the Italian Army and it is requested that the most energetic steps be taken to produce footballs.

(c) Bocce.

- 12 Sets.

There should be no difficulty in manufacturing Bocche Balls even if the most suitable wood is not available in occupied Italy - they could be made with a softer wood as a temporary measure.

(d) Gym Sets.

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(c) Bocce.

- 10 Sets.

There should be no difficulty in manufacturing Bocche Balls
 even if the most suitable wood is not available in occupied
 Italy - they could be made with a softer wood as a temporary
 measure.

(d) Gym Sets.

Parallel Bars - 9
 Horizontal - 6
 Vaulting Horses - 12
 Spring Boards - 20

(e) Tug - o - War Ropes

- 12

(f) Basket Ball balls

- 12

Basket Ball is second in popularity only to Football.

(g) Wireless. No wireless set has yet been received. It is
 suggested that at least 6 wireless sets be made available.
 This would only give one wireless set per

HQ RTO.
 HQ 1 Regt.
 HQ 2 Regt.
 HQ 3 Regt. 1000 7Dn (in separate Barracks).
 7 Bn.
 D & M School / Mechanics School.

(2)

(v) It is again appreciated that wireless sets are scarce but they are available at a price (30-50,000 lire) in Rome or alternately could they not be requisitioned? Many houses in Rome have 2 or more which they cannot (or should not) use owing to the electricity rationing.

Lead speakers will be set up by RMC personnel.

(h) Cinema. One projector (35mm) is in operation at No 1 Regt and films are changed every week. It is requested that two more projectors (35mm) are made available immediately. This would enable No 2 Regt to have a cinema and the theatre to be adapted for use as a cinema. There is no problem in obtaining films for entertainment.

(j) Canteen. are being organized on the basis of at least one per Regt. It is requested that an issue against payment of extra:-

1 Flour
11 Margarine
111 Dried Fruit
1V Sugar
V Coffee

be made for making cakes and hot drinks. Other goods are obtainable from local purchase. It is requested that Toilet Articles such as :- Toilet Soap

Shaving Soap

Tooth Paste etc etc.

either be made available from MMFI stocks or that the Ministero della Guerra be asked to make contracts for the supply of these goods at a reasonable price.

(k) Newspapers.

1 Italia. May the allotment to the RMC be increased to 2,000 per week?

11 Patria. It is requested that 2,000 copies per day be allotted to this Centre.

(l) Books and Periodicals. - Libraries are needed badly - they should be at least on BN level. Every effort is being made to obtain books - but results are so far disappointing.

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(l) Books and Periodicals. - Libraries are needed badly - they should be at least on B2 level. Every effort is being made to obtain books - but results are so far disappointing.

(m) Italian Red Cross. Ref MMFI Letter AQ/14 of 13 Dec '44. May the Ministero della Guerra be asked to have a detachment of the Italian Red Cross permanently established at RHC to help and advise Italian troops as laid down in your letter?

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Translation

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From Min. of War
To: Directorate General of

Ref. 105098/1/1

Date Feb. 26, 1945

Officer Personnel
& for info to MMIA

A/27

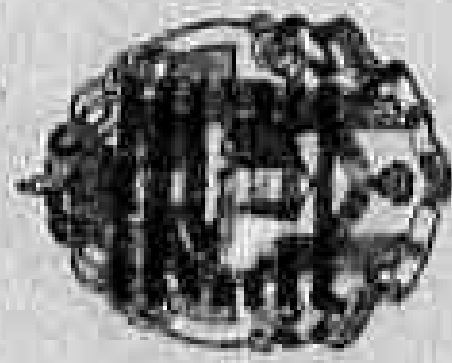
For 2M
Adm. 5

Subject Specialized personnel for
soldier welfare service.

You are hereby requested to
order the transfers proposed by
the Soldier's Welfare service with
letter 00591/B.S. dated 8th inst., — 102
bearing ~~in~~ in mind the
different destination proposed
by MM&A, in regard to
Lt. Col. DI BLASE and Major GRECO
& Maj. PISCITELLI, with letter
HQ/27 dated 14th inst. — 108
Moreover, please bear in mind
what was reported by the a/m
office with letter 01226/B.S.
dated 20th inst. in regard
to Major FAZIO and NIGRONI
Capt. V.C. (dgl) —

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

IN

Ant. 10509

Roma, 26 FEB 1945

Reposta al f. del

Dir. Se. No.

Oggetto: Personale specializzato per il servizio benessere del soldato

Specialized personnel for Soldier's Well-being ALL

Al

LA DIREZIONE GENERALE PERSONALE UFFICIALI

S E D E

e, per conoscenza:

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

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

ALL'UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

R O M A

P.M. 3800

S E D E

Codesta Direzione Generale è pregata disporre i trasferimenti proposti dall'Ufficio Benessere del Soldato con la lettera n. 00591/B.S. in data 8 corr., tenendo conto della diversa destinazione proposta dalla M.M.I.A., nei riguardi del tenente colonnello DI BLASE e dei maggiori GRECO e PISCITELLI, con la lettera AQ/27 in data 14 corr.

Si prega, altresì, tener conto di quanto comunicato dal suddetto ufficio con la lettera n. 01226/B.S. del 20 corr. nei confronti dei maggiori FAZIO e NIGRONI.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

P. P. P.

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SUBJECT: Casa del Soldato.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) ROME.
A/27.
26 Feb'45.

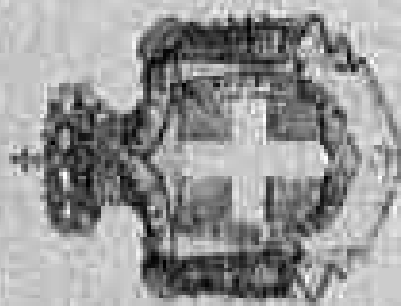
Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

1. Reference your O/260/B.S. of the 20 Feb.
2. Orders for connection of electricity on a preferential circuit have already been given (This HQ letter AQ/24 of 23 Feb refers).
3. It has been indicated that application for the two vehicles required should now be made to Lazio Regional HQ.

J P Archer Cyp
MAJOR GENERAL,
M.E.I.A.

Internal

A.D.A.W.S. MEIA.



Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

Divisione *Leg.*
Int. 7134353/3.S. Allegati

OCCORRENZA

Ammissione di truppe italiane ai trattamenti
dell'E.N.S.A.

Amministrazione of Italian Troops to ENSA entertainment

Nel ringraziare codesto Ufficio per l'informazione
contenuta nella lettera a riferimento, comunico di averne data no-
tizia agli Enti interessati. =

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(G.C. TAMASSINI)

Allegati *113*

Ref. AD/27 dated 17.10.45.
In thanking you for the information
given in r/p letter, I point out that I have modified
some contents

23 FEB 1943

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

= ROMA

Risposta al ... del 17 febbraio 945
Y. AQ/27

Nel ringraziare codesto Ufficio per l'informazione contenuta nella lettera a riferimento, comunico di averne data notizia agli Enti interessati. =

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(G.C. TAMASSIA)
Alcorno — 113

Ref. AD/27 dated 17.9.65.
In thanking you for the information given in apr letter, I point out that I have not yet sent enclosed

(signed) G.C. TAMASSIA

5/1.1966
[Signature]

Copied by [unclear] 2/10

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SUBJ: Ammunition Boxes for
Italian Field Libraries.

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

AQ/27.
21 Feb'45.

Ministry of War
for Welfare.

Copies - No.16.B.A.D. CMF.
A.D.A.W.S. MMIA.

With reference to your G0662/B.S. dated 9 Feb'45,
a release order for the required boxes is attached.
This letter should be exhibited at the time of collection.

J. Greenwood
Major
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
AQ/27.

21 Feb '45.

HQ. 15 Army Group (BS)

1. Approval has been received from AFHQ under authority of CR/9904/G-1(Br) for the publication of a newspaper for the Italian army to be named "La Patria".
2. Arrangements have been made to publish the paper in three editions at Florence, Rome and Bari. These three units will work in co-operation, for advisory purposes, with the British Army Newspaper units concerned.
3. Authority has now been given to the Italian War Ministry to publish initially at Florence and Rome. The Bari unit will publish when final details of personnel and transport have been completed.
4. Distribution Italian troops in 5th and 8th Army areas will be served from Florence. Italian troops in Central Italy and Sardinia will be served from Rome. Southern Italy and Sicily will be covered by the edition on publication.

W.P. Dwyer

† Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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W. P. Cheney. 72d and

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copies -

HQ 2 District.

HQ Rome Allied Area Command,

NOV 14-10. 5 ARMY.

