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SD/28 ORG' WELFARE UNITS  
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SUBJECT: Italian Army Welfare Policy.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. )  
A/27. ROME.  
5 Apr '45.

To : A.F.H.Q. (2)

1. Reference CR/9904/G-1(Br) of 11 Feb.
2. The attached draft policy directive for the Italian Army Welfare Service is now forwarded for consideration. It has been prepared on the lines indicated by you.
3. Para 5 on supplies has been inserted as a result of the receipt of your directive on this subject. (AG 400/005 GD B-0 of 12 Mar)

*Handwritten:* W.P. for  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.  
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Internal:- A.D.A.W.S.

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M. M. I. A.

*J.H.C.*

Internal:- A.D.A.W.S.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: <i>SP28</i>
DATE: <i>64</i>

Directive to MIIA on Italian Army Welfare.

1. Object.

It is wish of the Supreme Allied Commander that Welfare, as it is understood in the Allied Armies, should, as far as possible, be given the same prominence in the Italian Army working with the Allies. While the organisation of the Welfare Service and the provision of the necessary staff, personnel and material are primarily Italian responsibilities, the Supreme Allied Commander has directed that the fullest possible support should be given by Allied Commanders concerned within the conditions from time to time approved. To this end an officer of the Allied Welfare Service is appointed to M.M.I.A. and will deal directly with the Italian Welfare Directorate of the Ministry of War.

2. Allied Assistance.

The Italian Army Welfare Service must be, both in conception and in execution, Italian: nevertheless allied assistance will be made available to enable the service to be built on a sure foundation, and advice, arising out of the Allies wide experience of welfare will be given.

The necessary materials for the successful operation of the various projects are to be provided, wherever possible, from Italian sources: but it is recognised that certain items are, and will, for some time, remain unavailable to the Italian Government. Where the operation of a scheme which can properly be regarded as an essential part of the service will be rendered impossible for lack of materials, then releases from Allied sources on repayment may be considered, in accordance with availabilities and regulation in force. (see para 5.)

3. Organisation

In all dealings with this subject it must be stressed that the responsibility for the welfare of the soldier is and remains that of the unit commander. The duty of the Italian welfare service will be to assist advise, and provide amenities as follows:-

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There will not be welfare service representation at other Hqs. Unit welfare officers will be nominated by commanders from the officers under their command.

### 4. Scope.

The service will provide for all three categories of the army. There will be no priority to any one category except for any priority given to forward troops by reason of the conditions in which they are living.

### 5. Supplies.

Certain supplies for canteens are being furnished from Allied sources on an approved scale and include Flour, Fish or potted meat, Sugar and Coffee, as well as Olive Oil and Salt from Italian sources. Details of the amounts allowed monthly to Armies, Districts and Base Section will be published periodically.

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6. Transport.

Transport, as authorized, will be provided, from Italian resources, within the category using it. Transport serving troops of more than one category will be held in the Iti-Iti category.

7. Details of the scope of this scheme and information on various activities which are included in it, such as individual welfare, canteens, entertainments, and sports, will be published by the War Ministry in a pamphlet on Italian Army Welfare, prepared in consultation with MMIA.

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Subject: Proposed WE for Italian Cinematographic Unit

Land Forces Sub Commission AC  
(M.M. I.A.)

File No SD/148

4 March 45

APHC for G-3 Org(Eur) { 7 copies }  
C-3 Org 4 { 1 copy }

I. THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Cinematographic Unit for the Italian Army.
- (b) New War Establishment.
- (c) Nil.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Increases : Officers - one  
Other ranks - one  
Vehicles - one
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Two
- (d) Overall increase. (Italian Personnel)
- (e) Nil
- (f) All
- (g) Approved by MACIA.
- (h) Draft attached.

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III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

The unit is required for recording the deeds of the Italian fighting forces. The pictures obtained will be extremely valuable for :-

- (a) Recruiting.
- (b) Popularising the Italian Army and so raising its morale.
- (c) Training.

*L.M. Englander*  
 for Major General *IT-Gen*  
 V.M.I.A.

