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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (U.S.M.I.A.)
Allied Garrison Sardinia
A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome.

1. Reference your letter G25/174/SC dated 12 April 1945 subject as above, report herewith submitted for month of April 1945.

2. Enclosed are six (6) copies of the Monthly Report for Sardinia. The report for the month of May will be submitted before 15 June 1945.

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Senior Liaison Officer

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POLITICAL REACTION AND PUBLIC OPINION

The political situation in the three provinces may be regarded on the whole as normal. Various party propaganda continues, especially that of the Communist, socialist, democratic-christian and Sard Action parties; some of this propaganda has resulted in some minor incidents involving youthful elements. For the most part, however, the masses do not show a great deal of enthusiasm for any special political party.

The Sard Action Party whose platform proposes a greater political, administrative and economic autonomy has the largest and most sympathetic following. Such autonomous aspirations has found support at the Sard regional council which took place in Cagliari on 29 April before the representatives of the Government and other leading Sard authorities.

Ranking second to the Sard Action Party is the Democratic Christian Party and third is the Communist Party, less numerous but better organized.

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Nuoro	69	13	1	1	2
Sassari	72	3	2	2	1

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The situation of flour and grain stocks as of the end of March converted into an equal amount of flour is shown below:

Grain as of 31 March		26,397 quintals	
Barley as of 31 March		27,920 quintals	
Corn as of 31 March		3,643	
	Total		57,960
Less the addition consumption during the month of March in respect to the planned consumption			
On hand as on 31 March			1,930
			56,030 Q.li
Collected during the month of April:			
Grain		1,210	
Barley		190	
Corn		13	
			1,413
			57,443 Q.li
Imports during the month of April:			
S.S. Charles G. Coutant			
Grain			613
Total stock of flour			79,039
			136,482 Q.li
Consumption foreseen for month of April			68,000
Estimated balance on 30 April			68,000

Salt. During the month of April 18,466 tons of salt were exported.

Exportable Surpluses - None

Olive Oil. Information on olive oil given under Agriculture.

Trade and Industry. In the month of April 28,880 tons of coal were mined.

The total exports from Sardinia during the month of April totaled 31,547.886 tons. Principal exports are as follows:

Coke	146 tons
"Bulcis" coal	8,500 tons
Salt	18,466 tons
Minerals	435 tons
Cheese	4,351 tons

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Barley	190	
Corn	13	
		1,415
		87,465 q.li

Imports during the month of April:
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Grain 619
Total stock of flour 79,039
158,452 q.li

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Coke	146 tons
"Sulcis" coal	8,300 tons
Salt	15,465 tons
Minerals	433 tons
Cheese	3,381 tons
Fire bricks	196 tons
Talc	86 tons
Skins	78 tons
Vegetable hair	75 tons
Paint pigments	47 tons
Reeds	15 tons
Cork	83 tons
Pitch	5 tons
Solvent (from gasoline)	0.780 tons
	28,825.780 tons

Also 5284.078 tons of various other materials were exported.

Imports for April amounted to 1640 tons.

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AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Particularly critical is the agricultural situation especially the cereal crops due to the lack of rainfall. The grasshopper menace is threatening the crops and the defficiency of materials and means to combat them may lead to wider destruction.

The cereal harvest will be quite poor and will not meet the needs of the island. After the month of July it will be necessary to import cereals.

Livestock

Equally serious is the livestock raising problem which constitutes the island's greatest resource. Due to the dryness of the pastures the animals are perishing. In addition there is always an epedemic which despite the intensification of preventive vaccination continues to take the lives of cattle.

Because of the above mentioned reason it has not been possible to export cattle for the repopulation of cattle stocks in liberated areas in Italy.

Orchards and fruit trees are also suffering from the drought.

Olive Oil

The olives have been collected and the processing is well under way. More then 20,000 quintals of oil have been stored on the island and under careful supervision of the authorities this figure can be raised notwithstanding the complaints of the farmers that the price is too low.

Forests

Nothing to report.

Fishing

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The laborers at Carbonia still avail themselves of any excuse to slow down the output. Attempts are being made to insure greater production.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Pursuant to an understanding reached between the Mayor of Cagliari and military authorities concerning the turning over of barracks in the city, plans are being made for the repair and adaptation of barracks to civilian needs.

PORT OF CAGLIARI

Appropriations are being made for the repair and improvement of rail facilities in the port area.

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PORT OF S. ANTIOCO

The restoration of rail facilities are now in progress. Plans call for a complete re-equipping and improvement of port facilities in conjunction with the coal program.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety conditions in Cagliari and Sassari provinces showed an improvement. However, in Nuoro conditions are still serious due to the local environment.

The following crimes were committed in April:

Murder	7
Attempted murder	4
Holdups	52
Extorsion	2
Thefts	537
Petty Larceny	200

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STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Strikes continued in the Basso Abis region over wage controversy. Output is not yet up to normal.

In the principal cities students demonstrated to reaffirm that Trieste remain an Italian city following the recent Jugo-Slav claim.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The conditions of public health are satisfactory. Preparations for the anti-malaria campaign are well under way. Precautions and measures are being taken to eliminate breeding places of malaria.

EDUCATION

Schools are functioning well notwithstanding the fact that some schools in Cagliari are undergoing repairs as a result of the bombings.

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COMMUNICATIONS

ROAD TRANSPORT

The vehicle transport problem is becoming increasingly critical due to the total lack of tubes, tires and spare parts.

To date 70 military vehicles have been turned over for civilian use. For the most part they are old vehicles with limited capacity and require an excessive amount of gasoline which renders them uneconomical.

An allocation of truck tires is requested if a complete paralysis of traffic is to be avoided.

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MAIL TRANSPORT

Mail transport is also in a difficult position due to the reduction of rolling stock, some of which was sent to the mainland. The lack of repair materials is another obstacle. Secondary railways are unable to meet expenses notwithstanding the increase in rates.

SHIPPING

Articles have appeared in newspapers indorsed by political and administrative organizations of Sassari for the restoration of a regular shipping service between Civitavecchia and Olbia which would facilitate the commercial exchanges between Sardinia and Rome. In normal times this was the outlet for local products.

PROPERTY CONTROL

Nothing to Report.

FINANCE

The three provincial finance commissions have been formed and are now in operation. The District Commissions for the most part have been formed and are in operation with the exception of Cagliari in which province 7 are to be formed and one is to commence operation.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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16 May 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.

Ref your 130/26/EC dated 15 Mar 45.

1. Herewith sitrep for week, 10 May - 16 May.

2. Advance Parties of the MILAN, TURIN and GENOA Territorial HQ's moved in during the week. Main Parties follow in immediate future. The Advance Party of the BOLZANO Territorial HQ reached destination during week.

3. 92B Italian Administrative Div. moved to PADOVA.

4. AFHQ confirmed authority for demobilisation of 50,000 Italian soldiers of older classes belonging to all three categories

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Major General,
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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Commander, Major-General L. BROWNING C.B. O.B.E. M.C.

Report No. 17 - Activities during the month of APRIL 1945.

Ref Maps: 1:250,000
ITALY, Sheets 27 - 28

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

I. MMIA LOC.MUNI

Main H.Q. ROME 7457

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(2) ADJUSTMENT OF CEILING

On 26 Apr, the Ministry of War was informed that the Combat ceiling of the Italian Army was increased by 15000 w.e.f. 19 Apr. This increase was to be balanced by a reduction w.e.f. same date of the HR-ITI service ceiling by 15000.

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II. ITALIAN ARMY - ORDER OF BATTLE - STRENGTH (Continued)

(3) PATRIOT RECCE BNS

(a) Authority was received for the formation of five Patriot Recce Bns to be inducted into the Italian Army within the above ceiling. These Patriot units would be employed by Army Comds and would not be considered as an integral part of the Italian Combat Groups. FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies were asked to nominate suitable Patriot Bands for induction and the Ministry of War was instructed to send forward the already prepared Screening Detachments whose primary work was to be the screening of this personnel for ultimate enlistment.

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(b) On the cessation of hostilities, however, these patriot units will be dispersed in the normal manner.

(4) A.C. TRUCK BDE

On 1 Apr, formation orders for the 222, 223, 224, 226 and 226 Italian Tpt Coys were received. Instructions were issued to the Ministry of War for the provision of personnel. Tpt was to come from AC sources. Each Coy consists of 8 offrs, 340 ORs and 196 vehs. 3 District would supervise their formation at TRANI.

On 24 Apr, the Ministry of War was informed that the 2500 US-ITIs (on loan from PBS with the MT Group AC, had been organized into two Bns - No 2 Truck Bn (US-ITI) 2675 Regt composed of the 9th to 16th Truck Coys inclusive and No 3 Truck Bn (US-ITI) 2676 Regt composed of the 17th to 24th Truck Coys inclusive. T/O strength of the two Bns is 86 offrs, 1788 ORs.

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(6) GARIBALDI REGT

Authority was received for the formation of the Garibaldi Inf Regt consisting of Headquarters and three Inf Bns. The strength of the Regt is 2,683 all ranks. Equipment and Administration will be carried out at VITERBO under the supervision of HQ RAAC and "F" SU. Arms will be Italian, and will be provided under arrangements made by MMLA and RAAC.

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III. A/G ("A" BRANCH)

(1) THE REINFORCEMENTS SYSTEM

After discussion with SHAPE and co-ordination inside MAIA it was decided to simplify the present system of returns for all units and formations of the Italian Army, combining the returns required on the 8th and 24th of each month for rations and orders of battle purposes with those required for the supply of reinforcements. SHAPE is now writing the necessary instructions. A translation of these will be issued for the guidance of Allied HQ's and will replace (for HR-ITI units) MAIA SD/42 of 14 February and British Directive No. 13.

(2) DEMOBILIZATION

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Employing formations were circularized on the method of demobilizing the remainder of the above classes when their homes in N. ITALY are accessible (about 50,000 men). Authority was given for HR-ITI units to hold up to 5% surplus to W.E. against such demobilization. A similar arrangement is being made in US-ITI units, the extra personnel being taken from the reinforcements pool at ASTRONI.

(3) REPATRIATION

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(3) Defascism Progress Reports received from Ministry of War for period ending 30 Mar 45.

(4) Letter to AFHQ pointing out waste of transport and harmful effect on civilian economy of uncontrolled spending of daily food cash allowance. Proposals submitted were a reduction of the allowance, control by Allied Commanders, and increase of Italian portion of ration scale in lieu of allowance. AFHQ asked for ruling.

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III. A/Q (Continued)

(5) On 9 Apr 45, letter sent to AFHQ for Q(AE) asking that Allied Commanders be informed of the position regarding KD and that repaired clothing was all that could be provided.

(6) Amendment No 2 to MMLA Adm Instr No 22 authorising the substitution of flour for rice if the latter was not available; published on 10 Apr.

(7) On 16 Apr Ministry of War was informed that a ration of 24 gms of salt would be distributed - 19 gms per man, 5 gms for baking.

(8) On 20 Apr Addt No 3 was published to Adm Instr No 11 on Basic records to be kept and reports to be rendered by the Italian Army covering receipts, issues and states of stocks of clothing and equipment. All HR-ITIs had been issued with KD by 21 Apr.

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As the employment of these forces is becoming daily more important, the transport of the CCRR has been reviewed and it has been decided that CC RR MT vehicles be repaired in Italian Military Workshops on Top priority.

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Horses and Mules

War Ministry has been requested to submit a census of horses and mules in Italy, and Sardinia, so that the present disposition of these animals can be reviewed as it is felt that the Allies are feeding well in excess of the Italian Military requirements.

Canteens

Mobile canteens have been authorized for the Italian Army. 3 British and 3 US are at present being constructed in No 1 Repair and Recovery Unit.

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IV. MOVEMENTS

1. Details of traffic dealt with :-

Personnel	61,167	
Stores	18,331	tons.
Vehicles	1,638	
Animals	1,400	
Shipping	1,826	tons.

2. Personnel Moves

The month has been an average one for personnel movement. The principal moves have been :- 6135

(i) MANTOVA Combat Group, Rail party 5,010 men and 223 carriers and Road party 4,000 men and 1,000 vehicles from BENEVENTO to AREZZO in 10 special trains and 9 road convoys.

(ii) Move of GARIBALDI personnel ex YUGO-SLAVIA from TARANTO to VITERBO.

(iii) Moves of reinforcements from CESANO Camp to Combat Groups.

(iv) Moves of personnel arriving at NAPLES ex SARDINIA Call-up.

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The month has been an average one for personnel movement. The principal moves have been :- 6135

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The difficulties experienced by the Italian Ministry of War in completing the engineer works services at, in particular, the Reinforcement Training Centre CESANO, Reinforcement Depot FROSINONE and MT Workshops at TERNI, are being eased by the provision from Italian sources of extra transport, by the assistance of a Garrison Engineer at CESANO, and by the provision of material, if urgently required and otherwise unobtainable, from Allied sources.

On 28 April 19 Italian Railway Engineer Company began to form in ROME.

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VI. SICS

On 13 April, SC II R. SICS left ROME on tour of inspection which included visit to Line Training School at FRANCAVILLA FONTANA. The Commandant of the School was informed that the School would close on completion of the present course, approx 20 May. On or about this date it will move to take its correct place which is Line Wing of the Signal Training Centre at MACCARESE.

The Signal Training Center which up to now has functioned at NOCERA INFERIORE moved to MACCARESE on 25 April.

On 29 April AFHQ agreed to the transfer of Ministry of War Pigeon Section to HR-ITI category. Ministry of War have been asked to submit a War Establishment on strength of 20.

VII. MEDICAL

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VII. S & T

("S" BRANCH)

1. Orders were given during March that all Italian Air Force Food Depots be closed, and that units of the Italian Air Force will draw rations from Italian Army Depots. Under the supervision of the MMIA Sector ST Liaison Officers all such depots were closed by 9 Apr 1945.

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VIII. S & T

("S" BRANCH) Continued

1. Provision was made for the release of certain rations to Italian Army Canteens during the month. Allied Headquarters supervising canteens were advised of amounts of items released for respective canteens.

Due to the world shortage of rice, substitution of flour or macaroni has been authorized, at the same scale.

All MGLA Sector ST LO's were instructed to inspect Italian food depots to ensure that rations of Italian origin which can be substituted for items of Allied origin be issued to units immediately. In some cases large quantities of Italian and German foodstuffs were found, and depots were instructed, on the spot, to issue in precedence of like Allied food-stuffs.

2. With a reduction in the number of troops in Southern Italy and Sardinia, more ration depots were ordered to be closed. No 7 Territorial Commissariato Florence commenced operation 1 Apr 45, and No 7 Supply Co, No 7 Food Distribution Depot, No 7 Food Bulk Depot and No 7 Military Bakery were ordered to be established in Florence. No supplies will be moved until the Army Area moves further north.

3. Difficulty is anticipated for the provision of cigarettes for June or July due to the shortage of cigarette paper. Due the high morale factor of cigarettes for troops representation has been made to AFHQ to accelerate shipment of the paper from the U.S.A.

4. A conference was held on 27 April with Lt Col RASE, this HQ, Col LEGG, Director Food Sub-Commission, AC, General PELLICRA, Italian War Ministry, and Major NELSON this HQ for the purpose of agreement and recommendations to AFHQ concerning a substitute for the one half (½) ounce of olive oil, increased by the Combined Chiefs of Staff but not available in Italy. It was agreed that additional quantity of nuts could be procured in Italy to provide for a substitution of the one half ounce increase of olive oil, until the latter become available. This recommendation will be sent to AFHQ for consideration.

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3. Owing to the more intensive use now being made of ITI-ITI transport, agreement was reached with Pet Sec AFHQ for an increased scale of provision of POL for ITI-ITI Units in May.

4. A review of CC Rs vehicle holdings was undertaken in conjunction with Public Safety Sub-Commission, and a number of Artillery reconnaissance cars not required for use by the Army proper at present are being transferred to CCRR.

Furthermore, a schedule of authorized establishments for holdings of Italian Army vehicles was drawn up and a plan worked out for rounding up unauthorized vehicles.

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IX. LABOUR

Nothing to report.

X. WELFARE

On 12 April an appeal to the Italian public for sports gear, games, and all forms of amenities for Welfare of the troops was issued for publication by the Ministry of War to 18 Newspapers. To date it has appeared in four papers.

On 19 April delivery was taken by the Ufficio Benessere of the necessary materials for the making of 31 uniforms for Volunteers of the Corpo Assistenza Femminile.

On 23 April the Ministry of War was authorized to print "La Patria" at the British Military Printing Press, Bari. Publication has been arranged to commence on 3 May.

A letter has been sent to the Ministry of War giving views and criticisms of "La Patria", the Army Newspaper.

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Major-General
MMIA

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Soviet Representative, AC - 1

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War Diary - 2

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for April

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

INT/107

15 May 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION (2)

OPERATIONS

1. During the last big push by the FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies, four of the five Italian Combat Groups "CREMONA", "LEGNANO", "FRIULI" and "FOLGORE" were all in the line. On 11 April, advanced units of the "CREMONA" and "FRIULI" Groups crossed the Senio. By the 24th Apr, the "LEGNANO" Group had entered BOLOGNA and the remaining two Groups, after experiencing heavy fighting and capturing many prisoners, were concentrated S.E. of BOLOGNA. The "CREMONA" Group was again called forward on 30 Apr, and, advancing with units of the EIGHTH Army, crossed the River PO, and took part in the operations which culminated in the crossing of the ADIGE River and the ultimate surrender of the German Forces in ITALY. The fighting qualities of all Italian Combat Troops and their active contribution to the great Allied victories during the past month have received the highest praise from Field Marshal ALEXANDER and his subordinate commanders.

ADJUSTMENT OF CEILING

2. On 24 Apr, the Ministry of War was informed that the Combat ceiling of the Italian Army was increased by 12,000 w.e.f. 19 Apr. This increase was to be balanced by a reduction w.e.f. same date of the SE-ITI service ceiling by 12,000.

PATRIOT RECCE BNS

3. (a) Authority was received for the formation of five Patriot Recce Bns to be inducted into the Italian Army within the above ceiling. These Patriot units would be employed by Army Comds and would not be considered as an integral part of the Italian Combat Groups. FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies were asked to nominate suitable Patriot Bands for induction and the Ministry of War was instructed to send forward the already prepared Screening Detachments whose primary work was to be the screening of this personnel for ultimate enlistment.

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A.C. TRUCK BDE

4. On 11 Apr, formation orders for the 822, 823, 824, 825 and 826 Italian Tpt Coys were received. Instructions were issued to the Ministry of War for the provision of personnel. Tpt was to come from AC sources. Each Coy consists of 8 offrs, 340 ORs and 196 vehs. 5 District would supervise their formation at RIMINI.

On 24 Apr, the Ministry of War was informed that the 2500 US-ITIs (on loan from PBS) with the MT Group AC, had been organized into two Bns - No 2 Truck Bn (US-III) 2675 Regt composed of the 9th and 16th Truck Coys inclusive and No 3 Truck Bn (US-III) 2675 Regt composed of the 17th to 24th Truck Coys inclusive. T/O strength of the two Bns is 86 offrs, 1786 ORs.

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A.C. TRUCK BDE (Continued)

4. On 28 Apr, AFHQ authority for the formation of H.Q. Commander 211 and 212 Italian Transport Columns, Allied Commission was received. MMIA was charged with the provision of personnel while H.Q. 3 District was to supervise their formation at TRANI. Vehicles for these units would also be provided from A.C. sources.

FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN TPS

5. The General Policy regarding the employment of Italian troops was established. NO Italian troops will be employed outside the frontiers of ITALY.

GARIBALDI REGT

6. Authority was received for the formation of the Garibaldi Inf Regt consisting of Headquarters and three Inf Bns. The strength of the Regt is 2,685 all ranks. Equipment and Administration will be carried out at VITERBO under the supervision of HQ RAAC and "F" SLU. Arms will be Italian, and will be provided under arrangements made by MMIA and RAAC.

DEMOBILIZATION

7. (a) The demobilization of Italian soldiers of first four months of 1924 class and older classes, whose homes are South of Army boundaries, was authorized and has begun. This affected about 4,000 men initially.

(b) Employing formations were circularized on the method of demobilizing the remainder of the above classes when their homes in N. ITALY are accessible (about 50,000 men). Authority was given for SR-III units to hold up to 5% surplus to N.E. against such demobilization. A similar arrangement is being made in US-III units, the extra personnel being taken from the reinforcements pool at ASIRONI.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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2 May 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.

Ref your 150/26/EC dated 15 Mar 45.

1. Herewith sitrep for week 26 Apr - 2 May.

2. G3 (Int) returns from visit to Italian Units in EIGHTH Army area where he found morale high and all combat gps had done well.

3. Number 6 Territorial HQ moved into BOLOGNA. All other Territorial HQ's have concentrated in rear of 15 Army Gp rear bdy waiting to move fwd.

4. GCC visited War Minister. Among subjects discussed were:-

(a) the reorg of GARIBALDI Regt;
(b) activities of the Combat Gps;
(c) Military Tribunals;
(d) AMGL's in Liberated Italy.

5. Field Postcard Service for Italian Army approved by AFHQ.

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MMIA

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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25 Apr 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.

Ref your 150/26/EC dated 15 Mar 45.