" " 5 Army (for att. R. Incr.)

" " 8 July.

" " No 1 District.

" " No 3 District.

" " 54 Aug.

o/o PBS. Southern District.

" Thru A.C. Sardinia.

HQ Region I A.C. Sicily.

" Taranto (c/o 52 Area)

ST Andrew Camp Taranto.

" " Ved IO. c/o ADUS 52 Area.

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" " Trani Camp (c/o Sigs
office Barletta)

Ministry of War.

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

Figure 1

SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare Interim Report No. 2.

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 A.D.A.W.S.
 c/o Land Forces Sub Comd. A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.) ROME.
 WEL/P/27.
 14 Feb '45.

Army Welfare Services,
 A.F.H.Q. C.M.F. (2)

Copy to :- A/Q.M.M.I.A. - *See appendix* 89

1. Reference WEL/P/6 of 15 Jan, WEL/P/14 of 26 Jan.
2. Organisation The proposed W/E of Italian Welfare is still under consideration by M.M.I.A. The present opinion is that there should be representation at
 - (i) the Ministry of War - Directorate.
 - (ii) Adm. Div. HQs.
 - (iii) Combat Group HQs.

This W/E would not include Territorial HQs as it is considered unnecessary as the whole mainland is covered by the areas of adm divs. With regard to field formations it is considered that Italian welfare representation at the Adm Divs attached to 5 and 8 Armies would obviate the necessity for representation at Army HQ. Representation at Hq 15 Army Group would also not then be necessary.

3. Policy - Attached at App A is a translated copy of a general directive issued by Italian Welfare this month. When reading the portion on organisation it should be borne in mind that the section especially for S.M.E. does not exist in the proposed W/E referred to in para 1.

4. Training. A scheme has now been approved for the running of courses for Italian Officers under an Italian instructor. Attached at Appendix B is a copy of the authorization which gives the detail.

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5. Newspaper Instructions have been issued (~~attached at Appendix A~~) authorizing the publication of the "Patria". ~~Five~~ ^{one copy} attached is a letter to AFHQ covering points not yet approved by AFHQ.

6. Rest Camp. attached at Appendix "D" is a copy of the authorization for the running of the Casa di Soggiorno in Rome. This building which has been inspected by President Bonomi and all the Ministers concerned is admirably suited for its purpose and if properly conducted should be most successful.

7. Postal service. This scheme has now been forwarded to AFHQ and 15 Army Group by G.O.C. MIA with a strong recommendation for its approval. (MIA AG/16 of 16 Feb refers)

8.

See Index 3457 & packet

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Canteens. Four static canteens are functioning in the Army area and one in Florence. According to reports these are most successful. Preparatory work in connection with the mobile canteens continues - Q(AM) have authorized the release of three of the vehicles (Rr) - Ord release is awaited.

9. In the main progress is slow. As stated previously enthusiasm exists but welfare, as in allied armies, is a new conception in the Italian army. Suggestions made are accepted and worked on ~~very~~ in nearly every case the difficulty is material e.g. supplies, transport or other equipment. It is most strongly felt that any advances made, (as the rest camp and the newspaper) will not only have an immediate effect on the morale of troops operating with the allies, but that the firm establishment of a welfare service will provide a lasting improvement to the administration of the Italian army.

Redding

Lt. Col.
A.D.A.F.S.

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

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Translation 113/1

from: MofW - (Welfare office)

ref. O/260/35.

To: M M 1A

20 Feb. 1945

Subject: Electric power + vehicles for
Soldiers Rest Hotel in Rome.

① With reference to letters:

ST/1624/117 dated Jan 6/45 signed by Maj. Papineau
WEL/R " 22nd, 45 " " Maj. Grepson

concerning:

- vehicles for Soldiers Rest Hotel
- Electric power for Soldiers Rest Hotel - 24,

VIA GUIDOBALDO DEL MONTE. -

② With ref. to authority granted with
letter AQ/27 dated Feb. 14th, 45, signed
by Col. PIBLEY, concerning "Rest Hotel in
Rome", will you please endeavour to
define a decision in respect of electric
power (priority cable) + two vehicles
for general duties. - The smooth
running of the Rest Hotel depends
upon the granting of these two requests. -

Gen. TAMASSIA

(Lundis)

[Signature]

See reply
of 26 Feb
by Adams

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

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Det. 4501260 / B. S. Allayobi

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Risposta al. Folio del

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OGGERRO
Energia elettrica ed automezzi per la Casa di soggiorno
del combattente in Roma. =

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Io) - Mi riferisco ai fogli;

ST/I624/II7 in data 6 Gennaio 1945 a firma Magg. Papinau

VEL/R	in data	22 Gennaio 1945	"	"	"	Grecson

avanti per oggetto rispettivamente:

- automezzi per la Casa di Soggiorno.

- elettricità per la Casa di riposo per le truppe - Via Guido-
baldo del Monte 24.

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(A.C.) M. H. I. A.



Risposta al Foglio del

tomazzi per la Casa di soggiorno

del combattente in Roma. =

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No. 785020

II. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Admission of Italian Troops
to ENSA Entertainments.

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

AG/27.

17 Feb'45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio di Benessere del Soldato.

Copy to:

MMIA-IO. Rear HQ 8th Army
" " HQ 5th Army (Ex Inc)
" " HQ 1 District
" " HQ 2 District
" " HQ 3 District

Welfare MMIA.

AG.Circulator.

The following ruling, given by AFHQ under reference
CR/8020/G-1(Br) dated 15 Feb'45, is forwarded for information

" ENSA entertainment is provided primarily for the benefit of
British troops, but provided that their interests are not prejudiced
local commanders may, at their discretion, admit to ENSA performances
any class of Italian soldier or camp follower acting in close
co-operation with Allied Troops. It follows that such permission
will not be given if the admission of ITALIANS would prevent
British soldiers gaining admission."


Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Newspaper "La Patria".

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

AQ/27.

17 Feb '45.

Ministry of War
Benessere del Soldato.

Copies to: Ufficio Automobilismo SMRE (for confirmation of
assignment)

ST. MMIA HQ.
Welfare MMIA.

1. This HQ has released the following vehicles for use
in the administration and distribution of the army newspaper
"La Patria".

FIAT	- 160774	)	
"	- 160783	)	Type FIAT 626
"	- 160436	)	
"	+ 118777	)	Load Capacity 30 Quintals.
"	- 150695	)	

2. These vehicles are available for collection by your
driver's from Parco Amione, Via Nomentana 276 .
(OC. Capitano Ferrando).

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MAJOR GENERAL,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT : Rest Hostel Rome.

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

10/27.

17 Feb'45.

Distribution

MMIA-LO. Rear HQ 8th Army
" " " " 5th Army
" " HQ 1 District
" " " 2 District
" " " 3 District
" " " R.A.A.C.
AQ. Circulator.

Copy to MMIA Welfare.

The attached copy of instructions for the Italian
Ministry of War is forwarded for information.


Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Rest Hostel Rome.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
AQ/27.
14 Feb '45.

Gabinetto,
Ministry of War.

Copy - Ufficio di Benessere del Soldato, Ministry of War.
A.D.A.W.S. MMIA.

1. Ref. 0017/BS of 15 Jan.

2. Authority has now been given by AFHQ for the release of rations for the rest hostel situated at Via Guidobaldo 24. The operation of this hostel and release of rations for it are therefore approved subject to the provisions of this letter.

3. The rest hostel is to be for the use of personnel of the Italian army, navy and air force (in fair proportions) whose families live in enemy occupied territory.

4. A copy of the bulk allotment of vacancies made by you should be forwarded to this HQ.

5. Each man proceeding to the camp must be in possession of a printed temporary duty pass in duplicate, in accordance with the attached specimen, signed by his commander. In order to facilitate movement through areas occupied by Allied troops the pass should be countersigned wherever possible by a Allied officer preferably of MMIA or a liaison officer.

6. One copy of the pass will be retained by the man and handed in to his unit on return. The second copy will be handed in to the rest camp.

7. Rations.

a: Rations will be drawn daily from the Italian Military

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7. Rations.

a. Rations will be drawn daily from the Italian Military 4403 Ration Depot Rome, on the authorized scale for Italian Military.

b. Rations will be drawn on the basis of the actual strength, not exceeding an authorized strength of 500.

c. Rations will be drawn by using MMIA Form ST/8 in the same manner as a unit of the Italian Army.

d. All rations will be receipted for by an officer representative of the staff of the Rest Camp.

e. A ration strength return will be forwarded to reach HQ MMIA by the 5th. of each month for the preceding month, showing the number of rations drawn by category, i.e. ITI-ITI, BR-ITI, and US-ITI. This ration return will be supported by duplicate copy of the soldier's authorized pass. These passes will be grouped in order of the report, that is, ITI-ITI, BR-ITI, and US-ITI.

