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A. Ref Folios 24, 25, 26.

This would appear to be an exceptional case of men are going to be kept in Transit Camps for periods longer than a fortnight it is suggested that G.R.O. 253/49 be amended to enable men to be redirected to Transit Camps. It is realized that this involves a considerable amount of work at Transit Camps redirecting men but it is most important to keep men controlled.

20 Feb 45.

*Robertson, ref
A.D. 253/49.*

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SUBJECT : Italian Army Newspaper.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

AQ/27

21 Feb '45.

HQ. 15 Army Group (BS)

1. Approval has been received from AFHQ under authority of CR/9904/G-1(Br) for the publication of a newspaper for the Italian army to be named "La Patria."

2. Arrangements have been made to publish the paper in three editions at Florence, Rome and Bari. These three units will work in co-operation, for advisory purposes, with the British Army Newspaper units concerned.

3. Authority has now been given to the Italian War Ministry to publish initially at Florence and Rome. The Bari unit will publish when final details of personnel and transport have been completed.

4. Distribution Italian troops in 5th and 8th Army areas will be served from Florence. Italian troops in Central Italy and Sardinia will be served from Rome. Southern Italy and Sicily will be covered by the Bari edition on publication.

W.P. *Pickley* *Colonel*
4 Major General,
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" " HQ Region 1 A.C. Sicily.			
" " Taranto (c/o 52 Area)			
" " ST Andrews Camp Taranto.			
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SUBJECT : Rest Hostel Rome.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

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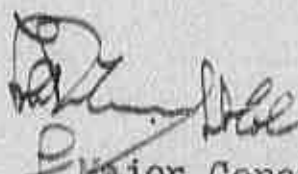
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Distribution

MMIA-LO. Rear HQ 8th Army
" " " " 5th Army
" " HQ 1 District
" " " 2 District
" " " 3 District
" " " R.A.A.C.
~~AQ Circulator.~~

Copy to MMIA Welfare.

The attached copy of instructions for the Italian
Ministry of War is forwarded for information.


Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Rest Hostel Rome.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
AQ/27.
14 Feb '45.

Gabinetto,
Ministry of War.

Copy - Ufficio di Benessere del Soldato, Ministry of War.
A.D.A.W.S. MMIA.

1. Ref. 0017/BS of 15 Jan.

2. Authority has now been given by AFHQ for the release of rations for the rest hostel situated at Via Guidobaldo 24. The operation of this hostel and release of rations for it are therefore approved subject to the provisions of this letter.

3. The rest hostel is to be for the use of personnel of the Italian army, navy and air force (in fair proportions) whose families live in enemy occupied territory.

4. A copy of the bulk allotment of vacancies made by you should be forwarded to this HQ.

5. Each man proceeding to the camp must be in possession of a printed temporary duty pass in duplicate, in accordance with the attached specimen, signed by his commander. In order to facilitate movement through areas occupied by Allied troops the pass should be countersigned wherever possible by a Allied officer preferably of MMIA or a liaison officer.

6. One copy of the pass will be retained by the man and handed in to his unit on return. The second copy will be handed in to the rest camp.

7. Rations.

a: Rations will be drawn daily from the Italian Military Ration Depot Rome, on the authorized scale for Italian Military.

b. Rations will be drawn on the basis of the actual strength.

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b. Rations will be drawn on the basis of the actual strength, not exceeding an authorized strength of 500.

c. Rations will be drawn by using MMIA Form ST/8 in the same manner as a unit of the Italian Army.

d. All rations will be receipted for by an officer representative of the staff of the Rest Camp.

e. A ration strength return will be forwarded to reach HQ MMIA by the 5th. of each month for the preceding month, showing the number of rations drawn by category, i.e. ITI-ITI-BR-ITI, and US-ITI. This ration return will be supported by duplicate copy of the soldier's authorized pass. These passes will be grouped in order of the report, that is, ITI-ITI, BR-ITI, and US-ITI.

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7. f: It will be the responsibility of the Camp Commandant to insure that the rations are prepared so that they will be appetizing to the soldiers and care will be exercised to insure that the civilian personnel assisting the staff of the Rest Camp do not consume the Military rations which are drawn for the soldiers, since they will be subsisted on the regular civilian rations

8. This authority to draw rations covers only service men visiting the camp and is not an authority to draw rations for the permanent staff.