Copy to: A  
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Spec Sec

CAV /

Offrs (Uff)	1
ORs (Sottuff e truppa)	3
Total (Totale)	4
Vehicles (veicoli)	1

CINEMATOGRAPHIC UNIT FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY  
(Nucleo Cinematografico per l'Esercito Italiano)

PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
(Organico di Guerra)

Serial No (Numero Progressivo)	Detail (Descrizione)	Cinematographic Unit (Nucleo Cinematografico)
1.	(i) Personnel (Personale) Comd (subaltern) Capo nucleo (subal'erno)	1
2.	Operator (sjt) Operatore (sottuff)	1
3.	Photographer (cpl) Fotografo (graduato)	1
4.	Driver i/c Automobilista	1
5.	Total all ranks (Totale personale)	4
6.	(ii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto) Truck 8 cwt or 15 cwt (Autocarro leggero)	1

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M.O.W.  
TO: M.M.I.A.

REF: 208883/11  
222-4-2

DATE: 24/3/45

Subject, Welfare Officers Units.

Further to what is required with letter Ref SD/1/1 dated 2nd march 45, we forward to you the attached Welfare Officers W/E, made out by this Ministry in accordance with M.M.I.A proposal.

Special requirements for the working of this Office, advise a major employment of Officers, in lieu of junior NCO's and men, who however will remain unchanged in the total, the numbers put at the disposal of the office in question

Signed: Chief of the Cabinet

Cpl Errera

MMI.A. 'G'  
FILE: SD/1/1  
DATE: 24/3

This is a breakdown of the 15 (Officers Benessere) shown in the WE for the War Ministry.

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# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N.º 206883 / 11. Allegati 1  
222-4-2

Roma, 3800, 24 marzo 1945

Deposito al fido

Dir. Sec. N.º

OGGETTO: Organici Ufficio Benessere.

Sp.

25/3 am

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

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**IN**

Riferimento lettera SD/1/1 del 2 marzo 1945.

In esito e quanto richiesto con la lettera o riferimento, si trasmette l'unito organico dell'Ufficio Benessere definito da questo Ministero sulla base di quanto indicato da codesta Missione.

Particolari necessità di funzionamento dell'Ufficio hanno consigliato valersi dell'opera di un maggior numero di ufficiali in luogo di altrettanti graduati e militari di truppe, ritenendo peraltro invariato, nel totale, il numero delle unità messe a disposizione per l'Ufficio stesso.

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

*Sturani*



Allegato n. 1

ORGANICO DELL'UFFICIO BENESSERE DEL SOLDATO

GI/og

RIPARTIZIONE

|                                                                                                                     | Uffici | Mare socialisti | Serg. Maggiore e Serg. Cap. | Cap. magg. e Cap. | Soldati e dett. civili | Totale | NOTE |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------|------|
| <u>Direzione</u>                                                                                                    |        |                 |                             |                   |                        |        |      |
| Direttore                                                                                                           | 1      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | 1      | -    |
| Vice Direttore                                                                                                      | 1      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | 1      | -    |
| Ufficiale addetto                                                                                                   | 1      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | 1      | -    |
| Scritturali                                                                                                         | -      | 1               | 1                           | -                 | -                      | 2      | 2    |
| Piantoni                                                                                                            | -      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | -      | 2    |
| <u>1ª Sezione</u>                                                                                                   |        |                 |                             |                   |                        |        |      |
| Assistenze culturali (biblioteche - corsi scuole - C.A.F. ecc.)                                                     |        |                 |                             |                   |                        |        |      |
| Capo Sezione                                                                                                        | 1      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | 1      | -    |
| Ufficiale addetto                                                                                                   | 1      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | 1      | -    |
| Scritturali                                                                                                         | -      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | -      | 2    |
| <u>2ª Sezione</u>                                                                                                   |        |                 |                             |                   |                        |        |      |
| Assistenza ricreativa e materiale-organizzazione spettacoli-spacci-case del soldato-campi sosta - luoghi di ristoro |        |                 |                             |                   |                        |        |      |
| Capo Sezione                                                                                                        | 1      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | 1      | -    |
| Ufficiale addetto                                                                                                   | 2      | -               | -                           | -                 | -                      | 2      | -    |
| Scritturali                                                                                                         | -      | -               | 1                           | -                 | -                      | 1      | 2    |
| <u>3ª Sezione</u>                                                                                                   |        |                 |                             |                   |                        |        |      |
| Assistenza morale-notizie-informazioni - consulenza legale                                                          |        |                 |                             |                   |                        |        |      |

