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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

8 March 1945.

FILE NO : 302/CHQ-3

SUBJECT : Control of Manpower and ITALIAN War Establishments

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AMIA)

Ref your 8/3/4 of 25 Jan.

1. GENERAL.

It is agreed that Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AMIA) should as far as possible relieve AFHQ of such of the implementation of the policy established by AFHQ. Control of ITALIAN Army manpower will, however, remain the responsibility of AFHQ, but a small A.M.C. will be org at Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AMIA) with powers as defined below.

2.

REINFORCEMENT PROCEDURE.

Ref your paras 2 and 3 and Appendix 'A'.

(a) The reinforcement procedure for ER-III Service Units has been set out in this HQ CR/1844/G-1(Br) of 5 February 1945 and it is not considered desirable that this procedure be altered.

(b) Formation of New Units

Para 2 (f) of Appendix 'A' to your letter is agreed except that the procedure for the formation of new units will be as follows:-

A Priority list showing units to be formed will be issued by this HQ to Districts and to Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AMIA). Responsibility for formation of units will be delegated to specific Districts. Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AMIA) will proceed immediately to set aside the necessary personnel from Base Rft Depots for units in order of priority. Where demands for rfts conflict with requirements for new units, Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AMIA) will refer the matter to this HQ for decision. Districts will submit weekly reports to this HQ and Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AMIA) beginning 13 March 45 showing progress in assembly of units. When units are ready to receive equipment, formal authority for formation will be issued by this HQ.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AMIA) will ²⁸⁰add to the movement of personnel to Base Rft Depots to meet both reinforcement and formation requirements in accordance with para 5 of this HQ letter CR/1844/G-1(Br) dated 5 February 1945, and C-4 (Nov 6) C/EO dated 7 Feb.

Control of Italian Army manpower will, however, remain the responsibility of AFM, but a small M.E.C. will be org at Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA) with powers as defined below.

2.

REINFORCEMENT PROCEDURE.

Ref your parae 2 and 3 and Appendix 'A'.

- (a) The reinforcement procedure for III-III Service Units has been set out in this H. CR/1644/C-1 (Br) of 5 February 1945 and it is not considered desirable that this procedure be altered.

(b) Formation of New Units

Para 2 (f) of Appendix 'A' to your letter is agreed except that the procedure for the formation of new units will be as follows:-

A priority list showing units to be formed will be issued by this H. to Districts and to Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA). Responsibility for formation of units will be delegated to specific Districts. Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA) will proceed immediately to set aside the necessary personnel from Base Rft Depots for units in order of priority. Where demands for rfts conflict with requirements for new units, Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA) will refer the matter to this H. for decision. Districts will submit weekly reports to this H. and Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA) beginning 15 March 45 showing progress in assembly of units. When units are ready to receive equipment, formal authority for formation will be issued by this H.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA) will be responsible for the movement of personnel to Base Rft Depots to meet both reinforcement and formation requirements in accordance with para 5 of this H. letter CR/1644/C-1 (Br) dated 5 February 1945, and G-4 (Nov 6) C/AC dated 7 Feb.

(c) Control of Ceilings

- (1) The approved breakdown of the Italian Army ceiling is given at Appx 'A' and will not be changed without reference to this H.

- (ii) Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMA) Order of Battle and Strength state (file C/11) will be amended to show ceiling figures as in Appx 'A' for comparison with current strengths.

- (iii) The internal breakdown of the III-III Administration ceiling

/will be decided

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will be decided by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) in consultation with the Italian Authorities.

3. WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

Ref your para 4 and Appendix 'B'.

- (a) The suggestion that a W.E. Committee be constituted at Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) is approved. This Committee will investigate all new establishments and units to existing units for the Italian units of the following categories.

- (i) IRI-ITI
- (ii) BR-ITI
- (iii) Italian Combat Gps.

- (b) This Committee will be organised v.s.f. 15 March 45. Its composition will be at the discretion of Command Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA).

- (c) The Committee will be empowered to approve new establishments and amendments to existing establishments for Italian Army Units as follows:-

- (i) IT-ITI Units.

Without

any limitation of personnel (provided the ceiling laid down by this HQ is not exceeded), or equipment and without reference to AFHQ.

- (ii) BR-ITI & Italian Combat Gps.

Without limitation of personnel (provided the ceiling laid down by this HQ is not exceeded) equipment or vehicles, but subject to final approval of AFHQ.

No decisions of the Committee will be propagated by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) until the final approval of AFHQ is received.

- (d) As soon as BR-ITI and Italian Combat Gps are or units have been approved by AFHQ, they will be issued by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) in the normal series of C/ests for which a block of numbers will be allotted to Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) by AFHQ. The procedure to be adopted will be the subject of a separate instruction.

- (e) Implementation of new units or units will be automatic 28/4/45 approval has been given within the limits laid down in para 2 (b) above.

- (1) ITH-ITL
- (11) ERI-ITL
- (111) Italian Combat Gps.

- (b) This Committee will be organized W.E.F. 15 March 45. Its composition will be at the discretion of Comd Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA).
- (c) The Committee will be empowered to approve new establishments and amendments to existing establishments for Italian Army Units as follows:-
 - (1) ITH-ITL Units.
 - (11) ~~W.D.C.~~ ~~W.D.C.~~ limitation of personnel (provided the ceiling laid down by this HQ is not exceeded), or eqpt and without reference to AFHQ.
 - (111) ~~ERI-ITL~~ Italian Combat Gps.

Without limitation of personnel (provided the ceiling laid down by this HQ is not exceeded) eqpt or vehs, but subject to final approval of AFHQ.

No decisions of the Committee will be promulgated by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) until the final approval of AFHQ is received.

- (d) As soon as ERI-ITL and Italian Combat Gps are issued have been approved by AFHQ, they will be issued by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) in the normal series of C/ests for which a block of numbers will be allotted to Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) by AFHQ. The procedure to be adopted will be the subject of a separate instruction.

- (e) Implementation of new ests or aucts will be automatic ^{288/174} approval has been given within the limits laid down in para 2 (b) above.

- (f) Any major reorganizations will be co-ordinated by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) with this HQ before submission to the Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA) W.E.F.

- (g) W.E.F. 15 March Arries and Districts will be instructed to forward proposals direct to Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA). The procedure for submission of proposals will be included in the separate instruction mentioned in para 3 (d) above.

/ staff branches.....

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Staff branches of this HQ will submit proposals through their service representatives at Land Forces Sub Commission AC (NLIA), who will be responsible for the co-ordination and preparation of the proposals, before submission to Land Forces Sub Commission AC (NLIA) W.E.C.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :

W.D. MORAN
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff.

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Appx 'A' to 303/ORD-3 dated
8 March 1945.

CATEGORY	EMPLOYMENT	AUTHORIZED CEILING
BR - ITI	Service Troops	93,000 ✓
	Reinforcements (5%)	4,800 ✓
	Combat troops incl Staff at CEMAD	50,750
	Reinforcements (25%)	11,250 ✓
	AFHQ Combat Reserve	700
ITI - ITI	Administration	27,000 ✓
	Internal Security Divs	16,000 + 15,000 1,000
	Guard Bns	17,600 X 1,600 600
	Allied Commission	3,000 ✓
	Searchlights Units	600 X 250 + 350
	IAI and SP	1,500 ✓
	Reinforcements (5%)	3,300 X 3,100 - 200
US - ITI	FIFTH ARMY	17,000 - 750
	PEB	52,000
	CORSICA	5,000
	Air Corps	5,500
	Replacements (5%)	4,000

* Sup Gen Staff 120
 PW 20
 172 Divs 307
 Hqs 273
 Hqs 750

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SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief
of Staff.SUBJECT: Italian Patriots and Carabinieri
MEMO TO: Chief Commissioner, Headquarters, ALLIED COMMISSION.

Reference is made to your 3207/12/COS dated 16 January 1945.

1. The question of the disposal of the increasing numbers of Italian Patriots now being encountered in the Army area having been reviewed, a general policy is hereby established for the induction of Italian Patriots into the Italian Army as individuals to fill the current deficiency of approximately 48,000 under the present ceiling.

2. With the object, however, of making the most advantageous use of the fighting capabilities of the Patriots, the Land Forces Sub-commission have been requested to submit recommendations to this Headquarters on a proposed organization for the formation of Reconnaissance Companies (comprising patriots in their own hands), to operate with the existing five Italian Gruppi. The present patriot bands fighting with the Armies will continue to operate with their present formations.

3. Your request to raise the ceiling of the Italian Army by an addition of up to 100,000 cannot at this stage be entertained. If, however, after operational experience of the Reconnaissance Companies has been obtained, it is considered desirable to form further units of a similar nature to operate with other Allied formations, the necessity for an increase in ceiling to cover the estimated future intake of Patriots will be reviewed.

4. The present Carabinieri ceiling of 55,000 being not full, approval is being sought from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for a further increase to 65,000. Pending receipt of this approval, recruitment beyond the present figure of 55,000 cannot be authorized.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

/s/ John Harbison Lt Gen
/t/ JOHN HARBISON
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

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CG LFSC (MMIA)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
2/2/6-6

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Nation Report

TO : G-4 AFHQ (4)

1. In accordance with telegram your headquarters # 67245 dated 23 Nov. 44, the following report is submitted.

Appendix 'A' - Ration Strength

Appendix 'B' - Stock Status of Italian Depots.

Appendix 'C' - Estimated Distribution of Ceiling Strength of Italian Armed Forces.

2. The above figures are compiled as of 20 February 45.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Appendix 'A'
Mr. 1/2/6-6
23 Feb. 1945

Average ration strength of US-IIIa From 1 Feb. 45 to 20 Feb. 45.	-----	81,000
Average ration strength of III-IIIa From 1 Feb. 45 to 20 Feb. 45.	-----	121,000
Average ration strength of Italian Armed Forces 1st by U.S. From 1 Feb. 45 to 20 Feb. 45.		222,000

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STOCKS HELD IN ITALIAN DEFENSE AS OF 20 FEB 45
QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

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ITEM	ROME	NAPLES	PART	TARANTO	SICILY	SARDINIA	CATANZARO	EAST
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
SEMOLINA FLOUR		174,575	1,448,142	333,502				(1,771,724)
FLOUR	167,462	2,123,374	2,241,161	1,817,514	1,692,885	956,826	627,744	(4,058,675)
MACARONI	311,180	1,384,063	908,508	1,935,367	298,593	797,157	166,655	(2,723,675)
MEAT & FISH *	144,483	857,296	512,624	458,348	281,729	671,283	295,819	(970,972)
VEG DEHYDRATED *	42,592	359,117	721,518	994,396	143,532	302,355	97,897	(1,715,924)
CHEESE	62,754	149,273	731,950	127,073	178,617	229,309	69,645	(459,023)
SUGAR	61,852	78,309	327,769	423,463	158,441	163,295	125,427	(751,232)
RICE	72,012	314,020	141,974	128,560	199,046	81,608	127,269	(270,534)
POTATO CATSUP								
AND PASTE	58,103	77,549	357,183	62,158	54,376	182,879	60,112	(439,341)
COFFEE	10,762	1,275,536	454,718	206,213	75,633	138,297	58,718	(662,231)
ESPRESSO		1,672	604	1,435	288	5,440	210	(2,039)
DRYED BEG. *	97,538	692,818	483,411		147,422	390,141	52,562	(483,411)

ESTIMATED TOTALS

MEAT & FISH * (breakdown)

