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Senior Liaison Officer, U.S. Italy Report.

M.I.A. N. Italy.
MILAN.

Tel : Milan 13939.

SIGN/C/4.

1 Oct 45.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.

H.Q. M.I.A., Rome (4 copies)

1. Visited GENOA on 27 Sep and saw Gen. FRATTINI. He is concerned about the local state of unrest and showed me some of his Staff Intelligence Reports. According to these, the Communist rising is to take place any time after 1 Oct.
- The revolutionaries, it seems, are divided into two groups, (a) those living in the mountains, who are controlling the coup and (b) those in the town itself, who have received weapons from their leaders and who will be the actual executioners.
2. Amongst those to be murdered are the General himself, together with leading Civilian authorities and members of the nobility. The "revolution" which is intended to impress on Russia that the New Italy is Red in principle, is to take place whether the Allies have left or not. The revolutionaries are to seize the currency, telephone exchange, etc and control the city.
3. I have asked for copies of the intelligence reports, which name some of the Communist leaders. In view of the few troops at the disposal of No. 2 Terr. HQ, arrangements have been made with 60 Sub-area to drive a few tanks and Armoured cars through GENOA on 1 October, when it is anticipated a strike will be staged.
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7. With reference to my signal SION/2/1 of 20 Sep : I am informed by Gen. PRATTINI that the goods to the value of 3 million lire were NOT sold. A contract had been made for their sale, but was successfully cancelled.

Mr. Prattini

Lieut. Col.
Senior Wt: 10, N. Italy.

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M.I.A. N. Italy.

MILAN.

Tel: Milan 13983.

Ref: SICM/8/4...

23 Sep 43.

1. Arrived MILAN 14 Sep via GENOA.

2. Saw Capt. COTTON in GENOA and discussed question of moving the Bulk Depot to MILAN. Desirable to do so as MILAN is on direct Rly line whereas port of GENOA not functioning properly. Also, many units could draw easier from MILAN.

3. Sergt. Major CARDUSIO, ex-AMIA Detachment in Cardinia, is working at the GENOA office and is shortly due for discharge locally. Suggest he is re-employed as a civilian. He is a useful man and a good interpreter.

4. There are many French officers in GENOA, including those of the Naval Delegation.

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 - Capt. O'DONOVAN (Turin) arrived 25 Sep left same date.
 - Major BIRD and Major MONICO are expected to leave for U.K. about 27 Sep.
 8. VISITS.
 - Visited G, A and C, 2 District with Major BIRD and BOURNE on 19 Sep and explained MIA lay-out for N. Italy.
 - Visited Gen. MARRAS (No. 3 Terr. HQ) on 21 Sep; introduced Major BOURNE who had conference with Chief of Staff.

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CONFIDENTIALM.M.I.A. L.O.
M.M. Italy,
Milan.Phone: MILAN 13989
MMI/3/G.7 Sep. 45To: MMIA

1.- H.e.f. 10 Sep. 45 the reins of office are grasped by Lt. Col. Egerton. On that date, I hand over some of the most interesting work in Italy, and I hope a "going" concern.

2.- This is my Swan Song complete. For also in that date SWANS END is shuttered up, and our remnants will sleep in the offices, until moving to a palatial villa in Milan on 15 Sep. 45.

J. Bud
Major
Sr. MMIALO
M.M. Italy.

Copy to: MMIALO Turin
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"Q" Points

Appx. 'A' to NWI/3/G
dated 8 Sep. 45

1.- The Ministry of War have instructed their Terr. Hq. that the internal security Bdes will be as follows:

Me Hq.
Arty Gp.
Four Inf. Bns.

2.- Under Ministry of War instructions for 4th Bn remains in Milan as nucleus of 1 Terr. Bde. Bde. and does NOT move to Genoa to the remainder of 1 Gd. Regt.

"A" Points

Appx. 'B' to NWI/3/G
dated 8 Sep. 45.

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"Q" Points

Appx. 'C' to NWI/3/G
dated 8 Sep. 45

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Subject: Liaison Report No. 2.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.,
M.M.I.A.,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989.

MIL/3/8.

23th. August, 1945.

Ref: Long Forces Sub Com. A.C.(4).
(M.M.I.A.) H.Q.M.E.

Ref M.M.I.A. Office Instruction No. 96.

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excuse me, if I put it this way - say a staff examination place be made of the detailed work at present required from A.S.I. L.O. to see if the work can be lightened in some way to accord with our numbers. We are very thin on the ground. HILL and FOX at MILAN, GIMONELLI at TURIN, MARITTI at GENOA, BOGARD at PAVIA, CAPRONI at MANTUA, and we are the brains, eyes, and ears of everywhere north of the Apennines.

6. Turning to the lighter side, we are still villa-conscious. An exhaustive search has been made by A.C. for an alternative to COL VIGOR's abode. **NO** unsuspicious ones have come to light, but a large, and extremely pleasant villa was found to be occupied only by three officers from A.S.I. Inquiries elicited that they were rarely in residence, but on being approached, said that they were keeping it as a "pied-a-terre" for C-Ind. Hence protracted enquiries, conducted by Brig. MARITTI, with the following reply "The Field Marshall does not, never did, never will want the villa." Have we the face to occupy it ourselves now with two officers and three more? I think we have. We maybe wrong, but will be nearer the delights of them, and guests will be as welcome as ever. But may I please make a plea? We have just faced a bill of 100 lire for guests' laundry. Be my contributions, however small, will be willingly accepted.