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7. f: It will be the responsibility of the Camp Commandant to insure that the rations are prepared so that they will be appetizing to the soldiers and care will be exercised to insure that the civilian personnel assisting the staff of the Rest Camp do not consume the Military rations which are drawn for the soldiers, since they will be subsisted on the regular civilian rations
8. This authority to draw rations covers only service men visiting the camp and is not an authority to draw rations for the permanent staff.
9. It is agreed that the stay of each man at the camp will be seven nights.

/S W. PIDSLEY,
Colonel.

for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Validity expires..... Identity Card No.....
Signature.....

DUTY PASS

Permission is given to..... of (unit).....
to proceed from..... to..... BONE.....
via..... ROAD. TRANSPORT..... and return
Date of outward journey.....
Reason of travel..... TEMPORARY DUTY.....
Purpose of journey..... ATTACHMENT TO CAMP OF SOLDIERS

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Identity Card No.....

Signature.....

Validity expires.....

DUTY PASS

Permission is given to..... of(unit).....
..... to..... ROME..... and return
to proceed from.....
via..... ROAD TRANSPORT.....
Date of outward journey..... TEMPORARY DUTY.....
Reason of travel..... ATTACHMENT TO CASA DI SOGGIORNO.....
Purpose of journey..... VIA GUIDOBALDO 24, ROME..... 4103

The bearer of this pass will not be interfered with.

..... Commanding.

..... date
..... Countersigned.

File 110
SUBJECT: Training - Italian Welfare Officers.

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

AQ/27.

16 Feb '45.

Commandant,
Army Welfare Training Centre.

Copy :- Welfare MMIA.

1. Reference attached copy of instructions to the Italian War Ministry on courses for Italian Welfare officers.
2. HQ. MMIA has agreed that the officers selected to attend the courses may be subsisted on Br. rations.
3. They will not be entitled to purchase NAAFI supplies.

for
W. H. M. I. A.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT- Courses for Italian Welfare Officers.

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

19/27.

16 Feb '45.

Ministry of War,
Director of Italian Welfare.

Copy :- A.W.T.C.
Welfare MHA.

1. Reference conferences on the above subject.
2. In order to make it possible to run, as soon as possible, courses to train officers to fill appointments as Italian welfare officers this Hq approves a scheme to be run in the lines set out below.
3. Instructor. Lt. Col. Negri-Arnoldi to work under your orders and in direct liaison with Commandant for AWTC.
4. Students. A maximum of six students will attend any one course. It is essential that officers attending, should be very carefully selected with a view to their capability of carrying out the duties of a welfare officer with an Adm Div. Hq or with a Combat Group.
5. Courses. Each course will last for ten days and courses will commence concurrently with Dr. courses to allow the co-ordination of programmes. A draft programme prepared by Commandant AWTC is attached. This programme has already been considered by you. After your directions to Lt. Col. Negri-Arnoldi on this subject the final programme should be completed by him after liaison with Commandant AWTC and a copy forwarded to this Hq.
6. Accommodation It is agreed that accommodation for the students will be provided under Italian War Ministry arrangements. Students may use the AWTC mess while attending the course, by arrangements with the Commandant.

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6. Accommodation It is agreed that accommodation for the students will be provided under Italian War Ministry arrangements. Students may use the AWTC mess while attending the course, by arrangement with the Commandant.
7. Lecture Room. A lecture room has been made available in Via delle Quattro Fontane 161.
8. A.W.T.C. The Commandant AWTC is available to in an advisory capacity to the Italian instructor. 4400
9. Reports. Reports should be prepared by the Italian instructor and submitted to you. After consideration by you please forward two copies of each report to this HQ.

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10. It is considered that in view of the war establishment for welfare now under consideration and of the number of officers already trained, initial planning should be for five courses. It is suggested that the first course should start on 5 Mar.

11. It is emphasised that the facilities of ARVC made available under this scheme are to meet current needs and are therefore of a temporary nature. If you consider that a school is necessary subsequently, then that school must be run under Italian auspices.

for the war

Major General,
M.H.I.A.

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SYLLABUS FOR ITALIAN WELFARE COURSES.

	Time.	SUBJECT.	SERIAL.
Tuesday	D. 1.	0900-0930 Opening Address.	1.
		0930-1030 Organisation of Italian Army Welfare Services.	2.
		1030-1045 Break.	
		1045-1130 Organisation of Static Voluntary Canteens.	3.
		1130-1230 Newspaper "La Patria" and "Italia".	4.
		1315 Lunch.	
		1400-1500 Organisation of Mobile Canteens.	5.
		1700-1800 Writing of notes under supervision.	6.
Wednesday		1930 Dinner.	
	D. 2.	0900-1300 Accompany British A.W.T.C. Students to E.F.I. installations, accompanied by Instructor Italian, who must be able to explain conditions and also particularly to point out that Alexander Club is ideal to be aimed at.	7.
		1315 Lunch.	
		1400-1500 Welfare in a static Area.	8.
		1800-1900 Writing of notes under supervision.	9.
Thursday		1930 Dinner.	
	D. 3.	0900-0945 Books and Libraries.	10.
		0945-1030 Broadcasting for the Army - how to select programmes.	11.
		1030-1300 Accompany British A.W.T.C. TO C.V.W.W. installation as in 7.	12.
		1315 Lunch.	
		1400-1500 Discussion.	13.
		1800-1900 Writing of notes under supervision.	14.
		1930 Dinner.	

ITALIAN WELFARE COURSES.

	SERIAL.	LECTURER.
Welfare Services.	1.	Brig.General Tanassia.
	2.	Lt.Col. Angeloni.
Welfare Canteens.	3.	Major Cristofani.
Welfare Liaison.	4.	Chief Editor Lt.Col. Maraldi.
	5.	Lt.Col. Angeloni.
Welfare Liaison.	6.	Chief Instructor Italian.
Welfare Liaison to E.F.I. installations.		
Welfare Liaison, who must be able to		
Welfare Liaison, particularly to point out that	7.	Senior E.F.I. Officer in Rome in charge -
Welfare Liaison, aimed at.		Lt.Col. Negri-Arnoldi.
	8.	Major Piscicelli.
Welfare Liaison.	9.	Lt.Col. Negri-Arnoldi.
	10.	Capt. Roncati.
Welfare Liaison to select programmes.	11.	Sig. Passigli.
Welfare Liaison, C.V.W.W.		
Welfare Liaison, as in 7.	12.	Rep. C.V.W.W. in charge.
	13.	Chief Instructor Italian.
Welfare Liaison.	14.	" " "

Friday	0900-0930	Entertainment for and by the Troops.	15.	Maj
	0945-1030	Discussion on Serial 15.	16.	"
	1030-1045	Break.		
	1045-1130	Sport in the Italian Army.	17.	Spor
	1130-1230	Le Case dei Soldato & their Organisation.	18.	Pres
	1315	Lunch.		
	1400-1600	Visit to a Casa del Soldato.	19.	Chi
D. 5.	0900-0930	Welfare in the Field.	20.	Col
	0945-1030	" " " "	21.	"
Saturday	1030-1300	Visit to Rome Broadcasting Stat. (Radio Roma)	22.	
	1315	Lunch.		
		Afternoon free.		
D. 6.		Free Day.		
Sunday				
D. 7.	0900-0945	Education in the Italian Army.	23.	Lt.
Monday	0945-1030	Material Welfare of Soldiers and their families.	24.	Cap
	1030-1045	Break.		
	1045-1130	Spiritual Welfare of Soldiers and their families.	25.	Mon
	1130-1300	Organisation of Rest Camp.	26.	Maj
	1315	Lunch at Rest Camp.		
	1400-1500	Discussion at Rest Camp.	27.	Maj
	1930	Dinner.		
D. 8.	0900-0945	Organisation of Unit Rest Rooms.	28.	
Tuesday	0945-1030	Improvisation of amenities.	29.	Pap
	1030-1045	Break.		
	1045-1130	Duties of an Italian Welfare Services Officer.	30.	Lt.
	1130-1215	Finance.	31.	"
	1215-1245	How to set up a local buying organisation.	32.	Chi
	1315	Lunch.		
	1400-1500	Discussion.	33.	"
	1700-1900	Exercise to lay out an ideal Rest Camp.	34.	"
	1930	Dinner.		