Beef, corned	(301,000)
Beef, corned beef	(281,582)
Ham, corned	(155,356)
Salmon or haddock	(97,096)
Sausages, pork	(135,936)
Sausages, vienna	

VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED * (breakdown)

Peas, Julianne	(343,182)
Carrots	(428,979)
Potatoes, Julianne	(943,753)

VEGETARIANS DRIED * (breakdown)

Beans, Kidney dry	(96,682)
Beans, Lima dry	(120,853)
Beans, Navy dry	(169,193)
Peas, split	(96,683)

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STOCKS HELD IN ITALIAN DIVISIONS AS OF 20 FEB 45
QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATEDAppendix 'B'
Ltr. Q/2/6-6

NAZI	TARANTO	SICILY	SARDEGNA	CATANZARO	EAST	WEST	TOTAL
D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1,448,112	333,582				(1,781,721)	(171,575)	1,956,299
2,211,161	1,817,514	1,492,885	956,826	627,714	(4,058,675)	(5,628,293)	9,686,968
988,508	1,935,367	298,598	797,157	156,655	(2,923,875)	(2,957,653)	5,881,528
512,621	458,318	231,729	671,283	289,319	(970,972)	(2,173,815)	3,144,787
721,518	994,386	142,523	302,355	97,897	(1,715,514)	(945,593)	2,661,507
331,950	127,073	173,617	229,309	69,545	(459,023)	(684,498)	1,143,521
327,759	123,163	155,443	163,295	125,487	(751,232)	(984,384)	1,335,616
141,974	128,560	199,046	81,608	127,260	(270,534)	(693,955)	964,489
357,183	82,158	54,376	182,879	60,112	(429,341)	(423,019)	872,360
454,718	206,213	75,633	138,297	58,711	(648,231)	(1,558,946)	2,219,877
604	1,435	288	5,140	219	(8,039)	(7,540)	9,679
483,411		147,122	390,141	52,562	(483,411)	(1,380,531)	1,863,942

ESTIMATED TOTALS

(301,900)	(548,092)	849,992
(281,582)	(504,615)	786,197
	(251,583)	251,583
(155,356)	(347,810)	503,166
(97,098)	(217,381)	314,479
(135,936)	(304,334)	440,270

(343,182)	(189,119)	532,301
(428,979)	(236,398)	665,377
(943,753)	(520,076)	1,463,829

(96,682)	(276,106)	372,788
(120,853)	(345,133)	465,986
(169,193)	(483,187)	652,380
(96,683)	(276,105)	372,788

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DISTRIBUTION OF CEILING STRENGTH
OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES
(ARMY, AIR FORCE, CORN)
(ESTIMATED)

	<u>ITI-ITI</u>	<u>US-ITI</u>	<u>BR-ITI</u>	<u>CORN</u>
1. Mainland EAST Coast	17,620	8,500	96,850	21,054
2. Mainland WEST Coast	36,330	74,500	88,150	23,305
3. SARDINIA	5,050	2,000		4,241
4. SICILY	10,000			6,400
5. CORSICA		5,000		
6. TOTAL	<u>69,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>

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Appendix 'C'
Ltr. Q/2/6-6
28 Feb. 1945

DISTRIBUTION OF CEILING STRENGTH
OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES
(ARMY, AIR FORCE, CORR)
(ESTIMATED)

<u>ITA-ITI</u>	<u>US-ITI</u>	<u>BR-ITI</u>	<u>CORR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
17,620	3,500	96,850	21,054	146,274
36,330	74,500	38,150	23,305	272,285
5,050	2,000		4,241	13,291
10,000			6,400	14,150
	5,000			5,000
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
69,000	90,000	135,000	55,000	399,000

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YOUR OM/502 DATED 14 FEB REFERS (*) PARA ONE (*) AUTHORIZATION GIVEN TO INCREASE FIVE ARMY CEILING ITALIAN SERVICE TROOPS FROM FOURTEEN THOUSAND TO SEVENTEEN THOUSAND AND REDUCING PBS CEILING FROM PRESENT FIGURE 54,500 TO 51,500 (*) THIS REPRESENTS MAXIMUM INCREASE THAT WE CAN CONSIDER AT THIS TIME (*) PARA TWO (*) PARA THREE (*) YOUR OM FIVE ZERO ONE OF FOURTEEN FEBRUARY RECONSIDERED AND APPROVED (*) ITI VETERINARY HOSPITALS WILL IN FUTURE BE UNITED STATES - ITI UNITS AND HELD WITHIN INCREASED CEILING AUTHORIZED IN PARA ONE

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MEMOSUBJECT: Combat Force Ceilings.
-----SECRETLAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(N.I.I.A.)

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24 February 45TO : G(SD).

1. The War Establishment strengths of the Combat Force are :-

5 Combat Groups (5 X 8897) ----- 44,485

Auxiliary Units (incl those planned
but not formed) 3,053

Permanent Staff of RTC ICF 2,500

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2. Reinforcements authorised to be held for the Combat Groups are 11,250 or 25% of 45,000 (AFHQ AG.370.092/001 CCT-Q of 30 January refers).

3. Please confirm that reinforcements for the Auxiliary Units are additional to the above 11,250 for the Groups and should be supplied from RTC ICF CESAM?

4. The following is recommended as the breakdown of ceilings for Combat Groups, Auxiliary Units and reinforcements :-

Category 2 (BR-ITI)	
5 Combat Groups at 9,000	45,000
Auxiliary Units and Permanent Staff at RTC ICF	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>50,000</u>
Category 6(B) (BR-ITI unassigned)	
Reinforcements for Combat Groups (25% of 45,000)	11,250
Reinforcements for Auxiliary Units and Staff of RTC ICF	<u>750</u>
TOTAL	<u>12,000</u>
COMBAT FORCE TOTAL	62,000

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3. Please confirm that reinforcements for the Auxiliary Units are additional to the above 11,250 for the Groups and should be supplied from PTC ICF CESAM?

Fig. 2

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6. The above figures do not include CC.PP. who are included in Category 7.

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FROM : AFHQ

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TO : MMIA

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YOUR SD 2304 OF ONE SEVEN (*) AGREE YOU CHARGE RATIONS OF RECRUITS
EARMARKED TO NATIONAL COMMITMENTS TO NATION CONCERNED FROM TIME RECRUITS
REPORT TO CALL - UP CENTRES.

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TO: (FOR ACTION) AFHQ

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SUBJECT MAINTENANCE OF RECRUITS PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO DEPOTS (.)
REFERENCE PAR 12 C AFHQ LETTER AG 091.711/169 OCT-9 OF 16 NOV
1944 (.) CALL-UPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED ONLY AFTER SCHEDULE FOR
MOVEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY AFHQ (.) IF MOVEMENTS TAKE
PLACE AS SCHEDULED THIS MEANS THAT THESE RECRUITS ARE ON ITI-ITI
RATIONS FOR ONLY TWO TO FIVE DAYS (.) ITI-ITI RATIONS FOR THIS
PURPOSE MUST BE TAKEN FROM THE CEILING AUTHORIZED AND SAVING TO
DO THIS IS AFFECTED BY MEN ON LEAVE ETC (.) WHEN IT BECOMES
NECESSARY TO HOLD THESE RECRUITS FOR LONG PERIODS ON ITI-ITI
RATIONS ON ACCOUNT OF TRANSPORTATION NOT BEING AVAILABLE AS
ACKRED, THE ITI-ITI RATION CEILING IS EXCEEDED AS IN THE CASE
OF 4800 MEN IN APOLIA AND OVER 9000 MEN IN SARDINIA ALL AWAITING
TRANSPORTATION (.) SARDINIA SITUATION NOW IS THAT SOME OF THESE
PEOPLE WILL BE HELD ON ITI-ITI RATIONS OVER 30 DAYS (.) REQUEST
AUTHORITY EITHER TO EXCEED THE ITI-ITI RATION CEILING AS NECESSARY
OR TO CHANGE THE RATIONS OF THE RECRUITS MARKED TO NATIONAL
COMMITMENTS TO THE NATION CONCERNED FROM THE TIME RECRUITS REPORT
TO THE CALL-UP CENTERS.

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TEST: Responsibilities of Ministry of War

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/94 ←
17 Feb 45

TO : H.E. Count CASATI,
Minister for War.

Reference your 203526/II of 13 Feb 45.

1. I have read your letter and regret that I am unable to comply with the request made in your para 3 i.e. to leave the distribution of the 27,000 daily rations to be allocated by yourself.
2. The Allies are responsible for feeding and maintaining the Italian tps and I am responsible to the Supreme Allied Commander, A.F.H.Q., for the efficient running of the Italian Administration, and seeing that all Italian tps are used to the maximum extent for furthering the war effort. One example of misuse is the superfluity of military personnel carried in the Arty ceiling of Category 1(C) who are guarding small dumps of amm in Calabria which could well be performed by a handful of civilians. There are, of course, many other examples.
3. Under the circumstances it is NOT possible at this stage to relax Allied supervision.
4. Without going into details I would ask you to comply with the request contained in MMLA letter SD/94 of 7 Feb 45 and submit your proposals for the re-organisation and/or the carrying of temporary necessary departments in Category 5(C). Certainly civilian batmen should be employed.
5. On receipt of your reply I will help you all I can.

(Sgd) L. Browning
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION.

FROM : M of W

Ref 203526/II

TO: M.M.I.A. (Major General BROWNING)

Date 13. 2. 45.

SUBJECT: Maximum Strength Limit for First Category. (A)

1 Having read the instructions contained in letter, SD/94 of the 7th inst., I find it is essential for me to inform you personally of the fact that the new reduction of personnel established for the central bodies of military administration will entail a serious crisis which will affect the already limited possibilities of functioning of said bodies, which, specially at present are overburdened with work.

2 In order to make up for the 281 Units deducted from this Ministry's strength M.M.I.A. suggests certain measures (such as for example the disbandment or reduction of the following Units: Misc Mil personnel Administration Branch, Commission for the Interrogation of PW, Investigation and Epuration Commission etc as well as the replacement of batmen with civilian personnel) which, should they be carried out would seriously affect administration, discipline and finance. This without bearing in mind that said measures would require a long period of time to be carried out.

3 In Consideration to all the above I must earnestly request you to kindly consider allowing this Ministry to provide for and take the responsibility of the details of the distribution of the 27,000 rations granted for the central bodies, administration and services, on the basis of the effective requirements of each unit and of M.M.I.A. Directives.

4 Whilst on the subject I consider it advisable to inform you precisely in order to make the best use of personnel in accordance with the essential requirements of each unit and in order to eliminate Units and personnel not absolutely essential a complete reorganisation of the various central units is now in course, as reported in letter, 202552/II of the 30th ult.

5 Taking into consideration the reasons given above I feel confident that you will endeavour to grant my request and I await your news on the matter.

s/d The Minister

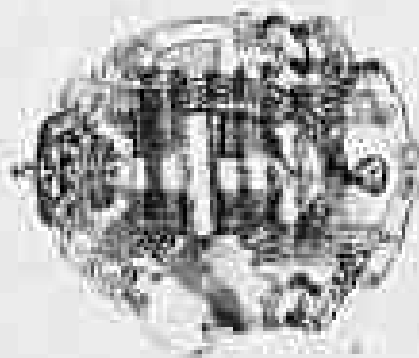
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Oggetto: Limiti massimi di forza per le categoria prima (A).--

AL Signor Generale BROWNING

Capo della L.F.S.C.