1. Herewith sitrep for week 19 Apr - 25 Apr.

2. Distribution of the new Italian Army Identity Cards, approved by 15 Army Gp has now been completed.

3. 523 Italian Guard Bn formed at FROSINONE was inspected by MMIA reps. Bn moves to PRATO on 25 Apr.

4. AFHQ authority for formation of Inf Regt from "Garibaldi" Div volunteers received. This Regt will be in MR-ITI Combat Category and will be trained by D.M.T. Equipment will be British except for mortars which will be Italian 45 mm and 81 mm mortars.

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5. AFRAGOLA MR-ITI Camp is moving to RAVISCANINA. Move should be completed by 30 Apr.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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18 Apr 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.

Ref your 150/26/EC dated 15 Mar 45.

1. Herewith sitrep for week 12 - 18 Apr.

2. First meeting of MMIA MEC, held on 12 Apr. Among establishments approved subject to AFHQ concurrence were Pool of an Italian Military Press Censors and an Industrial Inspection Section I.A.I. both in Cat 5(c) ITI-ITI.

FROSINONE ITI-ITI Camp inspected by MMIA reps.

Total increase in Italian Army manpower during March was 30,850.

G3(Int), MMIA, visited G-2 Sec AFHQ to discuss Intelligence matters relative to Italian Army.

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
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Commander, Major-General L. BROWNING C.B. C.B.E. M.C.

Report No. 16 - Activities during the month of MARCH 1945.

Ref Maps: 1:250,000 ITALY Sheets 37 - 28

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

I. MMLA LOCATIONS

Main H.Q. ROME 7457

Outstations NAPLES, BARI, Rear 5 Army, 5 Army (Br Incr), Rear 8 Army, Lt Col ALBERT in CAGLIARI, SARDINIA; Major LONG in SICILY. Also MMLA LO's with EIGHTH Army, 52 Area, 54 Area, HQ 1 Dist, HQ 3 Dist, "LECCANO" Gp, "FOLGORE" Gp,

II. ITALIAN ARMY - ORDER OF BATTLE - STRENGTH

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(a) Strength

The Order of Battle of the Italian Army for March published under MMLA reference SD/92/1 is now bi-lingual and shows all known authorized Italian Units under their various categories. WEs, ME strengths and actual strengths are shown.

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(d) Patriots

The five Patriot Bands authorized by AFHQ are now being nominated. Org and WEs have been worked out in detail by MMIA and accepted by 15 Army Group and Armies. AFHQ's final authority to implement is now awaited.

III. n/a

1 March MMIA rep leaves for Naples on inspection and liaison visit.
2 March Defascism Progress Report for period up to 28 Feb received from Ministry of War.
3 March Lt Col ROSE returns from Sardinia having inspected Italian Army units.

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III. a/g (Continued)

3 March — Major EDWARDS, DADME, leaves for inspection of Mantova Gp.

4 March — Administration Instruction No. 23 on Italian Army supplies issued.

5 March — Conference held with Ministry of War to discuss salvage of Italian Army tpt in possession of civilians.

6 March — MMLA rep leaves for Naples and Sardinia to inspect Food and Equipment depots. Conference held with Gen Borsari, Italian J.A.G.,to discuss Italian Military tribunals.

7 March — Lt Col ROSE and Major NELSON leave for Leghorn to visit Depots and P.B.S.

8 March — Ministry of War increase pay of Italian Army ranks up to Cpl . to double for service under 40 months and triple over 40 months w.e.f. 16 August 44.

Directive issued on prevention of requisitioning of buildings, stores and property of Italian Army.

9 March — Admin Instruction No. 10 addendum on stock numbers and nomenclature re Clothing and equipment from Allied sources to Italian Army.

12 March — Ministry of War asked to submit demobilisation plan for ineffective Italian Military with homes in E.C.I..

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Admin Inst No. 25 issued to Ministry of War on issue of Summer Clothing and withdrawal of Winter Clothing.

30 March — Col SIMMONS leaves for Leghorn on liaison visit to PBS.

Directive issued on anti-malarial equipment for BR-ITIS

31 March — Col SIMMONS returns.

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IV. MOVEMENTS

1. Details of traffic dealt with during the month :-

Personnel	55,346
Stores	27,022 tons
Vehicles	899
Shipping	400 tons

Small moves of personnel and stores arranged locally by Delegazioni Trasporti are not included in the above figures.

Personnel moved during the month come under the following main headings:-

(i) Personnel ex SARDINIA, APULIA, and SICILY Call-ups.
(ii) Moves to Training and Reinforcement Depots and from these Depots to Combat Groups.

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It has now been laid down that Italian Military travelling on or returning from leave will not make use of civilian passenger trains. AFHQ have instructed this office to bid for space at the weekly Priority of Movements Conference. This office is now requesting rail space for 720 leave personnel per week (excluding leave to and from SARDINIA).

3. Rail facilities at CESANO Depot

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4. Bidding Procedure (Stores)

In order that a comprehensive programme of Italian stores bids may be rendered to AFHQ each week, the armies concerned have been requested to inform MMLO of all Italian Military Traffic into or out of Army Area for inclusion in weekly stores programme.

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IV. MOVEMENTS (Continued)

5. Rail travel of Italian Military Personnel

It has been laid down by AFHQ that the Certificate di Viaggio in the case of officers and Foglio di Viaggio in the case of other ranks when signed by a competent authority will be accepted by British Movements to permit travel on authorized trains by Italian military on duty.

The War Ministry has now suggested that a similar arrangement be made for Italian Military personnel travelling on leave.

AFHQ have requested that one type of warrant only shall be used by Italian Military whether proceeding on leave or on duty. The matter is being dealt with by this office in consultation with the SMKE (Ufficio Trasporti) and a warrant based on AF 694 will be suggested.

6. Hospital Coaches

Eight Ambulance Coaches have arrived from SARDINIA and have been sent to ROME for repairs. When repairs are completed, these coaches will run on booked trains in the Southern part of Italy.

All red cross markings will be obliterated until such time as the coaches are made into a complete ambulance train.

7. Liaison Visits

Weekly visits have been made to the P.C.M. Conferences at AFHQ. Liaison has been maintained with the Delegazioni in Rome and Naples, Italian Movements at MONTEROTONDO and CE Movements, West Italy. Daily visits have been made to the Chief (Ufficio Trasporti).

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VI. SICS

Nothing To Report.

VII. MEDICAL

1 March — Hospital situation as at 24 Feb 45 - beds equipped 14004, beds occupied 9157.

3 March - Vacancies (7) allotted to Italian regimental officers at British C.M.T.C. for courses in sanitation and hygiene.

6 March — Another platoon of No. 1 Italian Motor Ambulance Convoy equipped and moves to 5th Army.

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VIII. S & T

This branch has been occupied, for the most part, with routine duties during the month of March.

A proposal was made to the Italian War Ministry to consider a central purchasing agency in the territorial areas (and Administrative Division areas forward) for the acquisition of fresh fruit and vegetable components of the ration. Food Sub-Commission A.C. has requested that control be exercised by the Italian Army to avoid excessive and high-price purchases by individual units which disrupts civilian supply. The proposal is still under review by the Ministry.

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VIII. S & T (Continued)

An orientation course for officers in supply and accounting was planned to take place of fortnight duration commencing 3 April at Taranto Bulk Food Depot. Officers from each territorial headquarters were detailed to attend.

A course of instruction was arranged through ADST, Rome Allied Area Command, for supplies personnel of the Cesano Reinforcement Camp. Italian personnel will work with British depot personnel at a Rome DID.

Revision of the scheme for supply of Italian Provided Items for AR-ITIs, supplied through British R.A.S.C. channels was effected during the month. All supplies were sent forward during March for April consumption.

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3 March — At Naples D.ADL attends conference with DDL No 3 District and ADL "D" Team Pool of Area Staff Officers.

14 March — Conference at 8 District HQ with DDL.

24 March — Conference at DDL 3 District office with ADL "D" Team, OC 91 Group RA Labour Corps.

26 March — At Palermo visited units of 8 Bn 407 Italian Pnr Regt.

28 March — To Catania, attended Labour Conference at AFHQ.

30 March — Returned to Rome.

GENERAL

The situation of all Pioneer Units visited during the month was found to be very much improved. Clothing - good. Reinforcements demands are being met. To sum up, the position is better now than ever before.

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X. WELFARE

6 March — Italian Army Welfare Training School opened. Ten days courses for officers are being held, attended by six officers at a time.

10 March — Casa di Soggiorno (Rest Hostel) Rome, was opened; it caters for 200 men of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and will eventually take 500. The length of stay is limited to 7 days.

18 March — Approval was given for "La Patria", the Italian Army Newspaper already published in Rome and Florence, to commence publication at Bari. The first Bari edition will appear early in April.

As a measure to improve the Military postal service, a scheme is being worked out, and is nearly completed, for a special Field Service postcard for communication by affected soldiers with recently liberated Italy. AFHQ have approved the scheme in principle.

XI. REPAIR

GENERAL

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Progress in the complete reorganisation of the Repairs Services of the Italian Army with the help of the British Officer reinforcements received at the beginning of the month.

NO's 1 and 2 Repair Units being completely reorganised to ensure output and more efficient work.

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Arrangements have been made for the Repair Units, recently known as 38 C.M.P. to become a detachment of No. 1 Repair Unit and change its location from MACERATA to FLORENCE in order to be more centrally situated to serve a greater number of Light Workshops. This W/S will move from Macerata to Florence on the 15th April 1945.

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XI. RE&S (Continued)

55 Tanks have been delivered to the mainland from Sardinia - 65 Tanks are completed and awaiting shipment. The balance will be completed by the middle of May. Provisional arrangements have been made for the shipping of spares, Tank, as and when they arrive.

2. DETAILED ACTIVITIES

7 March	Meeting at MMLA HQ, presided over by DA & QMG, allotting duties to Officer reinforcements.
9-10 March	Visit to Mantova Combat Group at San Giorgio. This Combat Group is receiving spares and vehicle equipment and should be well equipped before changing location.
12 March	The first draft of the Italian directive on the new MT organization examined at a meeting of the War Ministry.
14 March	Figures of stocks of tyres and tubes resulting from the census on February 5th, received from War Ministry. Particulars of the Battery situation requested from the War Ministry.
16 March	Accompanied ADST on inspection of Transport Units in Rome. Directive sent to the War Ministry detailing affiliation of ITI-ITI new MT Units to Repair Units.
18-29 March	During this period the Workshop units of Combat Groups were inspected and considerable improvement in maintenance and output was noticed. The backloading of vehicles has been greatly reduced. The Italian personnel are showing great interest in their work and appreciate the interest being shown in them by Allied visiting personnel.
28 March	Directive sent to the War Ministry detailing the new system of release of tyres and tubes through Repairs channels.
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for March

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

INT/107

13 Apr 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION

1. The Order of Battle of the Italian Army for March published under MMIA reference SD/92/1 is now bi-lingual and shows all known and authorized Italian Units under their various categories. Moreover, the ME and ME strength and actual strength of each unit is quoted and the Allied formation employing each unit is shown.

(a) On the basis of this ORBAT all issues of stores, equipment and rations are checked and accounted for and charged to the nation concerned.

2. The manpower position of the Italian Army improved rapidly during the month. On the 9th of March there was a deficiency of 18,000 in the grand total of the Army, including the Carabinieri. This deficiency has since been covered by further intakes - call-ups, voluntary enlistment - and wastage has been reduced considerably.

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(b) Plans are now being made against the manpower problems which will arise when homes of many serving soldiers of older classes are liberated thus entitling them to demobilization.

(c) The reinforcements procedure for ME-ITI Combat and Service Units and ITI-ITI Units are working smoothly on British lines and US-ITI procedure is working equally well.

(d) Priority List 8 was published by AFHQ on 17 March. It comprises 112 new units. Of these some are now forming at ME-ITI Depots, a portion at British Training Centres and a portion by the conversion of existing Italian Increments into full units.

3. Three ITI-ITI Guard Battalions, strength 800 all ranks each and one Regimental Headquarters, were transferred from ITI-ITI category to ME-ITI category. These units have been trained for Internal Security duties in NW Italy.

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4. From 11 November 44 to 31 March 45, 38,000 ex Italian soldiers had been repatriated from the Balkans. Of these, 10,610 have been taken into the Italian Army.

5. Remnants of the Garibaldi Division have now been repatriated. The personnel are good fighting soldiers with considerable battle experience. The morale of these men is high. The 3,000 volunteers for combat are being concentrated for re-equipment and training in the Italian Army barracks at VITERBO. AFHQ approval is awaited for their formation into an independent combat Infantry Regiment.

6. Reports from EIGHTH Army and liaison visits to the Italian Combat Groups in Army Areas confirm that the Groups are giving a good account of themselves. Co-operation between Allied and Italian staffs continued to give good results. The training of reinforcements at the RTC IUF, CESANO made progress during the month.

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7. On 8 March 45, the War Ministry issued a decree which increased the pay of OR's up to and intluding the rank of corporal. With effect from 16 August 45, these ranks receive double pay for service under 40 months and treble over 40 months.

8. The Italian Army Welfare Training School opened in Rome on March 6. Ten day courses for officers are being held with a view to training future unit welfare officers. The school is being run in close liaison with the British Army Welfare.

(a) AFHQ authority has been obtained for the issue of a limited scale of rations for Italian Army canteens on repayment.

9. In order to implement the instructions of CCS and CAO AFHQ for the addition of new "Training" Branch and an "A" Branch, implementation of these branches has been carried out.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

INT/107

11 Apr 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C.

Ref your 150/26/EC dated 15 Mar 45.

1. Herewith sitrep for week 5 Apr - 11 Apr.

2. IAI and SF Units formerly under the control of the Stato Maggiore Generale passed to under command War Ministry.

3. Otherwise N.T.R.

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
INT/107
4 Apr 45

TO : Executive Commissioner, A.C.

Ref your 150/26/EC dated 15 Mar 45.

1. Herewith sitrep for week 29 Mar - 4 Apr.

2. Col RAVINICH - Comd of GARIBALDI Div visited GOC. AFHQ authority given for MMIA MEC to investigate and coordinate all new WRs and amendments to existing WRs of Italian Army Units in ITI-ITI and ER-ITI categories. War Ministry given authority for fmn of Industrial Inspection Section IAI, strength 20 offrs 21 ORs. MMIA reps inspected FROSINONE ITI-ITI rfts camp.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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FROM MMIA 29 0915 A

TO EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER's OFFICE; A.C.

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FROM MMIA 28 0920 A

TO EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, A.C.

INT 186 CONFIDENTIAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

Ref: 150/26/EC

15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps.

TO : VP, Economic Section (11)
VP, Civil Affairs Section (10)
Dir, Communications Sub-Commission (1)
Dir, War Material Disposal & Italian PW Sub-Commission (1)
Public Relations Officer. (1)

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1. I have received a complaint from AFHQ that the material contained in the Weekly Sitrep is not satisfactory.

2. The purpose of this sitrep is to provide AFHQ with material to give a concise weekly national picture of conditions in ITALY for the Combined Civil Affairs Committee of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in WASHINGTON. I gain the impression that this is not appreciated and the object of this memorandum is to give directions which will ensure that the activities of this Commission are adequately reported.

3. Previously the basis of this sitrep has been reports from Regions, but since Sub-Commissions receive all regional information of importance from their specialist officers in the field I have decided to rely on HQ to provide this basis. Vice Presidents will give special attention to the provision of material for the sitrep. Two or three lines are all that are required from each Sub-Commission, containing only material which is general in character and is likely to be of value to the CCAC in WASHINGTON: commencing 21 March 1945 this information, or a nil return, to be submitted to this office not later than 1200 hours on Wednesday of each week.

O.K. AP 17 Mar

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Note to: Navy Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMLA)
Air Forces Sub-Commission
) I shall be grateful if the Services S/C's will provide material for the sitrep as suggested in para 3.

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

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Report No. 15 - Activities during the month of FEBRUARY 1945.

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Target 20,000
Obtained :-
to 25 Feb 15,397
to 2 Mar 19,427

to date figures not to hand but informed target has been reached.

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Allocation of Personnel from call-ups for Feb is shown as follows :-

To US-ITI Category	6640 all ranks
To BR-ITI Category	9507 all ranks
To BR-ITI (Combat)	6288 all ranks
To ITI-ITI Category	2244 all ranks
TOTAL	24679 all ranks

Young recruits from the Apulia call-up started to arrive at the new ITI-ITI Base Depot at Frosinone. Visits were made to this camp by MMIA reps when inspections were carried out and suggestions made to improve conditions and training methods.

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3. Friuli Group moved into the line on the night of the 6/7 Feb under command of the Polish Corps in the BRISIGHELLA sector. Operationally a quiet sector, in which command and administration were severely tested by the mountainous and muddy conditions more than by the enemy. This showed up several weaknesses on the part of the Group HQ Staff and Regimental Commanders and some good points on the part of the NCOs and men. It is hoped that the many necessary lessons will be learned before more serious opposition is encountered.

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III. A/G (Cont'd)

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18 Feb Maj GREENWOOD arrived to replace Maj HEAD as D.A.D.O.S.
19 Feb Defascism Progress Reports for period ending 15 Feb received from Ministry of War.
20 Feb M.L.A. Admin Instr No. 22 published clarifying scales, sources of provision and method of distribution of certain supplies for Italian Army.
21 Feb DA & QMG visited AFHQ.
22 Feb Letter AQ/8 issued to Ministry of War re decisions taken by Council of Ministers on Admin of Italian Army.
23 Feb Maj AUSTIN reported for duty.
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A Delegazione Trasporti (Movement Control H.Q.) will be set up forthwith in PERUGIA. The setting-up of this Delegazione has been approved by HQ Movements, CENTRAL ITALY and the requisite authority has been obtained from No. 1 District.

The purpose of setting-up this Delegazione is twofold :-

(a) It should provide a very useful contact with British Movement Control - especially as there is now a considerable movement of Italian Military personnel in Movements, CENTRAL ITALY area.
(b) Italian RTC staffs are now established at ANCONA, AREZZO, RIMINI, LEGHORN, MONTECATINI and ORVIETO. At present, these staffs are administered by the ROME Delegazione. Under the new arrangement, however, they will be administered by the PERUGIA Delegazione. Thus, owing to reduction of travelling distances, a better supervision will be ensured.

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3. (Cont'd)

On 18 Feb H.R.H. Prince UMBERTO visited the Group with Col PIDSLEY; fortunately it was a foggy day which made movement possible in the forward area. After seeing front line companies and posts, the Prince visited gun positions, services and hospitals, and was able to form a good idea of the efficiency of this Group.

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4. Folgore Group continued training in the ASCOLI area and were visited by H.R.H. Prince UMBERTO on 24 February where he inspected all units on parade and presented many awards for gallantry in action to members of the former C.I.L. The Group is now at the top of its form and eager and ready to go back into action.

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3 Feb — Meeting held with reps from AFHQ and Ministry of War to discuss formation of mobile canteens for Italian Combat Gps and Italian Army Welfare Policy.

4 Feb — DA & QMG left for 5 and 8 Armies and 1 District.

9 Feb — Defascisation Progress Reports for period 30 Jan 45 received from Ministry of War.

12 Feb — Italian Forces Rest Home visited by H.R.H. Prince UMBERTO, Prime Minister, Minister for War, Minister of Marine and Minister of Air. Meeting held with Ministry of War at which it was decided that 228 and 231 Divs would be base Divs for supply of Combat Groups and forward formations.

16 Feb — DA & QMG left for A.F.H.Q.

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IV. MOVEMENTS (Cont'd)

3. Liaison Visits

(a) A visit was made during the month to the Delegazione at REGGIO di CALABRIA. This Delegazione is now responsible (under HQ Movements, Western Italy) for some of the Movement Control in CALABRIA. Much satisfaction is felt for the manner in which large personnel movements in connection with SICILY call-up have been handled. At all times, this HQ and Movements Areas concerned have been kept properly informed of all movements.

(b) Liaison has been maintained with G-4 (Mov.& Tn) AFHQ, HQs Movements, West Italy, Movements ROME Area and all Movements Sub-Areas concerned in movement of Italian personnel and stores.

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Capt Evans was posted to Movements Liaison Office, Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MAIA) from HQ Movements, BRINDISI on February 7.

This new increase in staff will ensure closer liaison with British Movement Control and a more thorough supervision over Italian Movement Control.

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V. R.E.

6 Feb	Formation of 563 Mine Clearance Company authorized. Remarks : This company, which will be ready early in March, is the third of its type, and will be employed under control of A.C.
4-10 Feb	The majority of the trg stores required for the Italian Engr Training School at CESANO were collected, with the exception of items of British origin.
12 Feb	MCRE, AFHQ visited MMIA.
10-22 Feb	SORE MMIA visited 56 BLU (MANTOVA Gp)

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18 Feb	Part of hospital train (Italian) shipped to mainland ex Sardinia.
19 Feb	Revised WE published for ITI-ITI formations including 8000 in Medical Corps.
20 Feb	Increase in Italian military rations to 3500 Calories (excluding ½ litre wine).
21-26 Feb	Staff Officer (supplies) visited Naples, 26 ZLU and inspected units of combat group s still equipping.
23 Feb	429 and 519 Evacuation Hospitals move to 8th Army area. DDMS HQ 1 District reports marked improvement in sanitation of Combat Groups.