J. B. D.

Major,
Senior Staff L.O.,
M.I. Italy.

Copy to:- M.M.I., L.O., MILAN.
M.M.I., L.O., TURIN.
M.M.I.A., L.O., P/O 60 Sub Area.

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Appendix 'A' to HMI/1/3
dated 29 Aug, 1945.

9 Points.

Visited units 17 and 18 Aug. Arriving from conference, reported in Sept. O'Donnell's Liaison Report 5, were two main points:-

1. The solid communist block from ALBANIA, ROMANIA, YUGOSLAVIA, well organized, and well armed, Brig. GRIGORI, 7 ADRI, is going after the arms, and wanted Italian Terr HQ to help with search and value. I have clarified with 1 District, that the Italians have no right of search, and that only such permission as is covered by the A.E.M.C. Directive is an Italian responsibility. 1 District will inform 7 ADRI accordingly.
2. Brig. GRIGORI is anxious to raise the prestige of the Italian Army. On the 9-11 parade in APRIL, the CO, 1st were reproduced together with C.M.C. They received a great ovation. He intends to move one regt GRIGORI plus 50 into TULIN, so that the Italian Army may be shown too. Further units of 7 ADRI will work together with Italian units to show solidarity. I have seen 1 District, and there are hopes that this will generate, and Italian type in other parts will be used on similar occasions, though it is emphasized that where Internal Security is concerned, naturally Allied type will not be involved - at least primarily.
3. BOLZANO area seems a difficult area, as the population are considerably German speaking, and do not like Italians. It is for consideration whether an ADRI 15 is not required there to guide Terr HQ. Indications point to this area remaining under Military Control for some period, after the Italian Government takes over the remainder.
4. Gen. BATES is leaving 1 District for ADRI 15, O.O.C. 1 District will take over.
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4. Gen. Nasse is leaving District for Berlin, G.O.O. 1 District will take over.

5. District are moving into WILK almost immediately.

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 Appendix 'B' to HVL/1/0
 dated 23th. August, 47.

'A' Points.

1. Discipline.

- (a) 3 officers and 5 D.Os of 1 S.T. Coy are under arrest for selling U.L. petrol, and plying for fares, transporting civilians. 190,670 lire taken from suspects.
- (b) Rumour from POLICIA. Gen. MANI(7) was accused for using POLICIA rpt, even during battle, for extensive black market enterprises, and is now a wealthy man.

2. Efficiency.

- (a) The offloading of ULLIS, coincided with LAD 3 District plan to prepare the reduction of our units by:-
 - (i) Putting all good men into selected Coys, and thus bringing up to strength.
 - (ii) Retaining other Coys on paper strength only, pending A.F.R.Q. reduction of units.

The scheme has of course been upset by the large influx of unskilled men, suitable only for work.

- (b) Slight shortages of Nags and other specialists still exist.

3. Remobilisation.

We have yet received by ITALIAN HQ from Ministry of War of Genoa 1919 class.

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Appendix 'C' to HFI/3/8
dated 25th, August, 49.'Q' Points.1. APRIL

It is 2 District's proposed intention to take over some large empty Italian Army barracks in BOVARA for housing German P.W., as it is not considered a good thing to bring them into MILAN. In view of HQ, M.E.I.A.'s last directive on barracks for Germans, shall I warn 2 District off?

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2. Rations.

(a) No complaints have been received from Allied quarters that Italian tps are not being fed.

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(b) Feeding strength MILAN now approaching 12,000. Suggest next ST officer makes his home MILAN, where the work will be, particularly if the B.C.D. is transferred to MILAN. It will then be possible for him also to look after POL, ration movements, and other ST matters, and be in closer contact with 2 District. It is necessary also for a ST expert to find a suitable Distribution Depot, and Milk Supply Depot in MILAN. (See Maj. KYLE's reports on these depots).

3. P.O.L.

Italians without properly endorsed work tickets continue to arrive at this office. No ticket has, or will be endorsed by this office, whatever the circumstances. In all cases the drivers are told to contact their own HQ, and say they cannot move for lack of POL, and to await results. I often wonder what happens!

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(a) 5,000 rail wagons lie in MILAN goods yards, laden with all types of materials. Sorting has started. About 190 wagons per day once or twice a week, are examined. 2 District have asked for a M.E.I.A. rep to be there. But with the departure of Capt. CLARK and Maj. MONICO this is no longer feasible.

(b) My SWI/11/0 of 23 AUG, shows a store of clothing, which we might claim at GORD. Many similar things come to light. Previously, before N. Italy was organized, we just collected. Now we have to claim in detail from GSA 2 District. An OGD, or in fact any additional officer, here would be useful, as all requests for GSA in 2 District, that are not bid for by HQ, M.E.I.A., will be channelled through this office. There is still more detailed work to do here, particularly as our "free testing" days are over.

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Subject:- Liaison Report No. 4.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
N.W. Italy,
MILAN.
Photo: MILAN 13989.
MMI/3/G.
4th. August, 1945.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (4)
(M.M.I.A.) R.O.M.E.

Ref M.M.I.A. Office Instruction No. 96.

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to arrangement mentioned in plan. JAH
Subs, etc

Major,
 Sr MIA HQ,
 N.W. Italy.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A. L.O., Fifth Army.
 M.M.I.A. L.O., TURIN.
 M.M.I.A. L.O., c/o 60 Sub Area.

Letter for the psychiatrist
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Appx 'A' to NWI/3/G
dated 4th. July, 45.

'G' POINTS.