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A conoscenza delle disposizioni impartite con la lettera SD/94 del 7 corrente mese, mi trovo nell'assoluta necessità di rappresentare personalmente alla S.V. che la nuova riduzione del personale stabilita per gli organi centrali dell'amministrazione della guerra mette in seria crisi la già limitata possibilità di funzionamento degli organi stessi, i quali, specie in questo momento sono oberati di lavoro.--

Per il ricupero delle 281 unità assegnate in meno a questo Ministero la M.M.I.A. suggerisce l'adozione di alcuni provvedimenti (quali ad esempio la eliminazione e la riduzione dei seguenti enti: ufficio amministrazione di personali militari vari; commissione interrogatrice p.g.; commissioni di accertamento ed epurazione ecc.; nonché la sostituzione degli attendenti con personale civile) che, qualora attuati avrebbero delle gravissime ripercussioni di carattere amministrativo, disciplinare e finanziario.--

Ciò senza tener conto che i provvedimenti suddetti richiederebbero notevole tempo per l'attuazione.--

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In considerazione di quanto sopra prego vivamente la S.V.

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In considerazione di quanto sopra prego vivamente la S.V. di voler esaminare la possibilità di lasciare a questo Ministero la facoltà e relativa responsabilità di disporre, nel dettaglio, la ripartizione delle 27.000 razioni a disposizione per gli organi centrali, amministrativi e dei servizi, sulla base delle effettive necessità di ciascun ente e delle direttive della M.M.I.A.-

Con l'occasione reputo opportuno informare la S.V. che appunto allo scopo di adeguare il personale alle effettive necessità di ciascun ente e di eliminare uffici ed elementi non assolutamente indispensabili, è in corso di attuazione la riorganizzazione dei vari enti centrali, come comunicato con la lettera numero 202552/II del 30 gennaio u.s.-

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Tenuto conto delle ragioni esposte confido che la S.V.  
vorrà fare tutto il possibile per l'accoglimento della presen-  
te richiesta, e resto in attesa di comunicazioni in merito. =

IL MINISTRO

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. C. ...', written over a horizontal line.

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SUBJECT: Ration Report  
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
AQ/2/6-5  
31 January 1945  
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TO : G-4 AFHQ (4)  
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1. In accordance with telegram your headquarters F 67245 dated 23 Nov. 44, the following report is submitted.

Appendix 'A' - Ration Strength

Appendix 'B' - Stock States of Italian Depots.

Appendix 'C' - Estimated Distribution of Ceiling Strength of Italian Armed Forces.

2. The above figures are compiled as of 20 January 45.

  
CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Appendix 'A'  
Ltr. A2/2/6-5  
30 Jan. 1945

Average ration strength of US-ITIs  
From 1 Jan. 45 to 20 Jan. 45.

72,000

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Average ration strength of ITI-ITIs  
From 1 Jan. 45 to 20 Jan. 45.

121,000

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Average ration strength of Italian  
Armed Forces fed by U.S.

193,000

From 1 Jan. 45 to 20 Jan. 45.

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STOCKS HELD IN TRANSFERRED STOCKS AS OF 20 JAN 45.  
QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS AND OUNCES

| ITEM              | WHEAT   | WHEAT     | WHEAT     | WHEAT     | WHEAT   | WHEAT     | WHEAT   | WHEAT       |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| A                 | B       | C         | D         | E         | F       | G         | H       | I           |
| SPENT FLOUR       |         | 127,252   | 1,441,172 | 333,502   |         |           |         | (1,781,644) |
| FLOUR             | 251,670 | 1,251,294 | 2,941,860 | 3,747,284 | 208,208 | 592,108   | 142,012 | (1,480,146) |
| WHEAT             | 390,368 | 1,305,486 | 587,481   | 1,764,862 | 228,080 | 561,316   | 216,275 | (1,448,352) |
| WHEAT D.          |         |           |           |           |         |           |         |             |
| WHEAT & FLOUR *   | 170,455 | 850,308   | 901,661   | 917,280   | 87,088  | 1,441,563 | 93,406  | (1,604,378) |
| VEG. DEHYDRATED * | 86,278  | 335,929   | 762,778   | 928,256   | 175,981 | 1,551,121 | 105,949 | (1,600,995) |
| CORNFLOUR         | 64,218  | 71,420    | 470,936   | 240,791   | 151,240 | 291,298   | 21,219  | (339,732)   |
| SUGAR             | 22,751  | 64,776    | 107,470   | 307,654   | 56,145  | 144,267   | 142,106 | (915,321)   |
| RICE              | 116,000 | 78,429    | 335,805   | 253,717   | 174,633 | 96,252    | 42,673  | (586,522)   |
| TOMATO CATSUP     |         |           |           |           |         |           |         |             |
| AND PASTE         | 45,803  | 32,423    | 372,856   | 116,441   | 41,432  | 207,158   | 41,390  | (459,740)   |
| COFFEE            | 30,700  | 35,143    | 522,687   | 235,283   | 62,387  | 410,532   | 47,140  | (744,970)   |
| BUTTER            | 129     | 346       | 2,191     | 1,633     | 281     | 5,709     | 274     | (3,731)     |
| DRIED VEG. *      | 160,795 | 803,316   | 672,431   | 350,381   | 88,971  | 409,673   | 26,035  | (1,022,112) |

MEAT & FISH \* (breakdown)

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Beef, corned      | ( 225,770) |
| Beef, corned beef | ( 208,245) |
| Luncheon Meat     | ( 184,721) |
| Salt on, or Veal  | ( 164,197) |
| Sausage, pork     | ( 108,623) |
| Sausage, Vienna   | ( 143,672) |

VEGETABLES DEHYDRATED \* (breakdown)

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| Beets, Julienne    | ( 337,162) |
| Carrots            | ( 121,452) |
| Potatoes, Julienne | ( 927,195) |

VEGETABLES DRIED \* (breakdown)

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Beans, Kidney dry | ( 197,794) |
| Beans, Lima dry   | ( 217,212) |
| Beans, Navy dry   | ( 345,139) |
| Peas, split       | ( 197,794) |

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STOCKS HELD BY ITALIAN B. DATE OF 20 JAN 45.  
QUANTITIES AT ISSUED JPT BOUNDS AND SO (THE BRIST SPAN)

Appendix 12  
Ltr. 40/2/4-5

|    | PALES     | DAFI      | TARAFIC   | SMILE   | SARDINIA  | CATAZAY | EAST        | WEST        | TOTAL     |
|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|    | C         | D         | E         | F       | G         | H       | I           | J           | K         |
|    | 180,254   | 1,446,142 | 333,502   |         |           |         | (1,781,644) | (180,254)   | 1,961,898 |
| 70 | 1,251,294 | 2,941,860 | 3,747,286 | 208,208 | 782,108   | 142,012 | (4,489,146) | (2,445,292) | 9,334,438 |
| 58 | 1,305,483 | 897,491   | 1,764,662 | 228,080 | 961,316   | 216,275 | (2,442,352) | (3,110,555) | 5,772,508 |
| 55 | 850,309   | 901,641   | 517,280   | 17,090  | 1,443,563 | 93,406  | (1,204,379) | (3,457,184) | 1,141,863 |
| 72 | 325,929   | 762,719   | 928,256   | 175,977 | 1,551,121 | 105,949 | (1,599,235) | (2,955,268) | 3,714,242 |
| 18 | 71,420    | 479,936   | 240,707   | 161,040 | 201,298   | 24,249  | (320,732)   | (16,205)    | 1,336,937 |
| 51 | 64,778    | 407,470   | 507,654   | 66,145  | 169,267   | 142,106 | (935,324)   | (470,047)   | 1,385,371 |
| 00 | 78,429    | 335,805   | 253,717   | 174,653 | 84,252    | 42,673  | (589,522)   | (509,987)   | 1,099,509 |
| 03 | 32,625    | 372,856   | 116,804   | 41,432  | 207,198   | 41,399  | (485,740)   | (368,657)   | 854,397   |
| 00 | 30,145    | 532,687   | 235,293   | 62,207  | 410,932   | 47,140  | (767,579)   | (582,264)   | 1,360,234 |
| 29 | 340       | 2,101     | 1,632     | 257     | 5,709     | 277     | (3,724)     | (6,751)     | 10,445    |
| 05 | 803,316   | 672,431   | 350,387   | 89,871  | 499,673   | 26,085  | (1,022,512) | (1,579,740) | 2,602,552 |

ESTIMATED TOTALS

|           |             |           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| (225,770) | (755,840)   | 981,610   |
| (225,244) | (627,127)   | 852,373   |
| (144,721) | (618,414)   | 763,135   |
| (144,197) | (549,701)   | 693,898   |
| (102,623) | (243,563)   | 346,186   |
| (143,672) | (480,289)   | 623,961   |
| (237,162) | (412,087)   | 649,249   |
| (421,452) | (515,109)   | 936,561   |
| (927,195) | (1,133,239) | 2,060,434 |
| (197,794) | (322,717)   | 520,511   |
| (217,242) | (403,396)   | 620,638   |
| (246,139) | (564,751)   | 810,890   |
| (197,794) | (322,716)   | 520,510   |

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Appendix 'C'  
Ltr. 52/2/6-5  
30 Jan. 1945

DISTRIBUTION OF GELLING STRENGTH  
OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES  
(ARMY, AIR FORCE, CCRR)  
(ESTIMATED)

|                        | <u>ITI-ITI</u> | <u>US-ITI</u> | <u>BR-ITI</u> | <u>CCRR</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Mainland EAST Coast | 17,620         | 3,500         | 96,850        | 23,304      | 146,274      |
| 2. Mainland WEST Coast | 36,330         | 74,500        | 88,150        | 23,305      | 222,285      |
| 3. SARDINIA            | 5,050          | 2,000         |               | 4,241       | 13,291       |
| 4. SICILY              | 10,000         |               |               | 4,150       | 14,150       |
| 5. CORSICA             |                | 5,000         |               |             | 5,000        |
| 6. TOTAL               | 69,000         | 90,000        | 185,000       | 55,000      | 399,000      |

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

30 January 1945

AG 370.092/001 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Italian Combat Group Reinforcements.

TO : President, Allied Commission.  
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (RMIA).

1. Reference is made to your S/G/29/27/1 dated 17 January 1945.
2. In view of the high rate of wastage it is agreed that the present authorised holdings of reinforcements for the Italian Combat Groups (15% of WE) is insufficient to keep the Groups up to strength in trained personnel and it is therefore agreed that the figure will be raised to 25%.
3. However, it is pointed out that the figure of 15000 quoted by you in paragraph 4 of the letter under reference is in point of fact 33 1/3% and not 25% of the total force. The total authorised holding on the five Gruppi will therefore be 11,250.

By command of Field Marshall ALEXANDER:

JACK CARTER;  
Captain, ACD?  
Asst Adjutant General

cc to:  
15th Army Group

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SUBJECT: Italian Combat Group reinforcements.

LAND FORCES SUB COM.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
S/G/29/27/1  
17 January 1945.

A.F.H.Q. (2 Copies)

Copy to:- 15 Army Group  
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1. I consider the number of reinforcements authorised to be held for Italian Combat Groups (at present 15% of WE) will be insufficient to keep up the Groups to strength in trained personnel.
2. According to my estimate which was sent to you with my S/G/29/27/1 of 22 Dec with which I believe you are in agreement we shall have to meet a nett wastage of 2,000 a month, or a gross wastage (which the holdings is to replace) of 3,500 a month.
3. It is estimated that the type of men we are calling up now will require between 2 and 6 months training (say an average of 4 months).
4. To allow for this and for the difference between posted and actual strengths we shall have to hold 15,000 or approx 25% of the total force.
5. Will you please consider this and give me your decision as early as possible.

