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MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT MILA ON 22 OCTOBER, 1945.

PRESENT

M.M.I.L.

'F' BL & TU.

Maj. W.L. MELLUM (G II TBC)
 Lt. Col. W.H.M. WILCOX - D.S.T.
 Maj. R.C. COMPTON S.O.R.E.

Col. L.H. MACKAY - O.B.E.
 Maj. W.L. PRICE
 Maj. E.W. BRADLEY

G.H.Q.

Lt. Col. F.R.St.P. BUNBURY

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S&T MIA
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3. Training Equipment and Publications

(a) British translated manuals etc.

A shortage has been anticipated and instructions issued to the Ministry of War to keep stocks up to likely demand.

(b) British Weapons.

PIAT and 2" Mortar are needed now.

Maj. PRICE will furnish figures of future needs to MIA, based on MIA forecast of numbers to be trained.

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(c) Equipment

No great difficulty is likely to arise in the provision of equipment necessary.

MLA and 'F' BL & TU will supply a forecast of figures to A.F.H.Q.

G TRG
'F' BL & TU

(d) Transport at R.T.C. does not leave much free for collection of stores etc. at distances from CESANO.

'Q' MLA
'F' BL & TU

MLA to investigate possibility of delivery of all stores by rail (rather than collection by R.T.C.)

(e) Blackboards are in very short supply. MLA will investigate sources and try to increase the issue.

'Q' MLA

(f) Sports Kit:

The need is undiminished, but kit is in very short supply. Some kit might be made available for purchase through British Welfare channels.

G TRG

MLA will continue its efforts to produce this kit.

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S.O. SIGS
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(g) Workshops.

These to be situated in the Gas Factory when it has been cleared.

'F' BL & TU

5. SERVICES TRAINING.

Mostly by apprenticeship method, but Automobilismo will require a Driving School separate from the R.T.C. They hope to find good accommodation at CECIGNOLA.

S & T
'Q' MMIA

D.A.D. SGT.

Major AMBROS has left and his replacement urgently required. MMIA to act.

S & T
'A' MMIA

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6. ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Commanders of D & M School and Mech School considered inefficient. 'F' BL & TU to report on these officers to MPA who will take action.

Whitney
for Lt. Col. *Kramer*
G.S.

23 Oct 45.

DISTRIBUTION:

'F' BL & TU, CESANO
Lt. Col. BURBURY CHQ.

INTERNAL:

MA to GOC (1)
Col A/Q (1)
G OPS & SD (2)
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NOTES ON MEETING HELD IN MIA CONFERENCE
ROOM 10 OCT 45 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED INTERNAL
RE-ORGANISATION OF MINISTRY OF WAR.

PRESENT

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G-1
GIII(I)
SORE
Major CALABRESE

Col A/2
AAG
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DAAG
DADST
DADME

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4. G-1 then tabled a chart, to be used as a basis for discussion, taking care of all the above points and leaving the present A.I duties (strengths and intakes) in SD in Ministry of War where they are now. The chart was generally agreed but Col A/Q asked for:-

- (a) time to study in more detail;
- (b) breakdown of arms of the services by service corps together with detailed functioning of same (action Major CALABRINI);
- (c) further breakdown on adm side from Col to Lt-Col.

COMPLETE STUDY

5. Although G-1 agreed that the matter under discussion was a most important question, he did not think that the time was ripe for a special offr to be asked for from War Office, LONDON, to make a complete study.

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R G A Green Rains
for Lt-Col. Cox
CS.

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Major Calabrini

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SECRET

Progress Report by GSO II (Training) 'P' British Liaison and Training Unit.

Ref : G/A.3/814.

1 October 1945.

Herewith report for the month of September '45.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

(a) The past month has been mainly concerned with planning and reorganising for the future. Training generally, where it is possible, is continuing as usual and shows normal progress. There is still a considerable shortage of suitable personnel to keep all Schools filled but collection from the many men passing through the Centre is producing a small number.

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The first phase of the plan to train Infantry instructors for the Territorial Training Centre commenced at the end of the month. 500 selected instructors are under training and in the over 2,000 instructors will be trained under plans now completed. The first courses have started well and show good prospects. In the fully accommodation at GEMAR will be needed for these commitments and to this end Contractors are at present working in most of the buildings.

The Physical Training School with its British staff continues to make good progress and is an example to the Centre of what can be achieved by a British Staff under the adverse conditions of GESATO. A fair proportion of the students will make good instructors and the outstanding ones become the staff for the next course.

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Continued.

(c) Infantry Specialist Training.

Carriers. The five week Carrier Course of 60 students started early in the month is taking fair progress. A number of Carriers have become B.L.T. which limits the scope for driving instruction but this difficulty is being overcome. The course is reasonably organised.

(r) No. 3 Regiment.

(i) Signals School.

Signal training is still confined mainly to maintaining Instructors. A number of Lineamen and Telephones Operators were put through a short course to meet demands from the Gruppo and have gone forward as reinforcements.

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(iii) Driving and Maintenance School.

The new course started at the end of the month and at present only 160 out of the 300 students attending (allotted by the Ministry of War) have arrived. There is also considerable difficulty in accommodation as roofs leak and hard standings for vehicles do not exist. It is proposed shortly to move the School to their new accommodation at Abruzzi Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA. Vehicle state is as last month.