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SUBJECT: Military Theatrical Company.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) ROME.  
A/27.  
28 Mar '45.

Ministry of War.

With further reference to your 11618 of 14 Mar, and this HQ. S/G/29/26 of 15 March, it is regretted that the proposed attachment cannot be agreed.

Transfers involving a change of category of the affected personnel can not be considered.

*W. P. ...* 257  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

Internal

G (SD)  
ADAMS.

MMIA - 'G'  
FILE: SD/28  
DATE: 28 Mar.

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MMIA

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AFHQ FOR G-3 OES

SD 1524

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REF YOUR F 47902 DATED 22 AND THIS HQ SD 2919 OF 25 CONFIRMING  
CINEMATOGRAF APPARATUS WILL BE ITALIAN (.) PER OF TOTAL OF  
T H R E E CINEMATOGRAPHIC UNITS ON THE W E PROPOSED IN  
M M I A LETTER SD/148 OF 4 MAR IS REQUESTED

RECORD NO. IMPREGANT

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : WMA  
TO : AMU  
ED 2319

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FOR G-3 CDR (JCR) (.) REF 147002 OF 22 MARCH (.) WMA OFFICE  
APPROPRIATE WILL BE FROM BUREAU SOURCES

VERIFIED

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FILE 147002  
FOR Ministry -  
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g/tn  
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ALERTED

with copies of  
147002 of 6 March  
147002 of 22 March

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

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TO : MMIA

RESTRICTED

REF : F 47802

YOUR SD/148 OF 4 MARCH BEING SUBMITTED TO WEC ON UNDERSTANDING  
THAT CINEMATOGRAPH APPARATUS WILL BE ITALIAN (.) CONFIRM

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action Copy: SD/148

WB 23 March

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) ROME.  
A/27/2.  
19 Mar '45.

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HQ. 3 District.

524/1

1. Approval was given by AFHQ under authority of CR/9904/G-1(Br) for the publication of the Italian army newspaper, "La Patria".

2. Publication has been arranged in three editions: at Rome, Florence and Bari. The first two units are already operating and the Italian War Ministry has now been authorized to commence publication at Bari. (A/27/2 of 18 Mar. copy to 3 District refers). The Bari edition will be distributed in Southern Italy and Sicily.

3. The publication unit will work in co-operation, for advisory purposes, with the British Army Newspaper Unit, Bari: censorship is controlled under instructions of Press & Radio Censorship Branch, PRO. AFHQ. APO 512.

4. The paper is printed on a scale of 1 : 7 for all categories of the Italian army.

*J.P. Archer Capt*  
Jaw. Major General  
M. M. I. A.

Copies to:

- G-1(Br) A.F.H.Q.
- HQ. 15 Army Group (B.S.)
- HQ. 2 District.
- HQ. Rome Allied Area Command.
- Press & Radio Censorship Branch, PRO. AFHQ. APO 512. (2)

- MMIA LO ST Andrews Camp Taranto.
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INTERNAL:

- Q. ADAWS.
- G-SD. -

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 FILED 52/1/13.  
 DATE: 19/



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SUBJECT: Italian army newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROME. A/27/2. 18 Mar '45.

Ministry of War.

Copies to: G-1(ar) A.F.M.A.  
HQ No. 3 District.  
HQ Public Relations C.M.P.  
Press & Radio Censorship,  
Branch PRO. AFHQ. APO 512 (2)  
OC. E.A.N.U.