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VII. MEDICAL (Cont'd)

25 Feb — Reorganization of existing 100 ambulance cars (Italian vehicles) into platoons of 20 each.

26 Feb — Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores moves from Taranto to Rome.

28 Feb — DADMS attended Conference on hospitalization of Patriots in Northwest Italy.

During the month medical supplies were received ex U.K. (14 tons) and ex M.E.F. and East Africa (80 tons - captured equipment).

VIII. S & T

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Italian Armed Forces ration scale of flour, olive oil, and nuts was increased by authority of an AFHQ signal from and inclusive 20 Feb 1945. Food Sub Commission A.C. has advised that the availability of olive oil in Italy is not sufficient to meet additional allowance. Matter has been referred to AFHQ for decision.

System of supply of ER-ITIS in forward areas has been reviewed with Lt. Col. WHITE ST Branch, AFHQ. Difficulties arising out of the present system have been rectified and clarified, through MAIA Administrative Instruction 22.

Supply of US-ITIS in forward areas has continued without difficulties.

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VIII. S & T (Cont'd)

War Establishments of Commissariato personnel and establishments for occupied Italy have been studied. A detailed study of existing Commissariato establishments has been made and instructions issued to close certain establishments determined to be surplus.

Liaison Officers were instructed to follow up on receipts of Italian provided items and to exercise more local control.

Close liaison has been maintained with Sector LO's concerning respective local problems and expediting movement of stores to areas where the same is in short supply. Weekly reports have been asked for from Sector LO's, in order to keep this HQ's better informed concerning the supply of Italian Provided Items.

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TRANSPORT (S&T)

The month has been mainly devoted to a reorganization of MT services in the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army. Letter AQ/5 of 6 Feb 1945 from MMIA HQ to Italian War Ministry established the plan of reorganization, which was subsequently implemented in detail at a series of conferences in Rome, Naples, Bari. Calabria, Sicily, Sardinia were dealt with by means of written instructions to the MMIA LO's concerned. The plan of reorganization aimed to secure a clearer distinction than existed previously between the functions of transport operating and repairs and recovery. Within the field of transport operating the plan provides for the operations of territorial administrative transport companies responsible for providing transport for the routine administrative services of the authorized Italian territorial commands, and separately from these a limited number of special transport companies available for urgent special moves of personnel and stores.

As at the end of February the ground work of this reorganization had been completed for the territories controlled by Comando Roma - Napoli - Bari.

IX. LABOUR

1. Inspections were carried out by DADL MMIA and visits paid to 11 Pioneer Units in Army Areas and at BARI, BRINDISI, and TARANTO.

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The month has been mainly devoted to a reorganization of MT services in the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army. Letter AQ/5 of 6 Feb 1945 from MMIA HQ to Italian War Ministry established the plan of reorganization, which was subsequently implemented in detail at a series of conferences in Rome, Naples, Bari. Calabria, Sicily, Sardinia were dealt with by means of written instructions to the MMIA LO's concerned. The plan of reorganization aimed to secure a clearer distinction than existed previously between the functions of transport operating and repairs and recovery. Within the field of transport operating the plan provides for the operations of territorial administrative transport companies responsible for providing transport for the routine administrative services of the authorized Italian territorial commands, and separately from these a limited number of special transport companies available for urgent special moves of personnel and stores.

As at the end of February the ground work of this reorganization had been completed for the territories controlled by Comando Roma - Napoli - Bari.

IX. LABOUR

1. Inspections were carried out by DADL MMIA and visits paid to 11 Pioneer Units in Army Areas and at BARI, BRINDISI, and TARANTO.

2. The general situation with regard to clothing, accomodation, amenities etc. in 5th Army and No. 1 District are very good. The work of the Italian Pioneers is regarded by all employing services as excellent. No complaints were received either from employing services or from units themselves.

Reinforcements are received in small numbers, the need in these areas is still urgent, although the situation has improved somewhat.

Major General
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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14 Mar 45

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commissioner

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4. Results of the re-call to the colours and the call-up of the 1914 - 15 recruits were most encouraging. The BR-ITI Reinforcement Capps at Orvieto, Trani and Afragola are almost full to capacity and the screening of specialists to meet the requirements for the Allied programme gave fair results.

Young recruits from the Apulia call-up started to arrive at the new ITI-ITI Base Depot at Frosinone. Visits were made to this camp by MMIA representatives when inspections were carried out and suggestions made to the War Ministry on improvements, welfare and training programmes.

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The following figures give some indication of good results obtained from call-up :-

Call-up SARDINIA (Phase I)

1914 - 24 classes

Period of call-up 1 Feb - 14 Feb

Target	10,000	
Obtained	10,000	slight excess being carried to next phase of call-up.

Call-up APULIA

1924 (2) - 25 classes and 1919 - 25 Hebrew classes

Period of call-up 10 Feb - 25 Feb

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Major General
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Shall we supply

1. Information on call ups?
2. Copies of our reports?

GCHQ

(R) 05 Feb

We have been told by the [illegible]
that they will not be able
to provide any information
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HEADQUARTERS OF THE
SOVIER REPRESENTATIVE
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

5th February, 1945.

TO: Col. C.P. KERR
Land Forces S/C.

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OBJECT: Monthly Reports of Land Forces S/C.

It would be greatly appreciated if it would be possible to have detailed information on the course of the call-up of the Italian Army in the provinces & regions. In case it is not possible to have the above-requested information through the Land Forces Sub-commission it would be appreciated if it could be indicated the source, where such information could be obtained.

It is also kindly requested that the monthly reports which have been already issued by the Land Forces S/C/ be consulted. If it is not possible to have the copies at the Headquarters of the Soviet Representative, they could be read at the office of the Land Forces S/C.

Thanking you in anticipation
Your Sincerely

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Capt. , RED ARMY USSR
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Commander Major General L. BROWNING C.B. O.B.E. M.C.

Report No. 14 - Activities during the month of JANUARY 1945.

Ref Maps: 1:250,000 ITALY Sheets 27 - 28

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

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(c) Italian Combat Groups

1. The difficult situation at the end of 1944, when Combat Groups (through lack of equipment as well as of men) were reduced from six in number to five, when the desertion rate was high, reinforcements few and the prospect of going into the line remote, has improved in every way during January 1945, although the month has not been without its crises.

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II. (c) cont'd

2. The interest taken in these, the latest additions to Field Marshal Alexander's "Compete d'Armees", by the Italian Government, press and people as well as by Allied Authorities, has been intense and the various views expressed for the employment and treatment of this chameleon force have been almost an embarrassment to those more intimately concerned with their command and administration.

3. The first four groups made steady progress as soon as the losses of the "festa" season had been adjusted, and morale improved with the prospect of fighting. The desire to come into and stay in the army on the part of patriots and "recalls" became more evident as the improved pay, rations, and welfare facilities were realized and as the administrative powers of the Italian War Ministry became better organized.

(a) The Cremona Group went into the line on the extreme right of the Allied Front (Lake COMACHIO) under the 1 Can Corps on the night of the 11/12 Jan, low in numbers (1000 deficient) but high in spirit. They made the usual mistakes of all new formations in action, paid the usual price and it is believed they are learning the usual lessons. There have been several examples of personal bravery, enthusiasm and ingenuity; the results of minor engagements have been reasonably good as they are generally considered to have made not a bad start.

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6. During the month visits were paid to AFHQ and to 8 Army and 15 Army Group HQ by Colonel Pidsley and later by General Browning to discuss manpower and other problems. Liaison visits have been paid to and by other formations. It has been found necessary to withdraw the MMIA Liaison Officers from the BLU's in the forward areas and to rely on our representatives at the Army HQ concerned.

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7. Outstanding plans include :-

(a) The repatriation of Italian prisoners of war from Allied Camps as reinforcements for Combat Groups.
(b) The provision of training staffs and equipment for the training of reinforcements.
(c) The provision of welfare facilities (materials, personnel and transport) to make possible the schemes now being discussed.
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Horses	439	
Shipping	1,030	(tons)

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IV. 1. (cont'd)

Small moves of personnel and stores arranged locally by the Delegazioni Trasporti and Movement Sub Areas are not included in the above figures.

Increase in personnel moves is due to :-

(a) Movement of LEGNANO Group from BRACCIANO to RADDA Area.
(b) Movement of FOLGORE Group from TELESE to ASCOLI TURAMO.
(c) Movement of FRIULI Group from RADDA to Under Comd 5 Army.
(d) Moves of Reinforcements.
(e) Movement of personnel ex the Balkans arriving at TARANTO.
(f) Movement of personnel ex 'call up' in SICILY, LAZIO, CAMPANIA and ABRUZZI.

2. Traffic to and from CESANO

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11 Jan	Layout of Italian Engr establishment was discussed with Col SUPINO of Ministry of War.
12 Jan	SCRE visited Gen GRANATA, Italian Engr Officer at NAPLES. Discussed methods of hastening work on ARAGOLA Camp.
15 Jan to 20 Jan	SCRE visited ARAGOLA Camp and other offices and depots in NAPLES area. Made preliminary arrangements for disposal of some Italian Engr stores arriving from SARDINIA.
26 Jan to 29 Jan	SCRE visited NAPLES. Parts for Italian rly bridge shipped from SARDINIA, accepted by Tn Stores Depot NAPLES.
	Formation of 63 Italian Forestry Coy was ordered.

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VI. SIGS

Nothing to report.

VII. MEDICAL

1 Jan — Hospital situation on 25/12/44. 14,700 beds equipped. 9,367 beds occupied.
4 Military cases of small pox occurred during December. All were in the Naples area.
In 1944 there were 5,383 primary and 30,897 recurrent cases of malaria admitted to hospitals.

2 Jan — 71 Medical POWs in SICILY were released and absorbed back into the Italian Army Medical Services on the Island.

11 Jan — Medical officers from the combat field units attached to British Field Ambulances "in the line" for purpose of training and admi[illegible]6-0034 istration experiences.

16 Jan — Staff Lieut inspected Italian Reinforcements Training Centre CESANO.

17 Jan — Medical officers visited British Base Transfusion Unit in Bari with a view to establishing a similar service in the Italian Army.

18 - 20 Jan — DDMS visited ADSQ and Naples area.

24 Jan — Proposals to reopen the Italian military medical school at Florence under consideration.

25 Jan — Veterinary Services taken over by Medical Branch in absence of V & RM representative on MIL. staff.

28 Jan — Authority for issue from local resources of extra allowance of soap to all Italian medical units is welcomed.

29 Jan — DDMS visited Italian Reinforcement Training Centre CESANO.

30 Jan — W.e.f. 1st Feb 45 a further 1,000 beds in Apulia area have been handed over for use of repatriated sick POWs and long term Italian military cases.

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18 - 20 Jan — DMMS visited AFHQ and Naples area.

24 Jan — Proposals to reopen the Italian military medical school at Florence under consideration.

25 Jan — Veterinary Services taken over by Medical Branch in absence of V & RM representative on MCLA staff.

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(c) Wine: Transportation is chief difficulty here, though War Ministry had been underbidding for supply into Naples Area by about 50%. The Army is short of barrels and the railway of tank cars. It is hoped to overcome difficulty by sea transportation.

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IX. LABOUR

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5 - 7 Jan — DADL attended conferences at BARI with O.C. 65 Pioneer Group H.Q., MMIA LO, GOC (Italian) 230 Division, inspected companies of 403 and 406 Italian Pnr Regts in Barracks and at work on Docks and Depots.

11 Jan — DADL attended conference ADL "D" Team Pool of Area Staff Officers (Labour).

16 Jan — Visited units of 407 Italian Pnr Regt.

26 Jan — Conference at Ministry of War with Gen MATTIOLI, Inspector General of Auxiliary Troops - re various domestic matters in connection with Italian Pnr Units in 3 District.

27 Jan — DADL attended conference with Director of Labour A.F.H.Q.

28 Jan — DADL visited HQ 207 Regt at SALERNO, together with DADL 94 Sub Area.

31 Jan — Conference in NAPLES with DDL 3 District and MMIA LO.
DADL visited Ministry of War (General MATTIOLI) in connection with question of pay and allowances for Italian Pioneers.

General — The clothing situation still improving slowly. A certain number of much needed reinforcements were received by units during the month, but these were almost nullified by high percentage of sickness. The need for reinforcements is still urgent.

Major General
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - January 1945

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
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S/I/107
14 Feb 45

TO : Chief of Staff Section, Allied Commission

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5. At the request of 15 Army Gp three Italian Guard Battalions plus a Regimental Headquarters have been made ready for training and ultimate employment in internal security duties in Northwest Italy. 2 District will be responsible for the training of these Guard Bns for their special duties in Northwest Italy.

6. The difficult situation at the end of 1944, when Combat Groups (through lack of equipment as well as men) were reduced from six in number to five, when the desertion rate was high, reinforcements few and the prospect of going into the line remote, has improved in every way during January 1945, although the month has not been without its crises.

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6. The interest taken in these, the latest additions to Field Marshal Alexander's "Compete d'Armees", by the Italian Government, press and people as well as by Allied Authorities, has been intense and the various views expressed for the employment and treatment of this chameleon force have been almost an embarassment to those more intimately concerned with their command and administration.

The first four groups made steady progress as soon as the losses of the "Festa" season had been adjusted, and morale improved with the prospect of fighting. The desire to come into and stay in the army on the part of patriots and "recalls" became more evident as the improved pay, rations and welfare facilities were realized and as the administrative powers of the Italian War Ministry became better organized.

7. By far the greatest activity of the month has been concentrated on the Reinforcements Centre at CREMONO where really good progress has been made. The number of reinforcements rose during the month from 2,000 to about 7,000. Elaborate arrangements are in hand for training personnel more or less on British standards and the greatest problem of the moment is that of selecting enough reasonably efficient men for posting to units until the training machine turns out its finally finished products. The British personnel and equipment on which this training depends have not yet arrived and so far the whole burden of helping the Italians to produce the goods has been borne by the MMIA LO.

During the month visits were paid to AFHQ and to 8 Army and 15 Army Group HQ by Colonel Pidsley and later by General Browning to discuss manpower and other problems. Liaison visits have been paid to and by other formations. It has been found necessary to withdraw the MMIA Liaison Officers from the MLU's in the forward areas and to rely on our representatives at the Army HQ concerned.

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Commander Major General L. BROWNING C.B. O.B.E. M.C.

Report No 13 - Activities during the month of DECEMBER 1944.

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For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

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The evacuation of Italian Military from the Balkans and Greece continued during the month. Between 11 Nov and 31 Dec 21,286 men were received at St Andrews Camp, Toronto. Of these the following were found for Italian Army :-

1485 for Combat Gps
6410 for HS-ITI Category
2504 for LS-ITI Category
2160 for Pack Tpt Gps
2402 Various

Of the 2,139 Patriots in the Florence area, 276 volunteered during Dec for service in the Italian Army.

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III. (c) Italian Combat Groups

1. Progress during December in training and equipping the six Combat Groups was delayed by shortage and poor quality of equipment and transport by bad weather and poor accommodation and by Christmas leave. To the consequent lowering of morale as well as to outside influences such as family anxieties, black market opportunities and political agitation can be attributed the rise in the rate of absence without leave and admissions to hospital.

2. These same factors, coupled with the improbability of arrest or of effective punishment, have caused large numbers of men to evade the call-up on which we were relying for reinforcements.

3. This man power and equipment problem was further complicated by urgent demands from A.F.H.Q. for large numbers of men and material for other commitments such as attachments to the Carabinieri, formation of mule transport companies and other service units. The Theatre Commander therefore decided on 20 December to disband the sixth (PICENO) Group and use it's personnel to meet these requirements, and as reinforcements to other Groups.

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MANTOVA GROUP has been on internal security duties in CALABRIA until the end of November when it moved to S. GIORGIO; it is about 2,000 below strength, but potentially good as regards morale, and made a good start with individual training. Training scale of equipment has been issued and general equipment begun. It is due to be ready to move to the intermediate training area end of February.

PICENO GROUP as such has been disbanded, but its identity is being preserved in the permanent staff of the Reinforcement Training Centre now being formed at CESANO.

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III. (c) 6. Auxiliary Units for duties in rear of Combat Groups are being formed as planned but there is some delay in the receipt of equipment.

7. The Italian outlook during December has been as follows :-

(a) The Ministry of War, whose hopes of obtaining a really effective Combat Force had been raised, are very disappointed at the disbandment of one of the Groups and the delay in equipping others and are doing everything in their power to improve the man-power situation; they have proposed the repatriation for service of Italian P.W. in Allied hands.

(b) The Government has been putting out feelers to the Allied Commission for greater participation in the war effort and better conditions.

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15 Dec — Ministry of War set up Welfare Service Branch - Lt Col Angeloni Chief of Staff.

19 Dec — Ministry of War submitted scheme for Rose Rest House for Italian toops on leave from Combat zones.

20 Dec — Defascism Reports received - progress. Still maintained.

21 Dec — Lt Col SHIPLEY returned.

23 Dec — DA & QMG to Orvieto - Rgts Comp and 1 District - adm arrangements.

27 Dec — Ministry of War instructed to issue orders for opening of fire by guards and sentries, similar to orders issued by AFHQ for Br. Tps.

28 Dec — Meeting at H.Q M.M.I.A. to arrange details for hand over to formers on mainland of horses at present in Sardinia.

30 Dec — Instructions governing conditions of leave for Italian Army issued.

31 Dec — J/Comd P.F. PARNELL arrived to resume duties as S.C. "Q" vice Capt BIRD.

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V. MOVEMENTS

1. Details of traffic dealt with during the month :-

Personnel	57,871
Stores	15,365 (tons)
Vehicles	969
Shipping	1,611 (tons)

The principle personnel moves during the month have been:-

(1) The move of the LEGNANO Division from PIEDMONTE Area to BRACCIANO. (By road).
(2) The movement of Repatriates arriving at TARANTO from GREECE.
(3) Moves of reinforcements for emergencies.
(4) The movement of personnel from call up in SICILY and ABRUZZI.

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d) A reorganisation took place of the Italian Engr units with Fifth Army.

3. General

Major Evans RE went to SARDINIA to obtain information regarding the Italian Engr stores and equipment in the island.

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VII. Sign

7 Dec — The question of training of reinforcements for Gruppi di Combattimento was discussed. Decided that the most economic method of training these and other reinforcements required for service units, was to form one central Training Centre and to close existing Schools of Instruction. A scheme for this has been got out and sent to ZMT AFHQ for comments.

10 Dec — Major HEYMANN, R. Signals, A.A.I. - Training - arrived to discuss the question of a directive to be issued to Italian Army on lines of our FSFO.

14 Dec — Owing to closing of AFHQ W/T link to Sardinia, it became necessary to open up a link between HQ MMIA and Sardinia. A station complete with crew despatched by air to Sardinia.

15 Dec — 56 BLU joined the W/T Link to HQ MMIA at 0800 hours today.

2X Dec — Conference of BLU officers at AFHQ to clear up minor points. No points of major importance were discussed.

23 Dec — SCR Sigs on four of BLU's, AFHQ. 3 District and School at Francaville.

24 Dec — Capt MARINI, R. Signals, who was attached to this branch for a period, was posted to 36 BLU.

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22 Dec — 152 Medical Section allotted to 5th Army (2NZ Division).

24 Dec — 52X and 331 Field Hospitals have arrived from Sardinia.

27 Dec — Approval received for W.E. of Field Hospitals of Italian Combat Force to carry 3% Red Cross Nurses.

27-29 Dec — Suggested plan for formation of an Italian Blood Transfusion Service discussed with Ministry of War and referred to AFHQ.

29 Dec — D.A.D.M.S. visited 3 District, Folgore and Mantova Groups and inspected medical units.

31 Dec — Ten ambulance cars arrived from Sardinia and sent to Florence area.

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22 Dec — 520 and 551 Field Hospitals have arrived from Sardinia.

24 Dec — Approval received for W.E. of Field Hospitals of Italian Combat Force to carry 10 Red Cross Nurses.

27 Dec — Suggested plan for formation of an Italian Blood Transfusion Service discussed with Ministry of War and referred to AMHQ.

27-29 Dec — D.A.D.M.S. visited 3 District, Volgore and Montova Groups and inspected medical units.

29 Dec — Ten ambulance cars arrived from Sardinia and sent to Florence area.

31 Dec — Of the 27,000 military refugees evacuated from Greece, 1,345 required hospitalisation.
During the month medical supplies arrived from M.E.F. (32 tons) and U.K. (12 tons).

IX. S & T (Transportation)

1 Dec — Operation of Vehicle Census of all Italian Army road vehicles. Returns to be rendered to HQ M.M.I.A. by 31 Dec 44.

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IX. S & T

1 Dec — Organisation of the Driving School in Rome carried on from Nov. 44. School scheduled to open 15 Dec but lack of ITI-ITI pupils causes arrangements to be cancelled.
New plan to open first course 2 Jan 45 with 120 BR-ITI pupils for gruppi approved.
Reorganisation of Italian Army M.T. units in Naples under direction of M.M.I.A. Naples' Office.

6 Dec — Start of work necessary to enable an Italian Army Base M.T. workshop to be installed in the "COMM. SINELTICA Plant" at Turni.

7 Dec — Provision of Necessary vehicles and POL for recruitment operations for the Italian Army in Central Italy and Sicily.