ABC  
/JW

Signed

L. BROWNING

Major General.  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: SD

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FROM : CG AAFS, MTO 291845A  
TO : 15 AFSC PLS PASS TO AIR FORCES SC, AC BARI AND AIR FORCES  
SC, AC ROME, ACTION.  
INFO : MMIA ROME.

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STATEMENT IS REQUESTED CONCERNING THE STATES - OF 85 AND 86  
NUCLEO GUARDS CITE OUR MESSAGE IT-8274 (\*) IF ITALIAN AIR FORCE  
PERSONNEL IS BEING UTILISED BY UNITED STATES FORMATIONS OTHER THAN  
AIR CORPS IT IS CONTRARY TO APPROVED ALLOTMENTS AND MAY TO SOME  
EXTENT ACCOUNT FOR OUR EXISTING SHORTAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 3300  
ITALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AC/14601/21/PS

Tel. 489081 - 580

26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Strength of CC RR

TO : G.O.C., MMIA  
(Attention Col. KERR)

1. Reference strength of CC RR. Conversation Col. KERR - Col. YOUNG, 26th January 1945.

2. Following the visit of Colonel YOUNG to AFHQ, G-3 and G-5, on the 24th of this month, it has now been agreed that the strength of the CC RR must be limited to, and must not exceed, 55,000. Instructions have already been given to the Commanding General, CC RR to this effect.

3. At the present time the latest return shows the CC RR Establishment to be still less than 55,000, and, since agreement has now been reached that CC RR on leave for more than 30 days as well as those who are sick for more than 60 days will not count against the effective establishment, the subtraction of these two categories will, I am sure also appreciably reduce the total. Arrangements are therefore being made with General Orlando that CC RR in these categories will not in future be shown on the return submitted to the Minister of War.

(Sgd) John W. Chapman  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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Enclosure: Copy of letter to General Orlando

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APO 512

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AG 091.711/065 GCT-0

28 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army - SARDINIA.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.  
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA).

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 19 January 1945.

2. The 57 personnel concerned will be carried within the ITI-ITI category (Reinforcements) and not as stated in the above letter in the US-ITI category.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

R. H. FRESH,  
Captain, AGD,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 354.

SP/141.

AS/14601/21/PS.

Tel. 489081 - 580.

25th January, 1945.

SUBJECT : Strength of Royal Carabinieri.

TO : The Commanding General, Royal Carabinieri.

1. As you know, the application to increase the strength of the CC.RR to 65,000 is now under consideration by AFHQ. Approval has not yet been given and in the meantime it is important to ensure that the strength of the CC.RR does not exceed its authorized establishment, i.e., 55,000.
2. I should be glad therefore if you would give special consideration to this matter.
3. It has, however, been agreed that CC.RR on leave for more than 30 days, as well as those who have been sick for more than 60 days, do not count on the effective establishment, and, for the purposes of considering the strength as 55,000, these categories need no longer be shown by you in the official returns.

*John W. Chapman*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHCCT

TO : KMIA

INFO: AAI, FIFTH ARMY, PBS

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Authority granted formation 5 additional pack mule coys for 5 Army to include 2 coys authorized in our FX 49942 dated 8 Nov (.) AAI SD 958 of 10 Nov and 5 Army 169 of 7 Nov refer (.) PARA TWO (.) Priority for provision of muleteers to be in accordance with AAI SD 955 of 6 Nov (.) First 2000 to complete deficiencies in existing FIFTH ARMY units, then 2000 muleteers to complete 5 new coys authorized in para 1 (.) PARA THREE (.) To accommodate these new coys FIFTH ARMY ceiling will be increased by 2000 to a total of 14000 (.) PBS authorized ceiling will be reduced correspondingly by 2000 (.) PARA FOUR (.) Muleteers to be provided as in FIFTH ARMY cable 2209 of 10 Nov (.) This HQ will make necessary equipment and mules available to FIVE ARMY on application

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FROM 5 ARMY

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TO AFHQ

INFO CG MTCUSA MMIA CG FIFTEENTH ARMY GP

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VETERINARY HOSPITALS ARE THE SUBJECT (.) REQUEST 110, 130, 211, 212  
VETERINARY HOSPITALS BE REDESIGNATED US-ITI AND ASSIGNED TO 5 ARMY  
OVER AND ABOVE PRESENT CHILING OF 14000 (.) THIS WOULD INVOLVE INCREASE  
IN 5 ARMY CHILING TO 14380 (.) UNITS ARE NOW BECOMING INCREASINGLY  
INEFFECTIVE DUE TO DIFFICULTY OF SUPPLY FROM MMIA SOURCES AND ARE IN  
NEED OF REORGANIZATION ALONG US LINES (.) IT IS FELT THAT THEIR DIRECT  
SUPPORT OF JACK HOLE COMPANIES AND 10 MOUNTAIN DIVS (US) WARRANTS  
ASSIGNMENT TO 5 ARMY (.) IT IS CONTEMPLATED INCLUDING THEIR MINIMUM  
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN AN EQUIPMENT PROJECT NOW BEING PREPARED FOR  
SUBMISSION TO MTCUSA

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TO DISTRICT ONE INFO BELIA

FX 86605

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507, 509 and 510 Italian Pioneer Spoke Coys under your command were moved to District One owing to ? non arrival Guard Bns and to supplement labour (.)

510 Coy engaged on labour duties will be released earliest for other duties (.)

The two companies on guard duties are surplus to the ceiling allotment of ITALIAN Army for this purpose (.). Report earliest date of release and location of all three companies now urgently required elsewhere.

RE A/C SD/<sup>21</sup>~~2~~, SD/18, SD/41, SD/50, Fleet, IAB

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Subject: Italian Army - Sardinia

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (XMA)  
Rome  
SD/14/2

January 1945

To : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)

Copy to: XMA LG, Sardinia

1. Three officers and 54 men of the Italian Army were detailed by General Webster, former Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia, to recover Allied wire when the Air Corps evacuated Sardinia. At that time, this personnel was carried as a part of the 205 Division. On the transfer of the 205 Division to the mainland, this personnel remained in Sardinia on this work.
2. The time necessary to complete this work is not known exactly. It is therefore proposed to leave the personnel on this job until the work is completed, at which time the personnel can be transferred to the mainland. This will result in a temporary increase in the garrison, and the personnel can be carried in the PFI-IFI Category (Reinforcements) for the time being, as a temporary unit.
3. Request approval.

CLAYTON F. KERR, Colonel  
for Major General  
Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (XMA)

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File SD/14/2  
SD/50  
G/6/1  
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Subject: Italian Personnel - Sardinia

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (WHIA)  
Rome  
SD/48

January 1948

To : WHIA LO, Sardinia

Copy to: AFM for S-3 (Org)  
Sq, AFM for S-1 (Br)  
Regional Commissioner, Sardinia

1. The total personnel authorized for assignment to Allied Commission, Sardinia is 1 officer and 30 men (AFM letter AG 081.711/138 OCT-0 of 15 Oct 46 and AFM letter S-12/806/6/1 of 23 Sep 46 refers).
2. All other Italian Army personnel now on duty with the Allied Commission in Sardinia will therefore be withdrawn and shipped to the mainland in accordance with current instructions.
3. Report when this has been accomplished.

CLAYTON F. KERR, Colonel  
for Major General  
Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (WHIA)

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Subject: Strength of CC.M

1st Lt. Farces  
 Sub Commission, AG (M-15)  
 Rome  
 SP/28  
 15 January 1945

To: 1 HQ, Allied Commission (3)

Copy to AFM for 0-3 (Reg)  
 AFM for 0-4 (A)  
 AFM for 0-5 (M)

1. Attention is again invited to AFM letter of 20 Dec 1944, File SP/28, to which no reply has been received. This letter invited attention to the fact that the CC.M strength was in excess of the ceiling and requested information as to when the strength would be reduced to that authorized.

2. The strength of the IPI-PI category has been fixed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and the supply of subsistence to this category is a US responsibility. In accordance with Par 5b of AFM letter of 20 September 1944, File AG 400/105 1-4, the writer is responsible for the supervision of the supply of subsistence, and neither the strength nor the scale of supply can be exceeded without authority of AFM.

3. Inasmuch as rations are issued to the CC.M throughout all Italy, from Allied as well as Italian depots, on demand, it becomes necessary to limit the issue of rations to that personnel by fact authorized, ie 55,000. The only sure method by which this can be accomplished is to provide proper identification papers to authorized units. Therefore, demands for rations will be recognized only when the unit presents proper papers.

4. Effective as of 1 Feb 1945, instructions are being issued that no rations will be issued on the account of the IPI-PI category to units or personnel of the CC.M except as authorized by papers which must be presented to the depot with the requisition for rations. These instructions will be applicable to all Allied and Italian depots.

5. The necessary papers will be issued by this Headquarters on receipt of the following information:

- a. Designation of unit,
- b. Authorized strength,
- c. Station.

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6. It will be necessary to issue a separate identification for each unit, sub-unit or detachment, which draws rations.

7. Considering the difficulties of communications, it is requested that the necessary information be furnished not later than 30 January, in order that the issue of rations on 1 February will be allowed to proceed.

  
CLAYTON P. KENN, Colonel  
for Major General  
Land Forces  
Sub Commission, SC (WMA)

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File 34/38

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER  
TO ACWAR AMSSO  
INFO SHA2F ETOLSA 15th ARMY GROUP ALCOM

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FX 80538

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THIS IS NAF 834 (.) PAN 448 PARA 3 IS REFERENCE (.) ONE (.)  
CEILINGS OF ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ESTABLISHED IN NAF 773 NOT YET  
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TWO (.) CONSIDERED THAT AT NO TIME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WILL ITALIAN  
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SUBJECT: Employment of CC RM with  
Military Formations

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
SD/28  
5 Jan 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR  
Copy to: PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COM. A.C.

1. You are hereby authorised to employ C.C.R.R. on Military Duty to a total strength of 1865 all ranks as shown in Part 7 page 37 of your bi-monthly strength state dated 9 December 1944.
2. The distribution of these C.C.R.R. to units will remain as shown in Part 7, page 37 of the above mentioned strength state.

(Sgd) S.M.I., Lt. Col.  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: CALABRIA Division

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.H.I.A.)

SD/25  
5 Jan 45

TO : ENIA 10 SARDINIA

1. The CALABRIA Division in SARDINIA must remain 800 understrength because of the cas in which was shipped to the mainland. Therefore, the strength of the CALABRIA Division on SARDINIA may not exceed 4,200.

(Sgd) R. E. P.

For Major General  
R. H. I. A.