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NT - NT

1. Reference AQ/27 of 20 Feb and Ufficio Stampa letter N.536 di prob. of 16 Mar.

2. It is noted that a two weeks reserve of newsprint is now held in Rome at the disposition of the army newspapers.

3. No part of this reserve will be used without prior reference to this HQ.

4. Approval is now given for publication of the Bari edition of "La Patria" and "Italia" to commence.

5. The instructions for military censorship are covered in AFHQ Press & Radio Censorship letter to you of 19 Feb.

6. The Bari edition, as proposed in your original distribution plan, will serve southern Italy and this distribution will include Sicily.

7. As for the Florence and Rome edition two copies of each publication at Bari are required at this HQ as soon after publication as possible.

Please state the proposed date of commencing publication.

Branch PRO. AFHQ. APO 512 (2)  
OC. E.A.W.U.

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*W.P. Kelly*  
18/3

*W.P. Kelly: cont*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

INTERNAL  
G(SD)  
Q.  
ADAMS.

MMIA - 115  
FILE: 504/148  
DATE: 18/3.

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FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GP *Spulsa*  
 TO : AFHQ 101825A  
 INFO : CG FIFTH ARMY FOR BRIT INCREMENT  
 MAIN EIGHTH ARMY : REAR EIGHTH ARMY:  
 MMIA

SD 1334

CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR FX 39447 CITE FHGCT OF 7 MAR (x) AGREE FORMATION  
 AND EMPLOYMENT TWO ITALIAN KINEMATOGRAPH UNITS AS SUGGESTED

Precedence --

SD DIST:

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*10/13*  
*[Signature]*

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PROJECT  
TO 15 ARMY GROUP  
INFO FIFTH ARMY MMIA MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

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FR 39447

CONFIDENTIAL

MMIA proposes 2 Italian cinematograph units for Italian Army each 1 oftr 3 ORs 1 veh for quote recording deeds of Italian forces (.) The pictures obtained will be valuable for (A) recruiting (B) raising morale (C) training unquote (.) Is formation of units agreed and will they be allowed to operate in Army Area

Distribtuion:

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not much good if they can  
see folio 201  
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SUBJECT: Welfare Services

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
SD/1/1  
March 1945

TO : M.G. (Ufficio 2°)  
SMRE (Ufficio Ordine)

Ref para 13 of M.M.I.A letter SD/94 dated 7 Feb 45 and para 2 of M.M.I.A letter SD/94 dated 21 Feb 45 and conversation Col. De FINZO and Lt: Col. MONACO - Major CALABRINI of March 1, 1945, will you please arrange to incorporate an Establishment on the lines shown in Appx "A" for the Welfare Branch (Ufficio Benessere del Soldato) of the War Ministry.

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*for Major General  
M.M.I.A.*

Internals:  
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"Q" (2)  
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Subject: Italian Army Newspaper Unit RESTRICTED

Land Forces Sub Com AC.  
(M.M.I.A.)

File No SD/1/1

21 Feb 45.

Ministry of War

Reference this HQ letter WEL/N/2 of 15 Jan 45,

WE

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is the agreed War Establishment for the unit required for running the Italian Army Newspaper "La Patria". W.I. No is 305/SFRE/1

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Nomenclature

2. The unit will be named Italian Army Newspaper Unit (Nucleo Giornale Escrito Italiano).

Category

3. The unit will be held in Category 1(C) Section (viii)

Organisation

4. Suggested organisation including suggested numbers and employment of civilian personnel is attached at Appendix "B".

Formation and Location

5. The unit will be formed as soon as possible. HQ will be at ROME, the three publication sub units each at ROME, FLORENCE and BARI.

Transport

6. Transport will be found from Italian Army sources.

*M. T. L. L. L.*

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Ministry of War

Reference to his HQ letter TEL/N/2 of 15 Jan 45.

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*M. M. T. ...*  
Major General (M.M.I.A.)

Copy to:

AHQ for G3 Org (BR) (6)  
(CR/9904/G.1 (BR) of 6 Feb refers)

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Appendix "A" to NMIA Letter  
SI/1/1 dated 2/ Feb 45.