18 Dec — Provision of Special allotment of tyres and tubes for Italian Army M.T. working in Calabria on timber production for the Allied Armies in Italy.
Discussions with D.A.D.M.E. M.M.I.A. (on visit from Sardinia), and with Italian War Ministry reference a general reorganisation of Italian Army Motor Transport Services in Liberated Italy. First draft of Memorandum produced on 18 Dec 44 and lines of re-drafting agreed.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - December 1944

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.L.A.)
S/L/107
15 Jan 45

TO : Chief of Staff Section
M.G. A.C.

1. The activities of the month of December commenced with a conference at Main H.Q. for all MMIA L.O's and outstation representatives. The object of the conference was to outline MMIA policy with regard to all matters on the Italian Army and to obtain first hand information, criticisms and suggestions from L.O's and outstations on the work of the Mission. In the opening address given by the C.C.C. MMIA policy on all matters pertaining to the Italian Army was outlined in brief. A short resume of the achievements of the Italian Army and the large part shared by it in the Allied War effort in Italy together with the Allied problems and commitments governing the employment of Italian troops was given by the 2 i/c and further developed by the G-I. The conference was then devoted to questions and problems raised by L.O's and outstation representatives and explained or clarified by Heads of Branches. Many problems were cleared up and much useful work done.

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This firm attitude adopted has given fair results up to date and the internal situation in the Island has steadily improved.

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5. The PIEDMONT Gp, originally one of the Combat Gps, was disbanded in order to meet urgent requirements for Carabinieri and militiamen. This decision was taken due to the fact that the response to the call-ups was poor and to the demand for militiamen reinforcements for the Allied programme and the acute shortage of Carabinieri.

The Staff of the PIEDMONT, however, went to form the permanent staff of the Combat Gp Reinforcement Training Centre now being formed at CHIETI.

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6. During December a depot for RR-TTS in 15 Army Group area was established at [redacted], with a small British cadre of about 10 all ranks. The function of this depot is to provide basic training for call-up personnel destined for the new Rank Tyt Cops required by 15 Army Group.

7. The situation regarding the Combat Gps is briefly as follows :-

[redacted] Gp After difficulties in its organization and training, coupled with a heavy desertion rate the Commander and many officers were replaced with good results. The Group continued higher training under 1 District during December and is due to move into the forward area on 13 Jan.

[redacted] Gp Although this Group has had less time to train it has shown more efficiency throughout and has achieved much in a short time. The Group was doing higher training in the [redacted] area during December and is due to move into the forward area on 12 Jan.

[redacted] Gp Formed part of the C.L.I. and the majority of its officers and men have had battle experience. This Group is [redacted] equipped and trained and due to move forward on 25 Jan.

[redacted] Gp Composed of ex parachutists and marines is also in a good state of readiness.

[redacted] Gp Has been on internal security duties in CALABRIA until the end of November. It is potentially good as regards morale, and made a good start with individual training.

8. The Reinforcement Training Centre and Schools for the Combat Force are now situated in area [redacted]. This centre will deal with the supply of some 2,000 trained reinforcements per month and can accomodate 12,000 men. The permanent staff is composed of personnel from the former [redacted] Group.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

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4 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Abridged Monthly Report.

TO : Distribution below.

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1. An abridged version of all Regions' and Sub Commissions' Monthly Reports is sent to LONDON and WASHINGTON every month. Information for this has been obtained up till now from Part I of the Regional Reports and an abridged version of Sub-Commissions' full Monthly Report. But the compilation of this abridged report has become extremely difficult due to the manner in which Regions and Sub-Commissions present those portions of their report.

2. In future Regions will submit Part I and Sub-Commissions their abridged version set out in paragraphs exactly as they appear finally in the complete report. (See Monthly Abridged Report for October forwarded under 325/COS)

3. Regions.

Not held

a) Regions will as suggested in letter No. 497/19/CA of 2 September, divide their Monthly Reports into Parts I and II.

b) Part II will be the normal full length Monthly Report, exactly as previously submitted.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Commander Major General I. BROWNING C.B. C.B.E. M.C.

Report No 12 - Activities during the month of NOVEMBER 1944.

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For easy reference activities are grouped under Subject' headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

I. MMIA LOCATIONS

Main H.Q. ROME 7467

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The ABRUZZI call-up terminated during the month giving a total of 880 men for the Italian Army. M.M.I.A. I.O. with 5 Army proceeded to ELBA to direct the evacuation of about 700 Italians liable for Military Service. All suitable personnel will be despatched as volunteers for units u/c 5 Army. The evacuation of Italian Military from the Balkans and Greece continued during the month. Up to the end of November 10,800 men had been accredited to St Andrews Camp - TARANTO, of which 3,967 were screened and accepted into the Italian Army.

Italian Army Patriot Screening agencies in the forward areas continued to operate. Total number of Patriots accepted and enroled into the Italian Army as at 30 Nov 44 was 902 Patriots.

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III. (e) Italian Combat Groups

1. During November the FRIULI and CREMONA Combat Groups completed their re-equipping and preliminary training in the BENEVENTO Area. Inspections were made by H.R.H. Prince UMBERTO of PIEDMONT and by General Sir Harold ALEXANDER who told the Commanders he was impressed and well satisfied, and that the Groups would form part of his Group of Armies and be treated in the same way as those of all the other nations fighting under him. Some anxiety was experienced over the standard of training of motor drivers and other mechanical specialists which has resulted in considerable damage to equipment; extra British personnel were provided to raise the standard. Towards the end of the month both Groups moved forward to come under command of ~~British~~ 13 and 10 Corps respectively for higher training before going into the line. During the moves each Group provided a representative column of 1500 men and 200 vehicles to march through ROME as evidence to the citizens of their existance. They were given an enthusiastic reception from large crowds in spite of the efforts of the younger generation to turn the event into an excuse for expressing their political views. H.R.H. Prince UMBERTO took the salute of FRIULI on 24 Nov but was prevented from doing so in the case of CREMONA by the government crisis then existing.

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7 Nov	AA & QMG Appointment upgraded to DA & QMG. Lt Col MCAREE appointed Colonel A/Q.
9 Nov	MMLA Adm Inst No 17 issued.
10 Nov	Four Italian officers having attended 2nd Courses at A.W.T.C. posted as welfare officers to HQ AAI; HQ 8 Army; Br Increment 5 Army and HQ 3 District.
	GSO II Maj B.C. BUTTERWORTH R.A. S.C.S. - to U.K. to Staff Course.
	Maj L.J.A. STANTON Queens T.O.S. - from HQ 10 Corps.
13 Nov	Further four Italian officers to course at A.W.T.C. to be attached to Combat Groups at end of course.
14 Nov	Capt John M. GARDNER, C.A.C. (US) posted to G-4 Branch.
18 Nov	AFHQ Directive "Command & Administration Italian Army" received.
	Capt W.N.R. MAXWELL R.A. TOS as GIII(L) from HQ AAI.
19 Nov	Capt J.C. BIRD (Staff Capt 'Q') to HQ Br Increment 5 Army as temporary L.O.
25 Nov	Maj FLEMING R. Corps Sign. C.I.B.A. posted to 58 Div Sign.
28 Nov	Maj R.C. CHARLESTON R.M. TOS as GSO II vice Maj R.M. PHILLIPS R.M. S.C.S. to AA list pending attached temporarily.

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V. MOVEMENTS

1. Details of traffic dealt with during the month:-

Personnel	65,443
Vehicles	2,817
Stores	19,371 tons
Shipping	800 tons
Animals	310

Small moves of personnel and stores arranged locally by Delegazioni Trasporti and Movement Sub-Areas are not included in the above figures.

Increase in personnel, vehicles and stores due to :-

(a) The movement of the FRIULI Division from BENEVENTO to ASSISI area in 8 special trains and 3 road convoys between the 23rd and 26th November. An Advertisement Column consisting of 214 vehicles arrived in ROME on 23rd November and proceeded to destination on the 24th November.

(b) The movement of the CREMONA Division from BENEVENTO to CREMONA in 9 special trains and 5 road convoys between the 26th November and 3rd December. Arrangements also made for an Advertisement Column to arrive in ROME on the 30th of November and proceed on the 1st of December.

(c) The movement of the MANTOVA Group in 5 special trains from CALABRIA to BENEVENTO between the 26th and the 30th of November.

2. Movement of Personnel and Stores of the Italian Armed Forces

A draft of a suggested instruction has been sent to A.F.H.Q., affecting all movement of Italian personnel and stores, together with a genealogical table and short explanation of the composition of the Italian Movement Control organization. This directive if published, would cancel all earlier instruction on this subject and would, it is hoped regularise the method of applying for movement of personnel and stores of the Italian armed forces and the position of the Italian Movement Control organization.

3. Visit to Cagliari

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VI. R.E.

1. Combat Groups

(a) Reorganisation

Engineer Units of MANTOVA & PICENO Combat Groups concentrated in SAN GIORGIO Area and started to reorganize on new War Establishment.

(b) Training

FRIULI & CREMONA Engineer Units completed their technical training. LEGNANO & FOLGORE Gps 50% complete.

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VI. R.E.

(c) Courses

The following courses were held :-

a)	SME CAPUA	Field Plant Maintenance	15 All Ranks
b)	METD CAPUA	Field Engineering Course	30 All Ranks
c)	METD CAPUA	Weapon Training Course	30 All Ranks

2. Mine Clearance

a) Mine Clearance in CALABRIA was continued by Engineers of MANTOVA Div.

b) Five Training Squads of the Italian Army continued training of civilians in Mine Clearance.

VII. Sigs

9 Nov It is considered that there is insufficient transport at Nocera School. DMT were approached and requested to release 1 4 x 2 8 cwt and four load carrying vehicles, for Nocera School. These are necessary in order that W/T Schemes can be carried out.

13 Nov Conference of SLU Signal Officers was held at HQ MWIA, ROME.

14 Nov SCR Sigs visited AFHQ, 3 District and FRANCAVILLA. Discussed various problems with CSO 3 District, principal amongst which were:
(a) Shortage of boots in Line Sections.
(b) Shortage of drivers.
Authority of 'Q' HQ MWIA was obtained to holds small reserve of boots.
Arrangements were made with Ministry of War to despatch 1 officer and 6 expert instructors to CSO 3 District who will provide transport and form a driving school. This has been done. The school is now functioning and should be of great assistance.

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GENERAL

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VII. Sigs

9 Nov — It is considered that there is insufficient transport at Nocera School. DMT were approached and requested to release 1 4 x 2 8 cwt and four load carrying vehicles, for Nocera School. These are necessary in order that W/T Schemes can be carried out.

13 Nov — Conference of SLU Signal Officers was held at HQ MMIA, ROME.

14 Nov — SCR Sigs visited AFHQ, 3 District and FRANCAVILLA. Discussed various problems with CSO 3 District, principal amongst which were:
(a) Shortage of boots in Line Sections.
(b) Shortage of drivers.
Authority of 'Q' HQ MMIA was obtained to holds small reserve of boots.
Arrangements were made with Ministry of War to despatch 1 officer and 6 expert instructors to CSO 3 District who will provide transport and form a driving school. This has been done. The school is now functioning and should be of great assistance.

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14-17 Nov — Tour of inspection. DAIMS visited medical branches of 8th Army, 1 District and inspected 315 Italian Field Hospital with 8th Army.

18 Nov — Malaria - October figures were 451 primary, 1431 recurrent cases. Total cases from 1st Jan to 31 Oct 44 in Italian Army are 5065 primary and 29487 recurrent cases.

19 Nov — Of the 10,000 Italian military refugees evacuated from Greece, about 450 required admission to hospital on arrival.
TROOPS have authorised the release of the balance of captured Italian medical supplies in N.E.F. to be available to Italian Army.

20 Nov — In addition to the normal ration, authority has now been received for the issue of certain items of hospital diets to Italian Military Hospitals.

22-26 Nov — Tour of inspection. DAIMS visited FRIULI, CREMONA and LEGNANO Combat Groups, inspected medical units and discussed re-equipping problems.

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22 - 26 Nov — FRIULI and CREMONA units completed. LECHANO units still in process of re-equipping.

27 Nov — Preventive inoculations in the Italian Army is now identical with British standards.

28 Nov — Strength of the Italian medical personnel is 1850 below authorized 8000 for Base installations. A portion of future recruits are being assigned to the medical services.

30 Nov — During the month 20 tons of medical supplies were received ex U.K. and 43 tons (captured Italian stocks) from M.E.F.
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The Italian Navy Medical Services had 2,545 beds equipped and 1400 beds occupied.

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/I/107
15 Dec 44

TO : Chief of Staff Section
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5. Reinforcements are being provided from call-ups in various parts of ITALY and a Depot has been established at TEANO (N.W. of CAPUA); the problem of its equipment, training facilities and future location received considerable attention during November but has not yet been solved.

6. Auxilliary units planned to be formed for the first two Groups are now in readiness to accompany them to the forward area. The rest are slowly forming alongside their respective Groups but their equipment presents a difficult problem.

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Report No 11 - Activities during the month of OCTOBER 1944.

Ref Maps: 1:250,000 ITALY Sheets 27 - 28

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

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III ITALIAN ARMY - ORDER OF BATTLE - STRENGTH

(a) Order of Battle

This will appear in the November Report.

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Total rfts Sent to Allied Units and Italian Combat Gps during the month was 3,813

Call-up CALABRIA, CAMPANIA, FOGGIA, PUGLIA and LUCANIA.

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(c) Groups 5 and 6 would be considerably delayed and in the meantime, as a temporary measure, may be used for other duties such as :-
C.C. R.R.
Guard Duties
Internal Security
Reinforcement of Groups 1 to 4 with specialists.
(d) Group 5 to be formed before Group 6.
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9. 28 Oct — H.R.H. The Prince of PIEDMONT, accompanied by Gen. BROWNING and Col. PIDSLEY visited the FRIULI Group and saw all units at training.

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V A/S

2 Oct — Defascism Commission Report received; showed satisfactory progress made up to 30th Sept.

5 Oct — Ministry of War issued instructions to Italian Army units reference AWOL and Deserters. All cases to be tried by special Field General Courts Martial to be speeded up.

6 Oct — Instructions issued concerning leave for Italian Military Personnel.

7 Oct — MMIA rep left for NAPLES - visited Food Depot.

8 Oct — Lt. Col. SHIRLEY left for BARI and NAPLES. Visited Clothing Repair Factory; stocktaking, inventories.

12 Oct — MMIA Adm Inst. No. 12 issued, dealing with Supply and Accountancy Italian Army.

13 Oct — AA and QMG visited 8th Army and 1 District - discussed Administration arrangements.

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16 Oct — Policy laid down in Sept for supply of the 3 Categories of ITIS changed. DR-ITIS will now be MMIA responsibility.

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2. Movement of Stores.

Additional movement of supplies to concentration areas for personnel arriving from SARDINIA, also supplies from BARI to NAPLES Depot. Traffic to ROME and beyond was screened here before submission to PM Conference, due to interruption in Railway facilities.

3. Shipping.

The question of movement of vehicles from SARDINIA to NAPLES has been taken up specially as the Italian Army in Italy is unable to fulfil its obligations without them. A.F.H.Q. have now allocated token shipments on colliers during November and M.T. Ships in December.

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V 4. Liaison visits etc.

Weekly visits have been made to A.F.H.Q., to attend the Priority of Movement Conferences.

Liaison visits have been made daily to S.M.I.E. (Ufficio Trasporti). Contact has also been kept with Movements, West Italy and Movements, M.M.R.

VI A.E.

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10 Oct — SOR Sigs seen Major SAMBERSON, A.F.H.Q. re (a) Stores for Italian Signal School (b) Wireless sets and Cipher personnel for 50 and 51 BLU Rear Link Signals.

13 Oct — A.F.H.Q. informed MMIA that:

(a) an issue of stores would be made to Italian Signal School

(b) SCR 399 wireless sets would be issued for BLU Rear Link pro tem until Canadian No. 9 sets were available

(c) cipher personnel for 51 BLU ready for collection.

15 Oct — SOR Sigs informed that SCR 399 would not be issued but that No. 9 sets would be issued in lieu. A.A.I. agreed. BLU instructed to collect the sets.

18 Oct — Visited A.F.H.Q. and discussed provision of stores and cipher personnel for Gruppi.

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VII 20 Oct SCR Sigs visited Italian School of Linemen training at FRASCAVILLA FONTANA. Found things generally satisfactory except issue of clothing. Took the matter up. Clothing will now be issued from British sources.

21 Oct SCR Sigs attended a conference of S.C.R. Signals of the HLUs. Conference was successful in co-ordinating the ideas of all HLU's. Supply of stores presented difficulty, especially in wireless sets. Ordnance promised to expedite. It was decided to review the matter at next conference 1 Nov.

23 Oct As a result of discussion with AFHQ, Q(AE) have issued a new G1098 for signal controlled stores. This new G1098 sub-divides stores and places them on charge to respective units, Arty-Infy etc.

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23 Oct DADMS visited AAI, 5th ARMY and 1 District. Germans removed about 2,500 tons of medical supplies from the former main Italian Depot at Florence in May and June. Supplies said to have been taken to BOLZANO, near Brenner Pass.
Considerable amounts of certain items, especially raw materials still remain and are being utilised.
Hospital accommodation in LEGHORN area for Italians is acute.
Request made for allocation of building for an Italian hospital from Allied authorities.

23 Oct Several medical units transferred from SARDINIA to Mainland for use with Combat Groups.

25 Oct Medical supplies received in September from U.K. and Africa have now been redistributed to Italian Depots and the situation is now fairly satisfactory.
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23 Oct	DADMS visited AAI, 5th ARMY and 1 District. Germans removed about 2,500 tons of medical supplies from the former main Italian Depot at Florence in May and June. Supplies said to have been taken to [illegible], near Brenner Pass. Considerable amounts of certain items, especially raw materials still remain and are being utilised. Hospital accommodation in LEGHORN area for Italians is acute. Request made for allocation of building for an Italian hospital from Allied authorities.
23 Oct	Several medical units transferred from SARDINIA to Mainland for use with Combat Groups.
25 Oct	Medical supplies received in September from U.K. and Africa have now been redistributed to Italian Depots and the situation is now fairly satisfactory. During the month about 40 tons of medical stores were supplied to Italian Armed Forces from Allied sources, 30 tons being captured Italian equipment returned from M.E.F. and N. Africa and 10 tons from U.K.
27 Oct	DADMS visited A.F.H.Q. Discussed medical supplies with Lt. Col. [illegible] and Major BOWDISH. Agreed to accept for the use of Italian Armed Forces the remaining stocks of captured medical equipment held in East Africa. (About 60 - 70 tons)
30 Oct	A.F.H.Q. ruling states that Italian co-operators may be admitted to British hospitals. It is considered that many complications will thus be avoided as co-operators will not be mixed with existing Italian Army personnel.
31 Oct	A further Italian Military Hospital (500 Beds) will be opened in RAVENNA.

IX CLOTHING

1. At the beginning of the month, a physical inventory of Italian clothing and equipment was held in all main depots on the mainland, SICILY and SARDINIA.

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IX 2. On the 10th of October, a physical inventory of Allied Clothing and Equipment was held in all bulk Issue Depots. The quantities reported as a result of the inventory were made the opening figures in a new accounting system at Ordnance, MMIA. The new system is designed to give more up-to-date information as to stocks on hand ready for issue. It is based on a system of daily returns from the depots, acceptance notes for physical receipts and issue vouchers for physical issues. The system was set forth in MMIA Admin. Instr. No. 11.

3. The repair of Allied Clothing in Italian workshops was greatly increased and an accounting system adequate to deal with the increased program was set forth in MMIA Admin. Instruction No. 15.

4. MMIA rep visited the Ministry of War on Oct 27 and 28. Reports required of the Ministry of War and the establishment of an accounting system in MMIA Clothing and Repair Depot were among the subjects discussed.

X LABOUR

450 labour mfts were dispatched from the MMIA Call-up to IPL Units w/c 6 and 8 MINING and 1 District.

During the month of Oct DALM visited 1 Dist - BARI, BRINDISI and TARANTO and inspected IPL Coys and Labour Pns on work for the Allies.

14 Oct. DALM attended Labour Conference at BARI - DDL 2 and 3 District present.

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(M.M.I.A.)
File No. 8/I/107
18 Nov 44

TO : CHIEF of STAFF SECTION
HQ A.C.

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The evacuation of the first batch of Italian Military from the Balkans commenced towards the end of the month. MMIA was responsible to see that the War Ministry made full arrangements for the reception, housing and screening of these men. Any suitable volunteers for the Army would be accepted after screening and sent to the Reinforcement Regiment of the Combat Groups after a period of leave. An MMIA Liaison Officer was dispatched to TARANTO in order to deal with any questions and problems of urgency.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394.
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel: 735

Ref : 325/117/COS.

6 November 1944.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Navy S/C
Army S/C
Air Forces S/C
Communications S/C (info only)
War Materials Disposal & POW S/C
Public Relations Branch (info only).

1. A request has been received from G-5 Section, AFHQ, that in future 35 copies of the full length report prepared by Sub-Commissions should be sent to them instead of 30 as previously. Will you kindly, therefore, send to this office by the 15th of the following month 40 copies of your October and succeeding reports.