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(h) SIVA (Scuola Istruttori Vario Aeri) All Arms Instructors School.

(i) The fifth course at SIVA commenced on 14 September '45. There is a general improvement in the standard of students sent by the Gruppi which reflects well.

A series of lectures on "New Methods of Instruction" were held for the Instructional Staff during the break and more time and thought to this subject has resulted in great improvements in the standard of instruction.

(ii) The NEW INSTRUMENT Course was duly reorganized and is proceeding along more interesting lines.

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(a) Courses run during the month.

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Course for 60 Junior ICCs finished early October.
Course for 60 Carrier Drivers commenced.

(ii) Signals School.

Course for 20 linesmen and telephone operators completed.

(iii) Artillery Training.

Course for 200 men on line Clearance commenced and runs satisfactorily.

(iv) Provost School.

Normal Courses held.

(v) Mechanics School.

The course at present running is made up as follows.

4th Course Driver Mechanics	114
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3rd Course Armourers	10
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(A) 5th Course Officers 25 pr - 15 Students.

(B) Basic Training Course for Recruits 206 men.

(C) Basic Training for Newly Joined recruits 490 men.

(D) 2 weeks refresher course for Officers in 17 pr and 40 mn. 22 Students.

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2. (a) Continued.

(viii) SIVA All Arms Instructors School.

The results of Course No. 4 which finished on 1 Sept were shown in last month's Report.

(b) Courses projected for the next two months.

No change from last month. Present planning is proceeding for reorganising the Centre to train new commitments. Planning for training Instructors is almost complete.

(c) Students from Combat Groups attending courses during September.

At SIVA	113 (Officers & JCOs included).
At Mechanics School and Driver Mechanics School }	167 (JCOs and JWOs).

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(c) Reinforcements held at 29 September '45.

Arm	Posted Strength	Parade Strength	Hospital	Leave	A - B - S - E - N - T.		
					AND	Other	Total
Infantry	7582	4024	1203	974	237	1057	3468
Artillery	2636	1834	365	321	40	128	854
Engineers	1196	745	96	212	7	144	459
Other Arms	1878	1377	153	237	42	128	560
TOTALS	13292	7980	1817	1741	326	1457	5341

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF. (Italian)

No change.

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TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

- (a) The situation of training equipment continues to be satisfactory.
- (b) Detailed Statement of Controlled Stores received during the Month.
See Appendix 'H' attached.
- (c) Details of deficiencies of outstanding urgency.
Negligible.

ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Accommodation.

(i) No's 1 and 2 Regiments.

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Taking into consideration the enormous difficulties, however, morale in this Centre is still really extraordinarily good.

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Major GSO II,
Training,
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Training Unit RTO IOR.

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FILE: G/3/2
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Maj. RATTI

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CALL-UP

6. War Ministry considered that for the present the Italian system versus the American system was more suitable for the requirements of Italy. War Ministry agreed however to try out the monthly call-up system (on condition that points at (a), (b) and (c) below are satisfactorily taken care of) thereby ensuring an even flow of intakes. It was decided, however, that should it be necessary to have a larger call-up initially in the earlier part of 1946 in view of any large scale demobilization this would be independent, but the S.M.R.E. stressed that in their opinion this should be a preliminary. It was agreed that plans on monthly basis should be made as under:-

(a) <u>Accommodation</u>	Ministry of War (Initially)
(b) <u>Trg of Instructors</u>	G(Trg) War Ministry/G(Trg) MMIA
(c) <u>Tpt</u>	"Q" MMIA

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It was agreed that another meeting should be held to discuss progress at a very early date. It will be necessary however for respective "A" Branches to agree on "intake" requirements and terms of service as early as possible.

MMIA

DISTRICT HQS/DEPOTS

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RECRUIT TRG

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TERRITORIAL LAYOUT

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MISC. POINTS

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MMIA

- (b) MMIA agreed to render all assistance in reducing the number of interpreter officers in the Combat Gps to the authorized WE of 6.

MMIA

R G A Gower Reeves
for Lt. Col. Capt
G. S.

6 Oct 45

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Subject:- CLOTHING AT RTC ICF
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/24

To: "F" Br.Liaison and
Trg Unit (2)
R.T.C. I.C.F.

30 July 45.

N.T.
Ref. your AQ/5/1045 of 23 July 45.

Enclosed herewith for information is a copy of notes
of a conference held 28 July in the office of A.D.O.S. R.A.A.C.
re clothing at R.T.C. I.C.F.