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Min of War

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Subject: Reinforcements for Army Units Loaned to CG.MH

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AG (MIA)  
Rome  
AQ/2/7-12  
29 December 1944

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To : AFHQ for 3-3 (Org)  
for 3-4

1. Inviting attention to attached statement of the III-III Category according to the last strength return.
2. It will be noted that
  - a. 1222 Army personnel loaned to the CG.MH must be carried as a part of the authorized reinforcements.
  - b. 445 personnel allotted to Territorial Headquarters are to be carried as a part of the authorized reinforcements.
  - c. Therefore the reinforcement category is already committed by 1744, leaving only 1955 not organized.
3. The 5453 reinforcements shown are partly in Virginia, or otherwise misplaced or not available for immediate assignment where needed to bring the various items (Note 4) to strength.
4. It will be seen that with the present commitments and authorizations that no vacancy exists for inclusion in the III-III Category of the 3,000 personnel of the Fifth Division (formerly 48-III) who have been loaned to the CG.MH. Therefore this 3,000 personnel will have to be carried in either the 48-III or 48-III ceilings. Likewise, if the other 1222 personnel loaned to the CG.MH continues to be carried in the III-III Category, only a small, too small, reinforcement unit can be authorized.
5. Recommend that all Army personnel loaned to the CG.MH be carried in other than the III-III Category.

*Handwritten initials*

CLAUDE E. BERR, Colonel  
For Major General  
Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AG (MIA)

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1 Incl: Statement of III-III Category

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ITI-ITI CATEGORY

|                                                                    | <u>Authorized</u> | <u>Actual 9 Dec</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Cat 1 - Administrative Troops                                      | 27,000            | 24,679              | Note 4         |
| Cat 4 - AA Troops                                                  | 236               | 448                 | Note 1         |
| Cat 5 - Internal Security Troops                                   |                   |                     |                |
| (a) - Allied Commission                                            | 2,500             | 2,377               | Note 2-3       |
| (b) - Guard Bns, 27 x 800                                          | 17,600            | 16,067              | Note 4         |
| (c) - Intelligence (31st)                                          | 1,500             | 1,617               | Note 1         |
| (d) - 2 Divisions - Sicily                                         | 10,000            | 10,450              | Note 1         |
| (e) - 1 Division - Sardinia                                        | 3,000             | 3,438               | Note 1         |
| (f) - 4 Regt Bq for 2d Bns x 40                                    | 150               | 81                  | Note 4         |
| (g) - PWB Radio Sardinia                                           | 50                | 56                  | Note 1         |
| (h) - Misc Units                                                   | 774               |                     |                |
| Territorial Bq                                                     | (310)             |                     | Note 4         |
| Cat 6 - Reinforcements                                             | 3,700             |                     |                |
| Territorial Bq                                                     | (445)             |                     | Note 4         |
| Loaned to CC.35 Sardinia                                           | (500)             | 500                 |                |
| Loaned to CC.35 Sicily                                             | (755)             | 799                 |                |
| Reinforcements in process of transfer from Sardinia and assignment |                   |                     |                |
| Cat 7 - CC.35                                                      | 55,000            | 54,836              | Note 5         |
|                                                                    | <u>124,000</u>    | <u>122,829</u>      |                |

- Note 1 - In process of reduction to proper strength.
- Note 2 - Service Platoon in Sardinia overstrength 19 officers and 87 men - being reduced to proper strength of 1 officer and 32 men.
- Note 3 - 2 Truck Companies 2 100 authorized - not yet furnished.
- Note 4 - Authorized to raise ceiling.
- Note 5 - As of 26 Dec overstrength by at least 267 due to arrivals at Taranto.
- See our letter 51/25 of 28 Dec, to Allied Commission, copy to AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 324  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Ref. 239  
30 Dec. 44

R<sup>a</sup>

SUBJECT: Italian Population Figures

TO: Distribution List A, Groups 1, 2, and 3.

1. The tabulation of results of the Census of Liberated Italy has now progressed sufficiently to enable revised estimates of the resident population to be prepared.
2. Comparison of the figures resulting from the present census with the corresponding figures in the 1936 Census provides an index which has been applied to the 1936 population figures for the 56 provinces of Italy not included in the present census.
3. Attached is a tabulation of population of Italy by provinces. The population of the provincial capital, which is included in the total for the province, is shown separately.
4. It is requested that in all future staff studies, appreciations, etc., involving calculations based on population, these figures be used throughout, so that all elements, in this respect, will be working on a common basis.

L. H. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE  
Colonel, PA  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Economic Section

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| TO (FOR ACTION) <i>MMIA</i>                  |                   |                             |                                               |
| TO (FOR INFORMATION)                         |                   |                             | MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS<br><i>28/2</i>           |
| (REF. No.) F 70149 CITE FROCT                |                   |                             | 12 (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)<br><b>SECRET</b> |

18 YOUR SD 1915 OF 12 DECEMBER, PARA 2 IS REFERENCE. GUIDANCE ON POLICIES TO BE FOLLOWED REGARDING POST WAR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES WILL BE MADE LATER. THIS MATTER NOW UNDER DISCUSSION.

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Ref your AQ 400/105 GET-0 of 10 Nov and subsequent phone conversation (\*)

FIRST (\*) At no time in the foreseeable future will it be possible for

Italian Nation to support Italian Army without assistance from ALLIED

sources (\*) SECOND (\*) Request guidance on policies to be followed

regarding post war Italian Armed Forces (\*) THIRD (\*) Effective date

of separate supply responsibility for ITI - ITI can BR - ITI can US - ITI

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*M. J. England*

*St. Col.*

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ITI - ITI CATEGORIES AS OF 5 OCT 44

Category

|                                       |         |     |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| 1. Administrative Installations       | 27,000  |     |
| 4. A.A.                               | 600     |     |
| 5. Internal Security troops including |         |     |
| (a) A.C.C.                            | 3,000   |     |
| (b) 22 Guard Bns. x 800               | 17,600  |     |
| (c) S.I.M.                            | 1,500   |     |
| (d) 2 Divs SICILY                     | 10,000  |     |
| (e) 1 Div SARDINIA                    | 5,000   |     |
| (f) 6 Reg. Bq. x 40                   |         |     |
| P.W.B. Radio SARDINIA                 | 240     |     |
| Misc. Units                           | 50      |     |
|                                       | 310     |     |
| 6. (c) Reinforcements                 | 600     |     |
|                                       | 3,700   |     |
| Total Army                            | 69,000  | Sub |
| 7. CG.RR                              | 55,000  |     |
| TOTAL                                 | 124,000 |     |

cc: Col Fidsley  
 G-1  
 AQ  
 Lt Col Shipley  
 ST  
 Major Rose  
 Surgeon  
 Engineer  
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This breakdown of ITI-ITI Categories is furnished for your information.

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SUBJECT: FAN 848

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILIOT 73

1605/50/63/G(SD1)

3 Dec 44

AFHQ Copy No 1

Ref your AG 400/105 GCT-0 dated 10 Nov 44 and FAN 848 of 8 Nov 44.

The date on which IPI-ITI's can become self-supporting in all items of supply (i.e. rations, clothing, eqpt and tpt) will depend presumably on the development of the economic resources of ITALY and the extent to which the Italian Government is:

- (a) permitted to dispose of these resources
- (b) instructed to apply them to the maintenance of Italian troops.

AAI has no knowledge of the factors, economic and political, governing the date by which resources will be available.

Ref para 2 of FAN 848 and para 2 of FAN 387, my confirmation be given that the US Theatre Commander will exercise no control of any kind over lend-lease equipment of US origin supplied to the Combat Groups after such equipment has been issued to the Combat Groups or to the British on lend-lease for the Combat Groups.

My Shwartz 2781  
S/S

Field Marshal,  
Commander in Chief.

Copy to: m.m.c.a.

Ackd 6/12

MEMORANDUM

The Problem

1. To prepare a reply to FAN 448 (App. A) which asks SACRED to recommend a target date after which the International commitment of the Italian Army (ITI-IMI) will be self supporting.
2. The CCS has established a ceiling strength of 124,000 for the ITI-IMI category.
3. Effective personnel within this category are being supplied with food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel from Allied sources.
4. Effective personnel is defined as "one who is a bona-fide member of the Italian Armed Forces, either officers, non-commissioned officers, or other ranks, duly enrolled or enlisted therein, and subject to the Laws of War and the Geneva Convention, and borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown on the official strength return of the Ministry concerned."
5. The present strength and mission of the ITI-IMI category is as shown in Appendix B.

6. The Carabinieri (CC.RR) are performing civilian police functions, operating under the Public Safety Sub Commission of the Allied Commission.
7. The Italian nation cannot now support its civilian economy without substantial assistance from Allied sources.
8. Any attempt to make the Italian Military self-supporting would be at the expense of the civilian economy.
9. No instructions have been received that permit any planning or commitments for post war Italian Armed Forces.
10. Decisions are required from time to time that have a bearing on the existence of post war Italian Armed Forces **2731**

Conclusion

11. It is impossible to set a date when the Italian Military may be expected to be supported entirely from Italian resources.
- The Carabinieri should not be maintained from Allied

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12. The Carabinieri should not be maintained from Allied Military resources.

13. Guidance should be requested on the policies to be followed regarding post war Italian Armed Forces.

#### Recommendation

14. Dispatch the attached message (App. C) to the CCS.

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Appendix A

Paraphrase of TAN 448

Answers MAP 773

1. It is agreed that the Combat Divisions be a British responsibility for maintenance and initial equipment.
2. Second paragraph of TAN 387 refers to all equipment of U.S. origin, including that supplied to British on lend lease. The U.S. Theater Commander will not demand the return of U.S. equipment prior to the end of hostilities with Germany without the prior concurrence of SACMED.
3. 124,000 is agreed as the ceiling for the International commitment of the Italian Army. Recommendation is requested of a target date when they may be expected to be self supporting.
4. National commitments may be varied within reasonable limits to meet operational needs.
5. The effective date for separate supply responsibility will be fixed by SACMED.
6. All categories are to receive the same treatment. Supply scales are to be as previously established.
7. Available equipment should be allocated equitably amongst the three categories having regard to operational needs.
8. Your remarks on TAN 392 are noted.

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ITI ITIS

ORDER OF BATTLE AS OF 9 OCTOBER 1944

| UNIT                                   | LOCATION                                                   | STRENGTH   |            | MISSION AND REMARKS:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                        |                                                            | O's        | ORs        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| State Maggiore General                 | Rome                                                       | 40         | 139        | Supreme General Staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Ministry of War<br>State Maggiore R.E. | Rome<br>Rome                                               | 358<br>192 | 754<br>288 | ) Corresponds to U.S. War Department and General Staff<br>) Discipline and Supply of Italian Army under direction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Military Academy                       | Lecce                                                      | 37         | 386        | School for O's of the Italian Army. Present strength 1<br>staff - Two classes that were stranded there are now<br>ther enrollments -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Territorial Hqs.                       | Rome<br>Naples<br>Bari<br>Catanzaro<br>Palermo<br>Cagliari | 181        | 336        | Corresponds roughly to U.S. Service Commands.<br>Functions:<br>1. Represents authority of War Ministry and Gen. Staff<br>2. Administration of all Italian troops in the area, 1<br>Allied formations. BRI-ITIS and US-ITIS.<br>3. Responsibility for safe custody and accounting of<br>4. Staff includes reps. of services who are responsible<br>5. Org. and op. of Districts, Depots, hosps. and other<br>6. Supervision and organization of call-up and demobil<br>7. Liaison with local Allied HQ's and civilian authori |
| Military Tribunals                     |                                                            | 123        | 146        | Roughly corresponds to U.S. Judge Advocate General.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| District Hqs.                          |                                                            | 117        | 156        | To be 99 Districts eventually.<br>The documentation and administration centers through w<br>the Army.<br>Functions:<br>1. Machinery of conscription and calling up of classe<br>2. Demobilization and recall of reserves.<br>3. Assistance to families of men killed, wounded or t                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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Appendix B