2. Following a study of these reports before their despatch to AFHQ the Chief of Staff has made the following comments :

a. As regards their length, he was glad to see that September reports are, taken as a whole, shorter than those for the previous months but, where ever possible, he wishes Sub-Commissions to aim at a further shortening of their reports.

b. The majority of Sub-Commissions whose reports are longer than, say, 10 pages include a table of contents. This is most useful and one should always appear at the beginning of a report of any length.

c. In some cases changes in staff have been made the subject of the first paragraph of a report. The Chief of Staff considers that these would more suitably be placed at the end of a report.

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Thos Shipp Lt Col

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities of Military Mission Italian Army during September 1944

[illegible] UNITED STATES ARMY
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File No. 3/1/HOM
10 Oct 44

TO : Chief of Staff Section
Main Allied

1. The call-up of the 1925 - 1924 classes in Rome continued during September with a view to completing outstanding commitments for Allied Units. Both specialist and non-specialist personnel were recruited. Up to the 20 Sep only 600 reinforcements had been dispatched. This low figure was due to the fact that many men were exempt from Military Service because physically unfit, or for compassionate family reasons, or because of business and agricultural commitments.

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2. At a conference at AFHQ on 4 Sep attended by [illegible] representatives the division of the Italian Army into three categories was discussed. The Italian Armed Forces would be divided into these classifications as under and referred to by the appropriate abbreviations.

(1) Italian Armed Forces under British Command - [illegible]

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(3) Italian Armed Forces under the Command of the Theatre Commander through the Italian Government - [illegible].

The responsibility for instruction would rest with the Allied or Italian Command according to the above categories. [illegible] would be

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(2) Italian Armed Forces under United States Command - IF-USTI

(3) Italian Armed Forces under the Command of the Theatre Commander through the Italian Government - IFT-ITI.

The responsibility for maintenance would rest with the Allied or Italian Command according to the above categories. MMIA would be responsible to the Theatre Commander for the co-ordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian Armed Forces through the Italian Ministries.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

Commander Major General L. BROWNING C.B. C.B.E. M.C.

Report No 10 - Activities during the month of SEPTEMBER 1944.

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For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

I. MMLA LOCATIONS

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18 Sep — MMLA reps and HE Gen BERARDI attended conference at Patriot Branch AOC to discuss set-up to deal with Italian Patriots South of Combat line.

26 Sep — GOC flew to SARDINIA.

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(a) Order of Battle

Order of Battle produced. Total of Italian Army employed [illegible]

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(b) Call-up

The call-up of the classes in RSMI continued throughout Sept with a view to completing outstanding commitments for Allied Units - both of specialist and non-specialist personnel.

On 10 Sep only 670 rfts had been dispatched and the War Ministry was instructed to revise the call-up programme.

1600 specialists were to be found for "FRIULI" Gp. 1400 men to meet commitments for the Allies.

On 14 Sep approval was given to War Ministry for the call-up of remainder of the 1920 class in Calabria and Apulia - total approx 1,000 men. Those from Calabria to be assigned to PBS, those from Apulia to 3 District .

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III(c) ITALIAN CC's SAT GPS

(1) 9 Sep — G.C.C informs HE Gen CXIII.A that the third and fourth Combat Gps are to be formed from personnel of CIL. Two Gps will be known as the "LEGNANO" and "FOLGORE" Gps. Reorganization to be completed by 15 Oct. Only personnel suitable for combat or technical duties to be retained. Remainder to be transferred to other units or demobilised if over __.

(2) On 15 Sep SWNE were instructed to :-
(i) Concentrate the complete HQ Staffs of FOLGORE and LEGNANO Divs in PIEDMONTE area.
(ii) That the reorganization of CIL was to be undertaken at once and to be completed by 7 Oct.
(iii) That the trg of FOLGORE and LEGNANO Divs would commence 15 Oct.
(iv) A third marine bn was to be formed at once.
(v) An ORBAT of first four gps with complete designation of all units was required.

(3) 19 Sep — Trg of instructors of "LEGNANO" and "CREMONA" Gps commences.

(4) 26 Sep — MMLA Outline plan for the reorganization, training and equiping of the Italian Combat Force sent to AFHQ, AAI, MMLA LOs and Cs C/C MLUs.

III(d) REORGANING

(1) Movement of Personnel of the CREMONA Division, Labour personnel etc from SARDINIA to the mainland, for onward routing by rail to BENEVENTO, VAIRANO, MINERVINO, etc.

(2) C.I.L. were withdrawn for re-organisation and arrangements were made for rail transport at the rate of 800 personnel and 100 tons of Stores per day from ASSISI to VAIRANO. Arrangements were also made for road moves in vehicles of the C.I.L.

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(4) Large moves of Labour personnel to Ports after re-forming at MINERVINO.

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4 Sep — Lt Col MOORES to AFHQ with Col KERR to discuss division of Italian Army into 3 categories.
Meeting at ACC HQ on Defascisation.

6 Sep — Lt Col MOORES returned from AFHQ. Received order issued by Minister of War regarding employment with Units of Capt and subalterns received from advance towards North and now employed in HQs of Formations.

7 Sep — Orders issued by Ministry of War that until fully trained Combat Groups are to remain an Italian responsibility for clothing and equipment, thereafter to become British responsibility.

9 Sep — Lt Col MOORES with Col KERR and Maj BLATT to Legal Meeting at Ministry of Grace and Justice on Military Tribunals.

10 Sep — Received letter AFHQ AG 091 112/079 - G of 10 Sept. MMIA to come under command of AFHQ w.e.f. 10 Sept.

11 Sep — Posting of W/Lt R. McKinnon-Croftus GSO III (I)

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IV. 14 Sep — Lt Col S M INGLEDEW OBE posted as GSO I.
21 Sep — Lt Col MOAKES to AFHQ and to visit NAPLES office and then on to BARI and BARLETTA to inspect medical and port Depots.
26 Sep — Lt Col MOAKES returned.
27 Sep — Issued AFHQ AG 400/105 D-O instructions Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air).
29 Sep — Lt Col MOAKES to AFHQ ref Supply and Accounting Italian Army. Also to PBE ref MMLA Strength Scale of Clerks.

V. MOVEMENTS

1. Details of traffic dealt with during the month:-

Personnel	80,984	
Vehicles	1,034	(54 Convoys)
Stores	15,989	tons
Animals	439	
Shipping	1,535	tons

Small moves of personnel and stores arranged locally through Delegazione Trasporti and Movement Sub Areas are not included in the above figures.

2. Shipping

Medical Stores and supplies have been shipped from the mainland to SARDINIA during the month and also in the reverse direction.

Applications have been made for the shipment of 115 tons of supplies from SARDINIA to CORSICA, and also a small shipment from NAPLES to CORSICA and 50 tons wine from GALLIPOLI to SARDINIA.

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VI. R.E.

1. Engineer Reinforcements
The ROME call-up was completed, producing a total of 1672 Engineers.

2. New Units and Rfts
(a) The following new units were formed and placed under comd. British formations:-
914 Lavoratori Artieri Unit
915 " " "

(b) Rfts were provided as follows:-

FIFTH Army	200
EIGHTH Army	100
FRIULI and CREMONA Gps	279

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VI 3. COMBAT GPS

The FRIULI and CREMONA Gps completed the reorganization of their Engineer Units. Unit training in Mine Warfare, Bailey Bridging and Field Engineering was begun.

VII MEDICAL

7 Sep	British Medical Authorities reported improvement in anti-malarial and hygiene discipline of Italian Corbet Units.
7 - 9 Sep	DADMS visited NAPLES and "FRIULI" Div. Discussed hospital accommodation in CAMPANIA.
15 - 20 Sep	MILA rep made tour of inspection of Italian Medical Depot Stores. Visited the Depots at NAPLES, BRINDISI, BARI, TARANTO (Central Depot) and TARANTO (Italian Navy).
22 - 25 Sep	DADMS visited AFHQ. Was informed that it was unlikely that any further hospital accommodation could be made available to Italian Army Medical Services in CAMPANIA in view of necessity of finding buildings for British Medical Units at present under canvas.
25 Sep	Proceeded to NAPLES and TARANTO on tour of inspection. A meeting was held in ROME at which MG CAVILA and representatives from Medical Branches of the Army, Italian Red Cross, Knights of MALTA and Civil Medical Services attended. The meeting was held to discuss and organise hospital services on a civilian basis for repatriated sick and wounded Italian soldiers, war refugees, and long term military cases. At present about 8,000 Army beds have been allotted for this purpose in addition to existing civilian accommodation. The Italian Red Cross and Knights of MALTA organisations are taking over the responsibility of this curtailment which is certain to become a major one at the end of the war.
28 Sep	Medical supplies for August and September have arrived from UK. Redistribution to Italian Sub Depots is proceeding fairly well despite some difficulty with transport.
30 Sep	During the month Italian Military Hospitals at ANCONA, PERUGIA, ASSISI, ANZIO, FLORENCE (2) and ROME have been or are in the process of being opened. Several hospitals in CALABRIA and SARDINIA have been closed.

Arrangements for the Hygiene Platoons of the corbet groups to attend a short course of instruction on military hygiene have been made.

IX ORDNANCE

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IX. 2. On Aug. 20, AMIL rep inspected the store of new Cotton Comforters in the Italian Depot at Rome. The roofing was found to be adequate against the preceding stormy weather. However no proper fire fighting aids were found. The situation was reported at the Ministry of War in a visit by Lt. Ward on Aug. 21 and action to be taken outlined.

3. On Aug. 22, AMIL Rep visited the Clothing Accounting Dept. at the War Ministry in reference to a report of stock states of Allied Clothing submitted by the War Ministry. The reported stock states were in many cases considerably different from the stock states reported by individual depots to Ordnance AMIL (Main). The Italian accounting authorities agreed to examine their ledgers and scrutinize for possible errors.

X. LABOUR

During the month of Sep DADL visited BARI, BRINDISI and TARANTO and inspected IPL Coys and Labour Bns on work for the Allies.

The newly reformed Regts 403, 404 and 406 were found to be much improved. Great improvement observed in clothing, accomodation and morale of these units. There was a marked difference between units with a British Cadre and those to which a Cadre had not been posted.

The formation of 406 Regt was completed during the month.

404 Regt now being formed at MINERVINO.

236 Rrts from ROME call-up left for Italian Transit Camp JESI for units of 8 Army and 1 Dist during the month.

On 22 Sep Brig PRYNNE, newly appointed D of L AFHQ and Brig CARTER DDL AFHQ called on GOC.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Military staffs remain to run these hospitals until replaced by civil staff. Many will require to be demobilised to keep the medical ceiling under 8,000.

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29 — Small pox epidemic appears to be waning. Typhoid reported at Benevento area.

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7 Aug Conference at Brindisi, Gen Brissotti, DADL MMIA, re details of conversion of 403 Regt.

9 Aug Conference Taranto, Grp. Cmdr. 18 Group Pnr., Col Lella Cmdr 406 Regt, DADL MMIA.

10 Aug Conference at Bari, Director of Labour AFHQ, DDL 2 District, DADL MMIA.

12 Aug Conference IX Corps HQ, BARI.

General. Final arrangements made for conversion of 4 Regts., 401, 403, 404, and 406; orders issued to proceed on lines decided at various conferences.

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ADL 71 Sub Area, Assisi also visited.

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VI. POLICY

6 Aug Ministry of War informed that uniform must be worn at all times by the active Italian Army and not by ex-Army personnel.

15 Aug Ministry of War and SMFE receive MMIA Directive "Strength of Italian Army". Ordered to reduce Italian Army to 364,000 all ranks.

VII. A/G

1 Aug New ration scale put into effect for Italian Army.

12 Aug Ministry of War have set up two Commissions for Defascisticating the Army.

15 Aug Ministry of War have set up four Commissions under Lt Gen Biase, and a further one Commission under Maj Gen Maccario for Defascisticating SMFE.

18 Aug Capt (T/Maj) J Lentaner S.A.E.C. relinquishes appointment of SORE 2(L).

19 Aug Lt Col Shipley goes to Naples to inspect Depots.
A.C.C. Defascism meeting held.

20 Aug A.A.I. asked to authorise normal postal service for Italian Tps in forward areas to correspond with Rome and Allied controlled Italy.
Ministry of War informed that bimonthly reports will be required from Defascism Commissions.
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4. Call up in Rome
1,000 out of an estimated 2,000 Engineers were called up in Rome.

5. Minefield Clearance.
(a) Clearance of Minefields in area controlled by Military HQ APULIA and LUCANIA was completed.
(b) Further minefields were cleared in CALABRIA. It is estimated that it will take three more months to complete the task.

ITALIAN ARMY - STATE

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ITALIAN ARMY STRENGTH

The total of Italian Army on Mainland under command of Allied Formations for August will appear in MMIA Monthly Report for September.

IX. ORDNANCE

7 Aug — In company with Lt Col SHIPLEY, Maj Gregson visited # 70 Base Depot at Civitavecchia to arrange for the movement of comforters and dye from Civitavecchia to Rome for use by the Italian Army. The Italian Ration Depot was also visited this date where 176 cartons of various colors of paint were frozen. The U.S. Ordnance Depot # 2 was also visited to suggest they take over the above mentioned paint.

19 Aug — 1st Lt John J. Ward was assigned to the Ordnance Branch as assistant to Major Gregson.

29 Aug — Major Gregson and Lt Ward inspected the Italian Clothing Depot at 186 Via Principe Amedeo, Rome to ascertain the actual quantity of comforters received and obtain the pertinent acceptance notes.

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5. Italian Movement Control

An Italian M.C. Officer has spent some time at CIVITA VECCHIA and R.T.O. Staffs are in the process of being despatched to ANCONA, ASSISI, VAIRANO and SPARANISE, the last three on account of the forthcoming C.I.L. move.

The War Establishment for Italian M.C. has been laid down as 540 all ranks. This figure should be ample to cope with all committments particularly in view of the withdrawal of Italian troops from SARDINIA.

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Army Sub Commission (AMMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
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14 Sept 44

MC & MG Section
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1. Towards the end of the month the C.I.L., which had been in the line for a long period without rest, was relieved, and orders were issued for its move to a concentration area in the vicinity of Benevento. About one third of the Corps has now arrived and all the preliminary arrangements for its re-organisation, re-equipping and training in British weapons have been made.

The planning, organisation and initial training of the Italian Combat Groups has gone according to the time programme. The limiting factor has been the provision of equipment. The training scale of arms and vehicles for the first two groups has now been issued.

2. On the 10th August G.C.C. attended a conference at Public & C Relations for the Italian Army and observer reporters. G.C.C. put forward the urgent necessity for more publicity to be given the Italian Army, not only in its combattant role but in its work behind the lines, providing labour on docks, engineer units, L of C, signals, muleteers etc. It was decided that every effort would be made to get the Italian people Army-minded and several interesting articles have since appeared in the Rome newspapers on the achievements and activities of the Italian Army.

In an order of the day to the Italian Army Count Casati, War Minister, reproduces part of G.C.C's report at Regional Commissioner's Conference A.C.C. in which due recognition and praise is given to the Italian Army and urges all ranks to make greater efforts to drive the enemy out of the country.

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MESSAGE FORM

From MCIA

To MAJ AOI

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T 130 (.) SECRET (.) Your 519 point one of 19 Jun (.) SitRep period 29 Aug - 6 Sep (.) MCIA informed that CIL will be moved to area NORTH of CAPUA for re-organization re-equipment and training in Allied weapons (.) COC visits CIL (.) Lt Col Scott-Bailey Press Censorship AFHQ visits COC to discuss Press Interviews (.) Col Simons MCIA LO SARDINIA visits Main HQ on policy and routine matters (.) MCIA reps attend conference at AAI on completion of reorganization of Italian Service Units (.) 2 i/c and A/Q visit AFHQ to discuss Administration of Italian Army (.) Lt Col Holton Censorship AAI visits MCIA to discuss Italian Military Mail

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MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

To HQ ACC

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I 128 (.) SECRET (.) Your 319 point one of 19 Jan (.) Sitrep period 21-28 Aug (.) GOC attends Requiem mass for Lt CASATI (son of Italian War Minister) killed in action while fighting with the CIL (.) GOC attends Monthly ACC Regional Commissioners' Conference (.) MMIA outstations to ITALIAN MILITARY HQ CALABRIA at CATANZARO closed down 23 Aug (.) Lt Col Howard G 1 (L) returns from visit to Florence and DISTONE (.) Gen BERARDI COS Italian Army and Gen CASILIA Under Sec of State for War see GOC SMCLN certain COS decisions on equipping New Italian Combat Groups passed to them

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To HQ A.C.C. T H I

I 126 (.) SECRET (.) Your 519 point one of 19 Jan (.) Sitrep period 14 - 20 Aug (.) CCC files to SARDINIA (.) 2 1/c goes to NAPLES and CASERTA (.) Otherwise N.T.R.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report

Army Sub Commission (SUSIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
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5 Aug 44

RC & MG Section
HQ ACC

Ref your 497/74/CA

Herewith two copies of the condensed report covering the activities of this Sub Commission during the month of July 1944.

Colonel

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as the restrictions on recruiting for the Italian Armed Forces and the ceiling laid down by the CCS AMIA authorised the Ministry of War to recruit up to 3000 men for the Army in Rome, stipulating that for every volunteer accepted a serving soldier of an older class must be demobilised, thus keeping within the ceiling laid down. Italian Army Screening and Recruiting agencies were also sent to Army areas to work in close collaboration with AFHQ, 5 and 8 Armies and Polcorps. Their function is to screen Patriot volunteers for the Army, vet them and, when accepted for combat duties, in the Italian Army, arrange for their evacuation to the Rome and Chieti enlistment centres. A further three Screening detachments have been sent to work under the direction of AFHQ Region 4. All volunteers become an Italian Army responsibility only when they are actually re-enlisted at Rome and Chieti.

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3. July has been the heaviest month for the movement of Italian Army personnel. This increase is largely accounted for by the programme in hand for forming new Pioneer Labour Regts and re-forming existing Labour Units. Shipments from Sardinia went well.

4. The initial allotment from the C.C.S. of certain items of boots and clothing is coming to an end. AMIA has held in reserve against the Winter stock of winter clothing such as pull overs, blankets and long woollen drawers. Approximately 400,000 pairs of US part worn boots have been delivered to the Italian Army for repair. The War Ministry have been instructed to make a survey of all repairable Italian uniforms and repair materials. So far 100,000 repairable uniforms are available.

Advanced arrangements have been made for the rationing of the Italian Navy from British Sources, effective 1 Aug 44. The new single ration scale for the Italian Army comes into effect on 1 Aug 44. Stocks of olive oil for the Italian Armed Forces are exhausted. A party of Italian officers accompanied by an AMIA representative has been sent to CALABRIA to trace undisclosed civilian stocks and requisition same.

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20 July	Medical Supply arrangements discussed with Major GELARDI MMIA LO to CIL.
21 July	Three million Mepacrine Tablets for the Italian Army received from Allied sources.
22 July	DADMS visited Financial Adviser AAI. Ruling was given that captured Italian Medical Supplies handed over to Italians are chargeable and will be accounted for in the same manner as British Supplies.

GENERAL

In accordance with orders issued in respect of 30 days limit for Italian Military patients in hospitals certain military and Red Cross hospitals were handed over complete to civilian authorities.

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III. GENERAL

A saving of 6000 military rations was effected.

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11 July Conference with D of L AFHQ at BARI and DDL 2 Dist re new W/E for IPL Units.
16 July Conference with DDL AAI and DLL No 1, 2 and 3 Districts and Gen MATTIOLI SMRE
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Two Rastrellamento Mine Coys
Engineer Rfts.
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VIII. SIGNALS

July 15 — MMIA Signal office closed 12.00 hrs LEQUILE, opened Ministry of Corporations Rome same time.

July 16 — SOR SIGS saw OII SD-X Branch AAI re strength and locations of Italian Signal Units.

July 17 — W/T C[illegible]NZARO re-opened at 07.00 hrs.

July 18 — Italian Equipment dumps Rome area visited by SOR Sigs.

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	Stores by Sea	1,608 tons

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2. Shipping

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From MCIA TOO 14 1100 B

To HQ ACC THI

I 123 (.) SECRET (.) Your 319 point one of 13 Jan (.) Mtrep period 7 - 13 Aug (.) GOC goes to War Ministry to discuss claim of command within War Ministry with Count CASATI Minister (.) Major George SMITH appointed Senior MCIA LO RUFLEE vice Col CRITCHLOW (.) GOC attends conference at Public Relations AFHQ Rome to discuss Press Release for Italian Army and observer reporters for CIL (.) Gen CUCCIA and BG Palermo under Secs of State for War attend conference with GOC and Col Mc Carthy Patriot Branch to discuss organization for the handling of Patriots proposed by Ministry of War

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Economic Section.
Administrative Section.
Political Section.
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Army Sub-Commission.
Navy Sub-Commission.
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1. The Acting Chief Commissioner directs that in future the monthly report will appear in two forms : ACC

(a) the normal condensed report having a wide internal and external distribution;

(b) reports in detail by Sub-Commissions as Appendices to (a) for distribution only to AFHQ (35 copies) who in turn distributes to London/Washington.

2. The detailed reports (para.1 (b) above) must be presented in a uniform manner. The lay out of the A.C.C. Monthly Report has met with approval and this therefore is suggested as an example to follow. 35 copies will be micrographed by the Sub-Commissions and sent to R.C. & M.C. Section for coordination and distribution.