- (a) On 26 July, a successful cocktail party was given by G.O.C., 2 District to Italian Senior Officers, shown in Appx 'A' para (A) to Liaison Report No. 3, less G.O.C., 2 Terr HQ who was away in Rome.
- (b) 1, 2 and 3 Terr Gd Coys have arrived at destinations. All are without vehs, as previously reported. Under separate cover, was forwarded the proposed employment of 3 Gd Coy by Terr HQ, and a request for additional tps.
- (c) On 'I' matters, Gen MARRAS feels the prestige of CC BR is rising. This is confirmed by 'I' 2 District.

Appx 'B' to NWI/3/G
dated 4th. July, 45.

'A' POINTS.

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Appx 'C' to NWI/3/G
dated 4th. July, 45.

'Q' POINTS.

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Subject:- Liaison Report No. 2.

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M.M.I.A. L.O.
M.M. Italy, *[Signature]*
MILAN.
Phone: MILAN 23989. *[Signature]*
MMI/3/A. *[Signature]*
24th. July, 1945.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (4) —
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Ref M.M.I.A. Office Instruction No. 96.

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2. Capt O'CONNELL is stirring TURIN, as Capt AMATI stirred GENOA, and the future looks healthy there. First reports show an abundance of materials there for eager hands to grasp. And vehicles are beginning to flow in, and will flow out where they are needed without delay. Separate liaison reports are submitted by the above two officers.
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Copy to: M.M.I.A. L.O., Fifth Army.

M.M.I.A. L.O., TURIN.

M.M.I.A. L.O., c/o 60 Sub Area.

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Major,
Sr MIA LO,
N.W. Italy.

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dated July, 1945.'G' POINTS.

- (a) On Sunday 14 July 45, I attended a ceremony, when decorations and awards were given to the LEGNARO Div. It took place in MILAN. Among those present were the following:-

Allied: G.C. 34 Div
C. of S. 4 Corps
Brigadier S.A. Bde
G30 2 (rep of 59 Area)
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O., N.W. Italy (rep of M.M.I.A.)
O.C. 52 B.L.U.

Italian: War Minister
G.O.C. 3 Terr HQ
G.O.C. LEGNARO
G.O.C. CC.RR. MILAN
and others.

The ceremony was most impressive, the marching and turn-out excellent. The attendance by the civilians was however negligible. The lunch afterwards exceeded the ration scale.

On Tuesday, I visited 2 District to "reprimand" the G.O.C. for non-attendance, found it had been done by his own officers - and now a cock tail party at G.O.C.'s Mess for Comds all Terr HQ, Combat Divs, 231 Div and 1 Gd Regt will take place on 26 July 45.

- (b) On 'I' points, C. of S. Brig Gen LADUE 4 Corps told me that they were a little disturbed by the new ex-Partisan Special police. There were too many, too inexperienced, and too solid blocks of Communists etc. A proposal to reduce them in number has been made. But 'I' Branch 2 District have an idea that the CC RR may be disbanded and the new force become the ordinary police. So they rather cancel out.

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Appt 'B' to FBI/3/G
dated July, 1945

'A' POINTS.

The take over of US-ITI personnel to reinforce units of 231 Division has just started and should not now take long to complete.

Co-operator Units are now under control but certain information re "odd bodies" employed by British formations is awaited from 2 District before the matter can be considered a "fait accompli."

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dated July, 1945'Q' POINTS.

(231 Div notes)

Suitable accommodation has at last been found in MILAN for 231 Division. The offices - officers mess and quarters will be in one large building in the centre of the town Via MANZONI 10. The Supply Section - MT Section - 805 Transit Camp will be in an Italian Army Barracks on the western outskirts of the town. A certain amount of engineer work has to be done in the barracks - latrines, water, light etc but the office building needs only cleaning. An advance working party is here and working and I see no reason why Monday 6 August should not see the entire HQ functioning fully in MILAN. It might appear that a long time has been spent in this move but when I say that during my early enquiries from District and Area HQ's, Town Majors etc, I received no encouragement or assistance and the best the Town Major could do was to give me a list of addresses which I could not have as they were reserved for other units, I feel justly satisfied that by perseverance, I have obtained excellent premises for the Divisional HQ. At the same time I feel my effort will be somewhat wasted as no doubt the HQ will be disbanded within a matter of weeks but I could not, of course, tell HQ 231 Division of that possibility.

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C O P Y

FROM EMIA LO MILAN 170900Z
TO PERSOUTH
INFO EMIA ROME

231/147 (.) RESTRICTED (/) FOR EMIA LO (.) REQUEST DESPATCH
PARTICULARS CLOTHING RULE SENT TO 231 DIV UNDER Q/OS/31 OF 75
MAY AND Q/OS/277 OF 20 JUNE

Q/OS Distribn.

Flout

Q/OS/6

Q/OS/8

M/P

'Q' —

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ONLY

'Q' 15/7

FROM DIA LO BOX 2 RMY 161800B
TO DIA TOW

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2 NOV THIS BR FOR PERIOD 14 TOP3 AUG

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S.N. Italy,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13985.

HWI/3/G.

14 July, 1945.To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (4)
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.Ref M.M.I.A. Office Instruction No. 96.

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5. Maj KYLE ST L.O. heard of trouble in VENICE and will probably by now have seen the ADST there. I understand he is going to operate from GENOA in future.

6. Capt BENATTI definitely has GENOA by the ears, and by all reports, the ears of GENOA.

7. Att at Appx 'A,' 'B' and 'C' are the 'G,' 'A' and 'Q' reports.

W. J. D.
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Senior MMIA L.O.
N.W. Italy.

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dated 14 July, 45'G' POINTS.