ITI ITIS

ORDER OF BATTLE AS OF 9 OCTOBER 1944

| GTH | ORs        | MISSION AND REMARKS:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | 139        | Supreme General Staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|     | 754<br>288 | ) Corresponds to U.S. War Department and General Staff - Administration.<br>) Discipline and Supply of Italian Army under direction of M.M.I.A.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|     | 386        | School for O's of the Italian Army. Present strength is approx. 50% students and 50% staff - Two classes that were stranded there are now receiving instruction - No further enrollments -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|     | 336        | Corresponds roughly to U.S. Service Commands.<br>Functions:<br>1. Represents authority of War Ministry and Gen. Staff throughout area of responsibility.<br>2. Administration of all Italian troops in the area, including troops under command Allied formations. BRI-ITIS and US-ITIS.<br>3. Responsibility for safe custody and accounting of all Italian Military stores.<br>4. Staff includes reps. of services who are responsible for org. of services in the area.<br>5. Org. and op. of Districts, Depots, hosps. and other Military establishments.<br>6. Supervision and organization of call-up and demobilization.<br>7. Liaison with local Allied HQ's and civilian authorities. |
|     | 146        | Roughly corresponds to U.S. Judge Advocate General.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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ORDER OF BATTLE AS OF 9 OCTOBER 1944

| UNIT                 | LOCATION | STRENGTH |       | MISSION AND REMARKS:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                      |          | O's      | ORs   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                      |          |          |       | 4. Payments of allowances to dependants.<br>5. Records of Junior reserve officers.<br>6. Settlements of claims and complaints for N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Depots               |          | 120      | 99    | To be 90 Depots eventually.<br>Depots are the homes and record centers of Ita<br>1. Soldiers record while he is in the Army.<br>2. Clothing and arming the soldier when he is<br>bilization.<br>3. Forming personnel into units when required<br>4. Records of all arms and equipment issued t<br>5. Holding stocks of clothing, unit and perso<br>6. Regimental administration and records. |
| Garrison Troops      |          | 12       | 288   | } To be demobilized.<br>} "Screening" - Classification of draftees acc<br>}<br>}                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| " "                  |          |          |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| C.E.R.S.A.           | Macgrata | 48       | 138   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| C.E.R.S.E.T.I.       | Rome     | 30       | 112   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| C.E.R.S.E.T.I.       |          | 24       | 48    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Transit Camps        |          | 46       | 127   | Information Centers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Military Prisons     | Lecce    | 1        | 61    | Confines Military Prisoners. After 30 days pr<br>strength.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <u>Services</u>      |          |          |       | Staffs of 44 Italian Military Hospitals with 1<br>Staff of Ministry of War, and staffs of Medica                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Medical              |          | 887      | 4,254 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Supply               |          | 343      | 2,321 | Corresponds to U.S QM for Class I Supplies -<br>Ration Depots.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Artillery            |          | 105      | 1,076 | Includes U.S. Ordnance, Adm. Staff of Ital. O                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Engineer             |          | 364      | 2,835 | Includes Signal, Adm. and Technical Staff of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Veterinary & Remount |          | 24       | 161   | Adm. and Technical Staff for Veterinary and R                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                      |          |          |       | <u>SECRET</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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ORDER OF BATTLE AS OF 9 OCTOBER 1944

| ON  | STRENGTH       |                  | MISSION AND REMARKS:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----|----------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | O's            | ORs              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|     |                |                  | 4. Payments of allowances to dependants.<br>5. Records of Junior reserve officers.<br>6. Settlements of claims and complaints for NCO's and ORs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | 120            | 99               | To be 90 Depots eventually.<br>Depots are the homes and record centers of Italian Regts.<br>1. Soldiers record while he is in the Army.<br>2. Clothing and arming the soldier when he is first called up; vice-versa on demobilization.<br>3. Forming personnel into units when required incl. units for Allies.<br>4. Records of all arms and equipment issued to units.<br>5. Holding stocks of clothing, unit and personnel eqpt. etc.<br>6. Regimental administration and records. |
|     | 12             | 288              | } To be demobilized.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| ita | 48<br>30<br>24 | 138<br>112<br>48 | } "Screening" - Classification of draftees according to qualifications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|     | 46             | 127              | Information Centers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| be  | 1              | 61               | Confines Military Prisoners. After 30 days prisoners are dropped from effective strength.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|     | 887            | 4,254            | Staffs of 44 Italian Military Hospitals with 15,000 Beds, Also Medical Administrative Staff of Ministry of War, and staffs of Medical Stores Depots.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|     | 343            | 2,321            | Corresponds to U.S QM for Class I Supplies - Adm. Staff of Ital. Supply Office and Ration Depots.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|     | 105            | 1,076            | Includes U.S. Ordnance, Adm. Staff of Ital. Ord. Service, Staffs of Ammunition Depots.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|     | 364            | 2,835            | Includes Signal, Adm. and Technical Staff of Italian Engineer and Signal Service.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|     | 24             | 161              | Adm. and Technical Staff for Veterinary and Remount Services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| UNIT                               | LOCATION | STRENGTH     |                | MISSION AND REMARKS                                                        |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    |          | O's          | ORs            |                                                                            |
| Motor Transport                    |          | 352          | 3,325          | Administrative and Technical Staff for Motor Transport                     |
| Forestry                           |          | 7            | 241            |                                                                            |
| Under Command of Allied Commission |          | 160          | 2,102          | Motor Transport Companies, Mine lifting Companies Assistance Units, etc. - |
| Guard Bus.                         |          | 622          | 16,471         | Guard Duty at Railroads, Depots, Bridges, & Traffic                        |
| S. I. M.                           |          | 367          | 1,199          | Intelligence Service & Counter Intelligence -                              |
| Censor Sections                    |          | 77           | 72             | Censors Mail -                                                             |
| Delegation A                       | Chieti   | 6            | 6              | To be disbanded.                                                           |
| Delegation T                       | Viterbo  | 11           | 49             | To be disbanded.                                                           |
| AA & CD                            |          | 216          | 3,351          | Have been disbanded since the date of this report                          |
| <u>Sicily</u>                      |          |              |                |                                                                            |
| Adm.                               |          | 178          | 560            | Includes Hq. Military Tribunal and Services.                               |
| Int. Sec.                          |          | 377          | 9,122          |                                                                            |
| Unassigned                         |          |              | 23             |                                                                            |
| <u>Sardinia</u>                    |          |              |                |                                                                            |
| Adm.                               |          | 271          | 1,201          | Includes Hq. Military Tribunal and Services                                |
| Int. Sec.                          |          | 300          | 5,514          |                                                                            |
| Unassigned                         |          | 794          | 7,373          |                                                                            |
| <u>Carabinieri</u>                 |          | 991          | 48,737         | Civil Police Functions under control Public Safety                         |
| <u>Unassigned</u>                  |          | 529          | 7,534          |                                                                            |
| <u>TOTAL</u>                       |          | <u>8,310</u> | <u>120,605</u> |                                                                            |

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Sheet No. 3

ORDER OF BATTLE AS OF 9 OCTOBER 1944

| STRENGTH          |                         | MISSION AND REMARKS                                                                                   |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| O's               | ORs                     |                                                                                                       |
| 352               | 3,325                   | Administrative and Technical Staff for Motor Transport Service.                                       |
| 7                 | 241                     |                                                                                                       |
| 160               | 2,102                   | Motor Transport Companies, Mine lifting Companies - Refugee Centers, Refugee Assistance Units, etc. - |
| 622               | 16,471                  | Guard Duty at Railroads, Depots, Bridges, & Traffic Control etc.                                      |
| 367               | 1,199                   | Intelligence Service & Counter Intelligence -                                                         |
| 77                | 72                      | Censors Mail -                                                                                        |
| 6                 | 6                       | To be disbanded.                                                                                      |
| 11                | 49                      | To be disbanded.                                                                                      |
| 216               | 3,351                   | Have been disbanded since the date of this report except 600.                                         |
| 178<br>377        | 560<br>9,122<br>23      | Includes Hq. Military Tribunal and Services.                                                          |
| 271<br>300<br>794 | 1,201<br>5,514<br>7,373 | Includes Hq. Military Tribunal and Services                                                           |
| 591<br>329        | 48,737<br>7,534         | Civil Police Functions under control Public Safety Sub Commission of A.C.                             |
| 210               | 120,605                 |                                                                                                       |

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Appendix C

Draft of Message to CCS

This answers FAX 448

1. At no time in the foreseeable future will it be possible for the Italian Nation to support the Italian Armed Forces without assistance from Allied sources.
2. Carabinieri are for the most part performing a civil police function. Recommend that a date be set when Carabinieri will become a civilian supply responsibility and no longer a charge on Allied Military resources.
3. Request guidance on policies to be followed regarding post war Italian Armed Forces.
4. Effective date of separate supply responsibility for IRI-ITIs, RR-ITIs, and US-ITIs has been fixed as 15 September 1944.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHEGT

TO : MMIA

INFO: AAI, FIFTH ARMY, PBS

FX 53497

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Authority granted formation 5 additional pack mule coys for 5 Army to include 2 coys authorized in our FX 49942 dated 8 Nov (.) AAI SD 958 of 10 Nov and 5 Army 169 of 7 Nov refer (.) PARA TWO (.) Priority for provision of muleteers to be in accordance with AAI SD 955 of 6 Nov (.) First 2000 to complete deficiencies in existing FIFTH Army units, then 2000 muleteers to complete 5 new coys authorized in para 1 (.) PARA THREE (.) To accommodate these new coys FIFTH Army ceiling will be increased by 2000 to a total of 14000 (.) PBS authorized ceiling will be reduced correspondingly by 2000 (.) PARA FOUR (.) Muleteers to be provided as in FIFTH Army cable 2209 of 10 Nov (.) This HQ will make necessary equipment and mules available to FIVE Army on application

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SUBJECT: Personnel attached to SMRE

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. G/6/1/F  
2 Nov 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Ref your 302828/C.A. of 18 Oct 44.

1. Transfer of the u/m personnel from Category 1 to Category 6(c) is authorised.

(a) 7 Interpreter Officers translating training pamphlets for the Combat Groups.

(b) 7 ORs with Italian Liaison Sec at AAI

(c) 1 Officer on duty with MMIA (out of the 9 officers listed in your letter only 1 now remains)

(d) 4 Officers working with FWD.

  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref: 302828/C.A.

TO : MMIA

Date: 18 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Personnel of General Staff

The General Staff of the R. Army at present provides rations for the following personnel, which, though not working for the G.S., weigh on the already scanty supplies assigned to the "Central Components" of the 1st Category (3,800 men):

7 Interpreter Officers for the translation of English regulations for Combat Groups.

7 men with AAI Italian Liaison Mission.

9 men with AGC (Now boiled down to 1 officer with MMIA)

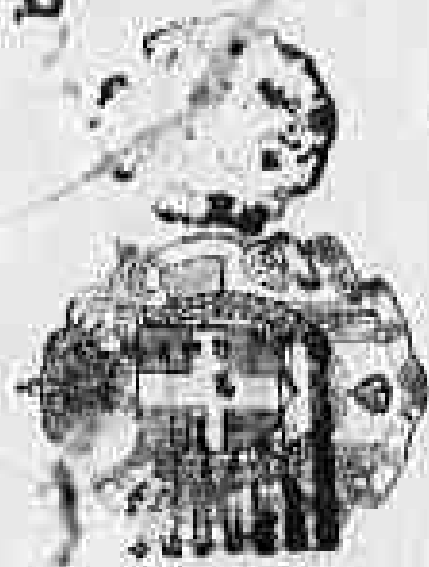
4 Officers with FWB Censorship Branch (There are 5 officers)

We ask MMIA to inform us to which category the above personnel should be assigned, given the impossibility of keeping them in the 1st Category, which is already insufficient for the needs of the administrative agencies of the R. Army.