Effective date 25 Feb 45

305/MEM/1

AN ITALIAN ARMY NEWSPAPER UNIT  
(Italian Personnel & Transport)

War Establishment

(i) Personnel

|                                  | Offrs     | OKs       | Total     |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HQ Italian Army Newspaper Unit   | 2         | 3         | 5         |
| Three Publication sub units each | 4         | 6         | 10        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>14</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>35</b> |

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(ii) Transport

|                      | M/Cs     | Cars     | Trucks    | Total     |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| HQ                   | -        | 1        | -         | 1         |
| Three sub units each | 2        | -        | 4         | 6         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>19</b> |



Appendix "B" to MMIA Letter  
SD/1/1 dated 21 Feb 45.PROPOSED ORGANISATION FOR ITALIAN ARMY  
NEWSPAPER UNIT

| <u>Headquarters</u>                                 | Offrs    | Sjts     | Cpls     | Ptes     | Total    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Officer in Charge and<br>Editor-in-Chief (Lt. Col.) | 1        | -        | -        | -        | 1        |
| Captain                                             | 1        | -        | -        | -        | 1        |
| Clerk                                               | -        | -        | -        | 1        | 1        |
| Orderly                                             | -        | -        | -        | 1        | 1        |
| Driver i/c                                          | -        | -        | -        | 1        | 1        |
| <b>Total for HQ</b>                                 | <b>2</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b> |

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Transport--- Cars 2 str 1

3 Publication Sub Units

Each to consist of :-

| (i) <u>Military Personnel</u> | Offrs    | Sjts     | Cpls     | Ptes     | Total     |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Editor i/c (Major)            | 1        | -        | -        | -        | 1         |
| Asst Editor (Capt)            | 1        | -        | -        | -        | 1         |
| Press officer (Capt)          | 1        | -        | -        | -        | 1         |
| Admin officer (Lieut)         | 1        | -        | -        | -        | 1         |
| Sub Editors                   | -        | 2        | 2        | -        | 4         |
| Orderlies                     | -        | -        | -        | 2        | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>10</b> |

Transport --- Trucks 4  
i/Cs 2

## (ii) Civilian Personnel

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Clerks Gen duty     | 4 |
| Compositors         | 4 |
| Line type Operators | 4 |
| Machine Hands       | 1 |
| Process Engravers   | 1 |
| Distributors        | 2 |
| Reporter            | 1 |
| Drivers i/c         | 4 |
| Motor Cyclist       | 2 |

Total 23

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Subject: Motion Picture Unit with Combat Group Fruili.

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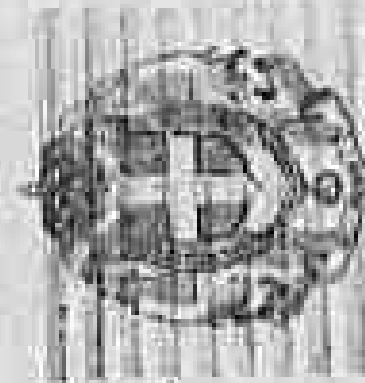
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1. It has been reported that the Motion Picture Unit attached to Fruili is badly clothed and equipped. 2564
2. Authority for these film units to be attached to and administered for all purposes by Combat Groups was given in October last.
3. They are therefore entitled to the same scales of clothing and equipment as other members of the Group.

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

AJH/wk

Copy to Ministry of War (your letter 7060 of 9 Feb refers)



*Ministero della Guerra*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Div. V/E

*Al. De. Col. 7050 di Spad. Allegato*

*Forza Armata Terza*

*Roma*

11a LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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*Risposta al Foglio N. 2581 del*

OGGETTO Equipaggiamento nucleo cinematografico Gruppo Combattimento "Friuli".-

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In seguito a disposizione di codesta M.M.I.A. (foglio n.S/S D/30 del 14/10/s.a.) il Comando del Gruppo di Combattimento "Friuli" ha assunto in forza effettiva extra organico il personale del nucleo cinematografico (1 ufficiale e 3 uomini di truppa) trasferitovi dal Gruppo di Combattimento "Legnano".