1.
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comd LEGNANO).
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4. Ref M.M.I.A. Office Instruction No. 96 Appx 'A'. Please
amend serial 7 as under:-

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dated /4 July, 45.'A' POINTS.

1. The hopes expressed in Report No.1 in regard to the enlistment of ex-Partisans were false. Perhaps 60 in each Terr. H.Q. have been enrolled. This has caused some difficulty in rfts, but is of no real loss to the Army.
2. There is general disinterest on the part of the Italians in the Army. The swagger of the GRUPPI may do some good, unless their "thieving" propensities spoil the market.
3. The machinery for taking over US-ITIs as rfts for BR-ITF units has been 'laid on' but as yet no actual transfer has taken place. The two Divisional H.Qs concerned 231 and 210 are located within a mile or two of each other and close liaison is being maintained. It is anticipated and hoped that within a week a number will have been transferred, since most units are well below strength and 1 Guard Regt. requires over 700 rfts.
4. The absorption of Cooperator units into the Italian Army is almost complete. A senior Italian Officer from 231 Div; was sent to lecture all ranks of these units explaining their new administration. He is still away but no serious difficulties have arisen yet.
Cooperator personnel i.e. general dutymen working in Area H.Qs etc. are being attached to a neighbouring unit or withdrawn as rfts for existing units in accordance with wishes of the employing formation. Full details will be forwarded on completion.
5. One det 58 Transit Camp and 805 Transit Camp under command 2 District are at present at BOLOGNA. Now that rail transport is available it is proposed to move them to MILAN where accommodation has been found.

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Appx 'C' to NWI/3/G
dated 14 July, 45.

3Q' POINTS.

1. Transport.
(a) Terr. H.Q. efficient holdings as at 11 Jul 45:

MILAN	Staff Cars	Light Load	Heavy Load
TURIN	8	10	12
GENOA	10 (incl Dist)	2	3
	4	etc.	9

(b) 1 Guards Regt is now receiving British vehs, and an assortment of 17 Italian vehs will pass into our workshops.
(c) Maj. Edwards is submitting a separate report on recovery and output.
2. Rations.
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dated 14 July, 45.Visit by Comd. NWIA.

Date	Time	Saw	Discussed
5 Jul	1600	(arrived by car)	
6 Jul	1430	Lt. Gen. CRITTENBERGER IV Corps	Courtesy visit
6 Jul	1500	Lt. Gen. MARRAS and C. of S. 3 Terr. H.Q.	(a) Welfare-in particular the difference in treatment between disbanded Partisans and demobilised soldiers. (b) Amn dumps and disposal. (c) Vets. (d) Requisitioned Military property. (e) No. 3 Gd. Coy. (f) Possibility of a Military 'bus' service, and air tpt.
6 Jul	1700	Visit to veh repair shops.	
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(i) Psy and Panel Codes, Revision of.

Asked by 2 District.

(a) What reliance can be placed on ITI tps (incl COMBAT)?
 Disposition of Allied calls for reliance upon ITI tps at centre.

(b) TRG Policy for ITI tps in future.

(c) Gruppi est. and what eqpt whether to hold some eqpt as mob. stores.

7 Jul 1300 ADC departed by car.

8 Jul Departed
 1315 by air.

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SERIAL	TITLE	NAME	UNIT	US OR BR	REMARKS	TE
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7	MMIA LO NW ITALY	Maj. J. G. BIRD	Green Howards	BR		
		Capt. F. J. A. CLARK	R. I. and F.	BR		
	MMIA LO HQ 231 Adm	Div H. Q. Capt. G. C. FOX	R. Berks.	BR		
	(MMIA LO GENOA)	Capt. C. P. BENATTI	QMC	US		
		Maj. B. B. KYLE	R. A. S. C.	BR		
	(MMIA LO TURIN)	Capt. E. O' DONNELL	Int. Corps.	BR	(proposed move)	

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US OF BR	REMARKS	TELE NO.	SIGS ADDRESS	POSTAL ADDRESS
BR		MILAN 13988/9	MMIALO MILAN ? 89 den	MMIA LO NW ITALY MILAN
BR				
BR				
US		GENOA 52278	60 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO	MMIA LO c/o 60 SUB-AREA
BR	(proposed move)			
BR		through 151 Sub Area	MMIA LO TURIN	MMIA LO TURIN

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2. Maintenance Problem.

a) All Italian Pz Coys and Pioneers work with a British Cadre, and maintenance is by British M.F.

b) The great problem is collection by Br. Inc. of consignments - men or materials forwarded from Base, owing to the strict priority use of Br. Inc. tpt. (U.S. tpt is NOT available for this purpose and is also heavily committed).

c) The solution depends on THREE things:-

- 1) Base being responsible for moving men and materials to the nearest railhead or port to FLORENCE.
- 2) The provision of holding depots, until tpt can be arranged, and also the longest possible notice being given before moves take place.
- 3) An Italian pool of vehs to make the collection of supp an Italian responsibility. (TSM vehs minimum. KITCHEN vehs and happiness).

3. Reinforcements.

a) 231 Div Transit Depot will hold comfortably up to 500 men in covered accn and good facilities, and could hold another 200 if necessary.

b) Railheads for rfts:-

- 1) If pure BRIT - ANZICO
- 2) If BRITIS and BRITIS - VICARELLO.

c) Br. Inc. is most anxious, in the present M.F. pose, to collect no further back than ANZICO.

d) Rfts going to VICARELLO are collected by U.S. tpt, taken to 240 Div Transit Depot, divided, and BRITIS forwarded to 231 Div. The arrangement is agreed and satisfactory.