3. An aspect of the present report (para.1 (a) above) is that it has been the practice of the Economic Section to send detailed reports of their Sub-Commissions to R.C. & M.C. Section for condensation into suitable length. It is felt that this is unsatisfactory to Sub-Commissions and it is therefore suggested that commencing with the month of July they condense their reports into about 500 words before submitting to R.C. & M.C. Section. These will then be incorporated into one report and micrographed by R.C. & M.C. Section.

4. It is requested that reports, both full length and abridged, are submitted to R.C. & M.C. Section by 15th of each month.

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M.S.LISS,
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Executive Commissioner.

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From MICA

To HQ ACC

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Subject:- Monthly Report.

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C (I), MMLA.

Reference your I/107 of 1 July 44.
Following points are forwarded:-

1. SALTED SARDINES.

Consignments of these arrived in early June and a certain amount of bad feeling was caused with Italian War Ministry due to the fact that AAI issued instructions these Sardines would be issued in lieu of F. Meat and consumed as quickly as possible by the Italian Armed Forces.

2. OLIVE OIL.

Stocks exhausted 30 June and no provision made for an equivalent to be issued from Allied sources.

3. S.O.P. (Adm Instr No.3) came into operation.

4. CHANGES IN COMMAND.

Lt. Col. B.L. PERCIVAL, RASC, arrived 24 June and took over duties of ADST from Lt. Col. H.B. FINCH, MC, RASC, posted.

5. New Single Ration Scale approved to come into effect 1st Aug.

12 July 44.
DW/BC

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For easy reference activities are grouped under subject heading, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

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Main H.Q.	LEQUILE Q.9257
Adv HQ	SALERNO
Outstations	NAPLES, BARI, CATANZARO, Rear EIGHTH Army, 60 Sub Area, Col SIMMONS' HQ in CAGLIARI, SARDINIA, Lt Col KESSNER's HQ in SASSARI, Lt Col ALBERT in SICILY. There is also an LO with 10 and 13 Corps EIGHTH Army, with POLCORPS, 2 Dist and with HQ 3 District.

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14 June	2 Dis decide to requisition remaining part of BONOMO hospital for Allied use. Full consideration given to both Allied and Italian demands.
15 June	14649 Italian patients in hospital on mainland, in SARDINIA and in SICILY.
20 June	AFHQ order release of all captured medical supplies in SICILY.
	Six medical dispensaries ready to move to PBS. Inspected on 27 June.
23 June	DADMS visits Taranto on formations of Italian Depot Medical Stores. Lt COOPER RAMC (temporarily attached) reports Main HQ for duty.

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27 June — The . ling that certian Italian my personnel who are over 30 days in hospital are now to be removed from the ration strength, demobilized and sent to civil hospitals involves many problems. Italian Ministry of War state that civil hospitals organization is not at present capable of dealing with such cases and have proposed alloting certain of their hospitals to a civil organization similar to the Red Cross and under the civil jurisdiction of Ministry of the interior. Repatriated PW patriots with tuberculosis, mental desease and other chronic cases will be transferred from the Army and be fed fromcivilian ACC resources. Medical Supplies will also be made from civil sources.

GENERAL — Many complaints received on subject of Medical Supplies. Investigation made nearly always reveals failure of lower formations and unit medical officers to apply for supplies through their own channels. Application being made to the Allied unit "across the road" With certain exceptions medical supplies are available and the position has greatly improved during the month.

IV. LABOUR

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19 June — Confrenence at AAI attended by GOC on Employment Italian Army. Main points discussed:-

(a) Italian Administration should consist of 45,000 personnel.
(b) Ceiling figure of 347,000.
(c) In best interests of Allied War effort maintenance of Italian Forces at ceiling recommended by AAI - namely 540,481.

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VI. POLICY - ITALIAN ARMY

20 June — MMIA Policy on Demobilization and Leave. No Italian officer or man serving with an Allied Unit to be demobilized till a replacement found "on the spot". All leave by agreement with Allied Comd concerned.

22 June — GOC's signed to AAI re reduction of Italian Army ceiling.
Main points (a) If CCS decide to reduce Italian Army proper total ration ceiling of Italian Army proper would be 292,300. (b) This ration ceiling not to be demobilized. Signal put forward proposals as to method of distributing number of effectives to operate all Italian Administration on the mainland numbering 55,600 would have to be demobilized. All Italian Generals in excess of 25 serving in Italian Admin Service to be demobilized.

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26 June — W/T closed down with AAI on AAI's instructions. Whole question of Signal Communications to ROME discussed.

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This is an increase of 1,197 offrs, 30,559 ORs.

Total employed on Mainland, in SARDINIA, SICILY and CORSICA is 6,492 offrs, 146, 314 ORs.

X. MOVEMENTS

June was again a heavy month for the movement of Italian Armed Forces traffic. The following major traffic was handled:-

Personnel	41,893	
Baggage & Stores	18,840	tons
Animals	276	
Vehicles	296	
Store & Supplies by Sea	611	tons

SHIPPING

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VISITS

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T O O 271905B I/101

To I/101 AOC MAIN

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Ref Secretary General's letter 319.1 of 23 Feb 44.

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Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Comd Major General L. BROWNING C.B. D.S.O. M.C.

Report No 6 - Activities during the month of MAY 1944

Ref Maps - 1:250,000 ITALY Sheets 34 - 52

For easy reference activities are grouped under subject headings, and information under each heading is in chronological order.

I. ARMY SUB COMMISSION LOCATIONS

Main HQ — LEQUILE C.9257
Adv HQ — SALERNO
Outstations — NAPLES, BARI, CATANZARO, Rear EIGHTH Army, 60 Sub Area, Col SIMMONS HQ in CAGLIARI, SARDINIA, Lt Col KENNEDY's HQ in SASSARI. There is also an LO with 10 and 13 Corps EIGHTH Army, with 5 CCRE and with HQ 3 District.

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5 May — COC goes to SARDINIA with Gen BERARDI Italian C.S. to discuss "MEMO" Div with Gen WEBSTER AGC SARDINIA.

11 May — Lt Col Christie - Miller GSO AAI and Lt Col Robertson-Walker GSO AFHQ visit Main HQ to discuss personnel, ammunition etc. Italian Army.

12 May — COC visits XXXI Italian Corps CATANZARO to inspect Italian Units there. Lt Col Temperley AMG FOGGIA visits to discuss Agricultural Labour FOGGIA district. 25,000 Italian soldiers required.

13 May — Major Young GSI(b) AAI visits to discuss "I" matters with GS "I". Main subjects discussed were (1) Security Reports - Italian Army (2) Control of Movement - Passes (3) Italian Army Personalities.

16 May — General INFANTE Deputy Chief of Staff Comando Supremo visits COC.

17 May — GI goes to AAI to discuss problem of finding 25,000 Italian soldiers for agricultural labour FOGGIA Province.
SCR Sigs visits AAI to discuss comms with CRO AAI.

18 May — Major Campbell Adv HQ Army Sub Coms visits. Amongst subjects discussed were (a) Security (b) Release of PWE (c) Black and White lists - Italian Army.

23 May — COC accompanied by Col Pidsley leaves for SICILY to visit COC 1 Div and Lt Col Albert - Head of MGIA Liaison detachment.
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26 May — Survey matters discussed by Lt Col Sansom on visit to Main HQ. Lt Col Tenzeri of SMRE also attends.

29 May — GOC accompanied by Col Midsley leaves for Naples to attend AOC Monthly Regional Conference.
Lt Col Howard MMIA LO CATANZARO visits.

31 May — Conference at Italian General Staff to discuss Re-org of Italian XXXI Corps, Calabria. Lt Col Howard - GOC XXXI Corps and Gen Orlia IGS SMRE attend.

III. MEDICAL

1 May — Strength of Italian Army Medical Corps as at 25-4-44 is 10,028 all ranks.

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III. MEDICAL (cont)

2 - 7 May — DAINES visited NAPLES and CASERTA. Interviews with Medical Staff at AAI. Medical Staff of Italian Forces, CAMPANIA and GS Command Medical Stores.
Main subjects discussed were (a) Medical supplies (b) Italian Army hospital accomodations in CAMPANIA (c) Redistribution of Hospitals.

10 May — Arrangements re formation of Italian Depot Medical Stores at TARANTO for reception of U.K. supplies. Available about 16 June 1944.

18 May — First release of disinfectants and other BASC supplies.

20 May — Delay in formation of Ambulance Car Platoon for use of Italian Services greatly handicapped redistribution of patients from crowded to less congested areas.
Arrival of 61 Ambulance Car Sec from SARDINIA relieves situation for combatant units.

27 - 31 May — DAINES visited NAPLES, AAI, 5 Corps, 60 Sub Area and 2 Dis. Main subjects discussed were (a) medical supplies (b) move of Utili and NEMBO Gps to Adriatic Sector (c) Hospital trains (d) formation of Adv Depot Med Stores at TARTO.

31 May — Average daily number of patients in hospital during May is 12,700. Further 150,000 doses calf lymph issued to Italians making a total of 253,000 doses to date.

IV. MILITARY PORT LABOUR

The 2nd Bn of 409 Regt Italian Pioneer Labour was formed and equipped. This unit joined 8 Army on 8 May w/e DEL 8 Army.

Sailors from SARDINIA and NAPLES were formed into INT Coys and Labour Units in TARANTO and BRINDISI. This labour was used to replace 901/4 Docks Operating Coys formed from Italian Military Labour at the above ports.

V. REPATRIATED PRISONERS GROUP (C.I.L.)

4 May — SHAPE informed that DAFFIE Bn has moved w/e CIL.

10 May — SHAPE informed that no move of units destined for CIL take place without orders this HQ.

31 May — Organisation of Italian troops w/e 5 Corps is
(1) UTILI Div with comd General UTILI with w/e "NEMBO" Gp 68 Inf Regt and LI Bersaglieri Regt.
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(4) Adv HQ 209 Div will move with 5 Corps.
(5) Rear HQ will administer Italian units in 60 Sub Area.

VI. POLICY - ITALIAN ARMY

9 May — Policy letter - Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces - Jails - Gist of letter is that military serving more than 30 days imprisonment - or held in civil jails more than 30 days - come off effective strength for rations.

10 May — Single ration scale for Italian Army approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff. Estimated date of operation 1 Aug. Scale lower than "A" but much better than "B".

11 May — Policy letter from AAI on Calling up of Classes. Exemptions tightened up. Only exempt men within TG/[redacted] and only if vitally or operationally necessary.

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VII. POLITICAL - ITALIAN ARMY (cont)

28 May — Gen ORLANDO Minister of War and Gen BERARDI Chief of Italian General Staff asked to study entire problem of Italian Army administration.

(1) Plan should include maximum use of civilians for admin work.

(2) Number of people employed in Hqs, depots, transit camps etc to be reduced.

VII. E.P.W.

During month the following units were provided for the Allies:-

Two Forestry Coys
One Idrici Coy
Five Artieri Coys
One Camouflage Pl.

Clearance of minefields in Apulia and Calabria by Italian Engineers continued.
Three timber road bridges in Calabria were completed.
Three Bailey bridges in Calabria dismantled and returned to No 2 District Engineer stores.

VIII. SIGS

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(2) 600 more linesmen required to be trained.
(3) British HE and G1098 for Italian Coys.
(4) Italian Admin HQ with each District.

21 May — HE and G1098 drafted for Italian Admin HQ and line coys.

MOVE OF UNITS.

2 May — 225 and 226 Misto Genio Coys arrive NAPLES from CORSICA. Signal personnel to be held for Signal Depot Coy.

19 May — 106 Coy Telegrafisti arrive NAPLES from CORSICA. Strength 4 offrs 75 ORs.

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This is an increase of 489 offrs 11,694 ORs.

Total employed on Mainland and in SARDINIA, SICILY and CORSICA is 5950 offrs 131,855 ORs.

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XI. [redacted]

May was a heavy month for the movement of Italian Armed Forces traffic.

Following have been dealt with by Movements MMIA.

Personnel	48,930
Baggage and Stores	13,302
Animals	1,951
Vehicles	424

Arrangements are in hand for the move of 25,000 Italian soldiers from Sardinia, Apulia and Calabria to Foggia Province.

"Notes on Movement" affecting Italian Armed Forces approved by A.C.C.

At a confe rence at 2 District on 15 May it was decided that all loaded covered freight wagons should be sealed. Necessary seales and equipment will be supplied from Allied Ordnance stocks.

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To ACC MAIN

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I 96 (.) SECRET (.) Your 319 point one of 15 Jan (.) Sitrep period 28 May to 6 June (.) GOC attends ACC Monthly Regional Conference ACC NAPLES (.) Lt Col Moriarty to G 1(L) goes 5 Corps assist in reception of Italian units (.) Conference at SMRE attended by Lt Col Howard MMLA LO CALABRIA, GOC Italian 31 Corps and Gen GUILIA Deputy Chief of Italian Staff (.) Reorg of 31 Corps discussed (.) SMRE informed that UTILI and NEMBO Gps are placed w/c 5 Corps (.) Italian Under Secretary of State for War visits GOC at main HQ (.) GOC visits 5 Corps for conference with 5 Corps Comd ref org and admin of CIL

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To ACC MAIN T H I

I 91 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your 319 point 1 of 19 Jan (.) Sitrep period 21 to 27 May (.) GOC visits Gen HEYDEMAN GOC DISTONE SICILY (.) Col SIMMONS Army Sub Comm rep SARDINIA visits AAI and Main HQ (.) Transport of personnel for harvest work and animals from SARDINIA to MAINLAND discussed (.) Lt Col H SWALLOW G1 AA & CD Section AFHQ visits Main HQ (.) Lays down the numbers of Italian AA and CD personnel to be retained on Mainland and in SARDINIA (.) SMRE again instructed to take strong action against Italian Military who violate control of movement and censorship regulations

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From MMIA

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To ACC MAIN

I87 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Your 319.1 of 19 Jan (*) Sitrep period 14 to 20 May (*) GOC returns from CATANZARO (*) Amendment No 1 to MMIA Priority List sent to AFHQ cms HQ ACC cms AAI (*) Monthly report of MMIA activities for April sent to HQ ACC and Adv HQ Army Sub Comm (*) GOC leaves for NAPLES to visit Chief Commissioner ACC (*) G1 goes AAI to discuss problems of finding 25000 Italian military for agricultural labour FOGGIA area (*) SOR Sigs visits AAI to discuss comms with CSO AAI (*) Major P.M. MAJORIBANKS EGERTON replaces Major BODLEY as G11 Liaison SARMMIA

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I 77 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your 319 point 1 of 19 Jan (.) Sitrep period 7 - 13 May (.) Liaison detachment under Lt Col ALBERT leave for SICILY (.) State of Italian Army as at 25 Apr with amendments to 5 May sent AFHQ CMA HQ ACC CMA AAI and outstations (.) Lt Col CHRISTIE MILLER G3D AAI and Lt Col ROBERTSON - WALKER G3 Org AFHQ visit Main HQ to discuss CIL personnel andammunition Italian Army (.) New IDentity cards for Italian Army approved this HQ (.) Will be issued as soon as printed (.) GOC leaves for CATANZARO (.) MMIA Priority list of Units required sent to AFHQ CMA HQ ACC CMA AAI (.) Lt Col TEMPERLEY AMG FOGGIA visits Main HQ to discuss problem of 25,000 Italian soldiers needed agricultural labour FOGGIA province (.) Major YOUNG G3I AAI visits Main HQ (.) Security in Italian Army discussed

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MC & MG Section
H.Q. A.C.C.

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1. COMMAND

11 Apr — Maj Gen L. BROWNING C.B. O.B.E. M.C. assumes command of Army Sub Commission A.C.C vice Brig C.C. DUCHESNE O.B.E. M.C.

2. ITALIAN UNITS employed and under command of ALLIED FORMATIONS.

The TOTAL on the mainland increased during April 1944 to 4.383 offrs 93320 ORs.
This is an increase of 654 offrs 24050 ORs.

Total employed on MAINLAND and in SARDINIA, SICILY and CORSICA is 5.167 offrs. 118,432 ORs.

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Comd Major General L. BROWNING C.B. O.B.E. M.C.

Report No 5 - Activities during the month of April 1944

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For S & T Liaison see XII.

II. ROUND UP OF ILLEGAL ARMAMENTS and RECALLED PERSONNEL - ITALIAN ARMY.

28 Apr — Figures given by Ministry of War of "SBANDATI" rounded up were:

	ARMY	NAVY	AIR FORCE
TOTALS	9950	227	325

These would be distributed as follows:-

To Depots and Garrisons	860
To Reorganization Camps	6626
To Units	1981

The total number of recalled personnel of the 1923 class in CAMPANIA was 3050.
These would be distributed as follows:-

To 210 Div	1600
Drivers	150
To Hospitals, Depots etc.	130
To 19 AA Regt	250
To Pack Tpt Schools	1500
Available in Camp	420

III. CONFERENCES, VISITS OF IMPORTANCE

1 Apr. — Maj Gen NESTOR SOLDOVNIK, Soviet rep visits Main HQ. Comd visits General AVANZINI. Employment of Italian Army and SARDINIA set up discussed.

3 Apr. — "G" and "Q" reps visit "FRIULI" Div HQ and its Arty Regt to find out state of trg and sup requirements.

4 Apr. — Major CAVE G 2 Sec Adv Int AFHQ visits.

10 Apr — 2 i/c visits Gen HAMBLEN, HICAD, FLORENCE and also visits AAI re Ammunition for the Italian Army and the CIL.

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To Reorganization Camps	6626
To Units	1981

The total number of recalled personnel of the 1923 class in CAMPANIA was 3050.
These would be distributed as follows:-

To 210 Div	1600
Drivers	150
To Hospitals, Depots etc.	130
To 19 AA Regt	250
To Tpt Schools	1500
Available in Camp	420

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III. CONFERENCES, VISITS OF IMPORTANCE

1 Apr. — Maj Gen NESTOR SOLDOVNIK, Soviet rep visits Main HQ. Comd visits General BONARDI. Employment of Italian Army and SARDINIA set up discussed.

3 Apr. — "G" and "Q" reps visit "FRIULI" Div HQ and its Arty Regt to find out state of trg and sup requirements.

4 Apr. — Major DAVE G 2 Sec Adv Ist AFHQ visits.

10 Apr — 2 i/c visits Gen HAMBLEN, DICAD, FLAMBO and also visits AAI re Ammunition for the Italian Army and the CIL.

13 Apr — GOC and Brig DUCHESNE attend ACC Monthly Conference at Naples. Some of the main points discussed were (1) Ration ceiling for the Italian Armed Forces (2) The Supervision of the issue of Allied Supplies for Italian Army shipped to Mainland (3) Total number of Italian troops under Allied Command and future build-up progresses (4) Shipping for Italian Army (5) Call up of 1912 to 1924 classes in Sicily.

17 Apr — Meeting Brig DUCHESNE, 2i/c, Col F L SIMMONS (rep from SARDINIA) and Gens BONARDI and CHILLIA. Agenda of conference (a) Tpt of FRIULI Div (b) Move of 71 BERSAGLIERI Bn to replace offr cadets with CIL (c) Size of Combat Div (d) Boots and clothing term policy (e) Designation of the Two Internal Security Divs.

20 Apr — Gen CHILLIA calls on GOC

25 Apr — Gen HAMBLEN DICAD visits

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I.B. 29 Apr — Col [illegible]SHAY JHS visits - re org of Ital[illegible] Troops u/c JHS discussed.

30 Apr — CCC goes to NAPLES to see A.C Chief Commissioner and Gen HARDING CCS.

IV. MEDICAL

1 Apr — AFHQ lay down that all captured medical equipment belonging to Italian Armed Forces will be handed back.

14 Apr — Release of 5,600,000 tablets isoperine made to Italian Armed Forces for SARDINIA. SICILY and CALABRIA. Six Field Hospitals arrive ex SARDINIA.

22 Apr — 170 wounded and sick repatriated Italian PW arrive TARANTO. Special diets for patients in hospitals have been requested. The matter has been referred to TROOPERS and CCS for a decision. 100,000 doses of calf lymph have been issued to Italian Army 93 Medical Section and 315 Ospedale da Campo were placed under command 8 Army.
40,000 ccs Typhus Vaccine supplied to the Italian Navy.
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(a)Figures for the strength of the Italian Army must not be exceeded but must be considered as a provisional basis to work on for the issue of rations.
(b)The Allied Combined Chiefs of Staff had not yet decided what the exact figures by categories would be.

23 Apr — Italian Gen Staff informed that a special unit a prox 200 all ranks will be formed from surplus of NEMBO Div on arrival on mainland.

24 Apr — AAI informedthat NEMBO Div is to be shipped to mainland.

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VII. 29 Apr Italian Gen Staff informed that s Hq's letter Policy - Italian Army G/6/1/35 of 6 Apr is rescinded. Gist of letter:-
(i) The figures given therein can ot be regarded as final until approved by higher authority.
(ii) Existing arrangements continue pending approval or amendments.

VIII. R.A.

Liaison has continued with Italian AA units under command of British Brigades. GSO II(AA) visited AA & CD Section AIGLIANO. At their request he is now engaged in assisting AA Brigade and CD Commanders in determining final numbers of Italian personnel to be employed on AA and CD.

IX. R.E.

300 Engineer rfts were sent up to the Combat Zone in order to bring units up to War Establishment. L of C road bridges in CALABRIA were completed and work on three others was continued.