Troops.	15. Major Adobati.
	16. " " "
	17. Sports Instructor.
Organisation.	18. President of E.W.A.L. or Chief Instructor It.
	19. Chief Instructor, Italian.
	20. Col. Micaletti.
	21. " "
at. (Radio Roma)	22. "
ree Day.	
	23. Lt. Col. Angeloni.
and their families.	24. Capt. Ferrara.
and their families.	25. Mons. Carlo Ferrero di Cavallerleone.
	26. Major Amatuoci or his representative.
	27. Major Amatuoci and Chief It. Instructor.
ms.	28. "
	29. Paper to be read by Commandant A.W.T.C.
Services Officer.	30. Lt. Col. Angeloni.
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organisation.	32. Chief Italian Instructor.
	33. " " "
Rest Camp.	34. " " "

9. 0900-0945 The Italian and British Military Police and how they work.
0945-1030 The Italian Field Cook, his work and effect on morale.
Wednesday 1030-1045 Break.
1045-1130 British Welfare and its liaison with Italian Welfare.
1130-1300 Discussion on Serial 33.
1315 Lunch.
1400-1445 The work of the "Rehabilitation Centre for the Incapacitated".
1445-1600 Visit to the Centre.
1800-1900 Writing up notes under supervision.
1930 Dinner.
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0945-1030 Handicrafts and their development for leisure occupation
and for occupational work in Hospital.
Thursday. 1030-1045 Break.
1045-1130 Italian Red Cross and its work.
1130-1300 Final discussion of notes.
1315 Lunch.
1400-1500 Address by the Director of Italian Welfare Services.
1500-1700 Final discussion of notes continued.
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SUBJECT : Italian Army Welfare.

M.M.I.A.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(Br).

15 Feb. 45.

Reference para 2 of CR/9904/G-1(Br) dated 11 Feb 45. — 104

It is requested that the information asked for in para 4 (lines 16 - 19) of the minutes of the recent Conference on the proposed Women's Voluntary Canteen Service may be supplied as soon as possible.

Copy to: Q (Maint).
Welfare.

JDP/mag.



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

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Subject:- Minutes - Italian Army Welfare Conference 7 Dec 44.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(Br).

14 Feb. 45.

Distribution Below.

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1. At the request of the Financial Adviser the following amendments will be made to the above noted minutes :-

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Subject:- Minutes - Italian Army Welfare Conference 7 Dec 44.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/9904/G-1(Er).

14 Feb. 45.

Distribution Below.

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Para. 6 (b) Erase, and substitute

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

RJH/ed.

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

Brig. A.L.W. NEWTH	-	D.A.W.S.
Col. W. PIDELEY	-	M.M.I.A.
Col. F.J. NOAKES.	-	M.M.I.A.
Lt.Col. C.J. GITTINGS	-	HQ 3 District.
Lt.Col. H.W.I. MARDEN	-	D.P.I.C.
Lt.Col. J.U. HALL	-	Fin. Adv.
Lt.Col. H.S. LYNCH	-	D.A.W.S.
Lt.Col. C.S.B. STEWART	-	Linison.
Major W.J. BARTISH	-	Q(Maint).
Major D. McANILISH	-	S & T.
Lt.Col. G. BAKER.	-	15 Army Group.
Major P. THORP.	-	G-1/Er/A2.
Capt. J.S. PROUDFOOT	-	Q(AE).
Capt. F.J. SLAUGHTER.	-	G-5
Capt. W.T. FOULSON.	-	S & T.

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SUBJECT: Rest Hostel Rome.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.S.I.A.) ROSE.
AQ/27.
14 Feb '45.

Gabinetto,
Ministry of War.

Copy - Ufficio di Benessere del Soldato, Ministry of War.
A.D.A.W.S. MMIA.

1. Ref. 0017/BS of 15 Jan.
2. Authority has now been given by AFHQ for the release of rations for the rest hostel situated at Via Guido Baldo 24. The operation of this hostel and release of rations for it are therefore approved subject to the provisions of this letter.
3. The rest hostel is to be for the use of personnel of the Italian army, navy and air force (in fair proportions) whose families live in enemy occupied territory.
4. A copy of the bulk allotment of vacancies made by you should be forwarded to this HQ.
5. Each man proceeding to the camp must be in possession of a printed temporary duty pass in duplicate, in accordance with the attached specimen, signed by his commander. In order to facilitate movement through areas occupied by Allied troops the pass should be countersigned wherever possible by a Allied officer preferably of MMIA or a liaison officer.
6. One copy of the pass will be retained by the man and handed in to his unit on return. The second copy will be handed in to the rest camp.
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7. Rations.
- a. Rations will be drawn daily from the Italian Military Ration Depot Rome, on the authorized scale for Italian Military.
- b. Rations will be drawn on the basis of the actual strength, not exceeding an authorized strength of 500.
- c. Rations will be drawn by using MIA Form ST/S in the same manner as a unit of the Italian Army.
- d. All rations will be receipted for by an officer representative of the staff of the Rest Camp.
- e. A ration strength return will be forwarded to reach HQ MIA by the 5th of each month for the preceding month, showing the number of rations drawn by category, i.e. ITI-ITI, BR-ITI, and US-ITI. This ration return will be supported by duplicate copy of the soldier's authorized pass. These passes will be grouped in order of the report, that is, ITI-ITI, BR-ITI, and US-ITI.

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7. f. It will be the responsibility of the Camp Commandant to insure that the rations are prepared so that they will be appetizing to the soldiers and care will be exercised to insure that the civilian personnel assisting the staff of the Rest Camp do not consume the Military rations which are drawn for the soldiers, since they will be subsisted on the regular civilian ration.
8. This authority to draw rations cover only service men visiting the camp and is not an authority to draw rations for the permanent staff.
9. It is agreed that the stay of each man at the camp will be seven nights.

/S W. Pidsley,
Colonel,

for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to "Q" MMIA.
" " S+T "

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DUTY

PASS

Permission is given to

~~And~~

of (unit)

to proceed from

to

ROME.

via

ROAD TRANSPORT.

and return*

Date of outward journey

Reason

Temporary Duty.

~~Means~~ of travel

Purpose of journey

Attachment to Casa di Soggiorno

~~Civilian clothes permitted~~*

Via Guidobaldo 24, Rome.

The bearer of this pass will not be interfered with.

Commanding.

~~Major General~~

G.O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission

~~Allied Commission~~

~~(M.M.L.A.)~~

Countersigned.

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* Strike out if not applicable.

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SUBJECT: Specialist personnel for Welfare Service.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
AQ/27.
14. Feb '45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio Benessere del Soldato.

Copy :- Welfare MMIA.

1. Ref 00591/BS of 8 Feb. 102

2. The draft establishment for Italian welfare officers, already agreed with you, is under consideration at this HQ. This establishment allows for representation at administrative divisional HQs working with Allied formation HQs and it is considered that representation at these divisions should be available as soon as possible. Pending the approval of the establishment the following comments are made on your proposals.

(i) Lt.Col. Negri-Arnoldi - agreed.

(ii) Lt.Col. di Blasi - it is considered preferable that this officer be attached to HQ 228 Div. (This HQ letter AQ 27 of 10 Feb to 8th Army copy to you refers)

(iii) Major Grego-to give you representation in 5th Army area this officer should be attached to HQ 210 Div.

(iv) Major Fazio - agreed.

(v) Major Negroni - agreed.

(vi) Major Piscicelli - pending agreement of the establishment this officer should be held in reserve at your disposal. While awaiting posting he should be sent to Germany to help in the establishment of the reserve at your disposal. While awaiting posting he should be sent to Germany to help in the establishment of the reserve at your disposal. While awaiting posting he should be sent to Germany to help in the establishment of the reserve at your disposal.

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- (v) Major Negroni - agreed.
- (vi) Major Piscicelli - pending agreement of the establishment this officer should be held in reserve at your disposal. While awaiting posting he should be sent to Cesano to help Lt.Col. Zingone, and remain there while Lt.Col. Zingone attends a Welfare officers course.

W. P. Zingone

Major General,
W.M.I.A.

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date

..... Commanding.

Major General

G.O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission

Allied Commission

(M.M.L.A.)

..... Countersigned 4389

* Strike out if not applicable.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- Ammunition Boxes for Italian
Field Libraries.

Tele: Freedom 801

Ref: DOS/27/6(4)

Date: 13 Feb 45.

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

Ref your AQ/27 of 11 Feb 45.

1. The ammunition boxes you require can be collected from
16 B.A.D. NOLA nr. NAPLES.

2. The issue order is attached.

[Signature]
R.H. Steel, Lt. Col.
for Maj-Gen.
D.O.S. A.F.H.Q.

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SUBJECT: Ammunition Boxes for
Italian Field Libraries.