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Collection from DIDs and use of MIA form ST/8 works well.

b) Clothing.

Great optimism, but THREE problems:-

- i) Supply - wastage in forward areas is very high, particularly boots. Araklets will be invaluable for mailsters. Can puttees (summer short size, or Italian cut down, be made available?
- ii) Stts. If refitted at 231 Div, then a larger replacement of clothing etc required. Tpt problem proportionately increased.
- iii) Collection of Supplies. GND have agreed to offship and house all MIAI supe at 5 GND Leghorn, till collection can be arranged. Therefore a tpt problem.

c) Medical.

- i) Hospitals. Under Five Army Adm Instr No. 83 att. All EMI-EMI come under adn of 210 Div. Agreed mutually, however, that hospitals are cared for by British or American (231 or 210) according to location i.e. if in British area by 231 and vice versa.

ii) Disinfectants.

Previous arrangement was withdrawal from DIDs. This worked well, because British Cadre tpt was used, but accounting went to the wind.

Present arrangement. Release in bulk at base to 14 CRASC to cover requirements. Paper transaction to Dr. Inc. where ST make bulk release - to S. GALLI Hospital, FLORENCE. British cadres now have to collect from there. NOT liked by Medicals or Cadres.

- iii) Hospital Comforts. Ditto as above, but AGMS has arranged for the bulk allotment to be broken down, and distributed (according to his bed state) to THREE Hospitals, FLORENCE, ONE at LUCCA and to 294 FD Hospital opening at SIGMA. Will work satisfactorily

iv) Soap and cigarettes.

14 CRASC (am signal) is bringing up by his tpt. Question is whether to distribute with rations, or give in bulk to 231 Div.

- a) SOAP would be better held by 231 Div, then allotment can be made according to greater needs. i.e. more to Hospitals who reqd, more to pk tpt or other priorities etc.

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- b) Cigarettes - better if distributed with rations from BIDs, owing to the difficulties of a daily issue, and a natural reluctance on the part of I's to part equitably with such a valuable commodity.

5. Muleteers.

Doing excellent work and appreciated. But a problem is arising, which may grow unduly large.

Maj. Barbato wrote a letter to 13 Corps the other day, on the following lines.

- a) The muleteers have now had long experience working for the British, and both men and officers are fully competent.
- b) Can they now run their own show, with just a British liaison officer, and NOT a cadre consisting of a duplication of ITALIAN officers and NCO's.
- c) The prestige and morale of Italian Officers and NCOs is being lowered, and their pride hurt.

The problem is liable to grow acute for two reasons, and may possibly extend to Pioneers.

- a) The arrival of PRINCE under Italian officers.
- b) The reorganization of muleteers and pioneers about to take place in American Units, where operational command is going to be given to muleteers and pioneers.

6. Pioneers.

Italian pioneers are the pioneer labour for Br. Inc. Italian, Barbato and the like are NOT considered their equals. Att is a letter written by the ADL, which envisages a scheme by which Coy's will be withdrawn for rest and refitting in rotation.

7. Welfare.

Following facilities available:- ITALIAN Officers club, Men's Club, free seats from time to time in civilian cinemas, and MESA shows.

Florence Radio is broadcasting an appeal for books and willing helpers. School children are subscribing, and the Italian newspapers are heralding it's arrival.

What is needed is money. Can the Ministry of War allot Lire 15,000 to Welfare in FLORENCE?

Maj. GRACE is a success and works in British Welfare Office at Br. Inc.

The essential point is that WELFARE is for all Italians in FLORENCE - incl PRINCE when it arrives.

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8. Delegazione "T". I visited Gen CERICA to find out what functions were in fact performed by Delegazione "T" and what future role they had in mind. The result I found satisfactory, as under:-

a) Personality of Lt Gen CERICA. A polished aristocrat and diplomat. Held in high respect by Allies and Italian military and civilians. Not forceful, but clear headed and tactfully determined. He stood beside Gen. Clarke when Italian soldiers were decorated for bravery in the Army Area.

By his rank, Gen CERICA can prevent any possible squabbling between 219 and 231 Div Comds, both in FLORENCE.

Discipline. He can handle all disciplinary questions up to dismissing a Maj. General.

b) Functions of Delegazione "T". They control and look after all Italian Military property from RIMINI to LIGNON and to SWQ boundary. 231 Div barracks was made available by them, and has been furnished through them.

CERICA and CERCHI and all recovery operations are co-ordinated by Delegazione "T".

Welfare is a particularly interest of Gen CERICA. His talk to the Ladies of Florence was the main spring of activity. He now intends to go and talk to other ladies in other cities - and to come and talk to the Ministry of War about funds. A useful pivot for Welfare in the area.

In the event of an advance by Fifth and Eighth Army, supervision of vacated barracks, premises etc is theirs. Supervision too of any Ital Army Div installations or Transit Camps left in the rear.

Other functions are rather more nebulous.

9. Points of Detail.

a) Br Ord still stubborn, but converted. 100 pullovers (part damaged) yesterday, and a cheerful future outlook.

b) SAMUIS losses.

