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Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.

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Lt.Col. G.S.

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LOCATION.	REGT, UNIT OR AREA.	NOTES ON VISIT OF G II (TRG).	FOR A
GENOA	Terr. H.Q.	1. Discussed P.T.C., I.T.C. - C of S said barracks had been recced, but he was doubtful if they could be got fit for a winter intake. Barracks for P.T.C. etc. might have to be widely separated. 2. No trg was being done, and none would be done till 3rd Bn arrived as present guard duties are too numerous. 3. Gds having regular fights with bandits at Depots. Suggested COTTON should ask for a Mobile reserve each night. 4. Comd is experiencing some difficulties due to lack of LO or to constant changes of LO. Major NEWTON (Recco) has since been posted). 5. C of S says GENOA handles a lot of work. A type "A" H.Q. would be better than a type "C". 6. Saw elements of Gd Bns, but learned nothing. 7. Barracks in GENOA needed. Tps are mostly in billets. 8. Carriers of MANTOVA Gp still in AREZZO. Any reply yet to MMIA Signal to AFHQ.	T T G G G 'Q' 'Q'
	56 B.L.U.		
TURIN	54 B.L.U.	9. G1 was having some slight difficulties over Comd and trg etc. due to MMIA and Br fm issuing trg instructions, but I explained the position to him. 10. What is the position of BIU likely to be. (Answer - Advisory) 11. A conference of G I's at MILAN would probably be much appreciated by all, as there are many points to be raised.	G TRG G(S) G(H)

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Q. I hope they realize it is not necessary for the Italian Army to live in Genoa better in the country would absorb.

This applies to all accommodation

Let me know 29 Oct. how the General question of accommodation for the Italian Army stands. W.P.

LOCATION.	BN, UNIT OR AREA.	NOTES ON VISIT OF G II (TRG).	FOR
TURIN	TEHR. H.Q.	12. Hospital needs fuel for heating. 13. Troops need winter clothing. 14. General needs tyret!! 15. Barracks for P.T.C. not yet found, but they are still looking. Will probably not be close to each other when found. 16. Training - Practically none. Talk of Officer and NCO trg but no evidence on visit to Gd Bn Area	
MILAN	TEHR. H.Q.	17. Very little trg being done. Suggested TEWTS etc. for officers, but suggestion received with no enthusiasm. 18. P.T.C. and I.T.C. <u>COMO</u> de Cristoforis Bks may be used for a Polish rehab. centre. Almost vital to T.H.Q. Can MMIA help?	
	502 Bn	<u>MILAN</u> The barrack situation in Milan very difficult. Request our help when their suggestions come in. 19. Strength much reduced. 20. Short of pamphlets. 21 Training programme. Insignificant.	
BOLOGNA	M.I.I.A. IO	22. Capt THRUPT would welcome visits from Service Depts. He complains of being forgotten by the swanners.	
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22.	Capt THURPP would welcome visits from Service Depts. He complains of being forgotten by the swimmers.	A/Q.
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BOLOGNA	523 Bn	25. Bn doing minimum of trg. No pamphlets. Will start firing practice soon.
MODENA	R. Academia.	26. Displaced persons in occupation. Trg areas bad. Buildings will require fairly extensive repairs.
FLORENCE	TERR. H.Q.	27. Camp exists for trg reinforcements at LUCCA. Trg in progress.
	Gd Bn LUCCA	28. P.T.C. SIENNA. La Marmola Bks - occupied. Can we get this excellent barracks made over
	511 Gd Bn	29. I.T.C. PISTOLA - Handed over OK.
		30. C of S says the T.H.Q. is expecting a Bty of Arty
		31. Gd Bn has fired a range course. Asks for more pamphlets and details of Br methods.
		32. Other Trg negligible
		33. Barracks dirty. No enthusiasm shown for trg though about 3 pls are free daily for trg.
		34. No TEWTS done or tried.

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Notes on Linigan Visit to N. Italy. 14 - 21 Oct. 45.

1. Major S.P. LAMONCK M.O. (52654) SCHENCK L.I.
Spoke Col. DOUGLAS concerning the posting of a/n from 52 HLI to 53 HLI as
GSO ILL. Would like to explain fully to AG.
Col. DOUGLAS would appreciate signal on this subject.
2. Capt. BURRITT's LIAP cancelled.
3. Capt CLARK reported MILAN and proceeded TURIN. Col. BURRITT will visit
shortly.
4. Major CHAMBERLAIN PROPOSED to UK on Release 16/10/45.
Original Release book returned to MILA by Capt ORRIN.
5. Col. BURRITT expects to visit HQ about 10 Nov.
6. Major EDWARDS wishes to take his LIAP in H. Africa if possible, if not
possible wishes to take it in Italy. I will speak Camp Coord.
He had received MIA signal directing him to contact Major BURRITT at MILA.
He expected to meet him 23 Oct.
7. Col. BURRITT would like a ruling as to whether BURRITT comes under him,
or Major VAN KIRK.
8. Capt. BURRITT may be coming back (Op 24).
9. Col BURRITT has made following dispositions:-
(a) Lieut BURRITT will stay MILAN
(b) Major BURRITT to be L.O. GEROA X
(c) Major BURRITT to be L.O. UDINE, Vice Major BURRITT going on LIAP.
(b) and (c) proceeded UDINE 24 Oct.
Major BURRITT will pick up his kit and return GEROA. EXA 25 or 26 Oct.
9. Major BURRITT, Capt BURRITT and BURRITT reporting Transit Camp 22 Oct, and for UK
24th Oct.
10. Capt BURRITT has put in for copies 1 route LIAP. Have spoken ADST.
11. I understand Major BURRITT and KIRK arrived in MILAN ex LIAP on 21 Oct.

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5. Col. HARTMAN expects to visit HQ about 10 Nov.
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9. Major MOORE, Capt. FOX and YIMMERMAN reporting Transit Camp 22 Oct, NND for UK 24th Oct.
10. Capt. GORTON has put in for company locate LIAP. Have spoken ADST.
11. I understood Major SAHNEY and KIDO arrived in MILAN ex LIAP on 21 Oct.

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