Detto personale si è presentato disarmato, in uniforme italiana di tela, con calzature malandate, in parte sprovvisto di cappotto, e le competenti autorità inglesi si sono opposte alla sua vestigiante adducendo che è necessario accertare preliminarmente se l'assegnazione del personale stesso abbia o meno carattere di continuità.

Quanto sopra si porta a conoscenza di codesta M.M.I.A. con preghiera di disporre che il nucleo in parola sia vestito ed equipaggiato allo stesso modo di tutti i militari dei gruppi di combattimento.-

P. IL MINISTRO

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Oggetto Equipaggiamento nucleo cinematografico Gruppo Combattimento "Friuli".-

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P. IL MINISTRO



SUBJECT: - Italian Army Newspaper.

Handwritten notes: *S/S*, *RESTRICTED*, *66*, *(3)*

A.B.A.W.S.  
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.L.I.A.) ROM.  
WEL/W/S.  
15 Jan. 45.

Army Welfare Services,  
AFHQ. CMF.

Copies to - A2, MIA.  
Spec Sec. MIA.  
3 (SD): MIA.  
O.C. BANU. CMF.

1. Attached at Appendix A is a draft plan for the conduct of the Italian army newspaper to be called 'Le Patria'.

2. This plan has been agreed by M. MIA and by the Italian Ministry of War. It is now passed to you so that AFHQ approval in detail may be obtained.

3. Attached at Appendix B is a suggested W.S. for HQ and three presses for the paper. This W.S. has been discussed with Italian Army Welfare and with O.C. BANU. It is based on the lines of the BANU W.S. but scaled down in respect of the difference in circulation figures.

4. It will be noted that authority is suggested for a large proportion of the press operators to be civilians. This is at the request of the Italians and is done to avoid as far as is possible using the army ceiling.

5. As the plan for this paper is based on the fact that it will serve all Italian army forces whether Br Itis, US Itis, or Iti Itis it is recommended that all army personnel should be held against ITI-ITI Category of the order of battle. As the ceiling of this category is now full will you say where this W/S should be carried?

6. Ref Paras 5-66 of App.A. In view of the fact that O.C. BANU will in fact be holding a watching brief in matters of policy in addition to work entailed in the liaison for news and communications it is considered essential that he should have

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6. Ref Paras 5 & 6 of App.A. In view of the fact that O.C. BAMU will in fact be holding a watching brief in matters of policy in addition to work entailed in the liaison for news and communications it is considered essential that he should have attached to him, surplus to his own W.A., a Br. officer (fluent Italian speaking). In view of the rank of the Italian officers involved the Br. officer should be of the rank of Major. On this subject BAMU letter HQ/COM/F of 4 Dec Para 5 (ii) refers.

7. Newsprint. Application for 301 tons of newsprint per month was made by G.I.Br. (FIP) to Allied Publications Board on 29 Dec under ref. CR/2904/G-1(Pr). The Ministry of War request that when approved this newsprint should be consigned as follows :-

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| ROME     | 134 tons |
| FICRANCE | 12 "     |
| BARI     | 8 "      |
|          | <hr/>    |
|          | 354 "    |

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8. The production of this paper will have a great effect on Italian army morale and publication can commence immediately rulings are given on the points raised in this letter. In view of this it is requested that approval and rulings may be forwarded as soon as is possible. If and when approval in principle is given and the newspaper is released publication can start immediately and it is proposed that such publication should be started first in Rome, and after initial trial be extended forthwith to serve the fighting troops.



Lt.Col.  
A.B.A.M.S.

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APPENDIX A

Proposal for the production of a Daily Newspaper for the Italian Army.