Sackings	15
Comforters	20
Drawers	35
Socks	400
Boots	365

Some bales and packages arrived broken open.

c) Local blankets. Investigated blankets at PRATO. Understand from GED that 10,000 were already purchased by Ministry of War and Ministry of Air. Investigations on foot. May get a 1,000 more with agreement of AMG and Allies. The firm is Unione Industriale, PRATO. Blankets are unfinished and unhemmed, but local women can do the finishing.

d) Salvage. Will give us first pick - available some time and veh. spaces so far. Boots also if required.

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e) 45 Pioneer Op has a mobile boot repair van, and is repairing pioneer boots at the rate of 50 per day. Difficulty of obtaining grindery is increasing.

f) Grindery. If a small store of grindery could be made available to 231 Div, quite good boots would be handed to them by GHO for immediate repair (possible 70 a week). Local cobblers are available in FLORENCE to come and work in the barracks under supervision.

CONCLUSION.

If 231 Div works well, British channels can be considerably relieved.

231 Div can and will work well. General atmosphere "God helps those who help themselves, and the Allies, the Italians".

J. G. BIRD, Capt.
L.O. Br. Inc. 5 Army.

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DRAFT (for British Gov discussion)
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 ST bid on MMIA for other items. Movement by 14 CHASCO from base.

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5 OBSERVATIONS

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File
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TO:	Comd	Special Sec	ODD
	2 i.o.	Q(AE) ✓	Q(Amint)
	G.S.O.1	ST	

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This was given to ODD for information and return
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29 Nov 44.

S Col.
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W.D. 30 Nov

REPORT No. 1

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- (a) First allotment from Lt. Col. Moriarty. This was passed direct to 13 Corps and distributed by them (not incl in total).
 - (b) Accounts held in 13 Corps S.M.S.
 - (c) Second allotment from Lt. Col. Moriarty. This is now being collected, and will be held by 210 Div. till 281 Div can take over.
 - (d) Third allotment from HQ, 2nd S Div.
 - (e) Fourth allotment from HQ (MIA 802287 of 25 Nov refers)
 - (f) Issues made by GHD (not incl in total)
- NOTE.
- (a) Second clothing was allocated and distributed by "q" through GHD.
 - (b) 81 x 56 lbs tubs in to all M.I.V. (this will be a regular supply) was issued by GHD on 23 Nov.
 - (c) 18 bicycles have been issued by GHD to M.I.V. pioneers, until replacements can be made available from Italian sources ("Lena" is the word used, but not entirely meant.)

2. SCAP.

There is a very shortage - or was. 210 Div, however, found 2000 extra rations for M.I.V. today. Hospitals require more than 200 grams per man per month, as laundry is high, and patients don't bring their soap. Suggest there should be a hospital scale, additional to normal ration.

3. 894 2d Amb is now at GHD or F.M.C.H.S., ready to operate.

When "war" ship comes home, a proposed 2/3 for vets is :-

Staff cars	1
3-tonners	1
ambulances	2
Water cart	1

- (d) Third allotment from HQ (MIA A2267 of 26 Nov refers)
- (e) Fourth allotment from HQ (MIA A2267 of 26 Nov refers)
- (f) Issues made by GID (not incl in total)

NOTES.

- (a) MIA clothing was allocated and distributed by "Q" through GID.
- (b) 81 x 56 lbs Kabin to all MIA (this will be a regular supply) was issued by GID on 23 Nov.
- (c) 16 bicycles have been loaned by GID to MIA planners, until replacements can be made available from Italian sources ("Loan" is the word used, but not entirely correct.)

2. SOAP.

There is a soap shortage - or was. 110 Div, however, found 2000 extra rations for MIA today. Hospitals require more than 500 grams per man per month, as laundry is high, and patients don't bring their soap. Suggest there should be a hospital scale, additional to normal ration.

- 3. 894 7d sub is now at GID or MIA, ready to operate.

When "our" ship comes home, a proposed #/B for vets is:

Staff cars	...	1
3-tonners	...	1
Ambulances	...	2
Water cart	...	1

The ADMS here thought that would be nice when possible, and meanwhile is helping them out.

4. BLANKETS

- (a) All 13 Corps MIA have three blankets. I am checking to find their origin.
- (b) Most other units also have three, and some less than two. 2958 Again checking origin.
- (c) There it is definitely considered units should have three. I intend to issue, where possible, one comforter, and to withdraw one blanket. It has been found that a blanket over a comforter will stand the weather.

5. FOR DIV.

- (a) Accs is prepared - a barracks in good condition, except for some windows. Available for all purposes, incl transient camp. The latest

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Free seats and occasional free performances are now given to Italian tps in the local cinema. Liberman tank parties, run by RADA but Italian performers, are giving occasional performances to Italian tps. No distinction is, or will be made between any categories. This is essential and fully realized here.

7. CO-OPERATION

A Co-operator Group has arrived at PLUMMER under code of inc. to look after the tps. It's a pity.

8. GENERAL

With the imminent arrival of FALL, there is a danger in the background, of tps in Green B/B becoming a lesser breed, and it is a possible source of ill-feeling, which might give certain Italian parties political propaganda.

~~XXXX~~ This will be combatted by making Welfare General. That includes Clubs and so on. It would be a good thing if the following could happen too.

(a) TFI to all tps in Combat Area (I know !)

(b) Battle Dress course to be given - at least for Fed tps.

In this connection I feel it would be good if the Transit Camps of Adm Div B/C could be used as, or extended to embrace Combat Transit personnel and perhaps Fed rft centres. Nations and RADA could be the great problem.

9. MILITARY

Two reports from Italian sources on the Muleteers re-inforcements are etc.