Copies to:- ADOS. RAAC
G (Trg)
Q
A - please note para 6

W.A. Badcock
W.A. BADCOCK, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

WAB/ab

CLOTHING for training at RTC ICF CESANO

NOTES of CONFERENCE 28 JULY 45

Present: Lt.Col. REED ADOS RAAC
 Maj. JEFFERIES DADOS "F" BLTU
 Maj. BADCOCK DADOS MMIA

1. The policy detailed in "F" BLTU letter AQ/5/1045 of 23 July 45 to HQ, M.M.I.A. (copy attached) was noted.
2. Ref. para 5 of a/q letter - it was agreed that, in view of the general shortage of clothing (as emphasised in GRO 849/45) it would be inadvisable to issue instructions that, when a soldier is posted to a BRITI service unit, the green BD which he had worn during training should necessarily be replaced by a fresh issue. It was considered that this should be done only if the BD had become unserviceable.
3. The question of the basic scale of for troops under training was discussed and it was agreed that - while there were disadvantages such as a lowering of morale and difficulties in arranging a change of clothing for a number of men at short notice - the winter scale of clothing and necessaries for BRITI Service troops should be adopted for all troops under training at CESANO with the addition of British web equipment - British web equipment would be withdrawn from troops posted to BRITI Service and held in a pool for re-issue, Grade III clothing and personal equipment would be withdrawn from troops posted to Combat Groups and Grade I clothing issued to them together with the British items of clothing and personal equipment on the Combat Group scale.
4. To implement this training scale it would be necessary to transfer a stock of Grade III green battle dress and other clothing and personal equipment from BRITI stocks to RTC ICF CESANO.
5. In order to accommodate Grade III clothing and Italian equipment at CESANO it would probably be necessary to reduce stocks of British Grade I clothing and equipment held at CESANO as storage space was limited - and to hold a reserve in the ADOS Dump ROME.
6. It was agreed that - in order to make provision for the winter and to decide on quantities of each type of clothing to be held-it is essential to have a reasonable estimate of the number of troops likely to pass through CESANO each month for posting to

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(a) Combat Groups (b) BRIT Service units.

If troops were to be equipped to correct scales before being sent forward it would be necessary for reasonable notice to be received of numbers and Categories to be sent forward.

7. Other points connected with organization at CIBANO were discussed which will be included in a similar report being submitted by Major JEFFERIES DADOS "F" BLTU.

W.A. Badcock

W.A. BADCOCK, Major.

WAB/ab

SUBJECT:- Clothing at R.T.C. I.C.F.

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7th BRITISH LIAISON & TRG UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/5/1045

23 July 45.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MILIA).

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2. It is understood that there is no likelihood of there being one Clothing Scale for all troops of the Italian Army for some considerable time and that troops posted to Combat or Service units must be clothed according to the applicable scale.
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- c) That clothing in possession of each individual will be made up to the appropriate scale before he is despatched to his new Unit.

5. It is also agreed that while under training all reinforcements will be issued, when winter dress is worn, with Green Battle Dress. On being posted to their own units the suit of Battle Dress worn during the period of training will be withdrawn and appropriate clean Battle Dress, either Khaki or Green, according to whether the individual is going to Combat or Service Troops, will be issued. All diary Battle Dress will be returned to M.M.I.A. Depot, Naples,

for disinfection, washing and re-issue.

6. It is pointed out that no guarantee can be given that individuals will only be issued with all items corresponding to their Service Group; that is Combat Troopers may join their units with items issued from M.M.I.A. stocks if these form part of the recruits' basic equipment, and vice versa, Service Troops may join their units with such items issued from F.A.A.C.

7. It is considered that a clothing stock should be held at N.T.C. I.C.F. to cover one month's requirements - at present this is estimated to be 3,000 sets of each Combat and Service scalings.

8. It is agreed that a conference should be held between A.D.O.S. Rome Area Allied Command, D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A., and D.A.D.O.S., "W" B.L. & T.U., to agree the basic scale for recruits training. It is requested that D.A.D.O.S., M.M.I.A. please arrange this conference as soon as possible.

(SGC) ? GIARDI, Major
for Colonel
Commander 'Y' British Liaison &
Training Unit N.T.C. I.C.F.

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POINTS ARISING FROM TOUR OF S.O.R. SITES.

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1. Discussed with Ord (Br) and (Am) and Q(AE); the question of supply of Italian Army material for use of Allied War Effort. The position is that no Italian stores are required by the Allies with the exception of V.F. equipment which will be used as replacement to apparatus already installed.
Issue of binoculars made to Q(AE) has now been cancelled
C.O.S. ~~9~~
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- AVERSA - Commander Col. BARBERI.
Strength - Officers 5
NCOs 11
Civilians 53
NCOs 8 (working and paid as civilians)
- The Commander of Caserta District HQ informed me that his District has to handle 20,000 returned Italian P.O.W. C

K. B. L.
Major, R. Signals,
S.O.R. Sigs.

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REPORT OF VISIT OF Q(OS)/Q(AE) TO N.W. ITALY.

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1. VILLA.

Major BIRD has now contacted Major CUNLIFFE and expects news of a villa in MILAN by 19 July.

2. MILAN.
16 Jul.

Visited 3 Terr. HQ. - saw Gen. MARAS: he stated that the collection and recovery of Italian Army material was hampered by shortage of transport. He considered that the use of army tpt by partisan/co-operatives working for AMG constituted a threat to security. Visited clothing and equipment central Depot Milan - accompanied by a Commissariat Officer. Considerable quantities of stores - per inventory forwarded to HQ MMIA 12 July - were found to be in good condition and well stored. Further stores in the area were still in process of recovery and checking.

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5. 231 DIV.