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

23./27. —

11 Feb'43.

D.O.S.
A.P.H.S.

Copied to :- Ministry of War for Welfare.
" " Welfare MIA.

1. The Director of Welfare, Italian Army, has applied for the release of one hundred (100) Ammunition Boxes, (British type C.284) for adoption for use as Field Library boxes. This box, which is in use for the purpose by British Army Welfare Services, is particularly suitable.

2. May release therefore of such boxes from salvage stocks be ~~considered~~ ?

approved

W.P. Parley Colonel
Major General,
M.S.I.A.

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[Signature]

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Subject : Italian Army Welfare.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/9904/G-1(B)

To : Land Forces Sub Com AC,
(ISMA).

11. Feb 45

Reference your AQ/27 dated 7 Feb 45.

It is requested that you compile a Policy Directive on the lines suggested in your para 1 sub-para (a), (b), (c) and (d), and submit it to this Headquarters for consideration.

2. While this Directive is under discussion, the question of source of supplies, (reference your para 1(e)), will also be considered and a decision will be made.

M.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major-General,
DAG, G-1(B).

Noted. Draft is circulating
now for Q to complete
supplying para. should
be ready 4 Apr

WFB

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

10 FEB 1945

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Feb 45

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SUBJECT : Subscription in aid of the Homeless
in Devastated Areas.

TO : Deputy Chiefs of Staff, All Sections,
Directors of all Sub-Commissions.

- 1 Last winter's fighting was established for months on a belt stretching across Italy which, because of the destruction wrought, has become known as a Devastated Area. In this region between 150,000 and 200,000 men, women and children are practically destitute and among them are many who put up a continuous resistance to the enemy and gave protection to over 6,000 escaped Allied prisoners. The majority now live in mountain communities, some of which are difficult to reach because of snow. Windows are broken, there is little fuel and little protection from the weather. Thousands are sleeping on bare floors, crowded, cold and dirty. Food, clothing, medicines and other welfare aids have been sent, AC having given its utmost aid to the Italian authorities.
- 2 An Italian Committee, organized by Prince Doria, Sindaco of Rome, and by His Excellency Zanotti-Bianco, head of the Italian Red Cross, under the Presidency of On. Gasparotto, Minister of Aviation, is carrying on a city-wide drive in Rome for blankets, clothing, shoes, money, for these people.
- 3 The Committee has not asked the Allies for subscriptions, but AC is concerned to help these people in any way possible. There is a supply of civilian type blankets from which purchases can be made but a large amount of money is needed and anything else we can contribute.
- 4 I should be glad if you would encourage your Allied staff to give all they can to this excellent cause - money, old clothing, especially underwear, shirts and battle dress or uniforms are particularly required. Any uniform will be dyed by AC before being released to the Italian Red Cross for issue. Perhaps you yourself would receive contributions or appoint one or more officers in your Section or Sub-Commission to receive them. Lists of all contributions, not for publication, together with cash and clothing will be sent by the Head of each Section or Sub-Commission to Civil Affairs Section, Devastated Areas Branch on or before 17 February 45.

Announced at Conference
19 Feb 45

W. W. Stone
REAR ADMIRAL, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Italian Welfare.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(Lt. Col. I.A.) R.C.B.
10/27.

10 Feb'45.

Dear Sirs May.

Copy :- Ufficio di Renssore del Soldato,
The War Ministry.

1. It is considered that Lt. Col. Di Elasi, who, it is understood, now has his office at your HQ, while being attached for administrative purposes to HQ 288 Division, would carry out his welfare duties better were his HQ in fact at HQ 288 Div.

2. Welfare (Italian) War Establishment is now under consideration and the probable layout will be that there will be welfare service representation at HQ of Administrative Division and at HQs Combat Groups. The senior of these welfare representatives will be at Administrative Divisions and will in his turn be responsible to the Italian Director of Welfare at the War Ministry. That War Establishment does not allow for representation at Allied HQs.

3. If you are in agreement with para 1. will you please instruct Lt. Col. Di Elasi to move to HQ 288 Division and notify this HQ of the date of such move.

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representation at Allied HQs.

3. If you are in agreement with para 1, will you please
instruct Lt. Col. Di Biasi to move to HQ 223 Division and notify
this HQ of the date of such move.

S.P.V. +

Major General,

I.I.I.

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Translation.

From: M of H.
To: M M A for information

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Ref: 00591/S.S.

Date: 8th Feb 45

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Subject: Specialized Personnel for the Soldiers Welfare Service

Further to the proposal made by Allied Authorities, Lt. Col. NEGRI ARNOLDO, DE 0151, Maj. CRESCO and Maj. FAZIO who have attended the first training course at the British Welfare Office, have been detached respectively to: 15th Army Group, VIIIth and Vth Army, and N. 3 (Br) District (Naples) in order to organize the welfare service for Italian units operating with the Allies.

It results that, detached in such way at Allied HQs, these officers are not in a position to carry out their duties in an ~~efficient manner~~ of organization and welfare in an efficient manner because they are far from our HQs and not in possession of means which these HQs and units could offer to them.

I think that their job would be of greater benefit if these officers were assigned to HQs of Large Italian Units (Combat Groups, Accommodation Divisions in operational areas, Territorial HQs) where they could find the necessary means ~~which would allow them~~ to organize the welfare service which was dealt with in circular 00100/S.S. dated 25th Jan 45.

Hence, this disposition seems to me far better at present than with the formation of the Soldiers Welfare Office with liaison with the corresponding Allied Authorities Welfare Office, ~~to~~ carried out directly by this office which issues (through large units HQs which are directly responsible) the directives for the Branches of Welfare of the area. The latter have only parallel liaison with the Allied Authorities with which they work but do not depend from them.

In consideration to the above and having heard the opinion of the British Welfare Officer of this office, I propose that:-

- Lt. Col. NEGRI ARNOLDO of the 15th Army Group be put at this office's disposal for the organization of courses for Italian officers in the British School in Via Quattro Fontane.

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- Tec. Col. DE NENSI be transferred from 114th Div. Army to "Crimina" Combat Group.
- Maj. GRECO be transferred from 114th Div. Army to "Mantova" Combat Group.
- Maj. ENZO GUSARDE be transferred from 114th Div. District Naples to 127 Div. 114.
- Maj. NIKSON (who has just finished the training course) be transferred as proposed by the others, to "Crimina" Combat Group (see letter 00436/B.S dated 7-1-54).
- Maj. PISCICELLI (who also just finished the training course) be transferred to 127 Div. 114.

(Sgd) G. C. TAMASSIA

ST. FAURE

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Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

N° di prot. 00591/B.S.

Roma, 5 Febbraio 1945

AL CABINETTO

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op per conoscenza:

ALLO S.M.R.E.

- P.M. 3800

ALLA DIREZ. GEN. PERSONALI UFFICIALI - S E D E

ALLA LND FORCES SUB COMMISSION

- R O M A

OGGETTO

Personale specializzato per il servizio del benessere del Soldato.

In seguito a proposta delle autorità alleate il ten. Col. Negri Arnoldi, De Biasi e i Maggiore, Greco, Fazio, i quali avevano seguito il 1° corso di addestramento presso l'ufficio benessere inglese, sono stati distaccati rispettivamente presso i comandi del 15° Gruppo Armate, VIII° e V° Armata, e 3° Distretto inglese (Napoli) per organizzare il servizio del benessere a favore delle unità italiane operanti con gli alleati.

Ma risulta che, così distaccati presso comandi alleati manca a questi ufficiali ^{potrebbe} di svolgere una efficace opera di organizzazione e di assistenza, perché lontani dai nostri comandi e privi dei mezzi che i comandi e reparti potrebbero invece offrire loro.

Ritengo che assai maggiore sarebbe il loro rendimento se essi fossero assegnati ai comandi di grandi unità italiane (gruppi di combattimento, divisioni logistiche in zona di operazioni, comandi di territorio....); presso le quali potranno trovare tutti i mezzi necessari all'organizzazione del servizio, quale è stato tratteggiato nella circolare CCICQ/B.S. del 25 Gennaio.