Maj. Bartato, Italian CC El Pack up was ~~sent~~^{sent} in tears. He loves his sp and is proud of it, and rightly so. On the way back from 2957 AUGUST (home of Muleteers, I'm told), he would like to come down and see his fellows. Under AFHQ letter Command and administration, setting up BATTI rft centres, this becomes a British responsibility, and I have put his wishes to the authorities here.

Both in the rft and in his present sp, there are a number of very personnel. The Ministry of War has said they should be demobilized. Air wishes will be requested, when

(a) they conform themselves.

(b) replacements become available.

(sgd) J. H. HODGKINS /Capt.

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1. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Abb is a state showing:

- (a) First allotment from Lt. Col. Morley. This was passed direct to 13 Corps and distributed by them (not incl. in total).
- (b) Accounts held in 13 Corps P.M.B.
- (c) Second allotment from Lt. Col. Morley. This is now being collected, and will be held by HIO Div. till 211 iv can take over.
- (d) Third allotment from W. due 5 Nov.
- (e) Fourth allotment from Hq (Hq's 22227 of 26 Nov refers)
- (f) Issues made by GHD (not incl. in total)

Notes.

- (a) 84000 clothing was allocated and distributed by "q" through GHD.
- (b) 31 x 36 lbs Subbin to all units (this will be a regular supply) was issued by GHD on 23 Nov.
- (c) 12 bicycles have been loaned by GHD to 2111 planners, until replacements can be made available from Italian sources ("Loan" is the word used, but not entirely meant.)

2. SOAP.

There is a soap shortage - or was. HIO Div. however, found 2000 extra ration for 21111 today. Soap is required more than 300 grams per man per month, as laundry is high, and patients don't bring their soap. Suggest there should be a hospital scale, additional to normal ration.

- 5. 294 7d Amb is now at 21111 or 21111, ready to operate.

When "our" day comes home, a proposed 1/4 for note is:

Staff care	1
3-landers	1
Substances	2
Water cart	1

- (d) Third allotment from HQ, due 8 Dec.
- (e) Fourth allotment from HQ (SIAA 42247 of 28 Nov refers)
- (f) Issues made by CMC (not incl in total)
- SUPPLY.
- (a) CAMOU clothing was allocated and distributed by "A" through CMC.
- (b) 81 x 86 lbs Subbin to all units (this will be a regular supply) was issued by CMC on 23 Nov.
- (c) 16 bicycles have been loaned by HQ to MII pioneers, until replacements can be made available from Italian sources ("Lena" is the word used, but not entirely meant.)

2. SOAP.

There is a soap shortage - or was. HQ HQ, however, found 2000 extra rations for MII today. Hospitals require more than 300 grams per man per month, as laundry is high, and patients don't bring their soap. Suggest there should be a hospital scale, additional to normal ration.

3. 294 7d Amb is now at Camp at Florence, ready to operate.

When "our" ship comes home, a proposed W/ for vels is 1-

Staff cars	...	1
S-tongues	...	1
Amphibians	...	2
Water carts	...	1

The JMG here thought that would be nice when possible, and reasonable is helping them out.

4. BLANKETS

- (a) All 13 Corps MII have three blankets. I am checking to find their origin.

(b) Most other units also have three, and some less than two.

(c) There is definitely considered unless should have 100% I intend to issue, where possible, one comforter, and to withdraw one blanket. It has been found that a blanket over a comforter will stand the weather.

5. 231 DIP.

- (a) Area is prepared - a barracks in good condition, except for some windows. Admirable for all purposes, incl Transit Camp. The latest

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also have been housed there already. Some 5000 of them, via Leonardo, Florence.

(b) I have written a directive for all the clothing (copy att) which has passed all control by the here, local Col. Mich. This will mean then on arrival. I have also prepared a memorandum of priority local tasks for them.

(c) Mr. Yan are meeting the question of passing through all the after the through all the Transit Camp. Nations seem the only difficulty, and I have brought this to their notice. In general, I think it would be a good thing, and would help to prevent possible ill feelings arising in various parts of the Italian Army (see also Welfare).

6. WELFARE

Free coats and overcoats are now given to Italian troops in the local district. Libanese think parties, run by KASA has Italian performers, are giving occasional performances to Italian troops. No distinction is, or will be made between any categories. This is essential and fully realized here.

7. DIS-OPERATION

A Co-operator Wagon has arrived at the camp under command of Mr. Leck after his visit. It's a pity.

8. DIS-OPERATION

With the imminent arrival of the winter, there is a danger in the hands of the troops in the camp becoming a lesser breed, and it is a possible source of ill-feeling, which might give certain Italian parties political propaganda.

When this will be submitted by making Welfare General. That includes Clubs and so on. It would be a good thing if the following could happen too.

- (a) Will be all types in the camp area (I know it)
- (b) Battle Dress seems to be good - at least for the time.

In this connection I feel it would be good if the Transit Camp of the Army could be used as, or extended to embrace Combat Transit

I have brought this to the attention of the various parts of the Italian Army (see also Gelfore).

5. WILSON

Free seats and occasional free performances are now given to Italian type in the local element. Likewise this party, run by Edda but Italian performers, are giving occasional performances to Italian type. No distinction is, or will be made between any categories. This is essential and fully realized here.

7. CO-OPERATION

A Co-operator Group has arrived at MONTMOUTH under command of Mr. Lee. To look after the group. It's a pity.

8. GENERAL

With the imminent arrival of FALL, there is a danger in the background, of type in Green 3/4 becoming a lesser breed, and it is a possible source of ill-feeling, which might give certain Italian parties political propaganda.