1. Name. It is proposed that the paper should be called 'La Patria'.
2. Publication. It is proposed that the paper be printed initially, at Rome, Florence and Bari.
  - (i) Rome. To be printed at the Union Jack press at 61 Via Tritone. C.C. BAU agrees that the necessary space can be made available.
  - (ii) Florence. To be printed at "La Nazions" press provided PAB is instructed to make it available.
  - (iii) Bari. To be printed at the "Gazzette del Messogiorno" press provided PAB is instructed to make it available.
3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 70,000, (1 paper to 3 men) a monthly release of 334 tons of newspaper will be required.
4. Transport. Transport to be provided from Italian 2528 resources. The requirements are estimated at 5 vehicles (load capacity 8-15wt.) at each of the three presses. With present conditions and commitments it would not be possible for this paper to be distributed in co-operation with BAU by BAU transport. An exception is that it may be possible for BAU transport to help with delivery to 8th Army areas from Florence. The Italian War Ministry states that delivery to Sardinia can be carried out by air.
5. Communications. It is proposed that the Italian Army newspaper unit be allowed the use of Ex. Army telephone communications. Such telephone communication is possible from the Rome office which would be located beside that of BAU.
6. British Journalists. It is proposed that the C.C. BAU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit. Similarly his editors at Rome Florence, and Bari would be



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(iii) Bari. To be printed at the "Gazette del Mezzogiorno" press provided FBI is instructed to make it available.

3. Circulation. For a circulation figure of 10,000, (1 paper to 5 men) a monthly release of 334 tons of newspaper will be required.

4. Transport. Transport to be provided from Italian resources. The requirements are estimated at 5 vehicles (load capacity 2-15cwt.) at each of the three presses. With present conditions and commitments it would not be possible for this paper to be distributed in co-operation with BANU by BANU transport. An exception is that it may be possible for BANU transport to help with delivery to 34th Army areas from Florence. The Italian War Ministry states that delivery to Sardinia can be carried out by air.

5. Communications. It is proposed that the Italian Army newspaper unit be allowed the use of Ar.Army telephones communications. Such telephones communication is possible from the Rome office which would be located beside that of BANU.

6. British Journalists. It is proposed that the C. D. BANU be available as adviser to the Italian Army Newspaper Unit. Similarly his editors at Rome, Florence, and Bari would be available to the local Italian press units in advisory capacities.

7. Finance. The cost of running this paper would be the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War, who have estimated the cost at Lire 2,000,000 a month. This estimate does not allow for any income which would be available if the paper is sold in 1 of 6 areas.

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5. Personnel. The Italian Ministry of War has suggested officer personnel as follows :-

|                   | Officers. | Officer Proposed. |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| HQ. and Admin.    |           |                   |
| Editor in Chief.  | 1.        | Lt. Col. Meraldi. |
| Rome Edition.     | 4.        | Lieut. Pullio.    |
| Florence Edition. | 1.        | Capt. Battaglia.  |
| Bari Edition.     | 1.        | Major. Nuovo.     |

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The Italian Ministry of War proposes that other staff should be provided by the employment of civilians, the cost 2557 borns from the expenditure referred to in Para 7 above.

APPENDIX 'B'

Draft War Establishment for Italian Army Newspaper Unit.  
 (Note - All personnel to be Italian.)

HEADQUARTERS.

- Officer in Charge and Editor-in-Chief. (Lt. Col.)
- Captain
- Clerk
- Orderlies
- Driver i/c.

3 Publication Units.  
 Each to consist of :-

(i) Military Personnel.

- Editor i/c (twice)
- Asst. Editor (twice)
- Press officer (twice)
- Admin. officer (twice)
- Sub Editors
- Orderlies

| Officers | Sergeants | Corporals | Privates | PORTALS |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1        | -         | -         | -        | 1       |
| 1        | -         | -         | 1        | 1       |
| 1        | -         | -         | 1        | 1       |
| 2        | -         | -         | 3        | 5       |

Transport  
 Cars 2str.  
 ( 4 x 2 ) 1.