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Officer's personal file
Ufficio Personale
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In relazione a quanto sopra, è sentito anche in pro-

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posito il parere dell'ufficiale del servizio benessere inglese di collegamento presso questo Ufficio, propongo che:

- il Ten.Col. Begri Arnoldo del 15° Gruppo Armate passa a disposizione di questo Ufficio per la organizzazione di corsi per ufficiali italiani presso la scuola inglese di via Quattro Fontane. -
- il Ten.Col. De Blasi sia trasferito dal Comando VIII Armata al gruppo di combattimento "Oremona";
- il Maggiore Greco sia trasferito dal Comando V Armata al gruppo di combattimento "Mantova";
- il Maggiore Pasio Giuseppe sia trasferito dal Comando del 3° Distretto Inglese (Napoli) al comando della 227ª Divisione;
- il Maggiore Nigroni (che ha testè ultimato il corso di addestramento) sia trasferito come da proposta degli alleati al Comando del gruppo di combattimento "Friuli" (v. foglio 00436/B.S. del 7 corrente);
- il Maggiore Piscicelli (che ha pure testè ultimato il corso) sia trasferito al Comando delle Delegazione "F".

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(O.C. TANGHERA)

Claudio Tancredi

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No.

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In signing by G.O.C.

WP

7 Feb.

for

SPR

Subject: Italian Army Welfare

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

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

7 Feb 45.

1. In compliance with AFHQ/CR/3904/G-1(Br) of 28 Jan and certain verbal instructions, this mission is now furthering the welfare scheme for the Italian Army by every possible means. There are however some outstanding questions which require answers if the project is to be a success. Some matters can be left till later, but immediate decisions are required on the following:-

- (a) Is the scheme to cover all three Categories (BR-ITI, US-ITI and ITI-ITI) of the Italian Army?
Recommended - Yes.
 - (b) Is any priority to be given to any category or part of a category?
Recommended - No, normal balance between forward and rear troops.
 - (c) Under what ceiling should the staff of the Italian Welfare Service be held?
Recommended - All personnel be held against the category of the HQ or unit which they are serving, and their clothing provided in the same manner.
 - (d) From what source will transport be supplied?
Recommended - In the category using it - any common to more than one category by ITI-ITI.
 - (e) From what source will supplies be provided?
It is considered that this must be decided by AFHQ.
2. It is requested that a comprehensive Policy Directive, including above, be issued by AFHQ.

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L. Brown

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to ADAMS MEDIA

SUBJECT: Italian Welfare Policy.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.V.I.A.) ROE.
WEL/P/21
6 Feb. 45.

Col.Spec.Sec.

1. Ref.conversation.

2. The only ruling bearing on the policy with regard to the question of what the welfare commitment is to the Italian army, in regard to U.S. and British participation, is contained in G-1(Br.) letter CR/9904/G1(Br) of 28 Jan. This letter quotes a U.S.ruling as follows:-

"

1. Referring to the proposed Welfare Program for the Italian Army, we concur in the program and will lend assistance in any possible manner.

2. Such assistance will necessarily be limited to advice on matters of policy and the detailed program as neither United States personnel nor supplies are available for such a program."

3. My own instructions, received verbally, were to report to MMIA, to advise and help Italian welfare in the setting up of a welfare service.
On 10 Jan I wrote asking for guidance on whether the commitment covered Br., U.S. and ITI-ITI or any combination of the three. The reply, again verbal, was that Brig. Ware stated that this had not been decided and that I was to work on the basis that the whole Italian army was involved and that a decision on the Br - U.S. commitment could be decided later.

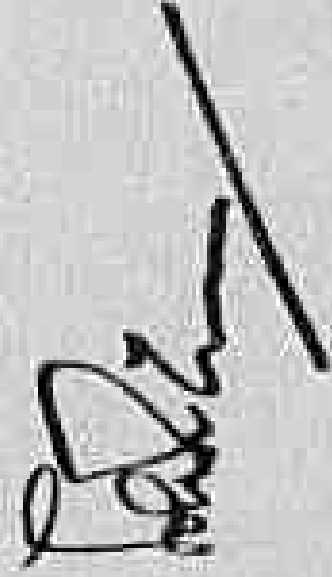
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5. This problem arises, as you will agree, in every aspect of the subject, and requires clarification.



Lt. Col.

A.D.A.W.S.

Translation

Troop. M of W
to. M M 1A NP

AQ/27

Ref^d 00424/BS.

Date 6 Feb 45.

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HQ

MEL.

Mobile welfare personnel.

A group of men of profession, Intellectuals and men of study, who are not officers of the Italian army, wishes, to be able to give its time to the war of liberation effort: Propaganda and welfare work among the Combatants.

~~This~~ contribution and request, Highly appreciated, should be accepted immediately.

It is therefore the intention of this ministry to organise under the auspices of the Welfare unit a mobile welfare pool composed of said personnel of high breeding, possessing reliable practical qualities and also rich in experiences and capabilities, to be employed in the combat groups and supply units in operational areas.

HQs and non combatant units will not benefit from said institution.

These mobile welfare personnel will have to be composed of volunteers ready to be posted to any required destination.

They will be posted to Regiments and supply units depending from the HQ of said unit for duties and technically from Welfare office. Their duties will be active propaganda and moral assistance to the

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in the way of ^{forming} most accountable to officers with whom they will ^{come in} contact and ~~with whom~~ in their existence.

Excluding any Political propaganda.

The pool would comprise of: -

1 supervisor.

1 sub supervisor.

- Staff. -

The number of the staff will be according to the number of Units formed for the time being. Their number ^{at present} can be fixed at 30, liable to be increased as units are being formed.

They will be granted the Rd of Captain if over 40 years of age and of Lieutenant if younger. The age factor was chosen so as to avoid misunderstanding due to the difficulties in judging the merits of each and it also conforms with the experience factor increasing naturally with the age.

They will receive pay according to ^{rank given} Military rations and billets and all the other privileges due to officers.

Uniform according to Rank.

Condition of service: Duration of war.

Disciplinary obligation: according to their capacities.

Judicial treatment according to their acting rank.

We beg you to let us know if this suggestion,

which is seen favourably by the Italian Government
can be studied by the Allied authorities and
if agreeable can authorisation be given for
a welfare pool to be formed and used.

R. Mansfield

[Signature]

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Mod. n. 4

P.M. 3800, Roma, 6 febbraio 1945

Ministero della Guerra

BENESSERE

UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

N. di prot. 00424 B/S.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Oggetto Costituzione di un ruolo transitorio B.S.

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Rimane escluso l'impiego di tale personale presso i Comandi e con unità combattenti.

Detto "ruolo transitorio B.S." dovrebbe pertanto essere costituito da elementi volontari, disposti ad accettare qualunque destinazione.

Essi verrebbero, come si è detto, inviati ai Reggimenti e Raggruppamenti Logistici con dipendenza di impiego dal Comandante della unità e tecnica dall'Ufficio Benessere, con il compito di svolgere attiva propaganda e assistenza morale dei modi e con le forme meglio accessibili al soldato con il quale verranno a contatto e del quale vivranno la vita.

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Esclusa ogni propaganda di carattere politico.

Il ruolo comprenderà:

1 Ispettore

1 Vice Ispettore

- gregari-

Il numero dei gregari è in relazione alle unità (reggimento e similari) costituite. Per ora il loro numero può essere fissato a 30: suscettibile di aumento se saranno costituite altre unità.-

...//...

Verranno assimilati ai gradi di capitano, se di età superiore ai 40 anni, e tenente, se di età inferiore. Il criterio dell'età è suggerito dal desiderio di evitare sperequazioni dovute alla difficoltà di ben valutare i meriti di ciascuno e risponde al criterio dell'esperienza, ascendente, equilibrio dovuto alla maturità di anni.

- Trattamento economico in relazione al grado assegnato-Diritto alla razione viveri; alloggio militare, e a tutte le altre agevolazioni di cui godono gli Ufficiali.

- Uniforme corrispondente al grado.

- Obblighi di servizio-per la durata della guerra.

- " disciplinari: derivanti dalla loro condizione di assimilato.

- Trattamento giuridico in relazione alla loro qualità di assimilati.

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Prego far conoscere se la proposta - che ha raccolto il gradimento del Governo Italiano - può essere accolta dall'Autorità Alleata e autorizzare in caso positivo la costituzione del "ruolo transitorio B.S." da attuarsi senza indugio.-

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA
(G.C. TAMASSIA)

Alvaro Puccinelli

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SUBJECT: Training of Italian Welfare Officers.

A.D.I.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/D/5.
6 Feb '45.

A/Q.M.M.I.A.