There This will be countered by making Gelfore General. That includes Clubs and so on. It would be a good thing if the following could happen too.

- (a) Bill to all type in combat area (I know I)
- (b) Battle dress cause to be issued - at least for red type.

In this connection I feel it would be good if the Transit Camps of Adm Sir Hqs could be used as, or extended to embrace Combat Transit personnel and perhaps fed rts centres. Italian and RAAF would be the great problem.

9. SOLUTION

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Two reports from Italian sources on the Miletore re-inforcements are att.

Maj. Barabato, Italian OC El Fank up was about in tears. He loves his up and is proud of it, and rightly so. On the way back from Amsteli (home of Miletore, I'm told), he would like to come down and discuss his fellows. Under AFHQ letter command and administration, setting up RAAF rts centres, this becomes a British responsibility, and I have put his wishes to the authorities here.

Both in the rts and in his present up, there are a number of overseas personnel. The Ministry of War has said they should be demobilized. Their wishes will be requested, when

- (a) they inform themselves.
- (b) replacements become available.

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DIRECTIVE NO. 1

1. OBJECT

The object of this directive is to implement MIA Administrative Instruction No. 17 with regard to 231 Div, by defining the procedure for the provision of clothing, personal equipment, accommodation stores and transport to ER-ITIs under command HQ 231 Div, or such specific ITI-ITI units as are attached by HQ MIA to HQ 231 Div for administration.

2. SOURCES OF SUPPLY

Supplies will be made available to HQ 231 Div by the Italian Ministry of War, as directed by HQ MIA.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

A depot will be established by HQ 231 Div to hold all supplies furnished by the Italian Ministry of War, or received from Allied Sources. HQ 231 Div will be responsible for the safeguarding and proper care of the depot, and will provide a competent staff to operate it.

4. SUBMISSION OF INDENTS

by ER-ITI Units

All ER-ITI units will submit indents to HQ 231 Div through Italian channels. Indents will be submitted on the 5th and 15th of each month in duplicate. One copy will be passed for screening to HQ MIA, and the other copy will be passed for screening to HQ 231 Div.

by ITI-ITI Units

All ITI-ITI units attached to HQ 231 Div for administration will submit indents to HQ 231 Div, as directed by that HQ. All such indents will be forwarded direct to the Italian Ministry of War by HQ 231 Div, and a copy will be forwarded to HQ MIA.

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2. SOURCES OF SUPPLY

Supply will be made available to HQ 231 Div by the Italian Ministry of War, as directed by HQ M31A.

3. DEPOSITIONAL DEPT-01

A depot will be established by HQ 231 Div to hold all supplies furnished by the Italian Ministry of War, or received from Allied Sources. HQ 231 Div will be responsible for the safeguarding and proper care of the depot, and will provide a competent staff to operate it.

4. SUBMISSION OF INDEMTS

a) REPAIRS

All HQ-ITVI units will submit indents to HQ 231 Div through Italian channels. Indents will be submitted on the 5th and 15th of each month in duplicate. One copy will be passed for screening to MILANO ~~to HQ 231 Div~~, HQ Fifth Army, British Element.

b) ITVI-ITVI Units

All ITVI-ITVI units attached to HQ 231 Div for administration will submit indents to HQ 231 Div, as directed by that HQ. All such indents will be forwarded direct to the Italian Ministry of War by HQ 231 Div, and assessed to MILANO for onward transmission to HQ M31A.

5. REPAIRS OF ITEMS

After indents have been assessed by MILANO, all items approved will be immediately issued by HQ 231 Div under their own arrangements.

6. Unserviceable Items

ALL items of clothing and equipment, that ^{behave} are unserviceable, will be returned by units to HQ 231 Div. Depot for sorting and grading with a view to further repair and re-issue.

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PROCEEDINGS FOR STOCKING SUB DEPOT

HQ 251 Div will forward to MILANO on the 10th and 30th of each month a stock return, showing the total amounts of items held in the depot, and the estimated requirements for the first two and second two weeks respectively of the next month. This return will be rendered in triplicate, as per specimen proforma attached.

8. COLLECTION OF SUPPLIES

The movement of supplies from bulk depots to railheads or ports in the Army Area is the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War. Collection from railhead or port is the responsibility of HQ 251 Div. Where Italian transport is not available, all requests for British transport will be passed to MILANO for action through British channels.

J. G. Birt, Captain,
MILIA LO
atd HQ Fifth Army (British Increment)

DISTRIBUTION:-

HQ 251 Div
Italian LO G.4 Rear Fifth Army.

FOR INFORMATION:-

HQ Fifth Army (British Increment) (36)
HQ M-14
MILIA LO with Rear HQ 13 Corps.

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In the Army Area in the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War. Collection from railroad or port is the responsibility of HQ 231 Div. Where Italian transport is not available, all requests for British transport will be passed to MEXALO for action through British channels.

J. G. Bird, Captain,
MEXALO
att HQ Fifth Army (British Transport)

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ 231 Div
Italian LG G.A Rear Fifth Army.

FOR INFORMATION:

HQ Fifth Army (British Transport) (36)
HQ MEXA
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CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

as of 15 Dec 44

HQ 211 DIVISION

ITEM	Total Issues to IRI-IVIS during period 30 Nov 44 to 15 Dec 44	Total Issues to IRI-IVIS during period 30 Nov 44 to 15 Dec 44	Total Stocks in Depot	Estimated Requirements for period 30 Dec 44 to 15 Jan 45

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