Stocks of boots in 231 Div. is stated to be nil at present - but there are 8000 due in from NAPLES, from whom dispatch particulars have been requested. If necessary, boots could be borrowed from ITI/ITI stocks at MILAN or TURIN. HQ. 231 Div. is still at LONATO but Capt. FOX LO is arranging the move to Milan in the near future.

6. VEHICLES.

There is a general shortage of transport in N.W. Italy and vehicles due from 1 District are urgently required.

19 JUL 45

A. W. Newling
Major Q/OS
Major Q/AE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE ADST'S OFFICE19 JULY 1945

Present:

Gen. PHILICRA
 Lt. Col. PENROSE
 Capt. MOSCARIELLO
 Maj. NELSON
 Capt. COTTON

1. ADST reported results of his visit to the North.

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GENOA	50,000	
LEGHORN	55,000	{ Includes amendment }
Eastern Bulk Depot	45,000	"
ANCONA	8,000	"
FORLI	16,000	+
	<u>174,000</u>	

+ Subject to possible reduction.

(ii) Approx. strengths for Distribution Depots are as under:-

Based on GENOA.

MILAN	18,000
FORLI	6,000
GENOA	12,500
ALGERIA DRIA	13,000
	<u>50,000</u>

Based on LECORN.

LECHORN	25,000 (Includes amendment)
FLORENCE	15,000
BOLOGNA	15,000
	<u>55,000</u>

Eastern Bulk Depot.

BOLZANO	12,000
VERONA	15,000
VERICE	9,000
UDINE	5,000
For TRIESTE	
through XIII Corps	<u>4,000</u>
	45,000

TERRARA will feed from BOLOGNA
 AREZZO " " " FLORENCE
 POLIGNO " " " ROE
 3,000 1 District will feed
 from LECORN

All included in figures shown
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UDINE 5,000
 For Trieste
 through Kilioms 4,000
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- (ii) Delayed Veg - in view of large stocks already held by units it was decided to suspend further issues pending a final decision upon the opinion of Formations and Units had been received on this subject.
- (iii) Wine and Oil containers - AMQ have signalled Districts and Armies that the return of the above containers is extremely urgent - a similar message has been sent to all IO's by MILA and the Ministry of War were requested to take similar action. Every effort to be made to purchase maximum quantities of wine in the North to reduce the number of Eastern Coms required and delay the movement of containers. When Italian depots are in operation it was suggested that the issues of wine and oil be on a 'container for container' basis. Damaged containers must not be retained by units but 'back

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loaded' for salvage purposes.

(iv) Cigarettes and Tobacco: It is hoped to give a decision within the next week that a general issue of 50 free cigarettes per week be standardised throughout all Armed Forces - this will be the subject of a 'Q' letter at a later date. There is no objection to 5 grumes per diem of Pipe Tobacco being issued on repayment if arrangements can be made with the State Monopoly.

6. Information received after the meeting.

(1) Amendment to feeding strength Eastern Bulk Depot additional 4,000 for XIII Corps to feed THRESE.

(2) Scale of cigarettes now authorized at 50/man/week.

(3) Amendment to feeding strength LEGION additional 5,000.

4,000 for XIII Corps to feed TRIESTE.

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20 July 45.

DISTRIBUTION:-

- MMIA LO's:
- 5 ARMY
 - 8 ARMY (2)
 - 1 DISTRICT
 - 2 DISTRICT
 - FEDASE
 - ITALY
 - TURIN
 - GENOA
 - FLORENCE
 - ROME

- Ministry of War
Terr. Comm. GENOA
TURIN
MILAN
LIVORNO
SALIZANO
BOLOGNA
FLORENCE
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Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

INTERNAL:- 'Q'
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NOTES ON G.O.C.'s Conference from 3 July to 6 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM :

M.A. to G.O.C.,
C. of B.

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Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with Col. PURVES, Comd. 3rd Area Command
on 3 July 1945.

NOTES BY

1. One of the Italian Battalion Comds in Col. Purves' Area is no good and Col. Purves wants to get rid of him. He will inform the Italian Territorial Commander, Com. FRATTINI, accordingly and also L. I.I.A. (through Capt. ZENATI.)

2. Small Arms ammunition is needed by the local Italian Troops for practice, so as to keep them occupied and up to the mark. Can we allot a couple to all units NOT being disbanded?

3. The Italian Troops have been given combat status but Col. Purves thinks they do not get their full entitlement of cigarettes. Is this correct? G.O.C. explained cigarette difficulties.

4. The Italian Troops have been badly off for boots a week before when Col. Purves inspected them. He thought this might be caused by transport difficulties, as Command post is not yet opened, nor is the railway to the South. G.O.C. explained there was NO boot shortage and it was probably the Italians' own fault for not asking!

3 July 1945.

/s/

Signed G.M.D. CHANTRE,
Captain.

(A2)

Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with Capt. BENNETT at COA on 3 July 1945.

ACTION BY

1. Bennett finds the Territorial Ord. Gen. PRATTIN quite good and very co-operative. G.O.C. thought PRATTIN a good man also.

2. Natives.

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General Prattin wants to have a standard 100 extra rations daily for transport personnel. G.O.C. discussed the matter with Major Bird at Hillon and said he did not like the idea, but Major Bird would go further into the question with Bennett.