/s/ OXILIA

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## MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Cabinetto

Prot. N. 302828/C. Allegati

Roma, 18 ottobre 1944

Disposto al fido

OGGETTO: Personale dello Stato Maggiore R. Esercito -

LA M.M.I.A.

ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO  
(rif. suo 10023 del 10 ottobre)S E D E

Lo Stato Maggiore R. Esercito attualmente provvede al  
vettovagliamento del seguente personale, che pur non svolgendo  
attività per detto ente, grava sulle già esigua forza assegnata  
agli "organi centrali" della I<sup>a</sup> categoria (3.800 militari):

- 7 ufficiali interpreti per la traduzione dei regolamenti inglesi da distribuire ai gruppi di combattimento;
- 7 militari della Missione italiana di collegamento presso l'A.A.I.
- 9 militari in servizio presso l'A.C.C. { *questi ultimi sono ingegneri*
- 4 ufficiali in servizio presso il P.W.B. - *questi ultimi sono ingegneri*

Prego cotevta Missione voler precisare a quale categoria  
deve essere assegnato il predetto personale, data l'impossibilità  
di mantenerlo nella I<sup>a</sup> categoria, che già è insufficiente al fab-

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MEMO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO  
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di mantenerlo nella I<sup>a</sup> categoria, che già è insufficiente al fab-  
bisogno degli organi amministrativi del R. Esercito italiano.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA  
(Gen. G. B. Oxilia)

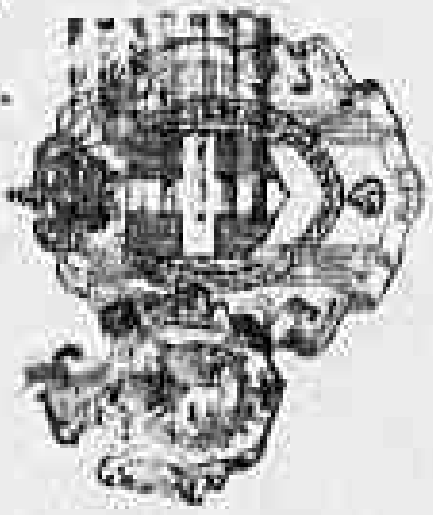
*G. B. Oxilia*

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Gabinetto

Prot. N° 303578/C. d. A. Allegati

Roma, 28 ottobre 1944

Risposta al V. d. l.

Dir. Sec. N°

OGGETTO: Forze dell'Esercito Italiano.

LA M. M. I. A.

ROMA

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Reg. 20/10

Con lettera G.6.1.F. del 15 agosto codesta Missione ha stabilito particolarmente la forza autorizzata per la Sicilia e per la Sardegna (allegati "C" e "D").

Come da nota in calce ai predetti allegati, propongo che siano autorizzate le seguenti aliquote di personale, da aggiungere agli organici dei comandi militari delle isole:

Sicilia:

Sardegna:

- depositi 5 .....militari 5
- distretti 9 .....militari 9
- Commissione interrogatrice prigionieri di guerra
- Commissione interrogatrice militari sbandati
- Commissione interrogatrice militari provenienti da

- depositi 7 .....militari 7
- distretti 3 .....militari 3

militari 9

Reg 20  
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- Commissione interrogatrice militari sbandati
- Commissione interrogatrice militari provenienti da territori liberati, e sfuggiti al controllo in continente.

Sardegna:

depositi 7 .....militari 7  
distretti 3 .....militari 3

militari 9

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In totale 23 militari per la Sicilia, e 10 militari per la Sardegna.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA

(generale G.B. Oxilia)

*G. Oxilia*

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FROM: AFHQ  
TO: AAI  
INFO: AFHQ

SP 1546

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Ref your FK 33274 of 2 Oct 44 (.) PAPER HOME AREA PAPER (.)  
Sanpover ceilings authorized by AFHQ for Italian Air Force para under Cord  
US and BRITISH Air Forces are respectively 6500 (US-ITI) and 2500 (BR-ITI) (.)  
Present strengths are 4440 US-ITI and 3100 BR-ITI (.) FIRST (.) Request that  
the 600 BR-ITI surplus to authorized ceiling be transferred to US-ITI ceiling  
and count towards completing US-ITI ceiling of 6500 (.) SECOND (.) 765 Italian  
Army para have recently been transferred to Italian Air Force vide your  
letter 1604/50/36/2(SM) of 19 Aug 44 (.) These 765 BR-ITI (which are NOT rpt  
NOT included in 3100 BR-ITI referred to above) would cause new surplus in  
2500 BR-ITI ceiling assuming it to have been adjusted to 2500 by FIRST above (.)  
It is therefore requested that a compensatory number (765) of other BR-ITI be  
physically transferred to US-ITI (.) THIRD (.) FIRST and SECOND above if agreed  
will give correct US-ITI ceiling of 6500 and will reduce 2060 deficit on 6500  
US-ITI ceiling to 695

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Subject: Strength of Italian Army

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Army Sub Commission (MILA)  
H.Q., A.C.C.  
ROME

G/6/1/P  
15 Aug 44

1. Herewith Copy No. <sup>32</sup> of our G/6/1/P of 15 Aug 44, addressed to Minister of War and Chief of Staff S.M.R.E. for information.

2. This is a registered document and will be treated as SECRET.

3. Please sign and return attached receipt.

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*1/10/5*  
Lt Col,  
G.S.

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Maj BZATZ

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Col SLAONS

WETA 10 Fifth Army  
" EIGHTH ARMY  
" POLICERS  
" C.I.L.  
" 1 District  
" 2 District  
" 3 District  
" 60 Sub Area  
" WATLES (2)  
" BARI  
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Receipt is acknowledged of MIA letter G/6/1/F dated 15 Aug 44, Copy (ies)  
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Date.....44

Sgt.....  
Unit/appt.....

SUBJECT: Strength of Italian Army.

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Army Sub Commission, MMIA.  
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

G/6/1/F  
15 Aug 44.

To: Minister for War  
Chief of Staff, S.M.R.E.

1. I am to advise you that the total strength of the Italian Army on 31 Aug 1944, will not be in excess of 364,000 all ranks. The principal categories for the purpose of present planning are shown at Appx. "A". (Categories are numbered in brackets for reference, and such numbers will hereafter be shown on strength and other returns of the Italian Army.)

2. Administrative Installations - Category 1)

- a. Normally under Italian command.
- b. Includes troops for administration, supply etc., as specified in letter this Hq, AQ/8 dated 29th July.

- c. Limitations prescribed in letter, this Hq, AQ/2 dated 23rd. June, apply to following units:

War Ministry  
GRANATIERI Battalion acting as guard and  
escort of Royal Household.  
Royal Military Academy.  
Comando Supremi (SMC) less SIM units carried  
under Category (5c.)

- d. The ceiling of 27,000 will not be exceeded, and will include personnel assigned to the units under this category who are absent for any reason from the unit to which assigned.

- e. Information Centres (formerly Transit Camps) on Mainland only, maximum of 3 all ranks per Centre in 27 Centres.

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- e. Information Centres (formerly Transit Camps) on Mainland only, maximum of 3 all ranks per Centre in 27 Centres.

### 3. Combat Formations - Category (2)

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- a. The ceiling includes all troops, detachments, or individuals, assigned to or earmarked for inclusion in Combat formations, including C.I.L. as presently constituted.
- b. Includes personnel undergoing training.
- c. Includes 185 Parachute Bn, NEMO.
- d. Includes Delegation "A" and attached troops.

### 4. Service Units Under Allied Command - Category (3)

- a. General.
- (1) Variations between the subdivisions of Category (3) will be the subject of Allied orders. Personnel surplus in one particular sub category will be retained and counted against the deficiency in another category.

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Sheet 2.4. Service Units Under Allied Command - Category (3) (CONTD.)a. General (Contd.)

- (2) The figures shown do not include CC, RR attached to any formation included.
- (3) No demobilisation of any personnel presently assigned to this category except in accordance letter this Hq. AQ/17 of 20 Jun.
- (4) May include personnel in SARDINIA, or elsewhere earmarked for inclusion in this category.
- (5) Personnel surplus to other categories who are qualified for service will be earmarked for inclusion in this category within the ceiling.

b. Allied Garrison SARDINIA - Category (3a.)

This is the 205 Div now organised in SARDINIA, with a total strength of 9,000 all ranks. This strength will be maintained.

c. British Command - Category (3d)

Includes troops now assigned to:

1. F.H.Q.  
 2. A.I.  
 EIGHTH ARMY.  
 POLCORPS.  
 1 District.  
 2 District.  
 3 District.

5. AA & CD - Category (4)

Includes all AA & CD as shown in this H.Q. letter, G/3 of 4 Aug.

6. Internal Security Troops - Category (5)a. A.C.C. - Category (5a)

Includes units presently under command A.C.C., less 13 and 164 Mine Clearance Companies which are on temporary loan to A.C.C. and which will be absorbed into Category 2.

b. Guard Battalions - Category (5b)

18 Guard Battalions - strength 800 all ranks -

(1) Organised in six "Guard Regiments", numbered 1 - 6

This is the 205 Div now organised in SARDIMLA, with a total strength of 9,000 all ranks. This strength will be maintained.

c. British Command. - Category (3a)

Includes troops now assigned to:

A.F.H.C.  
A.F.I.  
EIGHTH ARMY.  
POLCORPS.  
1 District.  
2 District.  
3 District.

5. AA & CD - Category (4)

Includes all AA & CD as shown in this H.Q. letter, G/3 of 4 Aug.

6. Internal Security Troops - Category (5)

a. A.C.C. - Category (5a)

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b. Guard Battalions - Category (5b)

18 Guard Battalions - strength 800 all ranks -

- (1) Organised in six "Guard Regiments", numbered 1 - 6
- (2) The battalions will be numbered 501 - 18 inclusive. 501 - 505 battalions are already organised and will be maintained at a strength of 800, with necessary replacements being assigned for this purpose.
- (3) 506 - 517 Guard Battalion will be designated by you and earmarked for employment. They will be organised on a strength of 800 all ranks.
- (4) 518 Guard Battalion, will for the time being, include the following units with present designations and at present strength, plus another unit to be organised by you to bring the strength of the battalion to 800 all ranks :-

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Sheet 3.6. Internal Security Troops - Category (5) (CONT.)b. Guard Battalions - Category (5b.) (CONT.)

## (4) (CONT.)

|                     |    |   |     |
|---------------------|----|---|-----|
| 550 Train Guard Coy | 6  | - | 146 |
| 107 Bn Territoriale | 27 | - | 171 |
| 5 Coy 120 Regiment  | 6  | - | 155 |
| 520 Guard Company   | 5  | - | 77  |
| New Unit.           | 5  | - | 202 |
|                     | 49 |   | 751 |

- (5) Six Regimental Hqs, each with a strength of 40 all ranks, will be organised for the administration of these battalions. The personnel will be included under category (5b.) As these battalions will generally be under Allied Operational Command, the function of the Regimental Hq will be administrative only, and the assignment of battalions to regiments will vary according to the actual location of the battalions.

c. SIM - Category (5c)

- (1) Includes all elements of SIM under Allied command including personnel from Army, Navy, Air Force, CC.FR, all of which will be incorporated in Army.
- (2) Exact instructions will be given later affecting this organisation.

d. Two Divisions - SICILY - Category (5d.)