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| Officers | Sergeants | Corporals | Privates | PORTALS |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1        | -         | -         | -        | 1       |
| 1        | -         | -         | -        | 1       |
| 1        | -         | -         | -        | 1       |
| 1        | 2         | 2         | 2        | 2       |
| 4        | 2         | 2         | 2        | 10      |

Transport  
 Cars 2str.  
 ( 4x2 ) 1.  
 Trucks  
 150wt. 4x2 5.  
 W/Cs. 1.

(ii) Civilian Personnel

Clerks Gen. duty

Driver i/c.

3 Publication Units.  
Each to consist of :-

(i) Military Personnel.

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Editor i/c     | { Major |
| Asst. Editor   | { Capt  |
| Press officer  | {       |
| Admin. officer | {       |
| Sub editors    | {       |
| Orderlies      |         |

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| Officers | Sergeants | Corporals | Privates | Total |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 1        | -         | -         | 1        | 2     |
| 1        | -         | -         | 1        | 2     |
| 1        | 2         | 2         | 4        | 8     |
| 1        | -         | -         | 1        | 2     |
| 4        | 2         | 2         | 10       | 18    |

Transport  
 Cars 2str. 1.  
 ( 4x2)  
 Trucks 5.  
 15cwt 4x2  
 W/Cs. 1.

(ii) Civilian Personnel

Clerks Gen. duty  
 Compositors  
 Lino. type Operators  
 Machine Hands  
 Process Engravers  
 Distributors  
 Reporter  
 Drivers i/c.  
 Motor Cyclist

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OVERALL TOTALS.

(i) Military Personnel.

|                      | <u>Officers.</u> | <u>ORs.</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Hq.                  | 2.               | 3.          |
| 3 Publication Units. | 12.              | 18.         |
|                      | 14.              | 21.         |

(ii) Civilian Personnel. ( To be civilian employees - ex-soldiers, patriots, or others who have been security tested )

Total for 3 Publication Units. - 72.

(iii) TRANSPORT.

|                      | <u>2str.</u> | <u>15cvt.</u> | <u>M/C.</u> |      |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------|
| Hq.                  | 1.           | -             | -           |      |
| 3 Publication Units. | 3.           | 15.           | 3.          | 2550 |
|                      | 4.           | 15.           | 3.          |      |



*Comandante*  
*Guerra*

GABINETTO

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**OGGETTO:** personale addetto alle riprese cinematografiche e del complesso artistico.

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ALLA M.M.I.A.

R O M A

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1) - L'ufficio assistenza dello S.M.E. aveva trasferito temporaneamente al C.I.I. due nuclei di personale (in totale 8 militari) addetti alle riprese cinematografiche.

Con lo scioglimento del C.I.I. i nuclei sono rientrati in sede, ma poiché potrebbero trovare utile impiego presso i gruppi di combattimento, attualmente in fase di approntamento, propongo di passarli effettivi: uno al gruppo di combattimento "Prinipi" ed uno al gruppo di combattimento "Citrona".

2) - Lo Stato Maggiore R. Esercito propone, inoltre, di trasferire ad una divisione di truppe ausiliarie un complesso artistico comprendente 29 militari attualmente in disposizione dell'ufficio assistenza. Mesti pur attendendo di massima al servizio quali 25 gen ti lavoratori, potrebbero di tanto in tanto effettuare qualche di po di rappresentazione a favore dei militari italiani e, ove sia accettato da codesta A.S.C., anche a favore dei militari di uni- ta allente.

Concordo con la proposta dello S.M. e rimando in attesa

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Con lo scioglimento del C.I.L. i nuclei sono rientrati in sede, ma poiché potrebbero trovare utile impiego presso i gruppi di combattimento, attualmente in fase di sproporzionamento, propongo di passarli effettivi: uno al gruppo di combattimento "Priuli" ed uno al gruppo di combattimento "Stromboli".

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Concordo con la proposta dallo S.M. e ritengo in attesa delle determinazioni che al riguardo vorrà prendere codesta A.S.C.

Wortheil IL SOTTOSCRITTORE DI STATO ALLA GUERRA  
(Generale G.E. CATTIA)

*inferred that we are probably in favor of proposal - G. Oxilb*  
*in File 39. APR 51*



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