3. G.O.C. thought Bennett had got a very good grip of the situation, particularly as he had only been there a short time. G.O.C. also thought that Bennett makes really no easy change as Col. Pratt.

Signed G.O.C. CHARTER,
Captain.

5 July 45.

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Notes on G.O.C.'s conference with General FRATTINI, 2nd Territorial
Command at Genoa on 4 July 1945.

Also present, Col. CHIAVARELLO (G.O.C.) and Capt. BENATTI.

1. Territorial L.G.

General Frattini has practically completed his staff. He has plenty of local officers on it, some of whom were with the Partisans.

2. Republican Army.

The General does not know what should be done with ex-Republican Army, Fascist and Black Brigade personnel when they come out of Hospital (Italian Army). M.M.I.A. to circulate Territorial L.G.'s with this information.

3. Italian Army Property.

5 Army have taken some Army property and General Frattini asked if he could get it back. G.O.C. told him not to do anything about it at present. - merely get information.

Frattini says the history of Army property is being done by a commission set up by the Prefect. The General is not represented on it. He says the Prefect has told some Army property. Army, civilian and Army property is all being dealt with by the same Commission.

G.O.C. instructed Benatti to see the Prefect, arrange for Army representation on the Commission and insist that no Army property be sold.

A French officer has seen some French material in an Italian Army Depot near VERUGLIA, and has asked for its return. General FRATTINI refused. G.O.C. said the property should be listed forthwith and Benatti was to signal M.M.I.A. for instructions as to its disposal.

4. Nations.

Frattini says the Army has no few trucks he cannot draw supplies daily. He asked to be allowed to hold a 45 days supply. G.O.C. told Benatti to refer the question to M.M.I.A.

CHIAVARELLO's Bakery is being used as to only 1/3 of its capacity by the Allies and General Frattini wants the use of the rest. Capt. Benatti to try and arrange this with Col. Purves if the Allies would consent to share the use of the buildings with the Italians.

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buildings with the Italians.

Italian Troops get free cigarettes but only 5 daily
for which they pay, instead of the 10 usually allowed to Combat Troops.
Is this correct? Benatti to be informed of the position. G.O.C.
explained cigarette difficulties generally.

5. Boats.

Col. Chisverino said that the present boat shortage in
the area was caused by shortage of transport from Naples.

6. RAF.

General Prattini has no M.M.I.A. stickers for authorizing
use of Army transport. G.O.C. told him to apply to Ministry of
War.

The Germans sold a lot of Army vehicles to civilians.
G.O.C. said this was still Army property. Benatti was to take up
the matter with A.M.C.

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6. M.I. Contd.

ACTION BY

Copy A.F.H.Q. letter as to disposition of Captured Property to go to Banatli.

Leave men going South cannot use A.M.C. truck according to order from G3 Sub Area. Banatli to try and get this order altered as there is no other transport available.

Signed C.W.D. CHARTER,
Captain.

8 July 45.

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Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with Gen. PRELOMAN, Turin Territorial H.Q.
at Turin on 5 July 45.

Also present Col. ZERI (G.O.C.)

ACTION IX

1. Territorial H.Q.

General Preloman is not having any more trouble with Gen. ZERI who is away on sick leave. Some of General Preloman's officers are on Preloman's staff and are doing well. The H.Q. Staff is nearly complete, but there is difficulty in filling the civilian side of it as the pay is too low to attract good men.

A.M.C., 154 Sub Area and C.M.F., are occupying the proper Territorial H.Q. buildings so the general says he is not properly housed. However he can carry on quite well and says he is doing so. He finds there is a lot of clerical work connected with screening and pay.

2. Partisans are hardly coming in to the army at all. They are turned by A.M.C. into a sort of auxiliary police force.

3. Co-Operation

General Preloman has no information as to how co-operators are being dealt with. M.M.L.A. to circulate this information.

4. Donors

There is difficulty about rationing as the local British D.I.D. cannot always supply all items, so Gen. Preloman wants his own arrangements and is ready to start them with a depot at Turin and D.I.D. at ALEXANDRIA if agreed.

5. Mail

Information has to be collected as to Army property and equipment in the area, but the chief difficulty is in transport in which to go round and collect it. The General wants 6 cars - he actually has the cars if he could get tyres for them - and also transport lorries to collect valuable material. Maj. Richards has this in hand. Some cars despatched from Milan after G.O.C. saw Richards. U.S. Officers and A.M.C. have been giving Italian Army information who have also been allowed to occupy

proper Telford's H.Q. buildings so the general says he is not properly housed. However he can carry on quite well and says he is doing so. He finds there is a lot of clerical work concerned with screening and pay.

2. Retrials are hardly coming in to the army staff. They are forced by A.M.C. into a sort of auxiliary police force.

3. Co-operatives.

General Proloma has no information as to how co-operators are being dealt with. M.I.L.A. to circulate this information.

4. Depots.

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Partisans have turned into CO-OPERATIVES and run Italian Army lorries for their own benefit. Proloma says this will have to be stopped slowly or it will cause a political upheaval. Can A.M.C. be brought to agree to replace Army with other vehicles as these become available? Such an arrangement has been made in MILAN.

Besides the Co-operatives vehicles there are a large number of other cars being used illegally.