X. Sigs.

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1 Apr New Ration scale for Italian Army comes into effect.

4 - 7 Apr Lt Col [redacted] visits NAPLES. Discusses (a) the training of Italian MT drivers. Agreement reached that QM truck Coys be paid extra 20 lire per day. (b) distribution of food for Italian Labour units. 1001 Gen Tpt Coy visited.

5 Apr S & T Conference held at Main HQ. Main points discussed were (1) [redacted] of Reports (2) LOs to check feeding strengths (3) System of discipline. Mire clothing and boots to be supplied to Italian Military.(4) Reinforcements in artificers and specialist tradesmen (5) Unloading of NYI supplies. (6) Issue of Anti Malarial Equipment to Italian soldiers.

DISTRIBUTION:
HQ & MS Section AAI HQ.....2
Adv HQ Army Sub Comm ACC.....1
War Diary.....2
Fleet.....1

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MESSAGE FORM

From MAIA

To ACC MAIN

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I 68 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your 319 point 1 of 19 Jan (.) Sitrep period 28 Apr - 6 May (.) Col LEHMEY PBS visits Main HQ to discuss reorganization Italian troops w/c PBS (.) SHAS informed that this HQ letter G/6/1/35 of 6 Apr Subj Policy Italian Army is rescinded (.) COC visits Naples sees ACC Chief Commissioner and Gen HARDING CCS AAI (.) MONTE GRANERO Alpini Bn in SARDINIA alerted for shipment to mainland and inclusion in CIL (.) 2 i/c and Lt Col MOAKES go BARI for conference with Lt Col LIGTON ASF WASHINGTON Supply and Manpower Italian Army discussed (.) COC flies SARDINIA with Gen BARARDI to discuss NEMBO Div with Gen WEBSTER ACC

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For Action

TO FATIMA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | — OR —

Originator's No.

I 57 @ Confidential to Your sig point 1 of 19 June Situs Period 21-27 April @ All instant Sig-Commission to Comd Italian NAMRO Div to remain aboard @ Sig Comm Liaison Staff for Sicily making ready @ Brig HQ 69239 DDCAO visits Palermo HQ @ All addressees Repeated to Caserta. Direct wire to Comd SARDINIA-mainland

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY TYPE BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT) WIRELESS

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY: Immediate.

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SIGNED T. H. Selby Capt

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TO FATIMA

(W) For Information (INFO)

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[illegible] Capt [illegible] 4 Jan 519 [illegible]

of Capt [illegible] posted 14-20 Oct 44

Criminal Investigative detail Region 2B

Cpt F.L. SIMMONS [illegible] FATIMA

with ITALIAN chief [illegible]

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | GR —

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Situation unit PILOT 0 8 7 6027
DUCHESNE covers 18 April

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ARMY FORM 0-28 (Revised) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

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(INFO) For Information

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Info priority 1-13 and 44 O Policy letter, Hqs
Army Chiefs of 6 and 11 Sect 1 Hqs
Central Vets Hqs Hist HEME, FIL POT, FATIMA
& other addressees O Brig C.C. DUCHESNE
heading over Commandant Army Sch Combined

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Message Instructions

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Capt Cmdr L BROWNING CB OBE MC WL
Lt Cdr L LEQUILE II Capt O 2C VISIT FILBOT
C. des MES Commandant for Station Army in Italy
I.E.O. Proposal WE (Capt) I T O (Commander) I
SW Sub-Commission, Joint F FATIMA V FILBOT

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ARMY FORM C 3128

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TO FATIMA

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FROM MMIA

Confidential O Your 519.1 6 19 Jan O
Situation passed 25 Mar 6 Apr 44 Allied designated
Italians fighting with Liberation O Liaison
Italian Corps of SOLEY Sub Comm CORSICA and
Officer Major rep PICENO Div O Control officers
Sub Commission visiting units

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[illegible] Originator's Number and Date
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F.H.I.

T.O.R.

Acknowledgment Cent. A.C.S. 1/4

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Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

returns by Canfield Military from Colonel permission SARDINIA PIDSLEY re-established accompanied Italians Royal Academy

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AF FORM C 1118

MESSAGE FORM

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TO FATIMA

FROM MMIA

Confidential O Amend Item 6 of I 24 dated 7 April 2 Major General BODLEY SARDINIA

our read " I 23 - " from Commander in Chief Joint staff " 1 of 6 6

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This Message must be sent AS WRITTEN by any means Except / Wireless

This Message must be sent by CABLE if there be interruption or failure of the radio circuit

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ARMY FORM C-1125

MESSAGE FORM

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TO FATIMA

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number: I 24 | Date: 7 April | Time: 2 | Message or Number: 6 of 6

Confidential O
our read "I 23 - Major Sig. Commission
Remand of BODLEY
Item 6
Joint staff"
SARDINIA

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Signature: W. H. Bedell Smith
†Originator may delete "Except" and insert "as necessary"

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T.H.I.

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FROM (A) MHIA Originator Date-time of Origin 2/18 0800

For Action

TO FATHA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Group Date Time

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Message Instructions — CP —

Originator's No. I 5 Your 519 just 1 of 3 Jan 0 071

proof 21-27 Jan by 5th Div PUBLICITY

visiting SARDINIA 0 Policy letter Platoon Comd

Dept Def Platoon Chaplains Off. Copy ✓

Dept Chaplain correspondence ACC Recital MAIL

Italian War Ministry

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ARMY FORM 0216 (Revised)

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TO (A) For Action: FATIMA (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions: 6020 GP

Originator's No.: I 1

Your 519 point 1 of 19 Jan 0 Libya period 14 – 20 Mar 44 0 Copy of part 1 of Corps HQ order Capture of SFAXDATI (Mapped after Mar) XII Italian Corps HQ under General MARIOTTI set up having jurisdiction Italian

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Brown)

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TO _____ (I) For Information (INFO)

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Message Instructions — GP

Originator's No.

Text

Accounting for allied troops in Sicily ①
Armed Forces Liaison Section ①
Gen BRUNETTI
as Assistant Chief of Staff
Gen MARIOTTI
at SHAEF

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Q3/mms

Q387

12 March 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Owing to the fact that Adv. H.Q. activities are limited to only a part of the Army Sub-Commission's work, the Deputy Chief Commissioner has ruled that the weekly sitrep shall be rendered by Main H.Q.

In order to represent Adv. H.Q. activities, it is proposed that our sitrep be sent to you in log form on the 5th, 12th, 19th and 3 days before the last of the month.

Please note that the sitrep is to be rendered direct to FATIMA (at Naples), and should contain a highly condensed narrative in telegram style suitable for embodiment in the weekly A.C.C. sitrep to A.F.H.Q.. Only a few major points need be dealt with.

Lt. Col.
(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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Consd to Doc : 20 JAN 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

AJC/dfk

In reply
refer to: AG 1.1

19 January 1944.

Subject: Reports to AFHQ

To: Brigadier Duchesne, Military Mission to the Italian Army.

1. AFHQ have directed that, in addition to the monthly report which formed the subject of General Taylor's memorandum of 6 Jan 44, weekly situation report also must be submitted. This will consist of a brief summary of the Commission's activities whatsoever their nature may be, political, economic or otherwise.

2. Reports will be sent to the Secretariat to arrive by the 7, 14, 21 and 28th day of each month. The reports will be coordinated and sent to AFHQ by cable. The following is a specimen of the type of cable which will be sent and reports to the Secretariat will be framed with this terse layout in mind.

"Sitrep period 6 to 13 Political satisfactory Region 1, prospect of turnover continues unpopular Region 2. Food arrivals have eased situation. Supply coal situation failing, western part Sicily where railway service partly suspended, clothing shortages becoming acute Region 2 but recent additional supplies should ease. Crime satisfactory. Health no change. Personnel no change. Refugees satisfactory. Price tendencies no change Region 1 appears Region 2. General comments Brindisi conference 7th clarifies situation regarding orders and interference by Italian Government officials. Disposal large surplus citrus fruit crops Region 1 causing anxiety owing limited export facilities."

By command of Lieutenant General MACFARLAND:

ROBERT E. DOE
Captain, GSC
Acting Chief of Staff

MILITARY MISSION
Date
to
ITALIAN ARMY

Re
Weekly sitrep will be due by
above is at Adv HQ will ACC. (already due to
1 Monthly report only should be forwarded
by MMIA to ACC.

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OUTGOING

7 MAR 1944 Army SC CS/MMT 2311

6/07

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MAR 07

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SECRET

ROUTINE

FATIMA HEAD

FATIMA

U.S. SECRET Equals British SECRET

YOUR THREE ONE NINE POINT ONE OF NINE JAN FD SIXTH PERIOD TWO EIGHT FEB TO SIX MAR FD FIRST FD AT CONF CC MESSE CMA DUDIESSIN CMA GIUDO CMA BERARDI TWO NINE FEBRUARY FOLLOWING POINTS DISCUSSED CMA PAREN A PAREN NUMBERS OF ITALIAN PERSONNEL FOR ACSF PROGRAMME THIS SPRING INCONCLUSIVE BUT WILL BE COMPLETED BY DIRECT LIAISON AMIA BARI SHORT FD PAREN B PAREN ONE CMA ITALIAN COMBAT DIV DECIDED FD SUITABLE NAME SUGGESTED QUOTE ITALIAN CORPS OF LIBERATION UNQUOTE FD HIGH RANKING ALLIED L POINT O POINT REQUIRED TO REPRESENT ITALIAN VIEWPOINT AT ARMY LEVEL PAREN C PAREN CC VETOED STERLING FOOD EX DASH ITALY TO ITALIAN POP FD PAREN D PAREN LOCATIONS ITALIAN DIVS FOR INTERNAL SECURITY FD PALERMO IN APPULIA CMA MANTOVA IN CALABRIA CMA SARAGEA IN SICILY FD TO FATIMA FROM FATIMA FROM QUINCETTE ALSO REQUESTED MACFARLANE FD SECOND FD CHECK UP NAVY RATIONS VIS DASH A DASH VIS PATROLIS CONTINUING FD THIRD FD CRITICAL FORAGE SITUATION ANIMALS IN SARDINIA REPRESENTED ARMY FD FOURTH CONF WITH LEGAL SUBCOMMISSION AND ITALIAN JUDICIAL REPS MILITARY AND CIVIL SIX MARCH TO ESTABLISH MORE EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION CRIMES BY ITALIANS AGAINST ALLIED INTERESTS FD FIFTH FD WE ASKED PLANSO DEMI DASH OFFICIALLY TO ISSUE POLICY RE DASH EXEMPTIONS NEW ITALIAN ARMY CALL DASH UP ALSO ONE OF ACCOUNTING ALLIED RATIONS IMPORTED FOR ITALIAN FORCES FD FOURTH SEQUENTIAL AS QUESTIONS ARISE DAILY

AUTHENTICATED: E. J. Chiocca

E. J. CHIOCCA
CSC USA
Asst Adj

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Report N° 3 – Activities during the MONTH of February 1944

Ref Maps – ITALY 1:250,000 Sheets 34 - 52.

For easy reference activities are grouped under XI subject headings, and information under each heading is arranged in chronological order.

I. ARMY SUB COMMISSION, DESIGNATION and LOCATION; FUNCTIONS OF ADV HQ

5 Feb. Informed that MMIA to become Army Sub Commission of the Allied Control Commission.

LOCATION Main HQ LE NUILE Q.9257
Adv HQ SALERNO
Outstations NAPLES, BARI, CATANZARO, Rear EIGHTH ARMY, Col F.L. SIMMONS HQ in CAGLIARI, SARDINIA; Also an LO with each of the two CORPS HQ in EIGHTH Army and with HQ 3 District.

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Agenda: (a) ITALIAN Army ration strength.
(b) Location of MANTOVA Div.
(c) Parcels and comforts for ITALIAN POW in NORTH AFRICA.
(d) Recall of illegal absentees.

IV. ITALIAN FORCE HQ with EIGHTH ARMY

29 Feb. Informed IFHQ moving to FORCE H.4979.

V. MILITARY PORT LABOUR

9 Feb. ITALIANS' request that their Army, Navy and Air Force should each make a proportionate contribution in men to meet Allied demands for Port Labour is sent to FLIMSO.

29 Feb. Summary of posn.

(a) Port ceilings reduced as follows:

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	Original	Revised
BARI	10,000	unchanged
BARLETTA	1,000	600
BRINDISI	6,000	unchanged
NAPLES	4,000	figures not yet received
SALERNO	2,500	" " " "
TARANTO	6,000	3,500

ACMF laid down overall ceiling of 26,000 but it is not clear whether this figure represents ration strength or availability for work.

(b) Men combed to form four Docks Operating Coys now being formed in BRINDISI and TARANTO are to be replaced by sailors from NAPLES.

(c) Approximate figures for APULIAN Ports:

	Ration Strength	Available	Employed
BARI	9,288	7,133	4,697
BARLETTA	1,186	939	557
BRINDISI	7,447	5,597	4,303
TARANTO	4,138	3,348	2,742

VI. MEDICAL

4 Feb. 92 ITALIAN Camp Hospital moves to a/c AMG EIGHTH ARMY for civilians in Combat Zone.

11 Feb. ITALIAN Army SARDINIA, SICILY now Sub Commission medical responsibility.

12 Feb. Release of sufficient Anti-Typhus vaccine approved for inoculation of all ITALIAN Armed Forces in CAMPANIA.

16 Feb/ Four Camp Hospitals arrive NAPLES ex SARDINIA.

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25 Feb. Typhus in MONTENEGRO. Request for 25,000 c.c. vaccine and 1 ton A.L. 63 made and granted.

29 Feb. Hygiene and Sanitation arrangements in ITALIAN Army under review. Letter sent to War Ministry requesting increase of discipline in this matter? Letter sent to FLAMBO on difficulties and shortage of materials.

VII. MOTORISED RDF GP

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VII. MOTORISED BDE GP

3 Feb. Informed that ammunition requirements for Bde Gp to be brought from SARDINIA.

13 Feb. Comd discusses posn of Bde Gp and manpower problems with Deputy Commissioner A.C.C.

15 Feb. Informed that Bde Gp has been in the line since 8 Feb in sector : SCAPOLI — CASTEL VINCENZO H.0740.

VIII. POLICY — ITALIAN ARMY

17 Feb. Letter G/6/19 giving revised policy for ITALIAN Army sent to Marshal BADOGLIO, gist as follows:

(a) Total ration strength ITALIAN Armed Forces incl Navy, Air Forces, Army and CC.RR not to exceed ceiling 500,000. This figure subject to revise downwards from time to time.

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(b) As regards the Army:

(I) A Div should be equipped from ITALIAN resources and placed in combat at an early date.
(II) Two additional Divs with the role of internal security to be located in APULIA and CALABRIA, and trained with a view to eventual combat.
(III) SABAUDA Div to be equipped on a scale suitable for internal security role in SICILY.
(IV) Remainder of ITALIAN Army to be at disposal of C in C ACMF. He will define the numbers required for the defence of SARDINIA and the Mainland for internal security NORTH of the Line NAPLES — FOGGIA according to circumstances.

(c) Appx giving lists of the units required in the immediate future for employment with the Allies, in order of priority as far as possible.

IX. STATE OF ITALIAN ARMY

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The main items (during Feb) on the report are as under:

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Guard Bn	8 Army	"	Forming from 209 Div
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X. SUPPLY ORGANISATION ITALIAN MILITARY

11 Feb. Letter re above subject sent to Hq ACC and FLAMBO copies to other interested addressees. Its gist was:

(a) a proposal that issue of supps and stores for ITALIAN Forces in SICILY remain controlled by 1 Dist.

(b) a statement defining the organisation required to be set up for issue of rations, stores and clothing from Allied sources to ITALIAN Army on the Mainland

(1) Central office for dealing with ITALIAN Ministry of War for forecasting and provisioning.

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(11) Inspectorate for physical supervision of the distribution of sups and stores as intended.

(111) A Port Inspectorate to ensure correct receipt and handing over of sups and stores to the ITALIAN Gov't reps at the various ports.

(c) a suggestion that all rations, stores and clothing for the ITALIAN Navy and Air Force on the Mainland could be expeditiously controlled by Army Sub Comm.

18 Feb. AA & QMG visits AFHQ re method of issue of and accounting for, sups and stores from Allied sources to ITALIAN military. Returns 24 Feb with draft policy.

XI. VISITS

8 Feb. Col F.L. SIMMONS visits from SARDINIA, sees Comd and ITALIAN C.G.S. and gives set-up. Returns following day with G 11 (Mr) to acquire further infmn.

14 Feb. Maj Gen NESTOR SOLODOVNIK, Soviet representative at A.C.C., conducting officer Philip MAGNUS, A.D.C. Lieut GOLUBEV arrive for two day stay and visiting ITALIAN Army senior officers. General SOLODOVNIK sees Generals BERARDI, ORLANDO, ALIBERTI, MARIOTTI on 15 Feb.

15 Feb. Deputy Commissioner A.C.C. visits, sees Col CLAYTON & G 1 and G 1(L). Comd is absent on duty.

26 Feb. G.O.C. 2 District visits Sub Commission.

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Office of the Secretary General
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In reply refer to:
319.1

23 February 1944

Subject: Monthly Report to AFHQ.

To: Naval Sub-Commission
Air Force Sub-Commission
Army Sub-Commission ✓
War Material Disposal Sub-Commission
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Com.

With reference to previous instructions on the subject, will you kindly note that in the future monthly reports should be addressed to RS and MG Section, Headquarters Allied Control Commission, instead of to the Secretary. Reports should reach the RS and MG Section by the 15th day of each month.

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FROM FATIMA from QUINSITER

Originator's Number: 2355

Date: Nil

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SECRET Your 319 point 1 of 19 Jan @ SITREP period 14 to 20 @ Revised AFHQ policy for disposal of Italian Army forwarded to MARSHAL MESSE @ Chief business on hand @ One @ Question of rations for CARABINIERI under discussion with COMANDO SUPREME owing to divergence of AFHQ policy of rationing by Army and fact that various small units are detached and draw ration allowance

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⊙ Two ⊙ Question of manpower for port laborers still under negotiation with FOTALI ⊙ Designation of HQ now Army Sub Commission (Adv HQ) at SALERNO and Army Sub Commission at LEQUILE ⊙ Short Titles for above FATIMA for QUINSMITH and MMIA

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TO FARGO rptd MMIA.

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SECRET @ Your 3191 of 19th Jan @ SITREP? period 7 to 13 @ Forward HQ ACC under Lt Col QUINSMITH. 10 Feb discussed with FLAMEN Italian man power for port labour truck drivers and technical ops at wheel ports scheme now awaits Admiral ALEXANDRIA'S CORROBORATING demands for 12,000 bodies with naval stone requirements @ Brig. DUCHESNE visited SALERNO on 13th Feb and discussed with chief engineer (?) troubles of DIMPLOE and manpower problems

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TO: Allied Control Commission

FROM Army Sub Commission A.C.C. | Originator's Number: O 222 | Day: 7 | In Reply to Number: 319.1

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of 19 Jan (°) Sitrep period 28 Jan – 6 Feb 44 (°) SLAV desertions from ITALIAN Army to date 1,200 (°) SICILY, CORSICA become Army Sub Commission commitment (°) SARDINIA certain ITALIAN units and 5,000 labour alerted for shipment to mainland (°) Comd investigating question demobilisation ITALIAN Army with Marshal MESSE (°) Heal Port ITALIAN military labour numbers improving (°) Change of designation MMIA now Army Sub – Commission (A.C.C.)

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TO ACC

FROM MMIA

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Your 21-24 Lebanon Conference attended Italian w.r.t.	319.1 Jan (C) increasing Admiral 22 Chung 24 Jan.	Fleet in Policy - Jan Sardinia	Jan (C) Int number Italian by Pelpin	Situation Italian (C) Armed Men in commitment	Press of Military FLAMB (C) Forces Re (C)

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MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMY

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Report No 2 - Activities during the month of January 1944.

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I. COMMUNICATIONS

2 Jan Mission propose to 15 Army Group that, (in view of forthcoming extensive programme of organisation of ITALIAN Army and consequent discussions SUPREME COMMAND - ITALIAN CENTRAL STAFF) a wireless net be opened SARDINIA, SUPREME COMMAND, CENTRAL STAFF.

9 Jan Mission informed that collecting and storing of all ITALIAN radio equipment and spare parts will be completed by 20 Jan.

16 Jan Mission informed that considerable operational traffic expected along CALABRIA L of C. Necessity stressed of maintaining this L of C in perfect condition. ITALIANS informed accordingly.

II. CONFERENCES

22 Jan DAAG&C attends 'Q' conference at FLORENCE. Agenda: Crystallisation of an Adm Instr on 'Supply organisation ITALIAN Armed Forces'. Rations, clothing, equipment, boots, MT spares and tyres dealt with.

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Main points discussed:-

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(g) Comms SARDINIA - SALERNO - LECCE.
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III. DEMANDS FOR ITALIAN UNITS BY PBS

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IV. ITALIAN FORCE HQ with EIGHTH ARMY

6 Jan Maj FIELDMAN LO at Rear EIGHTH Army visits Mission and gives latest information re IFHQ and state of ITALIAN units under command EIGHTH Army.