1. Reference WEL/D/3 dated 25 Jan '45.
2. Authority is requested for a scheme be run on the following lines.
 - (a) A maximum of six selected Italian officers to attend any one course.
 - (b) Courses to run concurrently with courses at the British A.W.T.C.
 - (c) Syllabus to be prepared for a ten day course after agreement between Italian Director of Welfare, the Commandant British A.W.T.C., ADAMS.M.I.A and the Instructor, Italian A.W.T.C.
 - (d) It is suggested that Lt.Col.Negri-Arnoldi, now attached to HQ.15 Army Group, and previously trained at A.W.T.C., should be appointed Italian Instructor. His good knowledge of English will assist greatly in liaison with British A.W.T.C.
 - (e) A lecture room can be secured in or in the vicinity of A.W.T.C.
 - (f) Officers attending the courses to be considered as effectives attached to the War Office, and accommodated and rationed in the British A.W.T.C. The Italian Instructor to be considered as an effective attached to the War Office for ration purposes.
3. May the above be considered as soon as possible, in order that the necessary arrangements can be made, and Lt.Col.Negri-Arnoldi may commence his duties.
4. Commandant A.W.T.C. to act in an advisory capacity.

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

*the original with notes by A/A + Spec. Sec.
is filed in WEL/S (the 9th)*

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FROM: STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO 2 NPT
TO : COMANDI GRUPPI COMBATTIMENTO "FRIULI"- "CREMONA"
"LEGNANO"
INFO: M.M.I.A.

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REF No.

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generalità complete ufficiale addetto attualmente at sezione
assistenza anche se con incarico provvisorio (.)

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Originating Section: Benessere del Soldato

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TO : COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FRIULI"

INFO : M.M.I.A.

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provveduto invio ufficiale che habet frequentato corso
inglese assistenza (.)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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Date: 31 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Rations for Italian Rest Center in Rome

No.	From	To	Date	
3.	G-4	MMJA (for Col Kerr)	31/1	1. Agree with comments by QM in minute 2. Issues could be controlled by insisting upon properly authenticated leave orders. 2. Further, War Department has advised that this headquarters should not be concerned with methods used for final financial settlement with Italian government, but should only keep a record of supplies and services provided. For the AC/S, G-4: <i>D. I. DOLLENHOF</i> D. I. DOLLENHOF Colonel, G.S.C. Chief Military Supply Br.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFO 512

QE 1698

Suspense: _____

Date: 27 Jan 45

FILE: _____

SUBJECT: Rations for Italian Rest Center in Rome

No.	From	To	Date	
1.	G-4	QM	27/1	For recommendation. For the AC/S, G-4: 1 Incl: Ltr, Land Forces Sub. COMM. AC. (121A) etc 20 Jan 45.

GSC/wf				

J. L. Allen
D. I. DODDHOFF
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Military Supply Branch

2.	QM	G-4	30 Jan. 1945	1. Do not concur with paragraph 4 of Col. Kerr's memo in reference to rations for Italian Military personnel on leave.
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2. It is the opinion of this Section that Italian Military rations should be issued to authorized Italian Military rest centers from ITI-ITI stocks. A record should be made of the names and organizations of personnel messed at these centers so proper charges may be made against US-ITI and BR-ITI stocks.

3. Meals at the rest centers should only be furnished to Italian Military personnel on official leave and then only on presentation of official military orders and only for the period covered by the official orders.

4. It is not considered advisable to penalize the Italian Government and Italian Military personnel by forcing them to pay for rations when on official leave at an authorized rest center.

T. H. Ramsey
T. H. RAMSEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Chief Quartermaster

RFL/IB

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (WMIA)
Rome
A5/27
26
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.

CPK/lak

CLAYTON P. KERR,
Colonel, Infantry.

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C O P YSUBJECT :- 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.F.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 Guldobaldo 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.

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 MMIA.

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: Transport Italian Welfare.

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A.D.A.I.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
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14 Jan/45/

S.F. MMIA.

Copy - A/Q. MMIA.

Ente. Benessere del Soldato War Ministry.

1. Ref. conversation DADT - ADAMS.
2. Will you please order the motor cars to report as under:

(i) Lancia Augusta RE. 0298

to report to :-

Lt. Col. A. Negri Arnoldi. Italian Welfare Officer
c/o D.A.D. Army Welfare Services,
HQ 15 Army Group. (BS)

(ii) Fiat 1500 RE. 0294

to report to :-

Lt. Col. A. di Blassi. Italian Welfare Officer
c/o A.D. Army Welfare Services,
HQ Rear 8th Army.

(iii) Fiat 500 Roma 60545.

to report to :-

Major D. Grego. Italian Welfare Officer
c/o D.A.D. Army Welfare Services,
Br. Incr. 5th Army

Lt. Col. A. A. Regni Arnoldi. Italian Welfare Officer
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HQ Rear 5th Army.

[Signature]

Lt. Col.

A.D.A.W.S.

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A.D.A.W.S.

[Handwritten note:] Surely the officers in 11-111 are
the staff of the Italian Adm. Div Comds concerned
and not by GOC 518 armies. What is the
position & why do we need (111)? *W.P.*
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SUBJECT: Transport Italian Welfare.

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

DADANS. HQ 15 Army Group.(BS)

ADANS. HQ Rear 8th Army.

ADANS. HQ No 3 District.

HQ 5th Army.(for Br.Incr for Welfare)

Copy - A/Q. M.M.I.A.

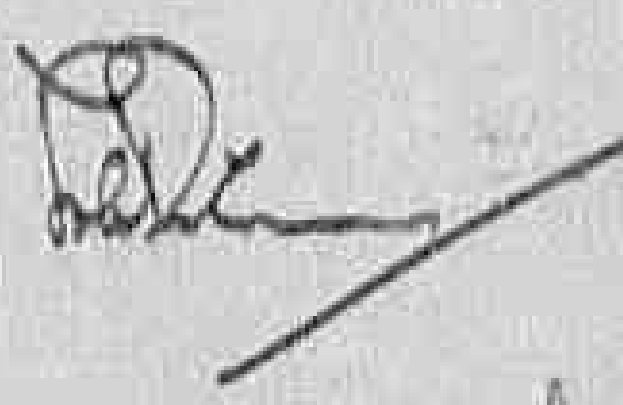
Ente.Benessere del Soldato War Ministry.

1. Release has been approved for four motor cars for use by Italian Welfare officers attached to your HQ.

2. As yet only three are available and they are being ordered to report by this HQ as under.

Lancia Augusta	R 0298	to Italian Welfare Officer	15th Army Gp.
Fiat	1500	REQ294	8th Army.
Fiat	500	Roma 60545	5th Army.

3. After despatch of these vehicles Italian Welfare Officer No 3 District will have first priority on the fourth car when it becomes available.


Lt.Col.

A.D.A.W.S.

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SUBJECT: Conference - Italian Army Welfare.

A.D.A.W.S.
c/c Land Forces Sub Comm.A.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/P/
30 Jan. 45.

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

Copy - A/Q. M.M.I.A. /

File 64/12

1. Attached are two copies of AFHQ Letter Wel/1017/4/DAMS of 28 Jan.
2. It is requested that Gen. Tamassia and Lt. Col. Angeloni attend the conference on behalf of Italian Welfare.
3. Will you please hand one copy of the enclosed letter to Countess Leonardi with the request that she will attend the conference.

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+ 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.) ROME
AD/27

20 Jan 1945

To: A.F.H.Q. FOR G-1 (BR). *86*

Reference CR/9904/G-1(Br) of 23 Jan 1945.

1. Any issues authorized from Br. Army Stocks can be adjusted for accountancy through the normal MMIA system.
2. It is understood that lire will be provided by the Italian Government in the normal way.

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P. J. HOAKES, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Welfare MMIA

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSSECRET
URGENTSUBJECT: Conference - Italian Army Welfare.REF: 1017/14/OLWS.23 January 1945.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C. (MILA), Rome. (2)
 G.I.(Br), AFHQ. (2)
 G.I.(A), AFHQ. (2)
 US Special Services, AFHQ. (2)
 ADAMS, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. MILA, Rome. (6)
 CVWW. (2)

1. GAO, AFHQ, has directed that a Conference be held to discuss the formation of the Italian Women's Voluntary Canteen Service under the Chairmanship of Deputy Director Army Welfare Services, AFHQ. Addressees are requested to send necessary representatives.

2. The Conference will be held in the Offices of MILA Rome (A.C. Building, 7th Floor) at 1000 hrs on 3 Feb 45.

3. It is requested that necessary accommodation may be provided and it would be appreciated if Col. J. Noakes GMI could attend.

4. Rep G.I.(D) to be prepared to speak on 'Q' matters.

5. Rep CVWW to be a lady with knowledge of detailed organization mobile canteen service.

6. ADAMS, MILA, will be responsible for the attendance of

Reps of Italian Govt and War Office (as may be required)
 Senior Italian Welfare Officer.
 Countess Leonardi (Via Bartoloni 24, Rome, Tel: 870130).

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Rest
Camp - ROME.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/2554/4/Q(Maint).