9. It is agreed that the stay of each man at the camp will be seven nights.

/S W. PIDSLEY,
Colonel.

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

Identity Card No.....

Signature.....

Validity expires.....

DUTY PASS

Permission is given to..... of (unit).....
to proceed from..... to..... ROUTE..... and return
via..... ROAD TRANSPORT.....
Date of outward journey.....
Reason of travel..... TEMPORARY DUTY.....
Purpose of journey..... ATTACHMENT TO CASA DI SCGGIORNO.....
..... VIA GUIDO BALDO 24, ROUTE.....

The bearer of this pass will not be interfered with.

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Colonel.

for Major General,
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..... Command 3433

..... date Countersigned.

19 FEB Recd

SUBJECT: Admission of Italian Troops
to ENSA Entertainments.

19 (36)
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
AQ/27.
17 Feb '45.

Ministry of War
Ufficio di Benessere del Soldato.

Copy to:

MMIA-IO. Rear HQ 8th Army
" " HQ 5th Army (Br Inc)
" " HQ 1 District
" " HQ 2 District
" " HQ 3 District

Welfare MMIA
AQ, Circulator.

The following ruling, given by AFHQ under reference
GR/8020/G-1(Br) dated 15 Feb '45, is forwarded for information.

" ENSA entertainment is provided primarily for the benefit of British troops, but provided that their interests are not prejudiced local commanders may, at their discretion, admit to ENSA performances any class of Italian soldier or camp follower acting in close co-operation with Allied Troops. It follows that such permission will not be given if the admission of ITALIANS would prevent British soldiers gaining admission."

[Signature]
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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ALLIED COMMISSION CONFERENCE 1030 hrs 15 FEB 45 at HQ 3 DIST

A G E M E D A

1. Short talks by AC officers on specialist subjects.
2. Future developments of Allied Commission - Southern Region, will be explained by the Regional Commissioner.
3. Following points raised by Areas and Services, 3 Dist for discussion:-

Raised by

32 Area

(a) Supply of clothing for civilian labour.

(b) Requisitioning -

36 Area

(i) Civilian Motor Cars

32 Area

(ii) Electric Light Bulbs.

32 Area

(c) Furnishment of Civilian Minors for theft and other offences.

36 Area

(d) Delay in trial of, and apparent inadequacy of sentence of, Civil Offenders.

36 Area

(e) Allied Military Court - Bulb - what is present position regarding the setting-up of this?

36 Area

(f) Local Purchase - Price Control - Does machinery exist? Ord 3 Dist

36 Area

(g) Contractors for Camps - Can AC recommend suitable civilians? Vel 3 Dist

(h) Boys Clubs, Scouts - Do AC require further voluntary assistance from Tco H and Rover Scouts? Vel 3 Dist

(i) Italian War Welfare - Can AC obtain civil interest and assistance? Vel 3 Dist

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1. Any other matters raised at the Conference.

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3. Following points raised by Areas and Services, 3 Dist for discussion:-

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(a) Supply of clothing for civilian labour.

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55 Area
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- (ii) Electric Light Bulbs.

52 Area

(c) Punishment of Civilian Minors for theft and other offences.

55 Area

(d) Delay in trial of, and apparent inadequacy of sentence of, Civil Offenders.

55 Area

(e) Allied Military Court - NOLA - what is present position regarding the setting-up of this.

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(f) Local Purchase - Price Control - Does machinery exist?

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Mel 3 Dist

(i) Italian Tps Welfare - Can AC obtain civil interest and assistance?

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4. Any other matters raised at the Conference.

5. Date and functions of next Conference.

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Italy HEPF Sharpshooting 3 Dist (36)

Subject:-- Italian Red Cross -- Aid given to Italian Soldiers.

Land Forces Sub Comm. S.S.
(M. J. J.)
R.C.M.I.
3/11

13 Dec 44

To: 11 M. J. J. S.S.

The following details setting out the functions and activities of the Italian Red Cross are forwarded for your information.

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S.P. ALBERT, Capt.
for S. J. C. S. Col.
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ITALIAN RED CROSS

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5. All queries regarding Italian Prisoners of War.

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The Italian Red Cross does not develop any direct activity with regard to persons other than Italian nationals; and any information received in regard to other nationals is transmitted to the allied authorities for action.

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