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Ceremonials / Celebration

May 1944

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MEMO

15-7-55

BLUETOOTH

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RESTRICTED

THE MINISTRY WILL BE COLLECTING APPROX 60 MEN ON 18
FEBRUARY TO ATTEND PATRIOT DAY PARADE IN DOME (.) GEN BROTHING
HAS AUTHORIZED DAY OFF (.) MEN WILL LEAVE WITH NO BUT AT NO ADVICE

6229

Normal

SPIC 550 MEMO
G MEMO

W/Jan

CRYPTER SECRET
MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C 7136 (Large)

Register No. 2375

Cell ☐ S/L No. ☐ Priority ☐ Transmission Instructions

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Office Date Stamp

Date-Time of Origin

Originator

FROM

(A) H.Q. A.A.I.

For Action

5th ARMY AND ACC. M.M.I.A. FIVE CORPS

D 372

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions GR

Originator's No

02879 SECRET

Confirming telephone conversation
General LEMNITZER and Colonel WOOD it is
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At a later date when C.G. 5th ARMY
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made up of elements of former 117th
Group previously in combat remain
5th ARMY Command 6228

W. B. B. B.

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02849 SECRET

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Company will be provided which will be
made up of elements of former 11th
group presently in combat elements 6228
5th ARMY Command

W. B. G. /

for info not indicated

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Register No. 39

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FROM 5 Army (A) Date-Time of Origin 04 N.Y. Office Date Stamp

For

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see Q.

HQ AAI

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions GR

MMIA

Originator's No. 7928

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(IX)

Ref AAI message 517 012355 B cite

ZERO DASH 2870.

Det. of Italian CIC (additional strength)

one coy, accepted for Rome garrison O

Commander should be instructed to 0227

establish (liaison) immediately with CG CAS

(three) CP is at present at LITTORIAL

O Order for movement of det will

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Originator's No

7938

SECRET

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Ref AAI message 517 022355 B cila

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 issue at the proper time (pending) and
 formed mobile, fully equipped, and
 self contained

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Signed.

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Originator's Instructions.

Degree of Priority.

IMPORTANT

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) MESSAGE FORM

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Transmitter Instructions

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Register No. 4

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FROM (A)	AAI	Originator	Date/Time of Origin 03 2355 B	Office Date Stamp
TO		(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions	GR
5 th Army		MMA	360	

Originator's No.
0 2870

Secret

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Please inform this HQ if you agree to the suggested size of the detachment and in due course where it should be sent and to

when its commander should report for orders.

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Headquarters,

Allied Armies in Italy.

31st

31st May, 1944.

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Army Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission

1. In reply to your AQ/55 dated 26 May 44, the C-in-C's general policy is not to make a feature of the capture of ROME. The object of the present campaign is to destroy the German armed forces in ITALY and ROME has no military significance except in regard to the road and rail communications that pass through it.

2. No doubt there will be a ceremonial entry into ROME at some stage after its capture, and a request for Italian participation in that parade has already been made to this H.Q. on behalf of the Italian Minister for War. The answer is that the question is one for the Governments of the Allied Nations who will pronounce their decision in due course. You should reply accordingly to any Italian military authorities who raise the question with you.

3. Incidentally in order to get this question into its true perspective it is necessary to add "The feelings of those who fought for three years against the Italians, and of those who suffered the loss of relatives and friends through the Italian entry into the war against us", to the factors mentioned in para 2 of your letter.

L.B.
Lieut-General,
C.G.S.

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Copy to: Allied Control Commission.

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Subject: - Ceremonial - Women War Workers.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MIA)
LEWIS. (LECTE)
AQ/55.

27 May 44.

HQ. AAL. (through HQ. ACC.)

1. Consideration of Italian Army participation in any ceremonial parade at Rome (my AQ/55 of 26 May) leads me to make a somewhat smaller suggestion, which I do as a serving British soldier irrespective of my present appointment.

2. I suggest that considerable morale value would be obtained from the presence on the Rome saluting base of a small representative party of British women war workers, who should fulfill certain conditions such as:-

- a) served in a recognised organisation in industry for a certain period.
- b) be related (or affianced) to a British soldier serving in Italy and actually present on parade.
- c) volunteer to travel by air, remain 14 days, and return.

3. If the party were about 30 strong, a great variety of relationship, age, occupation and status could be included. They should remain in Rome for ten days during which their manifold would be with them on leave.

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

Noted
14/6/44

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Subject: Ceremonial - Italian Troops
Entry into Rome.

Army Sub Commission. A.C.C.
 Main RC. (MIA)
 Legation. (MIA)
 AC/55.

26 May 44.

HQ. AAI. (through HQ. ACC.)

1. Without knowing the C in C's plans for celebrating the Allied entry into the Italian Capital, I venture to suggest that a generous representation ought to be given to the Italian Forces in any form of ceremonial parade which is contemplated.
2. I need not emphasize the political and psychological values of such a gesture except by mentioning the following factors:-
 - a) Its effect on Italian, and World, public opinion.
 - b) Its enhancement of the prestige of the Badoglio Government.
 - c) Its encouragement to loyal Italian troops over the border.
 - d) The recognition of the Italian Forces as more than Carabinieri.
 - e) The healing effect on old wounds.
 - f) Its promise of future co-operation.
 - g) Its annoyance to the Germans.
3. Whether the participation should be either of an informal "first troops to enter" nature or in a later planned "victory march" (or both) must depend on your plans and circumstances, but in either case, I suggest that the very early appearance of an Italian contingent (possibly leading the column and letting the senior partners come last) would enhance the stage effect of the ceremony.

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V. Brown
Major General.
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