27 Jan. 45.

TO : Headquarters,
M.M.I.A. ✓

Reference ADAWS letter WEL/R dated 17 Jan 45 to Army Welfare Services, copy to you.

1. The maintenance demands for the Italian Army Rest Camp should be supervised and placed on appropriate Supply Depots from your H.Q.
2. In this way the responsibility for ensuring an allocation of maintenance commitment appropriate to the categories of Italian Forces using the Rest Camp will be most suitably co-ordinated.

*CA. P. This can only be
authorized on all British promoted ration.
Welfor knows the picture of the M. Pabon's game.*

H.L. BEDWELL, Major,
for Major-General,
D.Q.M.G.

Copy to: C-1 (B).
S.T. (Ref AFHQ/64/ST6(b) dated 24 Jan 45)

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SUBJECT: Finance. Italian Army.

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

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AO/27.

27 Jan. 45.

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

Copy to: A.D.A.W.S. ENIA.

1. Ref. CE/2204/G-1 (Br.) of 21 Dec. and this HQ
AO/27 of 25 Dec. — 60

2. The Italian Ministry of War have now replied to the effect that they have as yet to estimate the expenses in connection with the setting up of their new welfare service.

3. It is known that the Director of Italian Welfare is considering proposing that his service should be allotted a yearly grant on a per capita basis. The sum he is considering is L. 160 per annum per soldier serving; this sum is based on the 3/- per annum grant for British welfare, multiplied by three to allow for present inflation.

4. As a guide on whether money is in fact available the amount allotted to welfare for operational formations and units for the three months Oct - Dec 1944, 13,615,000.

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welfare service.

3. It is known that the Director of Italian Welfare is considering proposing that his service should be allotted a yearly grant on a per capita basis. The sum he is considering is L.180 per annum per soldier serving; this sum is based on the 3/- per annum grant for British welfare, multiplied by three to allow for present inflation.

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Major General,
R.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare Interim Report No.2.

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A.D.A.W.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
WEL/P/14.
10 Jan. 45.

Army Welfare Services,
A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

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

1. Ref. WEL/P/5 of 15 Jan.

2. To avoid delay it is proposed, with your agreement, to forward to you interim reports on Italian Welfare covering individual subjects rather than waiting until concrete proposals have been produced by Italian Welfare for the whole service.

3. The following notes cover certain points raised in my previous report :-

(i) Training. Two officers, majors, have been selected; and are attending the present course at Br.AWTC. It is proposed that one of these on completion of the course, be posted as Welfare officer, to the "Friuli" Combat Group, now in a forward area.

(ii) Newspaper. Rulings are awaited on the plan submitted under ref. WEL/N/3 of 18 Jan. The weekly newspaper "Italia", which is also controlled by the proposed C.C. for "La Patria" has a circulation of 60,000 and is printed in Rome. Arrangements have now been made for 500 copies of "Italia" to be issued weekly to the Combat Group Reinforcement Training Depot at Cesano.

(iii) Rest Camps. A decision is awaited on the proposal for the issue of rations submitted to you under ref. WEL/R of 17 Jan.

It is proposed that one of these on completion of the course, be posted as Welfare officer, to the "Friuli" Combat Group, now in a forward area.

(ii) Newspaper. Rulings are awaited on the plan submitted under ref. WEL/N/3 of 18 Jan. The weekly newspaper "Italia", which is also controlled by the proposed O.C. for "La Patria" has a circulation of 60,000 and is printed in Rome. Arrangements have now been made for 500 copies of "Italia" to be issued weekly to the Combat Group Reinforcement Training Depot at Cesano.

(iii) Rest Camps. A decision is awaited on the proposal for the issue of rations submitted to you under ref. WEL/R of 17 Jan.

(iv) Visits. Gen. Tamassia has now visited the Alexander Club and the Y.M.C.A. Centenary Club in Rome, in order to see further aspects of the working of British Welfare.

(v) Postal Service. Italian Welfare has proposed the institution of a postal service, by means of a proforma postcard, in forward areas not yet served by civilian postal service. This is now under consideration at this HQ

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SUBJECT : War Establishments.

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1. Ref.conversation (DA and QMG - ADAWS.)
2. Attached to this letter are suggested war establishments to cover a directorate for Italian Welfare and also for welfare personnel at Italian formation HQs, together with covering notes.
3. It is suggested that, if agreed, these W/Es be forwarded to AFHQ for proposal to the W.E.C.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR ITALIAN WELFARE.

1. The first essential, for the implementation of an efficient provision of Italian army welfare, is to produce an agreed W/O.; a framework, which when filled with trained officers, will allow the Director to implement policy and service matters through a service chain of command. This provision is emphasised by the fact that the Italian regimental officer, in the main, is not trained to be, nor is he, welfare conscious.
2. Attached are proposed W/Os in draft which have been discussed and agreed with Italian welfare:-
 1. W/O for Italian Army Welfare Directorate.
 2. W/O for Welfare at Italian formation HQ.
3. The W/Os are based on the presumption that they will cover all branches of the Italian army. No suggestions have, however, been made as to categories on the Italian order of battle, the decision being dependant on whether or not Br.Itis.US.ITIS AND ITIS - ITS are all included.

1. Draft War Establishment for the Directorate
of Italian army welfare.

This W/E, while it is based on that provided for British Army Welfare, is drafted to allow of a sub-division into two sections. Both sections come under the control of the Director, but the Italians desire two sections as follows:-

- (i) Sec.1. To deal with matters affecting L.of C. and administrative troops, controlled by the Ministry of War.
- (ii) Sec.2. To deal with matters affecting operational troops and field formations, controlled by the General Staff.

Directorate of Italian Army Welfare Service.
Draft W/Establishment.

DETAIL.	OFFICERS.	W/OFFICERS.	SERGEANTS.	CORPORALS.	PRIVATES.	TOTAL.
	1 1 1 1	1.		1		1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Director of Welfare. (Brigadier) Asst. Director. (Lt. Col.) Captain. Clerks. Orderlies. Batmen.	1 1 1 1	1.		1		1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Section 1. (Min. of War) Asst. Director (Lt. Col.) Clubs and Canteens (Capt.) Sports and Enter'tm'ts (Capt) Individual Welfare (") Clerks Batmen/Orderlies.	1 1 1 1 1		1	1		1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Section 2. (State Magr.) Asst. Director (Lt. Col.) Co-ordination Off. (Major) Clubs and Canteens (Capt) Sports and Entertainment. (Capt) Individual Welfare. (Capt.) Clerks Batmen/Orderlies.	1 1 1 1 1		1	1		1 1 1 1 1 1 1

2. Draft war establishment for Italian Welfare service personnel at formation HQs.

1. In order to give a complete picture, personnel at Combat Group HQ. are included. The Combat Group W/L. has in fact already been approved (Serial 35 W.E.C. HQ.AAI. Minutes of 16.Nov 44 refer).

2. At the present time the numbers of HQ's affected by this draft would be :-

Territorial or Regional HQs...:....8.
Combat Groups and
Reinforcement Depot.....6.
Admin.Divs. under Allied Command.8.

3. Provision for personnel at Allied formation HQ. (HQs Army Group, Armies, and Districts) has not been made. It is considered that the functions fulfilled by officers at these HQs can equally well be carried out, in the case of armies, by the officer at Adm. Div.HQ., and in the case of Army Group and Districts, by officers at Territorial or Regional HQs. Italian army welfare officers at present attached to 15, Army Group, 5th Army, 8th Army, and No.3.District could be absorbed within the W.E. for the Territorial or Adm.HQ. concerned.

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ITALIAN ARMY WELFARE SERVICE

DRAFT W/ESTABLISHMENT FOR FORMATIONS.

REGIONAL H.Q. AND TERRITORIAL	H.Q. COMBAT GROUP.	H.Q. ADMIN. DIVISION under Allied Command.
1.	1.	1.
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2 offs. 4 CRS.	1 off. 2 CRS.	1 off. 2 CRS.
1.	1.	1.

Majors.
Captains.
Lieutenants.
Corporal Clerks.
Private Clerks.
Orderlies.
Drivers, i/c.

Transport.

Cars 2str. 4 x 2.

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Corporal Clerks.
Private Clerks.
Orderlies.
Drivers, i/c.

1.	1.	1.
1.	1.	1.
1.	1.	1.
1.	1.	1.
2 off. 1 off.	1 off. 1 off.	1 off.
4 CRS. 2 CRS.	2 CRS. 2 CRS.	2 CRS.

Transport.

Cars 2str. 4 x 2.

1.	1.	1.
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+ Already approved U.S.C. H. 441.

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