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Total strength all ranks on mainland	-	171,796
Employed on ops and L of C on mainland	-	48,980
" " R E Work " "	-	9,400
" " Labour work " "	-	30,611
Balance " "	-	82,795
Total strength all ranks in SARDINIA	-	183,945
" " " " SICILY	-	11,222

These latter two figures are as at 1 Jan 44.
Details regarding CORSICA not yet to hand.
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VI. ITALIAN ARMY. PROGRESS IN FORMATION OF UNITS FOR ALLIED USE./.....

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ITALIAN ARMY. PROGRESS IN FORMATION OF UNITS FOR ALLIED USE.

1 Jan Railway construction and docks units. Col PARRS, DDT, FLAMRO discusses their formation with Comd and SOREA at Mission Hq.

10 Jan ADST visits BARI (2 District) and TARANTO (Sub-Area) to crystallise policy re formation of ITALIAN G.T. Coys, their training cadres and transport.

11 Jan ADST visits two ITALIAN G.T. Coys (1001,1002) and reports on state of readiness.

14 Jan ITALIAN General Staff instructed to form fourth G.T.Coy on same lines as previous three. Difficulty experienced in obtaining drivers.

24 Jan Mission notified of completion of formation of second G.T.Coy and instruct it to move to PALO DEL COLLE P2676 to take over Allied transport.

19 Jan Mission told ITALIAN Wireless Intercept Section formed and ready to start work under 15 Army Group.

VII. ITALIAN ARMY. MOVEMENT OF UNITS & REINFORCEMENTS

8 Jan 300 rfts sent to ITALIAN R.E. units under command EIGHTH Army.

18 Jan 400 R.E. rfts leave for FOGGIA for ITALIAN units under command EIGHTH Army.
ITALIAN REMOUNT CREATION at BARI moves to PERSANO M2817.

19 Jan Mission instruct ITALIAN General Staff that 'MANTOVA' Div not to leave CALABRIA until further orders.

20 Jan ITALIAN contingent (500 all ranks) for 7 MIXED MTN REGT leave MANDURIA L0306 for assembly area PERSANO M2817 to await arrival of British element and transport.

24 Jan 714 M G Bn (500 all ranks) moves from GALLIPOLI area 3416? to SALERNO area for labour and guard duties under 9A Sub-Area.

25 Jan Mission instruct ITALIAN General Staff to move 68 Inf Regt and Mule Pack unit to S AGATA area M.575 for ITALIAN MOTORISED BDE GP.

26 Jan Mission informed that some troops for shortly arriving NEMBO Div will be CASERTA M2875 if to be employed under FIFTH Army, or ACQUAVIVA area M6263 if to be employed under EIGHTH Army.

29 Jan SUPREME COMMAND instructed to alert ITALIAN units in SARDINIA for movement to mainland.

30 Jan 210 Artieri Coy move to FIFTH Army area.

31 Jan Mission informed 29 BERSAGLIERI Bn moving to join MOTORISED BDE GP.

VIII. ITALIAN ARMY DEMOBILISATION

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Note - Strength ITALIAN Army on mainland

in late	Nov 43	was	223,000	all ranks
in mid	Dec 43	was	185,000	all ranks
in late	Jan 44	was	172,000	all ranks

7 Jan ITALIAN General Staff send programme of demobilisation and leave, which partially accounts for above-shown drops in strength, i.e.

Demobilisation up to incl 1906 class
Indefinite leave up to incl 1912 class

14 Jan Mission notified of demobilisation policy re Part Military Labour. Informed that demobilisees domiciled SOUTH of Combat Zone Rear boundary are sent home, while others who are domiciled NORTH of the boundary are demobilised only if they can show proof of having found civilian employment.

15 Jan Up to date demobilisation figures received

SICILY & SARDINIA 23,600 all ranks

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20 Jan ITALIAN contingent (500 all ranks) for 7 MIXED MTN REGT leave MAREMMA LO806 for assembly area FERRARO M8617 to await arrival of British element and transport.

24 Jan 114 M C Bn (500 all ranks) moves from SALERNO area Q4169 to SALERNO area for labour and guard duties under 3A Sub-Area.

25 Jan Mission instruct ITALIAN General Staff to move 68 Inf Regt and Mule Pack unit to S AGATA area M2575 for ITALIAN MOTORISED BDE GP.

28 Jan Mission informed that some areas for shortly arriving NEGRO Div will be CASERTA M2675 if to be employed under FIFTH Army, or ACQUAVIVA area M6263 if to be employed under EIGHTH Army.

29 Jan SUPREME COMMAND instructed to alert ITALIAN units in SARDINIA for movement to mainland.

30 Jan 210 Artiari Coy move to FIFTH Army area.

31 Jan Mission informed 29 BERSAGLIERI Bn moving to join MOTORISED BDE GP.

VIII. ITALIAN ARMY DEMOBILISATION

Note - Strength ITALIAN Army on mainland

in late	Nov 43	was	223,000	all ranks
in mid	Dec 43	was	185,000	all ranks
in late	Jan 44	was	172,000	all ranks

7 Jan ITALIAN General Staff send programme of demobilisation and leave, which partially accounts for above-shown drops in strength, i.e.

Demobilisation up to incl 1906 class
Indefinite leave up to incl 1912 class

14 Jan Mission notified of demobilisation policy re Port Military Labour. Informed that demobilisees domiciled SOUTH of Combat Zone Rear boundary are sent home, while others who are domiciled NORTH of the boundary are demobilised only if they can show proof of having found civilian employment.

15 Jan Up to date demobilisation figures received

SICILY & SARDINIA	23,600	all ranks
MAINLAND	22,300	all ranks

29 Jan Letter sent to Marshal MESSE asking him to examine causes of the drop in numbers and to take steps to prevent further wastage.

31 Jan Comd sees Marshal MESSE re demobilisation. Informed that drop in strength figures largely accounted for by desertions of soldiers to civilian employment, where better conditions obtain, and pay is larger.

IX. ITALIAN BATTLE CASUALTIES

23 Jan AFHQ signal Mission to report ITALIAN battle casualties monthly. Confidential for U.K. Government, not for publication.

X. ITALIAN ARMY - ALLIED PROTOCOL/.....

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L. ITALIAN ARMY - ALLIED PROGRAMME

5 Jan Cmd hands in to SD 15 Army Gp a draft programme reviewing to what extent Allied demands for ITALIAN units can be met in view of clothing and boots bottle-neck. This programme is in anticipation of issue of AFHQ policy re employment of ITALIAN Army, and cannot be handed to ITALIANS until AFHQ policy appears.

Priority Lists are received by Mission, from 15 Army Gp, indicating units to be given priority in preparing and in to place of employment under Allies.

21 Jan Letter to ACC revises various policy points for ACC to take up with SUPREME COMMAND, which bear on the subject of provision of units for Allies.

Main points raised are:-

(a) Move of NEMBO Div to mainland
(b) Limitation of Field Divisions on mainland to three
(c) Release of LEGNANO Div for the Allied programme
(d) Release of one Coastal Div in CALABRIA for the Allied programme
(e) Considerable number of truck drivers required for the Allied programme. Anticipated demand 10,400. SICILY & NORTH AFRICA suggested as sources.

30 Jan Cmd sees ITALIAN C.G.S. re training of MT drivers and policy to open schools for instruction and training under an ITALIAN staff.

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XIII. MOTORISED BDE GP

3 Jan ITALIAN General Staff send proposals for reinforcement of Bde Gp.
Addition of 68 Inf Regt 'LEGNANO'. ARIETI Bn from SARDINIA
13 BERSAGLIERI Regt to incl 5th BERSAGLIERI Bn & 33 CYCLISTS Bn.

15 Jan Mission informed that Gen UTILI replaces Gen DAPINO as Comd of Bde Gp. HQ of Bde Gp now at S.AGATA M.575, the Group now being out of the line.

XIV. M M I A, LOCATION, STAFF and W E

Location Statement of MMIA and list of Staff and appointments as at 31 Jan, are attached at Appendices 'A' & 'B' respectively.

6 Jan War Establishment of Mission approved. Operative w.e.f. 20 Sep 43.

XV. R E M E /.....

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XV. R E M E

2 Jan DAEME tours ITALIAN Workshop facilities BARI & POTENZA.
8 Jan DAEME at NAPLES investigating position of ITALIAN REME specialists. Sees DEME FLAMBO
11 Jan Visit to MONOPOLI (Nr BARI) V.E.S. re release of vehicles for C.T. Coys. Found most beyond repair.
19 Jan DAEME examines vehicles of PICENO Div.

XVI. R E

Programme for organising the 6,500 ITALIAN Engineers on the mainland is crystallised during Jan. Programme as under:-

(a) Bringing up to strength units at present working with Allies.
(b) Bringing up to strength one Artieri Bn, One Artieri Coy, one Minatori Coy and one Pontieri Coy.
(c) Formation of six Artisan Works Coys by end of Feb and three by end of March.

XXXI ITALIAN Corps continue work on the maintenance of the L of C in CALABRIA.

XVII. S & T

2 Jan FLAMBO representative arrives to discuss forage position in ITALIAN mainland Army.
Rationing of ITALIAN Navy from RSDs begins.
13 Jan AFHQ lays down policy and quantities of rations and clothing to be released from the Allies, methods of release and responsibility of the ITALIANS, e.g. for storing, issue etc.
23 Jan ADST tours CAMPANIA supply depots and forage factories. Conclusions (a) Insufficient inspection of depots by the ITALIANS (b) Some depots good, few excellent, many bad administratively.
29 Jan Mission asks for details of supply sub-depots under depots at PALERMO and CAGLIARI, as ITALIAN Army in SICILY and SARDINIA shortly to become Mission commitment.

XVIII. YUGO-SLAV PROPAGANDA

14 Jan Gen ALDINUCCI, ITALIAN CMC, calls on Mission re desertions of ITALIAN soldiers of SLAV origin caused by unauthorised SLAV recruiting agents. Matter taken up by ACC and 2 District.
29 Jan 2 District pass on to Mission AFHQ's ruling that SLAVS in ITALIAN Army will not at present be transferred to embryo SLAV Army forming in APULIA, and that previous SLAV deserters will be returned to their ITALIAN units.
31 Jan Two nominal rolls (totalling 800) of SLAV deserters sent to ACC.

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LOCATION STATEMENT - 31 Jan 44

HQ M M I A	. . . . .	LEQUILE 09257
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		BARI Liaison with HQ 9 ITALIAN Corps and HQ 2 District
		CATANZARO Liaison with HQ 31 ITALIAN Corps
		EIGHTH Army Rear HQ Liaison with ITALIAN FORCE HQ and EIGHTH Army. There is also an LO with each of the two Corps HQ in EIGHTH Army.
		CAGLIARI Liaison with ITALIAN Armed Forces in SARDINIA. Col P L SIMMONS U S Army, acting as Mission's representative.

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Major	J F	HAMPTON	GSO II (Br)	
Major	R C	VAN KIRK	GSO II (Am)	
Capt	G C	FOX	GSO III	
Capt	B G	BUTTERWORTH	GSO III(I)	
Major	R M	PHILLIPS	SGHK	
Major	G A	FLEMING	G II Sigs	
'G' Liaison Branch				
Lieut Col	C H	MORIARTY	G I (L)	
Major	J C	LENTZNER	GSO II RE (L)	CATANZARO
Major	M	FINKLEMAN	G II (L)	IN HQ with EIGHTH Army
Capt	J R	MONICO	L O	NAPLES
"	R P	HYATT	"	
"	HRPF	THRUPP	"	BARI
"	F	MURCELL	"	
"	E	O'DONNELL	"	
"	F H	GENTLE	"	5 Corps (EIGHTH Army)
"	P	HERBERT	"	CATANZARO
"	C P	BAUMANN	"	13 Corps (EIGHTH Army)
"	VCJ	THRUPP	"	
"	A M	NEWTON	"	NAPLES
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Lieut	J A	BOURNE	"	IPHQ with EIGHTH Army
'A/Q' Branch				
Major	B G	CARNE-HUNT	DAA QMG	
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Major	S L	CANN	DADST	
Capt	J M	CRAIG	SC (SMT)	
Major	M	CROWN	DADOS	
Major	W A	HEDGES	DAIRS	
"	G A	HALL	DAIRS	
"	F A	ARCHDALE	DADL	
Capt	E W	COLLETT	Camp Commandant	

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Subject:- Monthly Report - M.M.I.A.

Military Mission to
Italian Army
I/107
5 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission

1. Ref your 319.1 of 6 Jan 44.

I forward herewith two copies of a report covering the activities of the Mission during the month of December 1943.

2. The report is, as requested, a terse summary of essential events, and I would be glad if you would let me know if you consider it too brief.

Any other comments as to method of compilation of future reports would be appreciated.

Brig
Comd

GMH

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MILITARY MISSION to the ITALIAN ARMY

Comd Brigadier C.C. DUCHESNE, O.B.E. M.C.

Report on activities during the month of December 1943.

Ref Maps 1:250,000 ITALY
Sheets 34 - 52

Activities are grouped under XIV general headings, and information under each heading is arranged in chronological order.

I. ITALIAN PORT LABOUR

15 Dec Comd visits General BERARDI, Italian Chief of Staff, to discuss position re Italian military labour in Med ports. Stresses seriousness of shortage of personnel actually working.

17 Dec Comd and G.1, Lt Col G.H. MORIARTY, visit Italian General Staff. Italians informed in writing that for the port of BRINDISI, between 1 and 15 Dec the numbers of Italian service personnel supplied fell from 3,675 to 3,160. This compares with the total of 6,000 required by the Allies. Also informed that military labour for the ports of BARI, TARANTO and BARLETTA had been unsatisfactory for some time past, and that it continued to be so.

24 Dec Comd visits Marshall MESSE and discusses Port Labour, their quarters, clothing and equipment, relations with coloured troops, labour turn-round and leave.

27 Dec G.1 and D.A.D.M.S. Major W.A. HEGGIE inspect accommodation of Italian military on Port Labour and decide accommodation overcrowded and hygiene bad.

28 Dec Comd visits A.C.C. & HQ 71 Sub Area, discusses Port Labour situation.

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25 Dec Division start to entrain.

31 Dec Mission informed of completion of move of 227 Div.

IV. POLICY REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY BY ALLIES

6 Dec Comd visits Marshal MESSE and General MARIZZI to discuss policy etc. particularly with regard to defence of CALABRIA.

7 Dec Comd visits 15 Army Group reference letter written a week ago asking for immediate co-ordination policy regarding employment of Italian Army and its resources; a policy directive in considerable detail required. 15 Army Group signal AFHQ raising above matter and stating their proposals for use of Italians in combat role (one division) and internal security in No 2 District (two divisions (Coast.)); at the same time they request clear instruction regarding the responsibility of operational control of ITALY behind 15 Army Group area.

20 Dec Comd attends conference at Italian Army at 15 Army Group. Present were Chief of Staff AFHQ Gen [illegible]; Chief of Staff 15 Army Group Gen [illegible]; Deputy Pres A.C.C. Gen JUNOR; Chief of Staff A.C.C. Gen [illegible]; Brig [illegible] A.C.C.; Gen [illegible] A.C.C.

Decisions made in higher level meeting same afternoon (between Generals [illegible], ALEXANDER, Marshals [illegible] and [illegible]) formed the agenda of the conference the main points of which were:-

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(b) Subject to the condition that the MANTOVA and PICENO Divs will not be broken up, all Italian troops on the mainland of Italy will be at the disposal of the COC 15 Army Group for the formation of service and special units.

(c) Italian military equipment on the mainland will be reserved for use by Italian troops. All stocks in Italy will be released to Italian Units.

(d) The rationing of the Italian Army will be accepted as an Allied responsibility.

(e) A liberal policy will be pursued in bringing back Italian officer prisoners of war, particularly those in North Africa.

(f) AFHQ will publish a new policy document following on the lines indicated in the preceeding paras.

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IX. GENERAL TRANSPORT COYS

16 Dec 1000 Italian Gen Tpt Coy takes over equipment and duties of 286 British General Tpt Coy, TARANTO. A further two such Coys are to be raised by the Italians with a view to their taking over from British Coys.

Mission receives visit from ADSTs Lt Cols DAWSON (FLORO) & JEFFERS (2 District) to discuss policy re formation of these units.

X. SARDINIA

18 Dec Although not at present concerned with SARDINIA, Mission receives visit from AFHQ representative (Colonel F.L. SIMMONS) in SARDINIA, who gives set-up and details of existing stocks and military equipment.

29 Dec Cmd sees Gen EMILARDI (newly returned from SARDINIA) who states best Italian troops are in that island, and that he advised their transportation to the mainland as soon as possible. He further reports that the animal situation in SARDINIA is bad on account of lack of fodder. There are some 4000 mules, 1000 horses, and forage is extremely scarce. He advised transportation of men and animals to NAPLES area for distribution where most needed.

XI. 7 MOUNTAIN DIVN R.A./

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XI. 7 MOUNTAIN MIXT R.A.

20 Dec Col CRAWFORD, designate O.C. of 7 Mixed Mtn Regt R.A. calls on Comd, informs Mission that Italian component personnel are required at BATTIPAGLIA #8324 by mid Jan.

XII. ITALIAN R.M.E. SPECIALISTS

22 Dec Col ANGLE, ADME, PLAMBO, calls and discusses availability of Italian R.M.E. units and personnel in EAST ITALY for Workshops on Allied L of C.

27 Dec Brig FOSTER, GSO 15 Army Group, visits Mission and discusses with Comd mobilisation of Italian specialist personnel. Specialist volunteers from POW in AFRICA to be considered. Technical and semi-skilled personnel from SARDINIA to be brought over as required by 15 Army Group.

XIII. MMIA - ROLE, LOCATION, STAFF and W.E.

21 Dec Signal received by Mission from 15 Army Group stating that MMIA becomes in principle part of Allied Control Commission, but continues to function as executive agency of 15 Army Group.

Location Statement of MMIA and list of Staff and appointments, as at 31 Dec, are attached at Appendices A and B respectively.

War Establishment of Mission still under review. Application made for the addition to the staff of American Officers in view of probable future commitments of the Mission.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) 3 Dec G.1 and G.II Sigs Major G.A. FLEMING, visit HQ 31 Corps in CATANZARO to review general situation and examine Signals Comms being constructed along the EASTERN L of C in CALABRIA. On his return G.II Sigs visits Col DENNISON, U.S. Sigs Corps, A.C.C. re Italian Comms on the mainland.

(b) 9 Dec Capt LUDI - O.C. 1 Mule Pack Tpt Coy - the first Italian unit to be in action with Allies since the Armistice, calls on behalf of CRAGC 56 Div trying to secure vet stores, saddles etc. Reported 14 casualties (incl 3 killed).

(c) 10 Dec Mission at request of AFHQ inquiring of Italians re availability of Italian light and heavy mortars in mainland and SARDINIA.

(d) 14 Dec Comd attends conference at 2 District (Gen DOWLER and AMG representative present) re priority of needs of civilian and military transport.

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Appendix A

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Appendix B

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Capt	G.C. FOX	G.S.O. III	
Capt	R.G. BUTTERWORTH	G.S.O. III (I)	
Maj	R.M. PHILLIPS	S.O.R.F.	
Maj	G.A. FLEMING	G II Sigs	
'G' LIAISON BRANCH			
Lt Col	G.E. MORIARTY	Liaison Offr	
Maj	J.G. LEWTHWAITE	G.S.O.II R.E. L.O.	CATANZARO
Maj	M. FINLEMAN	L.O.	Rear HQ EIGHTH Army
Capt	J.R. MONDO	L.O.	
Capt	R.F. HYATT	L.O.	
Capt	H.E.P.F. THRUPP	L.O.	
Capt	F. MUSCHLL	L.O.	BARI
Capt	R. O'DONNELL	L.O.	NAPLES
Capt	F.E. GENTLE	L.O.	5 Corps EIGHTH Army
Capt	P. IDNURRT	L.O. R.E.	CATANZARO
Capt	C.R. MILLS	L.O.	13 Corps EIGHTH Army
		L.O.	
A/Q BRANCH			
Maj	R.G. CARTER-HENRY	DAA QMG	
Capt	J.G. REID	S.O. (Q)	
Maj	S.L. CANN	D.A.D.S.T.	
Maj	M. CHURN	D.A.D.G.S.	
Maj	W.A. HENRIE	D.A.D.M.S.	
Maj	C.A. HALL	D.A.D.M.E.	
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Capt	G.C. FOX	G.S.O. III	
Capt	R.G. BUTTERWORTH	G.S.O. III (I)	
Maj	R.M. PHILLIPS	S.O.E.F.	
Maj	G.A. FLEMING	G II Sigs	
'G' LIAISON BRANCH			
Lt Col	G.H. MORIARTY	Liaison Offr	
Maj	J.G. LEVERSUCH	G.S.O.II R.E. L.O.	CATANZARO
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SUBJECT: Monthly report to AFHQ

TO : Brigadier Duchesne, Military Mission to the Italian Army

The Allied Control Commission has been directed by AFHQ to submit monthly reports embracing all Commission activities. Would you kindly provide us regularly with the report of the Military Mission to the Italian Army? This report should reach the Secretary of the Allied Control Commission not later than the 15th of each month. It should cover the essential activities of the previous calendar month; that is the report due on 15 January should cover the activities of December. It is not considered that the report should be a voluminous one but a terse summary of essential events.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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Arrange for this to be completed for War Diary by G III Sec
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