- (1) See Appendix "C" for organisation of Garrison in SICILY.
- (2) Each Division to be organised in accordance with Appendix "B" from elements of present SABAUDA Div.
- (3) Surplus specialist personnel can be transferred to Mainland for inclusion in other categories, within the ceiling. Surplus personnel not transferred to other categories will be demobilised. 216.

e. One Division SARDINIA - Category (5e.)

- (1) See Appendix "D" for organisation of Garrison in SARDINIA.

istration of these battalions. The personnel will be included under category (5b.) As these battalions will generally be under Allied Operational Command, the function of the Regimental Hq will be administrative only, and the assignment of battalions to regiments will vary according to the actual location of the battalions.

c. SIM - Category (5c)

- (1) Includes all elements of SIM under Allied command including personnel from Army, Navy, Air Force, CC.FP, all of which will be incorporated in Army.
- (2) Exact instructions will be given later affecting this organization.

d. Two Divisions - SICILY - Category (5d.)

- (1) See Appendix "C" for organization of Garrison in SICILY.
- (2) Each Division to be organized in accordance with Appendix "B" from elements of present SABAUDA Div.
- (3) Surplus specialist personnel can be transferred to Mainland for inclusion in other categories, within the ceiling. Surplus personnel not transferred to other categories will be demobilized. 276.

e. One Division SARDINIA - Category (5e.)

- (1) See Appendix "D" for organization of Garrison in SARDINIA.
- (2) Division to be organized in accordance with Appendix "B" from elements of present CALABRIA Div and will include personnel of the:

Port Security Battalion, CAGLIARI,  
236 Inf Regiment.

f. Internal Security Troops - Category (5f.)

- (1) Includes troops assigned to defenses of vital points in CALABRIA and maintaining the L of C in CALABRIA.
- (2) Includes Regimental Headquarters for Guard Battalions of Category (5b.)

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6. Internal Security Troops - Category (5) (CONTD)

f. Internal Security Troops - Category (5f.) (CONTD.)

- (3) Does not include any personnel employed in Area, District or other Headquarters, not specifically authorized by this Ho, or in transit camps operation, or operation of depots.
- (4) All troops in this category will be subject to direct Allied Command as ordered from time to time.

7. Reinforcements - Category (6)

- a. Includes all personnel within the ceiling which cannot be specifically assigned to units or categories.
- b. Will include Liaison and Interpreters Unit to be organized, which will include all Liaison and Interpreter personnel, not ~~originally~~ <sup>originally</sup> assigned to other categories.

8. CC,RR - Category (7)

Includes CC,RR organically assigned to military formations. These will be shown separately on Strength Returns.

9. Garrison in SICILY.

Reference Appendix "C":

- (1) Reduction will be effected without delay.
- (2) Various categories of parts of the Garrison are shown in Appendix "C".
- (3) Strengths shown include all Army personnel to remain in SICILY.

10. Garrison in SARDINIA

Reference Appendix "D":

- (1) Various categories of parts of the Garrison are shown in Appendix "D".
- (2) All personnel in SARDINIA surplus to the ceiling fixed will either:
  - a. Be earmarked for inclusion in the other categories and eventually transferred to Mainland.
  - b. Be demobilised if their homes are in SARDINIA.

Reformed into units of "concordant" to be

b. Will include Liaison and Interpreters Unit to be organized, which will include all Liaison and Interpreter personnel, not ~~originally~~ assigned to other categories.

8. CC,RR - Category (Z)

Includes CC,RR organically assigned to military formations. These will be shown separately on Strength Returns.

9. Garrison in SICILY.

Reference Appendix "C":

- (1) Reduction will be effected without delay.
- (2) Various categories of parts of the Garrison are shown in Appendix "C".
- (3) Strengths shown include all Army personnel to remain in SICILY.

10. Garrison in SARDINIA

Reference Appendix "D":

- (1) Various categories of parts of the Garrison are shown in Appendix "D".
- (2) All personnel in SARDINIA surplus to the ceiling fixed will either:
  - a. Be earmarked for inclusion in the other categories and eventually transferred to Mainland.
  - b. Be demobilised if their homes are in SARDINIA.
  - c. Be formed into units of "congedand" to be brought to the Mainland for demobilisation in accordance with orders which will be issued when the numbers are known.

11. Strength Returns of the Italian Army will show each individual or Unit in a definite category, in accordance with para 1.

12. Not later than 25 August a list of Units carried under categories (1),(2),(4),(5) and (6) and those destined for Category (3) showing:

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12. (CONTD.)

- a. Designation of Unit and category.
- b. Authorised strength.
- c. Present location.
- d. Actual strength including personnel temporarily absent.
- e. Ration Depot from which rations are to be drawn in the month of September.

- will be submitted to this Hq. Units in these categories will, after 31st August, be authorised to draw rations only as specifically approved by this Hq, in the number and from the Ration Depot specified.

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Major General.  
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

APPENDIX "A" to  
ICIA letter C/6/1/F  
dated 18 Aug 44

ITALIAN ARMY

|                                                                                                                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Administrative Installations                                                                                                       | 27,000         |
| 2. Combat formations, including C.I.L.                                                                                                | 57,000         |
| 3. Service Units under Allied Command                                                                                                 |                |
| (a) P.D.S.                                                                                                                            | 51,000         |
| (b) Fifth Army                                                                                                                        | 10,000         |
| (c) Allied Garrison SARDINIA                                                                                                          | 9,000          |
| (d) Allied Garrison CORSIKA                                                                                                           | 5,000          |
| (e) British Command                                                                                                                   | 23,000         |
| 4. A.A. & C.D.                                                                                                                        | 9,000          |
| 5. Internal Security troops, including                                                                                                |                |
| (a) A.C.C.                                                                                                                            | 3,000          |
| (b) 18 Guard Battalions (800)                                                                                                         | 14,400         |
| (c) S.I.M.                                                                                                                            | 1,500          |
| (d) 2 Divs SICILY                                                                                                                     | 10,000         |
| (e) 1 Div SARDINIA                                                                                                                    | 5,000          |
| (f) Internal Security troops                                                                                                          | 4,100          |
| 6. Reinforcements, sick in hospital, not assigned to units, and unassigned personnel, including Division Officers, Interpreters, etc. | 10,000         |
| 7. CC.RR, including CC.RR assigned to Military <del>Formations</del>                                                                  | 55,000         |
|                                                                                                                                       | <u>364,000</u> |

IMPORTANT NOTES

- It is stressed that the above categories are solely for the purpose of current planning and can NOT be regarded as final.
- All strengths shown above are the total establishments of units and include all personnel assigned whether present or absent, on leave, without leave, in hospital, etc.

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APPENDIX "B" to  
MMA Letter G/6/1/E  
dated 15 Aug 44

INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISIONORGANISATION

1 Division HQ  
2 Brigade HQs  
4 Inf Regiments  
1 Engineer and Signal Bn  
1 Medical Unit  
1 Supply and Ordnance Unit  
1 M.T. Unit

|                                       |            |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Div HQ(HQ and Staff)(excluding CO,HR) |            | 100        |
| 2 Brigade HQs(HQ and HQ Platoons)each | 25         | 50         |
| Infantry Regiment(HQ and HQ Platoon)  | 34         |            |
| 2 Inf Bns(HQ and HQ Pl 44 x 2)        | 88         |            |
| 4 Rifle Co(124 x 4)                   | 496        |            |
| 2 Sign Co(150 x 2)                    | 300        |            |
| 1 Regt Sq Co(6 MG and 6 Mortars)      | 170        |            |
|                                       | <hr/> 1088 |            |
| Total 4 Inf Regts                     |            | 4352       |
| Engineer and Signal Bn HQ             | 15         |            |
| Engr Company                          | 146        |            |
| Signal Company                        | 162        |            |
|                                       | <hr/> 323  | 323        |
| Medical Unit                          |            | 75         |
| Supply and Ordnance Unit              |            | 25         |
| M.T. Unit                             |            | 75         |
|                                       |            | <hr/> 5000 |

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APPENDIX "C" to  
MILA Letter 8/6/44  
dated 15 Aug 44

ITALIAN Army Garrison in SICILY (less CC.RR)

Under ITALIAN Comd

|                    |            |       |
|--------------------|------------|-------|
| Military HQ SICILY | - Cat (1)  | 150   |
| SABAUDIA Div       | - Cat (5d) | 5,000 |
| " "                | " "        | 5,000 |

SERVICES - Cat (1)

|                 |                                       | <u>Offrs</u> | <u>ORs</u> |     |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----|
| Commissariato   |                                       |              |            |     |
| Sussistenza     | One Regional HQ                       | 15           | 30         | 45  |
|                 | with attached officers                | 3            | -          | 3   |
|                 | One Sussistenza Coy                   | 2            | 18         | 20  |
|                 | One Bulk Supply Depot                 | 3            | 30         | 33  |
|                 | One Bakery                            | 2            | 8          | 10  |
|                 | Three Distribution Depots             | 2            | 18         | 60  |
| Vestario        | } (-                                  | 8            | 45         | 53  |
| Casermaggio     |                                       |              |            |     |
| Equipaggiamento |                                       |              |            |     |
| Medical         | Details will be<br>advised separately | 50           | 350        | 400 |
|                 | One M.T. Ambulance<br>Section         | 1            | 40         | 41  |

Under ALLIED Comd

|                     |            |               |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|
| 908 Lav Artieri Coy | - Cat (30) | 152           |
| 145 A.A. Group      | - Cat (4)  | 150           |
|                     |            | <u>11,117</u> |

NOTE. Personnel for Movement Control and any other service may be recommended by Ministry of War for separate consideration.

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APPENDIX "D" to  
MEX. letter G/6/1/2  
dated 15 Aug '44

ITALIAN Army Garrison in SARDINIA  
(less CC.RR)

Under ITALIAN Comd

Military in SARDINIA - Cat (1) 150  
CALABRIA Div - Cat (50) 5,000

SERVICES - Cat (1)

|                              | <u>Offrs</u> | <u>ORs</u> |    |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|----|
| Commissariato                | 15           | 30         | 45 |
| Sussistenza. One Regional HQ | 4            | -          | 4  |
| with attached officers       | 2            | 18         | 20 |
| One Sussistenza Coy          | 2            | 15         | 17 |
| One Port Detachment          | 3            | 30         | 33 |
| One Bulk Supply Depot        | 2            | 18         | 60 |
| Three Distribution Depots    | 2            | 8          | 10 |
| One Bakery                   |              |            |    |

Vestario }  
Canonaggio } (-  
Equipaggiamento } 10 36 46

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Medical Details will be  
advised separately 60 400  
One M.T. Ambulance 82 598 -680 520  
Section -4 -40 -41

Motor Transportation 1 36 74  
(att to 205 Div) Two M.T. Platoons

Under ALLIED Comd (ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION)

205 Div - Cat (30) 2,000  
AA & CB - Cat (4) 5,388  
20,568

NOTE. Personnel for Movement Control and any other service may be recommended  
by Ministry of War for separate consideration.

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