6. Proloma seems to be on top of the job all right.

8 July 45.

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Signed G.H.D. CHATWIN,
Captain,

Notes on G.O.C.'s conference with Major RIND at HQ 1 on 6th July, 1945.

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1. Italian Territorial R.A.

General MARAS has worked in well with both IV Corps and the partisans. His staff, on which he has got some partisans, is working satisfactorily.

2. Italian Troops.

Any old men coming into the army (e.g. after screening) are at once put into uniform on Maj. Bird's instructions.

2 District have service troops near Florence. They are being called forward, but Maj. Bird thinks 2 District does not need or want them. M.L.I.A. (Bird) to inquire as to what Service Troops are really needed by 2 District.

Patriots are not interested in the Army and only 60 have come in in the Milan area.

Has the Press Release puffing the Army as against the Patriots got into the Northern papers yet? or been issued to that Captain P.S.A. as Lt.Col. forward proposed?

3. M.L.G.

M.L.G. have given Italian Army vehicles to Co-operatives (co-operators) here, but is undertaking to withdraw the vehicles when others (allied or civilian) are received with which they can be replaced.

Most of the Italian Army vehicles are in 5 Army Car Parks and are now being stripped of tyres and for spares. 2,000 such vehicles are in one place.

G.O.C. proposed to look into the matter.

As to Italian Army Property in 1/5/40 of 10 July A.R.H.Q. Order be substantially nullified? G.O.C. to discuss with Colonel Kerr and Boston. Major Bird to be sent a copy of the big AFM let or (written by Lt.Col. Buto) as to recovery of property generally.

4. Petrol

British officers with Cruppa are entering Italian North Tickets "authorised to draw petrol from Allied sources." The drivers therefore fill their tanks at every petrol point they come to and add the balance.

A circular to be sent round by M.L.I.A. to stop this practice and to provide that only specific drawings of petrol at certain places may be authorised.

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Most of the Italian Army vehicles are in 5 Army Car Parks and are now being stripped of tyres and for spares. 2,000 such vehicles are in one place.

C.O.C. promised to look into the matter.

Do the exception in Q/5/40 of 10 July A.F.H.Q. Order as to Italian Army Property provides loopholes by which it can be substantially nullified? C.O.C. to discuss with Colonels Kerr and Rothen. Major Bird to be sent a copy of the big AFHQ let or (written by Lt.Col. Hants) as to recovery of property generally.

4. Petrol

British officers with Gruppi are endorsing Italian Roma Fictos "Authorized to draw Petrol from Allied sources." The drivers therefore fill their tanks at every Petrol Point they come to and sell the balance.

A circular to be sent round by M.M.I.A. to stop this practice and to provide that only specific drawings of petrol at certain places may be authorized.

5. Ammunition

There is an A.F.H.Q. order that all small dumps of Ammunition, under 500 tons shall be destroyed. The area of Lombardy is so crowded that only one ton of ammunition can be exploded at a time, and it will take years to destroy all there is, as it is thought that the Italians are also responsible for destroying small German dumps.

The Italians want to use the powder as Artificial Manure and the rest as scrap. Can authority for this be obtained?

6. Clothing

There is a lot of cloth in Milan manufactured since the Armistice for the Italian Regia Italian Army. A return of it has been sent to the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission. Can it be taken for the existing Army?

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7. Report for H.E. Italy.

Should the main depot be at Milan or Geneva? Geneva may be out of action (due to mines in the port) for a long time.

8. L.O.'s Conference.

Major Bird agrees that early in August would be a suitable time for the next L.O.'s conference in Rome. He does not want it before then. G.O.C. thinks we should have D.L.O.'s in on this conference as well - say about 6 Aug. C

Signed G.W.D. CHAYTOR,
Captain.

8 July 41.

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Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with General MARAS, Italian Territorial General at
MILAN on 6 July 1945.

Also present Col. CARRIVALLI, C.O.S., Major BIRD, and Major HOWARD.

ACTION BY

1. "SITUATION".

A folder of information supplied by General MARAS is annexed.

2. Requisitioning H.Q.

General Maras stated he had filled most of the places on his staff and had taken in some particulars. He was keeping vacant a few places to be filled by returning P.C.F.s.

3. Call-up.

Before any new Call-up is initiated, General Maras wants a Cadre of Officers and N.C.O.'s to be formed to deal with it as such a large number of the present officers and N.C.O.'s are being released.

4. Requisitioning Army.

General Maras wants to know what should be done with ex-Republican Army men. He has had instructions to arrest and hand them over to the Allies, but he seems to have had contradictory instructions from Col. PUGH. In fact he does arrest particularly bad men and hands them over to the Carabinieri.

5. Accommodation.

General Maras stated that some Italian Army accommodation not being used by the Allies is in the occupation of the Police, Leones, and the G.O.C. would then raise the matter with General MARAS.

6. Reprisal.

Requisitioning. General Maras prevented Major Bird's information as to the Italian desire to salvage and not destroy these. Reprisal generally. General Maras wants to concentrate these with a view to preserving the property. He wants more men to guard them and G.O.C. informed him that 200 men had been authorized, and that if he needs more he must put up a case in writing to A.L.I.A.

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General Maras stated that some Italian Army accommodation not being used by the Allies is in the occupation of the Police. He was instructed to raise the matter again after IV Corps leaves, and the G.O.C. would then raise the matter with General MARAS.

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6. Deeds.

Assassination. General Maras presented Major Bird's information as to the Italian desire to salvage and not destroy these.

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7. Clothing.

General Maras stated that the troops were not as well clothed as the Partisans. This adds a bad impression on the local population and he asked for more clothing to avoid this effect.

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8. Mail.

General Maras stated he only has 7 vehicles and wants more cars and motor cycles. Major Edwards has this in hand and will supply as soon as available.

General Maras was also worried about Army cars being used for transporting civilian refugees. The vehicles are largely at GILLIES and some have been handed back. Major Edwards is dealing with the matter.

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9. Release of Property.

General Maras gets requests for release of Army property to civilians, e.g. for bridge building and wanted Major Bird to have authority to authorize the release. G.O.C. said NO.

10. Communications - Leave - Movement of Personnel.

General Maras has difficulty in communication with and sending personnel to Rome as the train is out of action and A.M.C. will not take Army personnel going on leave. He wants to requisition one or two large buses. G.O.C. promised to discuss with Ministry of War and Movement and suggested one seat might be reserved daily on the plane to Rome. If Maras put up his case for the letter, with reasons, G.O.C. would discuss it with Air Force Sub Commission.

11. G.O.C. thought MARAS a good chap, perhaps rather inclined to too much detail.

Signed G.O.C. CLAYTON,
Captain.

2 July 45.

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NOTES ON G.O.O.'s Conferences from 3 July to 6 July 1945.

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Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with Col. PURVES, Comd. 53 Sub Area Genoa
on 5 July 1945.

ACTION BY

1. One of the Italian Battalion Quins in Col. Purves Area is no good and Col. Purves wants to get rid of him. He will inform the Italian Territorial Commander, Gen. FRATTINI, accordingly and also M.L.I.A. (through Capt. DEHARTI.).

2. Small Arms ammunition is needed by the local Italian Troops for practice: so as to keep them occupied and up to the mark. Can we allot a scale to all units NOT being disbanded?

3. The Italian Troops have been given combat status but Col. Purves thinks they do not get their full entitlement of cigarettes. Is this correct? G.O.C. explained cigarette difficulties.

4. The Italian Troops here were badly off for boots a week before when Col. Purves inspected them. He thought this might be caused by transport difficulties, as Genoa port is not yet opened, nor is the railway to the South. G.O.C. explained there was NO boot shortage and it was probably the Italians own fault for not asking!

8 July 45.

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Signed G.W.D. CHAYTOR,
Captain.

Notes on G.O.C.'s inference with Capt. BENATTI at GHQA on 3 July 1945.

ACTION BY

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2. Rations.

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Signed G.W.D. CHATNER,
Captain.

8 July 45.

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ACTION BY

Copy A.F.H.Q. letter as to disposition of Captured Property to go to Benatti. ✓

Leave men going South cannot use A.M.C. trucks according to order from 63 Sub Area. Benatti to try and get this order altered as there is no other transport available.

Signed C.W.D. CHAYTOR,
Captain.

8 July 45.

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Adm. P.P.V.
copy to Benatti
A.F.H.Q. order
sent 63 S/A - copies
to COS & IPT
Also Sub. for A.M.C.

Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with Gen. PRELORMA, Turin Territorial H.Q.
at Turin on 5 July 45.

Also present Col. BERTI (C.O.S.)

ACTION BY

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2. Partists are hardly coming in to the army at all. They are formed by A.M.G. into a sort of auxiliary police force.

3. Co-operators.

General Prelorma has no information as to how co-operators are being dealt with. A.M.I.A. to circulate this information.

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8 July 45.

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Signed C.W.D. CHAYTOR,
Captain,

Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with Major BIRD at MILAN on 6th July, 1945.

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ACTION BY

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Service Troops are really needed by 2 District.
Patriots are not interested in the Army and only 60 have come in in the Milan area.

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The Italians want to use the powder as Artificial Manure and the rest as scrap. Can authority for this be obtained?

6. Clothing

There is a lot of cloth in Milan manufactured since the Armistice for the Italian Republican Army. A return of it has been sent to the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission. Can it be taken for the existing Army?

Conference with C. for BIRD - Contd.

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ACTION BY

7. Depot for M.M. Italy.

Should the main depot be at Milan or Genoa? Genoa may be out of action (due to mines in the port) for a long time.

8. L.O.'s Conference.

Major Bird agrees that early in August would be a suitable time for the next L.O.'s conference in Rome. He does not want it before then. G.O.C. thinks we should have B.L.V.'s in on this conference as well - say about 6 Aug. G

8 July 45.

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Signed C.W.D. CHAYTOR,
Captain.

Notes on G.O.C.'s Conference with General MARAS, Milan Territorial Command at MILAN on 6 July 1945.

Also present Col. CARNEVALE, G.O.C., Major BIRD, and Major EDWARDS.

ACTION BY

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A folder of information supplied by General MARAS is annexed.

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7. Clothing.

General Maras stated that the Troops were not as well clothed as the Partisans. This made a bad impression on the local populace and he asked for more clothing to avoid this effect.

Q(AZ)

8. M.I.

General Maras stated he only has 7 vehicles and wants more cars and motor cycles. Major Edwards has this in hand and will supply as soon as available.

General Maras was also worried about Army cars being used for transporting civilian refugees. The vehicles are largely at CHIASSO and some have been handed back. Major Edwards is dealing with the matter.

Q

9. Release of Property.

General Maras gets requests for release of Army property to civilians, G.O.C. for bridge building and wanted Major Bird to have authority to authorize the release. G.O.C. said NO.

10. Communications - Leave - Movement of Personnel.

General Maras has difficulty in communication with and sending personnel to Rome as the train is out of action and A.M.C. will not take Army personnel going on leave. He wants to requisition one or two large buses. G.O.C. promised to discuss with Ministry of War and Movements and suggested one seat might be reserved daily on the plane to Rome. If Maras put up his case for the latter, with reasons, G.O.C. would discuss it with Air Force Sub Commission.

11. G.O.C. thought MARAS a good chap, perhaps rather inclined to too much detail.

5 July 45.

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Signed G.W.D. CHAYTOR,
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ACTION BY

MINUTES OF A BR-ITI TRAINING MEETING
HELD AT MMIA, ROME ON 10 JULY 1945.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/TRS/4

14 July 45

PRESENT

1.	Lt. Col. S.M. INGLEDEW	Chairman
	Col. F.J. NOAKES	Col. "C" MMIA
	Col. L.H. MACKAY	Comd "F" HL & TU
	Lt. Col. J. PEDDIE	DMT
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8. IMT recommended that all training increments (Br) be distanded on 1 August. It was stated that training officers in these increments were merely being used as additional LOs. AGREED. G(SF)

DEMobilisation Centre

9. "A" Branch was instructed to take all possible steps to see that personnel from US-ITI due for demobilisation were not sent to RVC CESANO as this would interfere with training. 802 BRD at ORVITO exists as the Reorganisation Centre. "A"

INTAKES

10. It was reported by "A" that only between 4000 and 5000 personnel were available as intakes to CESANO up to 21 Sep. They would be for the most part US-ITI and have received some form of training. "A"

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ACCOMMODATIONAction

11. It was decided that planning would not include the VITERBO Barracks. Possibility exists that the barracks at CIV-ITAVECCHIA at present occupied by RAJD may be available to the Italian Army in the near future.

"Q"

12. It was agreed that "Q" MIA would handle the question of money required for building purposes at CISA/NO. "F" HLTU may contact "Q" MIA on major "Q" points which required added weight although it was pointed out that "F" HLTU was under Rome Area Allied Command for normal accommodation matters.

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16. It was agreed that "Q" MMLA would initiate steps for obtaining more reliable transport for "F" ELUs own HQ. DMT would support the request at AFHQ. "F" HLTU will submit details to "Q" MMLA. It was agreed that on the Italian side a transport pool should be formed. "Q" MMLA are awaiting details from "F" HLTU and will endeavour to exchange PU type vehs for 15 cwt types.

17. It was agreed that DMT would endeavour to arrange loan of MT officer and 2 MT WCOs (Br) to assist in the above.

PAY

18. It was agreed that MMLA should again raise the matter of tradesmen's rate of pay with the Italian Ministry of War.

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STANDARD OF PERSONNEL

Action

19. It was agreed that urgent steps had been and were being taken with Italian Ministry of War for a better type of reinforcement, and for an improvement in the present Italian system of documentation.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chairman reported that MEDIA LOS Conference would take place approximately on the 6th of August, and that G-1s of ELUS (including Comd "F" EL & TU) would be invited.

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Lieut. Colonel,
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Conference DPMO's Office 9 Jul 45.

Present:

Allied

Col NOBLE
Lt Col BOHN
Major HATCH
Major BACOCK
Capt FURBER

Italian

General PELLIGRA
Lt Col CASSETANO

1. Object. An informal discussion to decide on the fairest method of charging the Italian Govt for clothing and eqpt issued to the Combat Gps. Issues being divided into two classes:-

- (a) Items of personal clothing and eqpt similar to issues made to US-III Service Gps.
- (b) Specialised items e.g. guns etc. at present on loan to the Gruppi.

As the future disposal of the specialised items (Class (b)) is still under discussion at Washington the meeting was concerned only with class (a).

Proposal. Col NOBLE stated that the AFHQ policy was that a charge should be worked out at so much per head, which would cover the cost of the initial issue plus maintenance. The maintenance rate to be based on British Army wastage scales. General PELLIGRA agreed to the proposal.

It was further agreed that 90,000 should be taken as a round figure for assessing the cost of the initial issues and that the cost of the maintenance issues should be based on the average monthly strength of the Gruppi. The ED issue would be assessed on the key strength of the Gruppi.

2. Officers Shops. It was decided ^{by AFHQ} that with the disappearance of Army Bdeys, in future the shops should continue to be held on the strengths of 231 and 228 Am Bde but they should serve officers in 1 and 2 Districts respectively.

Col NOBLE stated that AFHQ wanted to know how soon they could stop issuing maintenance supplies. General PELLIGRA requested that the original offer of six monthly issues should be allowed to stand as although there were stocks of clothing in N. Italy these were mostly frozen.

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